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Aim for Success touts abstinence, choices

Program slated for Jan. 10

BY CELINDA HAWKINS WINTERS ENTERPRISE chawkins@ballingerledger.com

WINTERS — A nationally acclaimed program that focuses on topics such as teen sex, bullying and drugs will be presented at the Winters High School Library on

Jan. 10, 2017. Aim for Success, Inc. will present the program titled "Freedom to Succeed," to junior high and high school students. The program will also be presented to parents. According to the release, the program focuses on legal reasons why teens should choose abstinence.

"While society strives to remove sexual boundaries," said Marilyn Morris, president of Aim for Success, "state and federal laws are still enforced. These laws exist to protect potential victims of sexual crimes and punish those who break the law. Either way, young

people need to know the law."

The program will be presented to parents from 6-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 at the high school library. This is a preview of the student program in which parents will learn creative ways to talk to their children about sex and avoid sexual activity until marriage.

'This is a must see event for anyone concerned about the problems associated with teen sexual activity," Morris said.

The program will be presented on Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. to

high school students and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. to the 7th and 8th graders and from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. to the 6th graders. Parents who wish to opt their children out of the program may

Winters ISD Counselor Mandie England said the program is really all about choices.

"It is just making choices that set you up for success in your life," England said.

The community is invited to attend the program.

Briefly

Holiday closures

The City of Winters and Runnels County will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26. Both entities will reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Winters Independent School District is on Christmas break from Dec. 17-Jan. 3. Classes will resume at the normal time on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017.

Holiday gas prices

The average gas price statewide is \$2.04 per gallon and the lowest price was \$1.77 per gallon according to GasBuddy.com. The lowest price in Winters was \$2.06 a gallon and in Ballinger the price was \$2.15 per gallon. In Abilene, prices ranged from \$1.96 to \$1.97 per gallon, while in San Angelo, prices were \$1.93 to \$1.95 per gallon.

The last drop

The first Arctic blast converged on Runnels County last week, bringing freezing temperatures National Weather Service in San Angelo reported. The first day of Winters was on

Wednesday. Another cold blast moved through the area on Saturday, after a record high temperature of 84 degrees was recorded in San Angelo, temperatures plummeted Saturday night to 22 degrees. The low temperatures went to 17 degrees on Sunday, NWS

forecasters said. A gradual warming trend occurred over the week, with a mild cold front hitting the area Thursday bringing lows in the lower 30s and highs in the 50s.

A warming trend and partly cloudy skies are in the forecast for Christmas Eve and Christmas day, with highs in the mid 60s and lows in the 40s.

Last week, Ballinger received a trace of rain, while Wingate received .02 inches and San Angelo received 0.01 inches.

So far this year, Ballinger has received 37 inches of rainfall, with 38.15 inches reported in Wingate and 31.63 inches received in San Angelo."

ON THE NET: http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ sjt/

Merry Christmas from Mintersvi



The Winters Elementary Select Choir performed their annual Christmas concert during ar. event held Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016. The choir performed a selection of Christmas carols in keeping with the season.

Runnels County Commissioners discuss senior centers, phone system

BY CELINDA HAWKINS WINTERS ENTERPRISE

Runnels County Commissioners agreed during their last meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, to some new policies regarding the senior centers.

In Ballinger, the senior citizens center at 608 Strong Ave. is the property of Runnels County and commissioners voted to continue the present agreement which allows senior activities in the building several days a week including games and a potluck lunches. The center will also be part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Office which is located next door, which will also have unlimited access to the building.

As of Tuesday, the commissioners will be the official point of contact for the use of the senior center, which means that anyone wanting to utilize the building for any purpose, must make a request to commissioners.

"All requests must be made to the court," said Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard.

In other business Tuesday, commissioners discussed getting a new phone system for the courthouse. The current system,

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Runnels County Judge Barry Hilliard

Senior Center to reopen Dec. 27

Usage guidelines determined

BY CELINDA HAWKINS MANAGING EDITOR WINTERS ENTERPRISE chawkins@ballingerledger.com

The Winters Senior Activity Center will be open for business Dec. 27, after a meet-

ing of a subcommittee agreed upon the usage of the building moving forward.

Mayor

Winters Lisa Yates Lisa Yate said that

the group met Wednesday, Dec. 14, and it was determined that the senior activities and events could resume at no charge to the senior groups.

"The intent was to get it opened as quickly as possible," Yates said. "Everyone was very cooperative during the process.'

The subcommittee comprised of Yates, Councilman Rene Woffenden, and John Long, chairman of Friends of the Senior Citizens of Winters, came up with the plan to reopen the center at no cost to seniors for their activities.

"They did everything we requested them to do," Long said following the meeting.

CENTER, 8

Winters National Honor Society inductees

The members of the National Honor Society in Winters were inducted during a ceremony held Sunday Dec. 13 at the high school auditorium. All inductees are required to maintain a 93 GPA and display exemplary leadership, service and character. Pictured from left to right in the front row are Grace Bryan, K'Lee Lindley, Brooklyn Gallaway, Scott Lange (Honorary Member), Sam Woodall and AJ Smith. Pictured from left to right in the back row are Brenna Edwards, Macey Gerhart, Joey Garcia, Megan Jacob, Brandon L'Abbe, Brooklynn Anderson, Brenna Knight, Baily Knight, Aimee Green and Mariano Quintero.

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Van Ray 'Puny' Whittenburg

Van Ray "Puny" Whittenburg, 73, of Winters, died December 14, 2016.

He was born March 3, 1943 in Winters and grew up in Winters. He married Deb Carroll on September 29, 1973 in Winters. He served in the United States Army. He was an oilfield supply salesman. He worked for Dunnigan Supply for 10 years and Harbison-Fischer for 35 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife: Deb Whittenburg of Winters. Mother: Jimmie Whittenburg of Winters. 2 sons: Cody Whittenburg of Abilene and Kenny Whittenburg and wife Tarra of Nolanville. 2 grandchildren: Mason Ray Whittenburg and Ryder Mark Whittenburg. 3 sisters: Betty Sue Austin, Aletha Guevara and Tanya New all of Winters.

He was preceded in death by 1 sister: Edna Louise Whittenburg.

Services will be 10:30 A.M. Saturday December 17, 2016 at the First Baptist Church with burial in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, Tennessee 38101-9908.

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Mabel Gober **Powell Arnold**

Mabel Gober Powell Arnold, 97, formerly of Brownwood, passed away in Ballinger, Texas on December 17,

She was born March 23, 1919 in Brown County to Walter and Molly (Hardeman) Gober. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, at the Cowboy Cemetery in Placid, TX.

Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ball-

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BROTHER J

Just who was in the manger?

I recall receiving a picture of a little newborn baby. In the center of the picture was a tiny little hand holding on to its mother's finger.

That picture reminded me of the night that Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem many years ago. Mary would look at and hold, as most young mothers do, those tiny little fingers and hands. Little did she know that it was God with us, (Matthew 1:23) and in that little child was the fullness of God, (John 14:10&11, Colossians 1:15)

Years later those young hands would work in a carpenter shop and years later take a few small loaves of bread and miraculously feed over five thousand. They would also take dirt and spittle and give sight to the blind. They also made the lame to walk.

Those hands when outstretched could calm the most violent storm and yet tenderly hold wanted to be near. Yes, those hands were brutally beaten and then spikes driven through them and they stayed nailed to a cross on a hill in Jerusalem over two thousand years ago until there was no life left in them. It was then and there, that a way was made for our sins to be forgiven, (John 3:16, Colossians 1:14).

It will also be those hands that will be waiting to greet us and take us into heaven and eternity, (John 14:3&6).

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brary has recently received several non-fiction reference books including the 2016 Edition of the "Physicians' Desk Reference," the "Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary" and two very informative books regarding dyslexia. Also, just in time for the holidays, the library has received "The

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up, call 325-653-4673 or email mblue@cactomgreen. org. CASA serves Tom Green, Runnels, Concho, Crockett, Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sutton, Sterling and Schleicher counties.

AA meeting
Sobriety First Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet at the First United Methodist Church, in Ballinger, at 7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. The group will meet Saturday with prior arrangements. Please use the Avenue A and Seventh Street entrance. Child care is available. For more information please contact the church at 325-365-2323.

A Time for Freedom A new addiction class is forming in Winters called "A Time for Freedom," and Pastor Tommy Akin, of the Pioneer Church of God in Winterswill be overseeing the program which will provide addiction education to addicts, family and loved ones. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Pioneer Church of God at 158 North Main St. in Winters. For more information call 903-474-4740.

Visit Friendly Neighbors The Texas Extension

Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites every-body in the Runnels County area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening, arts and crafts and other useful subjects to meetings at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during the summer). Meetings will alternate between the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of south 7th Street and Sealy Ave. in Ballinger and the Winters Public Library at 120 N. Main St. in Winters. If you are interested and would like to find out more about this group, call Martha at 365-3890 or Judy

Runnels County Alzheimer's Support

at 754-5386.

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month from. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and caregiver perspective. There is no charge for this

public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer's Association.

Recycling Center Hours The City of Ballinger's Recycling Center, located at South 7th Street and Sealy Avenue, is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday. The recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Saturday, the recycling center is open from 8 a.m. to noon. 1

WIC open to many

incomes and families Women Infants and Children, (WIC) located at 706 Strong Ave. in Ballinger is open from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. WIC is closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone 325-365-

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

The Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, at the Wingate Masonic Lodge in Wilmeth. For further information contact Brandon Poehls at 325-786-2125.

The Market Perspective

Back to the future of required college degrees

Michelangelo young artist, however, showed no interesct in his schooling, preferring to copy paintings from churches and seek the company of

Leonardo da Vinci was educated in the studio of the renowned Florentine painter Andrea del Verrocchio.

Nikola Tesla — He never graduated from the university and did not receive grades for the last semester.

Galileo switched his studies from medicine to mathematics. Carnegie, Edison, Ford, Gates, and

Dell all shared a common experience, none of them graduated from college. Are we seeing a pattern here, from

Michelangelo to Texas State Tech Colleges as to the human experience with education.

During the Renaissance it was common for teenagers to be apprenticed to a successful mentor in their field. And as history shows, the most successful of inventors, once they focus on a chosen field, do just that, ignoring other subjects.

The modern idea of education seems to be that everyone should have a baseline understanding of various subjects, whether they want to or not. And so, forced into topics which are of no interest to them, most are burned out' before they complete what passes for a high school degree today. Or the more ambitious students take more science and math the last two years with the disinterested coasting in easy to pass courses.

Today many fields, even real estate now, routinely require a college degree. This is not a result of any evidence that a college degree necessarily makes one a better realtor. It is rather a result of lobbying by college administrators. The mantra is repeated endlessly that you NEED a college degree and those having degrees will earn more in their lifetime.



Dennis Elam

Yet it was not always that way. When I was studying for the CPA exam, the time window was about to shut for those not having a college degree. That's right. As recently as 1975, one did not have to complete a college degree to become a State licensed CPA. But one did have to pass the rigorous national CPA exam. The same had been true for the equally complex field of architecture.

And today, despite the claims of the Higher Education lobby, there are entire industries mostly comprised of individuals who have not completed college.

Examples include the Automobile dealerships and repair.

The Hospitality Industry. Law Enforcement and Fire fighting had their own standards just a few decades ago.

Real estate and stock brokerage did not require degrees when I became Most energy service work has been

performed by non-degreed individuals. My ophthalmologist trained his operating room assistant; she did not have a college degree.

There is much discussion about the cost of college. Here are some 'radical' ideas for really lowering the cost of

Accredit the student rather than the college. If a student can learn on their own or with an apprentice, and pass for example the CPA exam, why not grant the license? As a customer, does it really matter if your accountant knows the narrative of the Civil War? Much of what I envision is already

underway. Today students can receive dual credit for high school and required community college classes at the same time.

Most educators, despite the current debate, can still not define what it means to be "college ready." I can and will do so now. It means a student should be able to test out of subjects taught both in high school and college such as math, English, languages, sciences, history and civics. If the student cannot place out of any of these after four years of high school, the school failed the student, not the other way round.

Vocational education needs to take its rightful place along side academic education. The former is not any less of a calling than the latter.

Now before my email box over flows with accusations of my being antiintellectual, I really enjoy all sorts of learning outside the financial discipline. I suspect David McCullough sells a lot more history books to those of us out of school than those still in school.

So, let the student go where he or she wants to go. If the student is bored with math, we are not likely to turn he or she into an Enrico Fermi. But he just might make a darned good auto mechanic. And if I need to get to work, he's the guy I need.

Contact Professor Elam at dennislelam@gmail.com



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This Christmas season, I would like to share with everyone some of my favorite Christmas memories.

