

Happy Holidays

December Calendar

This week's events:

23-25 Drive-Thru Santa's Land open in Tahoka
6:30-9:00 pm, S. 11th & Ave. O - Come see Santa!

24 Remembering/Healing Service
12:15-12:45 pm at Tahoka First Methodist Church
(for those who have suffered loss)

24 Memorial Service, 5:00 pm
First Baptist Church, Tahoka

24 Christmas Eve Services
6:00 pm at the following:
• First Methodist Church, Tahoka
• First Baptist Church, Tahoka
• St John Lutheran Church, Wilson

25 Christmas Day Services:
• 10 a.m. Family Communion at First Baptist, Tahoka
• 11:15 a.m., Worship and Communion, at St John Lutheran, Wilson

25 Christmas Day Dinner
12:00 noon at First Methodist in Tahoka for any adults alone on Christmas Day (can bring a vegetable/dessert dish to share)

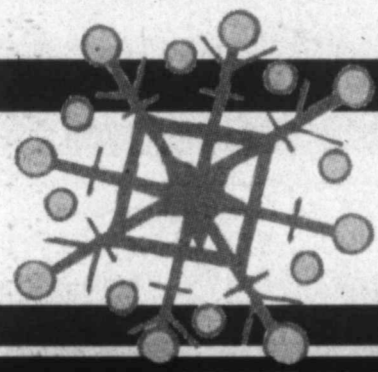


Santa, I've been good ...

Adyson Jester is ready for Christmas, probably telling Santa she has been a good girl when she saw him at the City/County Library's special Christmas story time. She is the daughter of David and Heather Jester of Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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The Lynn County News will close at noon Dec. 22 for the holidays. Open Tuesday, Dec. 27

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 12-20-11)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	41,325
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	34,817
Wells Coop Gin.....	*10,798
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	*9,920
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	*3,551
Grassland Coop Gin.....	*2,918
Close City Gin, Post.....	*995
TOTAL.....	109,324

* Final Bale Count

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 14	59	46	
Dec. 15	50	36	
Dec. 16	51	28	
Dec. 17	59	29	
Dec. 18	56	33	
Dec. 19	54	45	0.49"

Precipitation for Jan:	0.01"
Precipitation for Feb:	0.66"
Precipitation for Mar:	0.07"
Precipitation for Apr:	0.00"
Precipitation for May:	0.05"
Precipitation for June:	0.30"
Precipitation for July:	0.21"
Precipitation for Aug:	0.53"
Precipitation for Sept:	1.08"
Precipitation for Oct:	0.85"
Precipitation for Nov.:	0.25"
Precipitation for Dec.:	1.00"
Total Precip. for 2011:	5.01"



The Christmas Lady ... Local woman is driving force behind project to provide Christmas gifts for county children

by JUANELL JONES

"I want every child to have a good Christmas - it's just something that is close to my heart." It is from that heart that a project was born in 1988 that has impacted the lives of thousands of children in Lynn County.

It's been 23 years since Janet Porterfield started the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program, and she is still the dynamo behind the project that provides gifts to hundreds of children every Christmas. She initiated the project in 1988, which was the year she was asked to join the Lynn County Child Welfare Board.

"I remember that several people called me to ask if there was anything they could do for families who needed help providing gifts for children at Christmas. The Child Welfare Board already provided gifts to the foster children in Lynn County, but I knew that there were other families in the

qualifications for those who apply for the help (applicants must be on Medicaid, WIC or food stamps). She's the one, for many years, who shopped for the best bargains to make sure every cent stretched as far as possible while providing at least one garment and two toys for every child. And she's the one who worried each year that she would not have enough funds to provide the many gifts needed.

"It's funny ... we used to worry ourselves sick each year when it looked like we just would not have the funds to provide gifts. But it has always worked out, with money or gifts donated just when we were down to nearly nothing, or a local group would volunteer to 'adopt' a family, or several families, to provide their gifts. So, we quit worrying about it. It seems there is always someone stepping in to help us, and the volunteers are so great," said Porterfield.

She retired as county treasurer sev-

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-- JANET PORTERFIELD

county who could use a helping hand. That first year we started the Christmas For Kids program we provided gifts for 32 children outside the foster care program ... and within a few years the program had grown so big that we decided to make it an entirely separate entity from the Child Welfare Board, with our own tax exempt status and bank account, and a board to oversee everything," says Porterfield.

"Of course, the good hearts of so many people who volunteer and contribute to the program is what makes this program work ... it's not me," says the woman who downplays her part in keeping the program running smoothly each year.

But she is, without a doubt, the driving force behind the Christmas For Kids program. She's the one who keeps track of the funds, all of which are donated, without any state or federal contributions. She's the one who organizes the signup process and personally checks out the authenticity of

eral years ago, and still works part time occasionally for the Lynn County Justice of Peace office. Mrs. Porterfield's heart for children did not start with the Christmas For Kids program. After she and her husband raised their family of two adopted children, and she became a widower, she opened her home for many years as a foster parent for Children's Protective Services, offering a loving home environment to foster children overnight, for a weekend, or in some cases, for several years. Whatever length of time she nurtured a foster child in her home, that child knew that someone cared for them.

Due to health issues, Porterfield is no longer able to physically do much of the shopping for the Christmas For Kids program - which is a daunting prospect when one considers the 200+ children each year that need at least three gifts (1 garment/2 toys minimum). So, over the years, when volunteers call to ask what they can do to assist, Porterfield has garnered a group (similar to Santa's elves) of

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Contested race set for Tax A/C office; Texas Primary date changed to April 3

A panel of three federal judges in San Antonio approved a request Dec. 16 to move the date of all of Texas' primary elections from March 6 to April 3, 2012. Under the new deal, the 2012 runoff election would be held June 5, and the primary filing deadline was extended until Dec. 19.

Six Lynn County offices are on the 2012 ballot, with filings reported by county party chairmen. Only one filed as a Democrat, with six others filing on the Republican ticket, including two candidates for the seat of Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, making it a contested race. Quaydene Caswell filed late last week for Tax Assessor/Collector, joining candidate Donna Willis who also filed earlier last week for the seat. And, no candidate has filed for the Precinct 3 Commissioner seat currently held by Don Blair.

All other local candidates are unchallenged in their bids for election, including Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin, County Attorney Dennis Scott, County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht, and Pct. 1 Commissioner Keith Wied.

Also filing during the past week

was Tom Mandry for Precinct 4 Chairman, according to John Baker, Lynn County Republican Party Chairman. "Lynn County has not had any precinct chairmen for several years, although the positions are available if someone wants to file for them," said Baker.

Burn ban lifted through Tuesday, Dec. 27

Lynn County Commissioners met briefly Monday morning, voting to continue lifting the burn ban through Tuesday, Dec. 27, to allow agricultural and other outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of the county. The countywide burn ban will be reinstated on Dec. 28, unless otherwise designated in another meeting by commissioners.

Land owners conducting controlled burns should notify the Sheriff's office before burning.

It should be noted that outdoor burning is prohibited inside the city limits of Tahoka at all times, regardless of whether the county burn ban is in effect.



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 Luke Sullivan thinks hard before telling Santa what he really wants for Christmas. Luke is a pre-K student at Tahoka Elementary.
 (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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Bill & Frances Chancy, Cathy & Heath Ross, Rhuston, Haleigh, Rylin & Hartley Rock



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Kent & Vendell Elliott



May beautiful moments and happy memories surround you with joy this Christmas.
SANTA'S LAND
 Drive Through Christmas Park

Wishing you a holiday season filled with His love, peace and joy.



Pam, Allen, Tonya, Michael & Mitchell Elrod

Wishing you lots of reasons to smile



Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Dalton and Lenda Wood

Hearing for one-way streets draws comments from citizens

Tahoka City Council held a public hearing last Monday for public input regarding the possibility of designating streets around the Tahoka school campuses as one-way streets beyond school hours, drawing remarks from four citizens who attended the hearing. City officials sent letters to all residents whose homes are on the affected streets, receiving several responses to the issue.

"The general consensus was that it is okay to make the streets one-way traffic during school hours and events such as football games, but that keeping the streets one-way at all times would cause a hardship to those who live on these streets," City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News*. "This was simply a hearing to get public input and the council did not take any action on this issue. Mayor John Baker told those attending the hearing that all residents whose property is on these streets would be notified when the issue would be placed on the city council's agenda for the council to consider taking action," he added.

In other business, a public hearing was held for "Goods in Transit" which no citizens attended. Council members approved an interlocal agreement with South Plains Association of Governments to administer the Community Development Block Grant contract for replacing a section of city waterlines and fire hydrants on Ave. N, and the council awarded the engineering contract for the project to Wasteline Engineering, which was one of five engineering proposals considered by city officials.

"This is one of the CDBG grants we have been getting every two years to replace a portion of the city's water lines,"

explained Webster. "This is in addition to the grant funds we will be getting to replace the remainder of the city's waterlines, through the Economically Distressed Areas Program from the Texas Water Development Board. Any lines that have been updated through CDBG grants in recent years will simply tie in to the new system - those won't need to be replaced again," he said.

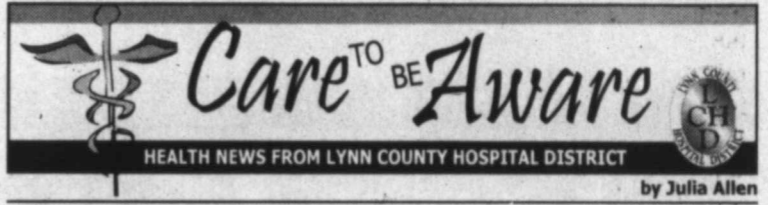
Webster also said that the funds (\$239,000) for the planning portion of the TWDB grant should be available in February for the City of Tahoka. The city has also contracted with Wasteline Engineering for planning and designing this project as well.

A resolution was approved for the City of Tahoka to become a member, or participant, to access home funds through the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs for the housing assistance program that provides new homes for qualified residents. "Basically, the process has changed for us to submit names of city residents who may qualify for the housing program, and this resolution allows us to continue to participate in the program," said Webster.

Monthly bills were paid and reports were heard from the public utilities officer, code enforcement officer, and police department. Mayor Baker led the meeting, with council members Ray Box, Amy Preston, Ronny Jolly and Rudy Fuentes present. Councilman Jeff Martin was absent.



Recognized ... The South Plains Senior Companion Program held the annual recognition of companions and volunteer stations on December 14th. KCBD-TV anchor Christy Hartin (left) and Humana representative Will Dooley (right) handed out Certificates of Appreciation and goody bags of donated items to the companions. In attendance were Tahoka companions Bella Alvarado (pictured above, center) and Gloria Garza (pictured below, center). Shirley Witt was not in attendance but was recognized.



Busy, Busy, Busy!

This time of year we all tend to burn the candles at both ends. So how do we keep that much needed energy up? How do we keep from getting sick during a time when we do not want or need to be sick?

According to several sites on the internet there are a lot of options we can utilize. I chose the list below because these suggestions were the easiest for us to apply in our busy lives.

- Start your day drinking water and keep drinking it. Dehydration can make you feel extra fatigued.
- Eat a healthy breakfast that includes protein. Avoid sugary meals they may give you quick energy but then they will send your energy level plummeting.
- Sit up straight when you are sitting; this includes while driving.
- Breath- 5 to 10 deep breaths each hour can really help. (fresh air if possible) You can do this

while standing in the checkout lines.

- Have a protein snack every three hours such as nuts, peanut butter and crackers, a hardboiled egg, a glass of milk or even cold meat (turkey, chicken or beef.)
- Listen to upbeat music. Studies show that it can help increase your feel good endorphins.
- Take time at the end of the day to survey all that you have accomplished. Using a list and checking things off can really help. (Hmm...who else has a list and checks it twice?)
- Power off at the end of the day: turn off all electronic devices at least one hour before bed. Studies show that these devices can interrupt your brains sleep patterns resulting in un-restful sleep.
- And lastly get 7-8 hours of sleep. Getting the right amount of sleep will make you more productive in the hours you are awake. Really!

Christmas Trivia

Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday, and the tradition began in 1836.

In 1647, the English parliament passed a law that made Christmas illegal. The Puritan leader Oliver Cromwell, who considered feasting and revelry on what was supposed to be a holy day to be immoral, banned the Christmas festivities. The ban was lifted only when Cromwell lost power in 1660.

Michigan has no official state song, but one, 'Michigan, My Michigan,' is frequently used. The words were written in 1863, and the melody used is that of the Christmas song "O Tannenbaum".

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Obituaries



George Thomas Peña

Memorial services for George Thomas Peña, of Tahoka, were held Monday, December 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel of Tahoka. Interment was at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. He earned his wings and left to be with his Maker peacefully after a brief battle with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was under the care of Vista Care Hospice at Hospitality Nursing Home of Lubbock.

He had a strong faith in God. He was kind, gentle and loving, to not only family, but to all he knew and met. His ray of light will always shine in the hearts of the Peña family and all who knew him. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1971 and participated in sports. He never married. He was an avid sports fan, especially the Chicago Bears.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Silberio and Natalia Peña; a brother, S.R. Peña and sister, Mary Benavides.

He is survived by two brothers, Paul Peña of Albuquerque, NM and Joe Peña of Rockdale; seven sisters, Fran Marez and Lucy Benitez of Las Vegas, NV, Constance Garcia of Austin, Virginia Sanchez of Phoenix, AZ, Janie De Leon and Margarita Jasso of Lubbock, and Susie Garcia of Tahoka; nephew, Justin Peña of Lubbock, and many other nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and one great-great nephew. (PAID)

We invite everyone to our Service of
REMEMBERING & HEALING
 For those who have suffered a loss.
 12:15-12:45 PM ON DECEMBER 24TH

Come to our **Family Christmas Eve Service**
 A SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT

Dress Informally and Bring Your Family to This Celebration of the Birth of Christ!

6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve

First United Methodist Church
 Tahoka, TX

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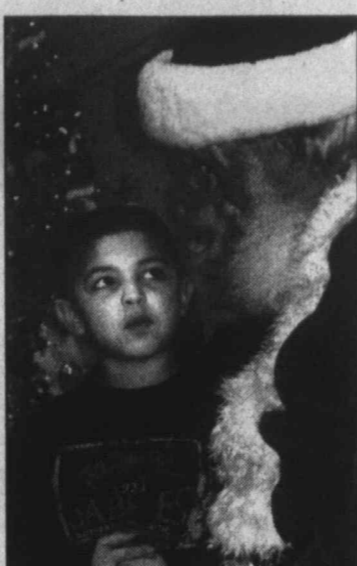
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We wrapped these ourselves ... These students at New Home ISD are happy to show their finished packages after wrapping gifts for the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program. Standing from left are Edgardo Fuentes, Caleb Steel, Hunter Bolton, and Jeremiah Wandell-Perez, and kneeling are J'Den Gray and Karson Zant.



Serious business ... Cayden Saldana, a pre-K student at Tahoka Elementary, has a serious look on his face as he tells Santa his wish list for Christmas. The children had a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus (in background) at the City/County Library last week.



All the pretty packages ... New Home ISD students shared the gift of giving this Christmas, donating and wrapping gifts for the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program. Pictured, in back from left, are Kyley Gill, Callie Bundy, Effi Correa, Alice Hamilton, Ashlyn Ballard and Katelyn Hargrove, and in front, Lexis Hargrove, Taylor Smith, Destiny Torres, Constance Adams, and Samantha Correa.

The Christmas Lady ...

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those who take the lists of children's clothing sizes and toy wish lists, and try to fulfill every child's wish (within reason, on a budget).

Other volunteers come to look through the inventory of new clothing/toys donated to the program to match what they can with the children on the list. Then there are the volunteers, who come to wrap all the gifts, as well as to help deliver the gifts to those who are unable to come pick them up.

But here's the thing - even with helping hands of volunteers, there is, almost always, the hand of Porterfield in the mix. She shops. She wraps. She inventories. She double checks the list of applicants to make sure every family has been provided for. She manages the funds. She's a veritable energizer bunny who masterminds the whole process, and keeps things running smoothly.

"It's been 23 years, and I keep thinking I am going to pass the job over to someone else," she admits with a tired smile. "But I just can't seem to let it go. This is so close to my heart because I just want the kids to have a good Christmas. When I was little we had many years when we didn't have much of a Christmas, and kids remember that," says Porterfield.

"I like to see the children's surprised faces when they come with their parents to pick up their packages - they are just so excited. We get a lot of hugs, and some tears as well ... and for the most part the parents really do appreciate the gifts for their children. I have one lady this year who told us she wanted to bring us homemade doughnuts and cookies, if we would let her, to express her appreciation for the gifts," Porterfield says. "That's great - and over the years we've had people who benefited from the program to come back and volunteer in later years, after they got on their feet and were able to do so."

Since she has been at it for 23 years, Porterfield says she knows many of the names and faces, some of which have qualified for the program for many years. By now, she says she is seeing second generations of these families qualify for the program.

"Some families need help for several years, and some only need it for one year. And we have to have a cut-off point, so the program only provides gifts for children up through the age of 14," she stated.

This year there were 253 children for whom the program provided gifts. The most, Porterfield recalls, was a recent year when there were 277 children.

"That year we had about 30 migrant children included in the program. This year, with no crop, there were no migrant children in the program," she explained.

She is enthusiastic in praising the efforts of volunteers this year. "Everyone has been so generous this year, with funds, with their time, with their efforts - I am so grateful for everyone who is involved in helping provide gifts for so many children," said Porterfield. "I know I can't name everyone, and there are some who have volunteered for years but don't want their names in print. And there are several organizations, businesses and churches who step up every year by either contributing money or items, or by 'adopting' families to take care of those gifts. I hope they know how much they are appreciated, because I certainly could not do this without them," she added.

And it's not just adults who have a heart to help provide gifts for those who might otherwise not have a Christmas present under their tree. The children and teachers at New Home Elementary School took the project to heart this year, with students and teachers going the extra mile for the Christmas For Kids program.

"The elementary decided

instead of doing a gift exchange to each other, we would bring the gifts and give to an organization that would need it," said Deena Ballard, teacher. "The Pre-K classes gave stuffed animals and children in grades 1-6 brought either games, puzzles or books. One of our goals is to teach and show how to give instead of receive this holiday season," she explained.

"They also wrapped the gifts and separated them into age-appropriate categories before bringing them to the Christmas For Kids program, which was a great help too," said Porterfield.

All in all, the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program is about generosity, big hearts, and the hope of making a child happy for Christmas. There's no room for the Grinch in this program ... and plenty of room for Santa's helpers.

Santa & Grandma ...

(from an email, author unknown)
I remember my first Christmas adventure with Grandma. I was just a kid.

I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb: "There is no Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even dummies know that!"

My Grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her "world-famous" cinnamon buns. I knew they were world-famous, because Grandma said so. It had to be true.

Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus?" she snorted! "Ridiculous! Don't believe it! That rumor has been going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad!! Now, put on your coat, and let's go."

"Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second world-famous cinnamon bun. "Where" turned out to be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten dollars. That was a bundle in those days. "Take this money," she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping.

For a few moments I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten-dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for. I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school, the people who

went to my church.

I was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobby Decker. He was a kid with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollock's grade-two class. Bobby Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out to recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all we kids knew that Bobby Decker didn't have a cough; he didn't have a good coat. I fingered the ten-dollar bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat!

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm, and he would like that. "Is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the counter asked kindly, as I laid my ten dollars down. "Yes, ma'am," I replied shyly. "It's for Bobby."

The nice lady smiled at me, as I told her about how Bobby really needed a good winter coat. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag, smiled again, and wished me a Merry Christmas.

That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat (a little tag fell out of the coat, and Grandma tucked it in her Bible) in Christ-

mas paper and ribbons and wrote, "To Bobby, From Santa Claus" on it. Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy.

Then she drove me over to Bobby Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially, one of Santa's helpers.

Grandma parked down the street from Bobby's house, and she and I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Then Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Claus," she whispered. "get going."

I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his door and flew back to the safety of the bushes-and Grandma.

Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Bobby.

Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were - ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

I still have the Bible, with the coat tag tucked inside: \$19.95.

May you always believe in the magic of Santa Claus!

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.

ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS?
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Christmas Day Dinner
12:00 noon on Sunday, Dec. 25th
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Vondell & Kent Elliott	Todd & Ginger Henry and family	Tania Raindl	Joe & Jerry Brooks
Duane & Nan Howell	Jimmy & Joy Bragg	Nancy Williams & family	Gene & Rebecca Ingle
Wilma Edwards	Linda Owen	Janet Porterfield	Lane, Heather, Logan, Grant &
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Susan Draper	Wayne & Loretta Tekell	Bianca, Antonio & Kordell Baker	B&N Ranch - Nancy & Bob
Amy & Arvac Marshall, Caden,	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Pridmore	Haney, Tanya & Patrick Wells	Guilliams
Ryken & Malene	Jan Whitaker	Leland, Barbara & Debbie White	Ike & Margaret Carter
Robert & Shirley Draper	Jay Dee & Virginia House	Mike, Carol & Trevor White	Norman & Rhonda Ledbetter
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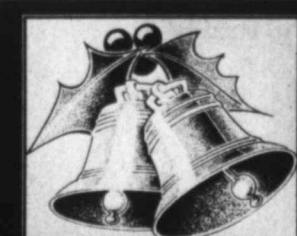


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Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Dalton and Lenda Wood

Hearing for one-way streets draws comments from citizens

Tahoka City Council held a public hearing last Monday for public input regarding the possibility of designating streets around the Tahoka school campuses as one-way streets beyond school hours, drawing remarks from four citizens who attended the hearing. City officials sent letters to all residents whose homes are on the affected streets, receiving several responses to the issue.

