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Because it's Christmas!

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka is a small town, but at Christmas the generosity of this little community is big and bright, and one of the reasons it still has a place in the hearts of those who may have moved on to other locations. They come back to visit family at Christmas, and get a glimpse of why this place is so special.

Because of an idea.

Where else would you find a man who had an idea and followed his dream to build a train that turned out to be so expensive to build that, when asked for a price to build a similar one for others, he is unable to come up with a price ... and yet he shares this train with the community for a wonderful Polar Express event that delights the hearts of children and adults alike.

Why would Leighton Knox at Wildcat Manufacturing build such a train? Because he can. Where else would you find the County Judge moving traffic cones and barricades in the chilly night for several hours, so that the Polar Express could safely navigate and park to board passengers? Why would Judge Mike Braddock volunteer his services? Because he cares.

Where would you find a man that would make 36 dozen cookies for a community event like the Polar Express, open up his business as a "train depot" and then cheerfully say that the Chamber of Commerce (who sponsored the event) probably wouldn't get a bill for his services? Why would Al Garrett at Tahoka Donuts do that? Because he loves his community.

Where else would you find three teenage musicians willing to bring their brass instruments to play Christmas tunes outside the "train depot" to entertain those waiting to board the Polar Express? Why would Jordan Fowler, Chris Earnest, and Urban Garcia volunteer their talents? And why would Bill Fuller strum his guitar and Janel Earnest play her accordion to offer some unique Christmas songs? Because they are generous.

Where else would the local police force gladly offer their services to stop traffic and make sure the Polar Express train full of children passes safely across a highway intersection and down Main Street? Why would Tahoka Police Dept. do that? Because they care about the safety of our citizens.

Why would a group of volunteers spend their time cheerfully handing out train tickets and jingle bells, make hot chocolate and hot apple cider, bring props for fun Christmas pictures, and sponsor the Polar Express train event free of charge for their community? Because it's the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce ... because they love their community ... and because it's fun.



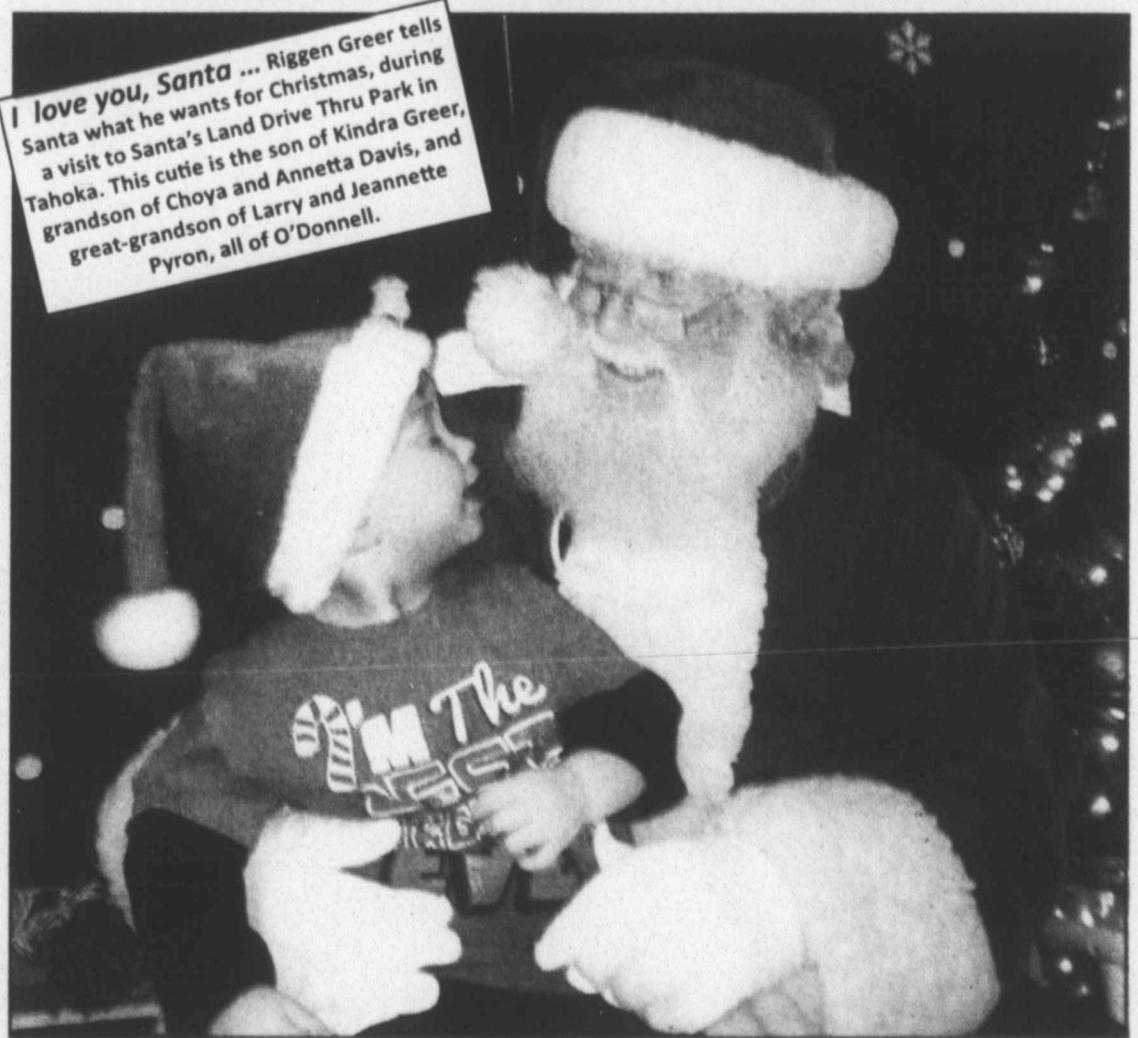
Let's go! All set and ready to ride the Polar Express Saturday night with engineer Leighton Knox were Jynli Woodley, Jaxson Anderson, Westin and Jadya Woodley. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



I got a bell! We don't know who this sweet little girl is, but she was delighted with her jingle bell, given to children on the Polar Express train ride held Saturday in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



Tahoka's Polar Express - WTS&O Blue Weed Special



I love you, Santa ... Rigen Greer tells Santa what he wants for Christmas, during a visit to Santa's Land Drive Thru Park in Tahoka. This cutie is the son of Kindra Greer, grandson of Choya and Annetta Davis, and great-grandson of Larry and Jeannette Pyron, all of O'Donnell.

Where else would you find a family who opens their own Santa's Land? ... because it's Christmas!

We've peeked in Santa's mailbox and he told us we could print all the Letters to Santa from area school children.

See inside this edition!

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The Lynn County News will be closed for the Christmas holidays through Dec. 26.

Open Monday, Dec. 29 with normal noon Tuesday deadline for our New Year's Day issue.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 16	53	28	
Dec 17	60	28	
Dec 18	61	35	
Dec 19	46	36	
Dec 20	50	35	
Dec 21	67	38	
Total Precip for Jan:		0.00"	
Total Precip for Feb:		0.48"	
Total Precip for Mar:		0.06"	
Total Precip for Apr:		0.03"	
Total Precip for May:		3.95"	
Total Precip for June:		3.74"	
Total Precip for July:		0.29"	
Total Precip for Aug:		0.89"	
Total Precip for Sept:		12.55"	
Total Precip for Oct:		0.17"	
Total Precip for Nov:		1.93"	
Total Precip for Dec:		0"	
Total Precip. for 2014:		24.71"	

Area churches set Christmas services

Christmas Eve services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson, First Baptist Church of Tahoka, and First Methodist Church of Tahoka, according to information provided by church leaders.

In Tahoka, both the Baptist and Methodist special candlelight services will be held in their respective sanctuaries starting at 6 p.m., and area families and their guests are invited to come in casual clothing as they celebrate Christmas with their families.

St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson will have two special Christmas services, including a Christmas Eve worship service, and a Christmas Day worship service.

The Christmas Eve service begins at 6 p.m. and will include "The Four Wise Men" puppet show.

"Joy to the World," a Christmas Day worship service, will begin at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Words of Inspiration:

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

-- LUKE 2:10-11



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All aboard!... This group is all aboard and ready to ride through the streets of Tahoka and see decorations around town on the Blue Weed Special. The Polar Express event was sponsored by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Dec. 20.

by Dalton **Woodwork**

Dalton Wood

AFTER ALL THESE Christmases I have observed over the years, I finally was curious enough last week to read up on the meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas, as I understood mainly as a sort of silly children's song, although I vaguely thought it was probably based on the Bible.

A writer for the Christian Resource Institute, Dennis Bratcher, says this "is probably the most misunderstood part of the church year among Christians who are not part of liturgical church traditions," adding that contrary to popular belief, these are not the 12 days before Christmas, but in most of the Western Church, are the 12 days from Christmas until the beginning of epiphany, or Jan. 6.

Bratcher says Jan. 6 is usually celebrated as the time the wise men (or Magi) arrived to present gifts to the young Jesus. He notes that in some cultures, Jan. 6 is observed as the day for giving gifts, and in some places, it is traditional to give Christmas gifts for each of the 12 days of Christmas. Surely that doesn't mean give gifts on every one of the 12 days—this could bankrupt a lot of families if the kids knew about that.

He goes on to talk about the song and what each gift on the 12 days means, according to some interpretations. For instance, the first day, the partridge in a pear tree, is Jesus, whose birthday is observed Dec. 25, and supposedly "in the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge that feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings..."

The second day's gifts, two turtledoves, are seen as the Old and New Testaments, and the third day's three French hens are seen as the three theological virtues, faith, hope and love.

He goes through all 12 days of the song, which may or may not mean all those things attributed to it. I have heard one goofy version of the song that claims that Christmas is for the birds.

Regardless of the 12 days, Christmas is a wonderful time of the year for those who understand the reason for the season.

OF COURSE, not everybody likes Christmas. If they did, we wouldn't have those good Christmas stories like the one about Scrooge being changed from a miser to a generous, caring person. For instance, in college I knew a young man named O.L. Davis Jr., who used to joke that he dreaded the Christmas season because everybody went around singing, "No, O.L."

Also the Scrooge on 6th St. says he plans to have Christmas dinner at a sports grill in Lubbock—"I'll just ask the bartender to fix me a humbugger."

THE MERRIEST of Christmases to all my friends and all others who just put up with me.

Traffic accidents, theft reported in past week

Two traffic accidents, a loss attributed to identity theft and a case of assault/family violence were among incidents investigated by officers in the county

during the last week.

A one-vehicle rollover on U.S. 87 at FM 1317 Sunday sent one person to the hospital for treatment. No further details

were available on the accident investigated by a DPS trooper from Terry County.

The other accident was a minor collision last Thursday on Country Club Lane near Lynnwood Assisted Living Center. No injuries were listed after a 2014 Ford pickup driven by Katherine Griffing Welch, 55, of Dalhart and a 2003 Ford Mustang driven by Sarah Emilee Freitag, 20, of Tahoka, collided.

Police were advised last Friday that a Tahoka man had five unauthorized transactions made to his bank account, a report designated as credit card abuse.

Police arrested a 29-year-old Tahoka man last week for an alleged assault on a 24-year-old woman. He was charged with assault/family violence. Police also arrested a 36-year-old Tahoka man Sunday on a warrant for parole violation.

Sheriff's officers were called to the scenes of several fires during the last week, four of them involving cotton, and one grass fire last Thursday three miles south of Tahoka on the east side of U.S. 87.

Obituaries

Rhoda Elise Blakney

Rhoda Elise Blakney, 55, of Lubbock, formerly of New Home, died on Dec. 14, 2014 at UMC. She was born on Jan. 1, 1959. She is survived by her twin sister, Lorna; daughter, Jessica Villarreal; son, Anthony Villarreal, all of Lubbock; and two grandchildren.

There will be a private memorial service for immediate family members.

Virginia Griffing

Services for Virginia Griffing, 85, of Tahoka were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 22, 2014 at First United Methodist Church with interment at Nevels Memorial Cemetery. She passed away on Friday, December 19, 2014.

She was born January 6, 1929 in Eden, to Vernon and Alla V. (Powell) Jones. She married Carl Griffing on March 9, 1950 in Tahoka. Virginia worked as an elementary school teacher for over 30 years until her retirement. She served on the Lynn County Hospital District Board and taught Downtown bible study and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband of fifty one years, Carl on August 3, 2001 and her parents.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Bill Griffing; daughters, Susan Teague and Kathy Welch; sisters, Mary Ann Cowan and Linda Hook; five grandchildren, Casey Griffing, Luke Teague, Joe Teague, Sarah Griffing and Jenny Baker and three great-grandchildren, Sunny Teague, Mason Griffing and Susanna Teague.

Family suggest memorials be made to your favorite charity. (PAID)

DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated. **LCHD EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, Tx**

Senior Citizen's Menu

December 29- January 2

- Monday:** Fish on a bun, potato wedges, coleslaw, peach chianti
- Tuesday:** Oven fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail
- Wednesday:** Baked chicken & dumplings, salad, winter fruit cup
- Thursday:** Closed
- Friday:** Hot dog on a bun, baked potato, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin

Mark your calendars...
• Check out our Facebook page ... Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center
• Timeless Treasures Cookbooks for \$12 at the Center, Lynn County News, Huffaker Law Office and The City-County Library.

ALWAYS A KID AT HEART!

Happy Birthday on Dec. 24th

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Harvest Festival Donation ... Susan Tipton (left) and Tim Pledger (right) present two \$500 donations from the Lynn County Harvest Festival, one to Mandi Duncan for the Christmas For Kids program, and one to Retha Pittman and Amy Preston for the Senior Santa program. Both programs are sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club.

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Item Drive... Tahoka High School FCCLA had a great success with the Item Drive they sponsored for the Lynn County Victim Assistance Program. They collected 29 blankets, 16 coats and, one pillow. Thank you to all who took part and supported this great cause. From left are Lacy Goodell, Kara Larpenter, Gabriella Alvarez, Victim Assistance Coordinator Lena Cloe, Elida Ramirez, Roman Barrientez, Elvia Aguilar, and Breanna Littrell.

Tahoka ISD Board approves new district vision plan: "W.I.N. 2025"

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a new district vision and new district goals in their Dec. 18 meeting. The district's new vision is "W.I.N. 2025: A vision of service and hope for our district, inspired by our stakeholders - We serve. Students win!"