As a young child, I remember baking cookies and goodies with my mother and the wonderful aromas that wafted through the house of Hello Dollies, Christmas cookies and my father's legendary fruitcakes that he baked in old coffee cans.

I remember my father's frustration with annual untangling of the giant glass Christmas tree bulbs because he swore, he neatly wrapped them the year before. The endless quest to find my mother's hiding place for presents. And, if we found them, how to make sure, if we peaked, to get them wrapped back up so as not to leave any evidence we looked...that didn't always work.

The Christmas parties that my parents had with friends, all gathered round with one friend playing piano, another playing the violin and my mother playing the guitar and Dad happily cheering her on, as she led the sing-along of traditional Christmas carols. Our favorites were "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," and "Little Drummer Boy."

The year I saw Dad riding around the living room on each of the Sting Ray bicycles - I'm sure he was just making sure that Santa tightened all the bolts and screws and that the banana seats were secured so my sister and I could ride our bikes down the block on Christmas morning.

On Christmas Eve, most year's we attended midnight mass at one of two Episcopal churches in Odessa. I



Celinda Hawkins

remember the smell of the incense, the wonderful rousing voice of Father Don Hungerford as he walked down the isle in all of his most festive vestments.

On Christmas Eve when my Mom helped make sure my sister and I laid out Santa's cookies and milk (and sometimes Alka Selzer) just right, so he would find it. We always left Santa a note too, just to thank him.

And, those glorious Christmas mornings, when we got up before sunrise, to get a glimpse of the goodies under the tree. The best presents ever included Chrissy and Velvet dolls, a Barbie van and anything Barbie, bicycles and oh yes, the Sony

stereo with a turntable and 8-track.

And of course the moments after the wrapping paper had been piled up, and ribbons and bows were everywhere, we were playing and Mom and Dad were on the couch, sipping egg nog listening to Christmas music and marveling at the fact that we had all made it another year. What wonderful memories, I miss them so.

My mother and dad continued all those traditions with my children and my sister's children and they all have fond, beautiful memories of Christmases past.

Now, we share these memories with our children, and through the years, have made sure that the traditions of our mother and father are carried on. Like a wonderful turkey and dressing dinner, sweets for the sweet

and a holiday filled with love.

One thing, we have tried to share, which our mother did too, was to make sure to always give to those less fortunate, not only is it a gift to those who receive but for those who bestow it.

So, this year, I'd like to share "My Grown Up Christmas List," an Amy Grant song, which has stuck with me all season, possibly because the words ring true so much this year, with all of the strife that we have witnessed, at home and abroad.

"Do you remember me? I sat upon your knee. I wrote to you with childhood fantasies. Well, I'm all grown up now, But still need help somehow. I'm not a child but my heart still can dream. So here's my lifelong wish, My grown-up Christmas list, Not for myself, but for a world in need: No more lives torn apart, Then wars would never start, And time would heal all hearts. And every one would have a friend, And right would always win, And love would never end This is my grown-up Christmas list..."

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Headliners announced for West Texas Rehab Telethon

STAFF REPORT

ABILENE — This year's 47th edition of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's telethon promises to be one of the best yet featuring favorite guests along with two great co-headlining entertainers, Lauren Alaina and Charles "Chip" Esten, the online auction, and more. This year's telethon takes place from 6 p.m.to midnight Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Lauren Alaina and Charles "Chip" Esten are the co-headliners for the 2017 telethon. Alaina is an American country music singer and songwriter from Rossville, Georgia. Alaina was the runner-up on the tenth season of American Idol. Her debut studio album, Wildflower was released on Oct. 11, 2011 and she currently has three singles on the top 40 country list. Esten is an American actor, singer and comedian best known for his role as Deacon Claybourne on Nashville (2012-present) which will air this year on CMT. Esten previously appeared on the improvisation show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" regularly between 1999-2005.

In addition to the co-headliners, Charlie Chase, longtime co-host of the popular Crook and Chase" talk show on the Nashville Network will return to anchor the Rehab 2017 host desk. Texas legend Red Steagall will be back along with The Boys in the Bunkhouse for the show. Other "regulars" lined up to appear are Brad Maule

(General Hospital) and Twyla Foreman. The Rehab relies on its sponsors to help make the telethon a continued success. This year, Suddenlink Communications & Capital Farm Credit are the official corporate partners of the live show. The special tote board, which tallies the night's fundraising total, is sponsored by Edward Jones/Gary and Connie Decker. Our check presentation sponsor is Zach, Lou and Robert O. Briley, host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn and the auction sponsor is NTS Communications. Live coverage of the telethon will be carried on television stations in Abilene,

Chip Esten



Lauren Alaina

Corpus Christi, Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Waco/Temple/Bryan, and Lawton, Okla. The show will stream live at WestTexasRehab.org.

Bids for the annual internet auction of merchandise and services provided by friends and businesses, can be seen at WestTexasRehab.org and bids will be accepted until midnight on January 21st. These auction items will also be on display at the Abilene Civic Center beginning at 6 p.m. on Jan. 21. An auction television show featuring all items will air in Abilene and San Angelo from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the night of the telethon.

You can join the conversation by posting your Rehab story by using the hash tag #WestTexasRehab on social media and you may see your post on the show! For more information, please call 325-223-6364.

The annual telethon and auction raises more than one million dollars to help make it possible for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to serve more than 500 patients each day regardless of their financial circumstance. The Center was established in 1953 as a private non-profit outpatient rehabilitation center and has become one of the largest, most comprehensive facilities of its kind in the nation. The Rehab, which is beginning its 64th year, operates facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

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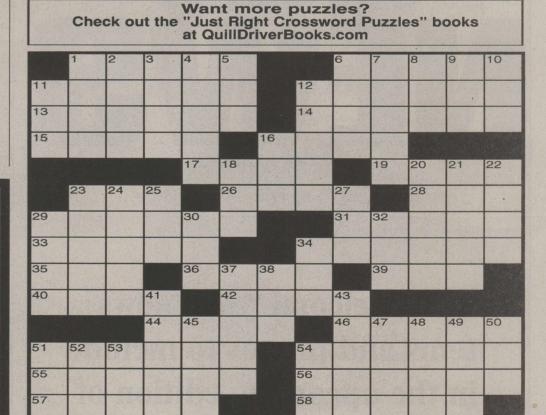
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Sandra G. Van Zant

VA announced last week that it now provides eligibility determinations for interment in a VA National Cemetery prior to the time of need. Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery. Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, and supporting documentation, such as a DD

Form 214, if readily available, to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office by: toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299; email to Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov; or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151. For more information contact Sandra Van Zant at the Veterans Service Office at 602 Strong Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am. to 3 p.m., or call 325-365-3612.

> - Sandra G. Van Zant, Veterans County Service Officer

DPS recognizes employees for acts of courage, honor

STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - The Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw presented a Purple Heart Award, Lifesaving Award and Certificate of Commendation to current employees and one retiree for their exemplary service and honorable actions.

"Today we express our gratitude for these admirable Texans, who acted with honor and courage when faced with extraordinary circumstances," said Director McCraw.

In addition, Commissioner Faith Johnson was presented with a proclamation of gratitude and appreciation, a Texas flag and was named an honorary Texas Ranger Captain in recognition for her service on the PSC since May of 2014. Governor Greg Abbott recently appointed Commissioner Johnson as the Dallas County District Attorney, and today was her last PSC meeting to serve as a commissioner.

"Commissioner Johnson has been an invaluable



asset to the Texas Public Safety Commission, and I know she will be a steadfast champion of justice in her new position as Dallas County District Attorney,' said PSC Chair Cynthia Leon.

"Commissioner Johnson is someone who cares very much about this state and the people of Texas, and DPS has been enormously fortunate to have her expertise and outstanding leadership on the Public Safety Commission," said Director

The following awards were presented today:

■ Robert Bourland, retired Texas Highway Patrol, received a Purple Heart Award. In June of 1990, Bourland was patrolling in Midland County when he observed a truck tracion tor semi-trailer emitting

an extreme amount of black smoke. As a result, he initiated a traffic stop during which the tires of the vehicle became engulfed in flames. When Bourland re-approached the vehicle with his fire extinguisher, the tires exploded, severely injuring him. Bourland recovered from his injuries, returned to duty and retired as a Captain in the Motor Vehicle Theft Service after serving 36 years with DPS.

■ Kristi Burchett, Texas Highway Patrol administrative assistant in Wichita Falls, received a Lifesaving Award. On July 1, 2016, Burchett was off duty attending a poolside birthday party when she spotted a child in the pool in distress. Burchett subsequently jumped into the pool and lifted the child out of the water to safety.

■ Margie R. Charles, DPS Driver License Office customer service representative in Spring, received a Certificate of Commendation. On October 27, 2016, Charles reported an attempted bribery situation at the Spring Driver License Office. As a result of her actions, the suspect was arrested.

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Memories at Christmas Time

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

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

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

Neither of them ever truly re-



TEXAS

COLUMNIST Don

Newbury

continues to wash against the shores of eternity. BO wrote a heart-warming Christmas story

tired. Even in their

80s, they were in

demand, respond-

ing to requests

as long as they

were physically

able. BO died at

age 86 in 2010;

Dick died a year

later at 84. Their

Christian witness

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

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

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

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

I thought he might cite one of his own favorite arrangements, or show-stopping renditions by some talented vocalist. I was wrong. "That's easy," he answered. "There were numerous chilling moments experienced in the dead of night." Turns out, he received many nocturnal phone calls from the Dallas

Police Department. "Hey, Dick, your camels got loose again. They were last seen galloping through the intersection of Preston and Arapaho."...

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

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

I consider it "must" reading; it's

a grand tonic for those of us who believe in angels...

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

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

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to: newbury@ speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.

Living Advent in a new way this season

Many people in the culture around us have the notion that the Christmas season is the time frame between Thanksgiving and Christmas. That might be true from a retail commercial point of view, but it is not true from the perspective of the Christian faith. The real Christmas season actually begins on Christmas Eve, December 24, and lasts through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which will take place on Monday, January 9, 2017.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word adveniens, which refers to arrival, entry, or coming. The one who is coming is Jesus Christ. In the season of Advent we are focusing on three different comings of Christ — in history, in mystery, and in majesty. These take place in the past, the present, and the future.

The past event of the coming of Christ in his vinci tory took place with Jesus' birth from the Virgin Mary more than 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem. This is what we commemorate with the Solemnity of Christmas on December 25; thus, Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of his birth. The future event of the coming of Christ will be when he returns in majesty at the end of time, when he comes

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your Lord Bishop Michael Sis Advent reminds us to

vigilant at all times for the final return of Christ. As people of faith, the proper attitude when we consider the final coming of Christ at the end of time is not panic, but rather a spirit of joyful anticipation and reconciliation. If we're living in a solid relationship with God, there will be no need to shudder in fear or run and scream. St. Augustine says, "If we love our sins more than we love Christ, we will fear his coming. If we love Christ more than we love our sins, we will rejoice at his coming.

The third way we focus on the coming of Christ in Advent is the present. He comes to us in mystery every day, in the Sacraments of the Church, in the Scriptures, and in our neighbor in need. He is present to us

here and now, speaking to us, nourishing us, molding Kingdom of and shaping us, challenging us, and healing us. When fulfillment. we serve the needs of those around us by carrying out In Matthew 24:42, the works of mercy, we are Jesus says, responding to the coming of 'Stay awake, Christ under the disguise of for you do

our neighbor in need. The past coming of Christ and the future coming of Christ are like the two ends of a bridge. The bridge that stretches across them is the present coming of Christ. Every day we walk that bridge, seeking to act with justice and love in everything we do. Advent is a time to watch attentively for his presence in the concrete experiences of life, and to commit ourselves to bringing his presence into our world.

I would like to invite you to live Advent in a new way this year. Put on your thinking cap and consider some different ways to make this season come alive, and to discover the presence of Christ every day. Here are just a few suggestions to consider:

Nativity scene With the custom of the Nativity scene or crèche, prepare a place to receive the baby Jesus at Christmas. Start the Advent season with the manger empty, and

don't put the figure of Jesus in the scene until Christmas. There is a beautiful custom that began in France, where a few strands of hay or straw are placed in the manger for each good action or act of kindness done during Advent, in order to prepare a soft and welcoming place where Jesus will lie.

Confession Prepare a place for Jesus

in your heart by making a good sacramental Confession. In this way you will be clearing away the trash of your sins that blocks him from entering more fully into your life. A list of the special Advent Penance Services offered throughout the Diocese of San Angelo can be found on Pg. 4 of this Angelus, on the diocesan website atwww. sanangelodiocese.org. Feel free to attend any one of these services, whether at your own parish or elsewhere, depending on your schedule.

