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TWO SECTIONS

Christmas Greetings



to all our friends,
customers, advertisers and readers
during the past year.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas!

We give a special thanks to our
advertisers in this issue who are
expressing Christmas wishes to their
customers and sponsoring all the
Santa letters from area children.

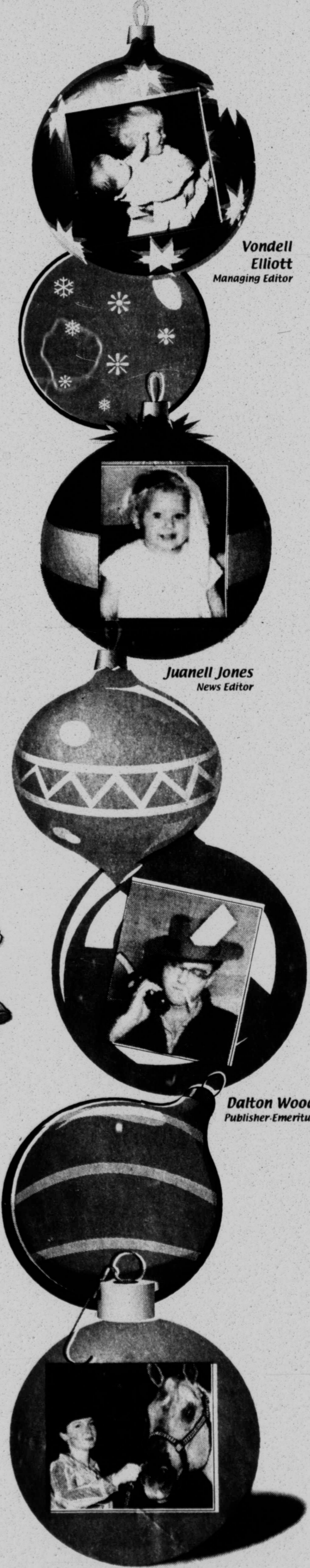


The Lynn County News office
will close at noon Christmas Eve and will be closed
the rest of this week for Christmas.

We will re-open at 9:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30 with an early deadline that day of 5:00 p.m.
for the Jan. 1 New Year's Day issue, and will be closed New Year's Day.



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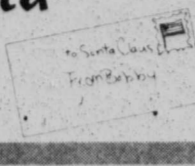
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Letters To Santa

from school children in Tahoka



TAHOKA PRE-K Kathy Gardner's Class

Dear Santa,
Happy New Year. I love you Santa and I will see you at the Mall. I would like to have a Teddy Bear and a stocking. I am going to leave you some candy.

Love, Andrea

Santa,
I want to have presents. I would like Barbie in the wagon and the one that gets in love and the horsey. I've been good.

Love, Mishelle

Dear Santa,
My sister and I have been good girls. I would like a Rapunzel Barbie. Your reindeer are pretty.

Love, Clarissa

Dear Santa,
I love you! I would like a Barbie house. I am going to get some more Christmas stuff. I have been good.

Love, Adriana

Santa,
I have been good. I would like a bike for Christmas.

Love, Madyson

Dear Santa,
I already have a motorcycle. I want a new table in my room. Mine is all messed up! I want some new crayons and something to put them in. I have been good.

Love, Trace

Santa,
Could you please bring me some good toys for Christmas. Be careful of the reindeers.

Love, Slade

Dear Santa,
I want some presents. Thank you. I have been good. I want Barbie makeup, house and trampoline. I want a Cook and Bake oven. I am going to give you one of my papers.

Love, Kaci

Santa,
I want a Hotwheels Octopus Rollercoaster, set of cars and a thing like a car that has a blue thing on the bottom that you race. I colored you a picture.

Love, Joseph

Dear Santa,
I don't know what to say. I'll tell you I want a green race car with the control but I have to buy the batteries at the Dollar Store. I have been good so mom let me buy candy.

Love, Johnny

Dear Santa,
I want new clothes. I'm being good. I will leave you a Christmas book. You will like it.

Love, Tarianna

Dear Santa,
I want to get toys from Santa. The toys that wrestle. I want a Buzz Lightyear that has a button inside like "Toy Story". You can bring more toys when the snow melts.

Love, Tony

Dear Santa,
Happy Birthday! I have been good. Please bring me presents. Ones like my sister's.

Love, Valerie

Dear Santa,
I would like a walking Robot toy. Your reindeer take you everywhere when we are asleep. I have been a good boy.

Love, Carlos



WHISPER WHAT YOU WANT - Santa leans down to hear Nathaniel Locke whisper his Christmas wishes. He is the son of Roger and Melody Locke of Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman motorcycle, and a pair of cowboy boots. I have been good all of the time.

Love, Hadley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for being Santa Claus. I want a Geoffrey the Giraffe. I need two, one for my sister. I have been good.

Love, Sierra

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want one toy, some Legos. I have been good for half a year.

Love, Grant

Dear Santa,
I would like a play motorcycle. Please bring me something.

Love, Aeryk

Santa,
I want a baby doll for Christmas. I have been good.

Love, Courtney

Dear Santa,
I've been wanting something for Christmas that my mom hasn't gotten me. I have a friend named Sara and she takes me with her. I want a marble game that slides down. I have a dog named Scrappy. He can get on the bed. I've been good.

Love, Sarina

Terry Proctor's Class

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a pretty angel and some dishes. I will leave you milk and cookies.

I love you, Miranda DeLeon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys.

Thank you, Brandon Garza

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please ring me a tent, a bed, a light, and a spider. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Thank you and love you, Selena Arroyo

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Scooby Doo. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

I love you, Alexia Chapa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a motorcycle, boots, and shirts.

Thank you, Chevy Morin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a dirt bike and a skateboard. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love you, Eric Chapa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and clothes. I would like a Barbie. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

I love you, Amber Soto

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a microwave oven, a doll. I will leave you cookies and milk.

I love you, Elida Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bat toy and a spider and a Christmas light for my mom. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Thank you, Chris Earnest

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a motorcycle with a power ranger on it.

Thank you, John Quinonez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby doll that talks, a train backpack, and toys. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Thank you, M'in Hill

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll. I will leave you milk and cookies.

I love you, Jasmine Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a motorcycle that has a charge that I can ride. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Thank you, Curry Lehman

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a dinosaur and a motorcycle. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Thank you, Ramon Montemayor

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a dirt bike and a witch hat, snowflakes for my room. I will leave you snowflake cookies.

I love you, Traven Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a toy pig, a toy dog, and a doll. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Thank you, Maci Dimak

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a spiderman squirter toy. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Thank you, Jordan Alvarado

TAHOKA KINDERGARTEN Becky Henley's Class

Dear Santa,
Hello. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me some play make-up with some brats. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer?

Love, Megan Alvarado

Dear Santa,
I would like a microphone for Christmas. I would also like a doll with long hair. Santa I like your reindeer.

Love, Ashlee Anderson

Dear Santa,
Santa please bring me a scooter, Barbie house with a pink thing that talks and some paper so that I can draw pictures for my teachers.

Love, Estefany Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation and that's it.

Love, Roman Barrientez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a playstation game, a game cube and some more games for my other game that I already have. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing?

Love, Jeremiah DeLeon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real dog with spots, a chewy bone for it to play with. I would also like a ball for my dog to fetch. Be careful when you come.

Love, Daniel Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Karaoke machine that you can sing with and a Barbie that cooks. Please be careful when you come to my house.

Love, Chloe Howard

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a computer and a microphone, a Barbie doll and a book to read.

Love, Kimmie Jones

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll. How are your reindeer doing?

Love, Breanna Littrell



by Miranda DeLeon
Tahoka Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Playstation 2 and some controls for 2 people to play. Do you reindeer really fly?

Love, Ramiro Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, playhouse and cowboy boots to wear and a cowboy rope.

Love, Brighton McMinn

Dear Santa,
I want a radio and a playstation. I would also like to have one of your reindeers.

Love, Vanessa Mendez

Dear Santa,
I would like it very much if you would bring me a Bratz car and a Bratz doll that has cool clothes that glow. Could you also bring me a toy stuffed reindeer.

Love, Coy Mercer

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Would you please bring me a computer, scooter and a playhouse.

Love, Alyssa Pesina

Dear Santa,
Buy me a Gameboy.

Love, Marcos Saldana

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur, toy truck and a car. I also want you to bring me a game.

Love, Devin Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Colts football suit #18. I would also like a bullriding game, and a gameboy. Please tell all your reindeers hi for me.

Love, Colton Taylor

Have a Sparkling White Christmas

We wish you all the very best!

Dr. David Midkiff, D.D.S.

"His light still lights the world..."

Merry Christmas

Gary and Lonneta, Will and Amber, Michael and Arnetta, Alex and Rebecca, Chaz and Blake, Chrislyn and Slade

HUDGENS PUMP CO.

Merry Christmas to all our customers from The Cake Palace John and Sharon Barrientez

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The Prince of Peace is born this day!

With hearts overflowing, and in peace and brotherhood, we worship and give thanks.

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Doris, Lynn and Sharmye

Letters from school children in Tahoka

KINDERGARTEN Kim Mercer

Dear Santa, How are you? I have a little bit I guess. Please bring me a motorized starter set. I want a jet spray to make my house look like an octopus track when you open it you hit him. I want to go to Christmas time.

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I want a girl. Please bring me a blue teddy bear to sleep with. I can ride at my house. I want a remote control. I want a yellow motorcycle with a remote control. I want some cookies.

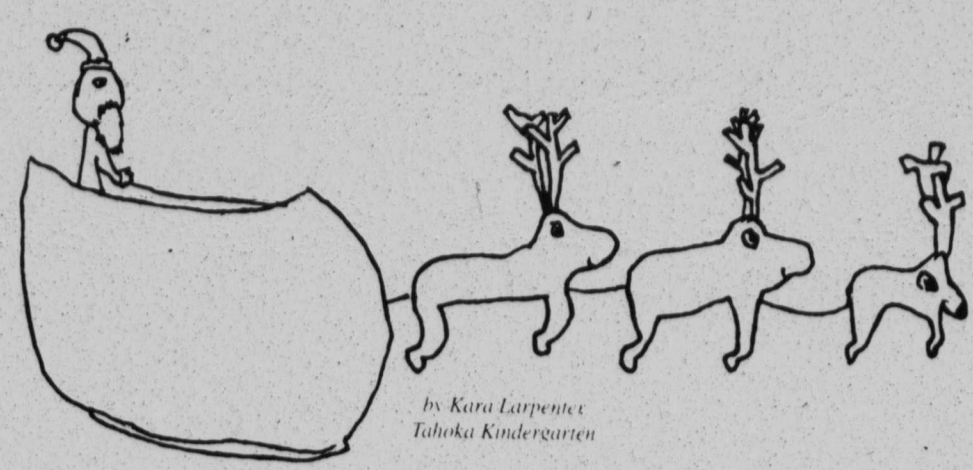
Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want a good boy. Please bring me a pickup with a remote control. I want a yellow motorcycle with a remote control. I want some cookies.

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BEST OF SEASON

V. Ulke Jim

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by Kara Larpenet Tahoka Kindergarten

KINDERGARTEN Kim Mercer's Class

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been a good boy (a little bit I guess). Please bring me a motorized starter set for my cars. Also I want a jet spray to make my cars go fast. I would like some more Hot Wheels stuff like an octopus track where his head pops open if you hit him. I am looking forward to Christmas time. I'll see you! Love, Jaden Smith

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie scooter so I can ride at my house. I also want some new Barbie clothes for a 32 on it and it's remote control. I am going to leave you some cookies. Love, Amanda Anderson

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa? I've been a good boy. Please bring me a new play pickup with a remote control. It is red with fire on it. And I would like a play yellow motorcycle with a 32 on it and it's remote control. I am going to leave you some cookies. Love, Kohl Angeley

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I have been a good girl. Please bring a white toy bunny and a blue teddy bear to sleep with. I'd like a Rapunzel Barbie and some new clothes for Belle that has a blue and yellow dress and blue, white and yellow shoes. Thank you. Love, Dehila Benavides

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been a good girl. Please bring me furry, soft, brown teddy bear to put on my shelf. I also want a new little, yellow stuffed bunny and a little black kitty. I love you! Love, Yancy Draper

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me a Barbie camera so I can take pictures of Taylor playing basketball? Also I would like a baby doll with clothes so I can play. I will leave you some cookies so you can eat them. Love, Toni Ford

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus and how are you? I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie laptop so I can play on it. I want a telescope to look at the stars and moon. I also would like a Barbie Christmas Tree for my room for next Christmas. I'll leave you some cookies and milk. Love, Shelbee Forsythe

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Gameboy and some games to play. Also I would like some gel pens so I can write and draw. I can't wait to see you! Love, Jessica Fowler

Dear Santa, How are Prancer and all of your reindeer? How are Mrs. Claus and your elves? I have been a good girl. Please bring me a wooden easel so I can write. It's the kind that has lots of things with it. Also I would like a Barbie computer that is little. I'll leave you cookies and milk. Love, Sonya Gonzales

Dear Santa, I love Santa and Rudolph. I have been a good girl. Please bring me Barbie Jeep that I can drive. I also want a Barbie Rapunzel DVD movie. There's one more thing. I want a Barbie Rapunzel my size. I am going to leave you milk and cookies. Love, Aurora Hadzic

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I have been a good girl. Please bring me some new clothes and a Mickey Mouse watch. Also I would like to have a Barbie doll that has 2 babies with it. I love you! Love, Brianna Hernandez

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been a good boy sometimes. Please bring me a real computer so I can type. I also would like to have some school clothes. I want a blue, Power Ranger suit. I will leave some good cookies. Love, Xavier Pinkard

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I have been a good girl. Please bring me a My Size Barbie and a Rapunzel Barbie video. I also would like a Rapunzel Barbie doll. I also want a new Powerpuff Girl bicycle. I'll be looking for you! Love, Lauren Raindl

Dear Santa, How are the elves, your wife and the reindeer? I have been a good boy. Please bring me a laptop computer for my room, the kind that you can sit on the floor and do. Please bring a new ring for my Mom and a new belt for my Dad. Meghann needs lots of new clothes. I will leave you some cookies and milk and I'll leave you a present too! Love, Dane Rivas

Dear Santa, How is the North Pole? I have been a good girl. Please bring me a brown teddy bear so I can sleep with it. Thank you. Love, Angelica Silvus

Dear Santa, How is the North Pole? I have been a good boy. Please bring me a remote control jeep that is white. Thank you. Love, Elijah Vega

Tina Wuensche's Class

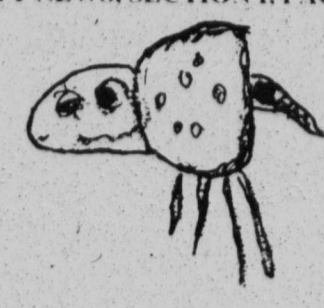
Dear Santa, Please bring me a Spiderman toy. Have a good Christmas. Love, Isaiah Arce



by Elizabeth Janzen Tahoka Kindergarten



HAPPY TO BE ON SANTA'S LAP - Dane Rivas appears happy to have a seat on Santa's lap and tell him what he wants for Christmas. He is the son of Mike and Paige Rivas of Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)



by Daniel Hernandez wants a spotted dog Tahoka Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Can we talk about toys? I want some soldiers and a Play station 2, a fish and a computer. I like Rudolph the reindeer. I want a Mickey Mouse too. Love, Jesse Cavallo

Dear Santa, I want a walakie talkie and I want to get my momma a beautiful ring, with a red diamond. I want a motorcycle for my papa. And I want a Barbie computer. I want Santa to bring me for Christmas a Rudolf the Reindeer doll. I want a Barbie book. I want some Barbie clothes and some pajamas that are Barbie. I want one of those things to make Barbie's little sister food, it's like a cake. I want another Rudolf for my sister, my brother, my mom and my dad too. And that will be all. Love, Charlie Duran

Dear Santa, I want a doll. And a Christmas tree. I want a dog. Love, Amanda Flores

Dear Santa, I want to get Spiderman gloves, a motorcycle and some new games to go with a new Gameboy. Love, Zachary Garcia

Dear Santa, I like Christmas. Thank you for bringing me presents. I want a computer and games. Love, Laura Henderson

Dear Santa, I want a toy, a Spiderman glove. I want a motorcycle jeep and two wrestlers. I want a baby rattle turtle for my little brother, Joey. Two other wrestlers for my brother Patrick. And Patrick can get some other presents. I want a hamster and some food for it for Christmas. And a pet, a rat and some food for it too. Love, Dominique Herrera

Dear Santa, I would like a stuffed bear, a watch, a car and a bicycle. How do your reindeer fly? Love, Elizabeth Janzen

Dear Santa, mere christmas i wut a rado wut do you driv have a happy christmas Love, Kara Larpenet

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas. Thank you for bringing me toys. Bring me a Star Wars II and a Play Station II. That's all. Love, Blake McCleskey

MERRY Christmas from Joe & Clara Calvillo CALVILLO BAIL BONDS

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Merry CHRISTMAS Have a holly-jolly Christmas! Our good reputation is built upon service, but our success is due to good customers like you. Happy holidays and thanks! Tahoka Auto Supply 1-Stop Burritos JUAN • TOME TOME • MAGGIE • YOLLIE

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Letters To Santa

from school children in
Tahoka

TAHOKA FIRST GRADE Kathy Druessedow's Class

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? The reindeers are good helpers. I wonder how all the toys fit in the sled. Will Rudolph with his shiny red nose find my house? Santa, I have been a good girl. I would like a Barbie doll with a long blue dress. My two big brothers, Jacob and Jamie want marbles and Army men. My brothers and I have fun playing together. My dad wants a razor. My mom wants candles and a blue dress. I know its cold at the North Pole. Santa, I will have a good hot chocolate and sandwich and cookies waiting for you. Santa, please take a gift to all the boys and girls every where.
Love, Caley Bingham

Dear Santa,
Can you please give me a my size Reppinzel Barbie and a real horse and a little baby that looks like a real baby but its a fake.
Thank you, Vanessa Chavarria

Dear Santa,
Can you give me a Christmas tree please?
Love, Damien Colon

Dear Santa,
What is your reindeer's name? Will you please get me a flip out sled? Will you please get me a brand new paint set? Will you please get me a flowerpot?
Your friend, Kristal DeVine

Dear Santa,
I want a power bike, I want a \$000 Willard, I want a pogo stick, I want a remote control truck, I want a game cube, I want an x box, I want a Rocket power game.
Thank you, Ryan Garza

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are you getting ready for Christmas? Please bring me a bike. Can you bring me a new computer? Will you bring me a skateboard?
Love, Sandie Hyer

Dear Santa,
Is the North Pole cold? Will you please get me a pony and a brand new paint set and a flip out sled?
Thank you, Elizabeth Locke

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are you doing? I want 2 toy 4 wheelers, I want a remote control car, I want a Plashin 2, I want remote control truck, I want a Dog, I want to never go to school.
Your Friend, Hunter Lowdermilk

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are you going to do good delivering the presents? Dear Santa how is Mrs. Claus doing? Dear Santa is the North Pole really cold cold. Please Santa can you give me a skateboard and a tin treat.
Love, Gabrielle Riveria

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How are you doing? Are you going to do good delivering the presents? Dear Santa how is Mrs. Claus doing? Dear Santa is the North Pole really cold cold. Please Santa can you give me a skateboard and a tin treat.
Love, Gabrielle Riveria



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL - The children of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka presented "Grandma's Christmas Story" Wednesday, Dec. 18 in the church sanctuary. Elmer and Betty Owens were "Grandpa" and "Grandma". Tina Wuensche directed the musical.

