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THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS




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The Lynn County News office will be
CLOSED
Dec. 22-26 for the Christmas holidays and Dec. 30-Jan. 2 for New Year's

December events

- Santa's Land Christmas Drive-Thru Park is open 6:30-10 pm every night thru Dec. 25. South 11th & Ave. O, Tahoka.
- Christmas Eve Services:
 - 24 Tahoka First Baptist, 5:30 pm
 - New Home United Methodist Church, 6 pm
 - Tahoka Methodist Church, 6 pm
 - St. John Lutheran Church, Wilson, 6 pm
- Christmas Day Worship Service 10 am, Sweet Street Baptist 10:45 am, St. John Lutheran Church Wilson

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 13	60	28	
Dec 14	57	28	
Dec 15	65	25	
Dec 16	43	26	
Dec 17	78	42	
Dec 18	72	7	
Dec 19	28	7	

Temps drop 65° in one day!

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.12"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.39"
Total Precip for Apr:	1.08"
Total Precip for May:	5.83"
Total Precip for June:	3.76"
Total Precip for July:	0.49"
Total Precip for Aug:	5.34"
Total Precip for Sept:	7.51"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.25"
Total Precip for Nov:	3.21"
Total Precip for Dec:	1.01"
Total Precip. for 2016:	29.22"

POLAR EXPRESS TRAIN BRINGS LOTS OF SMILES

The Tahoka Polar Express event brought lots of smiles to faces of children and adults alike last Saturday night, Dec. 10, as close to 500 people came to enjoy a ride through Tahoka on the WTS&O Train, thanks to the generosity of the engineer/designer/builder Leighton Knox and his wife Joan. Leighton shared train engineer duties with Todd Holland, and Starr Bray rode the caboose with a safety light, patiently carrying passengers back and forth from the "depot" at the Tahoka Church of Christ fellowship hall, through a residential area to see the Christmas lights, before returning back to the depot for the next load of passengers.

The event was sponsored by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce, with special thanks to the Church of Christ members for so graciously hosting the event in their fellowship hall, and for serving the refreshments provided by the Chamber and sugar cookies provided by Tahoka Donuts.

A very special thanks also to Dr. and Mrs. Don Hegi, who volunteered as the jolly couple from the North Pole to listen to children's wishes for Christmas. Chamber President, Blake Moore, made an excellent Conductor for the train, handing out jingle bells with the assistance of Chamber members Tilda Carrasco and ticket taker Reed Filley, who had some enthusiastic help from his wife Rebekah and daughters Kenley and Kennedy.

Several Tahoka High School teens cheerfully assisted with handing out tickets and boarding at the train. Volunteers included Grant

Tekell, Bryson Resendez, Patrick Herrera, Haley Stephens and Kynlyn McCleskey, and THS grad Luke Fleenor. Prior to the event, Student Council members Emit Quintero, Haley Stephens, Grace Darnell and Shelbi McMillan volunteered to go door-to-door on the train route to post fliers about the Christmas decorating contest at residences on the train route; and Johnette and Cindy Havens and Lenda Wood helped tie ribbons to hundreds of jingle bells, so that each child could have a souvenir bell from the train ride.

Although this event was free, the Chamber had placed a donation box to accept funds to be given to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Building Fund. The Polar Express patrons were generous, giving a total of \$184 for the fund.

Also, thanks to the citizens of Tahoka who "decked out" their homes on the train route with



Christmas lights and holiday décor, making our town shine for the holidays! The Chamber presented a \$100 grand prize for "Best Decorated Home" on the train route to Bobby and Traci Jolly for their home at 2304 N. 4th. Second place, and a \$50 prize, went to Loretta Tekell, at 2418 N. 4th, and third place and a \$25 prize went to Joe Don and Carissa Nevill, for their home's decorations at 2319 N. 3rd.

Finally, thanks to the Chamber members and other volunteers whose generosity and assistance were vital to this project, including Blake Moore, Pam Elrod, Tilda Carrasco, Leighton Knox, Reed Filley, Marquita Scott,

Vondell Elliott, Al Garrett, and Steve Sanders. Special thanks also to Cathy Box, Claudia Flippin, Yolanda Aleman, and all the other members of the Church of Christ for providing a beautifully-decorated place filled with Christmas cheer for the train depot, and for cleanup after the event.

"I am very blessed to have such outstanding volunteers helping with this project, which would never have happened without everyone pitching in. Tahoka really does have the best people! We had a great time - have a blessed and merry Christmas!" said Juanell Jones, Chairman of the Polar Express Event for the Tahoka Area C of C.



NORAD is ready to track Santa's flight

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - The North American Aerospace Defense Command is celebrating the 61st Anniversary of tracking Santa's yuletide journey! The NORAD Tracks Santa website, www.noradsanta.org, which launched Dec 1, features Santa's North Pole Village, which includes a holiday countdown, games, activities, and more.

Official NORAD Tracks Santa apps are also available in the Windows, Apple and Google Play stores, so parents and children can countdown the days until Santa's launch on their smart phones and tablets. Tracking opportunities are also offered on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Google+. Santa followers just need to type "@noradsanta" into each search engine to get started.

Starting at 2:01 a.m. EST on Dec. 24, website

visitors can watch Santa make preparations for his flight. NORAD's "Santa Cams" will stream videos on the website as Santa makes his way over various locations. Then, at 6 a.m. EST, trackers worldwide can speak with a live phone operator to inquire as to Santa's whereabouts by dialing the toll-free number 1-877-HI-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) or by sending an email to noradtrackssanta@outlook.com. Any time on Dec. 24, Windows Phone users can ask Cortana for Santa's location, and OnStar subscribers can press the OnStar button in their vehicles to locate Santa.

NORAD Tracks Santa is truly a global experience, delighting generations of families everywhere.

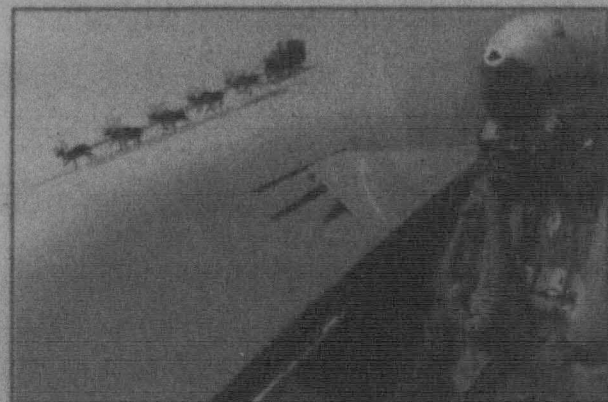
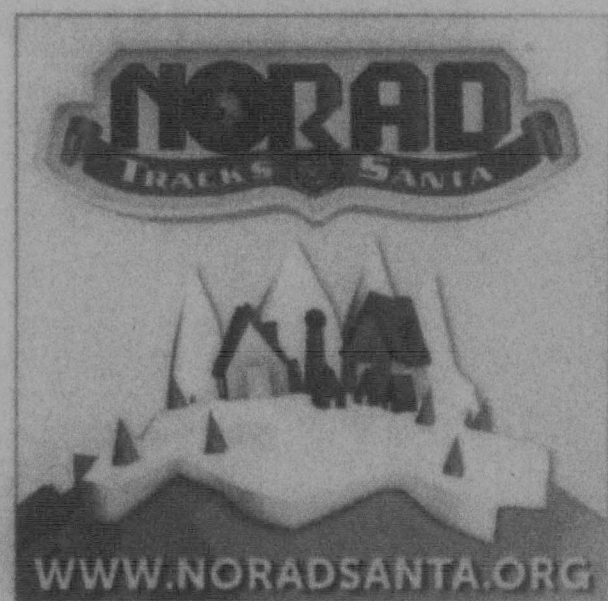
It all started in 1955 when a media advertisement directed children to call Santa direct - only the number was misprinted. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the Crew Commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center, Col. Harry Shoup. The calls poured in and instead of blocking the number, the kindly Colonel ordered his staff to give children updates on Santa's flight coordinates. Thus began the tradition, which NORAD has carried on since it was created.

Since that time, NORAD men, women, families and friends have selflessly volunteered their time to personally respond to phone calls and emails from children all around the world. In addition, it now tracks Santa using the internet. Millions of people who want to know Santa's whereabouts now visit the NORAD Tracks Santa® website.

Why NORAD tracks Santa



In Memory of Retired Colonel Harry Shoup, NORAD's First Santa Tracker September 29, 1917 - March 14, 2009



SantaCams

NORAD began using the SantaCam in 1998 - the year they put their Santa Tracking program on the Internet. NORAD SantaCams are ultra-cool, high-tech, high-speed digital cameras that are pre-positioned at many places around the world. "NORAD only uses these cameras once a year - on 24 December. We turn the cameras on about one hour before Santa enters a country then switch them off after we capture images of him and the Reindeer. We immediately download the images onto our web site for people around the world to see," claims their website.



tis the Season

“ It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand. ”

- MOTHER TERESA

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Tahoka ISD Trustee Matt Woodley resigns position on the Board

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Dec. 15, accepting the resignation of trustee Matt Woodley from the board effectively immediately. Woodley was elected to serve as Lynn County Commissioner for Precinct 1 and will take office on January 1, 2017. A person may not hold two elected positions simultaneously, according to state Attorney General rulings. Woodley's resignation leaves the TISD Board with one vacancy, which they may choose to leave vacant or appoint someone to fill until the next election.

Prior to the board meeting, a public hearing was held to discuss the results of Tahoka's 2016 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Tahoka received a rating of "Met Standard" and received 6 Distinction Designations for Academic Performance based on that report.

The TISD board recognized two businesses, Tahoka Donuts (accepted by Al Garrett), and Jolly Time Pizza (accepted by Jon Luna), for their partnerships with the district. Trustee Jim Bingham made the presentation.

The board approved accep-

tance of the district's TAPR report as presented during the Public Hearing, and approved the public reading of the board's continuing education credits achieved by the board members for the 2016 calendar year. Those totals were: Jim Bingham- 9, Cathy Box-21, Scott Dimak- 10, Doug Green- 12.5, Jon Luna- 15, Clay Taylor- 11, Matt Woodley- 4. First-year board members are required to complete 20 hours of CE units, and experienced members are required to complete 8 hours.

Trustees approved the appointment of Blake Moore to represent TISD as a member of the Lynn County Appraisal District Board beginning January 2017. That appointment will last until December 2018.

The board approved a conflict of interest waiver with Underwood Law Firm in their representation of TISD in the reconfiguration of the Special Education Shared Services Arrangement in which the district is a member. The waiver was needed since Underwood Law Firm has or does represent each of the member districts as their own local legal counsel.

The board approved a district targeted improvement plan based on its stage 1 assignment in the Performance Based Monitoring and Analysis System (PMBAS). The staging was assigned due to TISD having a higher percentage of students participate in the STAAR-ALT 2 assessment according to levels of participation that the PMBAS deems appropriate.

Kaci May (standing in for Elementary Principal Christa Ritchey), TIS Principal Jeff Perez and TMS Principal Kelly Kieth gave campus reports, and Stephen Overstreet (standing in for Athletic Director Brandon Hopper) gave an athletics report. Kaci May recognized PreK Teachers Miranda Stice and Shielbe Donaldson who had PreK students Benjamin Martinez, Kash Schraeder and McCauley Hopper come present a habit from the Leader In Me Program. Also from the elementary, teacher Celeste Taylor (sponsor of the basketball club) brought student 3rd grader



Christmas cheer...Peace by Piece Quilting group from FBC O'Donnell made walker saddle bags for the residents of Lynnwood. Melba Childress (on right, inset photo) and Kathy Grant (4th from left in group photo) delivered them this week.

Trystan Lawrence to talk about that club. Jeff Perez recognized his campus' "Difference Makers of the Month" as Klyssa Woodley (Student Council Sponsor) and Kayla Overstreet (National Honor Society Sponsor). Klyssa Woodley recognized Klynn McCleskey and Avery Starkey as the students of the month in the High School. Kelly Kieth recognized the MS teacher of the month Kavin Comer (7th grade math). Kavin recognized Hope Quintero as the student of the month for the middle school.

The board approved the evaluation instrument that will be used to evaluate the superintendent for an annual evaluation in an upcoming meeting.

Dr. George McFarland, superintendent, presented his State of the District Report to the board. The document located on the district's home webpage for the public.

Dr. Cathy Box, Board President, presided at the meeting, with all other trustees present, including Jim Bingham, Scott Dimak, Doug Green, Jon Luna, Clay Taylor, and Matt Woodley.

The next board meeting was scheduled for January 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Woman sentenced to community supervision

A woman charged with driving while intoxicated faced sentencing in 106th District Court here last week. District Judge Carter Schildknecht sentenced Tennille Lashawn David, 39, of Arlington to three years community supervision on charges of Driving While Intoxicated with a child passenger from a case in May of 2013.