What is W.I.N. 2025? Superintendent Dr. George McFarland explained:

"Inspired by TISD community leaders, community members, business owners, parents, students, teachers, administrators, and TISD school board members, W.I.N. 2025 is a bold outlook which impacts every aspect of Tahoka ISD, from instruction and technology to facilities and operations by addressing our four C's- Community, Character, Civic Involvement, and Continuous Improvement," Dr. Mc-

Farland said.

"Although marked by date as a ten year plan, W.I.N. 2025 is a visionary, continuous improvement plan which is evaluated and adjusted every school year. W.I.N. 2025 contains the district's vision, values, and goals, 3 of the 4 foundational pieces to a successful organization. Those pieces are interconnected to the 4th piece, the district's mission, which identifies our district's purpose. It is our belief that TISD schools were built for one purpose - for learning to occur. Based on that belief, the identification of our mission was simple - 'We serve the needs of our students so that they may be successful in learning.' The vision, values, and goals, identified in the W.I.N. 2025 document are all aimed at ensuring that our mission of student success gets accomplished," he added.

In other business, a public hearing was held at 5:30 to present the district's 2013-14 Texas Academic and Performance Report (TAPR). The Board approved the TAPR as presented, and approved teacher/principal evaluation tools, and policy updates.

Teachers and students recognized from each campus for their good work this year included: Elementary - Teacher Dana Taylor and student Micaela Urbina; Middle School - Teacher Kelly Kieth and student Aaron Olivian; and High School - Teacher Marietta Decker and student Dillon Trevino.

The board publicly announced the number of continuing education hours each board member had accumulated for the calendar year of 2014. The board approved the hours as presented. Jim Bingham -16.75; Cathy Box-16; Scott Dimak - 21.75; Brenda Dotson- 22; Michael Duncan- 18.75; Scottie Oilvan- 26.5; Matt Woodley- 18. New board members are required to have 17 hours their first year, other board members are required to have 8. All board members met their requirement.

Board President Dr. Cathy Box led the meeting, with all trustees present. The next board meeting was set for January 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Tahoka Band students qualify for ATSSB

On Saturday, December 13, at Idalou High School, in competition against students from 4A-1A bands, all four Tahoka 3-D Bandsmen competing for the ATSSB Honor Band qualified. They are, from left, Jordan Fowler (2nd chair) on alto sax, Chris Earnest (1st chair) on bass trombone, Yancy Draper on trumpet (her second year to qualify), and Mercedes Perez on clarinet. The Honor Band will perform on Saturday, January 24, at the Lubbock Civic Center.

In addition, three qualified for Area, which means they again will compete on January 10th at Idalou for the opportunity to be a member of the ATSSB All-State Bands. Those are Jordan Fowler, Yancy Draper (her second year to qualify), and Chris Earnest. At Area only 1 will advance to State on alto sax and bass trombone. Three trumpets will advance to State.

"These students had to prepare 8 scales and two challenging etudes to compete," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "Needless to say, we are extremely proud of all four of these young people, especially since they were competing against 4A band students."

The Honor Band will perform on Saturday, January 24, at the Lubbock Civic Center.



All winners ... In competition against students from 4A-1A bands, all four Tahoka 3-D Bandsmen competing for the ATSSB Honor Band qualified. They are, from left, Jordan Fowler (2nd chair) on alto sax, Chris Earnest (1st chair) on bass trombone, Yancy Draper on trumpet (her second year to qualify), and Mercedes Perez on clarinet. The Honor Band will perform on Saturday, January 24, at the Lubbock Civic Center.

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Letters to Santa from O'Donnell



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I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like an Ariel Barbie and I would also like a Doc McStuffins toy and clothes. Thank you! Love, Caylee Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Doc McStuffins toy and clothes. I would also like a princess Barbie. Thank you! Love, Cambry Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like mincraft stuff, a bird, new pretty pencil with a dolphin on it, make-up and jewelry, and books. Love, Chloe Miranda

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie Dreamhouse, Gigi genie and shadow genie, and an Ever After book with a key and staff. Love, Zaydee Fayth Barrientos

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie pink car, trampoline, a puppy, dress up clothes and princess dresses with a new crown. Love, Kyndall Halfmann

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like toys and clothes from the movie Frozen. Cow-girl boots. Love, Lillian Norris

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a gold fish, trampoline, saddle, drawing table, books, shoes, clothes, lipstick, Barbie, jewelry and a baby. Love, Paizlee Holliday

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Zoomer dog robot, a dress, Barbie, a toy unicorn and a cross necklace. Love, Kynadie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Doc McStuffins get better talking mobile cart and a tablet. Love, Myleigh Morado

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a tent, a new shirt with pants. I also want brand new panties. I really want a lip gloss set. The last thing I want is a new brush. Love, Jaylen Eaker

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a big Barbie race car, a life-size doll, and more games for my leapfrog. Love, Payton L'Nae Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a superman toy. - Benjamin Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a back hole and a lot of games. Helicopter with a remote control and a ball. Love, Aaron Peters

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like Legos, Ninja Turtle playset, Spiderman playset and a power ranger suit along with the mask. Love, Teg Gleghorn

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a helicopter, a TV, and a dump truck. I will share my milk with you. Love, Mason Clark

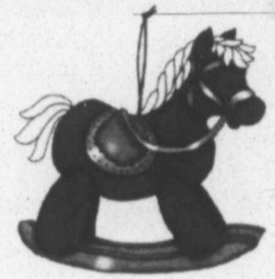
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a real puppy, new Ninja Turtle van and TMNT stuff, new Michelangelo, and old Leonardo. Thank you for my little grill and bike. Love, Sammy Saen

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a hide-away pet. A Ninja turtle strickin and legos for me and Gavin. Love, Landon Bishop

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a skate-board, the flash truck, and motorcycle. Love, Jayden Moses Costa

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a new bike, race car, cop car, and skateboard. Love, Tristen Arthur

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like some candy, a puppy, and a big dinosaur. I want Hello Kitty toys. I will be nice. Love, Maddalyn Nelson



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Letters to Santa

from O'Donnell



O'Donnell Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want you to buy me a phone, a Tablet, and I would like some Transformer toys. Love, Kiden Vela

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want you to bring me Bratzilla Doll, a stocking full of candy, new shoes, a puzzle, and some Pink Lipstick like Ms. Dempsey's. Love, Marissa Perez

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex; I want a pet cat, some new toys, a pet iguana to play with my cat that is all. Thank You, Alex Wiebie

Dear Santa,
I want a toy airplane, a toy jet, a train set and some tracks. I also want some flowers for my mom because she likes flowers. Jorge

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB gun, an iPhone, a Bow and Arrow, And some new shoes to play Basketball like Robert and Carlos. Thank You, Cameron Renteria

Dear Santa,
I'd like a real live baby doll, a white, black and brown Barbie horse So I can share with my sisters. Love, Crystal Peters

Dear Santa,
I want a toy with a slide and cars, even I want a Giant Elephant, Some ABC letters, even I want an apple tree and that's it. Your Friend, Gabriel Gutierrez

From our readers - VINTAGE HOLIDAY PHOTOS



Three little jailbirds? ... These cute little boys in their striped Christmas pajamas look a little bit like jailbirds in a black and white photo, although the pj's were probably red and white striped. Joe Craig (center) of Tahoka has a brother on each side, Al (left), and Bob (right), in this photo taken around 1961 at their home a few miles west of Post. Their parents are Robert and Patsy Craig.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie House, Barbie dolls, and I want new boots for Christmas And anything pretty. Love, Briley Cox

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, some makeup, coloring books and crayons, I also want a BIG Diamond Ring for my mom. Love, Ariel Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a train, a fire rescue truck toy, helicopter toys that's green, and a train station.. Oh and lots of airplanes and a new game. Thank You Santa! From, Max Tamez

Dear Santa,
I love you! Please bring me Elsa toy doll. I Also want a toy for my brother. It needs to be little because he is a baby. I would a Anna toy doll too. Thank you Santa! Love, Reyna Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bmx Bike, a toy train, shoes, and more toys. I have been a little good. Love, Shaun Grayson

Dear Santa,
For I want a barbie, a truck and toy horse. For my mom bring her a picture and for my dad bring him a mustang to drive on the road and for Aishah a cross and for Sada a cheetah outfit. I also want a computer, a barbie house and leap frog with lots of games. Santa I have been a good girl. Love Brook Lara

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, a mario game, a stuffed animal toy and a sharpner because I don't have one. Can you bring my dad some money and my grandma some money. Love Jordan Bergara

Dear Santa,
I want a Ninja turtle and a little christmas tree. Thank you for my presents. Dear Santa I love you. Love John Manuel Pedroza

Dear Santa,
I want one present that I can have and play with. Can you bring me a toy gun that is all I want. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love Matthew Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
Can you come see me in ? For Christmas I want to get presents. I want roller skes, a baby doll, a barbie doll. Can you get my mom a chocolate cake and for my dad a note. I also want a stroller and a play pen. Love Delaney Velasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a stroller and a baby, a puppy that acts like a real puppy. Can you also get me some paper and crayons and a charm bracelet, a computer, a picture frame. For my mom can you get her a chocolate cake and for my dad a letter. Can you also get me a butterfly with a cage and I want school supplies so I can play school and a toy elf. Thats all I want. Love Reece Redwine

Dear Santa,
I want the new skylander tag team on a tablet and I want a new Ipad. I also a Wi to connect to the tablet and I need the tools to fix it. Love Lincoln Graham

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a backhoe and that's all...I tried to be good. I will leave you milk and green cookies on the table. Love Benny Peters

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs.Claus and the reindeers. This year for Christmas I would like a scooter and Sleeping Beauty the movie. Can you bring my momma a jacket and some gloves. Can you bring my daddy some boots and a hat. For my sister could you bring her a necklace, a scooter and a bike. Love Siria Reyes

Dear Santa,
I love you. My name is Willie and I'm special to my momma and my papi. This year can you bring me a spider-man web. Thank you for the present, I hope to see you and the reindeers. Love Willie Luera

Dear Santa,
This year I was good, I'm never bad. For Christmas can you please bring me a doll house, a horse for the barbie to ride on and a girl barbie. I'd also like a Hello Kitty, a mickey mouse doll, a dog for my barbie and that's all. I will leave you some milk and cookies on top of the table. Love Lola Vasquez

Dear Santa,
How is Mr. Claus doing? This year I would like a car, truck, Iron Man and a black Bat Man with black wings and feet. Santa please bring me a blue boy puppy for me to play with. I will leave you Elf cookies and Chocolate milk for you a snack. Love Devin Tobar

Dear Santa,
I like when you bring present's. May I have stuffed animal? May I please have a scooter? May I please have a Bike. Love, Micah lowe

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Dear Santa,
I want a lot of toys at my house and clothes and shoes. I really would like to have a computer, a phone. Please and thank you, Love maria garcia.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Wishing you peace and good fortune this holiday season. Thank you for your valued business.

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

Merry Christmas

We value our relationship with our customers and look forward to working with you in the year to come. We wish you a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

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Dear Santa
I love you I wish for a puppy for Christmas are the elves busy I am wondering when my elf is going to be here how is Mrs.Claus doing? I loved lasted years Christmas it was awesome and fantastic merry Christmas. love Mia childress

Dear Santa
How are you? How are the elves and reindeers? Is Mrs. Claus baking cookies? I would like an Elsa costume. I would like art stuf. I would like butey sion stuf . I would jam berry nails I would like esay bake. I would a Barbie movie cleshen. I would puppy toys and lesh and coler,Isabella doll,book,ballet clos,sew stuf,i love you, Lizzie Cook

Dear Santa
Can I have a ipod touch? Can I have a skodr? Can I have a coloring book? Can I have a baby doll? Can I have a sun kos? Can I have a baby bunked? Can I have a new erasers? Love Alyssa Mederano

Dear Santa
Please can I have a dirt bike, a remote Control tracker, a gun, a jeep. please bring My dad a niff. Thank you. Love brian batchelor

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O'Donnell Second Grade

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Dear Santa
What I want for Crismes is a cross neck-less. And a nirma bell bow-an-ero please. and new boots. And red flow-ers for my gremos grave. And a little puppy I want a black one. And new close. I bet you are very busy to. And a new car for my mom and dad. And a make-up set. I hope you have a great Crismes and the elvs to. And the very last thing is new irings.
Brenna Renteria

Dear Santa
How are you doing the wether her is crazy is it cold in the north pole I would like cars and a toy helicopter and more cars and a ps4 Ps4 games and two romets end a dsi. Brise young

Dear Santa
How are you doing? I em doing well. I want a movie of ghost rider and a bike and a xboxone whith these games call of duty gots. And pink jorden shous. And a tablet a dragen. I want cloths toys. Eric guierrez

Dear Santa
How are your rain drear. Please give me a elsa figer. Barbie house.anna figer. And can you give Jacob own cards, a Nerf gun. And a sky rime. Can you give peter cards gust cards. And can you give Tina a stuff rain dear. Eva Nickel

Dear Santa
How are you doing Im doing fine good im happy for you so happy. How is Mrs. Close doing is she doing fine to good. I helped my sister and my mom and my dad and he so happy for me. And I like wen he so for me. And I have presinte for my mom and dad. And they liked it and im glad that they like it . Faith Rosales

Dear Santa
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Gavin Bishop

Dear Santa
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Dear Santa
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Jaqueline Renteria

Dear Santa
I want a reimot controltr truck and a playstahin4 for Crismus I hope I Git alot ut the for crismus and I oso wont klos to . Jeriah Rodriguez

Dear Santa
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Love, Karrigan James.