"The general consensus was that it is okay to make the streets one-way traffic during school hours and events such as football games, but that keeping the streets one-way at all times would cause a hardship to those who live on these streets," City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News*. "This was simply a hearing to get public input and the council did not take any action on this issue. Mayor John Baker told those attending the hearing that all residents whose property is on these streets would be notified when the issue would be placed on the city council's agenda for the council to consider taking action," he added.

In other business, a public hearing was held for "Goods in Transit" which no citizens attended. Council members approved an interlocal agreement with South Plains Association of Governments to administer the Community Development Block Grant contract for replacing a section of city waterlines and fire hydrants on Ave. N, and the council awarded the engineering contract for the project to Wasteline Engineering, which was one of five engineering proposals considered by city officials.

"This is one of the CDBG grants we have been getting every two years to replace a portion of the city's water lines,"

explained Webster. "This is in addition to the grant funds we will be getting to replace the remainder of the city's waterlines, through the Economically Distressed Areas Program from the Texas Water Development Board. Any lines that have been updated through CDBG grants in recent years will simply tie in to the new system - those won't need to be replaced again," he said.

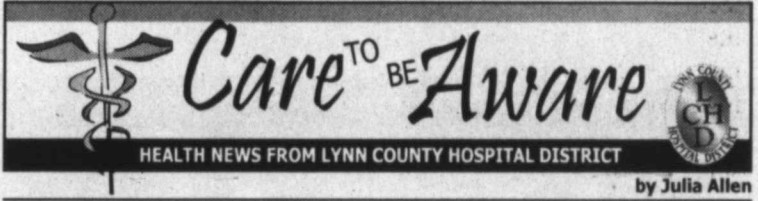
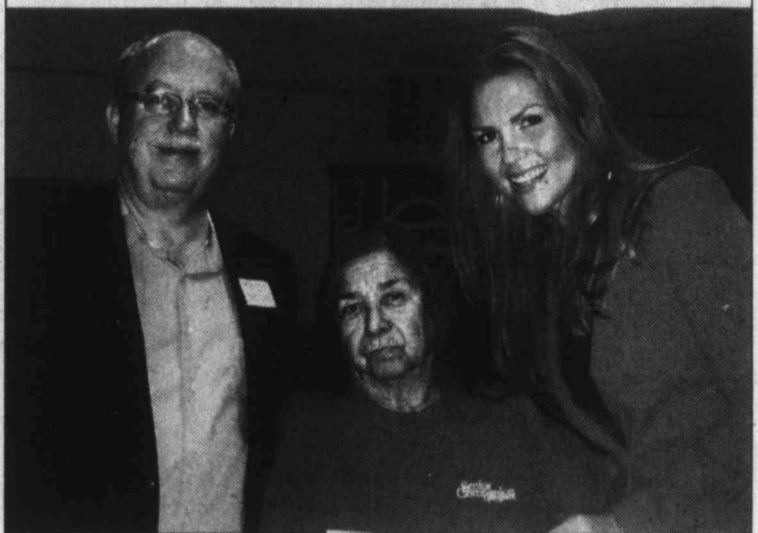
Webster also said that the funds (\$239,000) for the planning portion of the TWDB grant should be available in February for the City of Tahoka. The city has also contracted with Wasteline Engineering for planning and designing this project as well.

A resolution was approved for the City of Tahoka to become a member, or participant, to access home funds through the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs for the housing assistance program that provides new homes for qualified residents. "Basically, the process has changed for us to submit names of city residents who may qualify for the housing program, and this resolution allows us to continue to participate in the program," said Webster.

Monthly bills were paid and reports were heard from the public utilities officer, code enforcement officer, and police department. Mayor Baker led the meeting, with council members Ray Box, Amy Preston, Ronny Jolly and Rudy Fuentes present. Councilman Jeff Martin was absent.



Recognized ... The South Plains Senior Companion Program held the annual recognition of companions and volunteer stations on December 14th. KCBD-TV anchor Christy Hartin (left) and Humana representative Will Dooley (right) handed out Certificates of Appreciation and goody bags of donated items to the companions. In attendance were Tahoka companions Bella Alvarado (pictured above, center) and Gloria Garza (pictured below, center). Shirley Witt was not in attendance but was recognized.



Busy, Busy, Busy!

This time of year we all tend to burn the candles at both ends. So how do we keep that much needed energy up? How do we keep from getting sick during a time when we do not want or need to be sick?

According to several sites on the internet there are a lot of options we can utilize. I chose the list below because these suggestions were the easiest for us to apply in our busy lives.

- Start your day drinking water and keep drinking it. Dehydration can make you feel extra fatigued.
- Eat a healthy breakfast that includes protein. Avoid sugary meals they may give you quick energy but then they will send your energy level plummeting.
- Sit up straight when you are sitting; this includes while driving.
- Breath-5 to 10 deep breaths each hour can really help. (fresh air if possible) You can do this

while standing in the checkout lines.

- Have a protein snack every three hours such as nuts, peanut butter and crackers, a hardboiled egg, a glass of milk or even cold meat (turkey, chicken or beef.)

- Listen to upbeat music. Studies show that it can help increase your feel good endorphins.

- Take time at the end of the day to survey all that you have accomplished. Using a list and checking things off can really help. (Hmm...who else has a list and checks it twice?)

- Power off at the end of the day: turn off all electronic devices at least one hour before bed. Studies show that these devices can interrupt your brains sleep patterns resulting in un-restful sleep.

- And lastly get 7-8 hours of sleep. Getting the right amount of sleep will make you more productive in the hours you are awake. Really!

Obituaries



George Thomas Peña

Memorial services for George Thomas Peña, of Tahoka, were held Monday, December 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel of Tahoka. Interment was at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. He earned his wings and left to be with his Maker peacefully after a brief battle with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was under the care of Vista Care Hospice at Hospitality Nursing Home of Lubbock.

He had a strong faith in God. He was kind, gentle and loving, to not only family, but to all he knew and met. His ray of light will always shine in the hearts of the Peña family and all who knew him.

He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1971 and participated in sports. He never married. He was an avid sports fan, especially the Chicago Bears.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Silberio and Natalia Peña; a brother, S.R. Peña and sister, Mary Benavides.

He is survived by two brothers, Paul Peña of Albuquerque, NM and Joe Peña of Rockdale; seven sisters, Fran Marez and Lucy Benitez of Las Vegas, NV, Constance Garcia of Austin, Virginia Sanchez of Phoenix, AZ, Jamie De Leon and Margarita Jasso of Lubbock, and Susie Garcia of Tahoka; nephew, Justin Peña of Lubbock, and many other nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and one great-great nephew. (PAID)

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We wrapped these ourselves ... These students at New Home ISD are happy to show their finished packages after wrapping gifts for the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program. Standing from left are Edgar Fuentes, Caleb Steel, Hunter Bolton, and Jeremiah Wandell-Perez, and kneeling are J'Den Gray and Karson Zant.



Serious business ... Cayden Saldana, a pre-K student at Tahoka Elementary, has a serious look on his face as he tells Santa his wish list for Christmas. The children had a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus (in background) at the City/County Library last week.



All the pretty packages ... New Home ISD students shared the gift of giving this Christmas, donating and wrapping gifts for the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program. Pictured, in back from left, are Kyley Gill, Callie Bundy, Effi Correa, Alice Hamilton, Ashlyn Ballard and Katelyn Hargrove, and in front, Lexis Hargrove, Taylor Smith, Destiny Torres, Constance Adams, and Samantha Correa.

The Christmas Lady ...

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those who take the lists of children's clothing sizes and toy wish lists, and try to fulfill every child's wish (within reason, on a budget).

Other volunteers come to look through the inventory of new clothing/toys donated to the program to match what they can with the children on the list. Then there are the volunteers who come to wrap all the gifts, as well as to help deliver the gifts to those who are unable to come pick them up.

But here's the thing - even with helping hands of volunteers, there is, almost always, the hand of Porterfield in the mix. She shops. She wraps. She inventories. She double checks the list of applicants to make sure every family has been provided for. She manages the funds. She's a veritable energizer bunny who masterminds the whole process, and keeps things running smoothly.

"It's been 23 years, and I keep thinking I am going to pass the job over to someone else," she admits with a tired smile. "But I just can't seem to let it go. This is so close to my heart because I just want the kids to have a good Christmas. When I was little we had many years when we didn't have much of a Christmas, and kids remember that," says Porterfield.

"I like to see the children's surprised faces when they come with their parents to pick up their packages - they are just so excited. We get a lot of hugs, and some tears as well ... and for the most part the parents really do appreciate the gifts for their children. I have one lady this year who told us she wanted to bring us homemade doughnuts and cookies, if we would let her, to express her appreciation for the gifts," Porterfield says. "That's great - and over the years we've had people who benefited from the program to come back and volunteer in later years, after they got on their feet and were able to do so."

Since she has been at it for 23 years, Porterfield says she knows many of the names and faces, some of which have qualified for the program for many years. By now, she says she is seeing second generations of these families qualify for the program.

"Some families need help for several years, and some only need it for one year. And we have to have a cut-off point, so the program only provides gifts for children up through the age of 14," she stated.

This year there were 253 children for whom the program provided gifts. The most, Porterfield recalls, was a recent year when there were 277 children.

"That year we had about 30 migrant children included in the program. This year, with no crop, there were no migrant children in the program," she explained.

She's enthusiastic in praising the efforts of volunteers this year. "Everyone has been so generous this year, with funds, with their time, with their efforts - I am so grateful for everyone who is involved in helping provide gifts for so many children," said Porterfield. "I know I can't name everyone, and there are some who have volunteered for years but don't want their names in print. And there are several organizations, businesses and churches who step up every year by either contributing money or items, or by 'adopting' families to take care of those gifts. I hope they know how much they are appreciated, because I certainly could not do this without them," she added.

And it's not just adults who have a heart to help provide gifts for those who might otherwise not have a Christmas present under their tree. The children and teachers at New Home Elementary School took the project to heart this year, with students and teachers going the extra mile for the Christmas For Kids program.

"The elementary decided

instead of doing a gift exchange to each other, we would bring the gifts and give to an organization that would need it," said Deena Ballard, teacher. "The Pre-K classes gave stuffed animals and children in grades 1-6 brought either games, puzzles or books. One of our goals is to teach and show how to give instead of receive this holiday season," she explained.

"They also wrapped the gifts and separated them into age-appropriate categories before bringing them to the Christmas For Kids program, which was a great help too," said Porterfield.

All in all, the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program is about generosity, big hearts, and the hope of making a child happy for Christmas. There's no room for the Grinch in this program ... and plenty of room for Santa's helpers.

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.



Santa & Grandma ...

(from an email, author unknown)
I remember my first Christmas adventure with Grandma. I was just a kid.

I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb: "There is no Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even dummies know that!"

My Grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her "world-famous" cinnamon buns. I knew they were world-famous, because Grandma said so. It had to be true.

Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus?" she snorted! "Ridiculous! Don't believe it! That rumor has been going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad! Now, put on your coat, and let's go."

"Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second world-famous cinnamon bun. "Where" turned out to be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten dollars. That was a bundle in those days. "Take this money," she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping.

For a few moments I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten-dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for. I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school, the people who

went to my church.

I was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobby Decker. He was a kid with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollock's grade-two class. Bobby Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out to recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all we kids knew that Bobby Decker didn't have a cough; he didn't have a good coat. I fingered the ten-dollar bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat!

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm, and he would like that. "Is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the counter asked kindly, as I laid my ten dollars down. "Yes, ma'am," I replied shyly. "It's for Bobby."

The nice lady smiled at me, as I told her about how Bobby really needed a good winter coat. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag, smiled again, and wished me a Merry Christmas.

That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat (a little tag fell out of the coat, and Grandma tucked it in her Bible) in Christ-

mas paper and ribbons and wrote, "To Bobby, From Santa Claus" on it. Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy.

Then she drove me over to Bobby Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially, one of Santa's helpers.

Grandma parked down the street from Bobby's house, and she and I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Then Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Claus," she whispered, "get going."

I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his door and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma.

Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Bobby.

Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were - ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

I still have the Bible, with the coat tag tucked inside: \$19.95.

May you always believe in the magic of Santa Claus!

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UIL competitors ... On December 6th, Tahoka Middle School and Elementary hosted the Academic UIL meet. The Tahoka Elementary students pictured here placed in various events (see results in article). "We are proud of these students and want to thank everyone who helped to make the meet successful," said Dana Taylor, Elementary UIL Coordinator.



Open house ... Live music and lots of goodies to eat enticed area citizens to First National Bank's Christmas Open House in Tahoka last week. Providing the entertainment were, from left, Scott McLaughlin, Alton Kenney, Dalton Wood, Marvin Gregory, and Zane Curry. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

General Christmas Movie Trivia

from www.ChristmasTrivia.net

- "Frosty the Snowman" is named:
 a) Scut Farkus
 b) Little Grinch
 c) Hocus Pocus
 d) Rabbit Claus
1. What is the name of Rudolph's dad?
 a) Vixon b) Dixon
 c) Dasher d) Donner
2. Who wrote "The Nightmare Before Christmas"?
 a) Alfred Hitchcock
 b) Martin Scorsese
 c) Steven Spielberg
 d) Tim Burton
3. The rabbit in the magic hat in "Frosty the Snowman" is named:
 a) Mike b) Clarence
 c) Robert d) Jim
4. What is the guardian angel of George Bailey named in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
 a) Mike b) Clarence
 c) Robert d) Jim
5. What did Ralphie want for Christmas in "A Christmas Story"?
 a) A Remote Controlled Car
6. What is the Scrooge's first name?
 a) Maxwell b) Ebenezer
 c) Bruce d) Martin
7. Why was the Grinch so nasty? Because he had a:
 a) Broken Leg b) Small Brain
 c) Small Heart d) Crooked Knee
8. What city did "Miracle on 34th Street" take place in?
 a) New Jersey b) New Orleans
 c) New York d) Boston
9. What did Clarence get for accomplishing his mission in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
 a) A Trumpet b) Wings
 c) A Halo d) A Crown
10. Two men broke into a house and had a LOT of trouble in which movie?
 a) The Break In
 b) Christmas Trouble
 c) Home Alone
 d) Two Men in a Santa Suit

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 1. d) Donner
 2. c) Steven Spielberg
 3. b) Clarence
 4. d) Jim
 5. a) A Remote Controlled Car
 6. b) Ebenezer
 7. d) Martin
 8. c) Small Heart
 9. b) Wings
 10. c) Home Alone

Tahoka Elementary lists U.I.L. results

The Tahoka Elementary U.I.L. results are as follows:
 1st Grade: Oral Reading: Haydon Wade - 6th place
 2nd Grade: All students received 2nd place in the following categories. Oral Reading: Madison Rose; Storytelling: Caleb Erickson and Creative Writing: Neriah Renteria
 3rd Grade: Oral Reading: Warren Taylor - 1st place; Storytelling: Julio Saucedo - 5th place; Kash Starkey - 2nd place. Spelling: Sonny Benitez - Team placed 2nd; Julio Saucedo - 3rd place; Nathaniel Sullivan - 2nd place; Alex Tew.
 4th Grade: Number Sense: Tristen Stice - 6th place. Music Memory: Team placed 3rd: Joey Herrera, Marissa Resendez, Sophie Hernandez, Christian Watson and Noah Williams.
 5th Grade: Oral Reading: Peyton Lowdermilk - 1st place; Writing: Peyton Lowdermilk - 1st place, Shalee Williams - 3rd place; Spelling: Team placed 2nd, Aly Dotson and Kaylyn Green. Callie Nevill - 3rd place and Mason Walker - 6th place. Dictionary: Team placed 1st - Matthew Cunningham, Elizabeth Rossiter, and Alex Salinas, Shalee Williams - 2nd place. Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Team placed 2nd: Miguel Granados, Christian Hernandez and Carol Locke, Marvin Locke - 6th place.

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 by dalton wood

CHRISTMAS, which is just about here, is a time of joy to the world, good will toward all men (and women and children) and just plain being nice and feeling good about everything. But as usual, there are some Scrooge-type people and organizations that are attacking the great traditions and trying to rain on our Christmas parade.

Bill Salter of Odessa, a retired newspaperman who once lived in Tahoka and was editor of the *Lynn County News*, still writes a column that he sends out via e-mail. And this week he noted that an organization called Freedom From Religion Foundation is waging war with Christmas, trying to ruin the season for the overwhelming majority that would like to enjoy it.

Salter noted that the FFRF is aided by the ACLU, which he suggests really stands for "Anti-Christian Liberals Union." Here's part of what Salter said in a Dec. 10 column:

"The FFRF says it is 'protecting the constitutional principle of the separation of state and church.' The problem is that the U.S. Constitution has no such 'principle' anywhere in it... The First Amendment just guarantees that 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...' None of this has anything to do with 'separating' church and state; it just means that there is not supposed to be a mandated 'government church' for the people of the U.S.

"However, the FFRF annually declares war" on Christmas traditions such as Nativity scenes, certain carols deemed objectionable, and even 'Merry Christmas' as a greeting and 'Christmas tree' (the anti-Christ people prefer 'holiday tree').

Since Salter wrote his column, the FFRF has made news by demanding that a nativity scene on the courthouse lawn at Athens, TX, be removed, upsetting a lot of good folks in Henderson County, and everywhere else. The county officials are rejecting that nonsense.

I fully agree with the stand taken by those other Texans, and with what Bill says in his column, and right now I'd like to wish a Merry Christmas to all, even including those dummies who don't believe in it.

M E R R Y
Christmas
 from Joe & Clara Calvillo
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In the spirit ... District Judge Carter Schildknecht was in the Christmas spirit this week, caught at the Lynn County Courthouse in her singing/dancing Christmas hat. Thanks to the courthouse elves for sending the picture on to The Lynn County News!

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The City of Tahoka will be accepting bids for the lease of the following lands for the purpose of mineral development:

Tract #1: A 626.542 acre tract out of a part of Section 488, Section 489, and Section 470, Block 1 of the E. L. & R. R. Ry. Co. Surveys in Lynn County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

COMMENCING at a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for the reputed Southeast corner of Section 488, the Northeast corner of Section 489 and the Northwest corner of Section 470, Block 1 whence a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for the reputed Southeast corner of Section 489 bears South 00 degrees 43 minutes 58 seconds East 5387.94 feet;

THENCE North 00 degrees 35 minutes 43 seconds West 5371.03 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for the reputed Northeast corner of Section 488;

THENCE North 89 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds West along the reputed North line of Section 488, a distance of 666.20 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found in the West line of the P. & N.T. Railroad as originally conveyed to the P. & N.T. Ry. Co. by deed recorded in Volume 13, Pages 1 and 26, Deed Records. Said 1/2 inch iron rod also being the NORTHEAST and BEGINNING corner of this tract;

THENCE Southeasterly along the West line of said railroad and along a curve to the left with a radius of 2914.93 feet, a central angle of 01 degree 38 minutes 49 seconds and long chord bearing South 06 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East 83.79 feet, an arc distance of 83.79 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE South 07 degrees 26 minutes 49 seconds East along the West line of said railroad, 2482.10 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE South 82 degrees 33 minutes 11 seconds West along the West line of said railroad, 25.00 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE South 07 degrees 26 minutes 49 seconds East along the West line of said railroad, 2500.00 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE South 82 degrees 33 minutes 11 seconds West along the West line of said railroad, 75.00 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE South 07 degrees 26 minutes 49 seconds East along the West line of said railroad, at 339.46 feet pass a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set in the reputed South line of Section 488 and the reputed North line of Section 489, at 1380.95 feet pass a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set in the reputed East line of Section 489 and the reputed West line of Section 470, and at a total distance of 3054.23 feet a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set in the reputed North line of a tract known as the Southwest 1/4 of Section 470;

THENCE South 89 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds West along the reputed North line of the tract known as the Southwest 1/4 of Section 470 and the reputed North line of a tract known as the South 1/2 of Section 489, at 195.64 feet pass a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for the reputed Northwest corner of the tract known as the Southwest 1/4 of Section 470 and the reputed Northeast corner of the tract known as the South 1/2 of Section 489, and at a total distance of 5435.46 feet a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set in the East line of U.S. Highway 87;

THENCE North 00 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds West along the East line of said highway, 2088.83 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE North 89 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds East along the East line of said highway, 16.00 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE North 00 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds West along the East line of said highway, 257.10 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE Northeasterly along the East line of said highway and along a curve to the right with a radius of 2724.93 feet, a central angle of 09 degrees 53 minutes 23 seconds and long chord bearing North 04 degrees 28 minutes 42 seconds East 469.77 feet, at an arc distance of 359.23 feet pass a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set in the reputed North line of Section 489 and the reputed South line of Section 488 and at a total arc distance of 470.35 feet a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE South 86 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds East at 1881.27 feet pass a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set in the reputed South line of Section 488 and the reputed North line of Section 489 and at a total distance of 2462.68 feet a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE North 00 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds West along a line commonly accepted as the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 488, at 33.96 feet pass a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set in the reputed South line of Section 488 and the reputed North line of Section 489 and at a total distance of 2671.55 feet a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for the commonly accepted Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 488;

THENCE South 89 degrees 43 minutes 32 seconds West along a line commonly accepted as the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 488, at 417.42 feet pass a 1 inch steel shaft found and at a total distance of 971.31 feet a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE North 29 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds East 223.80 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE South 89 degrees 43 minutes 32 seconds West 223.80 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set in the East line of U.S. Highway 87;

THENCE North 29 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds East along the East line of said highway, 755.12 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod found with cap marked "3906" for the Southwest corner of a tract known as 10.008 acres as described in Volume 276, Page 184, Deed Records;

THENCE North 89 degrees 47 minutes 31 seconds East 708.20 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap marked "3906" for the Southeast corner of the tract known as 10.008 acres;

THENCE North 00 degrees 11 minutes 49 seconds West 1209.34 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap marked "3906" in the East line of said highway for the Northerly corner of the tract known as 10.008 acres;

THENCE North 32 degrees 27 minutes 45 seconds East along the East line of said highway, 155.50 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod found for the Westerly Southwest corner of a tract known as 4.6 acres as described in Volume 299, Page 501, Deed Records;

THENCE East 210.90 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for the Easterly Southwest corner of the tract known as 4.6 acres;

THENCE North 245.13 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for an inner corner of the tract known as 4.6 acres;

THENCE East 591.55 feet to a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for the Southeast corner of the tract known as 4.6 acres;

THENCE North 01 degree 50 minutes 00 seconds East at 302.41 feet pass a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for the Northeast corner of the tract known as 4.6 acres and at a total distance of 316.65 feet a 3/8 inch iron rod with yellow plastic cap marked "RPLS 1848" set in the reputed North line of Section 488;

THENCE South 89 degrees 52 minutes 00 seconds East along the reputed North line of Section 488, a distance of 1119.16 feet to the place of beginning.