Local collections for Salvation Army stay in Lynn County

Local volunteers are ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettle at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka, through 4 p.m. Christmas Eve, collecting donations for Lynn County's Salvation Army program. Volunteers will be at Thriftway Grocery during the evenings and on Saturdays.

"Every penny collected here stays in Lynn County, 100 percent," noted Marcy Whitley, secretary at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, who administers the Salvation Army funds for the county. "None of the donations collected here will go to the Lubbock office, it all stays here for our use," she stressed. Anyone who would like to mail in a contribution to the local Salvation Army Fund may send it to First United Methodist Church c/o Salvation Army Fund, P.O. Box 500, Tahoka, TX 79373.

Blood Drive to be held Dec. 29

The KLLL Country Christmas blood drive will be held from 2:00 to 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. Donors can schedule an appointment for the blood drive by contacting United Blood Services at 877-827-4376 or at www.UnitedBloodServices.org sponsor code: Giving-Tahoka.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Please bring photo ID and donor card.

From which Christmas movie is this line: "Fog as thick as peanut butter" (Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer)

Senior Citizens Center's

Annual Christmas open house will be Dec. 22 at noon. Guests are encouraged to bring something sweet to share. We will also be playing BINGO!

806-561-HOME (4663) 1614 Main Street in Tahoka

Congratulations to **Borden County Six-Man Football!**

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Letters to Santa from Tahoka

Tahoka First Methodist Church Let the Children Come daycare

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like:

- Kennedy - A monkey
- Sophia - Nail polish, perfume, nail polish remover, cotton
- Kelly - Turtle, kitty car
- Ragan - Santa toy, fingernails, paint, paintbrush, more make-up, paper, pink brush, money for make-up, \$1
- Arabela - Santa, pink toy, ransy picture, jingle bell, Princess stuff
- Carlos - Truck, toys, books
- JB - 2 cars, perfume, bubbles, toy Santa
- Brantley - Orange ball, toy, new backpack, paper, pen ABC's, little chalkboard

Merry Christmas

We wish you a safe and happy holiday!

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Christmas Eve Service

SATURDAY, DEC. 24 ♦ 5:30 P.M.

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

First Baptist Church of Tahoka
1701 AVENUE K • 561-4557

Letters to Santa from Tahoka

**Tahoka Pre-K
Mrs. Herrera**

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a video game, Mario and Mario cat game. -- Logan Engle

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a baby alive. That's all I want. -- Tegan Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a kitty toy that walks by itself and cats by itself, stuffed animal kitty and a puppy. -- Kinley Filley

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a helicopter, a choo choo train and a paw patrol toy. -- Brock Stephens

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been really good. I would like it if you could bring me a doll, clothes with a doll and a doll house. -- Leza Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a rice track, a remote control car and a robot. -- Zephaniah Avila

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a truck, a car and some jacks. -- Owen Harth

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me some toys, Batman gloves and a Batman gun. -- Julian Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a golf set, a football and a basketball. -- J'Ziah Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good and nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a Paw Patrol toy, a Ninja Turtle and a Peppa Pig. -- Tristan Liendo

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me an Elsa doll, Peppa Pig and a Barbie house like Nana's. -- Kamryn Ramos

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a cookie maker, a cake maker and a doll house. -- Anyah Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a doll house, a play house and a snow globe. -- Olivia Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me jelly friends, glow-in-the-dark play dough slime and Ghostbuster Legos. -- Yadi Vitolas

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really listening. I would really like it if you could bring me a basketball, a football and a basketball goal. -- Caden Anderson

What could I do to make someone's Christmas happy or special? My next door naber dose'nt have kids. I would get them a Christmas tree, decorate it, and rake the leaves for them.
**Michael Martinez
Tahoka 2nd Grade**

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a kitchen, a doll house, and Barbies. -- Fella Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a flip a zoo, a princess doll house and a Trollz jacket. -- Kinley Clark

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Barbie, Frozen toys and Trollz toys. -- Rhiann Robies

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me coloring books, a doll with clothes and a Barbie with clothes. I want to be on your good list. -- Alanah Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a bike, a hatchable, a ball. -- Zadalyn Aleman

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a toy basket, a Monster High doll house and rings. -- Chloe Barrera

Dear Santa Claus,
This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me Pop the Pig, a kitchen and a doll house. -- Emily Garcia

Mrs. Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a four-wheeler, superhero costume and candy canes. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Cooper Overstreet

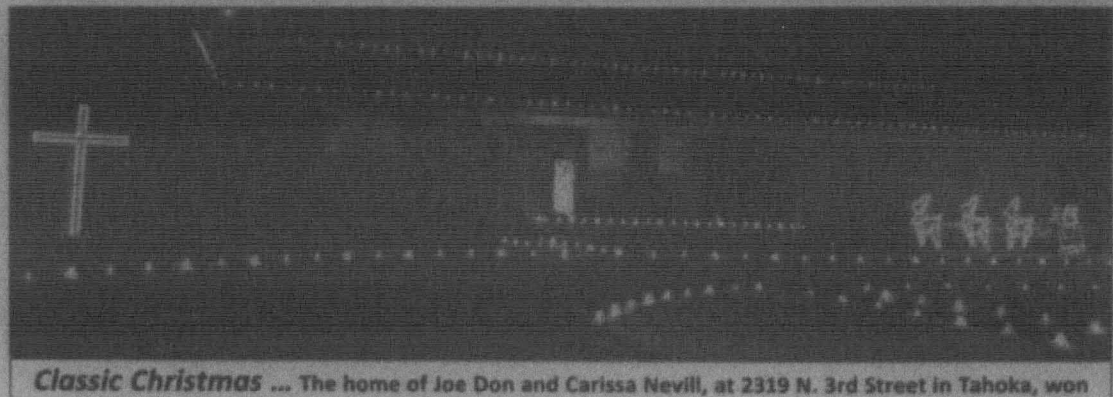
Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a princess castle and an Elsa with Snowflake. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Lola Marmolejo

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a race car track, a race car drawing book and race car house shoes. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Tripp Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a shark toy, turkey toy and a race car set. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Legend Liendo

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a pirate sword, water gun and Rafael the Turtle. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Dace Rock

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a doll, puppy and colors. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Jada Pesina



Classic Christmas ... The home of Joe Don and Carissa Nevill, at 2319 N. 3rd Street in Tahoka, won the \$25 third place prize from the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce for having a beautifully decorated home on the Tahoka Polar Express train route. Their classic Christmas décor featured Santa and his sleigh on one side, and a Christmas nativity and cross on the other side. (LCN PHOTO)

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a toy dog and an invisible pencil board. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Maycen Huffaker

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a baseball, baseball glove and a John Cena toy. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Kyler DeLeon

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a bronc rider, bull rider and a remote control truck. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Brynn Swartz

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a doll, skateboard and a new cup. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Ariyana Salinas

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a baseball glove, football and a soccer ball. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Frank Reyna Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a Hatchimal, clothes and a puppy. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Allison Ahrego

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me some Lego characters and clothes. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, C.J. Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a toy car, doll and clothes. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Xylie Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me some playdough, doll and clothes. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Karleigh Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a bike, flute and turkey to eat. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Avery Gill

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a bulldozer, excavator and cement truck. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Casyn Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a real phone, a doll and a Barbie house. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Jasmine Colon

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a TV, Spiderman figure and a bat cave. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Hayes Hawthorne

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a pair of house shoes. That's all I need. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Logan Stone

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a little purple purse with sparkles, play game of cards and a matching game. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Paislee Allison

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a little purple purse with sparkles, play game of cards and a matching game. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Paislee Allison

Dear Santa Claus,
I would really like it if you could bring me a little purple purse with sparkles, play game of cards and a matching game. This year, I have been really good. -- Love, Paislee Allison

How could I make someone's Christmas happy or special? I would make a Christmas betre for my granpoll. I wood by him a Christmas tree and lts and ornaments. I wood by him presents. I cood bake some cookes to let him know that he is speshoff. I wood invite him to Christmas dinre so he feels speshoff. I love him vere, vere, vere much. He is vere, vere, vere speshoff.
**Serenity Garza
Tahoka 2nd Grade**

You are invited to join us on **Christmas Eve!**
Christmas Eve Service
6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 24th
Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!
New Home United Methodist Church
Curtis Schrader, Pastor
350 N. Main • New Home • (806) 924-7549

Everyone is invited to our **Christmas Open House**
Thursday, December 22
1:00-5:00 pm
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Santa's helpers ... Tahoka Rotary Club members are pictured with the gift bags they delivered to senior citizens in the community to help them have a Merry Christmas. The members delivered 50 bags filled with goodies, and expressed special thanks this year to Rachel Tew Case and Xcel Energy for their donations.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I need clothes. I need food, I want a trampoline. I want power rangers. Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. I want a baseball. Love, Zak

Dear Santa,
How is my little dined? We need a threapit. I want a orb peer. I want an meriel. I want a pad. I want a bord. Love, Makaules

Dear Santa,
Thank you for your presents. I need a pocket. I want boots. I want markers. I love your suit. Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
I need a blyg. I want a zrite. How's you? I like yr elf. I want a dog. Love, Andrea

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? Please can I have shoes? Ma I have a robot? Mere Christmas. Love, Jacob Pledger

Dear Santa,
How is your elf? Can I have a 3DS for Christmas? I need a jact. I hop you enjoy milk and cokey. Love, Logan Ritchey

Dear Santa,
You are my favrit. How are your elfs? May I please have a herby doll? May I please have a blinck? I hop you like me and cooes. Love, Kash Schroeder

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. Please can I have shoes? Can I please have a Barbie house? I love you! Love, Rula Segovia

Dear Santa,
How is Mis Cloz? How is Santa? Can I have a gun? I need a blinck. I love u. Love, Jeremiah Tellr

Dear Santa,
I hop you have a Mair Christmas. I like red a blinck. Ma I have a brise? Do you rander like cooes? Love, Izabella Vallejo

Dear Santa,
What do you do at the North Pole? For Christmas I want a little butty guitar, and I want a jeep. I can ride in and I want a drum. Thanks for the presents! Love, Jayden Davis

Dear Santa,
God bless you! Thank you for the presents. For Christmas I want some clothes, and a toy spider (not spider-man). Love, Daxton DeLeon

Dear Santa,
I love you! I like your reindeer. Happy Christmas! For Christmas I want a Hatchimal. Love, Le Strea Hanev

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Elf on the Shelf. For Christmas I want a DS. Love, Brandon Luera

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. How you? Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want a yo kai watch model 0, and I want a Xbox 360 and legend of zelda ocarina of time majora's mask and that's it. Love, Benjamin Martinez

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want an IPAD for Christmas. Love, Brachyn Martinez

Dear Santa,
I love you! God bless you! For Christmas I want an IPOD, a bouney house and a pet hamster. I also need a new house. Love, Kensley McMurry

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Like your elves. I want a mermaid doll, and one of your elves. I like you Santa Clause. Love, Exallie Palones

Dear Santa,
I love Pixie! I like your reindeer. I want a princess Barbie and I need some clothes for Christmas. Thank you for my presents. Love, Aaliyah Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. For Christmas I want a Spiderman and a papacho, a hotman and a ractoon. God bless you! Love, Xzavier Rossiter

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. Thank you for sharing toys. Thank you for giving us a new house. For Christmas I want a tractor, a make and a DS. Love, Michael Vargas

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. For Christmas I need slippers and new pajamas. I want a set of play horses. Love, Jynli Woodley

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. For Christmas I want a my puppy that can walk, a phone and a toy reindeer. I also want a mermaid doll. I love you! Merry Christmas! Love, Cecily Calabrese

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I need clothes and a blanket. I want a puppy. Love, Sydney

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. I need kin. I want a toy. I want a dog. Thank you. Love, Wesley

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a watch. I want a dog. I want a football. I want a guitar. Love, Aaliyah

Dear Santa,
I love you. I need clothes. I want a phone. I want a transformer. I want a Buzz Lightyear. Thank you. Love, Miguel

Dear Santa,
I like your elves. I need a sleeping bag. I want a pretty elf. I want a pretty dog. I love you. Love, Hartley

Dear Santa,
I like the rautie. I ned shoes. Ma I have a shoe? I hop u like milk and cohes. Love, Jett DeLeon

Dear Santa,
How is Ms. Claus? I need some clothes. Can I please have a soccer ball? Do you like milk and cookies? Love, Lenae Garcia

Dear Santa,
I like the North Pole. I need a blanket. Please can I have a dinosaur? Merry Christmas! Love, Anthony Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Can I please get shoes? Please can I have a bear? Happy Holidays! Love, RJ Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I like you. How are the reindeer? Can I get a blanket please? Can I have an shoe? Merry Christmas! Love, Zakiel Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I like your hat. I need some underwear. Can I please have an shoe? I love you! Love, Kagen Hood