Dear Santa
how are you doing? If you need help send a letter to me. I was wonder- ing if I can have three thing for Christmas? What I want is a Ds 1 with a Monster racing game. And all the shoppkins with the list. But I want is a the power of ice.I know it sond's cazy with the ice power's. Butt trust me I can handle the power for the rest of my days. I love you . and merry Christmas Santa Clause. my heart is alive and im six year's old. is it true is your secret name Scott Claus but does it stand for Santa Claus well is itr true and I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year I will see you next Christmas. keep your reindeer safe and warm. Kody Rodgers

Dear Santa
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Madyson Hall

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Dear Santa
How are you doing ? and how are the elfs? Doing I go to ODonnell elementary school I liv in ODonnell I only want 5 thing is want halo4 and lego batman3 and batman2 and bat- man and call of duty epic war fair and a xbox360 and a throwing nife and a sord . Maryques pesina

Dear SANTA
How are your elf's doing? I am doing great! I go to school and i liv in O'donnell. Just asking how is Rudolf and the other raindeer's doing. I am 8 years old how old are you my brothers Sam and Zeke are 9 and 5.What time will you get to my house. Am-I on the good list I hope I am. Would you please bring me a my life doll that has a bed some shoes and the one whit the purple dress and a puppy with close. I can't wait for Christmas.
Marysa Saenz

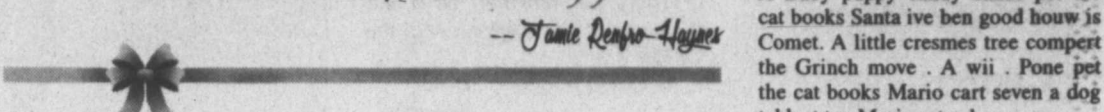
Dear Santa
Please bring me a car that's black and with a moter stiking out of the hood and the car is a hotwell car with a track. I want a remote conchrole jeep I want the jeep to have a rateyo on it and neon lights and speakers that are red and with water and lights
Nikoli Benitez

Dear Santa
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Noah garza

Dear Santa Claus
I beleaven you I drew a picture for you do you like it ? How are you doing? HO ho ho I'm doing great me to Santa Claus my cousin Jaliegh dowing ok She's doing ok. What I want a Monster high dream house With all of room's and every single monster high doll and I also want my very own phone. And I am 7 years old and brother NOAH is 4 years old and he is in Headstart. Victoria Garcia

Remembering Christmas

The peppermint!
When I was growing up amongst all the homemade goodies was always this huge peppermint stick and if you wanted any you had to take a knife and chop some off! I can see my daddy and all my uncles giving it that one good whack at least once during the holidays! It's funny the little memories that makes your heart smile!
-- Jamie Renfro-Haynes



Dear Santa
How are you I'm going to set cook- ies on the table for you and how is Ms.claus and are the elf's working hard. but I'm 7 years old how old are you I want grimlock with prime and a take-apart venom and a smashing spider-man. And a webslinging spider-man and a take-apart hulk and hotwheels and a mostertruk. A flatball and a toy pete the cat and a toy skipy-jonjons and a new tv and mip. And a new xbox 360 game it's the lego move and I want a toy chanesaw. And a toy trater and a kindowfire and a big bon- sty ball. Robert Sepeda

Dear Santa
How are you doing. For Christmas I want a cute puppy and a puppy bed and a puppy colr. And next I want eight Hawie. And elbow pad and a knee pad and a helmet. Next I want a pink and black and lime green and white and terkquos skate bord.
Selah Mendieta

Dear santa,
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Dear Santa
I want a playstation4 or a 2ds. And a blue hover ball. I hope you make it to every house in every country. Are you okay? Are the Randeer okay to fly the slay? Did you have a good Sumer? Do you like Oreo's and milk?
Roman Castro

No waiting... We're ready to gin your cotton today! Quality Cotton... from Field to Sale... We make it Easy! AVERAGES: Average Bale Weight - 502, Average Seed Weight - 611, Average Turnout (all harvest methods) - 34.02. PRICES: Ginning - \$2.45, Bagging & Ties - \$12.00, Seed - \$180.00, Classing - \$2.15. FARMER'S COOP ASSOCIATION OF O'DONNELL. 806-428-3215 Office, 806-759-6201 Cell, GLENN IVINS, General Manager

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Greetings. In the true Christmas spirit, we join everyone in prayers for lasting peace. Gratefully, we thank everyone for the trust and confidence that has been extended to us. THE LYNN COUNTY OFFICIALS: Carter T. Schildknecht, Amy Schuknecht, Keith Wied, Mike Braddock, Nancy Guilliams, John Hawthorne, Donna Willis, E.L. Follis, Jr., Don Blair, Susan Tipton, Bill Schoemann, Danny Martin, Sandra Laws, Rebekah Filley, Wendy Scott, Michael Munk, Jerry D. Franklin

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 TOTAL PRECIPITATION IN 2014:
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Christmas TV/Movie Trivia

What is the name of the rabbit in the magic hat in Frosty the Snowman?
 A. Hocus Pocus!

What was the little girl's name in Frosty the Snowman?
 A. Karen

In Frosty the Snowman, what was the name of the magician with the "Magic Hat"?
 A. Professor Hinkle

What was "the most likely" reason that The Grinch hated Christmas?
 A. His heart was two sizes too small

In the Christmas Classic, It's A Wonderful Life, what happened every time a bell rang?
 A. An Angel Got His Wings

What movie is this line heard: "What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."
 A. How The Grinch Stole Christmas

From which Christmas movie is this line: "It's a one year membership to the Jelly of the Month Club."
 A. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

What movie has this phrase: "You'll shoot your eye out kid!"
 A. A Christmas Story

From which Christmas movie is this line: "Bless this highly nutritious microwavable macaroni and cheese dinner and the people who sold it on sale. Amen."
 A. Home Alone

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT
 (reported 12-22-14)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union ...	83,026
New Home Coop, Lakeview	41,840
Wells Coop Gin	23,511
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	19,003
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	17,722
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	15,140
Garilyn Coop Gin	11,113
TOTAL BALES	211,355



Go Carlos! ... Carlos Moralez (4) goes up for a basket for the Tahoka Bulldogs recently, as they hosted Olton. The game was tied at 42-42 to go into overtime, and the Dogs came back to win 53-45. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Remembering Christmas
 The Christmas Skater!

“One of my favorite memories was when I was in about the third grade. I oh so wanted a pair of roller skates. One Saturday morning before Christmas while checking out the packages under the tree I was sure I had discovered a box the right size. (My mother never put her hands on the packages as we were very "naughty" and peeked too often.) Anyways I just knew this package was my skates. Alas, a day later the package was gone. Sigh... Mommy said it was a gift for one of my cousins. I figured I wasn't getting them because I had been mischievous and peeked. To my great surprise on Christmas morning there with my stocking from Santa was my beautiful white skates with purple laces. Now being raised in the mountains of Nevada you can imagine the snow. I think we had 2 or 3 feet that morning. My Dad was so wonderful to pull the car out of the garage and I spent the whole day skating around in a very small circle but very happy!”

-- Julia Allen



A job well done ... FNB President-Elect Worth Whitworth (left) and Fred Hegi, (right) Chairman of the Board of Directors, presented outgoing President John Krey with a plaque of appreciation for his 32 years of service to First National Bank of Tahoka.



In appreciation ... On Friday, Dec. 19, Charles T. Louder (center) retired from the Board of Directors of First National Bank of Tahoka. He was presented a plaque of appreciation for his 34 years of service as a director, by FNB President Worth Whitworth (left) and Fred Hegi, (right) Chairman of the Board.



Christmas tunes ... Jordan Fowler, Chris Earnest and Urban Garcia performed several Christmas songs for the crowd at Saturday's Polar Express event, sponsored by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce. Many visitors from the surrounding area came out to ride the train through the city of Tahoka.

From which Christmas movie is this line: "We're your worst nightmare... Elves with attitude."
 A. The Santa Clause

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

JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF LYNN

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 4th day of December, 2014, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 4th day of December, 2014, seized, levied upon, and will on the 6th day of January, 2015, at the Lynn County Courthouse, 1501 So. 1st, Tahoka, Texas, at 2:00 p.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Lynn County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V___/P___) or document number of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	05-08-02347	Lynn County Appraisal District v Ida E. Bosque	Lot 12, Block 115, Original Townsite to the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 354, Page 656 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #6962000001
2	05-08-02347	Lynn County Appraisal District v Ida E. Bosque	Lot 7, Block 49, Original Townsite to the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 336, Page 534 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #6963000001
3	04-08-02303	Lynn County Appraisal District v Thad M. Whitehead et al	Lot 10, Block 19, North Tahoka Addition to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 283, Page 872, Deed Records), Account #12214000001
5	11-03-02553	Lynn County Appraisal District v Dora De Anda et al	All of Lot 9, and the West 1/2 of Lot 10, Block 79, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 186, Page 220 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #3417000001
6	11-11-02561	Lynn County Appraisal District v Curtis Stice	Lots 1,2,3 & 4, Block 116, Original Townsite of the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 368, Page 823 of the Official Public Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #10854000001
7	12-02-02585	Lynn County Appraisal District v Isidro Zepeda	The East 72' of Lots 3 & 4, Block 85, Original Townsite of the City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 333, Page 170), Account #12863000001
8	12-12-02615	Lynn County Appraisal District v Charline Flores	the North 90' of Lot 5, Block 51, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka, with/manufactured home, Label #RAD1337401, Serial #SN228845, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 320, Page 445, Official Public Records), Account #30071000001
9	13-02-02625	Lynn County Appraisal District v Michael Graves et al	2.80 acres, more or less, out of the GT & RR Co. Survey #145, out of Abstract 279, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 319, Page 856, Deed Records), Account #8281000001
10	13-05-02628	Lynn County Appraisal District v Tahoka Radio, LLC	RADIO EQUIP JU 8/23/05 @ TITAN TOWER TX0177 SITE FM 212 S OF US 84/THEN W/CR 1 SU#04-11-02305 11/03/04, Account #14897000001
11	13-05-02632	Lynn County Appraisal District v Jesse Guzman et al	Lots 7 and 8, Block 165, Original Townsite of the Town of Wilson, SAVE & EXCEPT vol. 125, Page 623 and Vol. 168, Page 610, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 1357, Page 762, Official Public Records), Account #1304000001
12	13-05-02632	Lynn County Appraisal District v Jesse Guzman et al	Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 62, Original Townsite of the Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 325, Page 291, Deed Records), Account #6534000001
13	13-05-02639	Lynn County Appraisal District v Tom Castillon et al	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 78, Shook Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 105, Page 397, Deed Records), Account #2568000001
14	13-08-02641	Lynn County Appraisal District v Lupe Carrasco	All of Lots 3 & 4, Block 3, Minton Addition, City of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas and a manufactured home, Serial #KBTXSN521223, Label #TEX0315460, 14' x 76', Lynn County, Texas (Volume 375, Page 757, Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #5258000001
15	13-10-02645	Lynn County Appraisal District v Raul Quinana et al	3 acres, more or less, Block M, Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, EL & RR Survey #190, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 361, Page 762, Deed Records), Account #2379000001
16	13-10-02646	Lynn County Appraisal District v Danny Bautista et al	All of Lots 9 and 10, Block 62, Original Townsite to the City of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas (Volume 395, Page 909, Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #14188000001
18	13-10-02649	Lynn County Appraisal District v Belinda Flores et al	Lots 1 and 2, Block 20, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 371, Page 244, Official Public Records), Account #3359000001
19	14-03-02658	Lynn County Appraisal District v Cayetano Calzoncit, Jr.	Lot 4, Block 47, Original Townsite of the Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 392, Page 731, Official Public Records), Account #9889000001
21	14-04-02668	Lynn County Appraisal District v Jose Delgado et al	Lots 1 thru 5, Block 79, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 364, Page 474, Official Public Records, Lynn County, Texas), Account #2034000001

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

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Love, Lane

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Love, Coop

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Thank you.
Love, J.T.

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Letters from Santa's mailbox

We've peeked in Santa's mailbox and he told us we could print all the letters to Santa from area school children. Enjoy!

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Letters to Santa from New Home



New Home Pre-K Mrs. Baeza

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you bring me some mice, a white dog, and a Black Spiderman costume for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Laney

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a toy elf named Buddy, a basketball, and a Barbie for Christmas. Thank you. Khloe

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a play gun, Ninja Turtle, and a ball for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Jesus

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a puppy, little white bunny, and a unicorn for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Breklyn

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a fast race car, a race track, and a new basketball for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Jaxtyn

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a horse, a new rocking horse, and some puzzles for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Presley

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a toy gun, electric scooter, and my very own workshop for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Colton

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me an Iron Man, Hulk, and Spiderman action figure for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Reed

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a Hello Kitty watch, a Hello Kitty clock, and a pair of new shoes for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Kambry

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a PlayStation 4, remote control car, and a remote control boat for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a monster truck, a train track, and a tractor with a trailer for Christmas. Thank you. Love, J.T.

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a new horse, a race car, and a dump truck for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Kylan

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a guitar, Razor Scooter, and a robot for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Kace

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a Nerf Gun, a car, and some blocks for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Rylan

New Home Pre-K Mrs. Bundy

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a music box and stuffed animal dog for Christmas. Love, Lettie

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a Sleeping Beauty Barbie, a toy cat, and a water can for my flowers for Christmas. Love, Isabella

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a Batman robot with remote control, a bouncer with balls, and a Batman movie for Christmas. Love, Maverick

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a Ninja Turtle toy, a Kindle, and a Transformers toy for Christmas. Love, Domenic

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me an Elsa doll, a race car, and a piggy bank for Christmas. Love, Harper

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a new cowboy rope, a big cowboy hat, and Duck Dynasty stuff for Christmas. Love, Sterling

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a Karaoke machine, a bunny suit, and a Barbie Dream House for Christmas. Love, Lynlee

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me Heatwave a Transformer, a trailer to hold cars, and the new Transformers movie for Christmas. Love, Owen

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a new Barbie house, a toy dog, and a new scooter for Christmas. Love, Ara Bella



Breakfast with Santa ... These children arrived at the Life Enrichment Center one morning for a special breakfast with Santa Claus, in the Tahoka Elementary PTO Breakfast with Santa event held earlier this month. "The Tahoka Elementary PTO is especially grateful to Santa for donating his time to this event!" said sponsors.