The above described tract contains a computed area of 626.542 acres including 300.491 acres out of Section 488, 322.322 acres out of Section 489, and 3.729 acres out of Section 470, Block 1.

Save and except: A 29.45 acre tract of land located in the Southwest part of the North-half (N/2) of Section 489, Block 1, E. L. & R. R. Ry. Co. Survey, Lynn County, Texas, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 3/8" iron rod with cap marked "RPLS 1848" found at the intersection of the South line of said North-half (N/2) of Section 489 with the Easterly right-of-way line of U. S. Highway 87 (Volume 132, Page 512, Deed Records), for the Southwest corner of this tract, from which the Southwest corner of said North-half (N/2) of Section 489 bears N 87° 57' 55" W 90.00 feet (all bearings are compared to the Texas Coordinate System of 1983, North Central Zone, all distances are true at an averaged surface elevation);

THENCE, N 1° 57' 55" E, for a distance of 565.24 feet for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, S 87° 57' 55" E, for a distance of 2269.09 feet for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S 1° 57' 55" W, a distance of 565.24 feet for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE N 87° 57' 55" W along said South line of the N/2, a distance of 2269.09 feet to the place of beginning.

Tract #2:

A 92.51 acre tract out of the Southwest part of Section 503, Block 1, E. L. & R. R. Ry. Company Surveys in Lynn County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

COMMENCING at a 1/4 inch iron pipe found for the Southwest corner of Section 503, Block 1 whence a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap marked "RPLS 1848" found for the Northwest corner of said section bears North 00 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East 5317.21 feet and a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap marked "RPLS 1848" found for the Southeast corner of said section bears South 89 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds East 5339.19 feet;

THENCE North 00 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East along the West line of said section, 776.46 feet to a point;

THENCE South 89 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds East 35.00 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap stamped "RPLS 1848" set in the East physical line of County Road R and also being the SOUTHWEST and BEGINNING corner of this tract;

THENCE North 00 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East along the East physical line of County Road R, 1902.75 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap stamped "RPLS 1848" set in the Southeasterly line of FM Road 400 as conveyed to the State of Texas by right of way deed recorded in Volume 102, Page 206, Deed Records;

THENCE North 34 degrees 14 minutes 33 seconds East along the Southeasterly line of FM Road 400, a distance of 462.28 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap marked "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE North 89 degrees 57 minutes 21 seconds East 1765.81 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap stamped "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE South 11 degrees 59 minutes 09 seconds West 2337.53 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap stamped "RPLS 1848" set for corner;

THENCE North 89 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds West 1544.27 feet to the place of beginning.

Proposals should be submitted at City Hall, located at 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, Lynn County of Texas, through close of business on January 9, 2012, they will be taken publicly opened and read aloud during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Proposals must be in the City's possession on or before the aforementioned date and time (no late proposals will be accepted). #51, #1 - 2tc



Packed Pantry... Elizabeth Tew, (left) coordinator of the U Can Share 12 Cans of Christmas Food Drive, and Jack Scott, a member of the Tahoka Church of Christ, are shown here with food collected from the food drive. The food was divided between the Food Pantry at the Church of Christ and the Lynn County Senior Citizen's Center. "We are truly blessed to live in such a giving community, and the food drive was a huge success," said Tew. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Buying new electronics this season? Don't trash the old ones

Electronics are once again dominating holiday shopping lists. In fact, analysts with the Consumer Electronics Association predict shoppers will spend about \$250 per consumer. And for every new device, an outdated device likely will be replaced.

Do not throw replaced electronics in the trash. Electronic devices are comprised of a range of toxic components that can be harmful to human health and the environment if discarded in the same waste stream as the rest of your household garbage. Trashed electronics, or "e-waste," contain heavy metals such as lead, mercury and cadmium, which can leach out of landfills and into groundwater or nearby waterways. There are several alternatives for disposing of e-waste.

One method is to find a local community electronics recycling fund-raiser to properly dispose of outdated electronics. Visit us.simsrecycling.com/events or contact a favorite nonprofit organization to find an event.

Another option is to look into electronics take-back programs. Many electronics retailers, like Best Buy or Staples, will accept e-waste for free or a small handling fee, regardless of brand or condition. Several manufacturers, too, will take back retired products, although these programs vary in terms of fees and conditions.

Some cities' waste management divisions have electronics recycling programs. Check a city's website to learn about opportunities to drop off e-waste.

See if e-waste recycling companies have a facility nearby. These companies usually contract with organizations and businesses to handle large volumes of e-waste, but many take materials from individuals. Make sure the recycler is Responsible Recycler (R2) or e-Stewards certified, an indicator that the recycler is adhering to environmental best practices. Also be sure they offer data destruction compliant with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to make certain all data is wiped.

Christmas Blessings

"Food Pantry"

Christmas is comin', do you know what you're gettin'?

Won't bore you with the story, unless you're forgettin'.

It's the season when we're asked to be givin'.

-Could be it's better to do while still livin'.

There's folks at the top that's mighty well off & okay.

Most of us are in the middle and still are today.

Then, there's the ones that have to hassle,

To balance between food... or heat for their castle.

There's three of us at church that's been put in charge,

Of handing out food to the hungry; small crowds and large.

I woulda thought, "This is gonna cost me: time and money!"

Then I handed out food boxes and found it a little funny,

That folks who might not even attend a church too often,

Will drive or walk over to ours to take a box and then,

They'll give back to me something right out of the blue!

Them folks will take one, then tell me, "Bless You!"

Now, that kinda gets to me to think that I've helped a few.

Want in on the action? Here's what ya could do:

There's two banks in Tahoka; First National and First Bank and Trust.

They keep track of money, before it can turn to rust.

So, we've opened up accounts at both of them there,

In case any of ya'll want to help out and share.

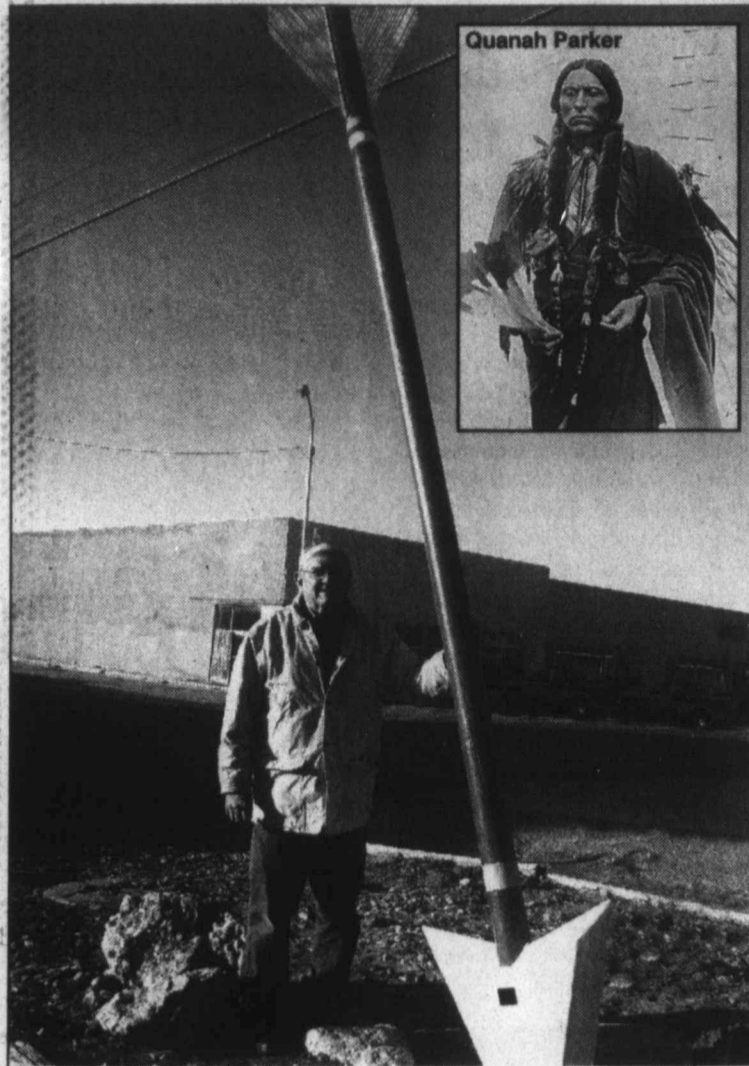
We've labeled them: "Food Pantry" to make it easy for you.

We will keep loading them heavy boxes, Ya'll don't have to.

And if you make a donation, you'll feel it out of the blue.

Somebody yore a-helping is gonna look up and bless you!

-Jack, Kelley, and Yolanda



Quanah Parker

New Home artist donating 20-ft. arrows for 52-county project

Huge arrow marks trail of chief Quanah Parker

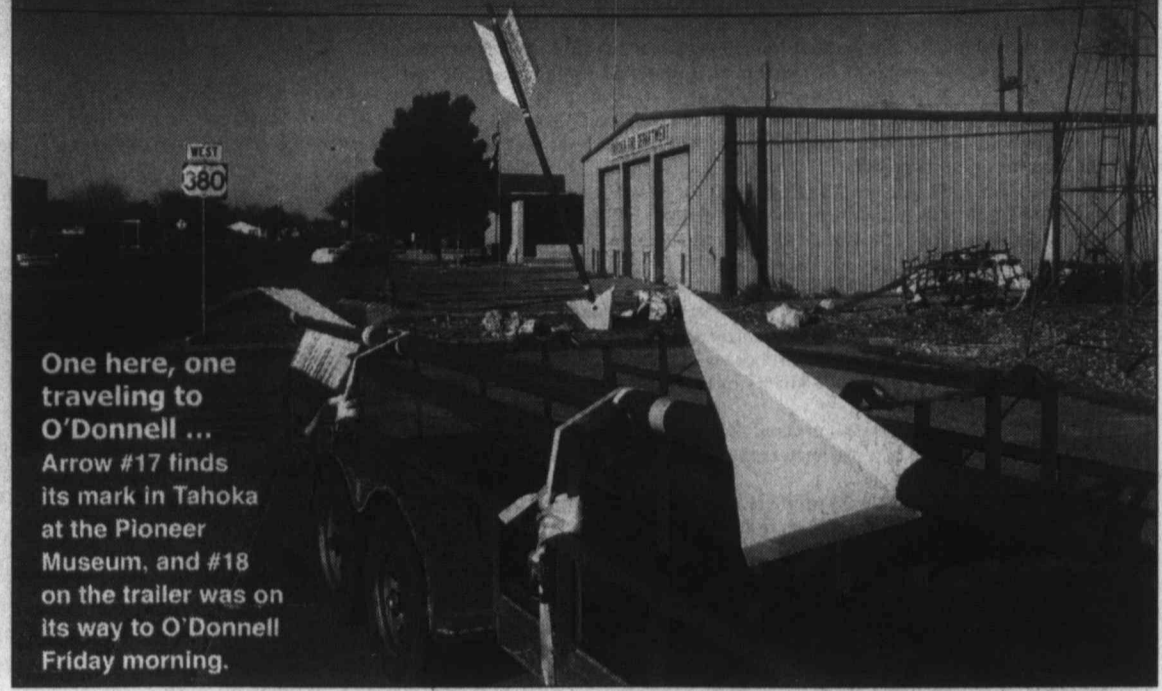
By DALTON WOOD

Famous Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, subject of movies, documentaries, and both fictional and historical literature, spent years of his life in Lynn County, and last Friday a 21-foot arrow marker was installed in front of Tahoka Pioneer Museum to signify that Tahoka is part of the Quanah Parker Historical Trail project.

The huge arrow, constructed by Charles Smith of New Home, was placed west of the museum entrance near the Tahoka city fire station. Smith, who is donating the arrows for all the markers on the trail, was on hand, as were museum board President Joe Don Nevill, Bettye Green of Tahoka, vice chairman of the Lynn County Historical Commission, and others helping promote the project.

The arrow installed at Tahoka was the 17th one placed so far, and another was installed later Friday morning at Dan Blocker Museum in O'Donnell. Arrows sculpted by Smith eventually are to be placed in 52 counties.

Nevill expressed appreciation to Lyntegar Electric Co-Op for donating equipment and workers to place the arrow. He said a sign explaining the arrow



One here, one traveling to O'Donnell ... Arrow #17 finds its mark in Tahoka at the Pioneer Museum, and #18 on the trailer was on its way to O'Donnell Friday morning.

Arrow marks Quanah's trail ... A 21-foot arrow constructed by Charles Smith of New Home, standing by it in the above photo, was installed at Tahoka Pioneer Museum Friday, marking Tahoka and this part of Lynn County as one of the places where the legendary Comanche chief Quanah Parker operated in the late 1800s. The part of the arrow above the ground is about 19 feet. Smith is donating his artwork for the Quanah Parker Trail, with similar arrows already in place in 18 locations, including O'Donnell and Brownfield. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

is to be installed later.

Quanah Parker, the last chief of the Quahadi Comanche Indians, may have been born in Lynn County, although a marker in Gaines County states he was born there in the Cedar Lake area. However, in 1936, Quanah's son, Baldwin Parker, in Tahoka for a rodeo appearance, told a representative of the *Lynn County News*, "I think my father, Quanah, was born at Tahoka Lake."

Quanah Parker was the son of Comanche Chief Peta Nonca and Cynthia Ann Parker, a captive white woman who had been taken by the Indians when she was nine years old. Much literature also has been written about Cynthia Ann Parker.

Quanah grew up to be a fierce and bold warrior, leading an alliance of several tribes in raids against frontier settlements and leading battles against the U.S. Cavalry and Texas Rangers.

In 1874, however, Quanah Parker realized that the Indians' way of life was over, and he led his followers to the reservation in what later became Oklahoma. The Indians did not like life on the reservation, so Quanah and others later left.

According to the book *Grassroots*, by the late Frank Hill, Quanah Parker and about 300 Comanche's spent the winter of 1876-77 at Moar's Draw and Double Lakes in Lynn County.

Quanah later adapted to the white culture by learning Spanish and English, adopting new farming methods and promoting education for his fellow Indians. He became a judge of the Court of Indian Affairs and became an important liaison between Indians and whites, including the government. He was a shrewd businessman and very wealthy, and rode beside Geronimo in the inaugural parade of President Theodore Roosevelt.

And as the new giant arrow signifies, he once was here, too.

Christmas Trivia

from www.funfactz.com/christmas

The twelve days of Christmas are the days between Christmas Day and Epiphany (6th of January) and represent the length of time it took for the wise men from the East to visit the manger of Jesus after his birth.

The poinsettia is a traditional Christmas flower. In Mexico (its original birthplace), the poinsettia is known as the "Flower of the Holy Night".

At Christmas, it is traditional to exchange kisses beneath the mistletoe tree. In ancient Scandinavia, mistletoe was associated with peace and friendship. That may account for the custom of "kissing beneath the mistletoe".

Franklin Pierce was the first president to decorate an official White House Christmas tree.

The Puritans forbade the singing of Christmas carols.

America's official national Christmas tree is located in King's Canyon National Park in California. The tree, a giant sequoia called the "General Grant Tree", is over 90 meters (300 feet) high, and was made the official Christmas tree in 1925.

One dead, two hurt in oil rig accident

A 30-year-old Odessa man was killed and two other workers injured Friday morning as all three men were struck by a 1-inch cable that broke under stress on an oil rig east of O'Donnell.

Francis Howard Pratt of Odessa was pronounced dead at the scene and Jeffrey Lee Mayfield, 33, also of Odessa, was taken by Aero Care helicopter to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock with apparently serious injuries. He was reported as "stable" early this week.

The third man, Troy Lee Mutter, 49, of Roswell, NM, was taken by private vehicle to a hospital and treated for injuries described as apparently minor.

The three men were employees of Oryan Drilling of Odessa. The accident occurred on an oil rig at FM 2053 and County Rd. BB, according to Lynn County sheriff's officers. Operator of the rig was listed as Brock Operating of Andrews.

During the last week the sheriff's office also investigated three theft reports and one domestic disturbance.

Dean Daniell reported two separate thefts of various metal items, one on Dec. 16 and another three days later. Total loss from the items stolen from a location in the New Lynn area was estimated at \$750.

On Saturday, Jimmy Kieth of New Home reported two cotton trailers, valued at \$300 each, stolen from a location north of FM 211.

Although one person was injured in the domestic disturbance at Wilson, the victim declined to press charges.

Tahoka police were advised Saturday that someone had egged a 2001 Dodge pickup owned by Sherry Paschal while it was parked at her residence on S. 1st St. The drivers door lock also was damaged.

New Home ISD board meets

The New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees met Thursday, December 15, approving TASB Update 92 and an interlocal agreement with West Texas Food Service Cooperative. The Board also approved payment to Martin Gill's Heating and Air for work done for the school district.

All board members were present except Rachelle Link, according to Superintendent Leland Zant.



DONATIONS

to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated.

LCHD EMS
Box 1510, Tahoka, TX

"The Forks In The Road"

Santa's watching and taking notes, gov perry, tim tebow your not, tim tebow is not tim tebow. To believe that God is going to help you win at football is "foolish". God, I'm sure, has other matters more pressing than the outcome of a football game. And for gov perry to assume that he is as good as tim tebow, there is always a "New england" out there for us all ... Newt gingrich shouldn't be retired or something, mitt romney with a name like that I'd be flashing money too, herman cains mine mine mine with hands on hips not his own. Barrack Obama the words before an election are soon forgotten, and replaced with we're moving on up to the east side. In closing, I've had more laughs watching the wanna be presidents than if I had gone to the circus. If not for the inability to laugh at ourselves, we could all be Presidents. *Tommy Avalos...*

Senior Citizen MENU

December 26-30

Monday: Closed for Holidays

Tuesday: Seafood Newburg, steamed rice, carrots, broccoli raisin salad, wheat roll, pineapple tidbits

Wednesday: Baked chicken & dumplings, wheat roll, salad, winter fruit cup

Thursday: Veg. beef stew, cornbread, salad, orange/pine-apple cup, diet pumpkin custard

Friday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping

Reminders and Activities:

- Gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Call 561-5264 for more information.
- Timeless Treasures cookbooks are still available! Pick one up for a Christmas or wedding gift at The Center, Lynn County News, City-County Library, Huffaker Law Office, & Virginia's Beauty Salon for \$12.

- The aluminum recycle bin is now located at the old Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber yard at 1714 Ave. H. All can donations belong to the Center. Please tie your bags before placing them in the bin.

- Feed Our Community lunch tickets are available at the Center. A suggested donation of \$35 for a 10-day ticket for persons age 60 or over. Tickets for individuals under age 60 is a suggested donation of \$50.

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Blessings at Christmas

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Dr. David Midkiff, D.D.S.

Soil sampling program offered through county extension office

by Tommy Doederlein, IPM, Texas AgriLife Extension, Dawson County

The foundation for a sound fertility program is soil testing. The only way to properly estimate how much of a nutrient is needed is through the soil sampling process.

"Soil sampling is always important for a fertility management program. However, preparing for the 2012 crop year, after all the irrigation during the 2011 growing season, identifying your soil's salinity level is important. Routine soil testing can identify your soil's salinity levels and suggest measures you can take to correct the specific problem in your soil," says Tommy Doederlein, IPM, Texas AgriLife Extension, Dawson County.

The major source of salinity problems is usually irrigation water. Soils naturally high in salts are found in arid or semi-arid regions, where salts accumulate because there is not enough rainfall to dissolve them and leach them out of the root zone.

When salts accumulate in soils, problems arise for two main reasons: the soil becomes less permeable, and the salt damages or kills the plant. As soils become more saline, plants become unable to draw as much water from the soil. If the salinity concentration in the soil is high enough, the plant will wilt and die. Salt buildup can result in three types of soils: saline, saline-sodic and sodic. Saline soils are the easiest to correct.

To determine the type of problem in your soil, collect a soil sample and have it tested. The best indicator of the extent of a salt problem is a detailed salinity analysis.

"If you are interested in having your soils sampled through the Dawson/ Lynn IPM program call and I will help you. For fertility only, I recommend our "Routine plus Micronutri-

ents" and Residual Nitrogen analysis. I will sample the field and send the samples to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory in College Station," explains Doederlein.