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa Claus? Can you get me a super soaker? Can you get me a play dog? Can you get me a nfl football? Can you get me another remote controller?
Thank you, Alex Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Please can I have hidklip with the disk. Please can I have a C.D. player and C.D. with it.
Love, Qrista Stanley

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? How is the North Pole? I want a four weler for Christmas. I want for Christmas bike please. I want a motor bike. I want a motor scooter. I want a game. I want cd p diddy and Usher. I want a shirt. I want some pants. I want a monster truck.
Thank you, Isiah Vega

Judy Sanders' Class

Dear Santa,
I want to get a barb jeep. Mom wants a jeep.
Love, Lorena Flores

Dear Santa,
I want to no about you. Mia mom wants a happy Christmas. Dad wants a merrr Christmas. Please bring me a race car and a nice Christmas. My brother wants a shirt and my sister wants a radio.
Love, Cort

Dear Santa,
I love yo. Do yo lov me? I would like a babe and a cereeoe mushen. Grenbo wants a peano. Braxton wants a cerreeoe mushen. Raven was a cereeoekeo mshen. Grente wons a peano. Popo wons a redeo. moma wons a boifind.
Love, Raven Tillman

Dear Santa,
This is wuth my mom wons this ber so she cud hav it fur her culechn. I want a pleysteyshin two fur Chrissmas and my lidool bruder wunts boh the bildler. My dad wunts a bottl of culown.
Love, Gino Arrizola

Dear Santa,
I went a plastason two. I want a new dog. Mom and dad want a now sugr glidr. I bina gode boy. Wute duse randre eit? Wute do you like Santa?
Love, Trenton Druessedow

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. My mom want a new grill. My lil berathr wons a playstashon 2. My lif berathr and Abigail wont a dog and a pupce.
Love, Abigail Santos

Dear Santa,
I want a cat a dog und a fish. My bruthr whass a Bike Tir. My dad needs a back mshor and my mom a foot mshor. Pop whast a gof pack. What do rander eat?
Love, Kaycee Lehman

Dear Santa,
Mi sister wants a peano. Mi Gremo wants sum lerengs. Mi cusin wants a spunch bob sewer pants that sengs. Mi Brotr wants a playvrashin. Mi Brotr wants a sede. Mi sister wants a computer. Mi gerampo wants sum clos. Mi Dade wants a basbal bat with a hat. Mi mom wants a goin. Mi lito berutr wants a teruk. Selena wants a doll.
Love, Selena Tello

Dear Santa,
I liked the barbie cash register. This year me and Halli would like a preschool game for Halli and a sparkle ice show for me. Do the elfs fix toys? Is Mrs Santa claus ok?
Love, Erynn Harris

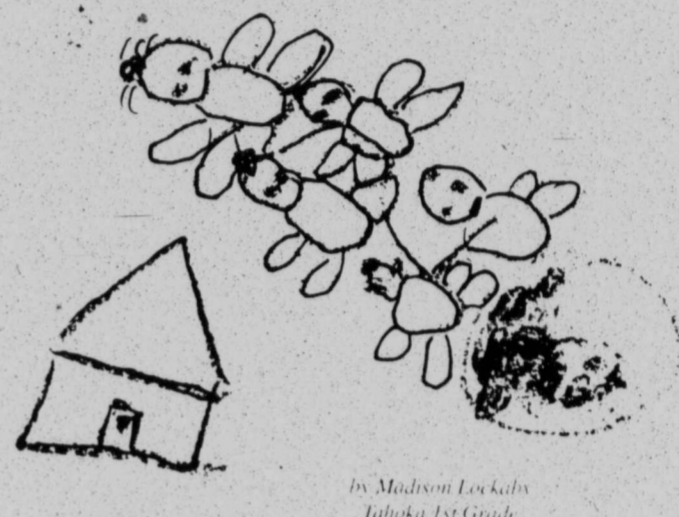
Dear Santa,
I want a remot controw car. I want a veteo game. Ples brening my mom an anjle. Dad will want a veteo. Is it cold? Is it snowening? I has bin a good boy? I love you Santa?
Love, Nicklas Lee

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, could you bring me a dinosaur toy, a dog, a cat, a kite, a cd player, and a toy snow. I have been good.
Love, Joseph Munoz

Dear Santa,
Is it cold? Is it range? I wot a dog. I wota truc For my Dad. I wot lot uv duck for my Mom.
Love, Gabriella Pando

Dear Santa,
Is it cold up there or is it warm? Dose your reindeer talk because I see it on tv. My mom whats some perfum. My dad whats some tools.
I want a cd player and some cd s.
Love, Madison

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers? I hope they are excited about Christmas. Are they ready to pull your sleigh filled with toys. Santa, pless stop at my house. I would like a Barbie doll with a red dress. I would like some clothes.
I have a new baby sister. Can you bring a tiny dress.
Love, Bethany



by Madison Lockley
Tahoka 1st Grade



ELIZABETH & SANTA - Elizabeth Locke, daughter of Roger and Melody Locke of Tahoka, takes time for a picture with Santa after the Methodist Children's Christmas program held Dec. 18. (LCN PHOTO)

Merry Christmas
To All ...

from
Joe's Fishing Pond
Joe Martinez, Moses and Veronica Tijerina

In the spirit of that
Holy Night, we wish
you joy and peace.

**DIXIE DOG
DRIVE-IN**

**BLESSINGS
AT CHRISTMAS**

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

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM ...

Dr. Donald Freitag
Debbie and Stacy

by Vanessa Chavarria
Tahoka 1st Grade

Wishing you an
old-fashioned Christmas
filled with wonderful
memories!

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GREETINGS**

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visit your home this holiday season.
Thanks for your patronage.

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Dear Santa,
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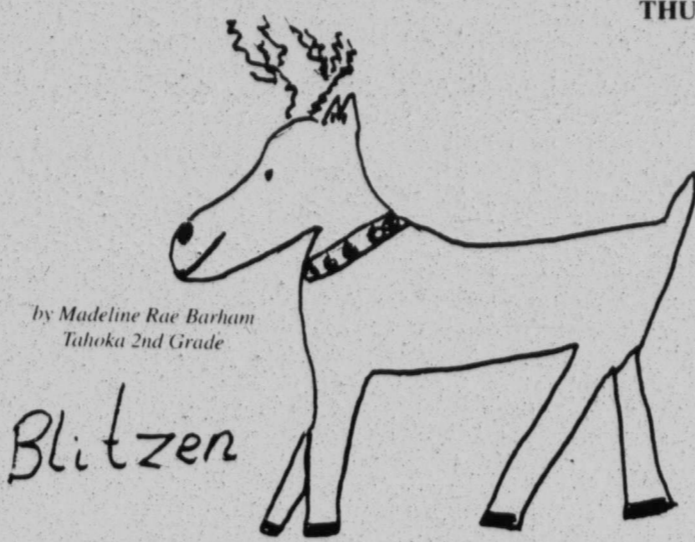
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OPEN HOUSE - Lynn County Appraisal District hosted the first Christmas Open House of the season, on Dec. 5th. Milt Draper and Norma Waggoner sample the goodies served by (from left) Joy Bragg, Delores Short and Marquita Scott. (LCN PHOTO)



by Madeline Rae Barham
Tahoka 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How do you fill about me? I love you. Santa brings toys to us to play. Santa brings us toys because Santa love us? When snow comes I want a doll. Santa gets sum Rayandears. We have ar good day on Cresmes. I hop that we have a good day. Santa is the best. I want a tele bers. We put on the tre some toys. Mery Cresmes.
Love, Jamilex Hernandez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me a stuffed horse, nintendo and a password journal. Please bring a robot maid to help my mom with chores. My dad would like tools to fix his tractor. Carson wants a toy car. Garrett would like an x box.
Love, Madeline Rae Barham



WELCOME TO OUR HOME - Philip Mack and Mary Furlow welcomed guests to their home on N. 3rd Street in Tahoka during the THS Student Council's Christmas Home Tour held Sunday evening, Dec. 15. The Furlows are shown in their refurbished kitchen. (LCN PHOTO)

Letters To Santa
from school children in
Tahoka

Carolyn Wilson's Class

Dear Santa,
You are so swit becus you gav my a prasits. Can you give my thes presits? This is what I want for christmas a rederow, a chaplain, a buckbed, crib and a five dolrs. I have bin cinav bad and caandav good. Hav a good Chrismis.
Love, Adriana Coronado

Dear Santa,
I wat tw hav a ras cr. I wat tw hav a drum set. I wat tw hav a guttr. I wat tw hav a peanw. I wat tw hav a wu. I wat tw hav aul sick. I wat tw hav a durk bik Santa. How r your randers doing? I like Santa. He is grat. I will be werin a Santa suit. Santa how r u duen? Santa how yurs wif? I hav bin a good boy this yer.
Love, KeShawn Hood

Dear Santa,
I wud like a Barbie phone ples. How is Mrs. Closs? I have bin a good girl. I want a rainbo unbralu. Happy Christmas Santa. I am getting cookies and milk for you Santa. My brother has bin good Santa. My mom and dady have bin good to. Ples bring a presint for them.
Love, Kaitlyn Lehman

Dear Santa,
How are you doen Santa? I want a Barbe hows and raedow and a biek. I want a TV and a big Tabol. I want a Lap Top Cpodr. I want a barbe. I bin good for my techer and pernts. I want earegs and rings. Santa I want a barbe macup. I want a mrmad barbe. I want a new Skodr. I want a heri bos. I want a barbe jeep. Merry Christmas.
Love, Virginia Lopez

Dear Santa,
Haw are you doing at the noth pol. I want a black bat man. I want a new bik with out ane training wels. I want a gam boy. I want a pocamon gam. I have ben a good boy. I want a x box.
love, A.J. Rohlfis

Dear Santa,
Haw hav you bin at the noth pol? I want a drt bik. How is Miss Closs? I want for mom and dad wochis. I am a good grl so bring me some gifts. Mery Crismus!
Love, Dalilah Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a babe doll. I em gowen to lev sam milk and coces for you and sam food for your randers. How are you? How is Mrs cios? I love your towes. Your towes are grat. How are your elvs? I want sam iregs and lipstick and sam braslits. I hav ben a good grle. Merye christmas.
Love, McKenzie Dimak

Dear Santa,
Haw is yor wrk doen? I hop yr wrk is fun. I wot a bik for crismus. I wot a lot of tores for crismus. I wot new clos on crismus. I wot new letindo 604. I wot new shos for crismus. I wot a cumprudr for crismus. I wot a set of spidmen. for crismus. I wot a set of soprmen. I hav bin a gd boy.
luv, Anthony Silvas

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie doll, com mom, hkl, doll house, tyui, vedbg, asd, momadn, iop, sgkl, qwert, byunm, lasdffghm, asghkl hyukolp tye bnmophlfs, asdfghkl, uiop, tghkl and doll bed. I have been a good girl. Merry Christmas. Santa!
Love, Kayla Strickland

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? I hope they mack it on chrismus. Santa I wot a toy mall. I wold like a hamster named Hamtaro. I wot power ranjrs wild fors. I have bin a good boy. Hapey Christmas!
Love, Juan Charon

Dear Santa,
I wont a ktm durt bik and a keryockymushen. I want a brat hows a brat boy brat girl and brat cor. Bran no kamru with film. Haw is Mrs. Cios dooing? I wont tha moovy Sanata kalos two. Bran noo erings. I bin a good girl. I want a gam boy atvens. Haw are you dooing Santa. I love you.
Love, Nicole Taylor

Dear Santa,
Haw r your elvs? I lik your toys. Are your randers doe good? How is red nuoss der? How is Mrs. Cios? I want a green goblin and sum new clos. I am a good boy. How is froste? I will lev u sum cuces and food for th rader. Mak shor that u don't fall of the hous.
Love, Kordell Baker

Dear Santa,
How is rudof? I wut a robot and buz lit yer. qnd a gam. I wut a reslrot. I wut spidman. I want Wude Cowbi. I want arme man. I hav bin a good boe. I wa pla sash tasn 2. Mre Cm.
Luv, Dillon

TAHOKA SECOND GRADE
Carolyn Boydston's Class

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause doing?
For my mom bring a bird clock. For Chris bring a big big racecar. For my dad bring a movie. For crystal bring also a Hitclip. For my little sister please bring a bottle and some clothes.
Love, Cynthia Flores

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a J.Rex and a playtochon. For my grandma a Dvd. For my mom bring a necklace. For my sister bring a doll.
Love, Chris Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have a nintendo 64, a goofy riddles book, a hit clip, a lot of playstation games, and a weenie dog. But not spooky or 1 player games. For my mom bring a movie of Rudolph and Frosty the snowman. For my dad tools, for my sister clothes.
Love, Efrain Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a weenie dog and a go cart. For my Mom bring a Love chair. For my Dad a par of wrenches. For my brother a door, for my other brother a pool table. For my other brother a Football.
Love, Luke Hawthorne

May home and hearts be filled with laughter, joy and good will this Holiday season.

Delia's Hair Styling

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11

We wish all of you a holiday filled with His peace and love.

John Benson, Physicians Assistant
Sylvia De Los Santos and Lana Stice

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pass-word journal, a brat's doll and a camera. For my mom bring flowers. For my dad bring some new tools. For my brothers and sisters bring a lot of toys.
Love, Janel Arriaga

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a telescope, clay dinosaur, toy car, a rell airplane, blue candl, and a tacking rein deaar.
For my Daddy bring tools. For my grandparents bring dishes and a karoke machine.
For Uncle Doug bring him a pet fish.
Love, Brandon Proctor

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real cat, an x box, and a play station. For my mom bring a real diamond ring. For my dad bring a big collection car. For Brandon bring a toy car. For my sister bring a rattle.
Love, Timothy

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor and boots and gens, and a baby brother, and a GE.I. Joe. I am going to get my dad a tractor. And my moma ring. And my sister a doll.
Love, Swade Hammonds

Dear Santa,
I wanta real lap top computer, and a hit clip. For my mom bring her a buitful ring. For my dad bring him a cool car. for my sister Amand bring her stereo. For my other sister Jessica she whould likea C.D player for her car. I love you santa.
Love, Lisamarie Alvarado

Dear Mr. Santa,
May I have a doll a fuzzdog. For my mom a ring and for my dad a dril. For my sister a ratel and for my brother a spoider man web blaster.
Love, Cheyenne Alvarado

Debbie Engle's Class
Dear Santa Claus,
My little sister wants sharks for Christmas. I would like a power puff girl bed spread. My brother would like Dragon ball Z stuff. I want power puff girl shoes. I would like C.D. player and a C.D. This is my favorite time of the year. I like the Christmas lights. I like you. Christmas is all about Jesus and you. I like the presents. I would like some take snakes. Cam King does not believe in you. Is Rouddough ok? How is Mrs. Claus?
Love, Jori Chapa

Seasons Greetings
We wish you a joyous holiday season...

Tahoka Body Shop
Joe, Linda, Lindsey & Derrick Barrientez

MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE MERRY AND MARVELOUS!

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Merry Christmas

Best wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and Prosperous New Year

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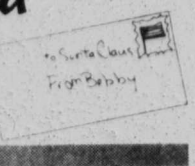
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SECOND GRADE Debbie Engle's Class

Dear Santa Claus

This is what I want for Christmas, TV, gameboy advance, silver chain necklace, bowie knife, walkie talkies, pencils, books, hamster, maxsteel and that's all. How are you and the reindeer? I'm doing good. Is Rudolph still leading the way?

Yours Sincerely signed, Smith McLelland

Dear Santa,

I like Santa Claus. You are petty. I love you Santa Claus. I want a bike.
Love, Larissa Garcia

Dear Santa Claus

I want a starwars, I want sly cooper, clothes, new shoes, socks, harry potter and the chambers of secrets, harry potter, 20 Dallas, gameboyadvans,
justyn willms

Dear Santa

Can I have a 2-playstation games. A spider toy for my brother. A tool kit for my dad. A ring for my mom. A bratdoll and a watch. ACD I do not care what kind. The game life. Marry-kate and ashly clothes and make up. A power puff girl bed setting. A scooter.
Love, Kaitlyn Ramirez

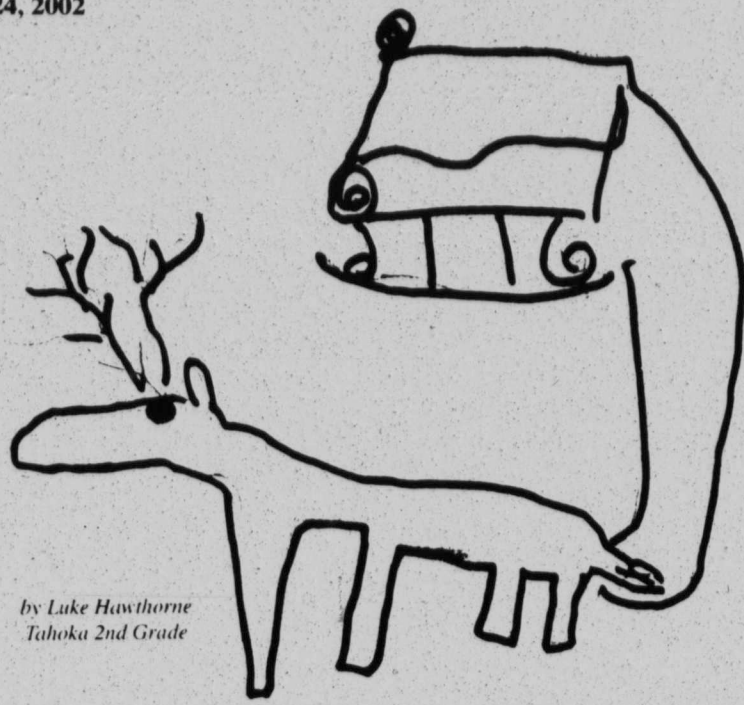
Dear Santa

I want a Brat, I want a wosh I want a Barbie 2003. What is your favoritest town
love, Tonya Sodd

Tiffinie Garvin's Class

Dear Santa

I wish you bring me a pair of roller blade for Christmas also some Mary-Kate and Make-up, a new bike, also some clothes, also want a play station 2 for my brother, and a ring for my mother, also some art- supple and a hello kitty phone, and some books.
Love, Madylin



by Luke Hawthorne
Tahoka 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

My sister would like a pretty dress. I would like a brat doll boy girl and a remote car. My parents would like some more lights for Christmas because our lights are dead. I would like a dance maker.
Love, Taya Bishop

dear santa

I would like a xbox. My dad would like a playstation 2. My mom would like sum decertions. My brothers would like a tritol to go in their room. My famil would like goodness. I left sum candy. I would like a game cub to.
love, Bradley

Dear Santa,

Here is what I want for Christmas. Wachcamera, sandart, and a candycane, a bike, a X-box a play stashin2, kingdom of hearts, a book, a bopit, my brother to be nice, power ranger toys, and kidpix3 and aso a good Christmas.
Chad Darwactor

Dear Santa,

I would like the J-5 All the Joy in the World, ekara pro. Headset, Mary-Kate and Ashley so little time, Twister, Pass-word journal 2, and Eye lock room guard. My mom would like a nativity seen. My dad would like power tools. Joshua would like a silver Game Boy Advanced. (Because he lost his) Benjamin would like a Pollijuice potion maker. I hope yall are keeping warm.
Love, Sarah Emilie Freitag

Dear Santa,

I would like a playstation2. I would like a star wars game with it. I would kidpix3. I would want a computer star wars game. I would like a Lego star wars set.
love, Nicholas

Dear Santa,

I would like a xbox. I wont a basketball game for the xbox. I would like a leather jacket. I would like sum scaignshoes. For my brther sum dinosors.
From Levi



by Swade Hammonds
Tahoka 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want toys, shoes, clones and Grant for Christmas. I want Aeryk to be happy. I want my family to get back together. But what I really want is to be with my family.
I all most for got. I want Arthur books, Franklin books, and Junie. B. Jones books, and hard books. Oh I want free internet. I want the world. I want C.DS and a xbox.
Love, Damien

Dear Santa,

I would like a new bike. I would like a horse. I would like a intindo sixtyfour. I would like a gocart. I would like a chawa. I would like some jirall C.D.s. Could I have any 2 front teeth? Could I have a army set. My mom would like some doctor things. My dad would like scarry movies. My brother would like a Bob the Builder set.
Love, Toothless George (Keaton)

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like a Ramona book, the pink care bear and an easy bake oven. I wish Reed a g I joe, a hershey choocolate magic machine for my dad. A sewing machine for my mom.
Love, Audree Williams

TAHOKA THIRD GRADE Nancy Greenhill's Class

Dear Santa,

I want transformers, red alert, starscream, and a helicopter and all Harry Potter books. Please give me a dvd and some tapes. I want a playstation 2 and games and an x box and games, and some computer games. Also, I want yu gi ho cards and some pokemon cards and football games for ps2.
Love, Paul

P.S. and have a Merry Christmas!!!

Dear Santa,

How are you and your reindeers? My cat Zooby would like some toys. Could you give me a metal detector? Would you give me some computer games? Could you give my whole family what they would like. Have a happy holly jolly!!!
Love, Chance Cook

Dear Santa

Hello I do not really want much. I just want to be happy with my family. My mov wants me to be happy. My dad wants a toolbox. My sister wants a c.d. My brother wants the game Guess Who.
Merry Christmas.
Love, Braiden Fisher

Hope You Like My Letter!

Dear Santa

How are your reindeers? Are the elves working hard? I would like some shoes. Please bring me a clock. Will you leave me a toy reindeer? Please bring me some playstation 2 games. How are you and the elves? Can you bring my family a VHS? How is Mrs. Claus? Can you bring my family some chairs? Can you bring me a globe? Can you bring my mother a camcorder? I am going to leave you some milk and cookies I think. Can you bring me some clothes? Merry Christmas.
Love, Zach Garcia

Dear Santa,

How are you? For Christmas, I want a Bike and a Gun. I also want some boots and clothes. I also want jewelry and discoballs. I would like 90,000 dollars and some CD.S. For my brother, please bring some books and cars. An a would like some balls and caps.
Have a good Christmas.
Susie Lara

Dear Santa,

How do your deer feel? Santa do you fly high in the sky? I would like some hot wheels with tracks and a radio. My brother would like a TV. My dad would like some socks. My mom would like some Animal bears and a motorcycle.
Love, Randall Lee
"Merry Christmas!!!"