Christmas cards

If you are sending Christmas cards, think of the message in your cards, and the Christian meaning of the feast, and try to let your cards reflect the importance of Jesus, not just Rudolph, Santa, or the elves. With every Christmas card you

write and every Christmas message you send electronically, say a prayer for the recipient.

Advent wreath I highly recommend the use of an Advent wreath in homes and parishes. This custom began in the 16th century in Germany, and it eventually spread throughout the world. The rich symbolism of this wreath helps to teach about the spiritual meaning of the Advent season. The base of the wreath is a circle of evergreen, which symbolizes the eternal life of God in Christ. Green is a symbol of life, and the circular shape represents eternity, for the line of a circle has no beginning or end. Advent celebrates the fact that Christ, who lives in eternity, makes himself present in our hu-

man history. On the wreath are found four candles, which proclaim that Christ is the light of the world. The four candles represent the many generations of human beings who lived before the birth of Christ, who were waiting for the arrival of the Messiah. The number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. Beginning with each of the four Sundays of Advent, an additional candle is lit, until all four are lit during the Fourth Week of Advent. Thus, with each successive week of the season, the light increases, pushing out the darkness. Jesus Christ is the light who comes into the darkness of our world in order to conquer that darkness.

ADVENT, 8

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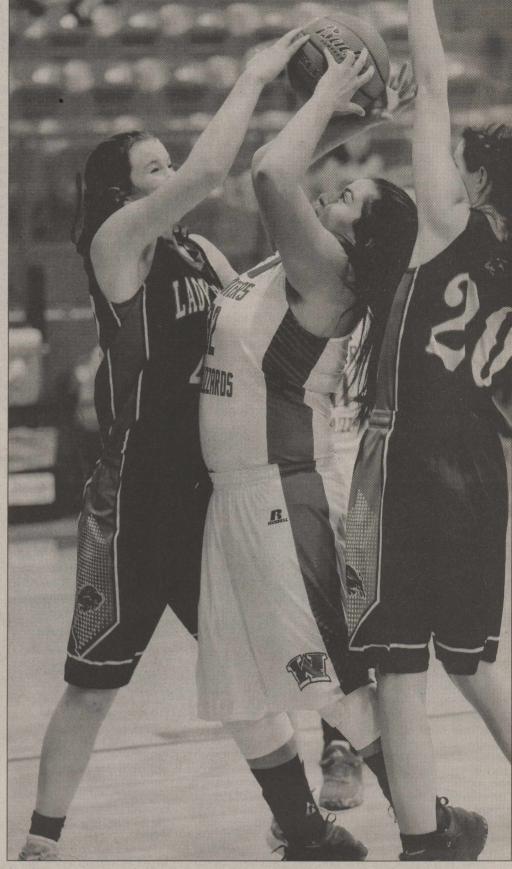
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Lady Blizzards downed by No. 23 Forsan





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LEFT: Christy Kruse shoots under the basket during the game with Forsan on Friday. RIGHT: Monique Carrillo gets fouled under the basket during the game with Forsan.

SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE 18 18 2 0 5 13 5 18 9 18 18 18

The Winters Lady Blizzards opened up District 7-2A at home last Friday, hosting the No. 23 Forsan Lady Buffs and the visitors were not kind to their hosts, as Forsan defeated Winters, 49-19.

The Lady Buffs jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, as their six-foot post players dominated the game inside. Micaiela Ochoa and Cha-Cha Lovelace led the Lady Blizzards with five points each. Karlee Busher con-

tinued her rebounding prowess as she had 10 rebounds, while Monique Carrillo had eight. The Lady Blizzards are now 11-5 on the season and 0-1 in district play. In the JV Game, the JV Lady Blizzards lost a close game, 24-22, to Forsan's JV. Shelby Gray had six points, while Jezebel Gonzalez and Marley Smith had five apiece. The JV Lady Breezes are now 9-5 on the season and 0-1 in district.

In JH action, the 7th grade Lady Breezes fell to 2-2 on the season, with a 28-13 loss to Christoval's 7th grade. Tori Campos led the Lady Breezes with five points. The 8th grade Lady Breezes fell to 1-3 on the season with a 55-11 loss to a very stout Christoval 8th grade team. Hailey Renfro led the Lady Breezes with eight points. The Lady

Breezes' next game will be Jan. 9 at home against Miles. The Lady Blizzards hosted the Ozona Lady Lions on Tuesday, Dec. 20, in their final game before Christmas. The JV game was at noon and the Varsity played at 2:30 p.m.

Coach Valton Acree contributed to this report.



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ABOVE: Justine Alvarado brings the ball down the court during the game with Forsan.

LEFT: Cha Cha Lovelace sinks a free throw during the game with Forsan.

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APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Ballinger, P.O. Box 497, Ballinger, Texas 76821, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to TCEQ Permit No. WQ0010325003, to authorize an increase in the daily average flow from 375,000 gallons per day to 540,000 gallons per day, increase in the storage capacity from 109.7 acre-feet to 154.58 acre-feet, and change in the flow monitoring location from the end of the final treatment unit to the main lift station for influent flow. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state. TCEQ received this application on March 10, 2016.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located 3,000 feet southeast of the crossing of U.S. Highway 67 and Elm Creek and 4,000 feet east of the intersection of U.S. Highways 67 and 83 near the courthouse in the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas 76821. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Colorado River Below E. V. Spence

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Ballinger City Hall, 700 Railroad Avenue, Ballinger, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. http://www.tceg.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index. html?lat=31.736388&lng=99.931388&zoom=13&type=r

CHANGE IN LAW: The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 709, effective September 1, 2015, amending the requirements for comments and contested case hearings. This application is subject to those changes in law.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested

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Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.texas.gov.

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Further information may also be obtained from City of Ballinger at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Bryan Grimes, City Manager, City of Ballinger, at 325-365-3511.







Second Annual Tamale Contest Winners

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The winners of the Second Annual Tamale Contest held Saturday, Dec. 10 were (from left), Cynthia Perez, first place; Linda Antu, second place; and Guadalupe Vazquez, third place.

ADVENT

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Most commonly, there are three purple candles and one rose candle. e. The purple color symbolizes repentance from sin as well as the royalty of Christ our King. The purple candles are added in each of the weeks one, two, and four, while the rose candle is added in week three. Rose is a symbol of joy. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, which is a celebration of joyful expectation, since we have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when the time of preparation is now half over and we are close to Christmas.

It is also acceptable for an Advent wreath to use four white candles instead of the purple and rose candles, especially in those cases when purple and rose candles cannot be found. Four purple candles may also be used.

For those who are looking for prayers to use with the Advent wreath at home, an example can be found on the Diocese of San Angelo web site. More samples can be found in Catholic prayer books, at Catholic stores, and on

This Advent, let us all be conscious of the three comings of Christ, and make room in our hearts for his arrival — in history, in mystery, and in majesty.



The building, which has been used for the Senior Meals Program for years, was temporarily closed when seniors who had been holding activities there, turned in their keys to the building. The Senior Meal Program ended

Oct. 1 after county commissioners voted to end funding for the program.

At the time, the locks were changed on the building for liability purposes, Yates explained.

Initially, senior citizens who utilized the facility were concerned that they were not going to be able to continue to use the building. However, after the

subcommittee formed and meetings were held, the city and the seniors groups

were able to come to an an agreement. Under the present agree-

ment, the seniors will be able to obtain a key at city hall and hold their regular events such as games and a pot luck dinner on Friday nights. Then they must return the key after each

The city will continue to pay the utilities, including water, gas, electric, sewer and trash on the building and for clean up and maintenance, Long said.

The city is currently working on a list of policies and pricing for the usage of the building for private events.

'We are very happy with the outcome," Long said.

COMMISSIONERS

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which was installed five years ago, has been problematic at times, and officials say they are looking at all other

"We are trying to figure out what we need to do to improve our phones and Internet," Hilliard said.

Also on Tuesday, commissioners awarded a construction contract to CM Construction Company of San Angelo in the amount of \$148,068.90 to the Rowena Water System.

Commissioners also approved officers and members of the Runnels County Historical Commission for 2017-18. The officers are Ruth Cooper, chairperson; Randall Conner, vice chairperson; Alton O'Neal, secretary; Anthony Lange, treasurer; Beverly Teplicek, reporter and Sally Spill, archivist.

Members include Wanda Brewer, Bobbie Campbell, Linda Duggan, Marianne Ray, Roy Rice and Diana

Rozman. All of the officers are also appointees.

Commissioners also approved Dec. 27 as the date that all newly elected officials will take the oath of office. There were several races that were decided in the March Primary election and those officially elected to office for Runnels County including Sheriff Carl Squyres, County Attorney Ken Slimp, 119th District Judge Ben Woodward, 119thDistrict Attorney John Best, Tax Assessor Collector Robin Burgess, Precinct 1 County Commis-

sioner Robert Moore, Precinct 3 County Commissioner Roy Mints, Precinct 1 Constable Wayne Poehls and Precinct 2 Constable Archie Jobe.

In other business, commissioners: Approved a request by Runnels County Tax Collector Robin Burgess to move \$1,500 from the salary fund to the part time salary fund.

Approved budget and line item amendments to the 2016-17 fiscal year budget.

■ Approved the continuation of the

Blanket Crime Bond for the Runnels County Sheriff's Office.

■ Approved the reappointment of Tiffany Mathis and Cady Pena to two year terms as commissioners to the Runnels County Emergency Services District No. 1.

■ Approved a request by Precinct #1 Commissioner Robert Moore to trade in a motor grader for a 2014 motor

■ Accepted a \$3,000 bid for property at 1538 Highway 153 in Wingate.

Approved a request from Commissioner Moore to transfer a cargo trailer from the Runnels County Senior Center to Precinct 1

Approved an interlocal agreement between Runnels County and the Wingate Volunteer Fire Department, Rowena Volunteer Fire Department, the City of Miles and the City of

■ Approved a contract between Runnels County and the Carnegie Library of Ballinger and the Winters

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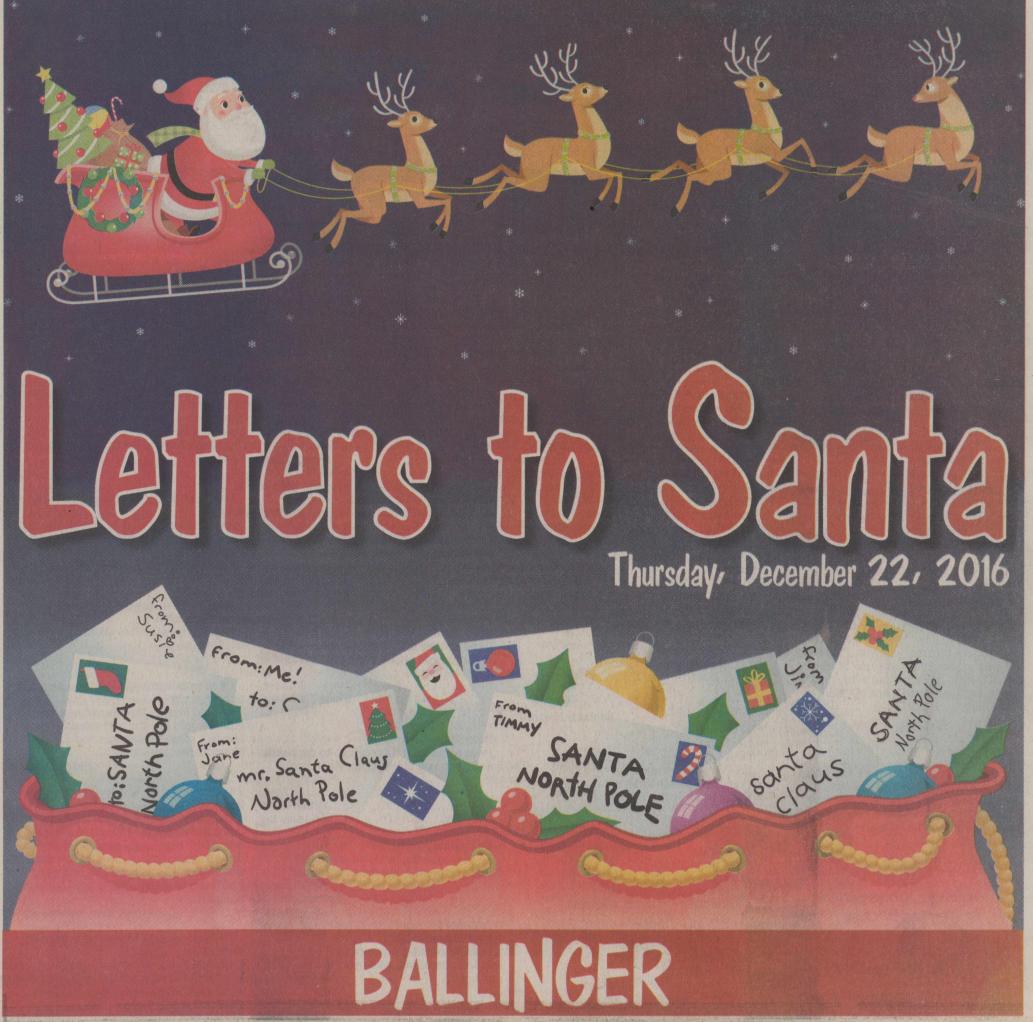
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Mrs. Skelton's Pre-K class

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I help my friends and I help with my by brother. Would you bring real phone, a Barbie Doll, and a pretend calendar. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and white milk for snack.