Due to high fertilizer input costs, producers can no longer afford unnecessary applications. Therefore, establishing a realistic yield goal and then applying the amount needed to meet that goal are imperative. Setting too high a yield goal can lead to an over-application a nutrient and excessive input costs.

The cost of the sampling service will be \$40 for fields quarter section (160 acres) or less in size. Fields larger than 160 acres will be charged at a rate of \$0.25 per acre for the sampling.

There will be an additional charge of \$15 minimum if a field is to be sampled as more than one management zone based on crop planted, soil type, landscape position and/or yield zones.

"The cost of the laboratory analysis you request will be added to the sampling costs. These costs range from \$10 to \$74 per sample. The analysis I recommend for cotton fertility costs \$21; this is the routine analysis plus Micronutrients and residual nitrogen," he said.

Forms for the requested analysis and surveys will be available at the Dawson and Lynn County Extension offices.

The results of the soil testing and recommendations will be sent to the producer.

"We ask that all costs be paid prior to the field being sampled," said Doederlein. "This service is open to all crops and management systems. This service is intended for producers

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Lynn County Farm Bureau

POLITICAL CALENDAR

Political Primary is April 3, 2012
Early voting is March 19-30
(Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

106th Judicial District District Attorney

BRIAN KINGSTON (INCUMBENT)

106th Judicial District District Attorney

MICHAEL MUNK (CANDIDATE)

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Lynn County Sheriff JERRY D. FRANKLIN (INCUMBENT)



Thank you! ... Blanca Baker (right), director of Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, was happy to receive food from the U Can Share 12 Cans of Christmas Food Drive last week. The food was delivered by Elizabeth Tew (left), coordinator of the event. "We collected a total of 4,567 pounds of food overall, through the generosity of this community. It is wonderful to see the amount of food that has been donated to help others. There is much more to be delivered next week to the Senior Center and to the Food Pantry at the Church of Christ," said Tew.



Notice

CITY OF O'DONNELL NOTICE

The City of O'Donnell will be accepting sealed bids for the cash lease of the following described tract of land for a six (6) month term. Highest bid will be accepted. Bids should be based on the property in its entirety and be submitted at City Hall, located at 615 8th Street, O'Donnell, Lynn County of Texas, through close of business on January 10, 2012.

All land will subject to the building currently situated on the property. Further, lessee must maintain the property in a good and clean manner.

Lessee shall pay as consideration to the City of O'Donnell, a lump sum payment at the time of the execution of the contract.

It is expressly agreed by and between the parties hereto that if any of the property subject to this contract is desired by the City of O'Donnell for economic development or other non-agricultural purposes, the City of O'Donnell shall have the exclusive right to utilize any or all of such property for such purposes.

The City of O'Donnell reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Tract: All of Lots 20 and 21, Block 91, Original Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas. 51-2c

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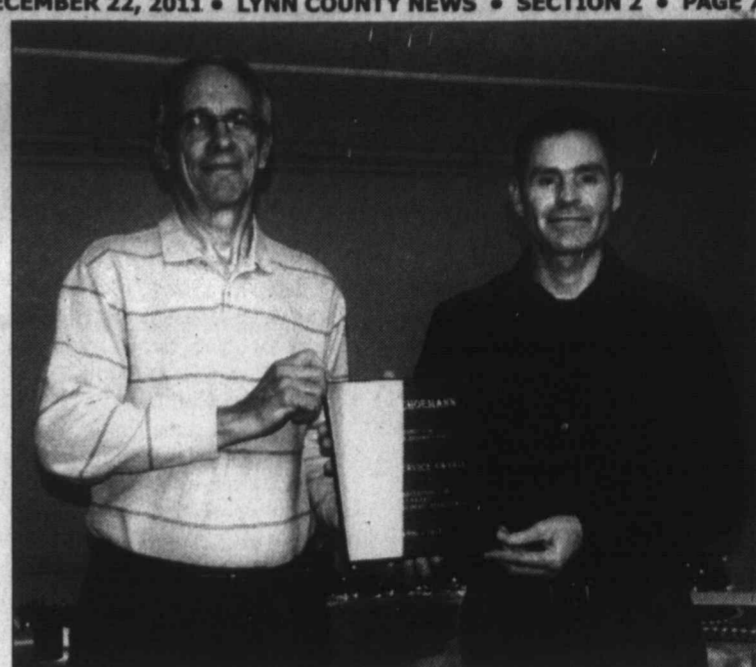


May PEACE be your gift this Christmas.

Lynn County Farm Bureau 2011

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Service Award...William (Bill) Schoemann, (pictured right) Deputy Director of the 106th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department was presented a 15-year service award recently by the Department Director Lloyd Glass.

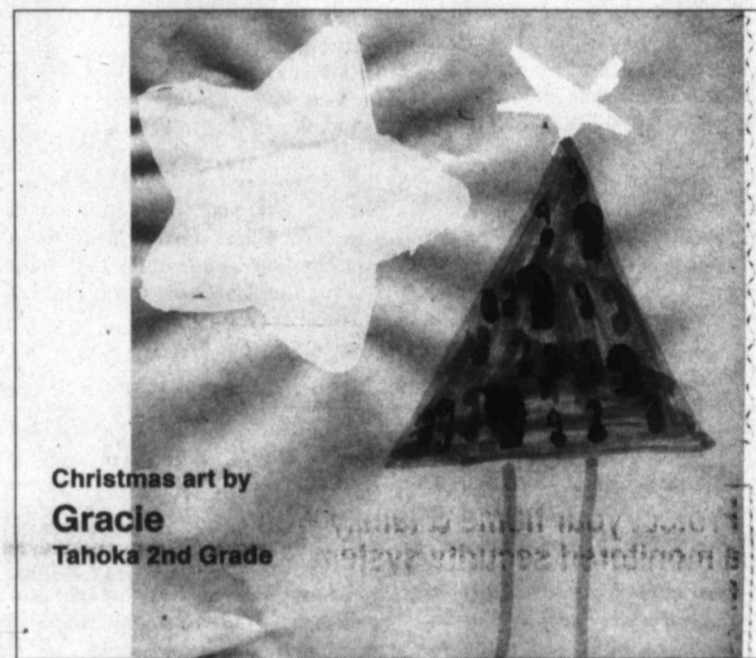
in Dawson and Lynn Counties, those who gin in Dawson and Lynn Counties and those who produce close to the county lines - call if you have any questions," he added.

"We will need each producer to be able to locate their fields from a plat book with the county, plat number, section, and quarter. You can come by the office for any needed assistance. Also, if there are any special instructions for us to access the fields we will need that information. We will be driv-

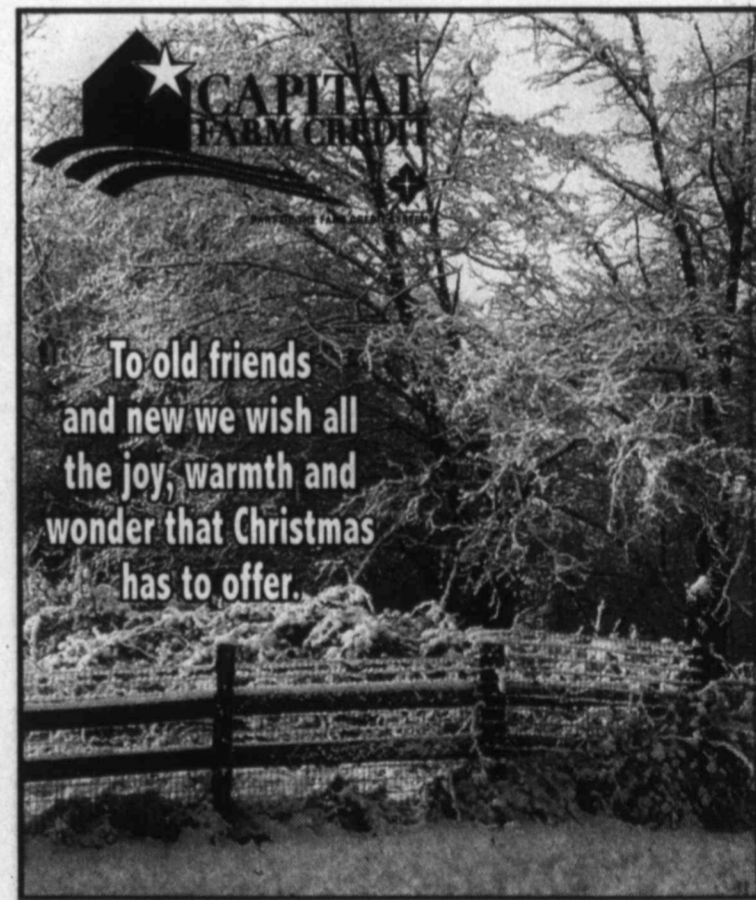
ing a pickup truck through the field to obtain the samples," said Doederlein.

Each producer who participates in this service will be asked to take a short survey prior to the season and again at the end of the growing season. Information gathered may be used for educational purposes in meetings, however, everyone will remain anonymous.

If there are any questions please call the Dawson County Texas AgriLife Extension Service at (806) 872-3444.



Christmas art by Gracie Tahoka 2nd Grade



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



May the blessings of Christmas surround you and yours during this holiday season and in the upcoming new year.

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Letters to Santa
from children in
O'DONNELL

KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
I want a pink pillow pet. I also want a phone. I want it to be purple and I want it to really work. I want a blue purse that I can keep my stuff in. I really want a new baby doll. Thank you.
Love, Angel Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a new scooter. I would like an orange one please. That is all. My mom will get the rest.
Thanks! Love, Omar Vela

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll that is a girl. I want her to be wearing a dress that is purple with pink dots. I want her to look like a princess. I also want a boy Barbie named Ken. I want Him to be wearing a blue shirt and green pants. I also want a new baby doll that has its own diapers and clothes.
Thank you.
Love, Alan Regalado

Dear Santa,
I want a red fire truck that is big. I also want a DSI. I want the blue one please. I want a lot of games. I want a remote control car and monster truck. Thanks!
Love, Jaden Rosas

Dear Santa,
I want my own calendar to write in. I want some new movies. I want some cool red and pink nail polish. I also I want the Justin Beiber movie and Happy Feet 2. I want some cool red and pink nail polish. I also want a new Santa for our house, the Santa that is sitting in a rocking chair and moves by itself. I want a new doll and doll house. Maybe a teddy bear too. Thanks!
Love, Kylee Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I want like a zebra pillow pet. I also want a new pink blanket that matches my pillow pet. I also want a new purse. I want it to be pink too. That is it. Thank you Santa!
Love, Nayli Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a shiny new red four wheeler. I want a helmet to go with it so that I can be safe and go really fast. If you have time, will you bring me a yellow dirt bike? I have always wanted a dirt bike. Can your elves build a dirt bike? Thanks! Love, Everett Stidham

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll that I can play with at my house. I want a baby for my sister Yacenia too so that we can play with them together. I also want a Dora doll because I really like her. Can you bring me a new Christmas tree? I don't have one at my house. I want one with a lot of lights. Thank you!
Love, Jaqueline Renteria

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll for Christmas. One that has a bottle and a pacifier. I love you, Santa. You can have some cookies and milk.
Love, Hadlee Childress

Dear Santa,
You are very nice. You are kind. Can you please bring me high top Nike shoes? Would you please bring me new shirts? I would like you to bring me a new Xbox 360. I love you. Caden Vasquez

I love Santa Claus! Please bring me Nike shoes that go 130 miles per hour. Please bring me a nice regular car that has black wheels and the car is black with yellow stripes. I wish I was bigger so I could drive a car. I want to pet and ride one of your deers. Thank you and be safe and ready.
I want to hug you. Zander Dimas

Hi Santa,
Can you please bring me some babies? I want babies with pink clothes. Thank you for all the things.
Maria Janzen

Hello,
I want to give you some cookies with milk. I love you. I believe in you. I want you to give me a weight set. So I can have muscles. So I can grow up to be a wrestler. Please get me a Sincara Mask and a gold collar jacket with Sincara sleeves and Sincara pants.
That is all.
You're my friend, Slade Scroggins

Hi Santa,
Please bring me a tractor. A green one.
Thank you, Justin Peters

I love Santa. Be careful bringing us presents. I wanted to say hi to Mrs. Claus. Please bring me a DS and a real dog and a cat. I am going to give the cat to my sister. I would like a dirt bike.
Love, Vincent Frankl

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new jacket and a BB gun. Thank you.
Caleb Trevino

Dear Santa,
I think I would like a trampoline for Christmas. My brother and sister and I will leave you some vegetables, bananas and apples.
Hannah Barnett

Hi Santa,
I am six years old and I want a LaLa Loopsy Doll. Thank you for the doll.
Anee Hiltbrunner

Thank you for giving me some presents. Would you like to have some cookies? Please bring me some presents. I would like to have a Justin Bieber watch. I miss you.
Mackenzie Perez

Hi Santa,
You can have some of my cookies. Today is my birthday. I like this school. I also like to shop. Please, Santa can I have a pink DS? Please, Santa can I have a Barbie? Thank you Santa.
Ilionah Fininen

Dear Santa,
Please, bring me a Barbie car. If you can bring me Barbie dolls and a play house with dishes that would be good.
Thank you, Yecenia Renteria

I love you Santa! Please send your elves to my house with presents. Please bring me a Dipping Dot Machine and a motorcycle with a real battery. Be careful and don't hit my Grandma or her tree with you reindeer.
James Paul McCue

Thank you Santa for all the presents. Please bring me and Brooke a Barbie and a TV. Be careful and be nice.
Love, Sada Lara

Santa,
I was dreaming about you. I miss you too and I have cookies and milk for you. I have hot coco for you. Please bring me a dipping dot machine. Please bring a Transformer with wings. Please get me a motorcycle. I miss you.
James Paul McCue

1ST GRADE

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. And the go cart and the baby bird I like to play with my go cart and the baby bird. Can you bring a skooter? Benji G

Dear Santa
thank you for the babe last year. I love Rudolph. I love you. wood you bring me a fone and a babe dol. I want a pet fish.
love Desiree Fernandez

Dear Santa
Thank you for the presents and the toys and for the wii and my ex box 360. I love to play games it is fun. I want to tak a picth with santa. I want a dirt bike. I will like to ride the bike. santa are you making toys and bikes and go carts?
Love eufemio oitz

Daer Santa,
How are ya'll in north pole? I thank you remember me Santa Claus. I will bring you appls. This krismiss I what a x box 360 cnect. I want games with that.
I love you,
Gage Garces

dear santa,
I will give you sum milk and cookies win yw cum. Hou is mis cles? Wil You give me munstr hive and a Barbie charm school and a Barbie that has feathers. I would also like 2 wedding barbies.
Luv Hannah hernandez

Dear Santa
I hope your reindeer or fine. I want a fone for Christmas and a little brown cat and a toy game.
Love Harley Myers

Dear Santa
Thank you for the Christmas gifts last year. please bring me a gun and a truck with shooting guns and a transformer game. I will b nice with the guns. I wish you give us a beautiful day of Christmas.
Love Jacobo Gomez

Dear Santa
Thank you for the presents last year. Can you bring me some presents with toys and can you bring me a compootr. I want a water gun and more cool toys. Rudolph can fly with his nose and feet.
Love Jacob Chavera

Dear Santa
thank you for toys you barot me last year. will you bring me littl cars and a toys snace. I love Santa.
Love,
Jaime Avila

Dear Santa
Thank you for the remote car last year. I like the things got last year. Please bring me a bike and a forweelr. And a hors. I love you Santa.
Love Johan Janzen

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presots. Thank you for the toys. I love santa claus. I like Christmas. I opened one presot. it is a good chnsfoymr. it was otisprim sow being my a drit one it was a good day. love Leoy delosSatos

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys from last year. I want a for wilr and an ipod. I love you Santa, Joshua Gloria

Dear Santa Claus,
I like the reindeer. I want a white puppy with brown spots and floppy ears, clothes, and a bike.
Love, Leah Liendo

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toy from last year. I want a car, a Spongebob bot game and a ball.
I love you Santa, Nehemiah Vela

Dear Santa,
I hope that Rudolph and the other reindeers are fine For Christmas. I love you Santa. Thank you for the gogo walking dog last year. Wood you bring me a password journal?
Love, Taylor Gass

Dear Santa
Thank you for my toy from last year. I love Rudolph and all the other reindeer. They're so sweet! I want a nice bike, an eagle toy, and a ghost toy.
Love, Valarey Pina

Dear Santa
I will hav milk and choklitchip cookies for you. I love you Santa. I want a baby panda. put a butin in it for Christmas. wut els I want is a kitty. put a butin in it for it to work.
Love Morgan Roye

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the wonderful gifts you brought me last year. This year I would like a big diamond ring and new living room furniture. I sure hope Rudolph's nose is shining bright this year!
Love, Mrs. Brownlow

Dear Santa
How ar you santa cles? Are you making toees for Christmas. Dus yory tree have star? I will leave you ten cookies. Thank you for the toys last year. Do your reindeer know how to find me? Santa, can you bring me a toy? I want a lot soldiers. I want a trampoline too. Be careful on Christmas.
Your Friend, Nasario Avalos

Dear Santa
Thank you for the toys last year. You tel Rudolph he has a shine nose. Please bring me a ipod tuch and a compootr. I want a forwilr bike this year.
Love Nicholas Rios.

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Your Friend, Nicholas Juarez

Dear Santa
I love santa be cus your nis I hope you like cookies. I want a lot uv dreses and joolrey. I want hi hils.
Love Sierra

Dear Santa
how r yu? Injoy the milk and cookis. thank you fr the prents. Can you give me barbies this year? I have been very good.
Love Valerie Flores

Dear Santa
Thank you for the presents for last yer. how are mis claus and the reindeer? how are the elves? This year could you please bring me micke mous. have a good day.
love Vanessa

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I hope you like milk and cookies. I would like a Barbie and some clothes.
Love, Yatzel Renteria 1st Grade

Dear Santa
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Dear Santa
Thank you for the toys you brot me. Plees bring me a compuyotr and a ipod and lil cars.
Love, Zeke Saenz

Dear Santa
If I'm on the naughty list I'm going to make you cookies anyway and I'm going to put milk with that. Thank you for the presents last year. thank you for the presents when my hous burnt down. I wood like a Live cat in the hat and a real phone.
Love Alex

Dear Santa
thank you for toys you barot me last year. wil you bring me a dees xll and a Nintendo and a fone. I love yoor reindeer.
Love, Benjamin Rodriguez

SECOND GRADE
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. And for this year I wood like a matching dress for me and my ant's pomorainn named Avery.
Thank you Aki

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is alright. Santa bring a remote control zombie. and an night vision glasses. and a dog. and a robot. and something that makes your voice sound like T-pain. I also want a guitar. And a camouflaged suit and a shot gun.
Valic Laureles Thank you

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. Santa how is Ms. Claw doing. is the elves doing all right. and this what I want for Christmas. I would like a Wii and a Mario Kart to my Wii. and I want a new fighting game to my ds. and a the new super Mario bros to my ds. and Mario and Sonic ilimpics 2012 and a big pool and a girl puppy and oh I love you and my name is Tomas Gilbert thank you love you from tomas

Dear Santa,
Mrs. Claus I love you. And Mr. Santa Claus I love you to. And for Christmas I want a big laptop pleas with a cherry on top. And I want a drum kit. Santa how are your rain deer. December 25, 2011
Thank you, Tobey Hale

Dear Santa,
Can you give me a nurfgun and a waternurfgun and a new call a of duty because I love you and Mrs. claus. And I want a new Snake and a toy shotgun and a crossbow and a toy pistle. Thank you and my name is Ruben Juarez and I m, in 2nd grade.

Dear Santa,
thank you for the presents last year cood I have the predator mask and the geer with the spear with the gun and with the lazer onit and the gluv. And a indins boero with eros. and a rill baby pithon. with its food its micie with a 9 foot tage. And a laptop and lunchucs the rill lunchuck. And a blo dart with its dart and blo dart chracculizer and a noy slingshot with its eros and a cros bo with the eros and a poster of Lil' Wayne.
Thanke you, Oscar Luna

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents Last year. This year I would like a Justin Bieber doll and a wii, and I also like a big poster of Justin Bieber and a set of makeup and I would like to go to his consert on Christmas Eve andi would like my wall to be painted purple and I want a picther of Justin Bieber and a pillow of Justin Bieber and a sheet of Justin Bieber and biankit of Justin Bieber and a perfwom I would like to go to his consert on Christmas Eve and a picther of Justin Bieber werring a santa cles costum and a move of Justin Bieber and a 3Ds with all kinds of games and a Justin Bieber picther on the front and a peano of Justin Bieber and a getar of Justin Bieber and I will make you some cookies thank you santa Mary christmes.
Thank you, Nivia Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
Thanks for all of the presents that you give us and the school. Me and my mom love to open presents because you forgive us. I want a power scooter for me and my brother. And we all love you sow much. Do you live in the North Pole. Santa is it going to snow Saturday on December 25, 2011. Are you god's friend. Santa when is your birthday. Do we have to be good for you on December 25/2011 sow we can be on the good list. How is Mrs. Claus doing at the North Pole. And we love you and Mrs. Claus and I hope you have a good time at the North Pole. Is it cold in the North Pole. Santa I am eight years old and I want a Ds I xl and with all kinds of games that you have. The games that you have I want a super Mario game. And I want one more thing that is cute, and nice and awesome is a dog that is like a light brown dog.
Thank you Miarah Ramos

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the presents last year. Me and my brothers had fuh with them. This year I want four docks for me and my brothers. Is it cold in the North Pole? Santa I am nine years old so I hope I can have a DSI and all kind of games please. Please bring me what I saw on TV called zombie lab and four power scooter.
Thank you, Manuel Chavera

See more O'Donnell Santa Letters on Page 10

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On or about January 2, 2011 the City of Tahoka will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as 711530, for the purpose of water distribution system improvements.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Tahoka City Hall (address as listed above) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Tahoka. All comments received by January 2, 2011 will be considered by Tahoka prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Tahoka certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that Mayor John Baker in his capacity as Mayor of Tahoka consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Texas Department of Agriculture approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Tahoka to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Rural Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Tahoka certification received by January 2, 2011 or for a period of seven days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Tahoka; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to The Texas Department of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, TX 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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2nd Grade ... (cont.)