Dear Santa

How are you and the Reindeer? How are you doing? Hello Santa! Can you give me a big screen TV, a water gun, a necklace and a big stuffed animal, a blow pin and a stack of books. Merry Christmas!
Love, Ericka Marquez

Dear Santa,

How are you doing I hope you are doing good because it is almost Christmas. Here is what I want for Christmas, I would like a play station two, games for the play station two, a dirt bike, some more DVD's, and some nice presents for my family!
Love, Tanner Montalvo

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? Here is what I want for Christmas. I want more games for my Play station, some pets, and a DVD player. Happy Holidays!
Love, Joe Elias Moreno

Dear Santa

How are you doing? Hello. I want a water gun and a necklace. I want a Black widow to put in a tank. Could you give me a pool, roller blades, shoes, bike, sweater, clothes, computer, poster, and a paint set and desk? Merry Christmas.
Ma'kayla Tillman

Dear Santa

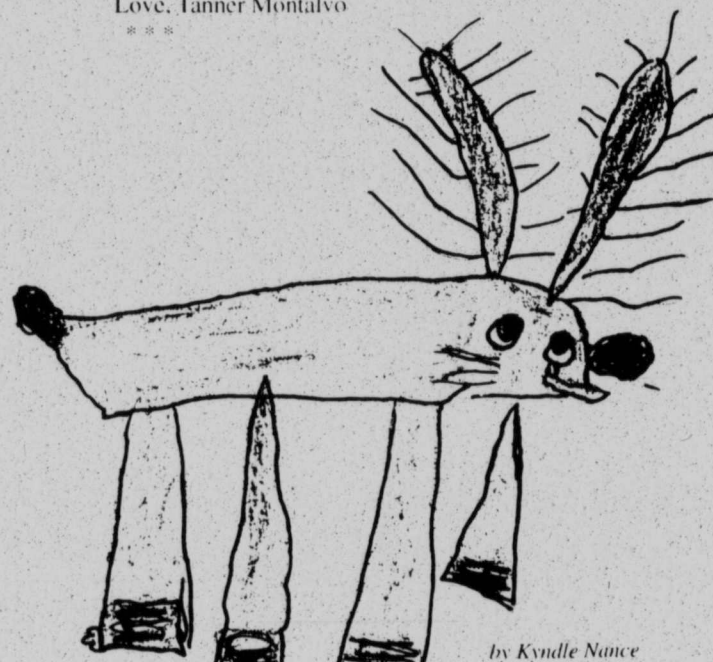
Hello Santa! How are you and your reindeer? For Christmas I want a dirt bike and a playstation and sum games. My brother wants a motorcycle and a dirt bike.
Merry Christmas, Isaac Vega

Dear Santa

How are you doing? Santa, is it fun at the North Pole? Are the reindeers good? How is Rudolf the red nose reindeer? Can you give me a deck of Yu-Gi-Ho cards? Can you give me a playstation2 and some ps2 games. Can you give me a hamster and some food for the hamster.
Merry Christmas, Ian Zamarron

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a swimming pool. I would also like a swing set. Merry Christmas!
Love, Jessica Morin



by Kynlle Nance
Tahoka 3rd Grade

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Paris N Bloom

Holiday Menu
Seasonal Specials:

- Soup du Joy n/c
- Creme de Cheer n/c
- Extra Fine Wishes n/c
- Fresh Goodwill n/c
- Warm Regards w/Angel Hair . n/c

May all the sweetness and joy of Christmas be yours ...

from Pam, Mary Lou, Annabell, Rhonda, Pat, Claudia, Sarah, Courtney, Wayla, Francis and Laura

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Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

from Bobby and Peggy and staff at
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For unto us is born this day a Savior, who shall be called Jesus.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you and your family.

from Fern Docekal, Eva DeLeon, Mary Alice Calvillo, and Mary DeLeon

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THIRD GR

Dana Taylor

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want the car that goes with it a computer and a new bicycle and a pollypocket, the little car that goes w a beanbag that is leaper, and a watch that is pink, and a new T.V. and the mov
Love, Dana Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want some footballpeds and clothes
Love, Dana Taylor

Dear Santa,
Pleaes bring a brat polly pocket beach ho solon, gofcart, forvi barbie train traveler, lime green and blue, house, game boy, play games that will go with aplay stashon 2,
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Love, Dana Taylor

Dear Santa,
This year I would li poline, a new compute lee Age, contacts, gree dvd's, a lime green labt labtop games, another nopoly, a new leopard b called pictogories, a sp a spongebob set of she full of clothes, a slime phin lamp, that's all I v
Love, Dana Taylor

Dear Santa,
This year I want a R Kery oky mation, sor puter, Some Movies, s pans, A coat, A play player, A big Bear, se player, A Lava lamp, a games, sponebob doll, A bucket of candy, a tab books, A lunch boxs sleeping bag.
Love, Dana Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation auto3 And grand thet a moconchrol car.
Love, Dana Taylor



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Letters To Santa
from school children in
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THIRD GRADE

Dana Taylor's Class

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a braz doll and the car that goes with it and I also want a computer and a new bed spread a lava lamp and a pollypocket glitter house and the little car that goes with it I also want a beanbag that is leaperd and some shoes and a watch that is pink or limegreen and a new T.V. and the movie ice brige.
Love, Harley Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I want some football pants and footballpeds and cloths.
Love, Cristian Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Pleaes bring a bratz doll, trampalin, polly pocket beach house, bratz beach solon, gofcart, forwiler, barbie van, barbie train travaler, my room panted lime green and bule, barbie car, barbie house, game boy, play stashon 2, some games that will go with a game boy and aplay stashon 2.
your friend, Kayla Long

Dear Santa,
This year I would like... A new trampoline, a new computer, the new movie Ice Age, contacts, green, a new tv, more dvd's, a lime green labtop computer with labtop games, another lava lamp, monopoly, a new leopard bed-spread, a game called pictogories, a spongebob blanket, a spongebob set of sheets, a new closet full of clothes, a slime bottle, and a dolphin lamp, that's all I would like!
Love, April Lam

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Radio, some cloths, Kery okey mation, some shoes, A Computer, Some Movies, some books, some pans, A coat, A playstation, A DVD player, A big Bear, some CD's, A CD player, A Lava lamp, a tint, A purs, some games, spongebob doll, A phone, A labtop, A bucket of candy, a tablit, Some coloring books, A lunch boxs, some sheets, A sleeping bag.
Love, Braxton Tillman

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation2 And grand theft auto3 And grand theft auto vice city and a moconchrol car.
Love, Christopher Reyes

Dear Santa,
i want a x box for christmas and grand thi thoto3 and i want a road racer and a transformer and a dog and a dragonball z figure and a ahummer mocontro truck but most of all i want a new computer next i want a gameboy with the game the lagesee of goku next i want a spider man movie next i want a spider man web slinger and a spider mam game and a lord of the rings toy.
Love, Francisco Rivera

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pliastain 2 and the game shut your mouth. And a game boy and some games. And please bring me Nintendo 64 to. Please bring me a trapeling. And please bring me Wretling move. And bring my mom and my dad a new car.
From Julio Mendez

Dear Santa,
I WOULD lika some a ice cream maker. I would aso lik a some mack up no real makup. I would like a babba set of babby bottle pops, i want a set of lip stick and a little set of brack uble tea cups. I would like some new reading books I want a little fack techer pappers, aand A over head with a markers and a reading fack over head pappers, iwould like a basket ball goul, and a fack poslon doll, and some ear rings and some little rings and a wedding dress but fac weding dress and a cross ringand a friend ship ring please santa thanks santa please please please.
Love, T.J. Norwood

Dear Santa,
Can you try to bring me a bike, a mortisicle, a trampoline, a skat board, a car for my grandmal, a computer, some cloths, some cloths for my grandmal, a playstation, a x box, a entertainment center, a sephone, humbbeds, cds, games, movies, some army stuff, and some camping stuf.
Love, Bryan Pena

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player, I want a computer with a game to it, I want a Gamecube, I want a printer for the computer, I want a Destaney's child CD, I want a sterio, I want a photo book, I want some panis with diamonds on the side.
Love, Ariana Monsimas



CHRISTMAS SMILES - Skylar Owens visits with TBS Student Council members Samantha Andrews, Jessica Antu and Brandi Raindl as they welcome guests at the home of Philip Mack and Mary Furlow during the Christmas Home Tour held Sunday, Dec. 15. (LCN PHOTO)

Dear Santa,
plles give me grand That adow vise cite plles, plles give me mrocontro car plles.
Love, John Paul DeLeon

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some CD's, I would like a new stereo, I would like to go visit my cousins in Odessa. I would like lots of new clothes, I would like some jewelry, I would like lots of presents, I hope you could bring me all these things.
Love, Nancy Munoz

Dear Santa,
Wah! I want for Christmas is 3 bike's, fake jely, teddy bear, doll, fake make up, lot's of toy's.
Love, Lupe Arista

Dear Santa,
I wud like a big trampen, My bruther wud like a play stachun game, My dad wud like a noo massage cher, My mom wud like a neeles, My dog and my bruther's dog wud like a baone.
Your Frined, Gretchen Henley

Chloie Jan Wells' Class
Dear Santa,
If you don't mind I would like some toy's. What I really want is a playstation 2 it is really cool. I really want a pixter plus and I would like some pixter plus games. What would really be cool is to get an electric scooter, I would really like a toy computer that you can dezine a hot wheels labtop, I also want a real horse.
From Austin Taylor

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Chrismus, I want the new movie Ice Age, How the grinch stole Christmas and men in black tow, I also want some c.d.'s and a radio, Another thing I wanta Computer, A new jump rope too, My mom wants stuff elefant My dad want a DVD player, My brother wants a new jacket, My sister wants a barbie doll that kooks.
Love, Your friend, Wendy Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a x-box and a ktm and a gamecube and some new grips and lots of games, And for my a diamond ring for my mom, For my dad a pocketknife.
Your friend, John Barrientez

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, I want a Sega Dreamcast and remote control dirt bike, I hope my mom get something nice and I hope my dad gets what he wants to get, I hope my brother gets a remote control car and my sister get a four wheeler, I hope the poor people have a happy Christmas.
Your friend, Tino DelCon



By Chance Cook
Tahoka, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a x box, can I please have some cd, and a computer, A game boy for my brother, And a doll that talks for my sister, And some earrings for my mom, And culone for my dad, You game me a lot of presents.
Love, Ashley Flores

Dear Santa,
I would like a karaoke machine cds and a game boy adfins and games to go with it please, would you please bring my family presents too, My sister wants a banerb that cookies, I don't now what my brother and my mom and dad, Rthank you, I thank you are a nice man!
Your friend, Payton Howard

Dear Santa,
I want a E-read for game boy advcc and a toy jeep and pot's and pan's for my mom and a game boy advcc for my sister and tool's for my dad and golf clubs for my pop thank you for evreythg.
I love you, Carson Lehmann

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo game Cube, Dragon Ball Z stuff and the movie, Leo and Sticr, Please bring Kyra Micropets and my n. ma a ring, my grandma a new vacuum, Thank you for bringing me things last year.
Love, Kyndle Nance

Dear Santa,
This is want for Christmas, An X Box and a Computer and a Gurbie, Gurbiebage, And a trampolien and a playstion 2.
Bring my Dad a DVD Player, Bring my Mom a ring, Bring my Dog a jucie Bown and a Bow.
Your friend, Jay Martin

Dear Santa,
I would like some CD's and some cloths, I want a leather jacket and some book to read, Some game boy advance games, Please don't for get my family, Thank yo for the stuff that you gave me the past years.
Your Friend, Stormce Martin

Dear Santa,
All I want for christmas this year is! An remote control car and it is a gto And a playstion 2 A hoping car and it is an joker An game boy advance And wat I relly want is a pit bull puppy boy.
Bring my brother and sister something too.
Your friend, Jonathan Morin

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, A X-box, A helmet and pads and chestpads.
Buy my Dad a Escalade, Buy my Mom a necklace, Some CD's, Ice age the movie, Thanks for every thing, Santa.
I love you, Chekota Parker

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a x box, I would like a bike for my sister, Would you get my brother a playstation 2 to, Would you get my mom a diamond ring and for my dad would you get him a big screen t.v, Thank you for being there for me when it was Christmas Eve, And a CD Player to.
Love, Mckenzie Smallin

BRIGHT SMILES AND BEST WISHES
Your friendship & support are greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful Christmas.
RICHARD WHITE, D.D.S.
and Monica

JOY TO ALL

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

White Funeral Home

Silent Night

May the blessings of the Christ Child be with you now and forever.

We pray for your happiness at this season of splendor.

Lynn County Hospital District
LCHD Home Health Agency
Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center

May the warmth of Christmas abide in your home forever.

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GREETINGS TO ALL!

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Letters To Santa

from school children in
Wilson

WILSON ELEMENTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy Power Ranger. I also want the Spiderman and Star Wars Movies and that's all

Thanks,
JR. Exmid Lerma

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle, cowboy boots, a cowboy hat, golf clubs, and one more thing I think I want a Bible Girl, Bob the Builder tools and I want new Bob the Builder shoes, a golf club and football helmet, a Dallas cowboys shirt, a Bible Man bouncy ball, shoulder pads and one more thing a Bible Man sword. Ok that's all I want

Thanks,
Jacob Richardson

Dear Santa,

I want a skateboard, a T.V., a motorcycle, a computer, and a piano for Christmas.

Thanks,
Rankin Timmons

Dear Santa,

I want a cooking thing with ketchup and mustard. I also want Psycho Pink and Blue Rangers.

Thanks,
Zack Mendez

Dear Santa,

I want a skateboard and a scooter. I also want Wild Force Rangers. I want a puppy, a toy house, and a Megazord.

Thanks,
Skyler Munoz

Dear Santa,

I want a Fire truck with a ladder, a toy gameboy, play, a toy computer, and a real computer to play a cd on.

Thanks,
Jordan Johnston

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy and a black and white kitty. A Cinderella playhouse and a sparkling ice show computer game that I saw on the T.V. I will be at Grandma and Grandpa's house in Oklahoma.

Thanks,
Katie Jones

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie computer, Barbie, and Barbie songs. I also want two McDonalds things and a puppy.

Thanks,
Jasmine Vasquez

Dear Santa,

I want a pink Barbie and a cat for Christmas.

Thanks,
Dominique Frausto

Dear Santa,

I want a cat and a dog. I want a Barbie computer, a little puzzle, and Barbie shoes. I also want a bunny and a bird.

Thanks,
Tatyana Marquez

Dear Santa,

I want a scooter, a bike, and a dirt bike I would like a computer and a book

Thanks,
Billy Castro

Dear Santa,

I want a real computer, a cash register, and lots of toys.

Thanks,
Mariah Garza



WILSON KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa Clause,

I want a dirt bike and a computer. Oh and a helmet. For my little sister, an umbrella, because she doesn't have one. I also want one of those remote control trucks. I want a stapler in case I need to staple something. You could bring me a T.V. and a radio too.

Thank you,
Dillon Gonzales

Dear Santa,

How are you and your reindeer doing? I want a Barbie Rapunzel Movie. I also want a real little puppy and a bear to sleep with, but not a real bear. I think I want a Barbie and that's it.

I love you Santa Clause,
Mercedez Lerma

Hi Santa,

I want a four-wheeler for Christmas, and I want one of those things, I don't know what they are called, so if I fall off the four-wheeler, it won't bust my head open. I want a computer. I want my sister to get something too.

Thank You Santa Clause,
Albert Vasquez

Dear Santa,

I want a Soldier Set and some Pirate Lego's. I like Cowboy's and Indian too. I would like some boy horses for my baby sister because she loves horses. Also some Lego Knights. There is something else I want but it is not a toy, it's just spending time with my family.

Thank You,
By Roman Parmer

Dear Santa,

I love you and I miss you Santa. I want a fish tank with a fish inside it. I want a toy igloo and a polar bear so I can play with them. And I want a new dress. I want it to be purple. You can also bring me a flag because I like them.

Love From
Megan Lehmann

Dear Santa,

I want a dirt bike, a computer and a helmet for my dirt bike. I want something for my baby sister, maybe a doll. How do your reindeer look? Wake me up Christmas night and tell me.

Thank You,
Mariano Torres

Hi,

I love you Santa Clause. I want a Chihuahua, a real one. I want Rapunzel, the movie. I also want Penelope, the dragon on Rapunzel, and Rapunzel the Barbie and the three girls on the movie too. Can you bring me some toy animals? Oh how are the reindeer?

Love,
Jasmine Frausto

Dear Santa Clause,

Merry Christmas. I want a present this is a Super Man toy. I want some more toys but I don't know what kind, maybe a Batman toy.

Thank you,
Angel Pando

WILSON FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a Superman Costume. I would like a Superman toy. I would like a batman toy. I would like a yo-yo. I will leave you milk and cookies when you come to my house. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Devin



SOUNDS OF THE SEASON - The Tahoka High School Band, directed by Carroll Rhodes, presented their annual Christmas Concert Monday evening, Dec. 16. (LCN PHOTO)

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a remote control car. I want a yo-yo. I would like a ninetedo. I will give your reindeer some cookies and you too. I miss you. Merry Christmas Santa! I Love You!

Cedric

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want an action figure. I want a book. I want a bike. I will leave you Santa cookie. My mom will buy it. He will give me some toys. Merry Christmas!

Adrian

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a Princess Costume. I want some jewelry. I want some markers and color pencils. I hope you are safe coming to my house. Merry Christmas!

Amanda

Have a good day!

Dear Santa claus,

How are you? I'm good good, could I have a fire ball with crys please? I whaht my mom and dad to be rich. I whaht a plae stashtn, merry christmas.

Christopher Thomas

Dear Santa,

How are you? cood you plesse give me a spiderman web blaster. Wood you give me a miny bik. Cood you give me a skooter. Merry Christmas!

Jesse

Dear Santa,

How are you? I wud like a mini bike. I wud oso like a action figure. Evin a dinusor dig up set wud be nis. Merry christmas.

Ray

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a toy house for Christmas. I want a dol for Christmas. Sum milk and cookes wil be on the table. I bing good, merry christmas Santa.

Love,
Leann



By Chekota Parker
Tahoka 3rd Grade



By Lape Arista
Tahoka 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

How oure you? I want a crown. Can I hat a high boots. I hope you houf a good time. I left milk and cookies.

Krista

Dear Santa,

How are you? I what a unicorn. I what a Lion. I what a bear. I wile BB. My mom will live you cookes. Merry Christmas!

Alexandria

Dear Santa,

I'm going to leave you a Dr. Pepper and chocolate cookies. Me and Santa like chocolate cookies. I want a bike and my own room. I want my house to be pretty and nice. I love you Santa! Thank you for all my presents! I will leave you a brand new coloring book and crayons. Merry Christmas!

Brianna

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WILSON SECOND GRADE
Dear Santa Claus
I want a go car and a new bike and much please.

Dear Santa Claus
May I have a gof p

Dear santelause
I ara I bibe rksm.

Dear santa claus
I wood like a moel dog plase. And wood I wish my dad was back

Dear Santa Claws,
I wish I cod have a


Dear Santa Claus
May I Have a skooder. A bike with a puppy. 2 real dog's and not real please.

Dear Santa Claus,
May i hav a puppy and a bady Dol to.

Dear Santa Claus
pleesecan I hav nelchackr.

Dear Sant Claus
I would like a chee with the pompoms and phone a new bieck S. picke on it and a gocar

Dear santa
I wold like a toy J and a teddy



O' HOLY NIGHT

May the Wonder of His Love Guide you Now and Forever.

Thanks and Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday.

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May the inspiration of this Holy Season bring a new understanding of peace to the hearts of all good men this Christmastime



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Dear Santa,
How are you? I wish You can come down Hir to giv me a virLo dog. I want a Pencil and culrs. Hav a good daY to You? Win You cum down Hir Haw mine Tols to You Hav, I Hav bin good. I Will leev. Pacakes for You. HaPPY christmas!

Brittany

Dear Santa,

How are you? I walt a Spider man Toy. I want a action figure. I want a bear. I hope it shows to you and Rodolph. I have a hole pack uv pancakes for you. Merry Christmas.

Chris




Warm wishes this holiday season!

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Season's Greetings
Here's to a magical night and a glorious holiday!
Enjoy.

Amanda Donald
Wilson News Correspondent

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Take som
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holiday s
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Letters To Santa
from school children in
Wilson

**WILSON
SECOND GRADE**

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a go car and a remote cur tydl
car and a new bike and I want a slay ver
much please.

Love, Cande

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have a gof put Teary and a Tint

Love, Trista

Dear santclause
I ara I lbike rksm.

Alizandra Rodriguez

Dear santa claus
I wood like a moch car Plase And a
dog plase. And wood like 3 zord plase. I
wish my dad was back plase.

Love, Tommy

Dear Santa Claws,
I wish I cod have a new bike.

Love, Ricka

Dear Santa Claus
May I Have a Dixy Chickieks
skooder, A bike with a bike holder, 1 real
puppy, 2 real dog's and 3 dog's that are
not real please.

Love, Chelsea

Dear Santa Clas,
May i hav a puppy and a teddy dar
and a bady Dol to.

Love, Meagan

Dear Santa Claus
pleeescan I hav a pupy and a
nelchackr.