Brooklyn Martinez

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I help my mom clean. Please bring me a phone, Barbie, nail polish, and a toy car. I will leave you chocolate cookies and milk for snack.

Avyanna Roman

Dear Santa,

I have behaved this year. I am good at school. Please bring me light brown Saichania dinosaur, T-Rex, and a dino holder. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies for snack.

Ethan Hernandez

Dear Santa, I have been good. I listen well and behave at people's house. Please bring me a rocket fishing rod, a toy dinosaur, a toy snowman. I will leave you chocolate animal crackers for snack.

Love, Elijah

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I help my mom clean and do the dishes. I love getting presents. Please bring me a purple teddy bear, a toy horse, and some make-up. I will leave you pretzels and cookies for snack.

Love, Alba Benson Dear Santa.

I have been really good. I help my dad mop and sweep, and work on the car. Please bring me a remote control car, and an Iron Man toy. I will leave you cookies with sprinkles.

Love, Xaven Lopez

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I clean up my room, I am nice to my friends, and I'm nice to my dog. I can also make my own chocolate milk. Please bring me Shopkins, some art paper, a doctor set, a fake birthday cake, and the school thing where you move your tabs. I will leave you cookies and milk, and I won't let my Daddy eat them.

> Love, Jaelyn Lange

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I am nice to my family, and I help my mom wash dishes. Please bring me a new dress, a sparkly microphone, a small Christmas tree, glow in the dark stars for my ceiling. I will leave you chocolate cookies.

Love, Paisley Fowler

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I am nice to my sister's and my mom and my dad. I help my mom cook supper so everyone can come over and eat.

Please bring me a big bike, a remote control car, and a toy choo choo train. I will leave you some deer meat, mashed potatoes, and some pumpkin pie.

I have been very good. I clean

the living room and I am good at

school. Please bring me a drone, a

Love, Austin Franke

Santa Claus

The North Pole

bike, and walkie talkie. I leave you a gingerbread man some milk.

Love, Victor Flores

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I say please all of the time and thank you. Please bring me Nerf gun, and a Rocket Fishing Rod. I will leave you gummy bears a juice box for snack.

Jace Smith

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I clean my room. Please bring me some legos and a bicycle. I will leave you some animal crackers and milk.

Joel Rangel

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I help my mom clean up and fold clothes. Please bring me toy car I can ride in that has a door, and a Barbie. I will leave you chocolate cookies.

Izabella Santiago

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I help my mom clean. Please bring me a monster truck, and a nerf gun. I will leave you a sandwich, and cookies.

> Love, Jayron Bradley

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I help my mom cook. Please bring me a monkey toy, a reindeer toy, and a Santa toy. I will leave you cookies, milk, and candy.

Love. Jayden Gray

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I help my mom make tortillas and clean. Please bring me a toy puppy, and

a play kitchen set with all the food and dishes. I will leave you cookies and milk.

> Love, Marbella Rodriguez

Mrs. Faubion's Pre-K

Dear Santa. I have been really good this year! I clean my room, and you don't touch mean. I am 4 years old. I live in Ballinger, in a brown house. Come in the door- I have one dog and he is nice. Thank you for the Spiderman presents last year. This year I would like a toy monster truck and some new Sketchers my old ones broke. I will leave you cookies and root beer.

> Love, Cody McClellan

Dear Santa.

I have been a good boy. I be quiet at school and I clean up toys. I am 5 years old. I live with Mommy and Daddy and Grandma. She makes me burritos. Santa says. "Ho, ho, ho". I'll come see you. I wish for puzzles and Hot Wheels. I will leave you applesauce.

> Love, Brandon Quiroga

Dear Santa,

I have been very good, this year! I give presents and clean for my mom. I am 5 years old. I live in Ballinger in a blue house, in Texas. I like the reindeer. Please bring me a backhoe and some Sketchers. I will leave you a grilled cheese.

Ross Byler

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl! I play with Allege, and I help my momma go to the pantry. I am 4 years old. I live in the country in a red house. It is colorful inside. I like to take pictures with you. I would like you to bring me a doll and a toy doggy. I will leave you a hot dog and some Gatorade.

> Love, Julissa Mendez

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I play with my friends and help Momma cook supper. We cook chicken. I am 4 years old. I live in a silver house close to school. I'd like to play with you.

I want you to bring me a real puppy dog and a real kitty cat, and a Barbie. Love, Alleigh Johnston

Love,

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I sing to my big sister, and I clean up my toys. I play with them, but I don't make a mess. I am 4. I live in Ballinger, in a white house. Come in the door but don't let the white puppy out. I let him out when he

wants to go play. I like your presents. Please bring me a new Spiderman- a still one. My old one moves a lot so I want a still one. I'd like some pink gum, and I like Cheetos. I will leave you sandwiches, chips and a coke.

Love,

Blake Kincaid

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I make supper with Mommy. I give baby Hadley a toy. I am 4. I like your house. I have a dog, but he doesn't bite. I want a bicycle and some clothes. I will leave you popcorn and milk.

> Love, Annistin Franke

Dear Santa, I have been good. I play with Mom and Dad. I help Mom wash dishes and I be nice to Ashlin. I am 4 years old. I live in a white house in Ballinger. I like your reindeer. Please bring me an airplane, a toy gun, and some lollipops. I will leave you cookies and water.

Bentley Callaway

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I clean my room and watch tv with my mom. I'm listening to my mom. I am 5 and I live on 5th Street. Your elves do a good job. I would like you to bring me a race car with a remote control, a candy race car- a fan one- and some sour gum. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love,

Cameron Falcon

Dear Santa,

I have been very good some of the time. I clean up toys and watch the baby. She can walk now. I am 4. You know where I live because you've already been there before. Please bring me a Star Wars toy and lollipops and gum. I will leave you gum.

Love, Cade McDuffee

Dear Santa,

I have been good! I help Mommy cook and help Daddy clean the yard. I am 5. I live in the white house. I like animals. I would like a set of cars, a toy shack full of toys and a toy dragon (not a real one). I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Wyatt Tucker

Mrs. Faubion's Pre-K

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! When people be nice to me, I be nice to them. I help Mom and Dad wash dishes and I help Dad with basketball. I am 4 years old. I live in a blue house with a white roof. I like your beard. I would wish for a Sonic, a costume Animatronic (the Foxy kind) and a new grey cat. I will leave you a banana, cookies and

> Love. Julius Anene

Dear Santa, I have been good. I help my dad cut the yard and play with my sister. I am 4. I live in a grey paint house far away from school. I wish for you to bring me a car. I will leave you milk and cookies.

> Love. Alex Martinez

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I don't slap people and I clean up for my teacher. I am 4 years old. I live with Mama and Papa. I like to take pictures with you. Please bring me a toy guitar that works (my brother's doesn't work anymore) and a boy dollhouse. I will leave you a box of cereal and some milk.

> Love, Kris Gauna

I have been good. I play nice and I help my dad pick up rocks. I am 4 years old. I live in Ballinger at my house. I like everything about you. For Christmas I want a toy. I will leave you some oranges.

Love, Diego Lemus

Ballinger Kindergarten Ms. Jarvis' class

Dear Santa, I was wondering... if Rudolph really has a red nose? Could you please bring me. a brown T-Rex that fights with another

> Love. Javier Acosta

Dear Santa, I was wondering... how do you deliver all the presents so Could you please bring me..

a Barbie Dream House and Doc Mc-Stuffins set?

Love .. Lila Burrell

Dear Santa. I was wondering... how the elves have ears different than people?

Could you please bring me... a tablet with games?

Love .. Beautiful Cook

Dear Santa, I was wondering.. if you will come with me to my grandma's

Could you please bring me... a basketball and a fish tank with an orange fish?

Love... Deanthony Dampeer

Dear Santa, I was wondering... if I can fly on your reindeer? Could you please bring me. a toy robot that will play with my dog Ginger?

Love .. Kamyla Daniel Dear Santa, I was wondering... where I can find you? Could you please bring me.. a hover scooter and a flat ball?

> Love ... Caydon Flores

Dear Santa, I was wondering... do you like chocolate cookies? Could you please bring me. princess music for the karaoke machine? Geraldine Flores

Dear Santa, I was wondering... does the fake Santa live at the North Pole? Could you please bring me. a Chihuahua puppy and a bottle so I can feed it?

> Love .. Leah Haddon

Dear Santa, I was wondering.. how do the reindeer fly? Could you please bring me... shoes & clothes and the song "Stacey's

Kennedy Hartnell

Dear Santa, I was wondering.. how do your reindeer fly? Could you please bring me.. a toy car set with a big house?

Love... Rusty House

Dear Santa, I was wondering. can your elves fly? Could you please bring me.. a black bike with training wheels?

Love .. Jaymond Lund

Dear Santa, I was wondering... what have you been doing? Could you please bring me. Minecraft Legos and Sonic Legos?

Love .. Chaz McDuffee

Dear Santa. I was wondering... what are your elves names? Could you please bring me a tablet & computer that go together and a candy machine with Skittles?

> Love ... Andrea Quinonez

Dear Santa, I was wondering.. what your house looks like inside? Could you please bring me.. a candy machine with jelly beans in it? Love .. Brandee Roach

Dear Santa, I was wondering... Why don't you give kids presents when they're naughty? Could you please bring me. Star Wars Legos and a REAL motorcycle? Love ...

Dear Santa, I was wondering.. if you can do magic? Could you please bring me... all kinds of candy and a remote control

> Love ... Jayden Serbine

Ryan Rouse

Kindergarten Mrs. Andrews's Class I was wondering how you are doing. Could you please bring me an x-box and Lego Mission?

> Love, Raymond Avila 5 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering if you are feeling good. I hope you have fun with your elves. Could you please bring me a Monster High toy

> Love, Bella Benton 6 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering how your reindeer are doing. Could you please bring me a race

> Love. Cason Brown 5 years old

I was wondering if it is cold at the North Pole. Could you please bring me a Minnie Mouse Machine?

> Love, Chloe Champion 5 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering if I could go to the North Pole. Could you please bring me a motor-

> Love, Ashton Clark 6 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering how you are doing. Could you pleas bring me a Hatchimal?

> Sophia Dolinsek 5 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering if you can get on the reindeer. Could you please bring me a notebook?

> Love. McKenna Hartzell 6 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering if I can see a reindeer. Could you please bring me new shoes and an RC car?

Love, Dominic Luna 6 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering if I can see Mrs. Claus. Could you please bring me a robot and a baby doll?

> Avah Martinez 5 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering if you had fun riding on the firetruck in the parade. Could you please bring me airplanes?

Love, Julius Martinez 5 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering what kind of cookies you like. Could you please bring me a phone?

> Logan McNaley 5 years old

Dear Santa. I was wondering if you get cold when you ride in your sleigh. Could you please bring me a puzzle and a pretty doll?

> Love, Katie Melton 6 years old

I was wondering how fast your reindeer fly. Could you please bring me a basketball and a soccer ball?

> Love, Drake Sims 5 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering if you know I love you and Rudolph. Could you please bring me blocks and rocks with a magnifying glass?

> Wyatt Turner 6 years old

Love,

Dear Santa, I was wondering how tall your elves are. Could you please bring me a tent and a

Love, Zoey Vela 5 years old

Dear Santa, I was wondering if Rudolph has a red shirt. Could you please bring me a new Barbie doll?

> Love, Kamrie Villarreal 6 years old

Kindergarten Ms. Drennan's class

Dear Santa, I was wondering what is your favorite color?

I would like a phone with games, a barbie, and a iPad with music.

Aurora Benson

I was wondering what is your favorite

I would like a iPod that has games and music and a Barbie house, and a real baby kitten with a cage. We want a big Christmas Tree because my mom broke ours. You don't have to send decorations we have them.