Dear Santa,
I like Mis Cloz. I ned elis. Ma I have photo? Have a saf trip. Love, Domic Lopez

Dear Santa,
How is yr da? I ned kin. Plez can I have a tik? Love, Joe Lopez

Dear Santa,
How is Mis Cloz? How is North Pol? May I have a Elmo gu? I ned ho shoes. Mis Christmas! Love, Elma Perez

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Mrs. Hawthorne

Dear Santa,
How is your elf? Santa, May I have a tv? How is your crsin tree going? You roc Santa! Have a My Christmas Santa, you r my favrit. Love, Jentry Askew

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. For Christmas I need some soup. I also want a monster truck. Love, Brady Atchary

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. I want a dragon for Christmas. I also want a saddle for my horse, gum and a griddle. Love, Bailey Case

Mrs. Stice

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. For Christmas I need some soup. I also want a monster truck. Love, Brady Atchary

Blessings at Christmas

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

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Letters to Santa

from Tahoka



1st Grade
Mrs. Reglin

We answered the question: If I had \$100, what could I get for my family for Christmas.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I would buy my mom some clothes. I would buy my dad some games. I would buy my brother some green slime. -- Bracylin H.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I am gonna bi my mom a oven. I am gonna bi my dad cologne. I am gonna bi my sister mak up. I am gonna la my bruther a bike. -- Cooper R.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I would get my mom a art box becus she likes making art. I wot git my dad tools cus he likes making stuf. My sistar would get a phone becus she likes a new phone. My big bruther would like a Play Station becus he likes Play Station! -- Odyssey A.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I will buy my broter a ball. I will buy my dad tools. I will buy my mom a kite. I will buy Casity couches. -- Marivelle M.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. My mom needs a new watch. My dad needs a new wait. Joe needs a Spiderman toy. Domico needs a bike. -- Salome L.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. My mama loves Kendra Scott. I would get her a neckis. My dad loves his tools. I am gonna git him a Sears gift card. I would git my bruther a toy tractor. -- Braxton S.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I would buy my mom a microwave. I would buy my dad close. I would buy bruthers close. I would buy my family flowers. -- Ashlynn Q.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I'd buy my mom a smoother filled with water for her feet. I'd buy my hole family a ovin. I'd buy my sisters two Barbese. I'd buy my dogs two toys. -- Leah L.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I would buy a present for my mom. I would buy a candy bar for my sister. I would buy a movie for my dad. I would buy a play house for my brother. -- Harley Q.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I would buy my mom a necklis. I would buy my bruthr a toy gun. I would buy my baby bruthr a baby toy. -- Logan W.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I would get Spiderman for Salome and Buzz Lightyear for Miguel. I would get dad work stuf. My sister wants Elsa puzzles. I would get Nathan a black remote control car from Fast and Furious. -- Max C.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. For my mom I would get her a book and jewelry. I would get Dad a tractor book. My sister wants a pink Barbie with a chair. For my grandma and grandpa I would get a book shelf. -- Racheal A.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. I would get mom sum new keys. I would get dad sum new tools. I would get Erice a new soccer ball. I would get my baby sister a bear. -- Chloe M.

If I had \$100, I would buy some presents. My dad I would buy him a gun. I would buy my mom some clothes. I want to get my brother a Play Station. I want my baby to have a new bottle. I would get my grandma a necklis and my grandpa a gun too. -- Damian A.

Mrs. Pledger

If I had \$100 dollars I would buy my family presents. First I will give Brady a game. I will give Kylan a jaket. I will give a football to Connor. Next I will give my makup. Then I will give popa a hamer for work. I will give Grany a book. Finally I will give my Pape a baseball. -- Makynlynn Barcheers

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If I had \$100 I would buy my presents. First I git dad a bebe gun. Next I git mom a crismas tree. Then I git Miguel a fone. Finally, I git Max a robot. -- Maribel Castaneda

If I had \$100 I would buy my family presents. First I would buy my dad and my sister nom noms. Next I would buy my mom and my sister a journal. Then I would get my sister Maggie a fone. Finally I would buy my sister Yoil a cell fone. -- Noelia Segovia

If I had \$100 dollars I would buy my family presents. First, I will buy my sistr a new shirt. Next, I will buy my dad a new picur frame. Then, I will buy my uncle a new xbox. Finally, I will buy my cusin a toy car. -- Jeffrey Harvey

If I had \$100 dollars I would buy my family presents. First, I would buy a stuffed anuml for my brother Josh. Next I would buy a nerf gun for my brother Kalab. Then I would buy a Wild Kratts box for my brother Grason. Finally, I would buy a game for my couson Nono. -- Ben Watt

If I had \$100 I would buy my family presents. First, I will buy my dad a new tractor. Next I will buy my mom a new makup set. Then I will buy my aunt new clothes. I will buy my little sister a new wagon. Finally I will buy a new baby toy. -- Ciara Barrera

If I had \$100 dollars I would buy my family presents. First I would buy my dad a new shirt. Next I would buy my mom and weowo new dogs. Then I would buy my wela a new iPad. Finally I would buy my sistrs and me new DS games. -- Jacob Garcia

If I had \$100 dollars I would buy my family presents. I got a doll for my mom. I got a bear for my sister. Then I got a fighter for my brother for krismas. Finally I got a new fone with a kase for my dad. -- Lovely Liendo

If I had \$100 I would buy my family presents. First I would buy my theyo Maggie a real life dog. Next I would buy my theyo Jo a butter nife. He likes nifes. Then I would buy my sister a barby doll. Finally I would buy my brother a toy motorcycle. -- David Rosales

If I had \$100 dollars I would buy my family presents. First I will buy a tree for my family. Next I will buy my dad a guitar. Then I will buy my brother a picture. Finally I will buy my mom a new bed. -- Ayden Avalos Olivarez

If I had 100 dollars I would buy my family presents. I am going to buy my mom a pair of shoes. Next I am going to buy my brothers a soccer ball. Then I am going to buy my sister a chapstick. Finally I will buy a nife for my dad. -- Isaac Perez

If I had \$100 dollars I would buy my family presents. First I would buy my family a stocking for crismis. Next I would buy my mom and dad a new charger. Then I would buy my dad a new TV. Finally I would buy my mom a new shirt. -- Coraline Emery

Mrs. Perez

This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would be nice to them and like them. I can make a card for them and draw a picture. We can build a snowman together and share some Christmas presents. -- Love, Alexis Granados

This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would let them come to my house and we can build a snowman together. They can come over and eat supper at my house and we can draw pictures together. -- Love, Aubrianna Lozoya

This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would share my toys with them. I would be nice to them and we can play together. -- Love, Nataly Garcia

This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would be nice to them and we can make cards together. I can share my Christmas presents with them. We need to help everyone. -- Love, Isabella Liendo

This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would give them a present. I would invite them over to my house for supper. We can write letters and draw pictures together. -- Love, Maricela Bustamante

This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would share my toys with them. I can make a sled and we can play together. We can make presents and cards together. -- Love, Anniston Holly

This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would give someone a card and we can make pictures together. I can give them a present if they don't have one. Last I will be nice to them. -- Love, Amyah Rodriguez

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This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would be nice to their family and give them a hug. I can draw them a Christmas card and picture. I can invite them over to be with my family. -- Love, Mack Garza

This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would share some Christmas presents. I will be nice to my friends and make cards for them. We can make a snowman together and spend time together. -- Love, Cason Curry

This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would be nice to them and give them a present. I would help them and make food for them. -- Love, Ruben Balderas

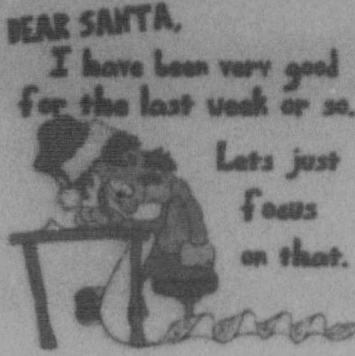
This Christmas if I could do something to make someone's Christmas special, I would give them a present if they don't have any. I can be nice and help them. -- Love, Ayden Hernandez

Tahoka 2nd Grade
Mrs. Sullivan

How could I make someone's Christmas happy or special? I will give hem or her a Christmas tree and preains. I will make hem or har a cordbord box home and I will make hem or her food and dreks. I will give hem or her clos, a phone, and one hundred dolers. I want hem or her to be happy on Christmas. -- Alex Antu

How can I make someone's Christmas happy or special? Do stuf for them. Love on them. Put there lights on for them. Rake the leaves for them. Give them presents. Make them cookies. Put up there tree. Tell them your pretty just the way you are. Clean there house for them. Do the dishes for them. Set up a Christmas dinner for them. Get there walker for them. Tell them don't let neyone get in your way. -- Averie Brooke McNeely

How can I make someone's Christmas happy or special? I will giv the pursan sum cooces. We will git sum preains. I will give them a tree. I will sind a card to them. -- Caleb Watt



BEAR SANTA.
I have been very good for the last week or so.
Let's just focus on that.

I could make someone else's Christmas happy or special by giving them a Christmas tree. I will give them shoes and clogs. -- Gabriel DeLeon

How could I make someone's Christmas happy or special? I could give old people cookies. I hope you enjoy your cookies. I know you will have a good Christmas. I will buy you some ornaments. -- Gavin Gomez

I could make someone else's Christmas happy or special by giving them a Christmas tree and decorating it. I will make them cucers and putting on them. I will give them presents for their family. I will give them sum of my toys and uther stuf. -- Hailey Glenn

I could make someone's Christmas happy or special by. Make a tree for them. Give them presents. Rake the leaves. put lites for them. Give them decrasbers for thir tree. Invite them to your birthday party. Invite them to your hose. Take them to the park. Give them a ride. -- Isiah solorzano

How could I make someone else's Christmas happy or special? I'll invite anyone to Christmas dinner and I will get them something for Christmas. If it is a girl I'll give her some makup and flowers. If it is a boy I'll give him a jaket and chochote. I'll buy a tree then we can decerat the tree. Then at last we will put the star on the very top of the tree. Then the candy's. Then it will be redy for the Christmas party. Then we will eat cookies and we will leve some for Santa. -- Jackie Garcia

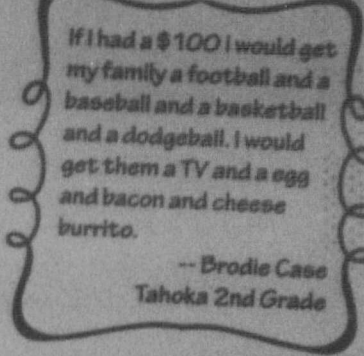
I could make someone else's Christmas happy or special by. Rake leaves for them and make their tree. Gave them cookies. Clean for them. Chop trees for them. Get them everthing they want. Teach them. Beavuse for they won't feel bad. For they don't have to do it. Make it rainbow light with sparkles. -- Jonathan Moreno

I could make someone's Christmas happy or special by giving them a tree and dekeraing it. I could also invit my naber to my house on Christmas for dinner. Then they will feel spechhel. -- Joseph Jordan Liendo

I could make someone's Christmas happy or special by getting them food and water and a Christmas tree. I could get them a present. -- Keagan Martinez

What could I do to make someone's Christmas special or happy? I can give her sum cookies. I cud jvit her so she fills happy. Show her love from me. I can give her 10 dolls, a Christmas tree and sum presents. Then she wud know she is so spehholl to me. -- Kloe Byrum

What could I do to make someone's Christmas happy or special? My next door naber dose nt have kids. I would get them a Christmas tree, decorate it, and rake the leaves for them. -- Michael Martinez



If I had a \$100 I would get my family a football and a baseball and a basketball and a dodgeball. I would get them a TV and a egg and bacon and cheese burrito. -- Brodie Case Tahoka 2nd Grade

If I had \$100 I would get my family a dog. I would buy a game and a drone with a camra. I would also get a dog-house hat, close and a xbox and PS4. -- Darius Gutierrez

If I had \$ 100 I would get my family 4 mugs and a new smart tv. I would also get a new table and a new lank-bed. -- Elizabeth Granados

If I had \$100 I would buy my family a chess game. It will be fun. I could get my family a lot of books and books more books! But the best gift is my family. -- Hayden Richey

If I had \$100 I would get my family a dog, a cat, and a kitten. I would get a dog house for the dog. I would get a xbox for us to play games on. -- Jacob Ramero

If I had a hundred dollars I would get my family a pet and a new movie and coffee mugs with their names on it and a board game. I would buy a phone for my family. I would also get supper, buy a family car, and buy a hotel room and a mansion. I would also buy a xbox and xbox 360 and a play-stashen. -- Jaren Salazar

If I had \$100 I would buy cinnamon rolls and biskits. I would get some giant balls that we can get inside and roll around in. I would buy some movie tick-its. I would also get some pratic dog food and some boocks. -- Josh Watt

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." -Luke 2:10

Merry Christmas from
Patrick J. Edwards M.D., P.A.
and staff

Christmas Greetings

HALLELUJAH!