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a Barbie, a small Christmas tree, and a real dog for Christmas. Love, Molly

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a Green Lantern toy, a Ninja Turtle toy, and a Batman play set for Christmas. Love, Kutter

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me an Elsa phone, an Elsa doll, and a Christmas book for Christmas. Love, Kayla

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a baseball glove, ball, and bat for Christmas. Love, Atruro

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a tiara crown, a Nerf for Bell, and a Sleeping Beauty blanket for Christmas. Love, Jaira

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me a Ninja Turtle mask, a Ninja Turtle building, and a Ninja Turtle car for Christmas. Love, George

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Will you please bring me Dry Erase Markers, Demenchies, and a pot to paint for Christmas. Love, Wesley

Dear Santa,

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New Home Kindergarten Mrs. Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a unicorn strecins and big hidway pets. I like cats to. Thank you. Love, Jess Eicke

Dear Santa,

I want a book and sum kandy kans and toys. Thank you! Love, Cody Williams

Dear Santa,

I want a pupe and a robot dog. Thank you. Love, Ana Vargas

Dear Santa,

I want a roomr dino. And I wot anuthr swiching go dino to. Thank you. Love, Brogan Bell

Dear Santa,

I want a laptop and a Ipod. I want a cumputr. Thank you. Love, Lacy Carroll

Dear Santa,

I want a brbey and a mostr hly dol. I want a dog to. I love you. Love, Delilah Karsten

Dear Santa,

I want a new stuf antuml and a new barbey and a stuf dog. See you latr. Love, Remi Donald

Dear Santa,

I want a robot and brbey dol. I want a stuf dol to. Thank you. Love, Allie Dutton

Dear Santa,

I want a tint and a Ana doll and a mrmad that can swim in the wotr. Thank you! Love, Kennedy Lorton

Dear Santa,

I want a disny infinibey for the Wii. And Legos! Be carfl! Love, Mason Scott

Dear Santa,

I want a mrraad that can swim in the tub, and I want a stuf andml Santa. And a barbee! Thank you! Love, Rylan Stone

Dear Santa,

I want a pet raddeer and I wut a kros neklis. And a tuk with a net. Thank you! Love, Bryce Gill

Dear Santa,

I want a shuting star toy. I want a big flote far sumr to. I love you! Love, Jayton Burrow

Dear Santa,

I want a glow up pillow. I want a frozen pillow. I want a vnilla sugar cookie. I want the bag uv bodey spray. I will giv you cookies. Love, Kynlie Schilling

Dear Santa,

I want a weii u. I want mreoo crt 8. I want scilandrs. Thanks. Love, Maddox Rasco

Dear Santa,

I want a boomrang. I want a robot to. I will git cookies. Love, Tate Anderson

Dear Santa,

I want a Mareo three de game. I want Skilandrs tateem. Thank you! Love, Weston Lisemby

Dear Santa,

I want Jre a nu bik. Ao so a tv. Luv, Kirbi

Dear Sotu

I want a mobriz skobr and a mobriz drt bik. Luv, Garrison

Dear Sata

I wot a bik and a hrs and a volebol net and a bua Kacr and a mosrih dol luv, Peyton

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I want presns and a tree Love, Jacob

Der Santu's

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I wat to shop fr a mini ipad and a Doru fon. luv, Kaylee

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Remembering Christmas

"I'm not sure how long Fuzzy has been our "Santa", but I remember being about 10 years old at my Grandma Peggy and Boompa's (the late Bobby and Peggy Jolly), and he paid us a visit on Christmas Eve, we believed! Now, 20+ years later I get to share the same Santa and his wonderful Santa Land home with my babies. Thank you Chancy family for blessing multiple generations with Christmas magic!"

—Mandi Lea-Jeana Duncan

Letters to Santa from New Home



Mrs. Johnston ... (continued)

Dear Santa
All I want for Christmas is a Barbie, puppy, and a dora with a phone.
Love, Maria

Dear Santa
I want a big Elsa Doll and a wdrblast specr and a little Dot and it is little.
Love, Locklynn

Dear Santu
I wot a gold gun that shots rocs.
luv, Hayden

Dear Santu
I want an xbox and a paw patrol set
luv, Miles

New Home 1st Grade Mrs. McCann

Dear Santa,
I want a stufft Rudoph. A long dress. And a frozen set. And a dolphn tell set and a sooperbook of all kindes. And a skoobydoo set. And a set of how wrld And a little mrmad set, Love you.
Signed, Emily Koonce

Dear Santa,
I want a toy horse and a lego set and a play clock and a toy elf.
Signed, Kwade Stewart

Dear Santa,
I want a real life parrot for Christmas and don't forgit the stuffed reindeer.
Signed Rayna Epley

Dear Santa,
Have a good Christmas Santa. What I want a Diamond a Emrold a peac of gold a dirt bike a Elf on the shelf.
Signed, Greyson Snell

Dear Santa,
I won't a reile football helmet for Christmas and some knee pads. Thank you for all the toys you give me every Christmas.
Signed, Greyson Beck

Dear Santa,
I would like a fake toy car. And a real puppy. I love you Santa.
Signed, Kirklyn Fulton

Dear Santa,
I whant to have a fake car and a bike and a Doc McStuffin play set.
Signed, Giada Portales

Dear Santa,
I want like a Ninjago lego set and a ipad and a stuffed animal called Bullseye and a big tractor.
Signed, Cristian Roberts

Dear Santa,
I want a wubble bubble I want a buss light year I want a StrechNija turtles. I love Santa.
Signed, Lorenzo

Dear Santa,
I wood lik a B-bgun anda pistol and a fake 4 wheer and a stuff spiderman and a stuff hulk and a new basketball and a toy clock and a football helmet and a fake car.
Signed, Matthew Vitolas

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a doll. I want a teber.
Signed, Claryssah Escobedo

Dear Santa,
I want a stuff toy, a tran, and a pone, a car, a drum, a ball and I want a doll.
Signed, Veronica Baca

Dear Santa,
I want a knee pad and I want a toy gun and a remote control helicopter. I want a spider man set.
Signed, Adriel Gomez



We've been good... Teghan and Zoey Gonzales, daughters of Louis and Abigail Gonzales, of Tahoka, stopped by Santa's Land in Tahoka to visit Santa.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you bring me a puppy and spider man set. And football set. And a buld a bear workshop bear.
Signed, Casten S.

Dear Santa,
How is your day Santa? Can I have a set of blocks and a ball and gloc in the dark pladoc and a lego set and the line temple set of legos and crocodile swomp lego set
Signed, Zack Armes

Dear Santa,
I want a diamond and a napkin to clean it and make it shiny. I hope you are having a merry Christmas. Make it a real diamond.
Signed, McKenzie Baker

Dear Santa,
I would like a 22 gun a motorcycle, a pistol, a pupy, a Spider man soot.
Signed, Haden Brumley

Dear Santa,
Hi. Christmas I would like a bike with no training wheels and a stuffed animal kitten name Rose and 2 boy dolls for my doll house.
Signed, Kelby Burk

New Home 1st Grade Mrs. Smithson

Dear Santa,
I want a real bunny. I would like a rocking horse. I want a Indian costume. I would like a spider man girl costume.
Signed, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
I want a zoomer dog. I would like a Ipod mini. Please bring me a puppy. I want a power wheeler. Ipod touch, I want a talking dog, a cuputer and I want a dirt bike.
Signed, Gavin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big siz Elsa doll. I want a unicorn. I would like a selboat. I want a tedde bare. Please bring me a trumpet.
Signed, Hannah

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car. I would like a bigo box of build of Legos. Pleas bring me an Xbox 360. I want a new Ipad. I would like a race car toy. Please bring me a race care video game.
Signed, Zack

Dear Santa,
I want a Traxxas sun of a diggr. I would like under aramer close. please bring me a small pencil. I want a moste jam game.
Signed, Ryder

Dear Santa,
I want a mini ipad with a case please. A toy Rudolph, American girl doll cloths. Thank you so much. Have a good Christmas. Love you.
Love Keatyn Smith

Dear Santa,
Is Rudlf rel? Please can I have a zoomer dog. I would like a irad that is paned like a soccer ball. I like Clauses.
Signed, Reed Multer

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a turquoise new tablet.
Signed, Kade Lorton

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy car and a horse. I want a stuffed bear. I also want a football. I would llike a transforme toy too.
Signed, Ivan

Dear Santa,
Can you ples give me a angel doll? I also wasn't a unicorn doll.
Signed, Hadleigh

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike with a motor. I would like a Ipad. I want a futball. I want a stuff bear.
Signed, Martin

Dear Santa,
I would like a jeep to drive. Also I want a big Elsa doll. Please bring me a real bunny. And I would also like a costume Elsa.
Signed, Cassandra

Dear Santa,
I want Barby camper that comes with charms. I want a braslit a nekclis a ring that all have a J. Pleas bring me a talking monkey. I would like a stuff bear. I want a barby that has wigs. Bloom Stela and floru. Mis Claus I love you. How is Rudolf. And one more a robot dog.
Signed, Jady D'Lyn Sallaska

Dear Santa,
I wood like a Halo bat, costume, sum Halo gise, sum red and yellow Halo gise and a Halo soord. I want a football. I want a shuvl.
Signed, Kail

Dear Santa,
I would like a NBA goal. I want a lego chema. Please bring me a xbox and the 2015 NBA game. I want the 2014 xbox I game. Have a happy Christmas.
Signed, Jaxon

Dear Santa,
I want a necklace. I would like a real pupy. I would like a Indian dool. Please bring me a big Ellse.
Signed, Kelby

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real horse to ride. I want a big Eles doll. I would like a big box of jewelry and so, so, so, much so shiney rings and so menny nexlis.
Signed, Addy

New Home 2nd Grade Crystal Zant

Dear Santa,
What I really want is a Breyer horse trailer, two please, and four Breyer horses. P.S. More stuff for Angel.
Love, Macy Reed

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a horse, some legos, and Barbie and her sisters in a Pony Tale Story. I would like a kitten.
Love, Lynlee Stone

Dear Santa,
Is everything alright? For Christmas, I want an Elf on the Shelf, Barbie and the Secret Door movie. Also, new shoes and Junie B. Jones books.
Love, Abby Quillin

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Can I have a real mini white huskey, a castle bunk bed, a jeep, all the dog's from Santa Buddy's (stuffed), a dog you can walk, and a pink and blue teddy bear. Hope Mrs. Claus is ok.
Love, Cambrey Bundy

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am going to leave you some cookies and milk. And I will leave some carrots for the reindeer. I would like a chocolate lab baby puppy, Alvin and the Chimpunks Shipwrecked movie, McKenna doll and the Elsa Glow in the dark gown. Have a safe trip!
Love, McKinley Clem

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a basketball video game, a football, helmet and football pads, books, and legos.
Love, Graham Stanford

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a dog printed chair, Kanani the American Girl Doll, two new bikinis, a Dog Breeds of the World poster, a new ipod with a dog cover on it. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Kambly Shilling

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? For Christmas this year, I want a hot wheel air hog, helicopter and Call of Duty ghost video game.
Love, Brady Heaton

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I want an airplane and a jet pack. I would like a nerf gun, 7 inch submarine, and new Nike shoes.
Love, Nathan Escobedo

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? For Christmas I would like a new box of colors, a new star for my tree, and new lights, too. I went to the mountain house this year. I will read BAD KITTY books.
Love, Abi Arnold

Dear Santa,
How are you? Did your Summer go well? I would love you to bring me a baby puppy, razor, new clothes, and something called make your own frame kit. I might need some new shoes. I will leave some cookies and milk by the fireplace for you and some food for the reindeer on the front lawn.
Love, Makenna Johnson

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Wishing you the
peace of the
season ...



... and our appreciation for your friendship and goodwill during the past year.

Our entire staff wishes you a most
Happy Holiday Season.

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

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MAY ALL THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE
BE YOURS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

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Steve Deaton, Regional Community Manager

Letters to Santa

from New Home



2nd Grade: Zant (continued)

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? When will my elf come out? I want a Wii U, a wrestle set, and a Minecraft set. Thank you.
Love, Conley Mounce

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I want a hamster and ez roller, books about hamsters, and I'd really love you to bring me a hide a way pet.
Love, Braylee Bell

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Do you and Mrs. Claus have any babies? Yes or No? For Christmas, Can I have an exploder, How to train your dragon 2, and Transformers Age of Extinction? Please.
Love, Van Underwood

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I want a really fast RC car. I need a brother. I'll wear warm clothes. I'll read Christmas books. And I'd really love you to bring me ankidrive and xbox 360.
Love, Brant Rogers

Dear Santa,
Did you have a good Summer? I want a new cat. I need lipstick. I'll wear blue jeans and I'll read the Magic TreeHouse. I'd really love you to bring me a baby doll and a dog.
Love, Presley Earwood

Dear Santa,
I would like some legos please Santa. I would like some clothes and some shoes. I really want hot wheels with a race track, please.
Love, Greg Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I want a little white dog, Barbie clothes, boots, Junie B. Jones books and a holiday doll.
Love, Reagan Stokes

Dear Santa,
This is the best year of my life. I want a Big Barbie house, a hairband, a dress, and a Santa book.
Love, Savannah Correa

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Elves? I like to see Flash smile. I want a stuffed bear, a race car track, and anything else you want to bring. When is Ralph coming?
Love, Ty Dutton

Dear Santa,
I want a snake, sea horse, phone, rock band, helicopter, mixer, and calendar. I love you, Santa.
Love, Gavin Arnold

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a ring. I like Bad Kitty books. I really want gloves with cats on them. Can you send me a letter? Is Alex on the naughty list? One of your elves is in our classroom. Am I on the naughty list? I hope not, I really want a ring.
Love, Abby Vitolas

Dear Santa,
I hope you like your sleigh ride and your snack. I really want anything from American Girl doll. I am going to be thankful for anything you get me...books, makeup kit, a real laptop like Mom! Please get my Uncle David a new watch, and my brother a new lego set and Gamestop gift card. A pair of black Uggs for my mom, Ann and some turquoise Kendra Scott earrings! And Mrs. Zant a \$100 giftcard to anywhere.
Love, Sydney Snell

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, xbox, new clothes, new shoes, and a hockey game.
Aralyn Herrera

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? For Christmas, I want a lego table, a mom Barbie, a baby Barbie, and blanket. Do you have an elf named Chip? My brother and I love him.
Love, Kylee Hendrix

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a great year. Thank you for letting Sugar Plum come this year. I liked my bubble gum today. Sugar Plum was in the Christmas tree. I would like lego friends and for Jesus to have a good birthday.
Love, Milan Williams

From our readers ... VINTAGE HOLIDAY PHOTOS



Thank you for our gifts ... Little Diana Schwartz of Tahoka (formerly Smith, at the time), is pictured at right, with her brother Jesse and sister Connie, in 1966 at Christmas at their home in San Antonio. The children appear to be giving thanks for their Christmas gifts.