Love, Caitlyn

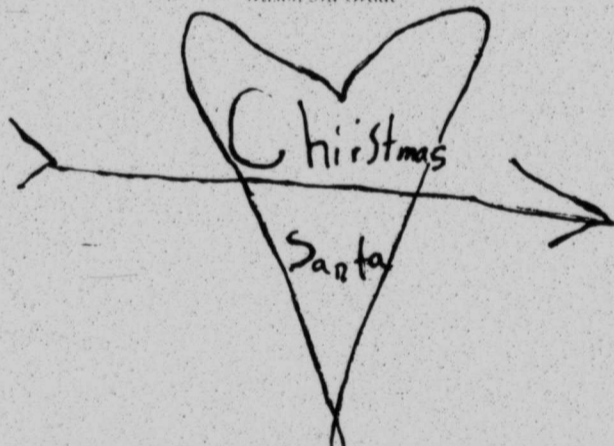
Dear Sant Claus
I wood like a cheeldr sut that cum's
with the pompons and a hade phone micr
phone a new bieke Sant I do not want
picke on it and a gocart

Love, Alaura

Dear santa
I wood like a toy Jeep and a puppey
and a teddey

love, Tiffany

by Haley Gilliland
Wilson 3rd Grade



Dear santa
porfabor santa yo quiaro una
muecade boca dito y amis ermanos uno
se yd ma silvestre yelotre se yama Joel
yel otrase xama criberto y yo quiero que
les traygal algote quero much. I love santa
claus

Mayra

Dear Santa
Plese can I have oprason, and a doll
my sise, and puppy so and a barby pasul
and a banch of book of you and me

Love, Samantha

Dear sant claus
May I pleas can I Have a puppy dog
and a kitty cat and a shoes and a clock.

Love, Coby

Dear santa
All I want for christmas is a ring and
a computer and a wach and a kericke.

Love, Erica

Dear Santa Claws
May I have the spiderman movie?
May I hav a play station 2. May I have
some Jeans.

Love, Matthew

**WILSON
THIRD GRADE**

Dear Santa
I want a X box and a computer with
the enernot and for the X box. I want one
game and it is foxstat adventure. By the
way how is evryone dowing. I hope you
dont crash on Christmas. Some people
dont blev in you I do I might make milk
and cookies

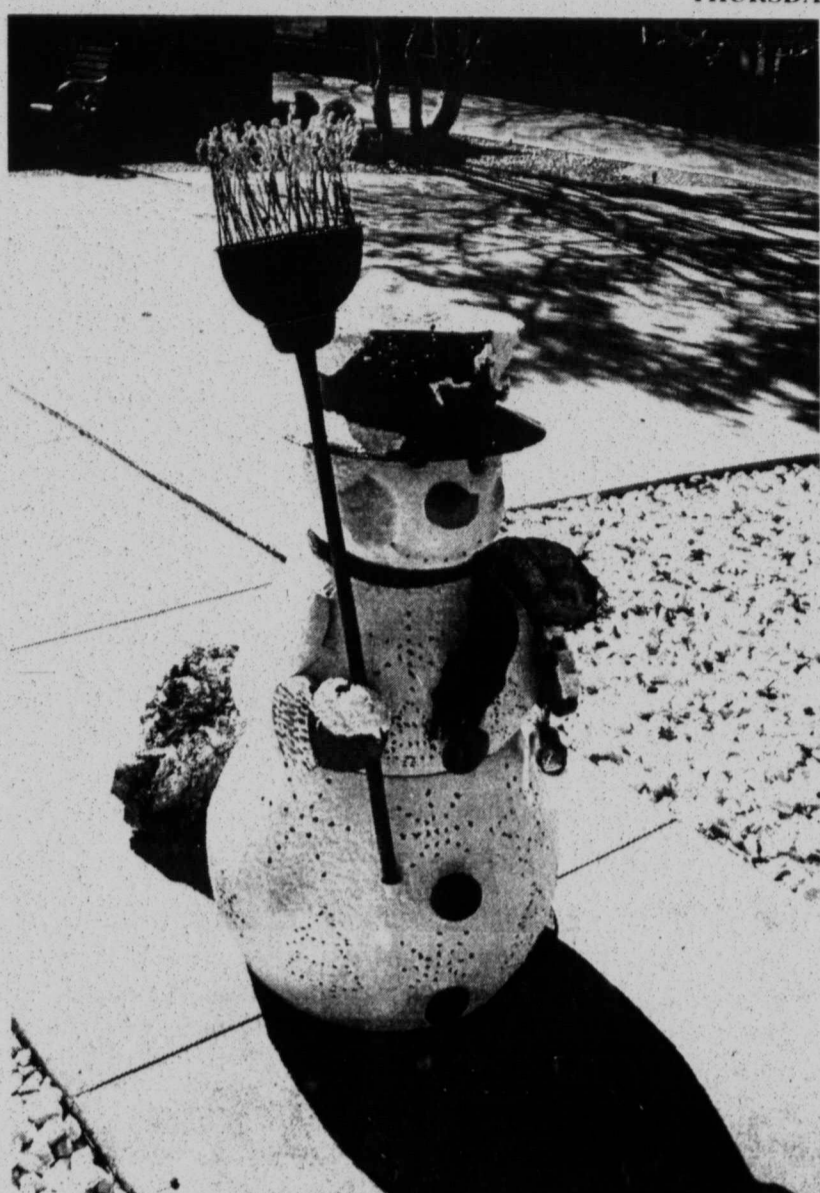
love, Ricky Mendoza

Dear Santa
How are you doing? I hope you bring
me alot of presnts. I forgot to aks you
how all of your rain deer are? Know I
will tell you what I want for christmas. I
want a for real pet (it is a cat that looks
real.) I want a real live puppy some hair
clips, an ekare. That is all I can thik of
until I see more commercials. I will see
you soon Santa!!!

love, Keviah

Dear Santa
I want a game boy. I want a now bad.
I want now shoes. I want a dogs. I want a
real hose. I want a now tv. I want a now
DVD. I want a now bathroom. I want now
room. I want a now home. Santa how are
your randeer doing?

Love, Mercedes Frausto



HAPPY SNOWMAN - This snowman bearing a big grin greets passersby at the home of Danny and Joyce Summers, at 2225 N. 2nd in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

**Pages From
The Past ...**

**Santa Letters from
Wilson 1st Grade in 1990:**

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and a Barbie
and a Little Mermaid.

Love,
Samantha Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a pretty Crimp and Curl
and I want a night doll and I want a
pooch patrol.

Love,
Megan Burch

Dear Santa,
I want a mermaid that has a string
to talk.

From,
Rebecca Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a Stacy two-wheeler and a
Barbie and Sparkle baby.

From,
Rence Phillips

Dear Santa,
I wood like a Nintendo game and
I want to git Shredder. How od are
you?

Love,
David Yowell

Dear Santa,
I would like a heart neklis, a Little
Mermaid shirt and a Babby Aliave.

Love,
Krista Wilke

Dear Santa,
I wood like to have a pischer uv
you. I like you and I wood like to see
a pischer uv your best toy.

Love,
Trista Burton

DRAW YOU DAYCARE CENTER

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year.
For Christmas, I would like a remote
control jeep and a little pony. Thia ik
you.

Love, Brant Webster

Dear Sanata,
I have been a good boy this year. For
Christmas, I would like a kick "n" crawl
and a little puppy. Thank you.

Love, Brodi Webster

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For
Christmas, I would like a choo choo train.
Thank you.

Love, Bryan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. For
Christmas, I would like a pink jeep, a cop
car, a cop, a kitchen, a bike and a DVD
player. Thank you.

Love, Fey DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For
Christmas, I would like a hot wheel octo-
topus. Thank you.

Love, Joseph Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For
Christmas, I would like a tractor to ride.
Thank you.

Love, John Stone

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. For
Christmas, I would like a battery power
jeep and a baby doll. Thank you.

Love, Kenzie Henry

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For
Christmas, I would like a stick horse and
a tricycle. Thank you.

Love, Mark Yackeschi

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For
Christmas, I would like a racecar bed, a
motorcycle and a cowboy belt. Thank
you.

Love, Peyton Lowdermilk

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. For
Christmas, I would like a red wagon.
Thank you.

Love, Raygin Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For
Christmas, I would like a vacuum. Thank
you.

Love, Zach Cuevas



**Your Friendship
Suits Us Fine!**

Wishing you all some good clean
fun and a very, merry
holiday season.
Thanks!

**The
Cleaners**



**May Your Table
Be Blessed**

We join you in celebrating the
birth of our Savior, and thank you
for your loyal support.

Tejeda Cafe

Rudy & Mercy,
Mary, Tom,
Rudy Jr.,
Sylvia,
Maria



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
MANY HAPPY RETURNS**

Take some joy, Add some cheer ...
May it total up to a prosperous year!



Wishing you peace and good fortune this
holiday season. Thank you for your valued business.

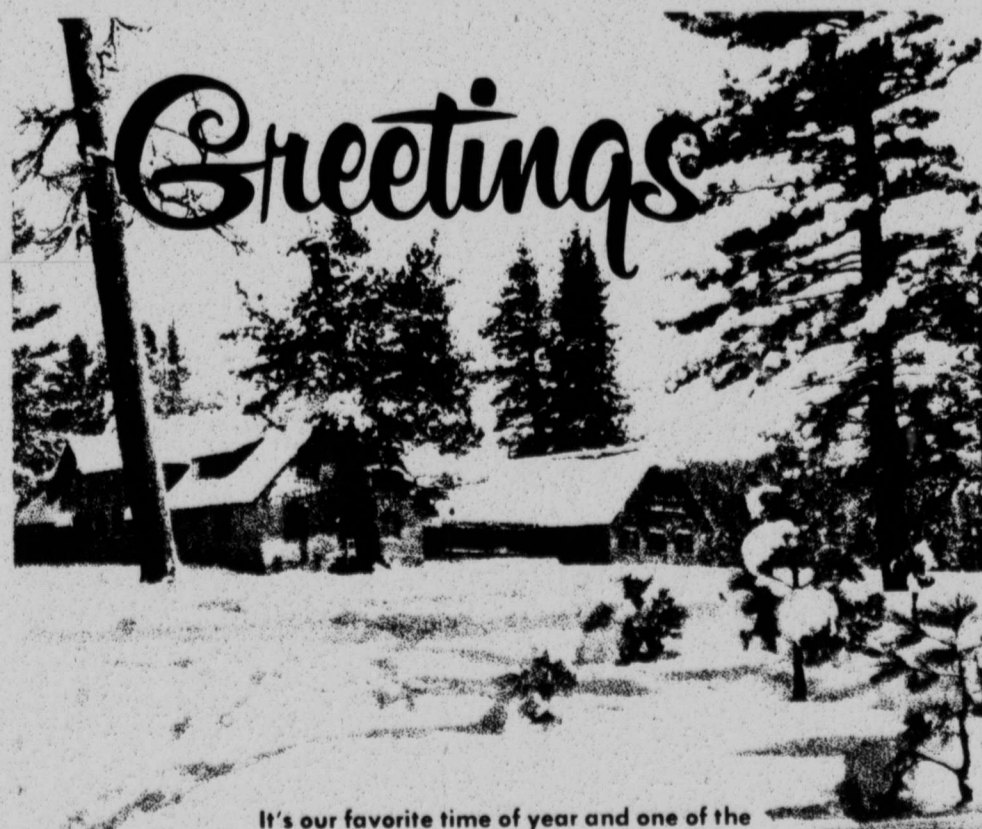
JOE F. HAYS, CPA, AND STAFF



Whatever is beautiful,
Whatever is meaningful,
Whatever brings you joy and happiness,
That's what we wish for you!

Our profound thanks at Christmas ...

WILSON COOPERATIVE GINS



It's our favorite time of year and one of the
most enjoyable customs of the season is greeting
our many good friends and patrons and wishing them the
best that life has to offer. Merry Christmas to you all!

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Letters To Santa

from school children in O'Donnell

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
Barbie dolls, clothes, movies, and lots of other toys!
Love, Ysanne Webb

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a candy.
Love, Nicholas Chavira

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a candy bubblegum, a sucker, a Christmas snowman.
Love, Blaine White

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a spider man toy, an eagle toy and boots.
Love, Crimson Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a red car.
Love, Brandon Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little motorcycle and a red power ranger toy, motorcycle car and sword.
Love, Benjamin Torres

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a barbie and another doll.
Love, Haley Martinez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me markers, barbie and a barbie car. And some horses and apples and dollies and a computer.
Love, Daniella Santos

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a my size barbie and rapunzel and a bride barbie.
Love, Kathryn Ellison

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a black car and a ball.
Love, Derek DeZaFuente

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck and a car and some candy and a toy flag.
Love, Austin Ramero

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a marine toy and a motorcycle and a power ranger robot.
Love, Romeo Perales

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a robot and a computer.
Love, Diego O'Sorio

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a flashlight and a monster.
Love, Ethaniel Morales

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Karaoke machine and a Santa toy.
Love, Sara Ibarra

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a stuffed dog and a real cat.
Love, Jessi Isbell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck and a robot with a remote, and some elbow pads and roller skates and a hat.
Love, Nicholas Gilcaud

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a power ranger book and a cinderella book.
Love, Aricel Garza

Dear Santa,
Please bring me toys and a power ranger.
Love, Bryan Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an eagle and a statue of Frankenstein and new shoes and new boots.
Love, Adrian Rivas



SAMPLING THE GOODIES - Patrick Wells samples some of the Christmas goodies at the home of Roger (left) and Pat Williams during the Christmas Home Tour sponsored by the THS Student Council. Seven homes in Tahoka were included in the tour held Sunday, Dec. 15. (LCN PHOTO)

O'DONNELL KINDERGARTEN-A

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a spiderman costume, handcuffs, and a remote control motorcycle.
Peter Fehr

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a play station, a rocket ship, and a pirate ship.
Rene Gonzales

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie doll, a Rudolph loll, and a whale.
Keelie Pierce

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a spiderman costume, a computer, and a big dinosaur.
Marcus Castillo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Karaoke machine, an American flag, and a baby kitten.
M'Kayla Motley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a play dolphin, books, and pencils.
Raime Ramos

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a spiderman costume, a computer, and a jacket.
Chance Rosales

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a stuffed eagle, a truck, and a clock.
Henry Rempel

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a talking bear, stuffed dolphin, stuffed kitten, and a repunzel moviel.
Marissa Orr

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a shirt, a movie, and a power ranger.
Matthew Pina

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a plastic dolphin, Barbie doll and clothes, and a real rabbit.
Kristyn Edwards

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a car like my daddy's, power ranger suit, and a little basketball.
Adrienne Perales

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a doll, a rabbit, and a CD player.
Mariah Barrerra

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a CD player and batteries.
Devon Luna

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, please bring me a knee board, a ski bob, and skies. Bring John a go cart and a knee board. Bring Carley a baby doll and a Barbie.
James Gruben

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barney toy, a truck, and a computer.
Angelica Yzaguirre

O'DONNELL KINDERGARTEN-B

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bike, a Barbie doll, and some new clothes for Christmas. I would also like some new colors.
I love you, Karina Osorio

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a Barbie doll and a Barbie car. I would like a Hot Wheel car for my brother, Dustin. I would also like to have some Playdoh for both of us.
I love you, Valarie Nelson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Spider-Man costume for Christmas please. I would also like a toy car and a Power Ranger costume.
I love you, Michael Rivas

Dear Santa,
I would like a vacuum cleaner to clean the floor and a station to do the food.
I love you, Gertruda Dyck

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like some movies, one toy, and some clothes.
I love you, Ryan Sepeda

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie, and new Barbie blanket, and a Barbie nightgown.
I love you, Candice Ortiz

Best Available Copy

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a CD player and some CD's. I would also like a bicycle.
Thank you, Tessa Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have two trucks, and a little cd, and a little movie.
Thank you, Donovan Pesina

FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,
How is the Reindeers doing? and the north pole? my family is doing fine. I am doing fine to, thank you for my Present. I only want I thang. A jolry box and jolry and makeup. I hope you get hear safe.
Hannah Cano

Dear Santa,
how are you filing? how is mrs cols filing? how is donner and Biltzen and Vixen and Cupid and Comet and Rudolph and Dashr and Sandy? I spind christmas with my grandmom and my grand dad. I want a game boy, I want a modr sacls. I want a ril campooter. I hope you have a saft trip.
love, tucker Durham

Dear Santa,
How are you doing, I am redy for Christmas. How far is it to the north pole? how busy are the elves making the toys. I am glad that you breg me toys, thackyou for the presisis. I want sume lip stink a lot uv it. hav a saf chrip
madison davis

Dear Santa
How Are the deers and the elvs? you are fun, bles you, you are good. i love you, i Hop it snos, do you love me? i love you, my mom loves you, i want a spiderman toy that climbs bldings.
Adrian perez

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph doing? How are your Elves doing? I want a globeball and I want a mackupset. I like my family and you. I have a new baby brother named Jacob.
Sierra Isbell

Dear Santa,
I have been good, how are you? have you been doing this winter? how fare is the noth pole? dear santa how are the elves? Daer santa for christmas i want a robot and a car and a horse.
michael garza

Dear santa, and mis class,
how are the randears good or bad? santa lam a good girl. I want a cpyoutr, I want makeup, and also books. I love santa, my family Ashley and Melissa and Sulema also Jacoby and Emma also Steve and Grma and Grapall.
love, Ashley gomez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph the Reindee. Santa How are you? Are you Good or Bad. I wot a game of spider man and a set of drogon balls zeeng. I wot a hot wheele.
Gary Penia

Happy Holidays

The Holidays are a cheerful reminder of all that the past years have brought us. So now, more than ever, our thoughts turn to you who have supported us for the last 79 years.

Thank You and Best Wishes.

May the true meaning of Christmas live in your hearts.

May your memories of this season be filled with joy and gladness.

And as 2002 comes to an end, may the new year bring with it good health.

From our family to yours, Happy Holidays.

TAHOKA DRUG
Tanya, Haney, and Patrick Wells
Pam Elrod and Donna Brooks

MERRY CHRISTMAS

wishing you a Christmas bright with promise and glad with hope!

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GREETINGS

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

THE LYNN COUNTY OFFICIALS

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County Extension Agent |
| Ricky Smith
District Attorney | Jay Napper
County Attorney | Elizabeth Jones
County Extension Agent |

Best Avail



FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,
my name is Cham...
doing? how is roade...
randeers? I want a cam...
t.v.

Dear Santa,
How is Miss.Claes...
Have you had a great...
mas I would like a com...
wont a baby doll and a...
love, jazzy

Dear Santa,
how is the reinde...
Elves? Have you been...
Rudolph. I live in lumec...
the toys.

I want a polly posit...
And don't merry chris...
I em kaitlyn Motley h...
were is the northpol? h...
love, kait

Dear Santa,
how are your elves...
doing good on the toys...
cuse i want it to be chri...
santa my family wishes...
my dogs wish it was ch...
claus i love yall santa...
for the presints! santa...
have a safe trip! my si...
makeup i want a comp...
brown! santa claus! tell...
the rainclear hi to! sant...
keep it!

Dear Santa,
How are you, How i...
give me a dirtbike.
From your fri...

Dear santa and Mrs. s...
I em Good my famli...
J Riley wilol Lik...
Trasfourmer if you git...
you have safe trip.

Dear Santa,
I love you I bet you r...
my broter sometime wak...
ily ok santa claus and...
mows name is Sara. M...
David. My brothers nam...
ester bunnys I don't ble...
like pukins, and all uv th...
Santa. Wut I want for...
compooter, baby doll se...
Love

Dear santa and ms claus...
how are you doing...
Chesney, how is Rudol...
reindeer? Comet and C...
Vixn Qupid Blitzen Sa...
got dad, can I have Mak...
and lip stick and a tev...
love you Santa and ms...
hav a saf chrip.

Dear Santa,
How are your rein...
you? How are your elv...
santa? I em filing good...
How for is the north p...
filing good my paw pay...
ng. I em dustin Nelson...
jum hot wheels, I want...
want a ril cupnptr. I h...
pld ovr by the plec sant

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rabbot and a pikshp...
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my broter sometime wak...
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MAIL Letters To Santa from school children in O'Donnell

FIRST GRADE

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Dear Santa, how are your elves santa? are they doing good on the toys for us santa claus? cuase i want it to be christmas right now? santa my family wishes it was christmas! my dogs wish it was christmas to! santa claus i love yall santa claus! thank you for the presnts! santa claus! i hope you have a safe trip! my sister wants some makeup i want a computer this is niki brown! santa claus! tell miss claus hi and the rainclear hi to! santa claus! you can keep it!