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

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JoAnna Thomas	Deloris Short
Loretta Tekell	Todd & Ginger Henry & family
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Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	92,839
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	64,294
Wells Coop Gin.....	41,164
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	32,270
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	30,102
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	29,066
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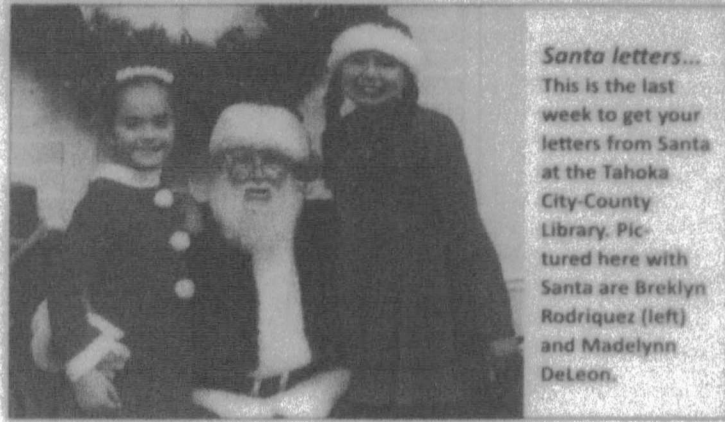
Tumbleweed attack ... Howling winds last Friday brought the attack of the tumbleweeds, as hundreds of blowing tumbleweeds blew through the area in the high winds. This picture shows Dr. George McFarland's home, in the 2500 block of N. 1st, with at least 30 of the big tumbleweeds caught in the front yard. It's a West Texas holiday scene that no one wants to have! (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Fire burns Friday at Wilson mote plant

A pile of mote caught fire at the Fiber Brite processing plant in Wilson Friday afternoon, Dec. 16, with volunteer firefighters from Wilson, Slaton and Tahoka Fire Departments responding to the scene as the fire spread throughout the facility. The fire started around noon.

Firefighters contained the blaze, but remained on scene overnight to monitor smoldering embers at the plant. Lynn County EMS also responded to the scene on Friday, as a precaution. During the initial response Lynn Co Sheriff's Office and Lynn Co Emergency Management were also on scene assisting. Smoke from the fire may last a few days as the fire smolders out.

This is the third time since 2014 Fiber Brite has caught fire.



Santa letters... This is the last week to get your letters from Santa at the Tahoka City-County Library. Pictured here with Santa are Breklyn Rodriguez (left) and Madelynn DeLeon.

New Year's Party set here

A New Year's party of fun games, food and fellowship will be held on Dec. 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Meeting room, (old Lyntegar building). Cost will be \$10 per person with proceeds going to the Lynn County Senior Citizens Building fund. Bring your favorite snack and game to share.

NEWS from the Library
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Tea and Tales

Ladies enjoyed homemade goodies and spiced cider this week during Tea & Tales. Ladies were also presented with recipe notebooks with special recipes brought the previous meeting. Lynn Lankford explored many of the programs the Library will offer in the coming weeks and gave a book review on Max Lucado's -The Christmas Candle. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Library. Programs vary from month to month so ladies come join in the fun and fellowship.

Fundraisers

Come by the Library and buy letters from Santa for the special young ones in your family. We have nine different letters to choose from and will include a red envelope from the North Pole. Letters are \$5 each. We also have raffle tickets for \$5 each for a Samsung 60" 4K Smart TV. We will draw a lucky winner on Thursday February 2nd.
Katie Stone T-Shirt Quilt

Katie Stone will be making a Tahoka t-shirt Quilt for the Library to raffle off. We need your help with Tahoka t-shirts. Please drop off your Tahoka t-shirts during Library hours or in a plastic bag in our drop box. All sizes can be used.

Letters to Santa from Tahoka



2nd Grade

If I had \$100 I would give to my family. My dad needs tools so he can fix my bed. My mom needs a bed and my sister needs clothes. Thank you, Kyran Polanco.

If I had \$100 I would want to give to my family. My family could use some one that comes and cleans our house. And my dad can get his new pickup. Thank you, Reese Moore.

If I had \$100 I would want to give to my family. My mom and dad could use some new clothes and some new shoes and some new jackets. My mom and dad need jackets so they can be warm. My mom and dad need shoes so they can't be hurt. Thank you, Ariel Castaneda.

If I had \$100 I would want to give to my family. They could use a bed because they spill drinks on the bed and my dog sheds their fur on the bed. My family could use four jackets. Thank you, Madison McMurtry.

If I had \$100 I would give to my family. My dad could use some tools and my a bunch of money for bills. Thank you, Naphtan Pina.

If I had \$100 I would give to my family. My mom could use some socks and bows and my dad some tools. Thank you, Virginia Lopez.

If I had \$100 I would give to my mom. My mom could use a new pair of shoes. Thank you, Kaleb DeLeon.

If I had \$100 I would give to my mom. My mom could use some kitchen appliances. We need some food and water. Thank you, J'Vachya Hernandez.

If I had \$100 I would give to my family. My dad needs tools. And my mom needs cooking stuff, a stove and a refrigerator. Thank you, Jordan DeLeon.

If I had \$100 I would want to give to my family. They need a bed and a jacket and some shoes. I am going to give my mom and my dad a note. Thank you, Josiah Quiñones.

If I had \$100 I would want to give to my family. My mom could get money and food. My sister needs more clothing. Thank you, Ryan Taylor.

If I had \$100 I would give to my family. My family could use clothes to wear. My cousins want toys like a Barbie house and legos. We need shoes like they shoes and boots. Thanks, Aubrey Hadderton.

If I had \$100 I would give to my family. My family could use the money to buy a car. Thanks, Hurley Lando.

the Spirit of Christmas

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Christmas

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Wishing you peace and happiness during this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.

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Letters to Santa from O'Donnell



O'Donnell Pre-K

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordin Castillo. I am 5 years old and I live in O'Donnell, TX. I thought you should know that this year I have been extra NICE. My favorite thing that happened this year is getting to watch TV. For Christmas I would like a Power Ranger tool, an iPod, A tablet and markers.
Thank you! Jordin Castillo

Dear Santa,
My name is Rhyder Arthur. I am 4 years old and I live in O'Donnell, TX. I thought you should know that this year I have been extra NICE. My favorite thing that happened this year is playing Power Rangers with Santa Claus. For Christmas I would like a Spider Web Shooter and a robot dog.
Thank you! Rhyder Arthur

Dear Santa,
My name is Blaze Tomlinson. I am 4 years old and I live in O'Donnell, TX. I thought you should know that this year I have been extra NICE. My favorite thing that happened this year is when I got to play centers at school. For Christmas I would like a real dinosaur. I want it to be a Bron-tosaur-us.
Thank you! Blaze Tomlinson

Christmas Trivia ...

Charles Dickens' initial choice for Scrooge's statement "Bah Humbug" was "Bah Christmas."

O'Donnell Kindergarten A

Dear Santa,
I LOVE you Santa! I can't wait for Christmas! This Christmas I want stuff to prank my brother KO and my mom! That would be so hilarious. I also want a stuffed unicorn. I want a gingerbread house also that comes with a gingerbread boy and a gingerbread girl. I also want the Bean Boozle game. I think I have been good this year. How do elves move and HOW did the elf get into my house? Tell me about the magic of that elf. I will leave you oreos.
Love, Harley Ray

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? Are they ready to pull your sleigh? Can I pretty please have a go cart and a race car set? I also want some tools for my toolbox. I like to help my dad work. I also need some new Hot Wheels. I am going to leave some snowman cookies for you to eat and some yummy hot chocolate with extra marshmallows. My sister, Lizzie Cook, needs a special surprise also. She has been really good this year.
Love, Caleb Cook

Dear Santa,
I like you! You are so cool! I will leave you a jelly sandwich and snowflake chocolate chip cookies. I will also leave some root beer to drink. It will be cold. Can I have some new toys? I want a scooter bike so that I can drive to work and school except when it is muddy. Pawpaw can drive me when it is muddy. I also want some tools and tool belt so I can fix broken stuff. Will you bring something pretty for Yari? I think she likes pink.
Love, Braxtin Pina

Dear Santa,
My mom and me are going to make you some cookies. My brother is going to help too. They will be chocolate chip and white chocolate chip cookies. I want a lizard, turtle, and a baby shark. Can I have a toy alligator too? That would be so cool! I want some godzilla toys and new dinosaurs. I also need a calendar. Thank you Santa!
Love, Connor Vaughn

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! Can I have some new toy cars this year? I also want a pet turtle to keep in my room. Can I also have a brand new iPad? I have really been good this year I promise. Do you believe me? I will help you find my house. It is brown and light brown. I love you Santa!
Love, Rickey Prado

Dear Santa,
I like your hat and belt. They are really cool! I wish I could meet all of your elves. I want Hot Wheels cars and a track to race them on. I also want this toy that looks kinda of like a truck. It can flip on the stairs. I really want it. It looks so cool. My brother and me want Pie Face to play together. Can I have a toy grill to pretend to cook food on? I want my friends to come play with me and I will share all my new toys.
Love, Derek Dunlap

Dear Santa,
How do you go round the world in one night. What I want for christmas this year are a youtube cam, a catcher EDS, and a year supleise us cheetos puffs merry chietmas
John Kelby Earnest
O'Donnell 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I am going to give you heart cookies because I just love you. I will leave you 5 cookies to eat. I will also leave you a giant glass of milk. The first present I want is toy dog that walks around. It is a robot. I also want a nail polisher for me and Kohen. I want a toy pony to play with after school. You are so awesome! Thanks for bringing me and my sister nice things. Kohen wants dolls and barbie clothes. Thank you Santa!
Love, Rylan Cagle

Dear Santa,
How is your day? I hope you are doing good. I have missed you a lot. Do you already have lots of presents packed? I want work tools and a tool belt so I can work and fix stuff at my house. I also want roller blades for Hunter and me. I think I need a drone too. That should be it. Thank you!
Love, Bryson Bolton

Dear Santa,
This is Dustyn. I like you! Thank you for all the presents last year. They were so fun! I want a blue dirt bike, Pie Face Showdown, and a cool truck that flips. I also need some new Hot Wheels. Please can I have those presents? I am going to leave you milk and cookies. Promise. I will leave your reindeer some carrots. Have a good trip!
Love, Dustyn Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Is it cold and snowy in the North Pole? I want a toolbox, tools, and tool belt. I also want a scooter with a red button to make the wheels roll. Will you bring presents for my mom and grandma too? My mom needs some new lipstick and my grandma needs a new snowglobe. I drew a Santa picture at school. I wish I could show you.
Love, Andrew Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a Frozen bike for Christmas this year. I also want a Barbie house for my Barbie's to live in. Can I have new movies? I want the Trolls movie and the Moana movie. I also want a playhouse for my backyard. Thank you so much for my presents last year. I can't wait for you to come back and visit! I love you Santa!
Love, Violet Gonzales

Christmas Trivia ...

A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.
According to a 1995 survey, 7 out of 10 British dogs get Christmas gifts from their doting owners.

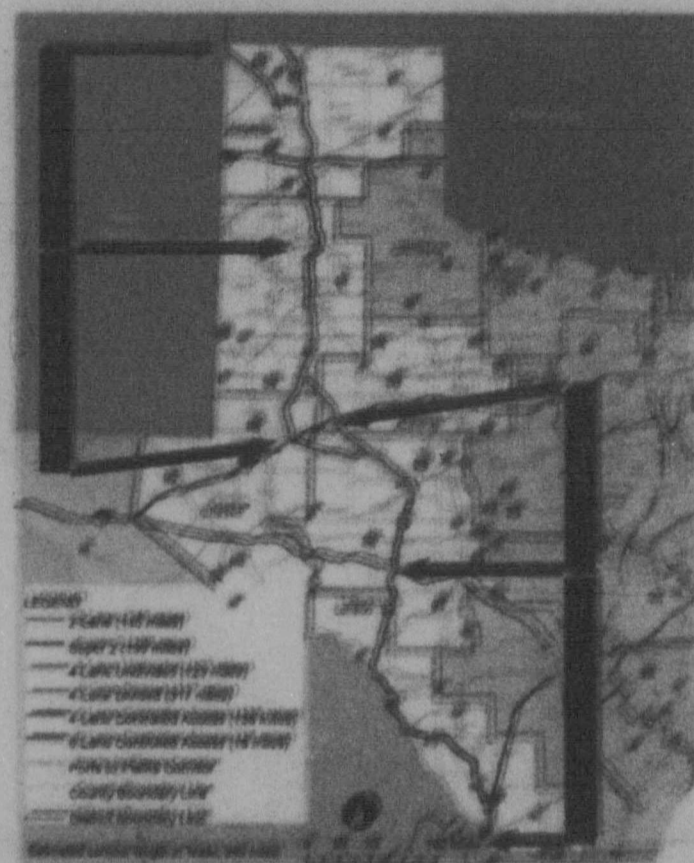
Ports-to-Plains Alliance asks Texas communities to support I-27 extension

Texas does not have a major north-south interstate west of the very congested Interstate 35, and the Ports-to-Plains Alliance would like that to change. The Alliance has created a committee of West Texas mayors and community leaders that is leading the effort to unite the region behind the initiative to extend Interstate 27 and is asking West Texas city councils, county commissioner courts, chambers of commerce and other civic groups to pass resolutions of support for the extension. The proposed route goes through US 87 and includes Tahoka and O'Donnell communities.