Lots of Joy ... Pam Elrod made these "Joy" decorations, selling them at her booth at the annual Christmas Craft Show held in Tahoka in early December at the Life Enrichment Center. These were made of fencing material, painted red and white - and they sold like crazy!
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
I want the Lego Movie toy.
Love, Tyler Reyes

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? Anyways, lets get started. I would really like a Skippy Jon Jones book, a heart shaped necklace that opens, and a red dress that has a red big poofy bow. What I really want is a white bear that is poofy soft, really big teddy bear, and a makeup box, and some clothes. I don't care what kind of clothes!! PS. I love you.
Love, Berkley Bass

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a BB gun, phone, and clothes.
Love, Coby Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I want the heatwave that is a long neck and stays in dinosaur mode, a nerf gun, remote control motorcycle. I'd really love you to bring me the big Optimus Prime that you push his head and he goes into Dinosaur mode. I also need some new mittens and a Texas Tech jacket
Love, Landyn Garza

Dear Santa,
How are you at the north pole? I really need basketball shoes. I really want a street hawk, an Xbox 360, Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Long Haul, a minecraft game on the computer, new phone, minecraft shirt, and a GREEN dirt bike.
Love, Baron Bass

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I want legos, ds games, basketball shoes, and I'd really love you to bring me red microchargers.
Love, Martin Baeza

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I hope you get enough money. My favorite thing I want is a kid's dune buggy. I also want a phone, aiki drive, and Skylanders troop team. I would like to go skiing for Christmas.
Love, Parker Lisemby

'Polar Express' Trivia

In the Polar Express movie, what is "The First Gift of Christmas?"
A. A bell from Santa's sleigh!

What word does the conductor punch into the ticket of "the young man with all the questions?" at the end of the night?
A. BELIEVE

What article of clothing was in the coffee pot of the mysterious hobo that lived on top of the train?
A. An old sock!

Remembering Christmas

My Grandpaw was Santa's helper!
My most memorable Christmas memory was discovering that my Grandpaw was close to Santa Claus.

Christmas was a very special time at our house when I was young. My sister and I didn't get many things during the year. It seemed as Mom and Dad waited and gave us everything we needed at Christmas time. We received gifts ranging from the clothes we would need that year to the toys we played and all of these items were given to us and opened on Christmas morning. Because of this tradition it made Christmas a very big deal. My Mom and Dad would always remind us of this special time of giving gifts as it represented the great gift GOD gave us. This particular Christmas I wanted a motorcycle really bad. All of my neighborhood friends had gotten motorcycles during the year, and I needed one also. I was 10 years old when I wrote Santa a letter asking for just one gift that year. I explained to Santa that I didn't need anything else, just a motorcycle.

Christmas Eve I was so excited, but more so this year as I anticipated Santa bringing me my motorcycle. I couldn't sleep as I pondered how Santa would get the motorcycle in our house. I knew that Mom and Dad locked the doors during the night and that Santa came down the chimney, but how could he get the motorcycle down the chimney? I finally determined that Santa would come down the chimney and unlock the door and push the bike into the house.

Just about the time I was falling asleep I heard a noise outside. As I got out of bed to investigate the noise I saw my Grandpaw through the bedroom window unloading a motorcycle from the back of his truck. Even though I was excited about my wish coming true I was more amazed that my Grandpaw was one of Santa's helpers.

I always loved and cherished my Grandpaw, but after that night knowing that he was one of Santa's real helpers I looked at him with amazement knowing that he was a very special man. *Stace Holland*

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

JOY TO THE WORLD
In the spirit of the season, may we wish you a blessed Christmas.
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Letters to Santa from Tahoka



Tahoka Pre-Kindergarten Mrs. Herrera

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a truck,
a tree and toys.
Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer Optimus
Prime and an Optimus Prime cos-
tume.
Love, Ayden

Dear Santa,
I would like a present. I want a
red frog, a crab with pinchers and
skipper the airplane. It's nice to see
you again.
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I want a car and toys. I want to
see you.
Love, Alexis

Dear Santa,
I want an Igloo, Elsa and Olaf. I
love you!
Love, Cecily

Dear Santa,
Can you please give me Legos
and a pet piggy? I will leave you milk
and cookies.
Love, Harper

Dear Santa,
I love you! Merry Christmas! I
want a phone and a doll for Christ-
mas!
Love, Isabella

Dear Santa,
I am going to be a good boy. I
want a phone, a snowman and a cor-
vette for me and my brother.
Love, Logan

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer named
Chase, another transformer name
Heatwave and Blaze. I want a mon-
ster truck.
Love, Jacob G.

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want Frozen. I miss
you! I want a house. I am going to
leave you some cookies.
Love, Evelyn

Dear Santa,
I want a big sprayer, a plow and
a real tractor. I love you Santa. I have
been a good boy.
Love, Braxton

Dear Santa,
I want a crazy car. I love you
Santa!
Love, Kendon

Dear Santa,
I want a phone and a toy for my
baby brother. I have been a good girl.
I listen to my mommy.
Love, Amiya

Dear Santa,
I want Elsa, a ninja turtle, a
house and an iPad. I love you!
Love, Millie Morales

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I want a snow-
man for Christmas and a toy bear.
Love, Annabelle Hayek

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want a big elephant.
I want a present for my dad. I will
leave you an apple on Christmas Eve.
Love, Noelia Segovia

Dear Santa,
I want a bumblebee transformer,
a crazy racecar and a race track. Mer-
ry Christmas! And a little toy mouse.
Love, David Rosales

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I have
been a good girl. I want a table.
Merry Christmas!
Love, Le'Strea

Tahoka Pre-K Mrs. Gill

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I
would like an Olaf doll, Sven, and
Elsa.
Love, Maribel Castaneda

Dear Santa,
I would love to go to the North
Pole. For Christmas I would like a
Ninja Turtle stretcher. Thank you.
Love, Salome Lopez

Dear Santa,
Is the Christmas spirit real? For
Christmas I would like a helicopter, a
skateboard, and a razor scooter.
Love, Remington Stone

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph being good and nice?
And are all the other reindeers be-
ing nice to Rudolph? For Christmas
I would like a remote airplane, a Spi-
derman toy that can go on a little mo-
torcycle. I hope you're doing good.
Love, Isaac Perez



Kissing Santa ... Santa receives a special kiss from his great-granddaughter, Hartley Rock. She is the daughter of Rhuston and Haleigh (Ross) Rock, and the granddaughter of Cathy Ross.

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas, I
would like some play-do, a Barbie,
and a play car. Thank you.
Love, Ashlynn Quintero

Dear Santa,
What is your address so I can
send you a card? How are you? For
Christmas, I would like play-do and a
cotton candy maker. Thank you.
Love, Leah Lam

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a
LaLa Loopsy Oven, a pony, and a
coat. And, I hope my mom gets a new
bed. Thank you.
Love, Mackenzie Green

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold up there?
For Christmas I would like a Spider-
man toy, a Transformer toy, and a toy
car. Thank you.
Love, Harley Quintero

Dear Santa,
Is it cold up there? For Christ-
mas I would like an Olaf doll that sings,
a Frozen singing pillow, and a radio.
Thank you.
Love, Amyah Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I
would like a red and black firefighter
watch, a real welding mask, and a big
dust saw. Thank you.
Love, Colt Terrell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a bat-
man, a Ninja Turtle, and a bumble.
Thank you.
Love, Damian Avalos

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a
Hello Kitty doll, an Elsa doll, and a
puppy. Thank you.
Love, Lovely Liendo

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer doing okay? For
Christmas I would like a bunk bed
for babies, a princess doll, and a light
for my dogs.
Love, Michael Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a Doll House for Christ-
mas from you. Do you like bananas?
Do you like drinking hot cocoa?
Merry Christmas!
Love, Averie McNeely

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a scooter, and a
Donatello ninja turtle with a helicop-
ter? I also want some Legos. Thank
you for what you bring me. Merry
Christmas!
Love, Reese Moore

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bumblebee
car for Christmas. My brother wants
an Iron Man. Please bring my dog a
bone. Please bring my mom a girl toy.
Merry Christmas!
Love, Grant Overstreet

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like jew-
elry with real sparkly diamonds. I
like those! I also would like to have a
baby doll and a teddy bear. That's all!
Are you a guardian? Merry Christ-
mas!
Love, Claire Reglin

Dear Santa,
I am excited for you to come. For
Christmas I would like some play-do,
a pencil, and a ranger four-wheeler.
Thank you.
Love, Mack Garza

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like it to
snow and a Santa lunchbox. Thank
you.
Love, Anthony Hernandez

Tahoka Kindergarten Mrs. Stice

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike.
Please also bring a bike for my sister,
little brother and a big bike for my
dad. I want some toys also. Have a
Merry Christmas!
Love, Max Castaneda

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a dog, a
bike, and blocks. Please bring my
mom a computer. Thank you for what
you bring me. Merry Christmas!
Love, Gabriel DeLeon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bumblebee
Transformer that changes into a car
and an Optimus Prime those changes
into a big truck that has a sword in-
side and a shield to protect it from the
dragon transformer. Also, bring me a
Dragon transformer. Please bring me
more transformers that help Bumble-
bee and Optimus Prime. I also want a
helicopter transformer. Have a Merry
Christmas!
Love, Dylin Duncan

Remembering Christmas

“ Joe I had built a new ranch-style home on the corner of 4th and Ave O. Tahoka High School STUCO asked us to participate in Christmas Open House fundraiser. We built a tumbleweed Christmas tree with red lights in the front yard. Then we realized hot lights might ignite tumbleweeds so only left lights on for short time. One evening lights were on but I thought I would wait until after a bath to turn them off. Just as I was ready to step into the bathtub (buck naked, of course), the fire whistle went off. I got dressed in record time and ran outside to find our tree shining brightly and the volunteer fireman on their way to a REAL fire! ”

-- Clo Hayek

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a toy? I want a
Batman and a Spiderman. I also want
a Green Lantern. Will you also buy
me an Optimus Prime transformer?
I also want a dinosaur transformer!
Thank you for what you bring me!
Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Gavin Gomez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an elf, a
little pink Christmas tree, an eraser
board with markers, and an Olaf
shirt. I also want a stuffed reindeer
animal. I like you Santa. Merry
Christmas!
Love, Elizabeth Granados

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me
a Woody doll, a Lightning McQueen
car, an elf, and blocks. I also want
some Pete the Cat books, and some
puzzles. Can my Dad and I go to the
North Pole? Merry Christmas!
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Love, Anthony Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. I want a pup-
py for Christmas. I like you Santa
Clause. I like hot coffee, do you like
it? Merry Christmas!
Love, Zayzalee Saldana

Dear Santa,
I like Spiderman. Can you please
bring me one? Please bring me Legos,
puzzles, and a Leap Pad. I like Leap
Pads! I also want some trains. I like
you Santa! Have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Isaiiah Solorzano

Dear Santa,
I want lots of Minion stuff for
Christmas. I also want a Minion
sleeping toy. I want some balloons
that you can make into puppies. I
want enough so I can make balloon
puppies for my class. Please tell
Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer hi!
Merry Christmas!
Love, Josh Watt

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I want a Minion sleeping toy. I want some balloons
that you can make into puppies. I
want enough so I can make balloon
puppies for my class. Please tell
Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer hi!
Merry Christmas!
Love, Josh Watt

Tahoka Kindergarten Mrs. Reglin's Class

Dear Santa,
I love you because I love Santa. I
hope you are happy. I want an iPhone
toy, a Go Go toy, and I want a Frozen
costume for next Halloween.
Love, Emorie

Dear Santa,
I like your clothes. Merry Christ-
mas! I want some pretend money, a
cage, and some clothes.
Love, Peyton

Dear Santa,
I love you. How are you doing?
I would like sand, a stuffed animal,
and playdough.
I can't wait to see you, Serenity

Dear Santa,
I like your elves. I want a toy elf,
and some dice, and a set of Lincoln
Logs for my home.
Love, Madison

Dear Santa,
I want a toy truck, a car - a blue
one, and a green dirt bike. Santa, I
like your sweater.
Love, Jeffrey

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Seasons Greetings

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Christmas

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Letters to Santa from Tahoka



Kindergarten - Reglin (continued)

Dear Santa,
I love you. I love you to give us presents. I want a big Barbie house with Barbies, and a Barbie car and pool.

Merry Christmas to you, Virginia

Dear Santa,
I want a doll with a blanket and a bottle, a baby monkey, and a computer.

Love, Braelyn

Dear Santa,
I like your suit because it's red. I want a Max Tow-Truck, a robot dog with a controller, and fighting robots.

Love, Xayden

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car, a sling shot with water balloons, and my own car that gets big. How are your elves?

Merry Christmas, Jacob

Dear Santa,
Could I have two girl dolls and a house? I want a LeapPad, too. How are the elves doing? Merry Christmas, Natalia

Love, Aubrey

Dear Santa,
I think your suit is nice. I want a toy zebra, a mermaid named Ariel, and a girl reindeer. I like Christmas.

Love, Cheslea

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? How are you? For Christmas, I want a real baby monkey, an iPhone, and a scooter.

Love, Marlee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing all of the presents. I want a car with a remote, a skateboard, and a scooter.

Love, Isaiah L.

Dear Santa,
I want a green car, blue car, red car, a fish and shirts.

Merry Christmas, Nathan

Tahoka Kindergarten Mrs. Hawthorne

Dear Santa,
I wish for a baby doll with some bottles and food. I would also like a toy mouse, and a little stroller for my baby doll.

Love, Gabby Martinez

Dear Santa,
I wish for a real dog, a BB gun and a real kitten. Thank you!

Love, Caleb Watt

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole, Santa? I would like some little ninjas, a new, ninja turtle and a yellow toy mouse. Have a good Christmas.

Love, Jaren Salazar

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Is he resting for Christmas? I wish for a bull riding helmet, bull riding gloves and a bull riding vest. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love, Brodie Case

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I hope you have rested for Christmas. I wish for a mind craft toy, Mario pajamas, and a play station 4. I will bake you cookies and have milk.

Love, Ryan Taylor

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa! I love you reindeer and Mrs. Claus. How are your reindeer doing? I wish for a vacuum cleaner, some art supplies and a real turtle. I hope you have a great trip.

Love, Klaira Gill

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? Is it cold there? I have been good this year. I wish for Jordan shoes, real pet snail, and a Jordan hat. I will have cookies ready for you.