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Dear Santa, I have been good, how are you? have you been doing good this witter? how fare is the noth pole? how are the elves? for chrismas i want a robot and a car and a horse. michael garza

O'DONNELL SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa, I love you and tell the elves and reindeer that I love them. Here is I want for Christmas I want a game boy advanced and lots of games to play and a case to put it in case and can you get me a basketball and a hoop to shoot the basketball in, and a computer that you can watch DVDs on it and a bug cage and a little dog sweater for Gorge w. And a pretty lash and a good hair cut for him and a koler for him and pensouls for school and a pet lamb. mom is wanting a candle. And my dad wants a trip to Lubbock for a foot mosg and Penny wants a trip to Hawaii and Don wants some tools for his work. Love, Hanna Forbes

Dear Santa, Can you by me a toy so I could play with and Mrs. closs can you by me a little go car so I could ride around my new house. My brotger and sister wants a little car so they could play with and I want to by my mom some candels and I want to by my dad some tooles so he could loose them when he works. My mom wants a angle for Christmas and I want a little of things frome you and I want a game boy so I could play with when I do not want to play with nobody I can play with my game boy. Your best friend, Craig Antuna

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Dear Santa, I want a xbox and the wario game for game cube. Austen Schieder

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a baby sister and 3 transformers the helicopter and hotshot and I want the ambulance car then I want a game boy advance with mairo and yoishys island and I want a Xbox with Super Mario sun shine and I want two Spider man web glofs and I want some new socks and underpants then I would like oparashon hungry hungry Hippo and mouse chrap pop gose protection and a pool then I want a pool tabol and santa just give me what ever you want. from your 2grad friend, Marc cruz

Dear Santa Santa, Could you Pleas bie me a barbie House For chirst and a noo car, and I want too be better in school, pleas, and bie my Dad sum tools and my baby sister sum teath, and my brother a race car, and a noo house pleas and a necies for my Mom, and me noo shos, For chirst pleas, and I want a Nintindo 64, And sum beit bodoms and santa hal are you doing and hail is mrs clous doing Sierra Rosaies

Dear Santa, I have ben a good girl this year. I want a game boy and a lepe frog book also Scooby mnpoley and a moles trap game. Also a dvd player, and lots of closs, that is it, thank you santa. from Kelcee Thompson to santa, I am in 2nd grade

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Dear Santa, I have tried to be a very good girl. I want a Beanie Baby that is a elephant and a leopard and a new Game Boy Advance and also I want some pencils for school and you don't have to get me the Game Boy Advance if you don't want to because I really want the bike that I saw at Toys R Us. Be sure to come to my house because every year I leave milk and cookies of what ever kind you like. Also leave carrots for the reindeer. Your friend, Kaimi Williams

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by Joe Elias Moreno Taboka 3rd Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a barbie and a car and a doll house with dolls with it and some jelervery for my sister and a gutar for my brother and a game boy, with games I can play and a new fishing rode and some earrings. Your pal, Abigail Escobedo

Dear Santa, How are you doing, I'm doing find. I have been a little bad. How is Mrs. Santa doing I hope she is doing good is she backing you chocolate cookies. Are the randerers doing good if they that is good. I would like a big barbie house that has a dad, mom, and a baby and a girl. Your friend, Gabriella Osorio

Dear Santa, I hope lan a good girl this year, I want a walkman and new games toar my gameboy please and a new bike. And a tv to go in my room and new close for me. And please get the present that my sister wants. And how are you doing, I'm good. love, Jamilyn

Dear Santa, I want a play staition 2 and that will be it. And my dad would want a pair of pants. And my mom would want a dress sow she can go to church. And my sister would like a toys for the cats and dog. Your Bud, Landry

Dear Santa, How are you doing at the north pole. I hope you will come to my house. I want a 500 power telescope to look at the stars, but most of all I want a art set to play with I like the lite bright cube for the holic family and a GI Joe with a parishoot so I can drop him of the bunk bed and he will land on the floor. Love, Brett Edwards

Dear Santa, I would like to get a kaoreeke machian. I would also want password journal two. If I can not have a kaoreekemachian. How are you elfs? Are you ready for Christmas? Are you ready to eat a lot and drink a lot? Have I been good? I think I will get something good. Have a good Christmas. Love, Brandi Brown

Dear Santa, I'm so glad it all mois christmas because I want a crchre and a nou tv and if you will give me a biecke plese and I thank were a good person because were a verry good persan. Love, Tiffany Ramirez

Dear Santa, I am glad you are comin because I want more prasints. I have a gift for you. I like to by stuff for you. I want you to be happy. I love you when give me presents. But this year I will give you bookies. I will tell you what I want now. I want a scooter a Harry Potter movie and a Xbox and a new pencil. My Brother wants Xbox games and a scooter and a pencil set and a Bike. My dad wants some tools for work. My mom wants more things for her to put on her computer. Oh, and I forgot something, I want a Labtop with a nice shiny cover. Your Buddy, Somer Seely

Dear Santa, I have tried to be very nice and all I want for Christmas is a basketball with an air pump. I really want the black Allen Iverson jersey with the shorts. Your friend, Ricardo Morales

Dear Santa, I have tride to be a good boy and I want to get a play Staition 2 and games and I want a trampolen so I can fly up in the air. I want to get a tv in my room. Your friend, Wade Gass

Dear Santa, I want a trampolina and a computer and anew T.V. because I have a Nintindo and a play stashon. I want a Dirtbke then a gocart. Your friend, Melissa Portales

Dear Santa, I have ben a good boy. I want a Play Staytion 2, games for it, a mini Christmas tree, and a titaneam pated watch. Your friend, Brady Furlow

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy but everyone is rude and mean to me. I want a Game Boy Advance and the game I want is Crash. My brother wants a Game Cube. My sister wants a Game Boy Advance also. I want you to get my mom and dad something but not much money. And you and your elfs have a good Christmas and a happy new year. I will try to leave you cookies and milk to eat and drink. Your friend, Ezra Vasquez

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy but everybody is mean to me. I want a gocart and a X box and a telephone. I love Santa. To Santa, from Michael

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a remote control Doge Viper. Love, Robert

Dear Santa, I want for crismes is John Deere, a play stashen two, bike, trenre sit, toy trucke. Your trind, Joshua Ocha

Dear Santa, I already have list at home so I'll only put a couple on X box, any kind of music CD, a rideo. Mom wants a cam corder. Dad wants a DVD player, the girls want Barbis, I have the real things at home, thank you. Your friend, Marco

Dear Santa, I want a knew barbie house and I have been a good little girl and I like your elf mrs. clause because she is so nice to everyone even you. I always wanted a huski dog but at the mall everyone always buys them. And I especily want a barbies travel train and I want a barbie talking house. I love you a lot Santa and if you come to my house I will bake you some cookies and some milk. I hope you and mrs. clause have a great Christmas season. Your friend, Chelsea



REJOICE ♦♦♦ for our Saviour is born!

May you and your family bask in the glow of His light and His love this holiday season.

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The bank
will close at noon on
Tuesday, December 24th
and will be closed
Wednesday, Dec. 25
for the holiday.
We will re-open on
Thursday, Dec. 26



December

- 24th: Christmas Celebration 6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church
- 24th: Christmas Service 6:00-6:45 First Methodist Church
- 24th: Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church
- 25th: Christmas Service 10:00 a.m. St. John Lutheran Church

Weather

Date	High	Low
Dec. 18	57	46
Dec. 19	49	39
Dec. 20	61	29
Dec. 21	58	28
Dec. 22	45	19
Dec. 23		
Total Precip. to date:		



I'VE BEEN GOOD the children's Christmas Dec. 18. She is the



Generous Elves ...

The 27 members of Tahoka High School National Honor Society each provided gifts for a child in the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program, many of them shown here as they brought their gifts to the Lynn County Courthouse for delivery. Each NHS member provided at least one clothing item and two toys for their "adopted" child for Christmas. The students agreed the gift-giving, and especially shopping for their "child", was a lot of fun. "It made me feel like a little kid again, shopping for all the toys," said one member. (LCN PHOTO)

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December Calendar

- 24th: Christmas Eve Celebration •
6:00 pm
First Baptist Church, Tahoka
- 24th: Christmas Eve Service •
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First Methodist Church, Tahoka
- 24th: Children's Christmas Program •
6:00 pm
St. John Lutheran Church, Wilson
- 25th: Christmas Day Services •
10:00 am
St. John Lutheran Church, Wilson

Weather

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At 81 Years Young:

Judge J.F. Brandon Retiring From Office

by JUANELL JONES

A familiar face at the Lynn County Courthouse, J.F. Brandon next week is ending his 20-year stint as Lynn County Judge, deciding to try retirement even though he's not sure how that's going to go. At the "experienced" age of 81, he's the oldest elected county official, and, he says with a laugh, the oldest person at any of the SPAG meetings he attends as a part of his official duties.

"I don't have any plans for retirement - I just never really thought about retiring. Back in the old days, people didn't retire - they just kept working," Brandon said. "I do play a little golf - not very well, but I guess I can play some," he added with smile.

The judge has only been opposed in two elections during the five elections he's won every four years since 1982. He ran against the incumbent in 1982, winning that election, and then was opposed by a lone candidate in the 1998 election. He decided

to retire at the end of 2002 and declined to run in that election.

Judge Brandon will be honored with a retirement reception next Monday, Dec. 30, from 3-5 p.m. in the District Courtroom on the second floor of the Lynn County Courthouse. All Lynn County offices in the courthouse will be closed during the reception, so that all county employees and officials may attend.

Taking over the duties of Lynn County Judge will be H.G. Franklin, elected in the 2002 November general election. He will be sworn into office in ceremonies scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31.

John Fletcher (known as J.F. or "Jeff") Brandon was born Sept. 15, 1921. He was raised on a farm in Garza County, attending Close City School and graduating from Post High School. He served four years in the Air Force, from 1942 to 1946, but says he was one of the lucky few who served his entire four-year service in the United States during World War II. The Air Force taught him how to repair airplanes, and he was crew chief for ground crews during the war, stationed at Lubbock Army Airfield (later named Reese AFB), Pampa and Shinook, Ill.

After his service in the Air Force, Brandon returned to farming "the home place" in Garza County. By 1953, Brandon decided he wanted to try his hand at farming in Lynn County, purchasing dryland acreage and moving his home to this area.

"That was the driest year we ever had in Lynn County," Brandon recalls with a laugh. "I moved here to get more dryland, and boy was it dry!"

He remembers the decision to run for county judge in 1982 was instigated by several of his friends, who urged him to run for the office. He won the election and, at the age of

61, began a new career as Lynn County Judge.

"At that time, you didn't get any official training - you just learned by doing, what we'd call flying by the seat of your pants," Brandon said. "But a few years later, in about 1985, they started offering training and of course, now, it's compulsory to have so many hours of education every year," he added.

"C.W. Roberts, who was County Clerk at the time I took office, was a big help to me when I started. And everyone was really nice to work with. We have a good group of people county-wide and I've never had any trouble," the judge said.

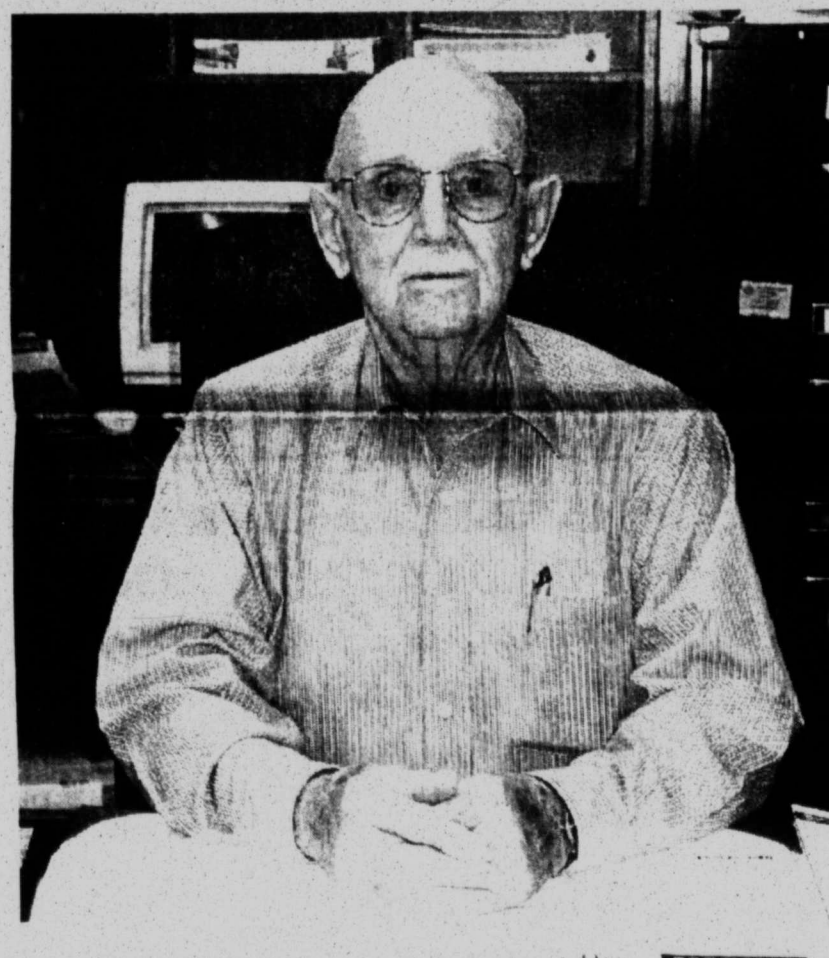
The only other elected official who has served with Brandon the entire time at the courthouse during his 20-year tenure is Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector Sherry Pearce, although she was not an elected official the entire time. She worked in the Tax Assessor office for George McCracken for several years before taking that position.

One of Brandon's duties as county judge is to probate wills, and he says he has probated many wills during his tenure.

"You know, I got to thinking about all the businesses we've had on the square that are no longer here, and all the business owners who have died during the time I've been in office," Brandon reminisced. "I guess I've probated lots of wills, and lots of them were folks I knew."

Another duty, which he grins and says he is passing along to H.G. Franklin, is that of "firing up" the old boiler in the courthouse basement. "They tell me that old boiler is the original one put in when the courthouse was built in 1916, and of course it's had lots of repairs over the

(See JUDGE, page 3)



RETIRING - Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon is retiring after 20 years as county judge. The public is invited to his reception from 3-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30 in the District Courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse. (LCN PHOTO)



Moore Named All-State Pass Receiver

Adrian Moore, senior flanker for the Tahoka Bulldogs football team last season, has been selected on the second team offense for the coveted All-State Class AA football team announced last week. Moore, a senior, led all Class AA pass receivers on the South Plains during the season recently ended.



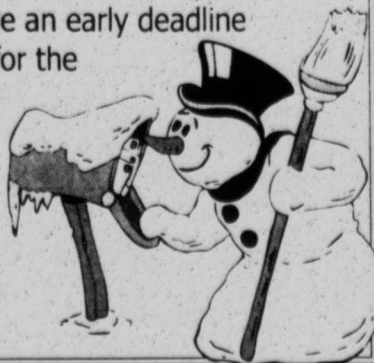
I'VE BEEN GOOD, SANTA - Tonya Sodd visits with Santa Claus after the children's Christmas program at the Methodist Church in Tahoka, Dec. 18. She is the daughter of Kyle and Tammy Sodd of Tahoka.

Early Deadline Next Week:

The Lynn County News will have an early deadline of 5:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30 for the early Jan. 1 New Year's edition.

The News Office will close at noon Tuesday, Dec. 24 and re-open at 9:00 Monday, Dec. 30th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Lisha Vega Named Outstanding Student In Nursing Program

Lisha Vega from Tahoka received the Nightingale Award as outstanding student during pinning ceremonies Friday, Dec. 13 for the vocational nursing program at South Plains College's Reese Center campus.

Nineteen students received pins commemorating completion of studies in the one-year vocational nursing program.

Vega also received specialty certificates in medical surgical nursing and medications and preceptor recognition for her work in helping to mentor a first-year vocational nursing student.

"Lisha has been an all-around wonderful student nurse. She is kind and considerate and will go the extra mile for her patients. She is a patient advocate, putting the needs of the patient ahead of her own desires and wants," said Korbi Berryhill, program coordinator and assistant professor of vocational nursing at the SPC Reese Center campus.

Ginger Krug of Lubbock received the highest achievement test score, and Level III award went to Melanie Moya from Tahoka and Hari Banjara from Kathmandu, Nepal.

Preceptor Recognition for excellent demonstration of clinical skills to new students was given to several, including Moya and Vega of Tahoka.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Gordon

Services for Margaret Ann Gordon, 88, of Tahoka, formerly of Midland, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, in the First United Methodist Chapel in Midland with Rev. Lane Boyd officiating.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. She died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002 in Tahoka.

She was born July 25, 1914 in Denton. She graduated from Corsicana High School in 1932 and from Draughon's Practical Business College in 1946. She worked as a secretary for many years, and had lived in Lubbock, San Marcos, Dallas, and Midland before moving to Lynnwood Assisted Living Center in Tahoka in July 2002.

She was a pianist, playing for several churches including Dayspring Church and Christian Life Center. She volunteered her musical services at Rockwood Manor Nursing Home and Boone Bible Class of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, James L. Gordon of Lubbock; three sisters, Dora Clarke and Marie Coleman, both of Midland and Jimmie Katherine Bledsoe of Dallas; three grandchildren, including Tina Wuensche of Tahoka; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church "Stephen Ministry" in Midland; or to a favorite charity.

There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world; and that is an idea whose time has come.

—Victor Hugo

Estell Cook

Services for Estell Cook, 85, of Tahoka were held at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at First Baptist Church of Tahoka with Rev. Jerry Becknal officiating.

Burial was in Grassland Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002, in Lubbock.

She was born March 15, 1917 in Lynn County. She married Floyd E. Roberts Jan. 23, 1933 in Portales, N.M. He died in August 1960. She married E.A. "Buck" Cook in January 1968 in Slide. He died in February 1984.

She was a lifelong resident of Lynn County. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

Survivors include a son, Elbert Roberts of Lubbock; a daughter, Margie Craig of Lubbock; a brother, Hubert Edwards of Lubbock; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family suggest memorials to the American Heart Association, Grassland Cemetery or to a favorite charity.

Candelario Perez

Rosary services for Candelario "Candy" Rodriguez Perez, 59, of New Home were held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at White Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka.

Funeral mass was held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka with Father George Rooney officiating.

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002 in New Home. He was born Feb. 2, 1943 in Maxwell. He married Earlene "Judy" Swink on Oct. 25, 1967 in Lubbock. She died Dec. 16, 1986.

A long-time resident of New Home, Perez retired from farming in 1999. He was a member of St. Frances Catholic Church in Wolforth.

Survivors include his mother, Isabel Perez of New Home; a daughter, Donna Isabel Perez Stratton of Lubbock; and three brothers, Ignacio Perez of New Home; Herman Perez of San Antonio; and Ben Perez of Fort Worth.

The family suggest memorials to Hospice of Lubbock.

Remember that it is far better to follow well than to lead indifferently.

—John G. Vance

The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs.

—Joan Didion

J.W. Inklebarger

Services for J.W. Inklebarger, 78, of Tahoka were held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Kinley officiating and Rev. Jerry Becknal assisting.

Masonic graveside services were held in Nevels Memorial Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002 in Tahoka.

He was born Aug. 9, 1924, in Grassland and graduated from Tahoka High School in 1943. He married Wanda Baxter Hopkins in July 1972 in Tahoka.

He was the head teller at First National Bank of Tahoka from 1944 until his retirement in 1990. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

Survivors include his wife; a stepson, Donald Hopkins of Jacksboro; a stepdaughter-in-law, Donna Hopkins of O'Donnell; a sister, Virginia "Dink" Terry of Lubbock; and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a son, one brother and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to the Lynn County Hospital District Physical Therapy Department, P.O. Box 1310, Tahoka 79373.

Senior Citizens MENU

Dec. 30-Jan 3

Monday: Salmon Patty, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese, Hot Roll, Pears, Cookies.

Tuesday: Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Orange Sections, Pumpkin Pie or Bars.

Wednesday: Closed for New Year's Day.

Thursday: Beef Enchiladas, Oven Fried Chicken-Corn, Turnip Greens, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Pineapple Gelatin.

Friday: Beef Patty, Crispy Fish, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding.

One Accident Reported Here

One traffic accident was reported in Tahoka this week, last Wednesday morning at the corner of Lockwood and Ave. L. Involved in the collision was a 1996 Oldsmobile Eighty-Eight driven by Duwella Ann Griggs of Tahoka and a 1988 Buick Park Avenue driven by Rosalinda Chavarria of Tahoka. Griggs was taken by Lynn County Hospital District EMS to Lynn County Hospital, but no information was available on her condition.

Two persons were added to the county jail population this weekend, including one for DWI third offense or more, and one for Failure To Appear. DPS warrants, no liability insurance and displaying an expired license plate.



THE FOLLOWING observations about gift wrapping came in an e-mail, so they did not originate with me. I wish they had, because I like what this guy says. Anyway, it's good enough to pass along, just before Christmas:

This is the time of year when we think back to the very first Christmas, when the Three Wise Men went to see the baby Jesus, and, according to the Book of Matthew, "presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

These are simple words, but if we analyze them carefully, we discover an important, yet often-overlooked, theological fact: There is no mention of wrapping paper.

If there had been wrapping paper, Matthew would have said so:

"And lo, the gifts WERE inside 600 square cubits of paper. "And the paper WAS festooned with pictures of Frosty the Snowman.