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

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

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



The current 124 mile I-27 between Lubbock and Amarillo was designated as a future interstate in 1968 and was not completed until 1992 at a total cost of \$453 million. The Ports-to-Plains Corridor is nearly 1,000 miles long in Texas and the cost to upgrade that entire corridor to interstate standards is estimated at around \$7 billion. To upgrade the approximately 500 miles from Lubbock to Laredo to interstate standards is projected to cost around \$5 billion. However that is quite cost-effective when compared to the \$4.8 billion it cost to rebuild a 28 mile section of I 35 E from I 635 to U.S. 380 in Dallas County.

According to the Texas Freight Mobility Plan, "By 2040 over 73 percent of Texas' population and 82 percent of the state's employment is projected to be located within five miles of an interstate." An extended Interstate 27 is critical for the economic competitiveness of West Texas. The estimated corridor length in the state of Texas is 940 miles.

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

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

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

"A future Interstate designation will be a significant new economic development tool for communities along the corridor," said Reeves. "Manufacturers, warehousing and distribution will be drawn to the new interstate. Travel services businesses such as hotels, truck stops, convenience stores and restaurants, which can have a dramatic impact on small communities, will also open. This will create much needed new jobs and expanded tax base in rural West Texas."

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

Ports-to-Plains is a grassroots alliance of over 275 communities and businesses, including alliance partners Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Coalition, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada. Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at <http://www.portstoplains.com/>.



Continuing a tradition of giving ... Richard Powell (center) presented a donation to the Tahoka Rotary Club while visiting Tahoka recently. Mr. Powell's father, the late John Powell, has been a great benefactor to the community of Tahoka for many years and Richard is continuing his father's legacy. The money will be given to the Christmas For Kids program. Pictured with Mr. Powell are Tahoka Rotary Club President Brenda Whitten and Club Treasurer Ray Don Box.

Did you know: 'Jingle Bells' was written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas

It's hard to go more than five minutes without hearing the familiar tune of 'Jingle Bells' running through your head during the month of December. The truth is that you should have been hearing it in November. According to Mental Floss Magazine, composer James Lord Pierpont wrote the song in the 1850s to play for his Boston Sunday school class during Thanksgiving as a way to commemorate the famed Medford sleigh races. Kids and adults loved the song and eventually changed the lyrics to fit Christmas. No word on whether the original lyrics contained the line, "Dashing through the snow, in a one-turkey open sleigh."

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Letters to Santa

from O'Donnell



O'Donnell Kindergarten B

Dear Santa,
I am on the good list. I cleaned my closet out and sorted them. And put the shirts in a pile and a sock pile and I did my underwear in a pile. My mom was happy for cleaning my closet out. I want Cocomo for Christmas and XBOX 1 controller gold. My brother and I want a real 4 wheeler. Please. I left you milk and cookies and thank you for the toys.
Mason Clark

Hi Santa,
Happy Christmas Santa. Please Santa get me a real bow and arrow. I want to be a good helper. I listen to Mrs. Franklin. I play with my brother. I help my mom and listen to her. Thank you for the elf.
Kolton Clark

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. May I have a Star Wars Spy Drone? I want an RC remote control Army ship. I also want a Lego tank truck. Also a plastic police boat that isn't remote controlled. Please can I also have a punching bag. I could punch outside.
Thank you. Riley Redwine

Dear Santa,
I wish Santa would bring me my Elf on the Shelf. I want Santa to see me being good. I want Santa to please bring me Sky Landers Imaginations. Also a Play Station 4 golden controller. And Lego Dimensions. Maybe bring my brother some baby clothes.
Thank you Santa! Bryson Villarreal



Santa,
Thank you for coming back. I hope you do not go away. Please can you bring me a Monster High doll. I want a big giant fake pony. I want a pink. I want a toy Santa Claus. Please can I have a little Eagle. Thank you for giving me all the Christmas presents. I love you Santa.
Taylor Kilgore

Dear Santa,
I love you! How is Mrs. Clause? And how is your little elves? Please will bring me a toy tractor and a toy Ironman? And I want a train track. I want magic tracks and a race car track. I love you Santa.
Elijah Avalos

Dear Santa,
I hope you deliver the presents safely. I want a DS and a new bike please. I try to help my grandma clean up. Sometimes I help my sister clean up our room. Santa I have been a good boy. I hope your reindeer feel good.
Thank You! Dominick Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I hope my mom feels better because she has been sick for a long time. Please bring her a red glass vase. Please bring me 2 monster trucks and an XBOX 2. I would also like a Mega Thunder Bow. I have zero markers at my house. Please bring me some more markers. Thank you for giving me and my mom presents.
Mason Mize

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great day Santa. I want you to know what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a Troll Pillow. Also a Rofloph stuffed animal. Can you please give me a scarf for Christmas? I want a Troll movie for Christmas. Please bring Sebastian a bike and a skateboard. I love you Santa!
Bella Gonzales

O'Donnell 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a robot bow car and I want a robot bow dog. Santa and his santa I have a list I have all of my toys on my list.
Love, Zayden Barrientos

Dear Santa,
What I want Christmas is the project me 2 ultimate spy bag and the project me 2 ultimate lab kit.
Love, Kyndall Halfman

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having fun at the north pole are you okay? will you come to are-hos with my presents?
Truktradr.
Merry Christmas, Tristen arthur

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car, flash gun, trampoline.
Love, Jayden Costa

Dear Santa,
I will tell you Santa what I want ok. I love Santa. I want a 22 gun and a nerf gun with a skop. And that is all I love you Santa.
Your friend, Krew Mires

Dear Santa,
the two toys I want from you please. I want pokEMON moon and lego city.
Love, Landon Bishop

Dear Santa,
I want a candy can and I will let you adopt some cookies are you and the reindeer good to fly on Christmas eve have a safe trip in Christmas and can you bring us some noow bols some dogs chood up are bols.
Love, Myleigh Morado

Dear Santa,
I want a present. I want Christmas tree with dee light. I would like lights for my tree.
love, maddy neison

Dear Santa,
How are you reindeer doing fling? Are getting ready for Christmas I want a Candy and thank you love you.
from payton sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want legos, want money your friend, Benjamin Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys. How are your reindeer doing? I love you. Will you bring namnams and ds? Merry Christmas, Kynadie Pyle

Dear Santa,
What I want Christmas is the project me 2 ultimate spy bag and the project me 2 ultimate lab kit.
Love, Kyndall Halfman

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed animal. I want the stuffed animal will be a tiger. I also want a dandancing floweraver.
From, Jessica garcia

Dear Santa,
I want to have a ds and a new hat for Christmas.
love, Damien Taylor

Dear Santa,
Hope you had a good year. I have been a good girl. I want a toy for Christmas. I want a flipzoo.
Love, Kim Wiebe

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys I love them. I even love my bull gunn when I want noomoms they are so cool mere kismis!
Love, Chloe miranda

Dear Santa,
I want a big Ferddy Plush and pop trl Car and a hotwll ras track and a minecraft damind sowed and a maccrismus from you.
Love, Deven Ramon

O'Donnell 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. clause? may I have a nintendo3ds, pokemon moon and yskai watch. Booy spirits, super mario maker a 2-string, a Rudolf toy and a poplo plush toy.
love Max Tamez

Dear Santa,
I think working is hard. I have been working so hard. You are the best. You make my family have a wonderful Christmas time of the year. This year I would like a nabi. I also want a phone? for Christmas. How are your elf's are they working on are presents. I would also like a xbox for my brothers.
Love Lala Vasquez

Dear Santa,
If Santa can you give me my xbox please. Thank you for giving all of us are posing every Christmas. If you get me my xbox please and can I have a game with it can I have football 13 please and a stronger game please. I hope that I am doing good and win London rich hunt.
You bud, Lincoln Graham

Dear Santa,
How you can you give me a 60 dollar xbox 360? 50 dollars for my mom and brostranda and play station and xbox 360.
Willie Pamela Luna

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer did Mrs. clause make cookies? I want a fury blanket. And get. And new minis for my home.
Sincerely, Reece Redwine

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a new shoe and a dollhouse. How are your reindeer like round and how are the elf's making and how is Mrs. clause Santa clause and I love all of you. Merry Christmas Santa clause and Mrs. Clause. IFOHOHOHO
Smilee Marius Perez

Dear Santa,
Is the number ready to fly with I want for Christmas is a voice recorder for xbox and a flon? and 4-100 dollars from cards.
Karen James

Dear Santa,
I been good all day. how are the reindeer? are the reindeer ready to fly? Was Christmas fun last year? I wonder what you are bring for. Do you think Christmas? I want a machine gun and I want a tablet? How are the elf's? Are you being good? Is it fun up there?
From britly con

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Steve Deaton, Regional Community Manager

Letters to Santa

from O'Donnell



O'Donnell 2nd Grade (cont)

Dear Santa,
You are the best santa you make mericles happins also I rilly want a gun and I want a nabe also I hop your elfs still have power?
Cameron Renteria

Dear Santa,
How are the rainders? are they redy to fly? is Rodolph redy to fly? these are the things that I want a xbox a new leap frog a couter thes are the things I want. Merry Charismuss.
From araceli-brook cookie Lara

Dear Santa,
Have Mrs.claus made cookies? I would like a phone and I would also like close and shoes...and how are the elfs? And is it fun being santa.
Ariel gonzales

Dear Santa,
How was your christmas last year? I want a legoset and matchbox and hunting Stions.
Merry christmas Alex Wiebe

Dear Santa,
How are the elfs? I want a phone and a playstahin 4. I want a 3Des. I want a dragin.
Brodie Boss

Dear Santa,
I been good all the time and my curins gift is a 3ds and the games for The 3ds and I wish a game for the Xbox 360 and the game is halo4.
Merry Christmas, joje gardea

Dear Santa,
How are the reinder doing? I want Drome pool helicopter, motocontrol bigode computer.
Love, Jordan Bergara

Dear Santa,
How was Mrs. Claus was the great today? How are your rainder today? I want a nom noms truck and pom pom wow for Christmas.
Love Delaney Velasquez

Dear Santa,
Hao are your Randeres and you for Crises.I wod like a shopeening-food, and lots of candes. santa ples ansr me back ples wak me up you are the best frend evr I think you wrk hard santa I hav a cweshten do you help the Elfis do the present.
Reyna Martinez

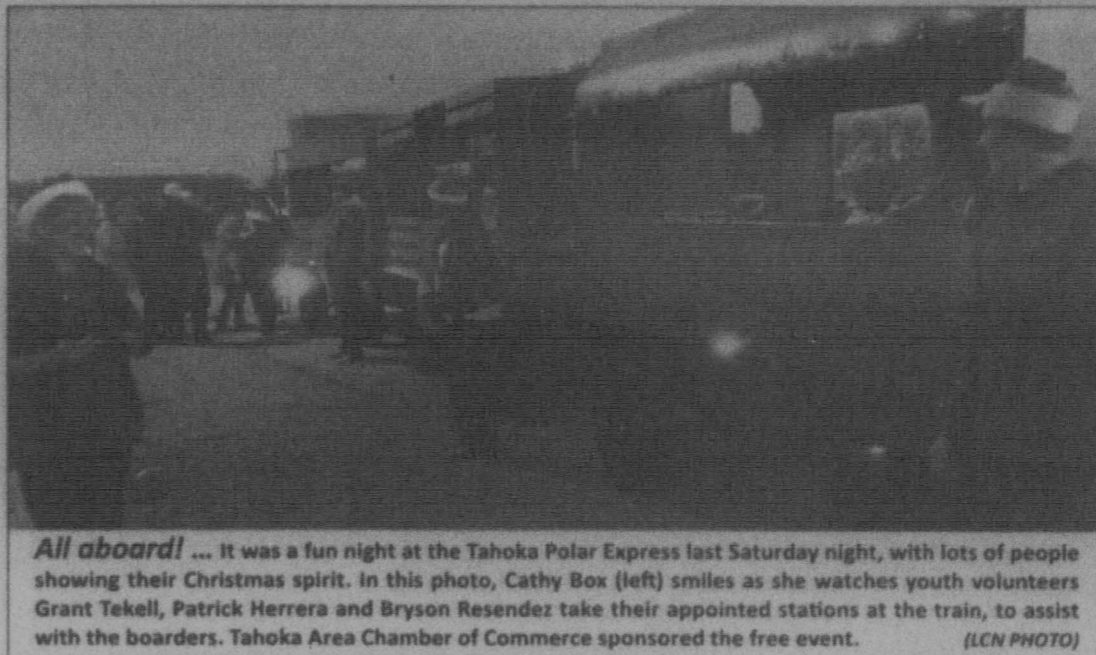
Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a computer, a new purse, and lots of toys.
Love, Javiyn Castillo