Allie Clemens

I was wondering what is your favorite

I would like a sword, books, and some markers. Thank you for Christmas. I hope you have a Happy Christmas and a good year. I hope people will be good. Aidyn Conrad

I was wondering what is your favorite

cookie and drink?

I would like some toy snakes and dragons (big dragons). Royce Cook

I was wondering which do you like milk

or orange juice? I would like pie face showdown and a nerf gun. I would like the nerf mega. I would

also like some toys snakes and a hopper. Hunter Ferguson

I was wondering which elf is your favor-

Merry Christmas Santa!

I would like some ponies, two barbies, and a Barbie house. I would like some boots with high heels, sandals, shoe that tie and some clothes. I would like some new butterfly earrings, a butterfly shirt and pants to match. I also need some new pajamas.

Demi Gallant

I was wondering what is your favorite

I would like a drone that I can fly. I would like tons of sharks, whales, and a pet snake, a fish tank with some fish, I would like the game pie face. I would like a Bigger Christmas Tree for my room. I need a new backpack, and a counting board so I can count to 100. I could use a tool bag and an art bag so I can cut, color, and paint. I want a flying helicopter and a new doggie. I need a Christmas hat for my house. I also would like a notebook. I would like some new plates for me, Allie, mom, and dad. I need a sand box with a bucket, shovel, fossils, and a brush I also need a backpack to put all my fossils and tools in. I would like a pencil box with lots of pens.

Miller Goetz

I was wondering what is your favorite I would like a flower pot for my mom, a

cowboys toothbrush, a watering can for my mom so she can water our flowers. Merry Christmas Santa

Edison Harris

I was wondering what is your favorite cookie and drink?

I want a snackeez, it is a cup that holds a snack on top and a drink down below. would like a barbie, some more bows and that have butterflies and some with hearts. I would also like some shirt, pants, that have hearts and butterflies. I would like some more crayon, and a notebook with a marker. I would like school supplies to play

Happy Christmas Santa, thank you for all the things you bring us. Have a Happy New

Jaden Leverett

I was wondering what is your favorite color?

I would like a pink care bear, a ballerina that has a button, and a toy puppy. I would also like an elf. Sophia McGlothin

I was wondering what is your favorite

I would like a dinosaur and army men, a toy puppy and toy gun and markers. Ramon Mendez

I was wondering how are you doing? I would like a little Christmas tree for my room. I want some stuffed animals, a box for my house, some pens, and play kitchen stuff. I would also like a clock. I have been a good girl so have my brothers. Merry Christmas Santa, please be safe.

Xavia Ochoa

I was wondering what is your favorite I would like a toy that has circle and that is green and has bullets.

Tanner Rose

I was wondering what is your favorite reindeer?

I would like a video camera, a shopkin backpack, and a jewelry maker.

Paige Strube

I was wondering what is your favorite

I would like a real yorkie, a computer, a

goldfish, and a pony.

Kendra Villereal

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Kindergarten Ms. Drennan's class

I was wondering what is your favorite cookie? I think it is Chocolate chip.

I would like army men toys, a breeze car, a drone, a toy airplane, a jurassic world game with the toys, and dinosaurs.

Joseph Zavala

Kindergarten Mrs. Schwertner's class

Dear Santa, I was wondering where is the North Pole? Could you please bring me a dollhouse?

> Love, Harmony Cordova

Dear Santa, I was wondering I was wondering where is the North Pole? Could you please bring me a bike, a robot and a candy cane?

Love, Ethan Collins

Dear Santa, I was wondering where is the North Pole? Could you please bring me a dollhouse?

Love, Harmony Cordova

Dear Santa. I was wondering how far is the North Pole? Could you please bring me a basketball x-box game?

Jovahn Ruiz

Dear Santa, I was wondering how do you make all those toys? Could you please bring me a set of little autobots?

Love, Kayden McClure

Dear Santa, I was wondering how many elves do you have? Could you please bring me a toy gun?

Love, Kyler Mata

Dear Santa, I was wondering how far is the North Pole? Could you please bring me shopkins?

Love. Brooklynn Lopez

Dear Santa, I was wondering where is the North Pole? Could you please bring me a tablet?

Love, Lashae Smith

Dear Santa, I was wondering where is the North Pole? Could you please bring me a carebear, and a Barbie House?

Love, Keeley Binder

Dear Santa, I was wondering how does your toy machines work? Could you please bring me a bathouse?

Love, Joel Flores

Dear Santa, I was wondering why are you so fluffy? Could you please bring me a sophia bed spread?

> Love. Jerzie Cooke

Dear Santa I was wondering what do the reindeer do when its not christmas? Could you please bring me a toy castle that is blue?

> Love, Lily Tamez

Dear Santa, I was wondering how big is your factory? Could you please bring me a bookshelf and a Barbie Dream House?

Love, Kirklynn Page

Dear Santa, I was wondering how many elves do you have? Could you please bring me a coloring book and crayons?

Love, Liam Harris Dear Santa,

I was wondering what do you have in your shop? Could you please bring me a reindeer and shotgun? Love,

Jaxon Dankworth

Dear Santa, I was wondering what are all your elves names? Could you please bring me a microphone?

Love, BryAnna Hoffman-Felts

Dear Santa, I was wondering can I see your reindeer and feed them food? Could you please bring me a toy dog, a

robot, and a tablet?

Love, Kinsley Morales

First grade Mrs. Gunyan's class

Dear Santa, How big is your house? I would like a big teddy bear and a dry erase board for Christmas. Thank for the presents.

Love, Brenna Herridge

Dear Santa, How big is your house? I would like some legos and an xbox for Christmas. Thank you for the presents. Love,

Nehemian Lura

Dear Santa, Do you have a dog? I would like a bike and a vanity for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Kennedee Franke

Dear Santa. How big is your house? I would like a barbie house and orbies for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Mykaela Galindo

Dear Santa, Are you the best Christmas guy? I would like drums and a DS for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Addam Guana

Dear Santa, How do you get your food? I would like a car and airplane for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Alex Weng

Dear Santa, How big is your house? I would like a skateboard and a bike for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

sous old Christian Santiago Vela

Dear Santa, How are your Reindeer? I would like play dough and a baby doll for Christmas. I

would also like to say hi. Renesmee Jacques

Dear Santa, Can i have an R2D2 Drone? I would like Assassins Creed 4 and BBA/BB8 for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

> Love. Kaydence Watkins

Dear Santa, What color is the Reindeer's noses? I would like lego football collection and a football punter for Christmas. You are nice.

Love, Marcus Cook

Dear Santa, Can Reindeer fly? I would like a xbox and a new bed for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Hunter Wilson

Dear Santa, Do you have any dogs? I would like a tablet and a real horse for Christmas. You're a nice guy.

> Love, Madison Horton

Dear Santa, Are you a nice guy? I would like a goblin and Donald Trump for Christmas. Ive been good.

Love. Jesse Flores

Dear Santa, How big is your belly? I would like a RC Police Corvette and a razor dirt bike for Christmas. You're a nice guy.

Love, Cameron King

Dear Santa, Does your reindeer really fly? I would like a phone and a tablet for Christmas. You are very nice.

Love, Rylin Quiroga

Dear Santa, What does your Reindeer look like? I would like a trampoline and a bike for Christmas. Ive missed you.

Love, Andrea Knight

Do you have any animals? I would like elf on the shelf and a punching glove for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Xander Aguilera

First grade Mrs. Cavazos' class

Dear Santa, How big is your house? I would like some Five Nights at Freddie's toys and a new HDMI cord.

Thank you, Anthony

Dear Santa, Can I see a Reindeer? I would like a computer and a Nintendo DS for Christmas. Thank you for the Presents.

Love. Zerenity

Dear Santa. Can i meet you? i would like a new shirt and a phone for Christmas. Thank you. Love. Parker

Dear Santa, Can i see your Reindeer? I would like a tablet and a barbie doll for Christmas. i want to ride your sled.

> Love, Misbauh

Dear Santa, Can i see your house? I would like a batman action figure and an xbox. Thank you.

> Love, Daneil

Dear Santa, When can Christmas change? I would like a drone and your sled for Christmas. Thank you.

Love.

Dear Santa, How big is your house? I would like a drone and some money for Christmas. Have an awesome Christmas.

> Love, Zach

Dear Santa, How big is your house? I would like an electric scooter and an xbox 1 for Christmas. Thank you.

> Love. Joseph

Dear Santa, What does your house look like? I would like a coloring book and a hatchable for Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Laurynn

Dear Santa, Can i see your Reindeers? I would like a computer and a lot of computer games for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Brylee

Dear Santa, Can i see your Reindeers? I would like a dirt bike and a dirt bike suit for Christmas. Thank you for the presents. Love,

Dear Santa, Can i see and pet your Reindeer? I would like a reindeer as a pet and good luck for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Cutter

Tayler

Dear Santa, What is your house made from? I would like a Thomas and friends mini playlet and a Thomas and friends bat cave for Christmas. I love you, Santa.

Love,

Dear Santa, Can i ride a Reindeer? I would like games for my brothers xbox and a easy bake oven for Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Braygon

Nikki

Dear Santa, Can i see a Reindeer? I would like a phone and a tablet for Christmas. Have a great Christmas. Love,

Dear Santa, Can i see a Reindeer? I would like a doll and a dress for that doll for Christmas. Have a great Christmas.

Dear Santa, Is it icy at the Northpole? I would like a monster truck and a Ninja turtle for Christmas. I have been a good boy.

Love,

Dear Santa, like a cat and a firetruck for Christmas. I am always

Dear Santa, How do i get to the Northpole? I would like a Dino super charge morfer and an xbox for Christmas. I like Power Rangers.

Love. Mathew

Dear Santa. want to get to ride in your sleigh.

Love.

Dear Santa, Why do people put one ornament on the tree each year? I would like a diamond phone sword and a new phone for Christmas. I

Second Grade Mrs. Holden's Class

I am going to leave you some cookie and a glass of milk by the door. I'm also going to leave carrots for your reindeer. I have tried my hardest to be good this year. I would like you to

P.S. My little brother would like to visit with an elf.

> Lots Of Love, Alivia Jalomo

Dear Santa, I would like a cat, a dog, a tablet, a rabbit, a phone, cat food, dog food, rabbit food, and a toy cat and I want Richie Rich.

Love,

Dear Santa, Hello This is Destiny and I've Been Nice this Year and i would Like For Christmas A sewing Ma-

Dresses, and Toy's Please. I want a mermaid set. I would also like a Mermaid swimming suit. I'm going to leave some chocolate cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

to You!!!!

Alway's, Destiny Vela

Dear Santa, I want a littlest ponie and teen titans go and La La Loopsi please for Christmas.

Dear Santa, What I really want for Christmas is Toys, Bike, XBox games, clothes. I've been a very good boy. I will leave chocolate cookies and milk out for you. Just Please be safe and keep your reindeer safe. Love You Santa!

Yours truly, Izaiah Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I am writing you this letter to tell you what I would like for Christmas!!! I have been very good this year and I am excited that Christmas is finally here. This year I would like for you to make me a Barbie dream house! With this I would like a Barbie doll camper too! I know my barbies would love to have it! Thank you so much!!! Tell Mrs. Clause and the elves I said hello! We enjoy having Teaser back, we have missed him!

Dear Santa, I what for Christmas is a tablet a Little Live pets and a Nail Glam. Salon manicure ki and a Learn to paint. a Love, Doh kit.

Love, Razaiah J.

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been extra good this year for my mom and dad. I have also been really nice to my sister and friends. This year I would like for Christmas is new shoes, remote control car, laptop, Guinea pig, fish aquarium, a new football and basketball. Santa how many miles is it from the North Pole to Ballinger Texas? Santa we will leave cookies and milk out for you.

> Love, Pierson

Dear Santa. My name Dominick i've been a good boy this year. I was just wonderinng if you could send me a few things for Christmas this year. Here is a few things I want this year, a tablet, an xbox one controller, and some tools for my dad because we lost all of them, also I would like a new bike, last but not least I would like a

toy monster truck. Sincerely. Dominick Soto

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you are doing well. How is your wife? I have been good this year and make A honor roll every time. For Christmas I would like a air hockey table and a Jemma Stone shopkins doll. I will leave you cookies and milk. Take care.

Sincerely,

Ava

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year. I have tried my best to make good grades, even though I did okay on them. I sometimes do the dishes for Kaylee "my big sister" when she is gone at sports. I try my best to be nice to my brothers and sister even though they are not that nice too me. I want drum set and drum stick for Christmas, I would want a piano, Guitar, American doll, Play school, Food set with a blender, Coffee maker with a mug. Last but not least I really want a pink Hatchimals.