"And Joseph WAS going to throw it away, but Mary saideth unto him, she saideth, 'Holdeth it! That is nice paper! Saveth it for next year!' "And Joseph DID rolleth his eyeballs.

"And the baby Jesus WAS more interested in the paper than, for example, the frankincense."

But these words do not appear in the Bible, which means that the very first Christmas gifts were NOT wrapped. This is because the people giving those gifts had two important characteristics:

1. They were wise.
2. They were men.

Men are not big gift wrappers. Men do not understand the point of putting paper on a gift just so somebody else can tear it off. This is not just my opinion: This is a scientific fact based on a statistical survey of two guys I know.

One is my son, Rob, who said the only time he ever wraps a gift is, quote, "if it's such a poor gift that I don't want to be there when the person opens it."

The other is my friend Gene Weingarten, who told me he does wrap gifts, but as a matter of principle never takes more than 15 seconds per gift. "No one ever had to wonder which presents daddy wrapped at Christmas," Gene said. "They were the ones that looked like enormous spitballs."

I also wrap gifts, but because of some defect in my motor skills, I can never COMPLETELY wrap them. I can take a gift the size of a deck of cards and put it in the exact center of a piece of wrapping paper the size of a regulation volleyball court, but when I am done folding and taping, you can still see a sector of the gift peeking out. (Sometimes I camouflage this sector with a marking pen.) If I had been an ancient Egyptian in the field of mummies, the lower half of the Pharaoh's body would be covered only by Scotch tape.

On the other hand, if you give my wife a 12-inch square of wrapping paper, she can wrap a C-130 cargo plane. My wife, like many women, actually LIKES wrapping things. If she gives you a gift that requires batteries, she wraps the batteries separately, which to me is very close to being a symptom of mental illness. If it were possible, my wife would wrap each individual volt.

My point is that gift-wrapping is one of those skills — like having babies — that come more naturally to women than to men. That is why today I am presenting:

GIFT-WRAPPING TIPS FOR MEN

* Whenever possible, buy gifts that are already wrapped. If, when the recipient opens the gift, neither one of you recognizes it, you can claim that it's myrrh.

* The editors of Woman's Day magazine recently ran an item on how to make your own wrapping paper by printing a design on it with an apple sliced in half horizontally and dipped in a mixture of food coloring and liquid starch. They must be smoking crack.

* If you're giving a hard-to-wrap gift, skip the wrapping paper! Just put it inside a bag and stick one of those little adhesive bows on it. This creates a festive visual effect that is sure to delight the lucky recipient on Christmas morning:

YOUR WIFE: Why is there a Hefty trash bag under the tree?
YOU: It's a gift! See? It has a bow!
YOUR WIFE (peering into the trash bag): It's a leaf blower.
YOU: Gas-powered! Five horsepower!
YOUR WIFE: I want a divorce.
YOU: I also got you some myrrh.

In conclusion, remember that the important thing is not what you give, or how you wrap it. The important thing, during this very special time of year, is that you save the receipt.

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Tahoka's
THRIFTWAY
Merry Christmas!

Prices in this week's advertising circular do not take effect until Dec. 26, 2002.

We will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day.



BAREFOOT FLU in the Tahoka High

Lynnwood Happy
Lynnwood Assisted Living
Betty Ehlers, AC

Merry Christmas a Happy New Year!
We are happy to new residents: Mr. Cockrell, Mr. Arne Mrs. Emily Sikes, V and invite you to co dents, they enjoy ce
We want to thar and Taryn and Taya ing on Monday afte ing with games and residents.

Before Thanksg pie supper. Family delicious pies and I Marvin Gregory on
We had our Ch Monday night. We supper with family ing their favorite wonderful time and We were entertain and Betty Ehlers. Lund played the pi sang Christmas car

I want to than family members for and also, thanks to comes out here to us at Lynnwood — ing to us.

The Lynn Co will close at noon and will be cl of that week fr We will re-oper Monday, Dec. 31 deadline that da for the Jan. 1 N issue, and w New Year





BAREFOOT FLUTISTS - Carrying on a tradition in the last few years, several flutists performed barefoot in the Tahoka High School Band's annual Christmas Concert, held Dec. 16. (LCN PHOTO)

Judge ...

(continued from page 1)

years. When it works, it works fine, but it has so many safety valves and things that can shut it off that we're always working on it. H.G. can have that job," said the judge with a laugh.

In spite of the quaint heating and air conditioning system, Brandon says the courthouse has had many improvements during his 20-year tenure, including electrical and lighting systems, new phone systems, a water well and sprinkler system on courthouse grounds, and of course, computerized technology in all of the offices - something which he is not sure he's qualified to operate.

"I can check my e-mail, and play one solitaire game, and that's it," he says with a laugh. "I took some computer classes and thought I'd learn something, but shoot - that's not really my thing!"

One of the biggest projects in updating the courthouse was putting in an elevator, which he says took the place of a storage area and four small restrooms in the basement of the courthouse.

"Those were the segregated restrooms which had been in the courthouse all these years - back a long time ago there was one set of restrooms for blacks, and one for whites. Of course, they haven't been used that way for years, but they were still there. When we put the elevator in, those were taken out and new restrooms were built," he said.

He is proud of all the improvements to the courthouse, and even though he knows there are still improvements to be made he says the county is doing the best it can with the funds that it has. The new Lynn County Law Enforcement Center, relocated to a building on Hwy. 380 from the old jail just southwest of the courthouse, is another project of which the judge is proud to have had a hand in.

"That was something we really needed, and I'm glad we got it done," Brandon said.

He says he will miss working at the courthouse and seeing all of his friends there, and that his age was the deciding factor in making the decision to retire. He and his wife, Mary, have two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

"We will really miss him here - it's been hard to watch him pack up his office," said Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton. "But all of us here at the courthouse wish him all the best on his retirement," she added.

At the age of 81, J.F. Brandon has earned the right to a little rest and relaxation - but whether the R&R is a part of his retirement is anybody's guess. The public is invited to wish him well at his retirement party next Monday - don't miss this opportunity to congratulate a man dedicated enough to his community to continue working long after the age most would declare "enough".

Happy retirement, Judge. You did good.

Local Library Offers TexShare Databases

Lynn County residents who are using the Internet may be getting inaccurate information. Much of the information found on the Internet can be inaccurate, cluttered with ads, difficult to locate, or inappropriate for children. The City-County Library can help.

A program from the City-County Library, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and the Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund combines the best of both the library and the Internet in a powerful new resource: the TexShare Databases. The TexShare Databases take users beyond the Internet, directly to specialized electronic resources that are available nowhere else.

TexShare provides searchable information that patrons can use - that patrons can trust - whether they are looking for business or health information, back issues of major newspapers and magazines, science facts, or family history research. Many TexShare resources are available in Spanish.

Library patrons can access the TexShare Databases now free-of-charge at three computer worksta-

tions located in the library. A librarian can help users get started. Library patrons with their own Internet connections can also access TexShare from the comfort of their own homes. Home users, however, will first need to contact the library to receive a special login and password for access. The secret login and password are necessary because these subscription-only resources are only available to library patrons in Texas.

"Unlike most information on the Internet, the TexShare Databases are authoritative, up-to-date and completely commercial-free," said Librarian Shirley Draper. "They provide searchable, full-text access to journals, encyclopedias and other publications that our patrons won't find any where else. This is searching beyond the Internet," she added.

The City-County Library invites county residents to try these new resources. The library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch), Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-7 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lynnwood Happenings

Lynnwood Assisted Living Center
Betty Ehlers, Activity Director

Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year!

We are happy to say we have four new residents: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cockrell, Mr. Arnold Lehman, and Mrs. Emily Sikes. We welcome them and invite you to come visit our residents, they enjoy company anytime.

We want to thank Amy McAfee, and Taryn and Taya Bishop for coming on Monday afternoons and helping with games and entertaining the residents.

Before Thanksgiving, we had a pie supper. Family members brought delicious pies and Dalton Wood and Marvin Gregory entertained us.

We had our Christmas party on Monday night. We had a pot luck supper with family members bringing their favorite dishes. We had a wonderful time and very good food. We were entertained??? by Milton and Betty Ehlers and Rev. Nancy Lund played the piano while we all sang Christmas carols.

I want to thank our residents' family members for all you do for us, and also, thanks to everyone else who comes out here to visit and entertain us at Lynnwood - you are a blessing to us.

Tahoka School News

by THS Growl Staff

Varsity Girls

by Kyndel Byrd

The Lady Bulldogs defeated Brownfield 69-49 on Dec. 10.

High scorers were Damesha Harris with 26 points, Angela Curtis with 10 points, and Brandi Raindl and Kirsten Tillman with 7 points.

The Lady Bulldogs placed fifth in the Abernathy Tournament.

They won their first game against Cooper 60-29. High scorers were Kammie Williams with 18 points, Kirsten Tillman with 13 points, and Damesha Harris and Marissa Chapa with 8 points.

They lost their second game 33-25 against Wall. High scorers were Harris with 22 points and Meghan Saldana and Marissa Chapa with 4 points.

They defeated Littlefield in their final game 41-33. High scorers were Harris with 17 points, Angela Curtis with 11 points, and Marissa Chapa with 9 points.

JV Girls

by Kelly Fancher

The Lady Dogs traveled to the Sundown Tournament Dec. 12-14 where they claimed third place.

They defeated Lubbock Christian 37-34 for the first round. The leading scorers for this game were Samantha Andrews with 19 points and Jocelyn Tillman with 10 points.

In the second game, the Lady Dogs were defeated by Muleshoe 23-37. The leading scorers for this game were Tillman with 7 points, while Skylar Owens trailed close behind with 6 points.

In the third place game, the ladies defeated Sundown 53-29. The leading scorers for this game were Owen with 13 points and Tillman with 10 points.

Dec. 10 the Lady Dogs traveled to Brownfield and defeated the lady Cubs 51-41. The leading scorers were Krista Norwood with 10 points while Jessica Chaney and Samantha Andrews trailed closely with 9 points each.

JV Boys

by Jeanine Wilson

The JV guys played a tough game Dec. 10 against Brownfield, but lost 54-62.

The high scorer was Colby Gardner having 17 points.

8th Grade Girls

by Lana Jones

On Dec. 14 the 8th grade girl's basketball team competed in the Post Tournament. They lost both of their games.

The first game they played against Post. They lost 32-12. The high scorer for the game was Britney Gates.

They also played Post again for their second game. They lost 35-16. Haley Hall and Jeni Hammonds were the high scorers with 6 points each.

Their next game will be played against Idalou at home on Jan. 6.

7th Grade Girls

by Meghan Saldana

The Lady Dogs traveled to Post for a tournament Dec. 14, and came out 1-1. They beat Meadow 30-15. High scorers were Maegan Hall, 10; Christina Pina, 9; and Jessica McLelland, 6.

The girls were stomped by the Post Antelopes, 15-27. Scorers were Hall and McLelland, 4; Whitlee Anderson, 3; Kristin Box and Marissa Villegas, 2.

7th Grade Boys

by Colby Gardner

On Dec. 9, the seventh grade dogs went to Shallowater and got trampled 17-47. The top scorer for the game was Britt Wuensche who had 10 points.

"Our passes were bad, and we didn't have enough team work," said Josh Freitag.

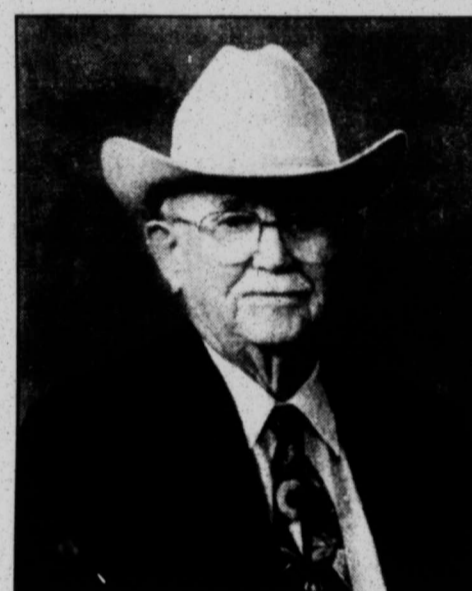
Lions Club Has Christmas Party

The Tahoka Lions Club hosted their first annual Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 16. Approximately 20 members and guests attended the event at P.J.'s Deli and Bakery. Participants enjoyed a pot luck supper and visiting.

Members also donated canned and dried goods for the food pantry sponsored by the Tahoka Church of Christ.

"We would like to say a special 'Thank You' to Judy and Lee Holden for furnishing the gift bags for the children," said Nancy Guilliams, club secretary. "They were greatly appreciated."

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Lynn County Officials cordially invite you to a Retirement Reception

honoring J.F. Brandon

for his 20 years of service as Lynn County Judge

Monday, December 30, 2002

from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the

District Courtroom

Lynn County Courthouse

Tahoka, Texas

All Lynn County Offices will be closed during the reception

The Lynn County News will close at noon Christmas Eve and will be closed the rest of that week for Christmas. We will re-open at 9:00 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30 with an early deadline that day of 5:00 p.m. for the Jan. 1 New Year's Day issue, and will be closed New Year's Day.



First Baptist Church invites you to a

Christmas Eve Celebration

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24th

BRING YOUR FAMILY Everyone Welcome!

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Make a note of the new phone numbers at the

Lynn County Law Enforcement Center

Sheriff's Office: 806 / 561-4505

Victim Assistance Office: 806 / 561-6521

DPS Office: 806 / 561-5086

Jail: 806 / 561-1446



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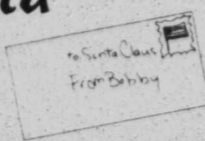
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Letters To Santa

from school children in
New Home



NEW HOME KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
Crayons, coloring books, clothes, little christmas tree, books that you can read. Barbie's dolls, Barbie House.

Love, Joarit

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a motorcycle, monster truck, computer, game boy, Super Mario game, crayons, dog, cat, board, kite, pencils, books, Power Ranger toy, swing set, 4-wheeler, ed's, Play Station, race car, X-Box, table, million dollars.

Love, Jo Adam

Dear Santa,
toy kitty lages stenties puzzles lain toy twez edry playboy bike toy santa Dalton book colring books toy kangrou toy fory blocks and a compter.

Love, Brianna

Dear Santa,
I would like a Spider Man Web Shooter, a real motor cycle, a real car, some stencils, a real truck, some blocks, a Spider man mask and suit, Spongbob Toy, Spongbob pillow.

Love, Michael

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want Te-rax. A motorcycle. A racecar, bicycle, Playdoh, a remote controle Fire truck, a dinosaur, a scooter, coloring book, clothes.

Love, Brady

Dear Santa,
I would like a poweranger Megazord, and a lot of dinosaurs. A poweranger bike, A poweranger Wilb force game. A wilb force computer, and game.

Love, Jerrod

Dear Santa,
toy horse twez edry spacy, Big motorcycle nember four monter tuck compter toy santa dragon with toys with it dragon book Barnay new cranes talk prow rage with a button a frog.

Love, D J

Dear Santa,
For Christmas Kaylan wants a Hello Kitty T.V., a Poly Pocket.

Love, Kaylan

Dear Santa,
I want a motor cyle and a bike for Christmas. I want a scooter and a skateboard and some clothes and shoes. I want a basketball and a football.

Love, Abel

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bicycle and a Barbie.

Love, Mary Boltz

Dear Santa,
I Would like a motorcycle and a fashion tv. I want a computer, and a digiman movie. The pokemon charzard, a new belt and a canten book.

Love, Patrick

Dear Santa,
Spiderman's suit and a mask just like Spiderman's. I want Santa Clause. I want a hat just like Spikderman's. I want a new vest just like the one I have that really really pretty. I want a hat like Santa's.

Love, Morgan

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a com-puter, a Barbie, and a doll.

Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa,
Can I have a toy car for Christ- mas. I want a huge monster truck. I want a motorcycle to ride-with my dad. I want a stary flag also. I want a dog, A big big apple too.

Love, Jesus

NEW HOME FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a game boy with games. I want a big kids four wheeler that can go hunting. I want a play station with a Scooby Doo game.

Sincerely, Lindsey Burenheide

Dear Santa,
I would like a big kid Four wheeler. And a telescope. And a Hary potter lego. And a maro video game.

Sincerely, Evan Kienle

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a gigantic Barbie and 15 Barbie's and a Rapunzel Barbie and penelope and a horse trealer and a horse.

Sincerely, Kathleen Kienle

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a little fourwheeler. And a little barbie car not a roling car that motreacar and my two frunt teeth and clossse please and a gof cort sumculrs and a culring book and anjle for my mom. can I have a brble, a Preshis Momit one and that is all.

Sincerely, Merritt Mitchell



A CHRISTMAS DINING ROOM - Betsy Pridmore, Sandra Brown and Judy Holden were some of the many visitors at the home of Philip Mack and Mary Furlow in the Christmas Home Tour recently. This room, painted a deep red and trimmed in white and featuring the original wood flooring, was trimmed in greenery and candles for a festive look of the season. (LCN PHOTO)

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a bike, and a barby house and a sled and a scooter and a bird feeder and a bird house and a dog house, and a cat house and a computer, and a big house that me and my cousins can fit in to play house, and a toy piano with a miker, phone that really works so I can sing with the songs and a new back pack and books and a stroler whith a baby car seet.

Sincerely, Christina Giesbrecht

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want barbie as Rapunzel and penelope and Power putt girls and a gigantic barbie and a bible and For my brother a Joe deere and For my Mom and dad to git a tip to New York and that is ol.

Sincerely, Alexis Raquel Torres

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a fourwheeler, and Legos and spiderman Legos, want a cat and a dog, and two of power ranger and hary potter Legos, and Scooby Doo.

Sincerely, Ramiro Gomez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a baby and a stoff puppe.

Sincerely, Daniela Cruz

NEW HOME SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,
I want a dirtbike, I want a fourwheeler. I want a playstation 2 and-games. I hope you have a happy Christ- mas. I want a digivice too and a go cart.

Love, Josh Paul

Dear Santa,
I want a hot clip for Christmas be- cause I like to listen to music. I want a shiny glass cross for my mom on Christ- mas and book like Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and Charlie Brown Christmas. I want a horse and necklace for Christmas. Also, I want a cat, a dog and c.d.'s like N-SYNC

Love, Alexis Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a real gocart. I want a real dirtbike, a real four-wheeler and a playstation game like Grand Theft Auto Vice City. I want some shoes and a c.d. player. The song I want is Nelly and I want some black and blue and red-skates. I want a play Mustang.

Love, Zachary Paul



Merry Christmas

May you experience the love, laughter, good times and joy that make Christmas special.

Larry & Karon Durham and family



By a New Home First Grader

Dear Santa,
What I would like for christmas is hit clips because I have always wanted them but I nver got them. I would love a real little pony because I love them. I want a ring for mother. I want a drill for my fa- ther. I want a book called Horse Hero because I like horses. The last thing I want is a new Avirl Liveeann c.d. I want a movie Spirit.

Love, Madison Gass

Dear Santa,
I'd like some ponies to go with my collection. I'd like bouncy balls to go with my bouncy ball collection. Merry Christmas.

Love, Mackenzi Dunn

Dear Santa,
I want a hit clip for Christmas because, my other one broke. I want a necklace for Christmas because I like to wear them. I want a shiny glass cross for my mom because she likes crosses. I want a head- phone for my Dad because he like music. I want a c.d. player. These are the songs I want: Brittany Spears song, Erin Carter and N-SYNC song because I like music. I want a teddy bear for my little sister because she likes stuffed animals. I want a stuffed bear for my other sister because she likes animals.

Love, Haley Lehman

Dear Sanata,
What I want for Christmas is hit clips because it is fun to listen to. I want an X Box to share with my big brother. I want a charm bracelet with diamonds in it. I want it because it is beautiful. I want to get my dad a new tool box, his old one gets on my nerves. I want two ruby red rings, one for me and one for my mom and 2 crystal rings. I want 200 bucks. I'll share with my family 50 bucks each per- son. I want a N-SYNC c.d. because they are very good at singing. I want a Harry Potter x box game for my brother and me. I want a golden cross.

Thank you, Maranda Hymes

Dear Santa,
This is what I would like for Christ- mas, I hope you will bring me a play stationa for me to play games on and a gameboy color to take on a long trip. A Harry Potter collection of books would be good for me to read.

Love, Charles Kieth

Dear Santa,
I need some books for Christmas like Harry Potter. I want some play horses so I can collect them. I want a c.d. player because I want N-SYDNC pop. I want a four-wheeler so I can share it with my family. I want a necklace so I can take it to school. I need a hit clip so I can listen to some music.

Love, Katlin Thompson

Rejoice!

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10

Purple Circle Magazine
Gary, Melita & Matthew Cramblet

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We wish you joy, peace and love during this holiday season and offer our heartfelt thanks for your loyalty and friendship!

JOHN EDWARDS SHOP
NEW HOME, TEXAS

We wish you a fun and happy Christmas as you share the precious gifts of the holiday!

B&B Fertilizer
NEW HOME

We hope your Christmas is merry and bright!

We appreciate your patronage!