Dear Santa,
How is donner doing I was prank calling you I said I was naughty but I was just kidding. I've been good I would love if you got me cnetic sand you know the one I got me last year and if you got me a block of wood and a knife I would love all that for Christmas i m wondering what your putting in my stocking I would love if you put putting in my stocking your friend, john manuel pedroza

Dear Santa,
I am sorry if I did anything wrong but if I did do anything wrong please forgive Me but at school I make good s And at home I am good to my famley. Can I please have a ps4 indamadnce wich is on vat19.com MERRY CRISTMAS!!!!
Senserele, Billy Hogan

Dear Santa,
How do you go round the world in one night. What I want for christmas this year are a youtube cam, a catcher EDS, and a year suplese us chetos puffs merry christmas.
John Kelby EARNEST



All aboard! ... It was a fun night at the Tahoka Polar Express last Saturday night, with lots of people showing their Christmas spirit. In this photo, Cathy Box (left) smiles as she watches youth volunteers Grant Tekell, Patrick Herrera and Bryson Resendez take their appointed stations at the train, to assist with the boarders. Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the free event. (LCN PHOTO)

Teddy Roosevelt banned Christmas trees at the White House

Today, the White House's annual Christmas tree lighting is a hallowed tradition. But try telling that to Teddy Roosevelt, who didn't think the event was very majestic. In fact, he found it so infuriating that he enacted a total ban on putting up a tree in the White House during his term. In fact, in 1902, Roosevelt's son Archie snuck his own Christmas tree into the house which he hid in a closet. Was the 26th President a Scrooge? Nope, just an avid outdoorsman and conservationist who found deforestation revolting.

Learn about IP Diet program at Lynn County Hospital, Dec. 29

The Ideal Protein (IP) diet program will be offered through Lynn County Hospital. Anyone interested in learning about the IP diet is encouraged to attend an informational meeting at the LCHD meeting room at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 29. To reserve a seat, call 561-4048. The educational session will include product tasting, and more.

The Ideal Protein diet has been around for 25 years, and was developed and endorsed by medical doctors. The IP protocol was designed to induce rapid weight loss and spare lean muscle mass. It is different from the normal low calorie diet because it is designed to keep the sugar stores at a minimum and keeping the body in a fat burning mode round the clock. This diet is low fat, low carb and normal protein; very different from high protein diets.

"The IP foods, besides being tasty, have concentrated proteins packed into low calorie foods. These proteins come from a variety of sources to provide options for those with dietary restrictions. And with 80 different food choices you are bound to find foods that fit your palate. In addition to the IP foods you can have all the salad (made with a list of choices) you want and 4 cups of vegetables a day. Dietary supplements are part of the IP diet to replace the missing nutritional requirements that your body has," explained an LCHD proponent of the program.

"The IP diet differs from other diets in its four-phased approach. You lose the weight and phase back into eating "normal" foods. You get one-on-one counseling by trained counselors, daily videos sent to your email and food choices you can enjoy. To make things even better, it doesn't require exercise," she added.

"A small group of LCHD employees tested out the IP diet starting on October 11th (yes, we have had to weather the holidays on a diet) together the five employees have lost 135 pounds in 9 weeks. We are very happy with the results! It made us secure in offering it to the general public," she said.

Obesity, especially metabolic syndrome, central obesity (tummy fat), high blood pressure, high cholesterol and high sugars (though not necessarily diabetic), is endemic in the United States - Texas, liking everything big, is one of the pack leaders. Weight loss, in theory, is a simple formula of calories consumed need to be less than energy expended. All who have on-going weight problems know this is not a completely true statement.

The science behind weight loss is expanding (no pun intended) all the time. According to Michael Ciell, Ideal Protein's Senior Scientific Advisor, the body consumes energy in a specific order: from sugar in the blood, stored sugar, muscle and then fat. Most diets that follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommendation for a balanced diet of 60% carbohydrates, 25% protein and 15% of healthy fats cause erratic weight loss. This is due to the sugar stores being refilled on a regular basis and frequently leads to lean muscle loss. Fat loss, which is the end goal, is typically the last to occur. The IP program approaches weight loss in a different way.

"If you are interested in learning about the IP diet, come to the meeting at the LCHD meeting room on December 29th at 6 p.m. Make being healthier your New Year's resolution!" said the sponsor.

Dear Santa,
I LOVE you Santa! I can't wait for Christmas! This Christmas I want stuff to prank my brother KO and my mom! That would be so hilarious. I also want a stuffed unicorn. I want a gingerbread house also that comes with a gingerbread boy and a gingerbread girl. I also want the Bean Boozle game. I think I have been good this year. How do elves move and HOW did the elf get into my house? Tell me about the magic of that elf. I will leave you oreos.

Love, Harley Ray
O'Donnell Kindergarten

Have a very Merry Christmas!



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Lance Bradford, General Manager

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Greetings

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Santa and reindeer ... The home of Loretta Tekell, at 2418 N. 4th Street in Tahoka, won the \$50 second place prize from the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce for having a beautifully decorated home on the Tahoka Polar Express train route. Her Christmas décor featured Santa and some really cute reindeer. (LCN PHOTO)



For the building fund ... Juanell Jones (right), Chairman of the Tahoka Polar Express event sponsored by Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce, presents a donation of \$184 to Bianca Baker, director of the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, for their building fund. The money was collected from donations given at the Polar Express ride on Dec. 30. (LCN PHOTO)

St. John Lutheran sets special services

St. John Lutheran Church, located at 1305 Dickson in Wilson, invites area residents to join them in special holiday worship services.

Christmas Eve Worship will be held at 6 p.m. and will include a puppet show and candlelight service. Christmas Day Worship with carols and communion will begin at 10:45 a.m.

New Year's Day Worship with communion will be held at 10:45 a.m.

Man injured in farm accident

Lynn County EMS responded to a farm accident last Wednesday afternoon, when cotton producer John Crutcher was injured in the New Moore area. Crutcher was reportedly on his last module on his last field, and only lacked a couple of rounds on the field when the module builder broke. He jumped into the builder on top of the cotton module to fix the latch. When he jumped, he reportedly shattered both femurs just above his knees.

Emergency responders had to knock down the cotton module slowly to gain access to the man, and local EMS called for a medical helicopter to transport Crutcher to a Lubbock hospital. He was scheduled to have surgery the next day.

Christmas Trivia ...

Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.

Letters to Santa from Wilson



**Wilson First Grade
Laura Walton**

For Christmas I want to make my family happy. I will play around with my dad. I can give my mom a hug. I would give my sister a present. She wants a big pink tractor. Justice Earwood Wilson 1st Grade

**Wilson Kindergarten
Ms. Vasquez**

Dear Santa, I want a Hello Kitty gym ball machine and Barbie for Christmas. I have been good this year. Love, Sophia

"This year I hope to make Christmas special for people. I can vacuum the floor for my mom. I could help my dad dress my baby brother. I will open the door for my brother." Joshua Melton

Dear Santa, I want a Pinoc gun for Christmas. I have been good this year. Love, Xavier

"This year I want to make Christmas special for my family. I can give my mom a present. I will give my dad a hug. I could share my snack with my sister." Caleb Yasaga

Dear Santa, I want a coloring book for Christmas. I have been good this year. Love, Desiree

"This Christmas I hope to make people happy. I can give my mom a present. I will play with my sister Mariela. We could build a snowman. I could watch a movie with my brother Orlando." Emmely Balderas

Dear Santa, I want a Bathi house for Christmas. I love ben gud. Love, Maliric

"For Christmas I want to make people happy. I could give my mom a hug. I can give presents to my cousins. I can make my friends happy by letting them go in front of me." Samara Wissler

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie for Christmas. Love, Sam

"This Christmas I want to make people happy. I will open the door for my Aunt Rachel. I could give Aleigha a present. I will write Ms. Walton a note." Lauren Llanas

Dear Santa, I want a real life dinos for Christmas. I have been good this year. Love, Abel

Dear Santa, I want a clothes for kittens. I have been gud this yr. Love, Abel

Dear Santa, I want a cookin machin for christmas. I've been gud this yr. Love, Aeryama

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie car for Christmas. I've been good this yr. Love, Amalyah

A BIG THANK YOU

goes to all the Advertisers in this issue that make printing Santa Letters possible!

Christmas Trivia ...

During the ancient 12-day Christmas celebration, the log burned was called the "Yule log." Sometimes a piece of the Yule log would be kept to kindle the fire the following winter, to ensure that the good luck carried on from year to year. The Yule log custom was handed down from the Druids.

Bright Smiles and Best Wishes
Your friendship & support are greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful Christmas!
RICHARD WHITE, D.D.S.

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Letters to Santa

from New Home



New Home Pre-K Jill Bundy

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. Please bring me a gumball machine, a remote control helicopter, a writing board, and my own REAL dog. I can't wait to see you.
Love, Linken Schilling

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas. I'm so excited to see you. When you come, please bring me a nap mat with a tent, my own Christmas Tree with lights, and a REAL brown and white kitten that can sleep with me. Thank you Santa.
Love, Stella Bearden

Dear Santa,
This year please bring me a plastic roller coaster, a baby doll, a pretend baby, a light up ring, and a fake cat stuffed animal. Thank you so much. I have been so good this year.
Love, Kaizlyn Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a "ball gun", an army costume, an army bag to hold all my balls for my gun, and an army helmet with a light on it. Thank you Santa.
Love, Parker McLaurin

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. The only thing I am asking for is a tent with a sleeping bag. Thank you so much Santa.
Love, Braylee Cuelbar



Merry Christmas

from
Cowlick's Barber Salon
Randi Harris
806-401-3447
1926 Lockwood in Tahoka

Dear Santa,
This year I am asking for a nap mat with a tent, a jet pack and an Iron Man suit. I would also like a gumball machine, some toy guns, and a pet bunny that is real. Thank you Santa. I can't wait to see you.
Love, Waylon Epley

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. Please bring me a baby that crawls by itself, a robot that walks, a FAKE Elf that I can touch, and a jewelry box with jewelry in it. Thank you Santa.
Love, Gracie Jones

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a watch from Costco, a Power Ranger with a silver Power Ranger Gun (it is at Wal-Mart beside the bikes), and 2 chargers. Thank you Santa. I can't wait to see you.
Love, Noah Flores

Dear Santa,
This year I would like for you to bring me some Power Rangers, a jet pack to put on my back, my very own Christmas Tree, and a new camo lunch box. I promise to keep being good. Thank you Santa.
Love, Jett Brewer

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a pair of boots, some extra pants, and extra hat, an extra eye-patch and a sword. I would also like Jake the Pirate. Thank you Santa. I can't wait to see you.
Love, Cooper Holder

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. Please bring me a poppy and Branch from Trolls, a Princess doll-a BIG one, a princess dress for me to wear, and new princess shoes and gloves. I promise to keep acting nice. Thank you Santa.
Love, Kambry Streety

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. Please bring me a Baby-So-Real and those bead things you can make stuff with. I know you understand what I am talking about. Thank you Santa. I can't wait to see you.
Love, Bailee Kiowski

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. I am asking you to bring me some skates, some cleats-the shoes with the spikes on them, some Converse that are blue with the white edge, and a tough goat that is wooden that I can rope. Thank you Santa. I can't wait to see you.
Love, Price Garrett

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas. I have been so good this year. Please bring me Minecraft, Mario Maker, a real un that is a little red gun, and a REAL baby puppy that is brown and black. Thank you Santa.
Love, Kyson Brookshire

Dear Santa,
I have been very sweet this year. I am asking you to please bring me a baby swing and a little car seat for my baby and a little crib for her. I would also like a Play-dough Princess that you can make clothes out of Play-dough. And lastly, I would like a REAL baby to hold with a real diaper bag. Thank you Santa. I can't wait to see you.
Love, Preslee Brown