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Miss Claus, Santa, and Rudolf? I want a DS, a rabbit, and little puppy, please, Santa. I need cat litter.
I want a Baby-Alive Doll, a limousine, a Wii and a game and a computer a lab top and a swim pool And gold in my back yord wen Christmas morning a horse thank you Santa me gabby flores 2nd grade.

Dear Santa,
How is Ms. Claus? I hop this Christmas is going to be good. How are the elves and the reindeer. This is what I want. I want a texas tech bike and a dxi wheth a foot ball game. And I want a texas tech TV. and a foot ball game for the. xbox 360 and a my mom needs a new phone and my dad need a texas tech cup. Fabian Garces

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? are you doing fine at the north pole? I want a dirt bike for Christmas. Thank you I am in 2nd grade and my name is jace Gloria December 25

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Cunchrole monster truck and a toy snake. And a power Skateboard I Love you Santa Claus December 25, 2011. ELiseo Avalos

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. I want a baby dog and a baby cat and close. And a baby cat and dog again so the other baby dog and cat want be alone. And a bbgun thank you Joel Liendo

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus Doing at Home and how are you doing? guess What I want for Christmas. I want pretty Cloths and Justin Bieber cloths. And a pink laptop. And a make over and make up with it. and lip stick to. Thank you destiny jade velasquez. December 25 is Christmas. and I am in 2 grade.

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a great time and Mrs. Claus too. I want an ipod, ipad, ds3, flat screen TV, skylanders, pokemon and I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you. Domico Soliz

Dear Santa,
I want a crossbow for Christmas, an Xbox360, three games, and a toy gun. And a pistol for Christmas
And a toy and that's all I want for Christmas thank you Brayden Koehler

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Ms. Claus, Rudolf, and the elves. I want a Call of Duty, a watch, a computer, a lot of movies and Rudolf. Happy Christmas! Thank you, Willy Banman Peters

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. I want a baby dog and a baby cat and close. And a baby cat and dog again so the other baby dog and cat want be alone. And a bbgun thank you Joel Liendo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an Xbox 360 a hot tub, and a flat scrim TV. I also want a remote control car, a laptop and Call of Duty Game. Thank you, Edgar Mendoza

THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa
My Name is Tommy Kingston I want a phone I want a fourweler I want a 223 I want NCAA 12 for PS3 I want Madden 12 for PS3 I want CALL OF DUTTY World At WAR for PS3 I want Call Of Dutty Modden Worfar #3 For Ps3 Your Friend Tommy Kingston

Dear Santa
My name is Tabitha, can you bring me a computer a Justin beiber CD A ipod a phone a manchin a wii a camera a xbox a Justin beiber bed a nail Salon and \$999.999 a Justin beiber spray bottle a brer poster and a new album And Justin beiber come to my house and taller swith phone number J.B blanket Your Friend Tabitha Rodriguez

Dear Santa
My name is Ashley how is Mrs. Claus? What about the reindeer especially Comet and Cupid and Rudolph the red nose reindeer? For Christmas I would like a ipad 2 and a remote control car and a big trailer and a house. I hope the elfs are ok and I hope your journey is fun and I hope you do not eat a lot of cookies and I will give the reindeer a little treat. Your Friend, Ashly Amonett

Dear Santa,
My name is Sydney. How are the reindeers and you and Mrs. Claus? I can't wait for you to come! I will try to be good just for you! I will try to get you some delicious cookies and some delicious milk. I would like a ipod touch, laptop and a pool. I want to know if Rudolph is coming this year inside my house again? Say hello to Mrs. Claus and the elfs and the reindeers for me! I think you are the coolest person on the planet! Oh and can I have Taylor Swift's phone number please. Love, Sydney Gardner

Dear Santa,
My name is Mark Resendez, How are you doing. How is Mrs. Claus doing and your reindeer doing. I will try to leave you milk and cookies. Don't worry about my cat she doesn't bite and don't give her milk or cookies. I want a 3DS with the legend of Zelda Ocoreno of time and Pokemon Ranger game. I want the legend of Zelda Ocoreno of time stickers and star fox 64 for my brother. Your friend, Mark Resendez

Dear Santa,
My name is Maddy I believe in you I've been a very good girl this year I want a babby rabbit and 2.43 that's a gun and can I have a stocking full of candy That is chocolate and one more thing can I have you? Your friend Maddy Summers

Dear Santa
my name is Shelby I want the J.B spray bottle. I want J.B album. I want a j.b porter. I want a nail SU Lond and \$20 too. I want a BTR porter. BTR new album. I want some Jewelry. I want a \$39 phone. I just want btr porter just want have Candel. I want grill suff too. I want long horn blanket. I want j.b blanket too. I want btr blanket and I purse Your frind, love Shelby Vargas

Dear Santa,
My name is lexi and for Cristmas I whant close and shoes and a Justinbeaber bed and can you get carli a phone and can you get noah a bumble bee bed And can you get benji 10 dollars and Isaiiah close and jordens shoes and can you get mom jorey and close Your frind lexigarza

Dear Santa,
My name is Katharina Knelsen How are you today? Tell your reindeers that I want to thank them because They carry you all over the world and give us presents. Are your reindeers Having fun? Is your wife having fun to? I'm having fun. I hope you are to. My mom wants to have a new house. My dad wants to have a lots of new Tractors. My brother Johann wants a game and so does my brother David. I want a Barbie house and I also want a swimming pool. Your Friend, Katharina Knelsen

Dear Santa
My name is Emily how are you and Mrs. Claus and how are the randers and the elves. For Christmas I want a ipad and a phone ipod touch sum nails that go on my fingers. Love Emily Renteria

Dear Santa,
My name is Kenna. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is doing okay. May you please bring me these things? I would like to have an American girl. I would like to get a collar for Cali. I would like blank CD's. I would like to have fake glasses. I would like a doll house with barbies. I would like an iphone 4s. I would like a pink bike with flames on it. I would like to know how to make CD's. I would like nail polish. I would like a camera. I would like new clothes. I would like an ipod. I would like an ipad. I would like a flatscreen tv. I would like a wii. I would like some pencils. I would like some shoes. I would like some led pencils. I would like earrings. I would like to be a pop star. I would like to be famous. I would like a Justin Beiber doll. I would like to sing in concerts with Susy Gonzalez. That is my Christmas List. Love, Kenna Hagler

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Dear Santa,
My name is Jochi. I have been very good. Can I have a LAKERS jersey .Can I have a DSi3D. And some Michael Jordan shoes. And some Kobe Brant shoes. And I want a lot of good grades. And a touch screen phone. And a dairy with activities and the dairy needs to have a lock but with 5 keys. And a lap top. And another lap top for Freddy. And lots of beyblades. And the beyblade metal master. Love, Jochi Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
My name is Isaiiah How are you and Mis .Claws doing I hope you are doing find. This is want I want for Christmas. I want my fourwiller and a accordion and I want a air hoges and I want a mocantrole race car and a knew bade blade and a beebie gone and a cowboy hat and cowboy boots and the most thing I want is for my family to have a good Christmas. Youer friend, Isaiiah Fernandez

Dear Santa
My name is haden childress. I want a 223. and I want a Iphone four and coming with that I want a camo case. I want a new bb gun with a scope. I want a new xbox 360 conect with cordles romots with games like call of duty black ops. I want takel football gear. Your friend Haden Childress

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabrielle Rosales. I would like for Christmas a laptop ,cloths and jewelry a wii and a golf cart and pretty green dress and air maxes and toe shoes nail polish and perfoom merry Christmas have a safe trip your friend Gabrielle Rosales

Dear Santa
My name is Aiden How is Mrs Claus and the Reindeer. For Christmas I like a I phone 4 and I pad 2 then call of duty 2 and a DS I xl and a flat screen TV, High tops. then I want a air soft pistol. And a I pod then a drum set ,guitar. Your friend Aiden Salinas

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryannah, how are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Is there to much light over there because the raindeer's? I'm just kidding. Have I been a good girl to people? Are the elves working hard? Tell them I said, "God bless them". Can I please have these gifts? I may have a camera, Justice cloths, ipad, jewelry, shoes, hats, go on TV, iphone4 and to meet Selena Gomez and Tolor Swift. Your friend Bryannah Pedroza

Dear Santa,
My name is Autumn Baltazar I want six things for Christmas first I want is a ds game. Second I want is a camara. Third I want is toe shoes. Fourth I want speries. Fifth I want is a laptop. Sixth I want is clothes size 7-8 Love, Autumn Baltazar

Dear Santa
My name is Desiree. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing. I want a wii if you can. Will you bring me a camra if you can not it is fine. I would love a phone so I can call you and tell you all I want more. I would like some jewory and a lot more. I want a computer so bad. Love Desiree Lopez



Dear Santa,
My name is Conlin how are you doing. I have been nice. I want a toy royl rumble truck. I want a texas tech front yard football field. I want a nerf gun. I want a automatick sniper airsoft. I want a movie named Dirty of a wipy kid. I want a movie called spy kids 4. Your truly Conlin Small

Dear Santa
My name is Chloe Turney How are your reindeer's I hope red nose the reindeer is doing good to lead you on Christmas eve. Are you going to bring me a presents on Christmas eve. I no what I want for Christmas. I want a computer, teddy bear, mp3 player, xbox 360 connect, zebra pillow, holiday Barbie, Texas tech zebra pillow, make up any kind, xg xl 14/16 Texas tech zebra t-shirt, zuzu pets, shoes hightops 7 1/2, pig in a cup, laptop, mirror, zuzu puppy, Your friend, Chloe Turney

Dear Santa
My name is April. N. Pina Santa how are the reindeer are counting on you and including me and I want for .Christmas is just four things that I want for .Christmas is I learn more rushin 2 pappy 3 a new bike I hop you can make it for Christmas Love April Pina

Dear Santa
My name is Blaze I belive in you I'm being a good boy this year I want a skateboard with two wheels and a bbgun and a xbox connect and a wwe world chapien and texas longhors jersey number 12 and a mp3 player and a bag full of candy and a 3DS and a DSiXL.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Here are three things I want for Christmas. The first thing I want for Christmas is a mini laptop. The second thing I want is a Texas Tech jersey. (size large kids) The last thing I want is a Dallas Cowboy Jersey. (size Large) For my dad Your friend Dayzee Castro

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SECTION 1

May your Christmas
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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want you to bring me movie and some toys for Christmas. Juanito wants a transformer. Noe wants a red car and Leticia wants new clothes.
Your Friend, Iris Olveda

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year, I want a blankie, a toy, and a doll. Christina wants makeup. Mikio and Michael want a car. I am going to leave you cookies and milk
Your Friend, Gabriell Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Camper, Barbie Charm school carriage, some clothes, some boots, books, some princesses for my castle, a dress, presents, paint for my room to make my room look pretty, a Hello Kitty, a spiderman costume, a Jasmine costume, a cat costume, Dora Fairy, Roudolph and lights. I love you.
Love, Kaelyn Barrientez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a spiderman book, transformer passenger optimus prime, a big bumblebee, spiderman toy, iron hyde. There is a lot of them. You can drive to the store and get all of them for my presents. I want one more a star screen airplane.
Love, Jaxon Hall

Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrow for target, a microphone with a piano and headset, a cowboy and Indian set with Indian clothes, a board so I can draw, a country guitar, a new Nike football, a house and a hotel. Merry Christmas Santa! I hope you don't get sick. Tell Mrs. Claus I said Hi and to take care of herself.
Your Friend, Brogan Stone

Christmas Trivia

from www.writerchick.wordpress.com
Electric Christmas lights were first used in 1854.
One town in Indiana is called Santa Claus. There is also a Santa, Idaho.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I am going to give you goodie cookies. I want to take a picture with you. I want a computer, a lollipop, a cup, a basket with a bunch of cookies, a book, a lamp, a box of candies, some milk for Leah, a cup for mommy and daddy, Yoli wants a cowgirl hat and Maggie wants a balloon.
Your Friend, Yamine Segovia

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, Barbie pencils, a stuffed animal, magnets, a coloring book, and a baby doll for Claire. I have joy in my heart!
Your Friend, Grace Reglin

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house, a toy Barbie, baby kittens, a cup with princesses on it, a Barbie Charm School Christmas Movie, and Barbie Bike. I wish I had a purple and white Easy Bake Oven. You can eat out of it. I want a unicorn like my cousin Ava. I have been a good girl. Can you bring my daddy a new t-shirt and my mommy wants a new dress and new heels. Please tell Rudolph I said hi.
Love, Jacdyn Lee

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I want a Barbie, a baby doll, a swimming pool and a new pretend dog.
Your Friend, Kylee Chapa

Dear Santa,
I want a present, a calculator, batman, a superman toy, a helicopter, a truck, and a dog with babies. Say Hi to Woody.
Your Friend, Brendan Santibanez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house, a playground, a star on my Christmas tree and a new cup. Can you please tell Rudolph I said Hi.
Your Friend, Selah Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie House that has stairs, a Barbie, Barbie clothes and a Barbie Carriage. I am going to leave you some cookies with chocolate and milk with carrots.
Your Friend, Emma Segovia

You make me happy

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Gabriell Hernandez is all smiles over a visit with Santa at the City/County Library last week. She is a pre-K student at Tahoka Elementary.

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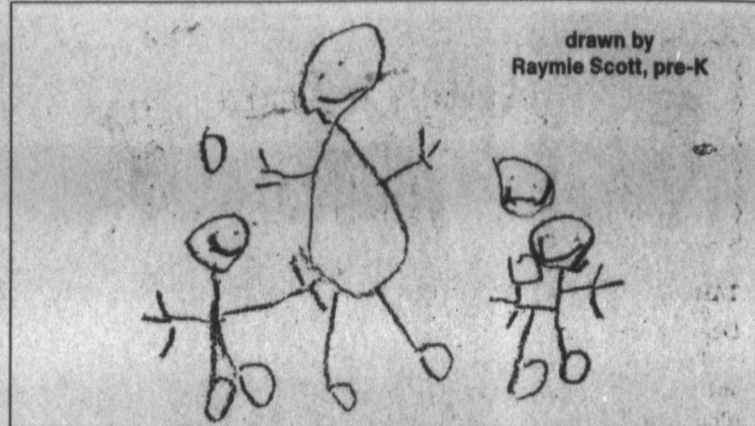
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want to give you cookies and milk I want a princess, candy canes, some books, a wuffy dog, Rudolph the toy, Barbie Charm School, a snowman toy, a Hello Kitty toy, some boxes, and Christmas Lights. I want to see you and Rudolph. I have been a good girl at my mom's and my dad's.
Your Friend, Marlie Scott

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a bike, a new DVD player, and a little truck. I am going to leave you milk and cookies and some carrots for Rudolph.
Your Friend, Cayden Saldana

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I am going to give you a lot of cookies with milk. Please bring me a toy like transformers, racing cars, iron man, and car. I love you Santa.
Your Friend, Alejandro Lopez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want to give you some cookies and milk. I would like a pink scooter, a baby doll and some new clothes.
Love, Jasmie Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I have been good, I want a present, a bulldog, games, and motorcycle. My sister wants a present.
Your Friend, Kaden Byrum



Sonia Colon Class
Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a bike, stuffed animals and a poster.
Love, Kayleigh Locke

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a pink DSI.
Love, Amber Mendez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a pink DSI, areal dog, and a pony.
Love, Naxavia Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want toy story toys, books, toy parrot, candy canes and a motorcycle.
Love, Jonandon Soto

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a buzz light toy, and a orange dsi.
Love, Pablo Herevia

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a DSI and a bunch of stars and hearts.
Love, Micaela Sullivan

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a heart cookie cutter for my EasyBake oven.
Love, Selah Mendieta

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a remote control, Dsi, a real bird, lighting mcqueen and lights for our Christmas Tree, computer, coloring book, locker and all of the ironman and spiderman.
Love, Ruben Arguello

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a baby doll.
Love Raymie Scott

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Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a dog, an iPhone, and a unicorn.
Love, Averi Duncan

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a Princess kitchen, princess makeup in a piano.
Love, Jaelyn Gomez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a princess doll and a baby doll.
Love, Eva Nickle

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a dog, a piggy bank, and a toy animal.
Love, Lezarah Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a pony, a duck with a hat, and a dog.
Love, Kendra Garcez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a jack in the box, grey cup, fishing rod, grapes, books, scarf and blocks
Love, Luke Sullivan

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a horse and a Barbie.
Love, Zabrina Johnson

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want grand theft part 5 for my xbox 360 real bad.
Love, Noah Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a real baby puppy, a real cat and a dancing ballerina.
Love, Allie McCormick

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a two Kookoo birds that copy you and one just like Lezariah's.
Love, Adysan Jester

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a little stroller for my doll and toy scissors.
Love, Alazaih Diaz

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a remote control tractor.
Love, Isaiah DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a remote control motorcycle.
Love, Issac Deleon

TAHOKA KINDERGARTEN
Rebecca Dimak

Dear Santa,
Hi. I love you. I have been good this year. Please bring me a gun with yellow and black stripes. I also want a game to play on the computer.
Love, Elijah Coronado

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Please bring me presents. I want a pink necklace and a dog. I also want a chocolate heart.
Love, Candy Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas. I love bikes. If I had a bike I would go everywhere. I don't want training wheels. How do the reindeers fly? I love you, Santa.
Love, Vicente Lopez

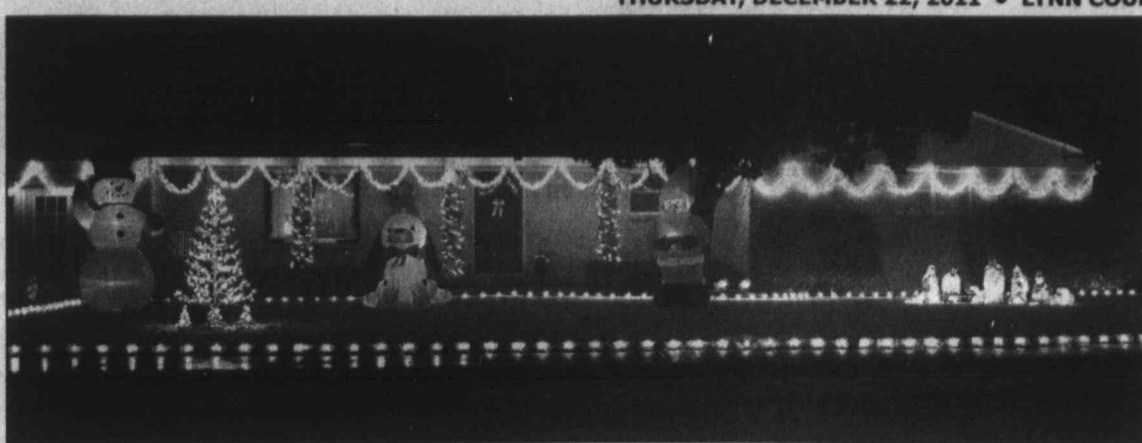
Dear Santa,
I'm gonna be good this year. I want a Nintendo DS, an IPOD and some house shoes, the boot kind.
Love, Anthony Calsoncit

Dear Santa,
I want red bike. I also want a cell phone and a DS. I like reindeer.
Love, Joseph Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie bike without training wheels because my tire is flat on mine. I also want Aqua Sand like my sister's. Please leave me a coloring book with crayons. What do your reindeer eat?
Love, Nalaysa Vega

Dear Santa,
Have a great day! I want a four-wheeler for Christmas, a red and blue one. I also want a phone. Please bring something for my sister.
Love, Seth Lee

Dear Santa,
I want a purple bracelet and a necklace for Christmas. Please bring me a watch. Please bring something special for my Mom.
Love, Sienna Gonzales



Happy holidays ... The James Sullivan home, at 2008 N. 4th in Tahoka, features several holiday decorations that shine at night.
(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a DS with a DS pen. My new baby brother will be here on Christmas. Please bring him something too. I also want Longhorn pillows and a Long horn blanket.
Love, Julian Delo

Dear Santa,
I want a computer with a mouse. Please bring my sister a coloring book. I would like some new markers. Me and my sister want a TV and a TV remote.
Love, Zoe Moreno

Dear Santa,
I want a white walking dog that has a collar. This is what else I want, a Hello Kitty stocking. And I want a Hello Kitty little thing that is a castle that is kinda like a doll house except it is bigger than a doll house. In a magazine I saw something that is a play bed for your baby dolls to rock my baby dolls. The legs are brown and the thing that you push is pink. I saw a buggy at the Dollar Store here, that you push your groceries in. That's all I want.
Love, Isabella Saucedo

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa Claus doing? How is the reindeers? Is Rudolph the Red nosed reindeer really true? I want the little blasto Santa that knocks things down. He's made out of sand. For me and Parker, I want a Princess bunk bed. It is pink. I'm gonna jump on my bed. I'm not gonna hit my head or nothing. I want this little sparkley ring. I don't have a jack-in-the box.
Love, Landree Erickson

Dear Santa,
I want an easel that has paint, a bunk bed and a Zoo Zoo Pet Princess. I also want a castle that is for the Zoo Zoo pet. How' the reindeers?
Love, Cagnie Long

Dear Santa,
I want a cell phone and a DS. And a skateboard and a football.
Love, Jordan Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want Bac u gones. Its like a circle that you drop and it turns into dragons and I want a dirt bike, a blue one. And a dirt bike helmet and thats all. How does it feel like riding in the sleigh? You are magic.
Love, Braydn Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I want a green electric scooter and a blue dirt bike. What do reindeer eat?
Love, Miller Norwood

Holley Cornelius
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa!! Would you please bring me lip stick, a Justin Bieber microphone, and a little Barbie car? I will leave cookies and milk on the table.
Love, Maddison

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa! I want a DS Lite, a shark set fleet, and a timer. I will give you hugs when you come to my house.
Love, Reese

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa! I want a puppy microphone, a Barbie, and lip stick. I have been a good girl. Thank you.
Love, Emma

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car, a spider shooter, and a transformer. I have been a good boy.
Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Clause. I want a Cinderella Barbie and Justin Bieber perfume. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Kaycee

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Can you bring me a blue bike and a princess Barbie?
Love, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control corvette car. I have been a good boy.
Love, Ahren

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a Justin Bieber coat, hat, drum set, and the Justin Bieber movie. I also want a Barbie house.
Love, Veronica

Christmas Trivia

The first department store to feature a visit with Santa was the J. W. Parkinson's store in Philadelphia in 1841. Astonishingly, no other department stores copied this event until 1890 when a store in Boston repeated it. Before long, lines of children formed at stores across America to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their Christmas wish list. The department store Santa has been immortalized in films such as Miracle on 34th Street and Christmas Story.