Love, Darius Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I like your reindeer. I wish for teddy bear, doll house and dog house. I will bake cookies for you and I love you.

Love, Kaleili DeLeon

Dear Santa,
How are you, Santa? How are your reindeer? I would like a real turtle, a trampoline, and a ninja turtle coloring book. I love you!

Love, Hurley Liendo

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have a present for you, Santa. I love you! I would like a pet hamster, a frozen doll, and an American girl doll with glasses. Thank you!

Love, Alex Antu

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? I would like an Elsa doll, an Anna doll and a pet hamster.

Love, Sawyer May

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? Is Mrs. Claus doing okay? I have been a good boy this year. I want two ninja turtles, two football players and toy basketball players that come with a gym.

Love, Wesley Mills

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I have been a good girl this year. I would like Anna doll, a scooter and a bicycle. I will have cookies and milk ready for you.

Love, Ariel Castaneda

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How is the North Pole? I would like Dallas Cowboys football field, a scooter and a race car track with cars. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love, Daniel Perez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I want some black boots, a stuffed puppy and some mittens. I will bake some cookies for you.

Love, Cambrie Long

Tahoka First Grade Mrs. Pledger

Dear Santa,
How are you and how are your reindeer? I love Roodoff the red nose randyeer. Please give me pfishs. I want a dirt bike and I want a jersey, and I want kneepads. I want a helmet and shoulderpads.

Sincerely, Benny Arguello

Dear Santa,
Who is your favreit rein deer? I love you. Santa I want a dirt bike. Then I want a dog and a cat. Then I want a tremping. I want a football a baseball and a basketball and a electric scoder and a bull dog and a new xbox 360 game.

Sincerely, Boston Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Who is your favreit reindeer? I have been a good boy this year. Can I have a toy dirt bike, a electric skooter, a Texas Tech Lego Set, Texas Tech Stuff, a college football vido game, a College baseball video game, a basketball, a basketball hoop and a soccer ball, and a football. You are very nice to me. I love you. Christmas is my favreit holiday.

Sincerely, Samuel Kessler

Dear Santa,
How do you get in the house? Please bring toys. I want a Hot Wels tac and a telskop please. I want a mailbox and a mierskop. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ethan Calvillo

From our readers ... VINTAGE HOLIDAY PHOTOS



It was a very good year ... Children of Dan and Donna Stone of Tahoka are pictured here, in 1985, which apparently was a very good year for gifts! Davy (left) got a monster truck, D'Lynn (now Gill) is happy with her new doll and rocking chair, and Drew (right) hit the jackpot with a boom box for Christmas that year. (And they can't blame their parents for this photo, sent by an anonymous family member!)

Dear Santa,
How is your elves? I luv you. I had fun when we play snowballs. I want a Power Ranger, Frisbee, and spidermen.

Sincerely, Bradley Saldana

Dear Santa,
How do you get to my house? Please bring me a Xbox and a minecraft for the Xbox and a telescope and a Big pool. Thank you. I love you.

Sincerely, Amari Upshaw

Dear Santa,
Do you brush the raindrees teeth? Your elves are cute. I will give you a crismis present. We will give you five cooces. They will be very yummy. I wish I could sit in your lap. I will hide under my blanket. I do not want you to see me. I want a sled and a bike and a doll house and a toy cat.

Sincerely, Ellah Smith

Dear Santa,
How are the elves down? I can't wait until Chritmas. I love Chritmas. It is fun every Christmas. My famle goes to the farm to selubrat Chritmas. I want a remot control and I want spy gear.

Sincerely, Talan Dotson

Dear Santa,
Why do you have reindeers? Do you like reindeers? I like reindeers too. My sister wants puppies so the cat can chase them all day and my gramall wants a snoopy lite. I will give you cookies and milk at December. I love Christmas and I love your elves becuz they have pointy ears.

Sincerely, Dazzy Coronado

Dear Santa,
I want a new Batman game and legos. Please bring me Call of Dety and Minecraft update. I like your reindeer. Will it be snowing? Thank you.

Sincerely, Noah Resendez

Dear Santa,
I want a robot for Christmas and a soldier. Do you have a mustache? Thanks for the presents.

Sincerely, Damar Stiggers

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa. Please bring me a Frozen movie and song to dance. Mom wants a pretty ring. I want a bike and new tuba. Thank you. I love you Santa.

Sincerely, J'Vaehlyn Hernandez



artwork by Claire Reglin
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How do you get in our howse? When our howse is made of bricks? My Grama Mele-needs to get a howse. She does not have a howse. Please may I have a doll. My beruther wnts a car.

Sincerely, Kat Rosales

Tahoka First Grade Mrs. Wilson

Dear Santa,
When are you comen to my house? I want a bike, peret, elf, and a bebe gun. Play Stashen 4, turtle back pack, call of Duty 2, and Call of Duty 1.

Sincerely, Juan Olveda

Dear Santa,
What is your elfs name? Your Reindeers are nice. Please can I have stumpees. Please can I have a pupe. Please can I have a hulksmash. Please can I have a spiderman. Please can I have a Paw Patrol. Please can I have a elf on the shelf.

Sincerely, Marcos Bustamante

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. I want for you to bing presents. I want a watch and a munkey. I like your reindeer.

Sincerely, Aerianna Segovia

Dear Santa,
How do you come to my house? Where do you get the presents? I want to see you and the elf. I like your Beird. Please can you bring me a dog. Please can you Bring me a Barby Game. Please can you Bring me a I Pod. Please can you Bring me a I pad. When you caome to my house I will give you cooces.

Sincerely, Azelyn Saenz

Dear Santa,
How do you know me? Do you live in the North Pole? Do you have elves? Where do you come from? Please bring me four toys. Do you give the other children presents? Please bring me a new fone. Please bring a shirt and books and an easy bake oven. Thank you.

Sincerely, Kathryn Whitley

Dear Santa,
How do you make presents? I love your hat. My brother wants a x-box 1. I want boot heels. My mom wants a new purs. I want a play stash-en 4.

Sincerely, Torie Garcia

Dear Santa,
How do you deliver presents in one nite? I love you Santa. I have been good all your. Please can I have a puppy. Please can my brother have Mickey Mouse. Please can I have a Elsa and oluf doll. Please can my brother have Paw Patrol puppies.

Sincerely Thank You,
Gabriella Balderas

Dear Santa,
How do you mack toys? Where do you live? Where do your elfs live? How do your elfs make toys? I like your Beird. Santa can you get me a Michael Jackson game? Can you get me a halo game?

Sincerely, Hector Villegas

Tahoka 1st Grade Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the monster truck. I like your sleigh. I want a four weler. How do your reindeers fly?

Sincerely, Jeremiah Alonzo

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bicke that you got for me last year. Thank you Santa. I love you. Santa will you get a frozen doll and a electric Skotr and some frozen powrs?

Sincerely, Jady Woodley

Dear Santa,
I would like to know where you live? Can you bring me a kitchen set and bring me a doll set? I would like a stuffed dog and a new DS. Thanks for the stuff you gave me last year.

Sincerely, Leah Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want to know Where you live? I want a computer and a fone and a tablit please Santa.

Sincerely, Nazavia Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a football. I want a new bic. I want a rill pupu. I luv you.

Sincerely, Keagan Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want to know where you live. I want a modrsikle. I want a computer. I want fane.

Sincerely, Malaki Leija

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We Wish Holiday Cheer to our Customers ... and a Merry Christmas to all!

Crop Production Services
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Letters to Santa from Tahoka



Tahoka 2nd Grade
Ms. Colon

Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of ice skates. I would also like a white hat. I would like a bunny. I really want a real phone.

Love, Kayleigh

Dear Santa,
I can hear your speshel bell. I want a moped, barby in the dream house, Locke for play and a car me size.

Love, Zoey

Dear Santa,
I have bin very good. I want a x box 1. Then Santa will get me a wuov. Will you also get me and my bruther a playstation 4. Santa will you get me a rabbit too!

Love, Steven

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I well like you to get me tow Monster High Dolls. Well you to get me a big Barbie hose. I would also love a fake food for my pans. I also want makup.

Love, Zabrina

Dear Santa,
I am exsidd whin Christmas cam. I wood like to have a X box one and a hike jakit and be b gun.

Love, Lino

Dear Santa,
I love you so much. I can't wate for you to come. For Christmas I would like a brumer girl. On Christmas day I would like a very big crasle under my tree I would also like a chreplng bed. On Christmas I would like some summer close too.

Love, Ileigh

Dear Santa Clause,
I would like to ask you why do you say ho ho ho? This is what I want for Christmas. I would like a bike. I would love puppies. I also want best books to. I also want a horse.

Love, Alazaih

Dear Santa,
I am happy to be in Tahoka with everywone this year! I really want a dirt bike! I want a snake even if my mom spansk me if it bites her. I want a x box so I can get Netflix.

Love, Ezyah

Dear Santa,
I am so anxious for Christmas. I would like to have red glasses. I would also like to have a dog. I want a Turbo dismount. I would love an x box.

Love, Jazmie

Dear Santa,
I am so very exited for Christmas. I would love to have the Ninja Turtle Mickaglo so much. I would also like the Air Hog Rollercopter. I would like a Ninja Turtle bad guy named Tiger Claw also Air Hog lazer car.

Love, Denton

1st Grade - Perez (continued)

Dear Santa,
I like you because you have a big beard. I want a raccar and tablet and kindle fire.
Sincerely, Alex Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want an elecchric scooter for Christmas, I want a laptop, and a new dog, and I want a phone. Will it snow on Christmas? Santa Claus, your my friend.
Sincerely, Anaya DeLaCruz

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a bisecl, a tv, a bell, and legos.
Sincerely, Alan Martinez

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want to see you and to see roodof and the snowman. I want to bild a snoman. Here is my Crismis presents. A phon and a tablit, Halo 4 and a color maker.
Sincerely, Colton Sumners

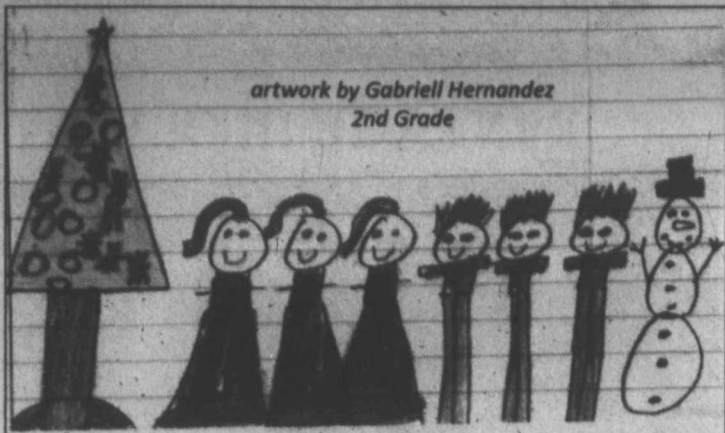
Dear Santa,
I like you. You are a nice person. You bring people presents! I am 6. How do your deers fly? Do you make toys? Do your elves make them? How old are you? I want a play Station 4. I want Madden 13, I want Madden 14. I want Madden 07.
Sincerely, Eric Gomez

Dear Santa,
I want girl boots and some cios, and some dolls. I want to have a pool. I want to have a boll. I want a yoyo. Santa I love you. I wish for Chrismis I can make a snoflack.
Sincerely, Brooklyn Saenz

Dear Santa,
I want a wresler and a new big bike with wheelles and a turkey. How old are you? Thank you for bringing that bike. I want to see you and the magic deers and roodoff.
Sincerely, Ryan Sosa

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. Is it snowing? It is cold. I want a electric scooter. I want a hellucoter. I want an x box. I want a TV.
Sincerely, Ethan Clark

Dear Santa,
I want a Movie theater. I want a smart Fone. I want a Scorpion action figure. I want 3 games, 2 mincraft. Thank that you are cool. I think that you are awsum. I think that you are great for children.
Sincerely, Mikey Duran



artwork by Gabriell Hernandez
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I am so exited when you come for Christmas. I would like an iPhone and I would love sum shorts. I want sum new shoes and I would love sum sherts!

Love, Ruben

Dear Santa,
I am excited for Christmas day. I want a set of Lego Chinna. I want 2 nerf guns. I would like a go cart. I would love a dirt bike.

Love, Cayden

Dear Santa,
I am so anyious for Christmas day. I would also love a little cat. I want to see you. I would like to camp in my room.

Love, Marissa

Dear Santa,
I now your fafrit coler red wight and blak yor fafrit cookie is choklit chip with milk. I want mor of those poles carst the wans from wamart.

From, Carson

Dear Santa,
Why do you were wite and red evry year? For Christmas I would like a makeup set. Also all Monster Hight Dolls. I want a rain bow nill pollesh I want 3D candy nills.

Love, Frances

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas I want a PS 4 with 3 games like football, basketball and soccer a orange nerf football and gun and extra bullits 4 movies.

Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa,
I have been wondering why do you like red and white so much? I want a crabja shank Air Hogs vetron wave, and assasins creed unit for Christmas.

Love, Briar

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause? I would like to have a trampoline for in my room. I would rilly like a casel in my room too. I would riley riley like a big toy mutser truck.

Love, Baylie

Dere Santa,
I want a labtop. I want it to be small one. I want a flag lik the one in my classroom.

Love, Gabby

Dear Santa,
I am so exited for Christmas! I would like xbox live. Also a long skate. Mabe a wii. Please give me a Ntendo 3ds. p.s. It's also my birthday!

Love, Issac

Tahoka 2nd Grade
Mrs. Dimak

Dear Santa,
This holiday makes me happy! I want a polo hat. I want a Xbox one. I want a blue sock monkey. I want some Jordans. I want more cloths.

Love, Pablo

Dear Santa,
I rilly rilly like your red caut. I would love a \$100 bill. I would like a huge clubhouse. I want a pet fish and I would like some toys to!

Love, Kassius

Dear Santa,
You are nice and thank you for all the presnts. I want a puppy and a robot. I also want a horse and gots.

Love, Jo'Brian

Dear Santa,
I love your slay it is so cool. I would love it if I got black or brown Minatoca boots. I want a giny pig and I would love it if could bring me an I pad touch and a kindle fire.

Love, Kendra

Dear Santa,
I am very anyious for Christmas. I wood love to have some books. I just want Christmas to happen again. I want Santa doll, a camera, a easy Bake Oven.