Sounds of Christmas ... The sounds of Christmas filled the THS auditorium last Tuesday night, as Tahoka Middle School Bands presented a Christmas Concert. Pictured here is the Middle School Symphonic Band, with a closeup view of the tuba section (Gabby Diaz, Rogelio Garcia and Spring Garcia) pictured at left. (LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I can't wait to see you. When you come will you bring me a remote control cat, a stuffed dog that moves, and a Snoopy Snow Cone machine? Thank you Santa.
Love, Victoria Baeza

Mrs. Baeza
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like Elsa and Pokemon cards and a toy TV for Christmas.
Love, Kaycee

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Mickey Mouse skateboard, hover board, and magnets that you can build with for Christmas.
Love, Luke

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a chocolate cake, super hero capes, and a batman for Christmas.
Love, Cohen

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a troll puzzle, Christmas blanket, and a Christmas pillow.
Love, Kenzleigh

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a helicopter, Spider Man, and Walkie Talkies for Christmas.
Love, Brock

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Power Ranger costume, Ninja Turtle bike, and an Elf on the Shelf for Christmas.
Love, Jace

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a PJ Mask toy, toy truck to ride in, and a Mickey Mouse Clubhouse toy for Christmas.
Love, Grayson

Dear Santa,
I want Legos for my Christmas and I need some new shoes and shirts. I want some toy race cars and a toy elf and I want to buy a big can of hot sauce for my sister, because she likes it that much! I want to do a present car for my mom and dad with a TV. How do your elves fly?
Love, Wyatt
New Home Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a computer, Ninja Turtle, and tractor for Christmas.
Love, Graham

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Barbie, microphone with stand, and a castle for Barbie.
Love, Syler

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Barbie, puppy, and a book for Christmas.
Love, Kinleigh

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Mickey Mouse Clubhouse play set, train, and a racecar for Christmas.
Love, Kameron

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Barbie Mermaid with hair that changes, a Keurig, and coffee cups for Christmas.
Love, Harper Jo

Merry Christmas

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Letters to Santa from New Home



New Home Pre-K Mrs. Baeza

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a bike, Ariel doll, and toy milkup for Christmas.
Love, Baylee

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a fitor wheeler, Transformers, and a toy microphone for Christmas.
Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a toy car, wallet, and a new costume for Christmas.
Love, Elias

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like Generation doll clothes, Barbies, and Barbie clothes for Christmas.
Love, Lali

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a pink jacket with ruffles, a white puppy, and a lady bug for Christmas.
Love, Ella

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I do not hit people at school. I don't do bad things at school either. I want a double donut maker. I want to make a unicorn everyday. I want like a unicorn. And I want a pile of makeup. This is my last thing, I want a Barbie doll. I want Chelsea and Skipper. I will leave you some milk.
Love, Landri Perez Age 5

New Home Kindergarten Mrs. Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been acting good. I do my work at my house and at school. I want a scooter to ride and I want a cotton round baller cause it will make round holes. I want a mobile builder that I can play with and a ball buggy to carry cotton to the mobile builder. I will make you strawberry cookies.
Your friend, Garrett Stanford Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want to do cheer but my mom won't let me. I act good every day. I want a Kindle to play with. Not an iPad because I already have one. I asked Joy for an iPad. I want an American Girl doll with brown hair and a purple outfit. I want a bunk bed so I can have someone spend the night with me and they can sleep on the bottom. I will make you some chocolate chip and gingerbread cookies.
I love you and Joy, Chloe Clem Age 6

Dear Santa,
I am really good and my brother is bad. I want you to bring me a Hover board and cookies. I want a shot gun, not a real one, just a fake one. I want a fake knife too. That is it.
Love, Reed Underwood Age 6

Dear Santa,
I am being good helping my mom and using my manners at school and everywhere I go. I want an X-Box. I want a water gun so I can play with it when we go swimming. I want a football because I like footballs. That is really all. You are the best. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies, too.
Your friend, Ivan Corredor Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been doing good for my teacher and my mom. I always help my mom and my teacher. My mom lets me go get Starbucks. I want a football X-Box 7. I want an iPod to play games on and do whatever I want with my brothers and my cousin. I want the stack pancake game to play with my cousins. I want what you get before you get a phone, too.
Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, Devin Garrillo Age 5

Dear Santa,
Thank you for coming for Christmas. I want Monster High Dolls. I want trolls to play with too. I like Shopkins too. I want the Donut Shopkin and the Dinosaur Shopkin. I want a Batgirl doll. I don't know what else. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies on the table in our living room.
Love, Marissa Cavillo Age 6

Dear Santa,
I am always good, because sometimes I do my chores. My mom gives me dollars because I dust. I love to dust. I want Pom Pom Wov. You can stick them on anything you want. I want a toy guinea pig. Sometimes I will play with it. I want something that Emily got for her birthday. You make bracelets with it. I want some batteries too, because things need batteries. I always leave cookies and milk for you.
Love, Riley Koonce Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been playing on my iPad at home. I like to play with my brother, too. I want a kids dirt bike to ride in my backyard. I want a Wii video game. I want a green bike. I would like a toy snake, too. I want to know what Puppy Paws is doing. He is in a Christmas movie that I like.
Your friend, Callen Smith Age 6

Dear Santa,
My ears are kinda plugged and I can't hear very good. I want a 2-wheeler. I will ride it in my backyard. I want a remote control Batman car that I can put Batman in. I want a sword too. I can fight my daddy with it. I will leave you a note next to my chimney.
Your friend, Cooper Dunham Age 5



Fun at the Polar Express ... A good crowd came for a ride on the Tahoka Polar Express last Saturday night, and enjoyed refreshments and visiting with Santa while inside the "train depot" at the Tahoka Church of Christ fellowship hall. Approximately 500 people boarded the WTS&O train for a ride. Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the free event. (LCN PHOTO)

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I do not hit people at school. I don't do bad things at school either. I want a double donut maker. I want to make a donut everyday. I want like a unicorn. And I want a pile of makeup. This is my last thing, I want a Barbie doll. I want Chelsea and Skipper. I will leave you some milk.
Love, Landri Perez Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been doing good. I listen to the teacher all the time. For Christmas, I want some Barbies. I want some with the long hair. I want a pink scooter. And a blue bike. I will ride my bike on our sidewalk. I want an iPad to play games. That is all I want. I will leave you some candy on a plate.
Love, Jenna Williams Age 5

Dear Santa,
I woke up on the right side of my bed everyday. I have been good, and I play with my brothers. I want a duck that can be put in the water. And a boat that floats in the water. And there is 2 hot wheels that go with this. You have to save the hot wheels. I want this pirate ship with a shark face in the front. I want a skeleton dinosaur. I want the Triceratops. I want a little pirate ship too. I will leave you milk and any kind of cookies.
Your friend, Rhett Anderson Age 5

Dear Santa,
I am always nice to my friends and my mommy and daddy. I want a real shot gun. I want a Nerf gun too. I want a phone like my mommy has. I will play games on it. My favorite game is Jurassic Park and Jurassic World. That is really all I want. I will leave you homemade sugar cookies. Thank you for my presents.
Your friend, Bodie McIntoe Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I helped my mom decorate the house. I want an Ironman watch. I want a real shotgun. I want a red skateboard. I want to ride it at Buffalo Lake. I also want an Ironman toy to play with. Thank you for the toys!
Your friend, Colton Brumley Age 5

Dear Santa,
I am doing good. I help my mom with the Christmas lights. I help my mom get everything out of the yard, like trash and stuff. I want a 3DS. I want a remote control car. I will jump ramps with it. I want a real phone to play apps on. I can text my mom too. I want an air soft gun. That is all I want. I love you and I am going to leave you money out for you.
Your friend, Brackton Emery Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I have been washing the dishes and I do all of my chores. I want a drum set to play with. I want a play box to get in the box and hide. I will write you a letter and put it where you will eat the cookies. I will leave you sugar cookies because you will need them for the North Pole.
Your friend, Colton Thompson Age 6

Danielle Burrow
Dear Santa,
I want a hatchinamal for Christmas. I want more Shopkins. I have been good this year. I love you.
Love, Alexa

Dear Santa,
How do you walk so quiet when kids are asleep? I want for Christmas an Xbox one with Minecraft. I want a Diary of a Wimpy Kid comic sketch book. I want a little book of positivity because I like to be happy at school. You are an awesome guy Santa and I love you.
Love, Breckin

Dear Santa,
I want a hoverboard for Christmas and a new bike. I also want calico critters. Can I have a toy swing set for Christmas? I also want a new easy glider and I want about three horses and one puppy and a craft.
Merry Christmas!
Love, Kendyl

Dear Santa,
I want Legos for my Christmas and I need some new shoes and shirts. I want some toy race cars and a toy elf and I want to buy a big can of hot sauce for my sister, because she likes it that much! I want to do a present car for my mom and dad with a TV. How do your elves fly?
Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
Do you have a candy cane for every elf? I want a batman house for Christmas. Can I have a Lego tower with Lego zombie and a Lego werewolf? I want a garbage truck this long and this tall also a Lego cruise.
You are awesome!
Love, Quade

Dear Santa,
Can I have a Harry Potter costume and Batman Legos? Can I have an elf and a black ninja costume with red?
Love, Maddox

Dear Santa,
I love you because I get to sit in your lap. Can I have dipstick and chapstick? I want a doll and a unicorn that is purple and a computer and a phone.
Love, Sarah

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. Can you please get me Barbie's and an iPad. I want a computer and a phone. I like candy canes.
Love, Belen

Dear Santa,
I have a Christmas tree at my house and I love presents. You love everyone. I want a tablet, please.
Love, JJ

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers doing? I want Legos and a dirt bike and fireman Legos. Love you!
Love, Bryson

Blessings

May His Word inspire you at Christmas and in the days that come.

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Letters to Santa

from New Home



New Home Kindergarten Danielle Burrow

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Hatchamal. It is ok if it comes after Christmas. I want another Barbie Dream house. I want Shopkins calico critters. I want a Welly-wisher and the American Girl Doll Leah to the Rescue. Have you been good?
Love, Reese

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? How are your reindeers doing. I hope they are good? Santa Clause, I really really really want a doll house with dollies and a little playground for them and Twister and a Barbie Dream house. I want a brand new super duper fast bike and a zoomer kitty. I want a baby doll that can walk and talk and I can feed it and I can change style and clothes and I want a phone. I also want my very own calendar that shows my brothers birthday on it and a toy kitchen.
Love, Mattelyn

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, how are you doing? Would you please get me a lot of Legos and a phone? Can I have a baby black cat and earphones with an IPAD? Can I please get a pug? I want a remote control car and a Lego Tonka truck and stuff that I need for school and a notebook and a magic pencil.
Love, George

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler and a dirt bike, books, a coloring book, a scooter, a calendar, a new pencil. You are awesome.
Love, Rylan

Dear Santa,
I want a drone and a paintball gun and a science kit. Thank you for reminding us how Jesus was a gift.
Love, Aidan

New Home 1st grade Mrs. Smithson

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will play game with Kayla and back carees for Kayla and play at my hawse with Kala.
Love Jaxtyn

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will bake prett cookies for My Grandma! I will bake pie for my mom and dad! I will play pic face shodown and pop the pig with Mason!
Love, Auturo

Der Santa,
I want to help sunone else hav a merry chris mis! I will hlp my mom put awet cookies. I will help my dad too.
Love Reagan

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will bake prett cookies for Santa and Draw a picters for Santa and help Santa if he gets stuck.
Love, Lettie

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I like roodof an I'm ril sorree that he got kicked out by the big Deat. I hope my frind beekin can play pie in the fase with me. Help someone decorate their tree.
Love, Sterling

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will bake a Christmas pie for my grandma. I love coinet and cupide. I will help my mom's grandma decorate her tree.
Love, Kace

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas. I will bake some cookis if they don't have a family and have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Kayla

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will spin time with my grate family and I will help the homeless.
Love, Evan

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will make something for my family. I will help my dad put up the tree and Decorate the tree. I will enjoy Christmas with my family.
Love, Kutter

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will go to my Grampa and Grandma! I love to give away clothes for Christmas! I also will spend so time with my family! We will celebrate Jesus birthday! ICU St Nick
Love, Molly

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will macke cookies for my family. Santa is spish! to everyone. I can sing Christmas carols.
Love, Ana

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! Help my mom and Dad with cookies and sing Christmas cal's to a nursing home and read a book to a Pre K kid.
Love, Jaira

Dear Santa,
I want to help Someone else have a Merry Christmas! Bake Pretty Cookies for LoLa and pop. Visit my Family. Drink hot cocoa.
Love, Braelyn

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will bake gingerbread cookies for my mom. I can read to my mom and sing a song for someone in a wheelchair. Merry Christmas
Love, Lyndee

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will make cookis for my family and for my sister and for my brother too. And I will go to Nacona too see my meme and daddo to have Christmas at their hous and in the morning I will have presnts.
Love Kambree