The most popular Christmas song of all time is Bing Crosby's version of "White Christmas." And "Silent Night"-arguably the most recognizable Christmas hymn-was written in 1818, by an Austrian pastor, Joseph Mohr. As Christmas Eve came, that year, the organ in his church was broken, so together with his friend, Franz Gruber, he wrote this new tune for the service that night, and played it on his guitar for his congregation.

"Jingle Bells" was originally written for a Thanksgiving celebration, in 1857.

The Christmas abbreviation-Xmas-is thought by some to be sacrilegious, but in fact the first letter of the Greek word for Christ is chi, which is X. Before the invention of the printing press, "Xmas" was often used, in print, to save time and ink.

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Dear Santa,
I want a scooter board, and a Wii game. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Maggie

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a Dora toy, a fake computer, and a Barbie doll.
Love, Anesa

Dear Santa,
I want a Ds game. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Jamie

Dear Santa,
I want a black bike, and a go cart.
Love, Zaylium

Miranda Stice

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I love you Santa! Can you buy me some soldier toys? That's all.
Love, Mark Antu

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I want a video game and a dump truck.
Thank you.
Love, Isaac Chavarria

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a toy? I want a toy that goes around my arm and shoots out spider webs. I also want a new bicycle helmet. Can you bring us a nut cracker that talks? I also want a toy gun. I have been a good boy this year. Thank you.
Love, Taylor Cunningham

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I want an action figure.
Merry Christmas!
Love, Tristen Curtis

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a real pony, a stuffed animal, and a dog. Merry Christmas Santa!!!
Love, Yasmine Delgado

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a big dog, and a little TV. I also want a whistle like the teachers. I love you and want to sing a song for you. I wish you a Merry Christmas; I wish you a Happy New Year!
Love, Marissa Morales

Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox for Christmas. Thanks for the gifts. Merry Christmas!
Love, Kye Porras

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a little bumble bee pillow pet, and a baby that drinks a bottle. I also want a whistle like the teachers. I love you and want to sing a song for you. I wish you a Merry Christmas; I wish you a Happy New Year!
Love, Nevaeh Quintero

Dear Santa,
I want a robot, a Woody doll, and an air balloon. I also want a race car, a drum and a mask. I like to get racecars. Merry Christmas!
Love, Zechariah Smith

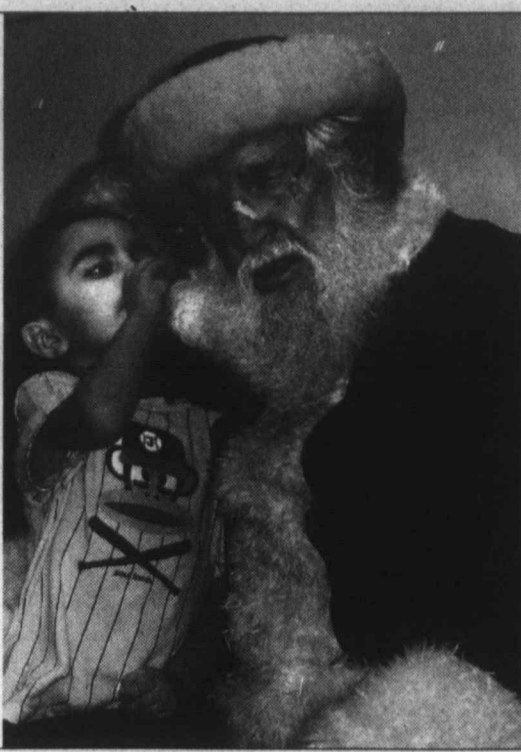
Dear Santa,
I made a picture for you. For Christmas I want a scooter. I want to ride on Rudolph. He looks fast. Merry Christmas!
Love, Halle Stone

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas!!! Can you bring me a phone, an IPOD, and Water Combat video game? I have been a good girl. I miss you.
Love, Toni Jo Garcia

It's a secret ...

Noah Rodriguez, a pre-K student at Tahoka Elementary, whispers what he wants for Christmas in Santa's ear, during the children's story time at the City/County Library recently when Santa and Mrs. Claus made a surprise visit.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)



TAHOKA 1ST GRADE

Mrs. May

Dear Santa,
I have bin a good girl. Would you bring me a Ds? Is roodof good at flying?
Love, Alyssa Antu

Dear Santa,
I bid a gud grol Can yu bring a brbe hows becus mi cuzn hav a brbe hows? Plez! I luv yu!
Luv, Jacqueline

Dear Santa,
I have been a good gril. I have a one hudrid on my sitsn ship a wrd. Can you ples git me a ipad. It is fun becus you can play gams. You are the best
Love, Sydney

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a Batman video game? What do your reindeer eat?
Love, David Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Can I have a drum set? Marvin has one. You are the best.
Love, Kaleb Locke

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. I hav bina gud gril. Can you bring me a ds ples? Becos I lost min. I hope the wethr is gud for you.
Love, Makayla

Dear Santa,
I hav bin a good boy. Can u bring me a trampolin? Becoz I don't hav won. U r the best.
Love, Eli Perez

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas! I have a one hundrid on kondukt. Can I have sum dog foud. Be cuz my dog is running out of dog foud. I love you.
Love, Hope

Dear Santa,
I been a gud grol. Can yu bring me a swing? So I can swing on it. I hope it is gud weather so Santa can go to peple homes to giv prznts. I love Christmas.
Love, Keyana

Dear Santa,
Yes I hav bin a gud girl. Wil you bring me a Barbe? Becaws I like to pla Barbe. I love you.
Love, Cameron

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas! I have been nice. Can you bring me a trampoline? Please be careful in the snow.
Love, Cason Resendez

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. Can yow bring me a bebe mushen? Because I like to shot. You are the best.
Love, Kaidance Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been a goo boy. Can I hav a gutr? Becos I don't hav wun. I love Santa.
Love, Jacoby

Dear Santa,
I hav bin a gud grl. Can I hav a laptop? Ples! Sow me and mi bruthr can play on it. I love you Santr
Love, Nataly

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good garl. Can you bring me a Chrapulen? Becos my nex dors sis has one. I hope the weather is good.
Love, Zaylee Vega

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas! Will you bring me a flat out rock? Plez. Becuz I think it is asum. Thank you Santa. You ar the best.
Love, Matthew

Mrs. Wiseman

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good boy. Can I have a new ds game? New ds games ar fun. You ar a nice man.
Love, Estevan Calvillo

Dear Santa,
I have been a gud oy. Can I have a 4 wheeler? Becos I never had one. I love you.
Love, Dominic

Dear Santa,
I been good all this yir. Can I have a toy cash registr with resets? Becus I saw it at Natalie home. Thank you!
Love, Gaby

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Can I have a drum set? I want to pla in the band. I mis you.
Love, Iain

Dear Santa,
I been a good girl and I got the Bulldog. Pes can I have a brbe doll? My litol sistr get my brbe doll. Ples Santa I love your red sut Santa.
Love, Miranda DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Can I have a dancing baby? Becas I like dancing. I love you.
Love, Madison Fox

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Can I hav a remot control bot? Becoz I nevr had one. I luv u.
Love, Isaac Garcia

Dear Santa,
I love you. Can I have a lego Sponge Bob. Be cuz I ned a new one. I lik your red sut.
Love, Noe

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Can I hav a Mr. Crab lego? Becos, y lettl sistr brac my toys I like u
Love, Miklo Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good gril in school. Can I have a computer? Becaws I nevr had one. I love u.
Love, Natlie

Dear Santa,
I been a good grl. Can you by me cow grl boots? Because I don't hav in. I love u.
Love, Morgan

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Silent Night, Holy Night
May the wondrous spirit of Christmas fill your heart today and always.

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There are 13 Santas in Iceland, each leaving a gift for children. They come down from the mountain one by one, starting on December 12 and have names like Spoon Licker, Door Sniffer and Meat Hook.

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer was invented for a US firm's Christmas promotion in 1938.

Gold-wrapped chocolate coins commemorate St Nicholas who gave bags of gold coins to the poor.



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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Can I have a dancing baby? Be case I like to dans. I love you.
Love, Ella

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. I got a school award. Can I have a cash registr. Becaws I love to play with munej. I love you.
Love, Devoney

Dear Santa,
I been a good girl. Can I have a per rolr scats? I nevr had ine. You hav a nis hat.
Luv, Marisol

Dear Santa,
I have been a gud boy. Can I hava an electric peano? I lik to pla? I lik how u mac people hape.
Love, Jon Dylan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good grl. Can I have a ds morreo game? Becos I have to sher. You are a nis man.
Love, Shelby

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I wish you could bring me a trampolife. I like to sing songs about you.
Love, Katherine Stone

Dear Santa,
I bin a good girl. Can I have a car. Becoz I wtot to rid in it. I lik yur red soot.
Love, Micaela

Mrs. Wilson
Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the things. I hav bin good. Can you breg me a D.S. I rile like my bruthrs. I love you.
Love, Axie

Dear Santa,
I hope that the weather is good. I bin good. Can you breg me a logbord? Becus Rij has wun and I wut wun too.
Love, Talon Ausbern

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas! I was a gid grl. I love u. I wot a jucit. Becus it is gid. You or nis.
Love, Serenity

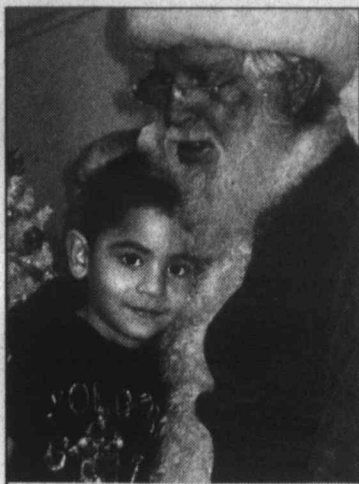
Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. Can you ples bring me a Xbox 360? Cus I hav bin a gud boy. I like yer reb sut.
Louv, Sheadon

Dear Santa,
I like Christis It is my favrt theg. May I have a GoGo Whoocen puppe for Christmis. I bin gud. I love Santa
Love, Sharyce

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. May you bring my brums for Christms? I nevr have got brums. You or the best.
Love, Zoie Garvin

Dear Santa,
I have eben a good boy. Wil you bring me a basbol gam? I lik to play basbol. Thank you for being a nis man.
Love, Paul

Dear Santa,
I bin a good girl. Could I have a noo pink scrfe and swedr? Becus it is gunu bee cold.
I love you, Alicia Herran



I love you ... Issac Deleon, a pre-K student at Tahoka Elementary, gives a hug to Santa when Santa made a surprise visit during the children's Christmas story time at the City/County Library.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. Could I have a Dq Blisrd? Kus I lik I screm. I love you.
Love, Jesus Liendo

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. I have been a good girl. I love you. You are the best. You was the best Santa. Could I have a computer?
Love, Bethany

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. Could I have some sparkley shoes? I like your red jacket
Love, Ariana

Dear Santa,
Could I have some Kitty shoes so I can play dress up? I have been good. Thank you for the stuff.
Love, Abbigail

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas! I bin gud this yir. Can you bring me a now fone for Christmas? Bicus I wut to play gams. Thak you for bregen me presez.
Love, Alexia

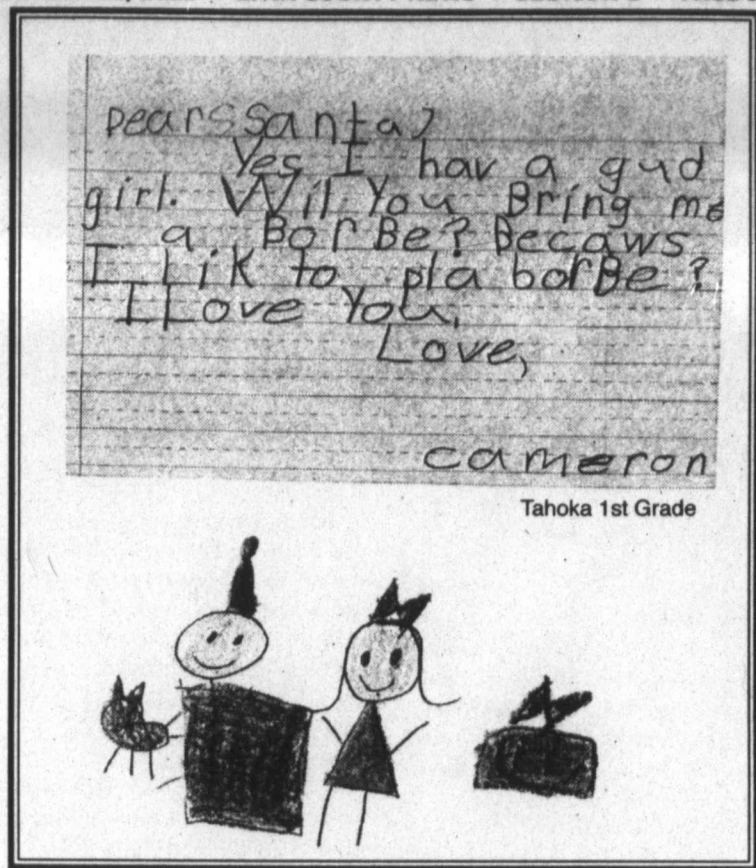
Dear Santa,
I got the Bulldog award. I love Christmas! I was a good boy. Could I have a game Santa? Because I like gams.
Love, Jayden

Dear Santa,
I hope you come for Christmas. Culd I ptees have a DQ Blizrd Masheen for Christmas ptees? I hope you don't get sick. I am good at school.
Love, Kazmyn

Dear Santa,
I love you! I got the Bulldog Pride Award. I bin a good boy. I mist you. I ned 'shoes beclus my nanas dog keeps choowing my shoes. You are the best.
Love, Haydon

Dear Santa,
I have bin a good grl. I love you! Cood you bring me sum barbee close? Becus I donte have a nuf!
Love, London

Dear Santa,
I lik Chrsmas. I was a good boy. Could I have a Ipod? I lik to pla gams. You ar looking good.
Love, Shane



Tahoka 1st Grade

TAHOKA 2ND GRADE

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? I bet they are good. Please bring me a monster truck and a remote control car. I hope you have a great Merry Christmas.
Love, Ishiah Coronado

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a great day. Please bring my brother a game Kinect. I would like a game for me. Have a nice trip.
Love, Adrian Moya

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a guitar and go-cart. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Clay Sosa

Dear Santa,
My name is John and I want lots of toys I want legis kinnect for XBOX360MW3. A laptop a touch screen phone.
Love, John Resendez

Dear Santa Claus,
Are you ready for Christmas? My name is Thomas. I want a real steel robot, please, and a rocket ship. Merry Christmas.
Love, Thomas Sullivan

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello Santa. I hope you are having a great day I would like optimus prime with his trailer and a hero factory Lion X1 Merry Christmas.
Love, Ryan Olivan

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves? Can I please have a dance 1,2, and 3. Can I also please have some clothes. Have a safe trip.
Love, Nariah Renteria

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I think I wont a Ds games Laptop I phone and a Dq mikr make-up boy dolls books soke munkey.
Love, Estefanie

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are having a good day. I would like a guitar please. I would like a Barbie doll. Merry Christmas!
Love, McKenzie Johnston

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! My name is Zoe I want please a Leap pad and a bike. Thank you Santa Claus.
Love, Zoe Wilborn

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. How is Rudolph Please can you get me Ds with games? I would like inline skates. I love you.
Love, Karin

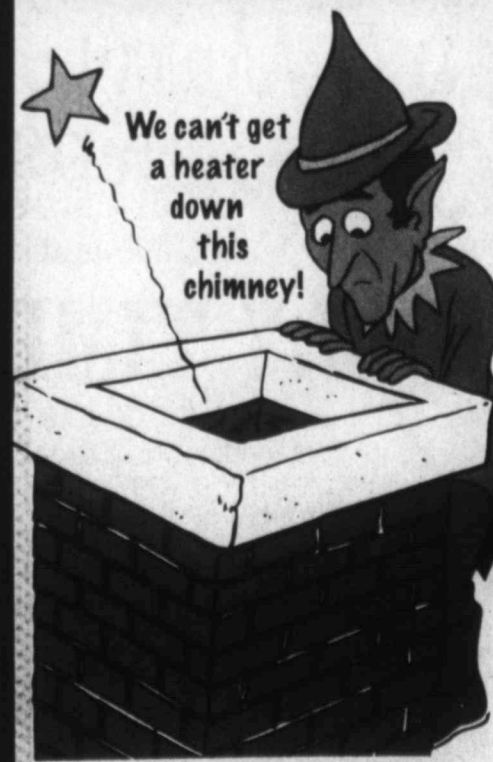
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a DS charger and surprise me with something else. Merry Christmas!!!!
Love, Kylie McNeely

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a bag of chips and a lot of DS games. I would also like a ticket to a Taylor Swift concert and a pet hamster. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Madison Rose

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Dear Santa Claus,
Santa how are the reindeers? Santa Claus I want a bike, tractors, a toy farm with the tractors. I have been really nice and my brothers are doing all right. We are going to do Christmas songs and plays and we are going to celebrate God's birthday. Merry Christmas.
Love, Franz Fehr

Dear Santa,
You are nice. I love Christmas. Please bring me a Lego City, police boat, green boat talking mater and the real lighting McQueen, I would also like the movie Puss in Boots. Merry Christmas.
Love, Kyler Villarreal

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please get me a I-Pod touch. Please give me a puppy. Please get me some lipstick. Merry Christmas!
Love, Sydney Cornelius

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Are you ready for Christmas? I want a laptop, a radio, an apple phone, a iPhone4, a iPod, a train set, and a suitcase. Please bring me a package of posters a video game and a lunch box.
Love, Rogelio Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa Claus bring me a new motor scooter. I also want a new JB doll and a new play dog. I would like a Laptop and a radio and a cat. Merry Christmas.
Love, Braylee Webster

Dear Santa,
Are you having a great day? Are you ready for Christmas? How are you doing? What I want for Christmas is a nurf gun and a BB gun and a rifle. I also want a for wheeler and a Xbox. Merry Christmas.
Love, Kalob Martinez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a great day. Can you bring me a nurf gun. Merry Christmas.
Love, Ethan Abdo

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas. Can you please give a me a pistol bb gun. have a happy Christmas.
Love, Diego Pena

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. I think I JB doll, Laptop, Iphone and make-up.
Love, Alyssa Coronado



artwork by Richard, Tahoka 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I think that you are ready for Christmas. Please bring my mom a camera and a shirt with a peace sign on it. My dad wants a flying tractor. My sister wants a princess doll and a princess castle. Tuff-pup wants a squeaky toy. I want a new Halo game and toy and a bouncy house. I love you Santa.
Love, Caleb Erickson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I think I want a cat that's white and a scooter, i-pod touch and 100 bill's. I hope you have a merry Christmas have a great day.
Love, Noelani Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you are going to have a nice Christmas. Please me a real laptop and a I pod and a Barbie touch screen. Merry Christmas!
Love, Jodeci Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Hello! I'd like a real rifle for hunting and a real bb gun and an x box have a good Christmas.
Love, Zachary Crank

Dear Santa Claus,
Hey! Santa I think I want a table easel and five Chihuahuas and one momma Chihuahua and one daddy Chihuahua. I would also like a big flat screen T.V. and a laptop and a phone and a new suitcase. Merry Christmas!
Love, Bryson Stone

Dear Santa,
I would like a Justin Bieber book or a laptop and Justin B. Doll. Thank you for everything Merry Christmas!
Love, Gracie Escobedo

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you Santa? Please bring me a puppy, a cat and a unicorn. I also want a \$100 bill, a I-pod touch and a phone. Merry Christmas.
Love, Kaline Quintero

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your elves? I would like a radio and a pair of high heels. Jacob would like some monster trucks and a note pad. Alex would like a Xbox and a tech shirt. My mom would like a pair of new earrings. My dad would like a tech shirt and a new work boots. I would like to get a pair of clothes for my dogs and a pair of shoes for my dogs.
Love, Amy Tew

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Please could you bring me some wreslers and a three ds. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Richard Quintero

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. Can you please bring me a DSI and 100 dollars? How are the elves? I hope they are fine.
Love, Augustine Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,
I love u Santa Claus! Will you please bring me a easy bake oven and a nother reindeer that poops out jelly beans and a 3ds and a Barbie house. I would like a Mario game for my 3ds and a I pod. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Adisann

Dear Santa,
I love you! Can you please bring me some money? Can you also bring me a DSI? I hope you have a good trip.
Love Zoey

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Santa can I please have a DS and purse some clothes and some toys. And I hope you are having a great day.
Love, Grace Morin

Dear Santa,
Hi! Are you having a good time. Please bring me a x. box for Christmas. And a I-pad. How are the raideers doing? Have a happy Christmas.
Love, Christina

Dear Santa,
Hi, are you having a good time at the North Pole? If you don't mind I would like a Teachers set and a desk. I would like a easy bake oven and I would like food that comes with it and I would like a DS with a case I would like a laptop only if you don't mind I would like an artist kit and a littlest pet shop and a bunch more dolls and more toys but just surprise me.
Love, Mikalah Stroope

Dear Santa,
Are you ok in the North Pole? Please bring me a 3DS and a flying plane I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Christian Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the north pole are you doing good will you please bring me a 3Ds and a I pod I will leave out cookies and milk for you.
Love, Rolando

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you Santa Claus. How are you and Mrs. Claus? Can I please have a card that makes you have internet!! I would also like a teacher set with everything in Mrs. Greenhill class room. Merry Christmas!
Love, Amberleigh Wade



Hmmm, let me think ... Raymie Scott appears deep in thought about her wish list as she visits with Santa at the City/County Library's special Christmas story time. She is a pre-K student at Tahoka Elementary.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa Claus,
Are you ok in the North Pole? I would like a 3Ds and a dsx1. And a puppy. I will give you milk and cookies.
Love, Joseph George

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How are the reindeer? Are you having a great day? If you don't mind I would like an iPad. I thank my mom would like a diamond necklace please. I would like to ask you for a baby alive and a bike please. Oh, and I forgot to ask you how are the elves? I hope you have a very Merry Christmas!
Love, Macey Garcia

Christmas Trivia

from www.funfactz.com/christmas

In 1999, residents of the state of Maine in America built the world's biggest ever snowman. He stood at 113 ft tall.