Love, LeZariah

Dear Santa,
I love the presents that you give me. May I have a phone and whith that an ipad. I want a bike and I rely want my lovely family.

Love, Lillianna

Dear Santa,
You are so nice for the presents you give us. I want a puppy, dancing Santa, dancing elvs and dancing rain-deers.

Love, Kylee

Dear Santa,
I think your reindeer are really cool! I would like some bullriding gear and some sperry's. I would really like an iPod for Christmas too.

Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I love you becuse evey yer you cose her to giv us prsnt. I'd love a new challenger for my mom and a new chevy and ford for my dad Felx. I want a xbox.

Love, Vicente

Dear Santa,
I cant wat for yoo to come. Santa I wont bran new heels and oso wagen, n e pig and oso a ifon.

Love, Amber

Dear Santa,
You are very nice and you are abusultly asome! I would love Sofia the first Family with a castle. I would love a pretty dress for Christmas so I can wear it to church.

Love, Michaela

Dear Santa,
how do you get throw the snow in one night. I want a fotboll for Christmas. I want some new basketball shoes also I want a texas tech fotboll.

Love, Jasiah

Dear Santa,
I love your sleigh and your reindeer. I would lilke a 2DS plesse I would love to have a tv with some moves with it. I rilly want buttery popcorn I want an elfe on the shelf too.

Love, Jordan

Dear Santa,
You are absautly, positivly, nice! I want a pig of corse! I would also like a Twilight Sparkle Casel and a full stocking, a Zoomer and two Zup-pies.

Love, Adysan

Dear Santa,
I am very glad for Christmas time. I would love a puppy and toys. Allso I wont a horse and a skate bord. Have a good flight.

Love, Addison

Dear Santa,
Santa you are the best because you give presents to people and I would like to have a puppy. I would like to have a new ipad and a new pare of shoes and I would like some close and I would like it pink and purple.

Love, Lilly

Dear Santa,
Your very nice! I love you! I wood like you to get me a tablet becuse my tablet broke and can you get me a pink one. I willy want is a Catalina it's a colorful bird. Also a horse pleas.

Love, Iris

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Remembering Christmas

The Christmas Story

When I was young, my grandparents (my Dad's mom and step-dad) would usually come to spend the holidays with our family. I remember my grandmother would always gather everyone around the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve and read the Christmas story from the Bible. Then we would often sing some Christmas carols. Still miss her doing that every year at this time. We were not allowed to open Christmas presents until Christmas morning, and my grandfather, who was a very early riser, would get everyone up at the crack of dawn to open gifts (the only day my brother and sister and I wanted to get up early). Then everyone would gather around the kitchen table for a huge Christmas breakfast.

-- Wendell Elliott

From our readers ... VINTAGE HOLIDAY PHOTOS



Ride 'em ... The children of Pug and Pam Paris, Brek (now Young) and Brent (the good guy with the really large white hat), got a new horse for Christmas 1986.



artwork by Briar
2nd Grade

May the warmth of Christmas abide in your home forever.

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Paris N' Bloom

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

-Luke 2:10

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

Letters to Santa from Tahoka



2nd Grade - Dimak (continued)

Dear Santa,
You make me very very happy! I would love it if you could get me a baby puppy, or a sew cool sewing machine. I would also love an iPad mine. Also I would love some art supplies.
Love, Madelynn

Dear Santa,
You are very nice. I would like it if you would get me a Zebra. I would like a puppy. I love kitties, would you mind getting me one? I also want a Gater.
Love, Kylie

Dear Santa,
I can't wait til you come. What I want for Christmas is a barby house and 5 barbes. I want a bird toy with a cage. I also want a coten came musheen and stuf animlas that are all the raindeer
Love, Yasmine

Dear Santa,
You are nise. I wold like a orgen duck helmeit and a laper gego. I wold also like a dog
Love, Bek

Tahoka 2nd Grade Mrs. Greenhill

Dear Santa,
I have almost ben good this year. I want all the drums and cymbals all connected. I want all the shopcens. I also want a Nintendo 3DS I want a high chir for Bethany.
Love, Raymie

Dear Santa,
I hope I get a lot of presents! I rilie hope I get a xbox I What I rilie want the most is a loos bolers. I also want a pistl. of last but lesst I want new xbox games.
Love, Colten

Dear Santa,
I want a talking parit. I want to have a soing mashing. Can I have a julloam maker? Wat I want the most is a hamster. How are you doing?
Love, Selah

Dear Santa,
I am very excited for Christmas to come. I would love to have legos and a X-box. I would also like to have a nerf gun and vidio games.
Love, Averi

Dear Santa,
How are your elfs? Can I have lots of toys? I want a Zoomer pink powers puppy and a baby tiger.
Love, Marlie

Dear Santa,
How have you and your elfs ben doing. I would like sweatpants, polo hat, motor scooter, and a Tech football helmet.
Love, Brogan

Dear Santa,
I have ben good allmoth. I want a RC forklift I want a RC tractor. I want a RC bot. I also want a RC snack
Love, Zach

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice this year. If I don't get a PsP, can you get me one and games fer it? My dad might get me a new fishing pole if he doesn't can you get me one? My mom said she might get me a iPhone if she doesn't can you get me one.
Love, Isaiah

Dear Santa,
I have been vere vere good this year. I was thanking if I could have a phone and a xbox. I would also like a dog and a bird.
Love, Luke

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a bird book and bulldog. I hoep we get to bild a snowman.
Love, Zoe

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is the weather? Are the raindeer? This year I want a kitty and a bunny. Maby a rat. Last but not least, I want a beuatiful dress that is purple with blue sparkles. I hope you have a great year!
Your friend and very good girl,
Graec

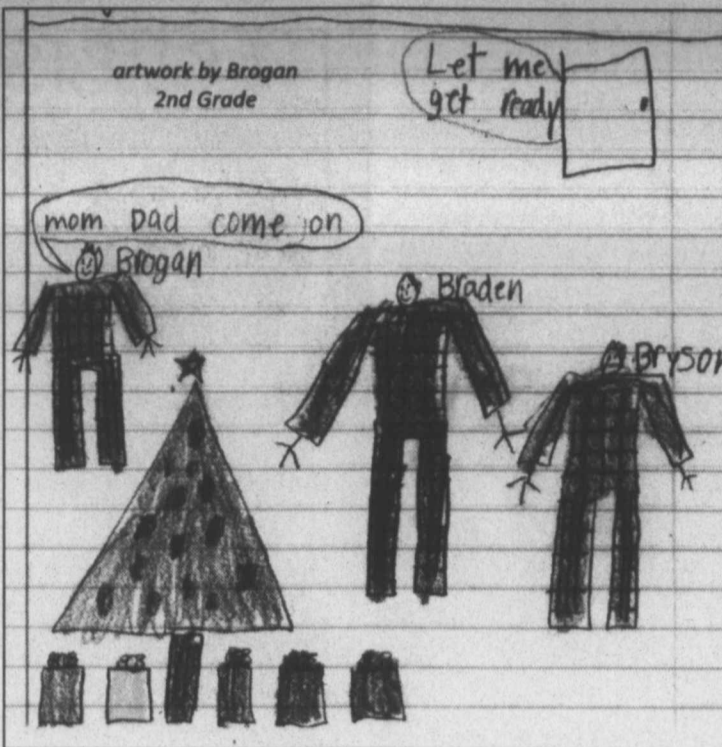
Dear Santa,
How are your elfs? I want walk e talkies for Christmas. I want a X Box I they are cool. I want high hills. I also want an Esey Baker. I hope you have a good day.
Love, Yasmine

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are happy. What I want is a gtar also the big Heroe 6 toys. I want a pet cat also a bike. Happy Christmas.
Love, Jon

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I've been waiting for you to come. I want a Xbox one and a toy monster truck. I also want a pekacho. I also want a remote cantroll chair. I'm glad we have Christmas every year.
Love, Noah

Dear Santa,
I've been verey good. I want a net dow ana bowarow. I also want Xbox 360. game for the Xbox 360.
Love, Zephan

Dear Santa,
I want a 4 wheeler and a real Mustang.
Love, Seth



Dear Santa,
How are your elfs? I want a X box 360, I want a bort birk, a tablot and a BB gun.
Love, Juan

Dear Santa,
Santa how are you elfs. I want a phone for Christmas. I want a purple zoomer. I also want a baby cheetah.
Love, Gabriell

Remembering Christmas

Family matters!
"The first Christmas after our house burned in '96 would have to be the most memorable. It wasn't the presents or the treats, but being able to come together with all of my family. The sound of Mama pattering in the kitchen, my daddy laughing at something my cousin said and watching the flickering of the lights while Ave Maria played on the TV. There wasn't a bow big enough for that gift."
-- Leocy Huddleston Dilkington

Remembering Christmas

The Christmas watch!
"Remember when they had merchants drawings on the square during the Christmas season? I won a \$25.00 watch from a jewelry store when I was a sophomore in high school (1958). I can't remember the name of the store. It wasn't Woods Jewelry. Great memories!"
-- Claudette Hogan Moore



No way! ... Colton Taylor (10) keeps the ball away from a couple of Olton players last Tuesday, in a game that the Bulldogs came back in overtime to win 53-45.
(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

From our readers ... VINTAGE HOLIDAY PHOTOS



Holiday Greetings

FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE

Looking fine in 1969 ... The Paris children, Danny, Pug and Kellie (now Craig) posed for the Paris family Christmas card in 1969. Parents are Leslie and Maxine Paris of Tahoka.



Double handful ... Meredith Holden has a double handful of twin boys, Brooks and Jackson, at the Christmas Craft Show in Tahoka. She and her husband Shannon Holden, formerly of Tahoka, live in Lubbock with their twips. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

We wish **JOY** to ALL!

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Donna Brooks, Arlinda Garcia & Melissa Pedraza

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-Luke 2:10
P.A.



Courthouse all decked out ... The Lynn County Courthouse is surrounded by glowing Christmas trees along with snowflakes on lightpoles at each corner.

Remembering Christmas

© Christmas Tree!

“The Courthouse Star: When my dad (Fred McGinty) was around, it was his “job” to put the star on the top of the courthouse! He loved doing that.

— Another Tahoka Christmas-time memory —
I was on the 2nd floor of our high school (I think in math class - Tracy Brown's) when someone noticed a large cedar tree being “moved” down the street in front of our building. A good excuse to disrupt class! Who would ever move a big tree from one place to another? It turned out to be my daddy! Frank Hill (I think) was getting rid of it and Fred Mc couldn't bear to see a good tree destroyed (they were rare things in Tahoka) so he said he would transplant it to his yard. No one believed it would live (and I think there was a bet about how long it would live). But live, it did, and every Christmas he would put lights on it. When he could do it no longer, I think Rusty Jennings helped him. Of course, every Christmas, I guess the “dare” was to steal (at least remove) a few of the bulbs. He would laugh about it and keep replacing them. (So do I have any of the guilty ones reading this?!) He caught a few of the “thieves” red handed one night when he slept in his Suburban and gave them a good (harmless) scare! I think my son, Vance, now has the big blue-light star that graced the top. This summer when I was in Tahoka, the tree was still standing (~60 years later!). I guess Fred Mc won that bet!

— Mariana McQuitty Long

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ENGLAND: Christmas in England is filled with many unique traditions and cheerful festivities that you won't find anywhere else. English families decorate their homes with holly and ivy and hang mistletoe in the doorway. Christmas Eve is a busy day for families and filled with gift wrapping, baking and reading children's Christmas stories together. While a Yule log burns in the fireplace, children write their wish lists to Father Christmas and throw them into the fire so that their wishes will come true. Carolers go from house to house, and they are rewarded with little pies and treats. On Christmas Day, English families enjoy a midday feast of turkey, stuffing, roast goose or roast beef sides, with Yorkshire pudding for dessert. Afterward, families gather to listen to the Queen of England deliver a Christmas message over the radio or television, followed by tea and Christmas cake.

MEXICO: Although Mexico celebrates Christmas on December 25 like the United States, their traditions come from Mexico's form of Roman Catholicism. A major Mexican Christmas tradition is Las Posadas, a nine-day celebration that symbolizes Mary and Joseph's search for a room at the inn where Jesus could be born. From Dec. 16 to 24, families will switch off hosting the Posada in their home, where a nativity scene is set up and neighborhood children and adults play the parts. Christmas carols, called villancicos are sung while children (and adults) take their turn hitting the pinata, followed by a Mexican feast. On Christmas Day, families attend church together and have a traditional Christmas dinner of oxtail soup with beans and hot chili, as well as roasted turkey and vegetables. Instead of receiving their gifts on Christmas Day, they get presents on Jan. 5, the eve of Twelfth Night.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Letters to Santa from Wilson



Wilson Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a bike for Christmas. I need shoes.
Love, Emmely

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a Thomas Train. I need shoes for Christmas. Love, RJ

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a Thomas Train. I need purse train for Christmas. Love, Ayden

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a dike bike. I need pants for Christmas. Love, Ruben

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a dog for Christmas. I need pants.
Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a soccer ball for Christmas.
Love, Andrew

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a toy tractor. I need shoes. Love, Paul

Wilson Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a monster High toy, a bicycle, a Frozen toy, and Legos. I like black and purple legos.
Love, Kaylee

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an Ipad, a game for my PS3, and a remote control toy. I have been good. Love, Julius

Dear Santa Claus,
I want candy, a big truck, a race car, a tractor. Say hi to Rudolph!
Love, Xavier

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Star Wars sword for me, JR, and Desiree. Bring something for my mom and dad.
Love, Levi

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Lego Batman 2. Love you Santa. Love, Jonathan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a tablet, a dinosaur, and Minecraft 3. I will set out milk and cookies. Love, Adam

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, Ariel, a sewing machine and a dog.
Love, Daisy

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Black Op2 game. Minecraft and toys.
Love, Alan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie, a tablet, a Frozen Barbie, and rings. I love you Santa.
Love, Nevaeh

Dear Santa Claus,
I want the Lego Minecraft box for building, a Ninja Turtle game for my 3DS, and a diamond sword. I believe I can get you cookies tonight.
Love, David

Dear Santa Claus,
Can you bring me a toy, a Minecraft game, Legos, and blocks? Merry Christmas! Love, Kevin