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will decorate cookies for my nana and my Grampa. I will help homeless peple have a Meery Christmas. I will decorate a Gingerbread house for my family.
Love, Breklyn

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will bake pretty cookies for you. And I love you and your reindeer. And I think my elfe Kelly and jingl are so cute and so sweet and so nice. And I wish you and Kelly lived with me forever and ever. And I'm sorry that the big reindeer kicked Rudolph out.
Love, Harper

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will bake cookies! Help someone held a Christmas tree. I want to drink egg nog with samyle.
Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I want to help someone else have a Merry Christmas! I will bake a Christmas cupcake for my Mom and Dad. And play games with my family. I will help my mom decorate a tree.
Love, Brooklyn

Mrs. Lorton
Dear Santa,
How are your elfs doing working to make those toys? I want to spred some special Christmas cheer this year to my mommy and daddyl! I will bake cookies and hot chocolate for them. I will make soup too.
Love, Alexandra

Dear Santa,
How do you go so fast? How have you been? This year I want to spred some special Chirsmas cheer. My puppy needs some love and I will rub his belly.
Love, Ara Bella

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly? What does Mrs. Clause feed you? This year I want to spread some special Christmas cheer to my new friend Brynlee. She is new this year and I will have a play date and a sleepover.
Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I will spread Christmas cheer to my cousin Rebecca. I am gunna macke her a ornament. I will bake her cookies.
Love, Braxton

Dear Santa,
How are you? How do you go so fast? I will spred some Christmas cheer with Labby. I will make you a orbminu with your picture on it.
Love, Miss Brynlee

Dear Santa,
How does Rudoulf nose gloc? This year I want to spread some Christmas cheer to my family. I'm going to share Christmas with my dog. I will play longer whith my dog. I will teach her tricks.
Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeers fly? I will share my chrismas cheer with my mommy. I will help her with my little puppys. I can feed them milk and love on them with my mommy.
From, Domenic

Dear Santa,
How are your elf doing? I will celebrate Christmas with my sister name Kaley. I can help my sister be good and be happy. I can make cookie for her and play with her.
Love, Halley

Dear Santa,
Why are you so fat? This year I want to spred some speshl Christmas cheer with Victoria. I will play with her and sit with her.
Love, Isabella



This is fun! ... These youth generously offered to help at the Tahoka Polar Express last Saturday night, showing their Christmas spirit. They represent THS National Honor Society and THS Student Council organizations. In front from left are Kylynn McCleskey, Haley Stephens, THS grad Luke Fleenor, and in back, Grant Tekell, Bryson Resendez and Patrick Herrera. The Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce appreciated the youth's involvement in the event. (LCN PHOTO)

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer fly? I will spread Christmas cheer with Henry my dog. I will give him dog soup. I will give him a bone. It will make my family happy.
Love, Khloe
New Home 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
How do you go so fast and be so nice? Can I have an elf for ever and ever until summer? I will spread my Christmas cheer with Luke because I will give him a present and make him a ornament to make his Christmas.
Love, Presley

Dear Santa,
I have been wandering how do you go around the world in one night? This year I want to spread some Christmas cheer with my baby brother Sutton. I will play pass with his ball. I will laugh with him.
Love, Rylan

New Home 2nd Grade
Dear Santa,
If I cud invite anyone over to Christmas dinner, it wod be my brother Carson. I want tractor toys. Christmas is cool cause you get lots of presnts. I also want a PS4.
Kyr

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. If I could invite anybody over for Christmas, I would invite Jett. I want a crotobomb, NERF custumize, and a digital woch.
From, Brogan

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite you and all my family. I would like a bike and pokemon cards for Christmas. You are so nice. Thank you for all that you have given me and my family. I hope you have a safe trip all over the world. One of my friends moved to Midlen and I miss her she was my best friend. Hope you have a Merry Christmas. God Bless you so much.
God Bless, Locklynn

Dear Santa,
Hi, are you having fun? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Carson, Ashley, Jess, Aubreye. I would like 8 Barbies and a doll house for chrismas.
Love, Ashlynn

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, how are you and your elf and miss Claus too? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite you and my mom. And for Christmas I want a bike and a baby doll and a Jessie doll and a new boots and new shoes and some prices doll and some clothes for them. And clothes.
Love, Ashly

Dear Santa,
Hello how are you? If I could invite anybody to Christmas dinner, I will invite God, Jesus! I would like a bible for Christmas, please! How are you? How are the elfs?
From, Laney

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Santa babies ... Mrs. Claus looks happy as Santa has his hands full of babies at the Tahoka Polar Express event, holding little Shelby Peterson and Garrett Wilkins. The babies are cousins. Garrett is the son of Ronny and Casey Wilkins, and Shelby is the daughter of Jennifer Peterson. Mickey and Viola Bertreux of Tahoka, and LaVerne McAllister of New Home, are Garrett's great-grandparents.

(PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Letters to Santa from New Home



New Home 2nd Grade

Dear Santa and Mrs. Clause,

If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Santa and Mrs. Clause my friends. I would like a American girl doll, Orbeco crush, my Life doll living room set, Shopkins season 8, Shopkins dolls like Peppa Min, Jey-

decake, Donatins and other ones like that, a fuzzy blanket, zoomer ruppies, zoomer meowies and the zoomer hedgehog, Hatchamils, little live pet birds, pet turtle, pet frog, and pet owl. Have a jolly Christmas this year. I hop I am not on the noty list. (PS you are awesome.)
God Bless, Remington

Dear Santa and Mrs. Clause,

Hello, how are you. If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner I would invite my cousin to the Christmas dinner ever for all of us. I

would like a new watch for Christmas.
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,

If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Kynlie. I would like a go art for Christmas. I would also like a xbox. Christopher is being more funny than last time.
By Jayton

Dear Santa,

If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite my uncle. I would like a Elf for Christmas. How is Rudolf. How is Missis Claus. My family is a Big fan of you.
Love, Delilah

Dear Santa,

If I can invite anyone over to Christmas, can I bring dasher, dancer, comet, cupid, dawner, blaken, and Rudolph. I would like a giant house from my dad. can you do that

for me? And a Ridler costume. And can you get me a new tablet. And a SD card. by Weston

Dear Santa,

Hody cowboy, you are soooco cool!!! If I could invite inebody it would be you Mrs. Claus and the elves and rowdo. I would love a phone, a ou set, a bmw bike and a moze pello. Christmas is my faurite holiday.
Your good friend, Layke

Dear Santa,

If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Slade. I would like for Christmas a mookburg 22 gun pleas and a real snak.
Love, Gage

Dear Santa,

If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite santa and Ms. Clause. I would like lego spider-man set for Christmas. I like chippy. I hope I get a lot of toys.
Love, Carson

Dear Santa,

How is roodof? If I could invite anybody it would be you Mrs. Clos and roodof and candycane and raly. I would like a Barbie house Hello dream house. I Love you. How is it up there?
Love, Hayley

Dear Santa,

If I could invite anybody over to Christmas dinner, I would invite my elf. I would like a drum set.
Love, Cash

Dear Santa,

If I could invite anybody over to christmas, I would invite my goats and my ster. I want grants. I want a cat. I want 22 rifle. I want some lizard food. I want baseball cards.
From Bryce

Dear Santa,

If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner I would invite Slade. I would like PS4 and a gut teddy bear. I love you santa. Max is funny. You are the best parson in the univrs.
Love, Maddox

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you! Hows roodlight? If I could invite anybody over for Chirtmas dinner, I would invite taylor swift. Santa my elve noes about my grades. How does he no? I would

like earrings. I think I saw your sleigh in sumer then you disappeared. I want a sleighe.
God bless you, Kirbi

Dear Santa

Hi, how are you. Hows roodof the red nose rander. If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, it would be grane and Papa and Begre for Christmas. I would like a go pro and American girl dall, a lagrit scotr hupe bord. Gaige wants a go pro and a thang for his Raff and a hubr bord. Get my dad a gift to and get my mom a gift to.
Love, Peyton

Dear Santa

Hi how are you? If I could invite anybody over for chrisman dinner I would invite my elf Raff. I would like a Chreserchest spikit easel bigpaper, a toyhouse with things with it and a Ipod, devid zootopia, devid trolls, big bear, pokemon cards 26 cards, a nurf girl, a bebe gun with bebes and a bebe case for my bebe gun, and a poket uife. How is Mrs. Claws is she good. I want a pet hamster or a dog that is nice or just a pet. How are your elfs are all the kids on the nice list? Merry Merry Christmas.
From Allie

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite you, anly, emma, my grandma, grandpa, Mrs. Clas. I would like for Christmas is a phone an apple phone, a medium dron, monophy. I will give you lots and lots of cookies and I will give you a coke a cola when you come down the chimney. Merry Christmas Santa.
From Derek

Dear Santa,

Hi how are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Corley, Makinlee, Kennedy, Jess, and Lacy. I would like for Chrtmas is Five Nights at Freddy's Chica and Bunnie plush toy. I would like to see you in real life. I hope the deer are ok. I will lay out cookies and milk for you. I will lay out some carrots for your deer. I hope your ok. I hope your Elfs are ok. I will lay out a letter for you to see. I love Christmas!!!
Love, Adeline

Dear Santa

Hi how are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner I would invite my teacher and my best friend. I would like a My Pasword electronic diary and it only opens to my voice for christmas. Can I invite you and Mrs. Claus over for Christmas dinner please pretty please. I love you so much. Merry Christmas.
Love, Aubreye

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? I would like to invite Adeline and Santa. I would like a wagon. I would like a poldle. I need some mittins.
From Corley

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Locklynn, Kayle, Dylan, Makinle and Hayley. For Christmas I want our rander to come back. I hope I'm on the nice list. I hope you come to my house and bring the rander with you. I'll give you cookies and milk. If I was you I would love my job because I would like delivering presents.
Love, Kynlie

Dear Santa

Hi, how are you, if I could invite anybody in the world I would invite you. I would like some Lachn Log moke cantrole car and anything to do balding.
Love, Slade

Dear Santa,

How are you. I wold love whatever you give me. Thank you for the presents. Thank you for being nice. How are the rander. I think of you like family. I am thankful for the presents.
Love, Kenadie

Dear Santa,

If anybody could come over I would invit Kale Derek. I would invit Taver. I would like a skathord.
Sunsthere, Tate

Dear Santa,

How are you? If I could invite anyone to Cristmas I would invite you. I would like some Books if that isn't to much trouble. I would like Junie B, Jones books, A to Z Mysteries Pleas. PS I'm a girl not a boy.
Peas out, Dyllan

Dear Santa,

Hi bro stano how are you? If I could invite anyone it would be you and Mrs. Clause and the elf's. I would like a picture of Chrtiafer. And I would also like a new quilt. Thank you for sending me and my family Chrtifer. Thank you! Make shur the rander's can fly.
Thank you.
From, Kennedy

Dear Santa

Hi, How are you? If I could invite anybody I would invite miles and my elf. I would lik a canputer pleas. I hope you have happy Christmas. And a happ day.
From Hayden

Dear Santa

If I could invite anybody over for Christmas it would be cindy miller and santa and one elf. Can I pleas haf some perfyoom and a Ipod and a laptop.
Love, Lacy

Dear Santa

Hi santa. If I could invite anybody over for Christmas diner I would invite Ashien. She is my bestest friend oh and chippy and dancer and santa. I would like a big hoog brown and blak hoog big puppy for chrimas and can you tell roodof I sed Hi. Merry Christmas. Bye.
Love, Jess

Dear Santa,

How are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite YOU because it would SO cool. I would like a American girl bed for Cristmas.
Love, Makinlee

Dear Santa

Hi, how are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Kynlie and my family. I would like for Christmas a butler and a smoothing spa, and a phone.
Love, Kaylee

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? If I could invite anybody over for chrtmas dinner, I would invite chippy and dicky. I would like pokemon cards.
Love, Miles

Dear, Santa

Hi, How are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Mason, my aunts, uncles, cousins, and Grand parents. I would like legos, a bike (18 to 20 in), oranges, nuts, and chocolate. How are the reinder? My elf, Alpbie is a good friend around here! HO HO HO
from, Cody

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? If I could invite anybody over for chrtmas dinner, I would invite Santa his rander and my elf. I would like a Ipod touch. The new Ipod touch and a bank box and some baseball card and a baseball blanket.
Love, Kale

Dear, Santa,

Hi, how are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Hayden Howell. I would like pokemon card and pokemon stuffs.
Love, Camden

Dear santa

I want a rc car. I am gist giding. Howdy. If I cood invite anybody to diner I would invite you.
Garrison

Dear, Santa

Hello, how are you? If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Cody Williams. I would like a coon skin cap for Christmas. How is Rudolph and the other reinder? Can you say hi to Mrs. Claus for me?
Sincerely, Mason

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