Love,

ADDIE J CONRAD! Dear Santa, I would like a skateboard and a toy motorcycle and that is all I want for Christmas. I like to play games. Sincerely,

Joey Mrs. Pelzel's Class

Dear Santa, My name is Andie Simpson. I am 7 years old and am in the second grade. I think you and your elves are very nice. How are Rudolph and the other reindeer do-

I would like to have a stuffed zebra, a pink bow and arrow, Little Live Pets puppy, Quick Cups game, a

Bop It, and an art set. I will leave milk and cookies out for you!

Love, Andie

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like an Air Hogs Hyper Stunt Drone, Magic Tracks, an XBox 360, an Air Hogs Thunder Traxs, and a MagCreator magnet set. I hope you have a safe flight. Love,

Dylan Page

Dear Santa How are you doing? Can I rename my Elf Buddy? For Christmas I want a teacher set and a pointer stick and some books. I want a bunk bed and more stuff like last time you gave me a lot.

> Love, Drew Arp

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Clause, the elves, reindeer and Buddy the elf doing? This year for Christmas I would like shopkins, Lea Clark house and accessories and a Kate spade iPod case!! Please don't forget about my little brother!! He has been pretty good too!!

> Love. Kynlee Palmer

Dear Santa, my name is Clarissa I hav been trieing to be good I would like a rabbit kitty and a tableit and a bird that talks and a bonen aro and a new tramplean pleas Sooper

> mary crismis Santa Clarrisa

Dear Santa, I want a Go-cart, a drone, and some Xbox 360 games. Games I would like: NFL football, Call of Duty, Batman, Lego Star Wars, and

Hot Wheels Beat That. From. Hunter Kresta

dear sant for chrismos I want Avatar the last air binder and a chaclet pen and the trolls movei and the movei MOANA and i wish i had a snow white dress just like hers that i tore the ribbon off of and a magic hat that gose with a wond a baby Elsa and a baby spen and a

> love Sasha

Brody WIlde 2nd Grade, Balliger, Texas Wishing you and Mrs. Clause a Merry Christmas

baby Christof

Mrs. Schaefer's class

Dear Santa, My name is Deesa Drennan. I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a tablet, Judy Moody books, and some Fancy Nancy books. I can always use clothes mainly dresses and shoes. I would also like a basketball goal and soccer stuff. Please bring Keni rain

boots and bring Cash some hunting stuff. I hope you are staying safe and warm. HO HO HO!

Love, Deesa Drennan Dear Santa, My name is Miguel A. and I want baseball equipment. I would also like football pads and a Texans uniform. And maybe a new tablet and a new bike that is blue. And wrestling tickets. I hope you are doing good and the

reindeer too. Be safe and I

hope I get my presents. Love, Miguel Avila

Dear Santa, How are the reindeers doing? For Christmas I really want makeup, clothes and a new iPad holder. I would also like gymnastics equipment and anything emoji related and shoes.

I hope you travel safe and

enjoy all the cookies.

From: Braylin Quiroga



Ethan

Who wrote "Rudolph the red nose Reindeer?" I would happy! Love. Hayden

How can i see Rudolph? I would like a new bike and a motorcycle for Christmas. I

Landon

like scooters.

Love, Keelan

Dear Santa,

bring me a puppy and some american doll accessories.

Judy Richards

chine to make

And Why do Elf's Talk

Love,

Kyndall Skye Weathers

Gemmies a Shopkins season 5. a Lego FriendsHeart Lake . Riding Club Chocolate pen and a pop pop Wow locker Softee Dough Kit and a Play



Mrs. Schaefer's class

Dear Santa, Hope your doing good. I would like a crossbow and a sniper rifle with lots of bullets. Thank you

From Trey Rose

Dear Santa, I would like cool Ninja toys and a remote control

> Love always, Christian Sanchez

Dear Santa,

How have you been? I hope you have been staying healthy so you can come to my house this Christmas. I have been somewhat good this year. For Christmas I

am asking for these 7 simple things: I want an Xbox, I need a new baseball glove, I would like some long johns to wear, I would like sport books to read, I would like to go to a baseball camp this year, I would like to play game of dodgeball with my family, and I would like to donate some money to the Carnegie Library this

I will leave you out some chocolate milk and some cookies this year.

Davis Peterson

Dear Santa, I hope you're having a good Christmas! The things want for Christmas are Pottery Cool and a Shop-

kin watch. I also want a Shopkin Shoppies doll, Num Nom's lip gloss truck, Funko Shopkins and Mon-

ster High playset. Love you Santa, Kyndal Rollwitz

Dear Santa

I want a piano mat so I can step on it and play music like im playing on a normal piano and can I please have a real wooden guitar for chrismas?

Sincerly, Traelys

Dear Santa, I think I've been good this year because I listened to my parents as much as I could. I also tried to take care of my toys that I got

My name is Stryke Alan

have been a good boy and a

King. I am 4 years old. I

I would like a Captain

America toy with buttons

to put my seeds in after I

on it so he can make noise.

I want a BIG black truck

I want a transformer so

it can transform into little

Please bring my mom a

swimming suit so she can

swim and bring my dad a

hot tub for us to swim in.

pool so me and daddy can

swim in it. Bring my sister a

I will leave you juice and

My name is Colby. I am

Stryke King

bad boy

combine.

swimming

cookies.

Dear Santa,

Optomis Prime.

last year. Here is my Christmas list for this year:

1. A big lego set

2. A nerf gun 3. A hatchimal

4. An air hockey table 5. An angry bird set

6. A foosball table 7. A big game set

Merry Christmas! Hunter Peacock

Mrs. Evans' class

Dear Santa,

I hope you will bring me a Lego City Police Prison Island, Lego City Crook Island, and some candy. I have been good this year! Love,

Evan Cave

Dear Santa Claus, I would like some Shopkins, a Tablet, Shoes, Hachable, and the book How Did Santa Get His Job. LOVE Harlee M.

Dear Santa, I would like a MC 2 Spy bag, Flicker scooter, pink Beats, soccer ball and an

mini iPad case. PLEASE!

Love, Jolee Battle

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause and your elves? I am good. I wish to have...Xbox 1S and I want Shopkins and stuffed shopkins. I also want emojis and art crafts. I also want a Mexican guitar and dress. Thank you, Santa I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

> Love, Amaya Luna

Dear Santa, My name is Brody Wilde and I live in Ballinger, Texas. I'm 7 ½ years old. I love school and spending time with my family. I have been trying really hard to be good all year long.

I would love for you to bring me a Lego Star Wars Millennium Falcon and an Air Hog. I know there are lots of boys and girls that are looking forward to your visit. Be careful...remember...no texting and flying. Wishing you and Mrs. Clause

a Merry Christmas! Brody Wilde

Head Start Mrs. Mills' class

Dear Santa, Please bring me a purple dog, a pink kitty and a Raincloud baby doll.

Love, Nayeli

Dear Santa, I want a Santa hat, a fishing pole, Christmas paper that is red and white so I can wrap Ann Marie and Chris' gifts up. That would be awesome. I also want a ghost present.

Love,

bat.

Dear Santa, I want a toy unicorn, a seahorse, a Rainbow Dash My Little Pony and a dollhouse. Love.

we evol 1 . spond a proper I love v Dear Santa, I want a trampoline, a skateboard and some toy

Boston

Dear Santa, Bring me a Barbie doll with a horse, Barbie clothes, Dora clothes and some pink clothes for me.

Love, Chloe

Dean Santa, I want a Lightning Mc-Queen and a toy airplane and a toy Mater.

Love, Elijah

Dear Santa. I want Zoom, baby doll stuff, two baby dolls that are purple and yellow and a playhouse like the one at school. I want a play computer, a Barbie doll and that's all.

> Love, Emma

Dear Santa. I want a Lightning McQueen and Blaze the Monster truck

Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa, I want toy cars, animals, and fun stuff.

I want a weed eater for

Dear Santa,

Love. Garrison

Dear Santa,

Mama and a blue truck for me. I want my own curtain for my bedroom.

> Love, Giovanni

> > Love,

Dear Santa, I want a fast car. Please bring skateboard, too.

Ian Dear Santa, I want a racetrack, a horse, and a baseball and

> Love, Iaethan

Dear Santa, I want a boat and toy gun. I want two bats and two guns.

Love,

Dear Santa. I want toy cowboys, Marvel Adventure toys and tov cars.

Jonas

Dear Santa, I want a horse set, a bike. and a trampoline. I want some frozen Legos.

Maya

Dear Santa, Please bring me a My Little Pony Rainbow Dash, a trampoline because I don't have one, and I want a Flipa-Zoo stuffed animal. I want the dragon one, because I like dragons.

Love, Temperance

Dear Santa, I want an Elsa Car, a Frozen toy organizer shelf that I can pretend is a store, and a Elsa doll.

> Love, Zaniyah

Dear Santa, My name is Luke Craig. I am three years old. I have been a good boy. Would you bring me a

Paw Patrol, camping toys, and a 4 wheeler so I can ride on it to Ballinger.

I would like some legos Would you bring my mom some blue rainbows books.

My dad didn't ask Santa for anything. I will leave you oranges and milk.

Luke Craig

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John four years old. I have been a

good boy. Would you bring me legos and lego men because I like Love. to build.

I want some more blocks. I want kitchen stuff so I can have a cooler kitchen then I have already.

Bring my mom a disk so she can work on stuff. Bring my dad a Candyland

game. I have one and he doesn't. My brother wants a ladybug and teddy bear beanie

baby I will leave you a gingerbread man cookie and some milk.

Colby Cook

Dear Santa, My name is Ava Reynolds. I am three years old. I have been a good girl

and I have been a bag girl Would you bring me a dragon because I love drag-

ons! I would name it Flyer. I want a Barbie swimsuit and Barbie with clothes on that has a horse.

My mom would like a tiger toy. It's a special toy that momma loves.

Bring my Dad a special toy that daddy likes that is the very best. Walker wants a shark toy

that has goggles. I will leave you hamburger and a Sprite.

Ava Reynolds

Dear Santa, My name is Julyssa. I am four years old. I have been

a good girl. Would you bring me a toy rocking horse because I love horses.

I want a Rockin' monkey that lives in a tree and a

pink baby with a bow so she can ride the rocking horse. My mom wants a BIG horse because momma loves bigger horses.

Bring my daddy a bigger horse too because he loves the bigger horse with momma.

My brother Beet wants a little horse because he loves little horses. I will leave you cheese,

noodles, and milk. Julyssa Perez

Dear Santa, My name is Channing. I am three years old. I have

been a good boy. I want a trailer, Lightning McQueen, and Mater because you will bring that

My mom wants a dress a red dress to go bye bye! I will leave you pizza and milk.

Channing Kruse

Dear Santa, My name is Gage. I am three years old. I have been

a good boy I would like a remote control car that flips on stairs and rocks because it's the beast and pretty awesome!

I want a gun that shoots play-doh bullets because it's pretty awesome. I would like a gun like Landon has be-

cause it's a BIG BIG gun. My mom wants Paw Patrol because her said so. My dad wants sumi change so bad so he can play with it.

Bring my brothers new nerf guns. I will leave you crackers

and milk because you only drink milk and a present. I am gunna wrap it, tie it put stickers

and draw on it. Gage Finlay

Dear Santa, My name is Beau. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. Would you bring me

Happy Toy Maker and a Semi with a trailer. I have two more trucks at

Mimi's. They are not semi trucks. But that's what I want. I would like a Drone so I can fly it with a remote control.

I want a Happy Toy Maker Hay Trailer because everything is made out of metal. I have no clue what to

bring my mom and dad. Please bring my sister another trampoline so I can jump by myself.

I will leave you cheetos and white milk.

Beau Ross

Dear Santa, My name is Charli. I am four years old. I have been a good girl. Would you please bring

me some lego's. I LOVE LEGO'S.. II just have one set so I want a lot like 1,2,3,4,5,6,7. I want My Little Pony Horses too. I want a bunch of books because I like books, like Lightning McQueen.

My Mom wants a bike and my Dad wants a toy truck that looks like a combine to drive around the house. Carter wants a remote control car that he will drive in the house.

I will leave you chocolate cookies on a special red plate and a cup of milk the regular kind that's white. Charli Jacob

Dear Santa, My name is Cash Rutland. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy I would like a Go Cart so

I can drive around and to school. I am still thinking about

other things. I am gunna clean the house for my mom because she cleans the house

I don't know what I want you to bring my dad but I want to buy him a gun. I will leave you milk and

cookies. Cash Rutland

Dear Santa, My name is Natalie and I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl.