Wilson 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a basketball and I wot it to be white and black and blue and red. and will you bring guitar skateboard. Will you bring me a Ipod sponge bob toy a tablet and a ril phone. Love, Evan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 5 Barbies 5 beds and a Barbie House. I want a Barbie puppy to. I have been good. I want a scooter too. Love, Michelle

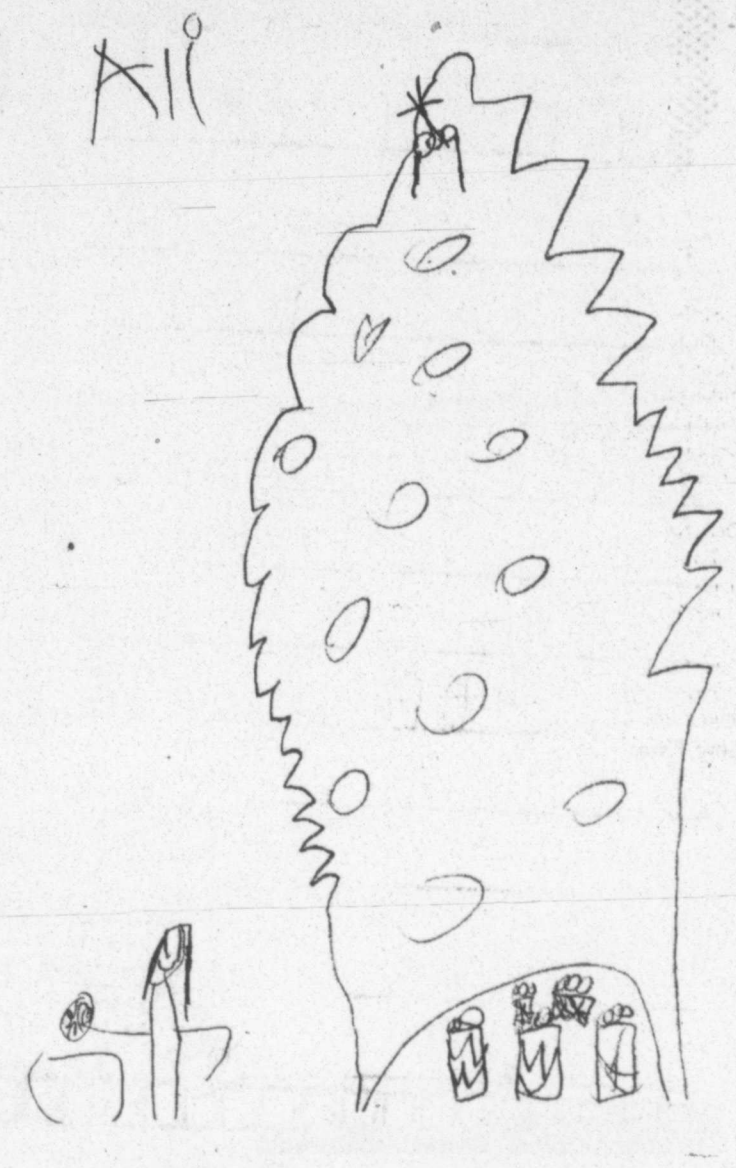
Dear Santa,
I want basketball shoes that squeek. Please bring me a football and blue headphones for my lap top. Black headphones my new phone a new racecar. I have been good.
Love, Oscar

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a ipod because I have been good and please bring me a RoBot dog and a jewelry box and a ipad and a ipod and a stuffed animal and a pack or earrings.
Love, Natalie

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a ipad because I have been good. I really want an American doll and a car I can drive I want a new pink soccer ball and a feather for my hair. Love, Ali

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a monster truck and a monster car and a soccer ball. Please bring my mom a black and purple necklace. Love, Arnold

Dear Santa,
Please breg me a elf 3 from the North Pole because I have been good. I want a Monster High Doll I want new shoes and a Frozen doll.
Love, Kaley



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We want... Bella and Henley Christy, children of KCBD sports anchor Pete Christy traveled to Tahoka to visit Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The Santa's Land Drive Through Park will be open through Dec. 25.

Don't Kick Santa Across The Yard, ... move on, give and celebrate Christmas

By Glenn Mollette

This Christmas give somebody the gift of mercy and forgiveness. Actually be broad with your giving and generous. We all need a lot of both.

For such a joyful holiday of cheer, giving and yuletide merriment there are certainly a lot of stressed out sourpuss faces and agitated people. If you haven't seen any of these you probably haven't been to the mall or busy shopping districts. People get tense over decorating, shopping, spending, and fitting into their schedules all the jolly dinners, gatherings and religious services. You may have watched Chevy Chase in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. He becomes over

the top stressed out when his Christmas lights don't work and literally kicks, stomps and curses a blue streak across his yard. It's a funny scene. Mostly because in some way we've all been there a time or two.

We go crazy at Christmas. Everything is totally and abnormally different from the rest of the year. We spend money, eat, cook, travel and over schedule more than any other time of the year. By the time December 26 rolls around we're sick of Christmas. We start making a list of New Year's resolutions that include never doing some of the stuff ever again that we did at Christmas! By the time the next Christmas rolls around we do it all over again and often worse than the year before. We promise and swear we are going to do things differently but as long as we are able we do it over and again.

Most of us enjoy giving if we can. We enjoy giving to the people we love. Christmas trees, decorating, eating and gatherings are all a part of the season. However, we become frustrated when we lose sight of the big picture. The big picture includes looking around and beyond our Christmas pain. Millions of people would simply be thrilled to have the problems that some of us have. Many people are in the nursing home and will never go to the mall again. Some have a terminal disease and this may be their last Christmas. Others, would simply love to have a house to decorate or someone to buy a

gift for.

Celebrate Christmas this year. Give away some special gifts. Give gifts that money can't buy or time cannot fade. Give love, give forgiveness and give some mercy. Extend these generously to yourself. If you can't give them to yourself it's impossible to give them to others. The little baby that Christmas celebrates became a man and taught people that we should love God and love others as we love ourselves. Herein is part of the rub. Too often people stop loving themselves. Life becomes imperfect, we fail, get hurt or mad and we kick Santa or the reindeer across the yard. Unfortunately we stop there. We go into Ebenezer Scrooge bah humbug mode. We don't get our groove back and miss out on some of Christmas' most wonderful characteristics-mercy and forgiveness.

The Christmas story is about a child who came to show us the way. He showed us how to love, forgive and be merciful. Some of the people in your life probably need it more than you know. Give generously and start with yourself.

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Wilson Second Grade

Dear Santa,

Please for Christmas I want a tablet or Kindle fire, a movie and a sing mike phone and toy puppy and toy panda toys strawberry shortcake frozen toys doll.
Love, Shawna

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Nerf gun that's medium please.
Love, Jaziel

Dear Santa,

I want a parcin Falon power disk with a suit and gloves.
Love, Casen

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want cool Frozen shoes Moster High doll a puppy a tablet a toy panda an elsa dress and shoes and a kindle fire.
Love, Addison

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want Frozen shoes hot pink that are sparkle I want a Frozen tablet with a frozen case Frozen bike. Babie shoe Babie computer Frozen pillone blanket Frozen tv and dress clothes. Frozen backpack Frozen new surprise.
Love, Jenika

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a toy horse and a puppy and a toy frozen and strawberry shortcake and a panda and a bike and a tablet and a monster high and elsa dress and elsa shoes and a sofia the first.
Love, Ashley

From our readers ... VINTAGE HOLIDAY PHOTOS



Back in 1965 ... Here's a Christmas picture of Karla Schmidt from Wilson and her brother, Kirk Whitworth, from Tennessee in 1965. Karla is decked out in a pretty ruffled dress with her hair in corkscrew curls as the finishing touch.

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Christmas Angel!

"Twas our first year in Tahoka, the Christmas of nineteen sixty six Our first home ever, didn't matter it needed, a whole lot of fix.

Mom hung the stockings with such love and great care,
Although the pantry indeed was quite bare.

Dad had no job, we had just come to town,
Mom's prayers were all that kept off our frown,
Pete, Ausencio, Marcelino, Jesse and Mom,
Ellias Jr. would later join us, a full two years from.

That Christmas Morn', a loud knock, we were scared,
For at our front door was a man who really cared,
With food, fruit, and gifts, and a smile on his face.
God's sent us his angel, who brought us His grace.

Merry Christmas to all, and always remember,
Jesus truly is the reason for the season. "

-- Pete M. Daniqua



Double visit... These two children stopped to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus to turn in their Christmas wishes. They are the great grandchildren of the Clauses.

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ITALY: Christmas in Italy begins with the first Sunday of Advent, which falls anywhere between Nov. 27 and Dec. 3. In some parts of Italy, the Christmas season kicks off with fireworks, bonfires and holiday music. Christmas carols and manger scenes originated in Italy. Families attend Christmas markets, searching for new figures for their manger, while others decorate a tree. During novena, the nine days before Christmas, children sing carols and write letters to their parents with gifts they want and promising good behavior

for the new year. After parents read them aloud, they throw them in the fireplace so the children's wishes will come true. Christmas Day is set aside for attending mass, feasting and spending time together as a family.

CHINA: Although few in number, the Christians in China celebrate Christmas with a variety of traditions. The holidays kick off with fireworks, festivals and feasting. Many fill their homes with evergreens, posters, bright paper chains and cut-out red pagodas to put on the windows. Paper lanterns are hung and Christmas trees, or "trees of light," are decorated. People often throw parties on Christmas Eve and celebrate Christmas Day with a big meal at a restaurant. Even Santa Claus or Dun Che Lao Ren, meaning "Christmas Old Man," is said to fill children's muslin stockings with treats on Christmas Eve.

SWEDEN: Swedish families celebrate the holiday with various family-oriented traditions, beginning with attending church on the first Sunday of Advent. Children

anxiously count down the days until Christmas using an Advent calendar. On Dec. 13, also known as St. Lucia's Day, Swedes celebrate the patron saint of light, in which the eldest daughter in a family dresses in a long white gown and serves coffee and treats to her family members. They decorate the tree with an array of candies, glass ornaments, pinecones and figurine gnomes. A midday meal is served on Christmas Eve, in which families participate in the tradition of "dipping in the kettle," where each person dips their bread into a kettle of thin broth in remembrance of hard times when food was scarce. They follow with a smorgasbord of lutefisk and a variety of food.

FRANCE: Christmas is an important family-oriented holiday for the French that starts as early as Dec. 5, also called St. Nicholas Eve. It is that day when gifts are exchanged and children leave their shoes by the fireplace so Father Christmas, or Pere Noel will fill them with treats. Although the French kick off the holidays early, most of the Christmas celebrations take place



Ho Ho Ho... Sawyer and Sutton May bundle up to go out and see Santa at Santa's Land. They are the children of Slate and Kaci May of Tahoka.

on Christmas Eve. French families fast all day, go to midnight Mass and come home for a late

feast called le reveillon. The dinner varies by region, but main courses could include oysters and pate or buckwheat cakes and sour cream. It's tradition for French families to arrange a nativity scene, called a creche in their living room, as well as decorate a tree with lights, tinsel and bright stars.

HOLLAND: Holland has many well-known Christmas traditions that center around Sinterklaas, who makes his appearance on St. Nicholas Day on Dec. 6. A red robed Sinterklaas atop a wheeled sleigh that's led by a white horse travels by ship from Spain to Amsterdam's harbor. Greeted by the mayor and the people of Amsterdam when he arrives, he proceeds in a parade through the streets. It's tradition for Dutch families to celebrate St. Nicholas Eve at home with a feast and a letterbanket, which is a cake shaped into the first letter of the family's last name. At nighttime, children set wooden shoes by the fireplace and fill them with hay and carrots for Sinterklaas' horse.

AUSTRALIA: Australians may not have the winter white Christmas most places have, but their traditions don't change because it's hot outside. Australians celebrate the Christmas season with many unique traditions, including an outdoor concert with people singing Christmas carols by candlelight. Australian families take advantage of the nice December weather by doing outdoor activities, like swimming, surfing, biking and grilling meals on the "barbie." Aussies decorate their homes with ferns, palm leaves and evergreens and some put

up Christmas trees. Families go to church on Christmas Eve and enjoy parties with friends and families. Then, they open gifts Christmas morning, have breakfast and go to church again.

GERMANY: Germany is a cold place to be during Christmas, but the family traditions truly brighten the days. German families start celebrating four Sundays before the big day by making an Advent wreath with four colored candles. A candle is lit each Sunday, followed by caroling and eating cookies. German children write their wish lists to St. Nicholas or the Christ Child, who is dressed in white with golden wings and a golden crown. The Christ Child will bring gifts to children on St. Nicholas Eve in some areas of Germany. Christmas Eve is the most important day for families and is centered around the tree. The Christmas tree tradition started in Germany and it is a sacred event to decorate the evergreen tree with glass ornaments, silver stars, lights and placing an angel on the top. When it is finally Christmas Day, families light the white candle of the Advent wreath and attend church together.

SPAIN: In Spain, the Christmas celebrations begin Dec. 8, when families observe the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. During this weeklong observance, families may travel to Seville for the warm weather and its great cathedral to watch a dance performance called Los Seises to honor the Virgin Mary. Spanish families decorate the best room in their home with life-size nativity scenes called nacimientos. When the first star shines on Christmas Eve, families light bonfires in public squares and watch Christmas plays. They also fast all day and go to midnight mass together to return home to a bountiful feast.

ETHIOPIA: Ethiopia has many unique Christmas traditions that set it apart from any other country. As one of the oldest nations in Africa, Ethiopia follows the ancient Juliah calendar that says Jan. 7 is Christmas Day. However, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church does not call the celebration of Christ's birth Christmas, but rather Ganna. Most people fast the day before, dress in white and attend a traditional Mass at 4 a.m. On Ganna, the men and boys play a game that resembles hockey, named ganna. It's tradition for families to eat wat, a spicy stew of meat and vegetables. The celebrations start again 12 days later on Jan. 19, with Timkat, a commemoration for the baptism of Christ. Again, families attend church services.



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A tumbleweed tree!

One of my favorite memories is one Christmas Mother told us it had been a hard year, money was tight and we couldn't afford a tree. So we went out in back of the shoe shop and found a tumble weed. We sprayed it with some left over spray paint, laid the lights around it and decorated it. I thought it was beautiful. We were so proud of our "tree."

-- Shirley Hubbard Burkhalter

Merry Christmas

Wishing you a safe, joyous, fun-filled holiday season!

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