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Letters from school New

Dear Santa,
I want a c.d. playe music very much. I wan ogy, because it is a great for Christmas because I a Play station game for

Dear Santa,
I want a four-whe haul hay for my hors for my brother. I want cause it is good for hlic

NEW HOME THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB g cube, and a Transform the gifts last year. Has say hi to Misses Claus

PS. There will be co place!

Dear Santa,
Hi! I hope you h Lakeview. All I want i Cube, Jack Russel bionicles. Your one of in the world.

PS. Please give these

Dear Santa,
Hi! All I want is a 4 and a wwe cruiser w never be mean if I get t I shouldn't be mean i love you. You are the cookies and milk on tr

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas a have a Garth Brookes on Dvd please. May I a Katie spy Barbie and Young Black Stallion. great Christmas also.

Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a see th for my dad, so we coul digital watch with gam like some nintendo ga Rocket Power and Ha hope you have fun thi

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! This Chris pretty Barbie, a Bop candle that smells lik Mom.

PS. Have a good trip v see us.

Dear Santa,
Hi! I am writing t Texas. Christmas is my I would like a game i set, and a puppy. Sant these things. I will b might explode! I hop time in Texas.

PS. I like Lab puppies PPS. What kind of co

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We hope you have a he Christ

A sing thank y all our wo friends custom

AgTexa
(Former)

Letters To Santa
from school children in
New Home

Dear Santa,
I want a c.d. player because I like music very much. I want the c.d. Anthology, because it is a great c.d. I want shoes for Christmas because I need them. I want a Play station game for Christmas.
Love, Jonathan Nieman

Dear Santa,
I want a four-wheeler because I can haul hay for my horse. I want an xbox for my brother. I want a c.d. player because it is good for listening.
Love, Taylor Shellman

**NEW HOME
THIRD GRADE**

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB gun, nintendo game cube, and a Transformer. Thank you for the gifts last year. Have a great trip and say hi to Misses Clause.
Love, Tyler

P.S. There will be cookies on the fireplace!

Dear Santa,
Hi! I hope you have a nice trip to Lakeview. All I want is a nintendo Game Cube, Jack Russel Terrier and Lego bionicles. Your one of the coolest people in the world.
Love, Justin Laseman

P.S. Please give these things to me.

Dear Santa,
Hi! All I want is a 4 wheeler, BB gun, and a wwe cruiser weight title. I will never be mean if I get these things. I know I shouldn't be mean in the first place. I love you. You are the best. I will leave cookies and milk on the table.
Love, Alex

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas a lot. I would love to have a Garth Brookes cd and spider man on DVD please. May I pretty please have a Katie spy Barbie and a book called *The Young Black Stallion*. I hope you have a great Christmas also.
Love, Caitlin Kieth

Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a see through chess board for my dad, so we could play together. G digital watch with games to play. I would like some nintendo games. I would like Rocket Power and Harry Potter. Santa I hope you have fun this Christmas.
Love, Audra Bruton

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! This Christmas I want a new pretty Barbie, a Bop it toy and a big candle that smells like apple for my Mom.
Love, Desiree

P.S. Have a good trip when you come to see us.
Dea Sanata,
Hi! I am writing from New Home, Texas. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I would like a game boy, a sega game set, and a puppy. Santa if you bring me these things, I will be so happy. I just might explode! I hope you have a fun time in Texas.
Love, Allison

P.S. I like Lab puppies.
P.P.S. What kind of cookies do you like?



by Christina,
New Home 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Hi, How are you? I hope you have a good trip. Hope you and Mrs. Clause are doing good. I would like to have a Game Boy for Christmas. Santa, Christmas is the best time of the year. There will be cake and ice cream on the fireplace!
Love, Naomi



Santa Letters
(Mailed At News Office)

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bicycle for Christmas. Also, I would like a little mermaid and a Dora doll and a teddy bear.
Thank You,
Abigail Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. I would like for you to bring me a skate board, a nentdo, and a computer.
Thank You,
Kaleb Rodriguez

Letters To Santa
TREEHOUSE
PRE-SCHOOL
Mrs. Dawn Howard

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: motorcycle. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Colton Stice

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: motorcycle. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Braden Cook

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: blue bike with chains on it. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Corbin Summers

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: a puppy. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brant Webster

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: a horn for my bike. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Olivia Hammonds

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: Cinderella. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kelci Cope

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: skateboard, scooter. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brailey McMinn

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: dirt bike. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Carson Barham



HAPPY TO SERVE - Kalese Hammonds (left) and Ashdon Hancock served refreshments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chad Lowdermilk during the Christmas Home Tour on Sunday, Dec. 15. Both are members of the THS Student Council, which sponsored the event. In the background is Rhonda McNeely, one of many visitors to the home that evening.
(LCN PHOTO)

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: Barbie dolls, pink bike. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Abby Franklin

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: Lilo, candy, Barbie doll. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Haley Stephens

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: big fire truck, and UT Longhorn football helmet. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brock Howard

Dear Santa,
I've been good as can be! Will you please bring me these gifts: red bike. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brit Lockaby



Blessings

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

MOORE CROP INSURANCE
Gid R. Moore, Janet Dean and Debé Piatak

Thank You!

The members of Phebe K. Warner Club wish to express their deepest appreciation to the contributors to the annual Community Christmas Greeting. We are very grateful for the assistance of the personnel at The First National Bank of Tahoka.

Christmas Greetings

Hallelujah!
We're honored to join you in singing His praises as we extend our warmest wishes to you and your family.

Dora Alderson	Bobby, Sherri & Jay Martin	Richard & Stephanie Green,	Gary, Sherri, Marissa,	Wayne & Loretta Tekell
Frank, Yolanda, Andrea & Adrian Aleman	Randy, Cheryl & Shauna Craig	Richie & Zach	Zachary, Brandon & Wesley McCord	Beryl & Joy Brookshire-Tippit
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By greeting you this way, we have also honored you, our friends by contributing our Christmas Card money to the "Lady Stewart" and "Maurice Bray" Scholarship Funds.

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The New Home News

by Karon Durham • 924-7448

Students are out of school for the Christmas holidays from Friday, Dec. 20 to Thursday, Jan. 2.

The New Home junior class is selling cookbooks for \$10 each. Each book contains approximately 150 recipes ranging from snacks to desserts.

The junior class would like to thank the New Home community and surrounding areas for providing the recipes for the books.

To order a cookbook, contact any of the following: Terry Brand, Bear Chesley, Kyle Comey, Sierra Estrada, Desiree Garza, Ashley Gill, Nick Holloway, Tanner Johnston, Brittany Kieth, Brooke Kieth, Terrel McReynolds, Angelica Rodriguez, Josh Schoppa, Fred Vitolas, Lauren Wied, or Shea Wilkinson.

The cookbooks will be on sale through Jan. 3.

Several grades at New Home schools have been on field trips during December.

The seventh grade and Ms. Jessica Moore traveled to Lubbock to see the movie, "Treasure Planet." The students had been studying *Treasure Island* in class.

The first and fourth grades went to the movie, "The Santa Claus 2" and visited American Bank of Commerce, Mrs. Ditto's home and Mrs. McCann's home.

The second and third grade students visited City Bank and to see "Space Station" at the Omnimax.

The class parties were held Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. Santa paid a visit to the students at 1 p.m.

The varsity cheerleaders bought stuffed leopards and took them to the children at Covenant Children's Hospital on Dec. 18. The girls were also rewarded with a trip to the movies for all the hard work they put in during the football season.

The new Student Service Organization at New Home ISD presented the school faculty with candles and bags of cookies before the holidays.

Student Council members brought toys and presented them to some special students at New Home Elementary School.

The varsity boys and girls teams will host Grady on Tuesday, Dec. 31 beginning at 1 p.m. District play begins Friday, Jan. 3, when the junior varsity and varsity teams host Motley County with games starting at 4 p.m.

Don't forget the FFA Hamburger Auction and Supper on Saturday, Jan. 4. To donate and item, call Karon Durham or James Tabor.

New Home School Menu

Dec. 30-Jan 3

Breakfast
Monday: No School.
Tuesday: No School.
Wednesday: No School.
Thursday: Breakfast Taco, Milk.
Friday: Breakfast Assortment, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: No School.
Tuesday: No School.
Wednesday: No School.
Thursday: Mini Corndogs (K-6), Corn Dogs (7-12), Breaded Okra, Baby Carrots, Apricot Cup, Milk.
Friday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Curly Fries, Pickle Spears, Pork 'N Beans, Blueberry Cake, Milk.

New Home Leopards and Lady Leopards Go! Fight! Win!



MARK MARSHALL Marshall Earns Law Degree

Mark Marshall of Tahoka graduated from Texas Tech University Law School, in commencement exercises held Saturday, Dec. 14. Marshall and his wife, Jennifer, live in Tahoka with their young son, Jack. Marshall is an employee of Huffaker-Furlow law firm in Tahoka.

Service NEWS

Marine Corps Pvt. Max Mendieta, III, son of Carmen and Max Mendieta of O'Donnell, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Mendieta successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Mendieta and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Mendieta spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Mendieta and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage, and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Mendieta and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Mendieta is a 2002 graduate of O'Donnell High School.

New Home High School Twins Battle Rare Genetic Disorder

New Home High School sophomores Karen and Krystal Muniz, patients at Children's Orthopaedic Center, were written about recently in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. The story, written by Danette Baker, is reprinted as follows:

Karen Muniz has her sights set on attending college to become a lawyer. Her twin sister, Krystal Muniz, says she thinks a career as a chef or fashion designer sounds interesting.

The girls, who were diagnosed with Schwartz-Jampel syndrome when they were about 2, first became patients at the Children's Orthopaedic Center about 13 years ago.

"They are remarkable," said Mike Montanez, manager of the center, a program of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. "They have some severe medical conditions, but they continue to amaze us with their spirits."

The Children's Orthopaedic Center provides medical treatment annually for about 3,000 children from West Texas and Eastern New Mexico for a variety of conditions, including cerebral palsy, spina bifida, complex fractures, trauma injuries, clubfoot, limb deformities, spinal cord injury and muscular dystrophy.

The center receives support from the Children's Orthopaedic Society Inc., one of eight local organizations

that will benefit from the Goodfellows campaign.

In addition to their diagnoses of Schwartz-Jampel syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that affects muscles and joints and causes stiffness and delayed motor development, Karen and Krystal also have severe scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, Montanez said.

The girls receive medical care at the center and also take a variety of therapy sessions weekly.

"We say the therapists are mean because they make us work hard," Karen said. [But they really are nice, and when we finish we feel better because it makes us stronger.]

For their mother, Manuela Muniz, having an orthopaedic center close to home with a staff willing to provide more than just treatment is important.

"I don't think they would have gotten this far (without the center)," she said. "For me it would have been hard to go back and forth like this somewhere farther away."

Muniz said Montanez also has been instrumental in providing answers to her questions ranging from medical appointments to paperwork needed so Medicaid will approve therapy ordered by the physicians.

"If I didn't have all this around me, I don't know where I'd be or where the girls would be," she said.

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RESIDENT OF THE YEAR - Myrtle Miller has been named Resident of the Year at Tahoka Care Center. Mrs. Miller a long-time resident of Lynn County, has lived at the Center since Oct. 2, 2002.

News from the Tahoka Care Center

by Connie Riojas

The Center would like to thank all the family members who attended the residents' annual Christmas party and thanks also for bringing the goodies.

Each year the department heads and staff choose a resident to be named Resident of the Year. This year that resident was Myrtle Miller. Mrs. Miller has been at the Center since Oct. 2, 2002. She was born in Detroit, Texas on Aug. 18, 1908. She attended school in a one-room school house outside of Detroit. Myrtle married Lester Miller. He was a farmer and she was a housewife. They had one son, B.L. Miller. One of her hobbies was traveling. Mrs. Miller giggles while stating, "I wore out two new cars traveling around the United States." Mrs. Miller enjoys playing bingo and spending time with her son. She also has two grandchildren.

I would like to thank Fern Barnes for making a donation towards the bingo prizes.

Thank you to Savannah and Shelbi Gonzales for helping me decorate the residents' Christmas tree. They really love it.

Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours a week or wanting to make donations, contact me at 998-5018.

Also contributing was Damien Rodriguez with five points. The final score was 32-22 in the Leopards favor.

New Home Basketball News by NHHS Journalism Students

Varsity Girls

by Amanda Villarreal

The New Home Lady Leopards participated in the O'Donnell Tournament Dec. 12-15.

In the first game, the Lady Leopards faced off with the Lady Bearkats of Garden City. The Lady Leopards played a close game but fell short. The final score was 40-43.

Top scorers: Stephanie Kieth 13, and Lauren Wied 12.

On Friday, Dec. 13, the Lady Leopards played the Lady Dragons. The Lady Leopards had no trouble taking the win from the Lady Dragons. The final score of this game was 26-13.

Top scorers: Stephanie 6, Terry Brand 6, Brittany Kieth 6, and Lauren 5.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Lady Leopards challenged the Lady Knights of Midland Classical. The Lady Leopards played a close game and held on for the win. The final score was 42-34.

Top scorers: Stephanie 16, Lauren 8, and Brooke Kieth 8.

Varsity Boys

by Desiree Garza

The Leopards faced the challenge of participating in the O'Donnell Tournament, Dec. 12-14.

Their first opponent was the Garden City BearKats. The final score of the game was 71 to 62, ending in favor of the BearKats.

High scorers were Cody Kieth and Justin Garza, both with 15 points each.

On Friday, Dec. 13, the Leopards played their second game of the tournament, this time facing off against the Lubbock Christian Eagles. The final score of the game was 61 to 41, earning the Eagles a win.

High scorers for the game were Kieth with 11 and Garza with 10 points.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Leopards wrapped up their final game of the tournament against the Loop Longhorns. The final score of the game was 41-25, the Leopards victorious over the Longhorns.

High scorers for the game were Tanner Johnston with 9 points and Kieth with 8 points.

JV Girls

by Sierra Estrada

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the JV Lady Leopards played against the Crosbyton Lady Chieftans. The score of the game was 34-17 New Home. Top scorer for New Home was Stefanie White with 13 pts.

On Thursday, Dec. 12, the Lady Leopards faced off against the Lady Roughettes. The score of the game was 42-15 Sundown. Top scorer for New Home was Stefanie with 6 points.

On Friday, Dec. 13 the Lady Leopards played against the Sudan Lady Hornets. The score of the game was 26-17 Sudan. Top scorer for New Home was Stefanie with 7 points.

On Dec. 14, the New Home JV Lady Leopards played the Lubbock Christian Lady Eagles. The score of the game was 24-22 with Lubbock Christian on top. Top scorers for New Home were Shea Wilkinson and Romica Cordova both with 7 points.

Jr. High Girls

by Mikey Garcia

On Monday, Dec. 16, the Lady Leopards hosted the Lady Mustangs. Wilson was no match for New Home. The final score was 33-12.

Top scorers: Sarah Clem 10, Raclin Ogle 7, and Mallory Alvarado 7.

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Merry Christmas

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The following excerpt

Annual Christmas Will Be Presented by the First Baptist Church

"Night of Miracles" will be presented by the First Baptist Church. The choir, with the community choir, will be the featured attraction. This year, the Baptist Church, Debbie Wright, Rev. Jim Turner, Soloists will be James Hollars, Members of the Woosely, Leona McCracken, Zun Beth Kiser, Bever Zella Taylor, Joy Renfro.

Altos - Eloise Beth McGehee, I Dorothy Kenley, Tenors - Geo Wells, Milt Drap Basses - Bill Jerry Ford and C

Annual Home Slated Sunday

The annual Christmas Home Slated Sunday night, 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Club will be announced. Three homes beginning at 7:30 p.m. First stop on 1717 North 6th, decorated garden. Next is the home on 2114 North 8th. Everyone is invited to view their Christmas decorations.

Local Explorer Course In Fire

Members of the 10-hour standard fire course will be held at the local fire chief's home. In all, 12 people will attend. In all, 12 people will attend. In all, 12 people will attend.

Winnings Nar Home Decor

Judging in the contest was won by Rev. and Mrs. overall division. The Daniel religious scene is the best by a grade. First place in window division. Second place Tankersley home was \$15 and the Receiving home. In the window placed second prizes. Honorable Noble.

Second Place Decorations

Decorations with the \$10 and \$5 prizes. The "Christmas" Tahoka Garden

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Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.

Annual Christmas Cantata Will Be Presented Sunday

"Night of Miracles," a cantata by John W. Peterson, will be presented by the Community Cantata Choir at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church.

The choir, which is composed of singers from several churches in the community, annually presents a Christmas cantata with the First Methodist and First Baptist music directors alternating as the director.

This year, the choir will be directed by James Hollars of the First Baptist Church. Accompanists will be Mrs. Clay Bennett and Miss Debbie Wright.

Rev. Jim Turner, pastor of the Baptist Church, will be the narrator. Soloists will be Mrs. Harold Green, Farrell Murph, Johnny Wells and James Hollars.

Members of the choir are: Sopranos - Elva Jo Edwards, Mary Ann Woosely, Leona Holden, Veta Ford, Connie Reynolds, Florine McCracken, Zuma McWhirter, Arlene Stephens, Alta Hale, Mary Beth Kiser, Beverly Falls, Bettye Green, Sammie Turner, Genay Jolly, Zella Taylor, Joy Daniel, Myrna Bartley, Jan Brookshire, and Janice Renfro.

Altos - Eloise Durham, Gwen Seales, Wanita Kelley, Judy Gossett, Beth McGehee, Betty Owens, Margaret Carter, Clifford Tankersley, Dorothy Kenley, Vida Cantrell, Lorelei Andrews, and Myrtle White.

Tenors - George McCrae, M.M. Boyd, K.R. Durham, Johnny Wells, Milt Draper and Emory Cantrell.

Basses - Bill Brock, Dub Kenley, Thomas Jolly, Ferrell Murph, Jerry Ford and Gordon Shultz. - Dec. 14, 1967

Annual Home Tour Slated Sunday Night

The annual Christmas tour of homes sponsored by the Tahoka Garden Club will be held immediately after the Christmas Cantata Sunday night, Mrs. Hubert Tankersley, Garden Club President, has announced.

Three homes are scheduled to be visited on the night of the tour, beginning at about 8:30 p.m.

First stop on the tour is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamilton, 1717 North 6th. Main attraction of the Hamilton home is a beautiful decorated garden room with orchids and various flowers in bloom.

Next is the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. McNeely, 2100 North 8th. Last stop on the tour is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown, 2114 North 8th, which features a Spanish theme.

Everyone is invited to make the tour and visit each of the homes, viewing their Christmas decorations. - Dec. 14, 1967

Local Explorers Complete Course In First Aid

Members of Tahoka Explorer Scout Post 721 recently completed a 10-hour standard Red Cross First Aid Course taught by Pat Patterson, local fire chief.

In all, 12 persons completed the course, which was given in four 2-1/2 hour sessions including Explorers Johnny Boles, Charlie Brown, Jimmy McCord, David Rogers, Gregg Thomas, Bill Brock, Max Bartley, Laylan Copelin and Steve Roberts.

Adults completing the course were M.L. and Beth McGehee and Gale Hartman. McGehee is advisor of the Explorer Post and Hartman is assistant.

The Explorers plan to take the advanced first aid course in February. - Dec. 14, 1967

Winners Named In Annual Home Decoration Contest

Judging in the annual "Christmas Beautiful" home decoration contest was conducted last Friday night with Dawn Daniel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Daniel, winning the \$20 first prize in the overall division.

The Daniel home, featuring blue lights and highlighted with a religious scene in a "stained glass" effect on the front door was named the best by a group of Garden Club judges from Lubbock.

First place winners of \$15 were Mrs. Maurice Huffaker in the window division and Reggie, Rickie and Robin Stark in the door division.

Second place winner in the overall category was the H. R. Tankersley home, followed by the A.C. Weaver home. Second prize was \$15 and third \$10.

Receiving honorable mention was the Kenneth Stewart residence.

In the window division, Mrs. Dudley Martin and Suzanne Warren placed second and third respectively and were awarded \$10 and \$5 prizes. Honorable mention went to Mrs. Hinton Wood and Mrs. Terry Noble.

Second place in the door division was awarded the A.C. Weaver decorations with Mrs. Maurice Huffaker placing third. Each received the \$10 and \$5 prize respectively.

The "Christmas Beautiful" event is annually co-sponsored by the Tahoka Garden Club and Chamber of Commerce. - Dec. 28, 1967



LADY MUSTANGS - The Wilson Lady Mustangs won second place in the Lynn County Cotton Classic on Dec. 7. Team members are Josie Valdez, Anna Sanders, Loraina Gonzales, Megan Knoles, Kourtney Schoor, Krista Wilke, Lizette Bloom, Lett Hernandez, Joline Martinez.

Where In The World Is Santa?

One of America's most famous working seniors, Father Christmas, or Santa Claus to the younger generation, is also one of the most popular holiday inspirations for senior artisans on Geezer.com. These senior artisans work countless hours creating the likeness of one of their very own. As a result, online shoppers can choose from more than 250 handcrafted Santas made with a variety of materials from wood to wrought iron, slinky's to bowling pins, with prices ranging from \$5.95 to \$375. Geezer.com is a nonprofit e-commerce Web site designed to provide senior artisans with a medium to launch and market their creative products on the Internet.