Would you bring me a yo yo. I love yo yo s because they can swing. I would like a black kitty because they like us. WHY?

Because God made them like us. I want a stuffed rainbow kitty because Delaney has two and they are not real but Delaney is real. I want

my mom to have a white dog. She has two dogs but I want her to have three dogs and I want her to

name her Molly. Bring my dad a stuffed cat so he can give it to the cat. Bring Delaney a dog toy just like me. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa, My name is Sutton. I have been bad and good this

Natalie Meyer

year. Would you bring me A trumpet, horn, accordion, flute, and drum because I am making a band. Stryke, Charli, Elyse, mommy, and daddy are go-

ing to be in my band. I want a toy frog. I want it to be squeaky and gloopy so when

I squeeze it, it pops out of my hand. I want a real cat because my cats died. I don't know what happened to them. Bring my

mom a pink and purple

dress. She will wear it to the Nemo theater. Please bring my dad snuff, knife, and a New sink for the bath-

room. I don't know why. Please bring my sister a teddy bear, New room and New TV. I don't know why. I will leave you cookies and lemonade.

Sutton Casey

Dear Santa, My name is Elyse Rose. I am three years old. I have been a good girl.

I would like a pink dress because I like dresses. I want to wear it to the parade. I want an American flag. I

like flags they are awesome. I want new shoes black ones to wear with my pink dress.

Please bring my mom a new purse because she likes purses.

farmer hat because he is my

Bring my dad a new

special daddy.

Can you bring a brother a color brother because I know he wants one.

He is still in my mommy's tummy but he is saying he wants one. He also wants a baby crown so he can be baby

I will leave you cookies and milk.

Elyse Walker

Dear Santa, My name is Abigail Grace Molamphy. I am four years

I have been a good girl. Would you bring princess game that goes with my computer. I want a Well Wished Lego

so I can change their heads. I want a chalk board so I can draw. Bring my mom princess legos. Bring my dad boy Lego

and he wants to feed the giraffes at the zoo. I leave you milk, water,

and a goodie bag. Abigail

Dear Santa, I'm sorry I cried when I saw you last week, You can still come down our chimney.

Please bring me a baby doll. Don't eat too many cookies (that's what my mommy always tells me!) From,

2 years old Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is for all the people to get

along in this world! Grayson Ward

Sarah Ahrens

2 years old Dear Santa, How are you? I hope good. I am doing good too.

I would like a puppy for

Christmas, some clothes, and a pair of light-up shoes. Thank you Santa. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

All I want for Christmas is

XO Dyelon Banks 2 years old Dear Santa,

my two front teeth. Cheers, Morgan Halfmann 10 months old

Pre-K Mrs. Niehues' class

Dear Santa, I want lasers, a dirt dinosaur and dino trucks.

George I want a toy shotgun with

Love, River

Dear Santa,

bullets.

Dear Santa, I want a race car. Love. Iziah

I want a transformer. David

Dear Santa, I want a robot.

Dear Santa,

Love,

Love,

Bentley

Merry Christmas

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Pre-K Mrs. Niehues' class

Dear Santa, I want a Spider Man and my sister wants a Sarah

Love,

Dear Santa. I want a truck with a remote and a toy dirt bike with a remote.

Love, Liam

Dear Santa, I want a dinosaur.

Love, Caden

Dear Santa, I want a Snow White toy, a doll and a Santa.

Love, Emily

Dear Santa I want Hello Kitty.

> Love Gabby

> > Jayla

Dear Santa, I want a robot dog named Chip.

Love,

Dear Santa, I want a bouncy castle, a Barbie house, Barbies and a Barbie car.

Dear Santa, I want a baby and a

Barbie.

Love, No name

Dear Santa, I want a Hatchimal and a big doll.

Ryleigh

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie, a snowman, a dog and a cat.

Tatumn

Dear Santa, I want a doll, a dog and

Mo D Love, Bring my cald boy kego Dear Santa,

I want a kitty, a kitchen and a Santa doll. Lexi

Dear Santa, I want a horse, a cat and

> Love. Cassidy

Dear Santa, I want a pup.

Love, Madilyn

Kinderarten Mrs. Parramore's class

Dear Santa, I want new shoes, some legos, playing cards, a Power Ranger transformer, a punching bag and a new coat. I am going to give you a snack and it's crackers and milk.

Gabriel Stambaugh

Dear Santa, I want a big Barbie, a real dog, a toy cheetah, a stuffed heart pillow, a new bed, new purple and pink pillows and two rainbow pillows, and a rainbow book and lots of books. I also want my ears pierced and some pretty earrings. I also want a real roller coaster a my house. I will leave you some food for the reindeers and a hot tamale for you.

Love, Laken Holguin

Dear Santa, I want a present. I want a real baby chicken. Please don't give me coal, give me a real candy. Can I have a Barbie too? I will leave you a snack. It's chocolate cookies and milk.

Love, Shyan Camacho

Dear Santa, Could I have a dolly that cries, laughs and opens and closes it's eyes to sleep? Can I have a stuffed reindeer, a phone, a tablet, a new Ariel backpack, some Barbies, a Barbie camper van, a Barbie school and a Barbie room. I want a snow cone maker, and some gingerbread man books and toys. Bring little ball and a little seahorse for my baby brother. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and some milk

Love, Karstyn Armendariz

Dear Santa, I want a Hot Wheels garage and cars and helicopter, a real dirt bike, some Monster trucks, some digger trucks, some legos, some books, and some clothes. Bring my baby brother some baby toys. I am going to give you some little black cookies and some milk. I have been good.

> Love, Jacob Nava

Dear Santa, Can I have some roller skates? I want a pet bunny, a toy bear, a pet cat, a toy lion, a toy ostrich, some ABC letters, a pet butterfly and some heart stickers. My brother wants a pet bunny and my sister wants a cute little bunny too. I will leave you some cupcakes and cookies and some sweet tea.

Love, Lydia Powers

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a toy bow and arrow, Elsa and Anna dolls, a new Monster High backpack, a computer, a ring, necklace, bracelet and some earrings and a Monster High doll.

Will you bring my brother a monster truck and some gloves. I'm going to leave you a Ninja Turtle snack and a Pepsi. Oh, and me and my brother want a tablet and roller skates too.

Love, Sophie Hubbard

the reindeer too.

Dear Santa, I want Monster trucks with a remote control, and a toy tree house, a train with a remote control, a helicopter with a remote control, a tractor with a remote control, a car with a trailer, a whole lot of dinosaurs and a T-Rex, a sitting bench, and a Santa Toy. I will leave you chocolate cookies and milk and some some cookies for

> Love, Tristan Gehrels

Dear Santa, where sand I want a pink bicycle, a toy tractor, a stuffed teddy bear, a toy kitty cat, a basket for my kitty, a TV, and iPad, a toy box, a book, markers and drawing paper. I love Santa.

> Love. Karmen Miller

Dear Santa, I want a pretty dress, some high heels, makeup, lipstick, Barbies, baby dolls, Hello Kitty clothes, a Barbie doll house, a playhouse, candy canes, a Barbie book. My sister wants makeup and high heels too and my brothers want cars. I am going to give you chocolate cookies and milk.

Love, Scarlytt Martinez

Dear Santa, I want a toy and some legos. I want some Elsa and Anna dolls, some blocks, a big Santa toy and a reindeer toy, a toy house, toy car, toy horse, new socks, some roller skates and a wagon. I will give you some chocolate cookies and milk. Santa loves milk. I love Santa and I love Rudolph.

Alyssa Meyer

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want a toy that lights up. I also want a big Spongebob pillow and lots of cars and trucks, a Blaze truck.

Love, Timothy Lee

Dear Santa, You are my friend. Can you bring me a tablet, a phone, a computer, and an iPad. I like your shiny boots and that you are shiny all over.. You are handsome and I love you. My brother wants a tablet, phone and computer too, Santa. I know you like cinnamon cookies and milk so I will leave you some. I know you will come to Winters, Texas at Christmas.

Love, Zaylie Kraatz

Dear Santa, I want a Frozen scooter, an Anna and Elsa dolls, and 2 My Little Ponies, Twilight Sparkle, Rarity, a toy purse. Will you say "Ho, Ho, Ho" when you come? I am going to leave you some chocolate

chip cookies and chocolate

milk. I will give your reindeer some carrots.

Adriana Sanchez-Ortiz

Dear Santa, I want an iPad, a computer, a tablet, a Santa toy and a Christmas sleigh toy for the toy Santa, and a lot of toys for Christmas. I am going to leave you chocolate cookies because Santa loves chocolate.

Angelita Irachetta

Dear Santa, I wish I could have a toy unicorn and some teddy bears. I want some candy canes and an ABC chart, an Ariel DVD and some markers. I like you Santa. I'm going to leave you some Christmas sugar cookies that I make with my Dad and sister.

> Love, Annalisa Torres

Dear Santa, Will you bring us toys? I want a toy truck, a race car toy, a toy dump truck some toy tractors, and a toy dune buggy. My sister really wants some more dresses. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and some milk.

Love. Greyson Chausse

Dear Santa, I want some toys for my brothers and sisters and for me. I want some teddy bear plushies. I want to take good care of my family, so I want my sisters to have baby dolls. I want my baby brother to have legos and books, and my other brother to have transformers. I would my mom and dad to have new things for the house. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Icess Viduarri

Dear Santa, Bring me some presents. I want some blocks, trucks, and toys. I have been good. Will you say ho, ho, ho?

Daniel Moreno

Dear Santa, I want a snow cone maker, some makeup, a pretty dress, a new book, a Barbie doll, an Elsa watch, some girl legos, some toy stuffed animals. I want a baby toy for my baby brother, a ninja turtle toy for my brother, and bow for sister. Can you bring real computer too? I will leave some chocolate chip cookies and milk for you.

> Love, Noelanie Aleman

Kindergarten Mrs. Cary's class

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie house. Barbie car, and Barbie dolls, talking toys, Minion house, phone and a tablet. Love,

Adrianna

Dear Santa, I want a toy airplane, Shopkins, an Elsa castle, real Elsa couch, a lot of books, scooter, a Elsa cover, Minion shirt, Shopkin shirt, Elsa jacket, computer and a real slide. Love.

Ayriauna

Dear Santa, I want a stuffed blue unicorn, a soft Nike jacket, a real cool doll house, magnetic letters, blue pants and shirts.

Love, Julianna

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie computer, clothes, Barbie telephone, pink Barbie car, Barbie doll clothes and a real wallet with money and a swim-ming pool, cheerleader bow and a Barbie bike.

Love, Karmyn

Dear Santa, I want a real phone, lego shooting game, a fake doll house, fake human, letter toy, Santa toy, snowman, Legos, blocks, a Batman car and snow globe with an angel.

Love, Jackson

Dear Santa, I want a heart necklace and a real phone.

Love, Baylee

Dear Santa, I want a tea set, crackables, Barbie house, a toy microphone, a book about princesses, toy fox, big toy moon, and a real pony.

Aren

Der Santa,

doll closet.

Claus cup.

to see you!

doll.

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dean Santa,

toy mouse.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl. I

hope Jesus has a great birth-

day. I want a American doll,

washer and dryer. And a a

Barbie Dream house. And a

num num and a American

I am a girl and I was

wandering if I could have

a toy Christmas tree and

a girl dinosaurs and I am

being good at school and

a toy elf so I can put it on

my table and a star on top

of my Christmas tree and a

bow to go on my Christmas

tree and I will make a cooke

What I want for Christmas

is a very big box of Hot

Wheels. I have been a good

boy and maybe you can tell

Jesus happy birthday and

Santa I want that purple di-

nosaur and the three people

and something else. What I

really want for Christmas is

I have been very good

lamp. I want a American

to my teacher. I want a lava

I have been a good girl for

Christmas. I want a Barbie

jeep and a laptop and a cup

cake maker and a diary that

only responds to my voice.

I have been good. I want a

man toy, an iPad, a Jurassic

world t-rex, my Dallas cow-

boy and candy for my mom

I love Santa. Please can

you give me presents. Doc

I been a good girl. I love

Christmas a cupcake maker

your Rudolph. I want for

and laptop and a Barbie

and 10000 dollars.

Dear Santa,

house and a nintendo 3ds

I have been a good girl. I

wish to get a Doc McStuffen

toy with a fake x-ray screen.

Crado boms and a fan.

McStuffen toy hospital, a

Superman VS and a Bat-

and dad, a 202250 gun.

and some milk in a Santa

Laila Aguero

Love,

Love.

Love,

Love.

Love,

Love,

Love.

phone.