The world's tallest Christmas tree at 221 ft high was erected in a Washington shopping mall in 1950.

Carols began as an old English custom called wassailing, toasting neighbors to a long life.

US scientists calculated that Santa would have to visit 822 homes a second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve, travelling at 650 miles a second.

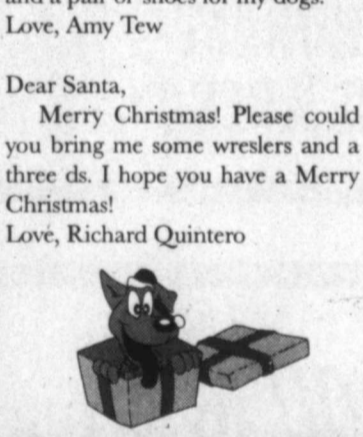
The first Christmas card was designed in 1843 by J.C. Horsley.

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Letters to Santa
from children in
WILSON

WILSON PRE-K

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl! There are some things that I would like! I would like a horse. A play dog too so my mom and dad don't have to take care of a real one. Also I would like a wii game and a big barn for all my horses to fit in. And last I would like a pink Santa hat. Thank you so much Santa! I love you! Be respectful, responsible, safe and ready.
Tatiana Frankl

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a big 18 wheeler like the one my daddy drives. I also want some clothes and lots of toys. I've been real good Santa.
Love always,
Jeriah Zayn Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
My name is Julissa Wilson. What I would love to have for Christmas is ipod, computer, and a marimad doll, movies, and also I would love for all my family to get together and have fun. I love Christmas very much cause it snows and we get to have hot coco. Also I would love to take a family picture of my mom, sister, brother. Also all the lights are cool and colorful. Thank you Santa.
Love, Julissa Wilson

Christmas Trivia
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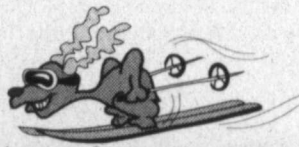
The first postage stamp to commemorate Christmas was issued in Austria in 1937.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like for you to bring me the following things please. 1. wrestling ring 2. Wrestling men JohnSena, The Rock 3. The video game, wrestle mania for Xbox 360 4. Toy Story movies. These are what I would like for Christmas.
Thank You, Caden Luke Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year all because I want Santa to give me what I want for Christmas. All I want for Christmas is a DSI and I wish for a real Tinkerbell and to see Justin Beiber. The most of all I wish to have a home with my mom and my sisters.
Kaylynn Fininen

Dear Santa,
Thank you for being "Santa"! You are a good man. I would like some candy and firecrackers for Christmas, that's it...
Thank you, Bryson Brownlow

Dear Santa,
I want a 3D-DS, a new Wii game (Anyone) and more games for my gameboy. I have been a good boy! I forgot I also want any Angry Bird game on my Ipod. And I need you to buy me a IPOD because I don't have one.
From, Ramon Castro



Dear Santa,
I would like to get a Wii for Christmas and also a big battery car and many games for the Wii and what I wish to be a healthy and my family to be good my brother and sister and all my love ones.
Johnathan Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want a D.S. I want a Woody doll. Bring Isaiah Zombie Mask. Bring Benji microphone. Bring Carli a playpen. Bring momma a heart that has candy in it that way she can open it and eat it. Bring Ricco a microphone. Bring Nana a cake. Bring Mamaw new glasses. I love you Santa.
From, Noah Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a big dinosaur, a dragon and a bike.
Yael Avalos

Dear Santa,
I wish to get 10 big horses, 10 little horses, and a barbi, 3 new dresses and a sattal and a real live kitty
Greta Peters

Dear Santa,
Thanks Santa. I wish I could go to your house at North Pole to celebrate your birthday. Can you please bring me a toy? I have been good. I want a Karaoke tossing and dance with my sisters.
Love you Santa, Kody Rodgers

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. For Christmas I would like a Spiderman toy, a red hat, a race car, a big truck and a real rabbit he will need a cage and some food. Thank you Santa, I can't wait until Christmas! I will put out lots of milk and cookies for you.
Love, Marcus Fernandez

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is make-up, bike, purse, markers, princess, flower, wallet, dolls, binder, baby-doll gloves.
Raleigh McCarty

Dear Santa,
I like my toys like I always get. I really want an IPod touch. I also like make-up a lot. Also my baby brother Sammy says he wants a hammer at Christmas. I hope you have a nice Merry Christmas!
Love, Marysa Saenz

Dear Santa,
I want a Zombie Lab, Lego play station, tractor with dual wheels, plow with boxes on it, transformer, the red one, exploders gun, cowboy boots, computer and DS games.
Gavin Bishop

Dear Santa,
I want Mario Toys, Mario bro game and air hockey table.
Logan Briley

Dear Santa,
My name is Faith Rosales and I really would love for you to come to my house for Christmas this year. My Christmas wish list for this year is to have Hello Kitty Purse, shoes, shirt and skirt, I love Hello Kitty and my favorite color is pink. I would also like make-up, nail polish and jewelry. I would like to have a doll house so I can play with my sister Gabrielle. Can you please bring my sister a laptop so we can both play games and sing songs? Love you Santa and Merry Christmas.
Faith Rosales

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I love you! I want a princess makeup table with real make up. I also want some new books. I want one about Cinderella. Please bring Kate a scooter and a cars umbrella for Kasen. Thank you! Love, Karrigan James

Dear Santa,
My name is Solei. I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like to get an Ipod, bike, high heels, DS, a doll and a big doll house, listen to music put my high heels on, and dance to Justin Bieber music. Also bring love and joy to everyone.
Solei Rosales

Dear Santa,
I have been real good this year. I would like a monster truck with remote control and a bright light machine. I love you, Santa.
Thank you, Elijah

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and for Christmas, I would like a Batman, Spiderman, Spider man motorcycle, and a TV to watch.
Thanks Santa.
Love, Calvin

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy monkey, a baby toy for my baby sister, a rocket and a box of Legos. I have been good this past year.
Thanks, Casen

Dear Santa,
I would like two dolls and clothes for them to wear. I have been very good this year. Thank you Santa.
Love, Shawna

Dear Santa,
I would like a Spiderman that builds a web for Christmas. I have been very good this year. Thank you Santa.
Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a green motorcycle for Christmas. I have been very good. Thanks Santa.
Love, Ben

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a black phone and an X Box for Christmas. I have been good. Thanks.
Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I would like to have an X Box and a kite for Christmas. Thank you Santa.
Love, Addison

Dear Santa,
I want Buzz Light-Year. A spider red. And that's it. I have been a good boy. Thanks Santa.
Love, Ayden

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, an X Box, a radio, a DS, and a Barbie doll house for Christmas. I have been really good. Thanks Santa.
Love, Zoey

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like some clothes, paper to draw on, and crayons. Thanks you Santa.
Love, Ashley

Dear Santa,
I want a table to draw pictures on and a football. I have been a very good boy this year. Thank you Santa.
Love, Jaziel

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a football, a remote control monster truck, and a motorcycle. Thank you Santa.
Love, Eduardo

WILSON KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Repunzel doll and some clothes for her. I would like a Christmas tree for our house and a dress for me. Thank you Santa.
Love, Kelley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a blue fuzzy thing that can sneeze and walk. I would like Happy Feet 2 movie and a Puss 'n Boots movie, too. I have been good this year. Thank you Santa.
Love, Aspen

Dear Santa,
I would like a Tri-optimis Prime that talks. I have been good too this year. Thanks Santa.
Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me some toys. I would like a Princess Doll, an intendo and games for it, and some clothes. Thank you Santa.
Love, Jocelyn

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a pet dragon and a remote control big dinosaur. I would like to have some batteries, a hot air balloon, and a trampoline. Thanks Santa.
Love, Seth

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like to have a Repunzel doll, the Repunzel movie, the Thumbalina movie, and a pink and purple bike with only two wheels. Thanks Santa.
Love, Zoe

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Would you please bring me a remote control helicopter and a remote control tank? I would like a remote control monster truck too, and a gingerbread man that moves and dances. Thanks you Santa.
Love, Nathaniel

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a PS2 and games to play with it. I would like to have a DSS and some games for it, too. Thanks Santa.
Love, Thomas

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bumble Bee transformer for Christmas. I would like a Nintendo and games too. I have been good. Thanks Santa.
Love, Michael

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a play station and some new games for it. I would like a Bumble Bee transformer too. Thanks Santa.
Love, Lee

Dear Santa,
I would like a DSS and some new games to go with it. I would like to have a remote control helicopter and a remote control Bumble Bee. I would like a play gun. I have been very good. Thank you Santa.
Love, Chris

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this past year. I would like to have a toy dog and some play dough. Thanks Santa.
Love, Valary

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like to have an X Box 3 D and some games to play on it. I would like to have a toy Spiderman and a new backpack. Thanks Santa.
Love, Ethan

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WILSON

WILSON 1ST GRADE

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I want a game like Spidr-man for a x box 360. I want a batman toy. I love you Santa. I will give you cookies.
Sabastian

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please can I have a phone? And I want a Cinderella Dress. I love you Santa.
By Lindsey

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I love you. How is Rudolf? How is Mrs. Claus? Can I haf a phone? Can I have a Barbie computer. Santa I hope you come to Mrs. Thompson's house in Slaton and my house.
Love, Christytn

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I wil lev you some cookies and milk. I want a computer and x-box 360 and games. I hope-Santa mak it to Wilson. I love you Santa.
Justin

Dear Santa,
Santsa I'm gon to lev you soum donuts. Santa please giv me a X Box 360 grand and a game. I hope Santa mak to Wilson.
Love, Ernesto

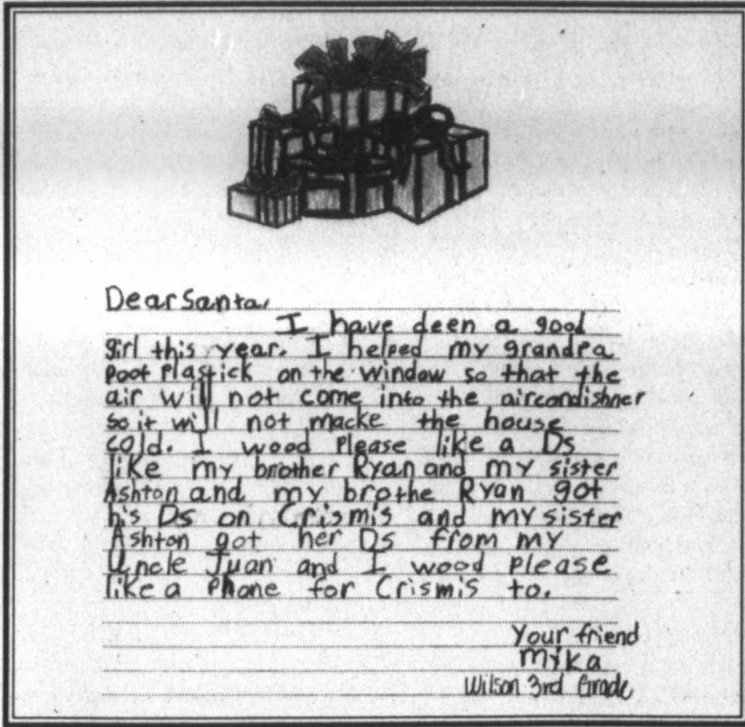
Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Santa how are you? Can I have the doll set. I want my own clothes. I need some long sleeves. When you leave make sure and bring some presents.
Love, Abigail

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. How is Mis. Claus. I want a trans former. I wont octrim. kan you plece bring my shark computer. I hop you mack it too everybods house. I will leave you oreo mint cookies.
Love, Alex

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus? Hi Santa I will leave cookies on the table. Please can you breing a DS. I will love to have a Barbie. Please can you breing a kid table to preaticmy work. I love you Santa.
Kadi

WILSON 2ND GRADE

Dear Santa,
My name is Levi. I would like a toy Santa of you because I ben good.
Yours Truly, Levi Colton Aldous



Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan. I would like the movie the Zoo Keeper and a DS2 game.
Yours Truly, Dylan Steen

Dear Santa,
My name is Andrew. I would like a Rock Star mike and new school cloth and some toys and mentens and a cap becusa I am good. And I hope evryone can get a present.
Yours trely, Andrew Hinojosa

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner. I would like a camo forwheeler because I have been very good for my mom and dad.
Yours truly, Tanner Clark

Dear Santa,
My name is Leslie. I would like a orbeez soothing spa for Christmas because I want to relax and I've been good for today and maybe I will like Bratz on the mic because I feel like I've been really good today or a singing tori one of those things is what I will really like.
Yours Truly, Leslie Paola Pantoja

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabby. I would like a big doll house and a big ball and a fake lil dog and one more thing a fake lil cat because I listen to my mom and dad and I listen to my family. You are the best Santa.
Yours Truly, Gabby Ramirez

Dear Santa,
My name is Dillon. I would like the new laser canpnavcot because it's a cool toy and it can shoot alazers and restart it again.
Yours Truly, Dillon Cowley

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaitlyn. I would like a doll house. Because I was being a good gril.
Yours Truly, Kaitlyn Hernandez

Dear Santa,
My name is Alize Garcia. I would like a bike for Christmas because I never had one.
Yours Truly, Alize

WILSON 3RD GRADE

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Playsta-tion 3 and a PSP with Midnight Club because my cousin has one and I like his games.
Your Friend, Gabe

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I helped my mom cary a big chair. I would like to reserve a nitendo 3ds. And I will put mik and cookies. And I would like an xbox360.
Sincerely, Ryan

Dear Santa,
I have deen a good girl this year. I helped my grandpa put plastic on the window so that the air will not come into the air condishner so it will not macke the house cold. I wood please like a DS like my brother Ryan and my sister Ashton and my brothe Ryan got his DS on Crismis and sister Ashton got her Ds from my Uncle Juan and I wood please like a phone for Crismis to.
Your Friend, Mika

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I helped my brother when he fell off his bump bed. I like to get an xbox 360 cenect, some new cloths, jackets, back pack, some new shoes. The new Playstaion with some new games.
Your friend, Alex

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I had to help my sister because she fell off her bed and I caught her. I coun't blef it was awesome and I would like a DS and a bike this year.
Sincerely your friend, Britlyn Yell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I helped my dad to bild a sled. I helped my mom to make a house. I helped my brother to find his cars and robots. I helped my sister put baterdys on her horse and helped her ride a bisicl. I wold like a air-plan tram and a poket copter.
Sincerely, Oscar

Dear Santa,
I have been a good friend this year. I helped my granpa unled the van. I would like a new pur of glaess. Would you pless get em a MP3 player and a bliser maker. I would like a lappoud and a new cles and new shoes. Would you ples get me a necles.
Your friend, Marissa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I helped my mom clean the house and told her I would pick up trash from outside. I would like for Christmas is some cleaning stuff to help my mom clean. I would also like a new bike and a helmet also extra tube and air pump. Also exsirsising stuff to be strong and healthy. And something I wish for my mom. She wants a new toaster and lots of sun-flower stuff like plates, bowls, silver-ware and wall paper. She also wants new carpet and pants. Skiny jeans are the pants she wants. She wears medium adult size.
Sincerely your friend, Ilyssah

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I have helped my grandna with her chores a lot of times. When my brothers need something I do it for them. I always be nice to my friends when they come to my house. I get a reward when I listen. I would like a 3DS for Crismtas, Can you bring me Crismtas books to read on Crismtas eve and a wii too. I want the wii so I can make my brothers happy.
Sincerely, A good boy, JD

Letters to Santa
from children in
NEW HOME

NEW HOME PRE K
Mrs. Anderson

Dear Santa,
I want a Buzz lityir.
Adam

Dear Santa,
I want Megotron and Toms the Tram
Brian

Dear Santa,
I want batres, traktr and a new puzl.
Landyn

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and pone.
Abby V.