For example, Glenn Laedtke, from Rochester, Minn., sells hand-carved Victorian American Santa Claus' made from a 200-year-old log he found preserved beneath Lake Superior. His Santa stands six inches tall, and is a representation of the American Santa Claus from the 1800's. An accompanying message, providing a story of Santa's origin, enhances the piece. Laedtke has been

an avid woodcarver for 15 years.

Geezer.com features over 14,500 handcrafted products created by more than 1300 senior artisans from around the nation and Puerto Rico. Geezer.com visitors can find other holiday items such as: a ceramic African Santa with a basket of toys, a three wise men set made from palm leaves, a ceramic Mardi Gras Santa, "Let It Snow" snowmen made of wood, and crocheted angels ornaments.

Geezer.com was created to help senior artisans and crafters, primarily from rural areas, to use the Internet to run a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week e-commerce business. This site also offers a small business resource area and a discussion forum for artisans to share stories and seek information. The artisans themselves determine the prices; they maintain their product inventory, and after a purchase is made they ship the item directly to the customer. Since the artisans who sell their products on the site are primarily from small communities across the nation, shoppers feel like they are touring the back roads of rural America.

For more information, visit www.geezer.com or call 1-877-803-1468 to become a Geezer.com senior artisan. Geezer.com is a service of Experience Works, a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. For more information visit www.experienceworks.org.

New Home Elementary Releases Honor Rolls

Officials at New Home Elementary School have released their honor rolls for the third six weeks of the school year. Students named to the honor rolls are

"A" Honor Roll: 1st Grade-Lindsey Burenheide, Merritt Mitchell; 2nd Grade-Maddison Gass, Maranda Hymes, Haley Lehman, Jonathan Nieman, Zachary Paul, Taylor Shellman, Kaitlin Thompson; 3rd Grade-Allison Burenheide; 4th Grade-Nicki Giesbrecht, Jacobi Ford; 5th Grade-not available; 6th Grade-Jake Ogle; Mikaela Warren.

"AB" Honor Roll: 1st Grade-Christina Giesbrecht, Evan Kienle, Kathleen Kienle, Alexis Torres; 2nd Grade-MacKenzi Dunn, Charles Kieth, Joshua Paul, Alexis Vasquez; 4th Grade-Jessica Gomez, Garrett Kennedy, Kari Macker, Travis Thompson; 5th Grade-not available; 6th Grade-Hector Fiscal, April Torres, Jett Rodgers, Hannah Warren, Mary Macker, R.H. Whitten.

Proclamation Honors Wilson UIL Winners

The Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a proclamation at their Dec. 12 meeting which recognized elementary and junior high UIL medal winners and coaches for their accomplishments in the District Literary Meet, and recognized the football players who made the All-District list.

The students and coaches in the District Literary Meet are:

Kindergarten-Mercedes Lerma - Oral Reading/Debra Timmons, Coach

1st Grade-Christopher Thomas - Oral Reading/Debra Timmons, Coach

2nd Grade-Chelsea Bingham - Story Telling/Trish Thompson, Coach

3rd Grade-Shay Chapman - Ready Writing/Autumn Raceca and Monica Squiers, Coaches

4th Grade-Spelling Team - Autumn Raceca and Monica Squiers, Coaches
Luke Buckner, Naomi Rios, Johnny Valdez

Naomi Rios - Story Telling/Trish Thompson, Coach and Spelling
Luke Buckner - Story Telling/Trish Thompson, Coach and Spelling

5th Grade-Art Memory Team - Marilyn Cheek, Coach

Cody Cross
Franky Hernandez
Stacie Marquez
Guadalupe Valdez

Spelling Team - Autumn Raceca and Monica Squiers, Coaches
Cody Cross, Stacie Marquez, Felipe Ortega.

Cody Cross - Oral Reading/Mary Short, Coach

6th Grade-Listening Team - Shayne Bowen, Coach
Samantha Gill, Sarah Lindsey, Xia Rios

Sarah Lindsey - Listening
Samantha Gill - Listening
Stephanie Castro - Spelling/Aaron

Greene, Coach
Domenique Escobar - Dictionary Skills/
Shayne Bowen, Coach
Brady Evans - Oral Reading/Aaron Greene, Coach
Alyssa Moreno - Ready Writing/Aaron Greene, Coach

7th Grade-Rayley Parmer - Dictionary Skills/Shayne Bowen, Coach
Lana Giesler - Spelling/Aaron Greene, Coach and Listening/Shayne Bowen, Coach

8th Grade-Dictionary Skills Team - Shayne Bowen, Coach
Yessica Gonzalez, Samantha Rios, Vivian Rios

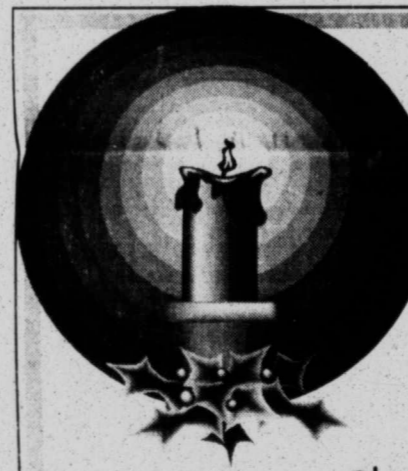
Vivian Rios - Dictionary Skills
Yessica Gonzalez - Dictionary Skills and Spelling/Aaron Greene, Coach
Veronica Gill - Modern Oratory/Halcy Cunningham, Coach
DJ Hall - Modern Oratory/Halcy Cunningham, Coach
Samantha Rios - Oral Reading/Aaron Greene, Coach

Mrs. Halcy Cunningham was recognized for her overall responsibility for the success Wilson School experienced in hosting the UIL meet. "Mrs. Cunningham did a wonderful job and deserves the credit for coordinating and troubleshooting the meet. The staff, parents, and students also pitched in to help with the event," said Supt. Jones.

The following members of the Mustang football squad were selected to the District 4-A Six-Man All-District Football Team:

Brady Cross - 1st Team Up-Back, 1st Team Linebacker
David Yowell - 1st Team End, 1st Team Safety
Jacob Ramos - 2nd Team Spread Back, 2nd Team Lineman
Rodney George, Head Coach, Matt Cunningham, Asst., and John Starcher, Asst.

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'Organic Essentials' Receives Large Grant From GOTEPP

Twenty projects designed to increase the sales of Texas agricultural products have been awarded matching fund grants through the Texas Department of Agriculture's GO TEXAN Partner Program (GOTEPP), the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) announced recently.

The combined cost of the projects is approximately \$1 million, including the amount contributed by each grantee and the matching funds provided by GOTEPP. Promoted products will include everything from fresh Texas produce, plants and seeds to gourmet Texas foods, wines and organic cotton.

Organic Essentials, Inc. of O'Donnell was one of the recipients of the funding, receiving \$51,480 for sample bags, brochures, retail product flyers, Web site updates, print advertisements and trade show expenses to market and promote the company's organic cotton products.

GOTEPP is a matching fund program open to producers, commodity groups, cooperatives and small busi-

nesses that are members of GO TEXAN, TDA's unified campaign marketing Texas agricultural products. The program is designed to help leverage the dollars available to promote agricultural products grown and processed in Texas. Costs for approved projects are split evenly between the applicant and GOTEPP.

The GOTEPP Advisory Board awarded funding to recipients at its meeting Nov. 13.

Chemigation Check Valves Inspected

Chemigation is a technology that has made it easy to apply chemicals and irrigate a crop at one time. However, this convenience can sometimes pose a threat to the ground water supply.

"Any time chemigation is employed, one must take precautions to

Lynn County/Area Bale Count (as of Monday, December 23, 2002)	
New Home Coop Gin - Lakeview	40,775
Farmers Coop Gin - O'Donnell	32,839
Wilson Coop Gin - Wilson	24,857
Woolam Gin - O'Donnell	21,710
Farmers Coop Assn. #1 - Tahoka	20,115
Wells Coop Gin	16,400
Hackberry Coop Gin - Post	13,824
Dempsey Gin - Draw	4,525
Grassland Coop Gin	4,181
Circle S Gin - Petty	4,067
TOTAL	183,293

ensure the chemicals injected into the water do not find their way into the ground water supply," said Arnold Husky, water use division director for High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1. "The best precautions one can take are chemigation check valves."

Without chemigation check valves, chemicals can back flow into the well, and contaminate the ground water supply. Chemigation check valves are mandated by state law and are encouraged by the water district.

"In addition, back flow check valves are important. This keeps water from flowing back into the well," Husky said. "When water flows back into a well, the potential for contamination is present."

"We want to make sure our water supply is safe, so we are now checking all wells for chemigation

check valves and back flow check valves. It is state law, and we would like to help the producers and make them aware of the law," Husky said.

If a water district field technician finds a well being used to chemigate without check valves, the landowner will receive a friendly reminder letter to install these devices as soon as possible. The field technician will return to the well 30 days later to make sure the check valves were installed properly.

Chemigation and back flow check valves are available through any irrigation dealer. If producers have questions or would like assistance, contact Arnold Husky, water use division director, at 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499; or at (806) 762-0181. His e-mail address is ahusky@hpwd.com.

Combs Urges Producers To Complete Ag Census Surveys

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has urged Texas producers to be on the lookout for the 2002 Census of Agriculture surveys, which were mailed Dec. 16, and to promptly fill out the report forms on behalf of their operations.

"Watch for a large white envelope with the words '2002 Census of Agriculture' printed in green on the outside. This is definitely not junk mail — this is the largest information-gathering project for agriculture, and we need producers across Texas to put pen to paper and be counted among the nation's farmers and ranchers," Combs said.

Farm and ranch organizations use Census data to evaluate and propose programs that help producers. Policymakers refer to the data when they draft agricultural legislation. State and local governments use the information for rural development planning, while researchers use the data to develop new technologies to keep agriculture progressive.

"It's a chance for farmers and ranchers to shape the way agricultural policies meet the changing needs of

today's producer," Combs said. "The information comes straight from the source — the producer."

Not only is it in the best interest of producers to fill out the survey, U.S. law requires a response from all producers who receive a Census report, even if they did not operate a farm or ranch in 2002. This same law also guarantees that their information is kept strictly confidential. Completed forms are due by Feb. 3.

The Census of Agriculture is conducted once every five years and gathers information about land use and ownership, acres irrigated, crop acreage and quantities harvested, livestock and poultry inventories, value of products sold, participation in federal farm programs and more. New to the 2002 Census will be questions on computer and Internet use and on new commodities such as bison, elk, llamas, deer, emus and ostriches.

For more information on the 2002 Census of Agriculture, visit the National Agricultural Statistics Service web site at www.usda.gov/nass or call (888) 4AG-STAT.

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Planning Helps Stepfamilies Avoid Holiday Conflicts

Want to keep the holidays fun for stepfamilies? Plan ahead.

"Facing change is key when stepfamilies gather for holiday celebrations," said Dr. James Bray, associate professor at the Family and Community Medicine department at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "It's unrealistic for newly formed stepfamilies to expect to function as a typical nuclear family and to carry on the same holiday traditions."

Some stepfamily members may feel sad or angry that the nuclear family will not be coming together to celebrate in the same way as past holidays. Children may experience anxiety because they have to travel or visit two households during the holidays in order to be with biological parents. Talking about these new lifestyle adjustments and making holiday plans that accommodate the changes can smooth the way to happier celebrations.

Bray encourages stepfamilies to be creative when scheduling holiday gatherings. Some stepfamilies find it

best to plan their celebrations for a day other than the actual holiday so that all members can be there.

When it comes to family traditions, everything from how to carve the turkey to when to open the gifts has the potential for arguments.

"If one family is used to opening gifts in the evening and the other family has always waited until the morning, the stepfamily can compromise by opening a few gifts at both times," said Bray.

Dr. Bray suggests the following:

- Discuss expected responsibilities. Don't wait until turkey time to decide who says thanks at the family table — especially when the table includes new family members added to remarriage.
- See the holidays through a child's eyes. Children of divorced

parents want contact with all their family members. When children come to visit, don't begrudge their need to phone their primary caregiver.

• Make travel as smooth as possible. If children are traveling to another parent, help relieve anxiety by telling them how they will travel, who will meet them and when the visit will end.

• Break tradition and develop new holiday rituals that give the stepfamily its own sense of identity.

Above all, Bray says stepfamilies should keep a sense of humor. Laughter and focus on having fun can help overcome most challenges as members adjust to the new stepfamily arrangement.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGES

On December 6, 2002 Atmos Energy filed a Statement of Intent to change its service charges with the Railroad Commission of Texas and each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing.

The proposed increase will not effect the Company's other gas rate schedules. The change will apply to Residential, Commercial, Small Industrial, and Public Authority customers. The Company proposes the following increased service charges:

	During Business Hours	After Hours
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Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, TX 79408-1121 or a local Atmos Energy Office nearest to you. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective.

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by Vondell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.

Santa Letters from Wilson 1st Grade, 1991:

Dear Santa,
I want a three wheeler for Crismus and a lazar car.

Love,
Jacob Lee Ramos

Dear Santa,
I want a ring for My Mom. I want a puppet. I want a remote control car.

Love,
Dominic Guzman

Dear Santa,
I want a model Bigfoot and race car.

Love,
Zachary Zepeda

Dear Santa,
I want a Black Train and a race car toy. I will put the presents on The Christmas Tree.

Love,
Julio Caballero

Dear Santa,
Wut I wut for christmas is a big toy car cituy big thow. and for christmas is a tran toy a littl one thow.

Love,
Casey Boyard

Santa Letters from New Home 1st Grade, 1991:

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a radio, and a Bath time barbie, and a Crimp Curl, and a Cradl Babe.

Stephanie Kieth

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas A army jeep with play guns.

Fred Vitolas

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a Barbie car, and doll and radio and small tv, and a bean bag and baby Shivers.

Jessica Holder

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a racecar.

Ernest Solarzano

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a moke can Jok car.

Kenneth Hiracheta

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a house dog. And baby shivers, a telephone. And a barbie, a bike and Wendy walk along. A t.v. and a jump rope. And Crimp and Curl. A bene bag.

Whiney McNeely

Dear Santa,
I wot a Baby Shivers. I wot a Barbie car. I wot a radio. I wil wot a Barbie. I wot a Barbie house little Miss Magic Hair t.v. Wendy Walk along.

Alicia Estada

Dear Santa,
I woul like for christmas Barbie hous Little Miss Magic Hair. Wendy Walkialona teddy bear Barbie car.

Serena Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a football and a baseball bat and a radio, and a army Jeep with play guns and bean bag chair and a bike and the Jaek in the box and a teddy bear.

Mikey Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas is a radio. And a Barbie house Baby Shivers t.v. Little Miss Magic Hair Wendy Walkalong.

Miranda Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas. A foot Bull, race car to and A water gun, army jeep With play guns to. Waterproof Watch to. Baseball bat to, and Radio to an I wott, a car trophy to.

Justin Garza

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a rhl babey hals dog, a t.v. a radio. Baby Shivers. Waterproof Watch. I want a Christmas Swetr.

Emily Gill

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas Water-proof watch tv Erck race car baseball bat Teddy bear Stereo bike.

James Larsen



CHRISTMAS CAROLS - The Tahoka High School Choir sang several Christmas tunes at the annual Christmas Concert, held Dec. 16 in the high school auditorium. Carroll Rhodes is director. (LCN PHOTO)

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a Pink bean bag and a radio, and a telephone. And a t.v. and a bike and Little Miss Magic Hair.

Kayla Durham

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a cart rohpy. And a doll and a bike. And a t.v. And a bunny. And a truck. And a house dog and a Jeep. kAnd a football. And a Christmas t.v. and a baseball bat.

Brendan Glenn

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas Army Jeep with play guns. Waterproof Watch, race car, bike, and baseball bat.

Henry Lee Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a Baby Shivers. And a Rato. And a wotch and Wend Walk along and little Miss Magic Hair and Barbie Car Babie and a t.v. ana a house dog and a new bike and Nintendo.

Daisy Salinas

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas tv. I would like for Christmas doll. I would like for Christmas house dog. I would

like for Christmas house cat. I would like for Christmas Babie house.

Cristina Vitolas

Santa Letters from Tahoka 1st Grade, 1991:

Dear Santa,
I what a remote chowe jet. I what a noow bike. I what a bebe gun. I what sum micromushn. I will leve sum mik and cookes for you.

Luv,
Brent

Dear Santa,
I want a water baby and a go,go, walking dog and a walking and croling baby and close and pant soots and socks. I want a new barbe a hawiyn ice barbe. I love you santa.

Love,
Kyndel

Dear Santa,
I want a golde car and in it has. I want a barbie with a pers and a dres is long. I want a toy cichin with a cup and a plate. I want a cheerd ciose.

Luv,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I want a useeg geuses to play to and u netendow to play to and a toy to and a u game to play to and I want games to play to and a car and a turtle to play whis to and a kite toplay whis to and a fast car and a tidde bear.

Jason Lopez

Dear Santa,
I wut a cuputer ilic cuputers. they hav a lot of leters on a cuputer. I wunt sum blocs to and a play car i wot a gam to i play with games alot santa i wot a move.

Randy Chapa

Dear Santa,
This is want I want for christmas I want skates and a ganit teddy bear and a little teddy bear. And I want a computer to and santa donte ferget that lhave somthing on my door nob is a santa alarm. And also just donte fregret my brother becoeshe has a buch of presites.

Your friend,
Lana Jones

Dear Santa,
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Yor frin,
Zachary Ehlers

Dear Santa,
I wot a Go Go My woking Pup and majik brbie saoud hous 7 pers of man brbie cios and alen and hes wif jus get me Go Go My woking that baby thet woks and baby alive.

Love,
ChlSee D'Lea Autry

Dear Santa,
This yier for christmas I what a cumpuertere. And a ten spind bike. And a simane. And a dall with brown hair. And a wite potle.

Yer frind,
Kalese Hammonds

Dear Santa,
I wot a doll and a star for crismus and santa i wot a prest from you santa and i like what you barg us for all of the bapey crismus and i like crismus is ther fun.

Kirsten Tillman

Dear Santa,
I like santa iuot jabox fir shuk. I like fuor kpootr 2 tip 2pla gams. I like saanta 1 kpootr to figrat for me daddy. I like santa b kus he is solis santa lis bkus he giv u lot prizes. I like santa viri nis mom santa mom is viri nis like daddy. I like santa give me kpootr for 2u p kpootrs games 2.

Cody Tomlinson

Dear Santa,
I want a pogo stic for crismus. I want new pajomas size eight. I want tenujuten nija turtles two the movy. I want tenaj muten nija turtls two the nintindo tap. I want roler skats.

Blake Ashcraft

Dear Santa,
I luv you and cume to are scool. And i wot a swimpl and a dol. I wot ulot of tors and camruto. I wot you to cume to my room. Thucy for the wic toc and a pin dol. Are you goon to sit in a chair. I am goon to put a snac for you. And be nise to my fothr and my mame.

Luv,
Marissa Chapa

Dear Santa,
I like Santa kloz and he brings me presents. And i wot a robot and evre thing moovs on it and i hav a romotkun trol whth it. And i whnt a red bike and my christmas tree. And i whnt a tedde bair too sleep whth in my bed. And Santa kloz loves me and Santa Kloz koms too my hsous daoun by chmone.

Love,
Ben

Dear Santa,
I wot a brbd four crisu. I wot alitto houw.

Krystine Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a scat bad. I want foot ball caps. I want a hemei four cremes. I want a push en bag. Stekon basct gool. I hav ben a good boy. I want sum bas ball cars. I want a foot ball soot.

Love,
B.J.

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. And gun that shobts ruber darts. And pump b.b. gun. Pees breeg eve thang I wunt. Plees breeng my sister bar be.

Love,
Brandon McCord

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I wat a molt cen chro car and a-football. I hope you dont get sick. Santa I hope that you bring my brother and sister toys to. I whel poot cookys and milk for you.

Love,
Josh Pridmore

Dear Santa Claus,
I ben so go I was a vere god girl. I wut you to breg my mom a Merry Christmas Micrway I wut You to breg my dad a Merry Christmas Kupodr. I wut you to breg my Santa Claus I am gunu giv milk for You to.

Love,
Adriana Segovia

Dear Santa Claus,
Nwo is, cremes, you haftoo brega. Presns for my family and for me bcas the presns are shpeshl. for me my cuzuns and family and for me for Oves and for me.

Love,
Christina Marquez

Dear Santa,
I want reemotkanrol jet and I want a ten speed. Will you bring me dad a shotgun? Will you bring my mom sum thred?

I love you,
Kent Stone

Dear Santa,
I want a bobecar and a bobe and a. Little dog and nutindow. and a cat but that is not it and a stockn with a los of keandeks. and a stor on my krismistree.

Johnna Alvarado

Dear Santa,
i wot chretr. and rocstet the wun with the hrns. and i wot crags bote and the Tecnodron and i wot the niguturls soower hitot and the trul van even the turtl blip.

Yer fred,
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