Anahi Aguirre

Yessenia Espino

Ava Geyer

Alexa Mitchell

Ava King

Landon Anderson

Preslee Duggan

Dear Santa, I want an American Girl doll Christmas tree, talking toy parakeet, iPad and I want my sister to have an iPad too. I want my own dollhouse and Barbies.

Maddie

Dear Santa, I want a toy gun, blocks, legos, and a nerf gun. Noah

I want to see Rudolph.

Dear Santa,

Santa, I want a Christmas hat and mittens and a scarf, a big diamond pillow, a purple crayon box, a kitty decoration for my tree.

Delaney Dear Santa, I want my own playhouse with a bed, pillows and a blankie. I want a board, magnetic letters, and paper and paint. I want a Boogie Board to go swimming, a chef table and cooking

tools.

Love, Troy

Dear Santa, I want a tablet, train set, real phone, a bike with orange, black, red flames, a baseball bat and ball. Love,

Dalton

Dear Santa I want a skateboard, helmet, knee pads, elbow pad, X Box 1, a Michael Jordan backpack. I want a shooting game for my X Box and a BB gun.

Julian

Dear Santa, I want a real purple shotgun, BB gun, a dollhouse and some Barbies. I want a stuffed Rudolph, Santa and play sled. Love.

Autumn

Dear Santa, I want a Mickey Mouse house, a Lightning McQueen and Thomas the train friends toy, blocks, Lion King and puppy toy.

Logan

Dear Santa, I want a big toy horse, toy Rudolph the Red nose reindeer and big toy tiger.

Dear Santa, I want a real phone, Papa troll dog, and Kallie the real

Love,

David Dear Santa, I want a Trida beast, Max Forest tow truck, a bow and arrow, and a car with a gun. Also, I want lots of robots.

Mrs. Wood's class

Walker First Grade Mrs. Whitaker's class

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I want a American doll, a hat

and a project MC2 spy kit and a American doll laptop and three Nintendo DS and Nintendo games. How is Rudolph. I will leave carrots for your ribbon. I would like to meet you.

> Love, Katelyn Mitchell

Dear Santa, I have been good. Christmas tree, Doc McStuffen toys, tablet, baby doll.

Love, Destiny Wright

Dear Santa, Santa Claus I want pogo stick, dirt bike, motorcycle, good cell phone, laptop, jeep.

Love, Steven Rodriguez

Dear Santa, Thank you Santa. Every single Christmas you gave us presents. I have been good. I want a dirt bike with flames and a krodo bomb toy and a big jeep and pogo stick and a laptop and money and a basketball.

Mason Jack Calcote

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I want a phone and a bike.

Love, Vera Geyer

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. My favorite reindeers are Rudolph and Donner and Blitzen and Prancer. For Christmas I want Snuggles the puppy and a X-Box.

> Love. Minnie Belew

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I want Skylanders games, Skylander shoes and a gray remote control dinosaur robot.

Quentin Couch

Dear Santa, How are you doing? My name is Katelyn. I have been a good girl this year. How is Mrs. Claus doing and you reindeer doing? I would like to get a Barbie doll, Barbie van, and some Shopkins toys, I also would like a digi owl that talks. I will leave you a great surprise, like cookies and milk.

Love, Katelyn Carrasco

Braden Hoppe Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. And American and Shopkin doll and a phone. I love you. Yazmine Martinez

> Dear Santa, I have been a good girls. I want American girl doll and I want some Shop-kins

> > Love. Divya Mia

Dear Santa, I want a dragon toy for my Christmas birthday.

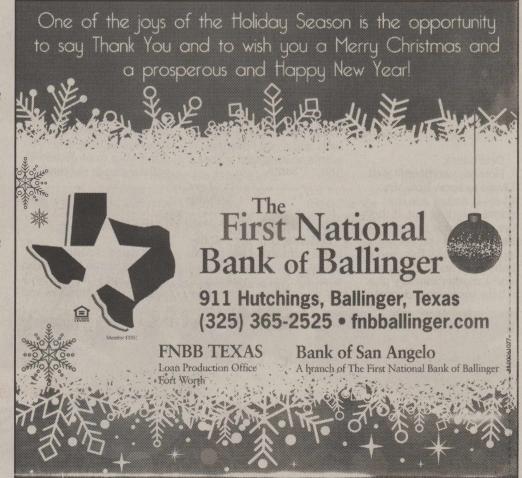
Alex Alanis

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. How are the reindeers and how is Mrs. Claus. I want a Nintendo DS and a remote control Dodge truck with an air compressor and a rail trailer and a bow and arrows and a Nerf or Nothing Zombie Brain Saw, 32 inch Plasma TV. Love,

Carter Jacob

Dear Santa, I was been a good boy. Truck with a trailer and chain mine craft game, 32 inch Plasma TV. Love,

Joshua Jimenez



First Grade Mrs. Whitaker's class Mrs. Wood's class

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I want DM motorcycle, and a X-Box One and computer and a robot rhino.

> Love, Joseph Trevino

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy and I want a toy phone. I hope your reindeer are good. I love you Santa.

Love, Caleb McCook

Dear Santa, How are your elves and your reindeer doing? For Christmas I want the captain underpants series

Love. **Brode Davis**

Second Grade Mrs. J. Parramore's class

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I want to ask for toys. I want a Xbox, tablet, Minecraft, football and Mechx 4 game.

Love, Luis

Dear Santa, Hi. How are your elfs and Mrs. Claus. I wish that I had a iPad mini, a computer, desk and a iPhone. I will have a pile of cookie waiting for you.

Love. Talina

Dear Santa, Hello! How are you doing Santa? Can you say hi to Ru-dolph. I would like a Barbie and a stuffed animal that's a cat. That is all I need.

Love.

Dear Santa, Hello Santa! How are you doing? I want a teddy bear, a Anna toy, posters and DVD of Christmas songs too because I like toys.

Love, Keylianna

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Well I want to know about the randser. Could you please get me a skateboard and a cross necklace and a forwiller. How are your elfs doing and Mrs. Claus doing.

Love, Madison

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a \$100, a picture of a cheetah, a Taggart shirt, a picture of Jesus on the cross and my ears pierced.

> Love, Sarah

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! How are your reindeers doing and elfs doing? I wish John's Little brother is a feeling better and their is no more accidents every where.

Love, Zayda

Dear Santa, How are you? I'm good. I want a tablet, a stroller, a baby doll, a phone, a book, a computer and a ball.

Love, Keuna

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Well want to know how Mrs. Claus is doing? Are the reindeer sick or not. If they are sick, I hope they get better. Could you get me a dog, and a baby fish, and a baby goat, and a elephant and a mother monkey plus a baby monkey, and a cut

muddy baby pig, and can you please get me a baby jackrabbit. I also will like vex robotics, zoomer chimp and a robot pup. Thanks! For letting me talk to you what I want for Christmas. I hope you have a good year and I wish you a Merry Christmas and hope your reindeers have a good flight tonight. Merry Christmas to all and a goodnight! I hope you don't get sick, also because they will be calling me Marty Claus, but it's Marty Reyna and I'll have to control the slay. I'll reck you beautiful slay. Please! Please! Get Mrs. Claus to ride your beautiful slay.

Love. Marty Alfredo Reyna

Dear Santa. Hi. How are you at the North Pole? How's the elfs? I want an Xbox 1, a little home, and a little car.

Love. John

Dear Santa, Hey Santa! How are you doing? I want a Bubby owl and all kinds of toys, and a BB gun. How is yourself doing? How is your Rudolph the red nose reindeer?

Love, Bobby

Dear Santa, Hello Santa Claus. How are you doing? I hope you are safe through the snow. I would like a toy bank cash saver, a toy cookie maker, a Pokemon toy, a Pokemon balls and a real Pokemon, a little stoking, and a Xbox

Love, Galihja

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! How are you doing? I want a real live puppy, I want a jump rope. Also I want a R Seat grave digger. Love.

Dear Santa, Hello Santa. How re you doing? I was wondering how the elfs could make over 1,000 toys? It must take a long time. So this is what I want for Christmas: a locket, walckey talckey, jewelry, stuffed animals, a picture of a elephant, pinch on earrings and John Pierre's little brother Hagan to be right again and every one to be safe!!!!!!.

> Love, Cora Leigh

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! How are you doing? I want an iPad and a bear too. Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me. I want a dog, I want new shoes, and a new car for my Mom and a new couch for my Mom. I want pajamas and shoes for my

> Love, MacKenzie

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! I hope you are coming on Christmas Eve. and on Christmas, I hope you eat all the cookies in people's homes! What I want for Christmas is dolls, stuff animals, doll houses, new bed, new bleak egg, new desk. I hope you give me that stuff!

Love, Chloe

James

Dear Santa, Are you jolly? I want to see your reindeer. I want toys but not that much. I don't want to be greedy. I will see you at the mall. Love,

Dear Santa,

Hi, My name is Samantha. I love you Santa! I wish I can see you but I can't. I wish I can see your reindeers and

Wyatt Mrs. Claus and your elfs and the work shop. So these are the things that I want, a real nachimais and Barbles and a house for Barbies.

Love, Samantha

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Annemarie. How are you? I am good! I want Beados, Mighty Craft Story Mode and a kitchen set, please! P.S. I hope you

can get all that stuff.

Love, Annemarie

Second Grade Mrs. Mostad's class

Dear Santa, How are you doing? My name is Woody. I will like a football helmet and I will like football pants and shoulder pads and a Dallas cowboy shirt.

Woody

Der Santa, Hi Santa! How are you doing. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you are making presents for all the good kids around. My name is Summer and am in second grade. I would to get cook-

Summer

Love,

Dear Santa, Are Mrs. Claus cookies good? Can I have new shoes, a new chain. I want to get my Mom a car. Love,

Katara

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? How are the reindeer this year? How is Mrs. Claus. I want a 2K17 WWE game, a phone and a computer because you can play games on a phone and computer and Xbox too. And I'm getting my sister a phone, a computer and tab-

let. Have a good Christmas Santa Claus.

Love, Colton

Dear Santa, Hi! How is Rudolph? I would like to see him. Santa can you tell Dasher and Blit I said hi! Can you get me a PS3 and pet lizard.

Love, Layne

Dear Santa. Hi! How are you? Are Mrs. Claus cookies good? This year I've been good. I want a descendants collections and chap stick and a necklace. I will make cookies for your and for Mrs. Claus too. I hope you have a great trip home Santa. Thank you.

Aracel Jacinda Costa

Dear Santa,

Hi. My name is Vivian and how are you and how is Mrs. Claus cookies good. Can you bring me some please. Ok now I want for Christmas is a big doll house that comes with Barbies and that comes with some stuff. Please and thank you!

Love, Vivian Smith

Dear Santa Claus, How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a Barbie house and also new shoes, new clothes, make-up, a purse and some jewelry.

> Love. Kymari

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you and the reindeer! My name is Nolan and I would like the Madden NFL 17 and receiving gloves. My brother wants a PS4 with games and I want Call of Duty Ghost and a Xbox 5, and a football helmet and cleats and a teddy bear. I hope you have safe trip.

Nolan

Love,

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Xander. Is Mrs. Claus good? Are her cookies good? I want a computer, I want 10000 and dog and a tover.

Love, Xander

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! How are the reindeer. How is Rudolph. How is Mrs. Claus and her cookies and hot chocolate? How are the elves and I think I've been good this year. Can you get Kindol please. I also want a Xbox one with Minecraft so I can get all the updates. I hope you can find your way.

> Love, Joshua

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? My name is Ariah. I think I have been good this year. Can my brother have an iPad for Christmas. Can I have a silicone doll. Stay safe on your trip here.

> Love, Ariah

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer? I hope they are doing good. For Christmas I would like some jewelry please.

> Love, Stacie

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Are Mrs. Claus cookies good. How is Rudolph. I have a Christmas tree. I would like Xbox 3S. I would like my mommy to have a beautiful ring. Have a safe trip home.

Love. Alex

Dear Santa, I would like you to give me four Minecraft toys please. How are Rudolph and the reindeer doing?

> Love, Rylan

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing. My name is Jazzy. I think I've been good. I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you are safe. May I have magic track and tape white board and stapler and paint things, the Thundermen collection of books.

> Love, Giselle

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you. I would like a mine craft drone I would fly. Love,

Zane

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? How are your reindeer this year. For Christmas I would like a phone for Christmas because when ever I'm lost I can call my Dad. I would also like a Nintendo with games because I would have something else to play on then my android. Have a good trip. Love,

Nehemiah Alvarado

Dear Santa, How are you? Has Rudolph been helping you! Last Christmas one reindeer made a white mark on the sidewalk. My name is Marley Cook and for Christmas I would like a Nintendo DS and a science kit.

> Love, Marley