Dear Santa,
I wat a buzz lit yir.
Coby

Dear Santa,
I want Spidr mon web sotr
Conley

Dear Santa,
I want prezntz an toez
Adriel

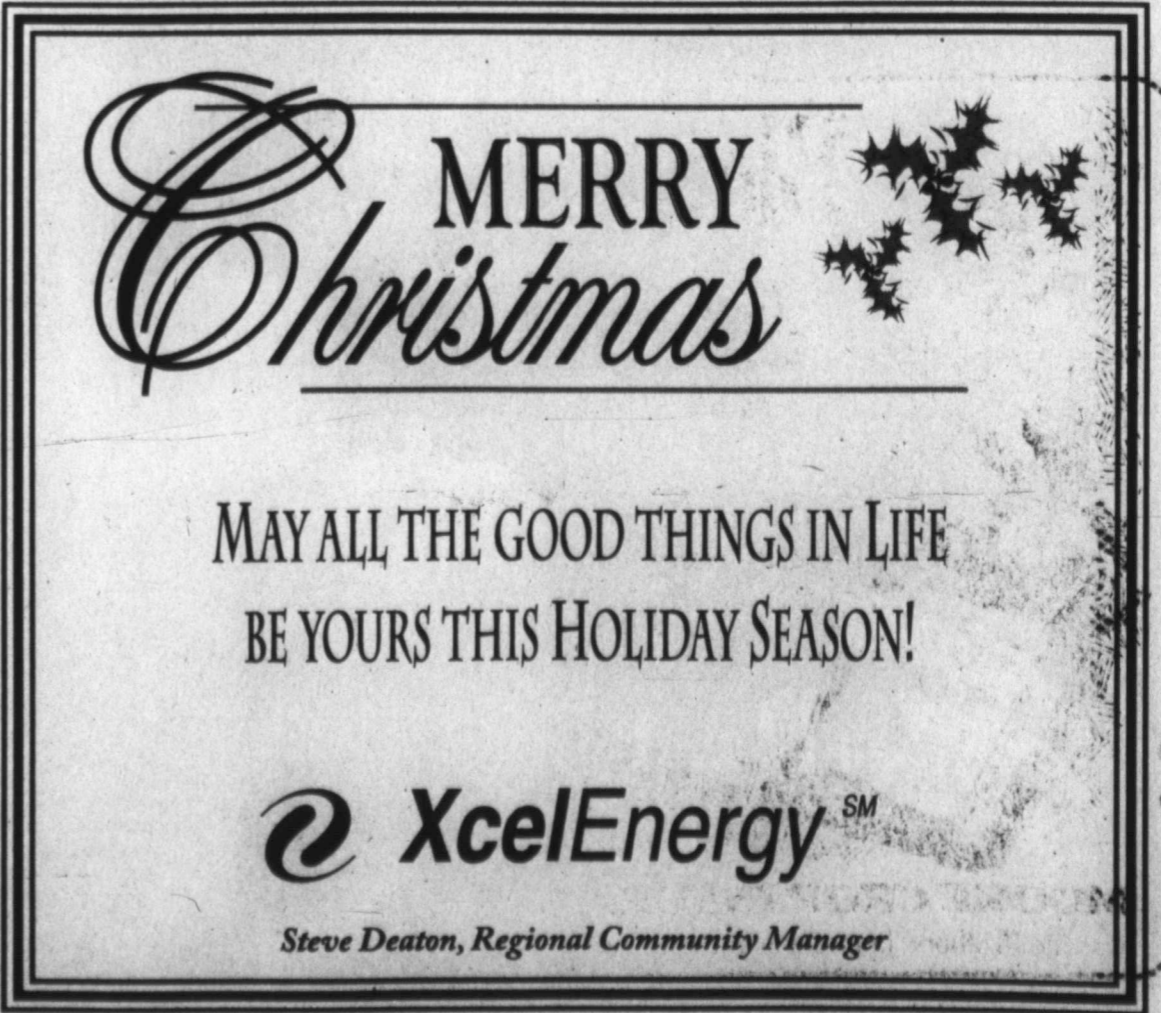
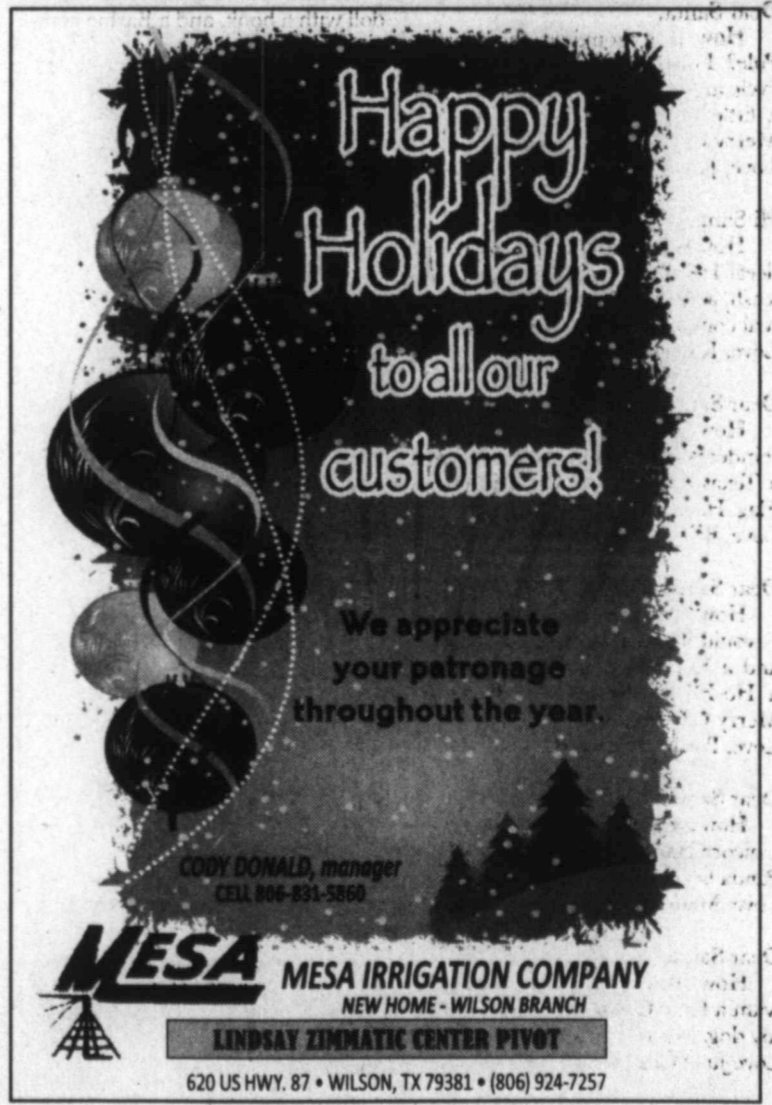
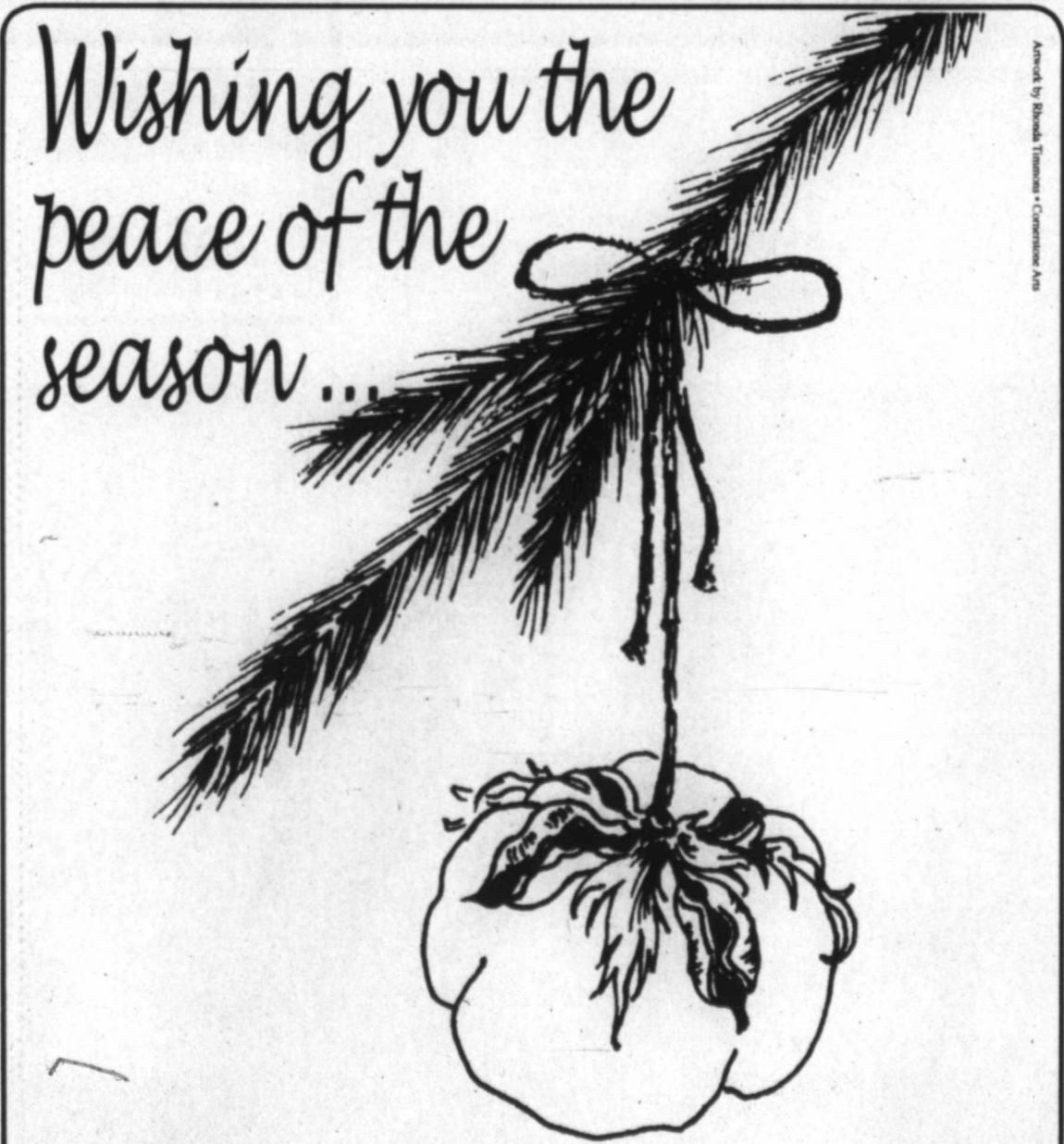
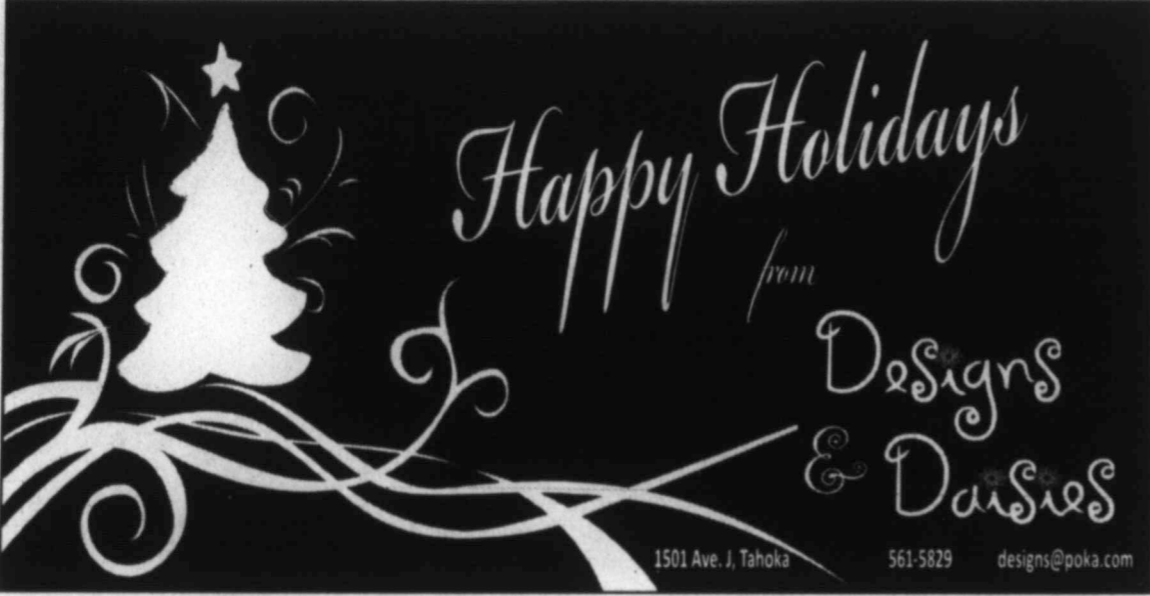
Dear Santa,
I want doll sop, pink bear a dog
Hailey

Dear Santa,
I want a horse, dog, pink pone, an brbe.
Cambrey

Dear Santa,
I want DS, 3 brbes and haus and car.
Savannah

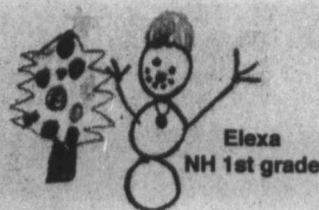
Dear Santa,
I want brbe and crismus move.
McKinley

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Letter from children in NEW HOME
Dear Santa, I want Spidr-man game
Parker
Dear Santa, I want Th and Harold
Tyler
Dear Santa, I want Brb
Abby Q
Dear Santa, I want Dor
Nevach
Dear Santa, I want Dor
Cary Lou
Dear Santa, I want a Di
Brally
Dear Santa, I want t4 w
Martin
Dear Santa, I want a dr
Bryan
Dear Santa, I want a
doll
Claryssah
Dear Santa, I want Tom
Greg
Dear Santa, I want a Br
Jasmine
Dear Santa, I want a Be
Addisyn
KINDI Mrs
Dear Santa, How is you like a motorc clock and some man toys. Mer Love, Mason T
Dear Santa, How is it g the reindeer? I toy, a remote o want a toy heli tures. Happy C Your Friend, G
Dear Santa, How is it? Pele? I would cycle and a litt a little bear th Merry Christm Love, Jace Jord
Hi Santa, How is Mrs deer? I would l leash, a Barbie real computer. Love, Kaylee V
Dear Santa, How are M reindeers? I wo a Texas flag. A Flag. Have a M Love, Brooke M
Dear Santa, How are yo I would like a and a Kung Fu a Ho-Ho-Ho Merry Christm Love, Presley E
Dear Santa, How are the Unicorn Happy Panda bear Me Love, Maddox
Dear Santa, How are yo want a Pony Ch toy dog. Merry Love Julie Coro

Letters to Santa
from children in
NEW HOME



NEW HOME PRE K
Mrs. Bundy

Dear Santa,
I want Spiderman sootr, video game
Parker

Dear Santa,
I want Thomas, Percy, Grdon and Harold
Tyler

Dear Santa,
I want Brbe makovr plz
Abby Q

Dear Santa,
I want Dora kitchn
Nevach

Dear Santa,
I want Dora dol an wings
Cathy Lou

Dear Santa,
I want a Dinosaur.
Braly

Dear Santa,
I want a welr an bic.
Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a drt bic and tran trac
Bryan

Dear Santa,
I want a house, fish, an baby dol
Claryssah

Dear Santa,
I want Tomus blocs.
Greg

Dear Santa,
I want a Brbe, Bel Dres.
Jasmine

Dear Santa,
I want a Bel dress, Bel Brbe.
Addiyn

KINDERGARTEN
Mrs. Starkey

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeers? I would like a motorcycle, a little alarm clock and some batman and spiderman toys. Merry Christmas!
Love, Mason Turnbow

Dear Santa,
How is it going Santa? How are the reindeer? I want to get a Cars 2 toy, a remote control car and then I want a toy helicopter that takes pictures. Happy Christmas!
Your Friend, Gaige Bush

Dear Santa,
How is it going at the North Pole? I would like a bike, motorcycle and a little toy car. And I want a little bear that looks like Santa. Merry Christmas!
Love, Jace Jordan

Hi Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I would like a white dog with a leash, a Barbie toy and my own little real computer. Merry Christmas.
Love, Kaylee Walker

Dear Santa,
How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeers? I would like a guitar and a Texas flag. Also, a United States Flag. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Brooke Miller

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers doing? I would like a Cheerleader Barbie and a Kung Fu Panda. I also was a Ho-Ho-Ho Santa Toy. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Presley Earwood

Dear Santa,
How are the Elves doing? I want a Unicorn Happy Napper and a stuffed Panda bear. Merry Christmas.
Love, Maddox Zant

Dear Santa,
How are your Reindeer doing? I want a Pony ChooChoo train and a toy dog. Merry Christmas.
Love Julie Coronado

NEW HOME 1ST GRADE
Mrs. McCann

Dear Santa,
I want a MP3 player and Baby Alive and a computer. Is it snowing at the North Pole?
Carley

Dear Santa,
Is it snowing at the N pole I would like a Ipod 4, Mp3 player, feathers
Angelina

Dear Santa,
Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like a spy car and a tractor with a bucket and traler.
Braxton

Dear Santa,
Is it cold at the North Pole? Can I please have a remote control airplane, Can I please have a 3DS Can I please have a babby dog
Brayden

Dear Santa,
Peas can I have a DSI, peas can I have a real dog peas can I have a laptop
Leslie

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I want a picture of you and your wife. I want a toy reindeer and a Mrs. Claus and you.
Reagyn

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can I have a ripstick please. And a laptop please. And a remote control race car.
Have a Happ Christmas!
Brady

Dear Santa,
Are you feeding the deers? I want a Barbie House and a toy horse. Happy Christmas.
Elexa

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can I have a Nook and a dsi x1 and a stuffed dog. Thank you!! Happy Christmas!!
Abby E.

Dear Santa,
Santa, ples give me a toy horse. Ples give me a doll. Please give me a unicorn happy napper.
Lexie

Dear Santa,
Can I have a guitar, laptop, candy cane and a lady bug happy napper. Is it cold at the North Pole?
Ane

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents. What is it like at the North Pole? Is it cold there? Can I have a toy doll and a happy napper? Love you Santa!
Addie

Dear Santa,
Can I have a real steel ring. I want a IPhone. Cant I ples have a baby puppy a real one. I hope you have a good yere.
Reagan

NEW HOME 2ND GRADE
Mrs. Zant

Dear Santa,
Can I please have an Iphone 4, please for Christmas? Can I have an computer that I can put CD's in it? And can I get a CD to put in the computer? I have been good. I have something for you. I want a diary of a wimpy kid book.
Love, Kristen Coronado

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Baibre house it is great. This year I would like a rasor skooter and I hope upi like the cooks and milk I give you.
Your Friend, Audrey

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the gifts and all the great Christmases you are giving us. I hope you are enjoying your Christmas and thank you.
Your Friend, Sunny

Dear Santa,
I want a intindo 3,DS, paint ball gear I want all the ninjoge legos, I want a Ipad2 a new DVD player I want a bb gun I want a airsoft gun I want a flat screen tv I want a mind tek
Your friend, Glen

Hi Santa,
I wonder how much elve's you have? I do not no how much reindeer but I like Roudoff the most. how many toys do you have to deliver I know it has to be over 1000,000,000. Do you bring elve's with you if you do, it must be hard to steer.
Love, Jaxxon

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want wwe flex-force arena, Ipad, Ipad, Iphone, football, madden 12, psp go, tv, candy, DsIX1, dog, bike, xb 360, Ranger, texas teck pillow pet.
Your friend, Ryan

Dear Santa,
I am 7 and I live in New Home Texas. I have been a good boy. So I want skylanders with the toys for the XBOX360 and I want Madden 12 and 10 for the XBOX360. I am glad Crismas is a holiday. I love you Santa.
Love, Alex Vitolas

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the DSI you gave me last year. I would like perfume. And a puppy. Phone. A stuff animal rattlesnake. I would like to get three more things. I would like to get a diary, colorful pens. And a angel.
Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: parfume, a kindle fire, a 3DS, a kitten not fake alive, a phone with the stickers that go on it. I love all the stuff that you gave me last year.
Love, Brylee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for writing note. And the flat screen tv last year. I love it. You have made me happy. I want 20 questions and a big Ipad. With Madden II on it. I would also like a Texas Tech pillow pet.
Your Friend, Jake

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. This year I want Lego guns, a lego town, a big lego house a lego military.
From Kelson

Dear Santa,
How are you. We u got the elf are your raindeer steel flying. I just want modrn warfare 3 want alectric giter and new cord Seckint cateroler.
Your frand Brady

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you like my cookie I make. You're the best. I've been good. Can I please have Transformers and skylanders.
Love, Jordan Moore

Der Santa Clos,
I like you so much you are the Best you are nise and I like you shoe much howe you are? I want a DS. I love Santa Clous.
Love, Allison Ward

NEW HOME 3RD GRADE
Mrs. Ballard

Dear Santa,
Can I have a new bike for Christmas and a few toys and a bow and arrows? And can I have a new foam airplane book? How far is it from the north pole to here? Please write back. Have a merry Christmas and a new year.
Sincerely, Whit Smithson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? I'm good. This year I would like a pair of Oakleys and a PSP and the perfect Christmas. Have a great year.
Sincerely, Bode Stewart

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing good at new home I am going to give you a list here it goes 1 a football 2 a toy motorcycle 3 a computer 4 a phone 5 a glove 6 an ipad 7 a train 8 a go cart 9 a tiger 10 movies
Caleb Riojas

Dear Santa,
How are you this is what I want for Christmas I want a psp, snowboard, an iphone touch, and that is what I want most of all. And I love you
Love, Hayden Ehlers
p.s. We will see you later and Merry Christmas To All And All A Good Night

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a pillow pet and a new guitar and a new laptop. How is Mrs. Santa Claus and the reindeer? I hope your having a good time in the North Pole.
Love, Juliana Portales

Dear Santa,
How are you? If you want to know what I want, I want a ds, laptop, 3ds, phone, rainboweddybear, stompez, happynaper, and I hope everybody has a good night.
Love, Kayla Carroll

Dear Santa,
I would like a I phone, laptop, horse pillow pet, real puppy. I hope you have a good time at the north pole.
Love, Kealy Benson

Dear Santa Clause,
I wonder how you travel all around the world in one night? Santa did you know that I have 2 new puppies? Since Rufus died last month. And there puppies to. Any way for Christmas I want an ipod touch and a Justin Bieber doll, poster's, and maybe some new books to read. And for my puppies I want them to have toys too. Oh I also want an computer, Have fun and don't get sick.
Your friend, Mackenzie j. Bolton
p.s. I hope I am a good girl this year.

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you doing fine? Cause I am doing good. I am going to give you a list here we go 1. a laptop 2. an Iphone 3. monster high dolls 4. ipad 5. pellow pet a dollin 6.webkinz 7. A Justin Bieber doll 8. Justin Bieber kit of all Justin Bieber 9. a Justin Bieber snugey 10. movies! 11. Dq billzard maker with toppings
Love, McKenzie Goodnough

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Well I am doing good. What I want for Christmas is an easy roller, American girl doll, ipod toch, Webkinz, computer, easy oven pillow pet and some roller skats thank you for what you do for me and a dq blizard thank you so much
Love, Nicki Salvato

Dear Santa,
Are you ready to deliver all those presents to all those kids and eat all those milk and cooks I would like a kindle of fire and a I pod touch and all spy gear.
Your friend, Sam Kirkland
p.s. hope you have a good night sleep

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm good. I'm so excited for cristas! Are you? What I want for cristas is 2 days worth of movies I and a ipod please. And a snugey and a pillow pet penguin, please! Car charger for my dsi! And a easy bake oven, can the coler be red please! Stuff for my dq blizard maker and toppings please. Thank you for all you do
Love, Sydney Langdon

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing good here in New Home, Texas. I'm going to get presents but I'm just not going to have a big Christmas. I'm going to Cloudercroft New Mexico for Christmas. If I don't get this baseball that has a screen on it that says MPH and I have already asked my grandma but if I don't get it then I going to ask you now.
Sincerely,
Trevor Lehman
p.s. I hope you get this letter

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a bow for hunting and a new bike how far is it from the North Pole to Lubbock? I hope you have a good Christmas. How can you go all the way around the world? This is going to be the best Christmas ever.
Love, Ryan Weeks

Dear Santa,
I wouldn't like much this year. I never really do. Al I want is several books and a movie. It's really nice of you to travel all the way around the world so people can own more toys. Since my birthday I only seven days before Christmas I never want much I never want much.
Your friend, Conner Cook

Dear Santa,
I want to see how Comet is. I want a Crossbow for Christmas and an electric scooter.
Tristan Truhlicka

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa. I want a remote control moterscicl and an ipad for cristimst.
Starti Earwood

Dear Santa,
How are the rander? I want an ipad, wii game, a wallet, house shoes, luggage, a camera for Christmas. How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? I love you.
Darby Sherwood

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

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