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Dec 19 - Open House
10-2 at First National Bank of Tahoka, lobby

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First Baptist Church of Tahoka, 5 pm
First Methodist Church of Tahoka, 6 pm
St. John Lutheran Church of Wilson, 6 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:
St. John Lutheran, Wilson, 10 am

THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS Holiday Hours & Deadlines:

- Deadline for Dec. 27 issue is Noon Monday, Dec. 24
- Dec. 24: Closing at 12 noon
- Tuesday, Dec. 25: Closed
- Deadline for Jan. 3 issue is Noon Monday, Dec. 31
- Tuesday, Jan. 1: Closed

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 11	57	28	
Dec 12	55	33	
Dec 13	62	34	0.17"
Dec 14	45	29	0.12"
Dec 15	67	28	
Dec 16	67	28	
Dec 17	57	37	

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

Total Precip for Nov: 0.51"
Total Precip for Dec: 1.29"
Total Precip. for 2018: 26.22"

ELLIE'S STORY ...

Tahoka 6-year-old girl has rare disease, diagnosed as one of only 48 in the world

by JUANELL JONES

Christmas is about joy, and hope, and love. For one Tahoka family, this Christmas is all of that, plus a hope that their daughter will have a day relatively free of some of the serious symptoms of a mysterious disease that until 2016 didn't even have a name. Eleanor Moore ('Ellie' for short) is 6 years old, and she has TANGO2.



ELLIE MOORE

Ellie is an adorable 6-year-old girl that in many ways lives like any other little girl - she loves her baby dolls, and both of her big brothers, and she knows that Mama and Daddy love her and care for her. But Ellie is one of only 48 people in the world to be diagnosed with a relatively unknown disease called TANGO2, a rare genetic disease that has changed her life, and the lives of her family, dramatically.

TANGO2 is a genetic mutation. Both of Ellie's parents were unknowingly carriers of a recessive gene mutation that had a one in a million chance of affecting their daughter. But it did. Blake and Laura Moore's daughter Ellie was born July 31, 2012, and they have spent the past six years visiting numer-

ous doctors and hospitals, trying to find out why their daughter has so many health issues. In 2017, Ellie was diagnosed with TANGO2, a disease so rare that it hadn't even been named until 2016, and only a handful of children in the world have been diagnosed with it.

"TANGO2 doesn't stand for anything. The way that her genomes in her genetic sequence line up, the names of the ones that are missing just happen to spell out TANGO2," explains Ellie's father, Blake, who is employed as a Member Services Advisor for Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Tahoka.

TANGO2 mutations affect children at the most basic cellular, metabolic, and biochemical level. Although there are some common

symptoms and conditions across those affected by TANGO2 disease, there is also broad variability in terms of presentation and severity of them for each individual. In all cases though, the potential for rhabdomyolysis and life-threatening cardiac arrhythmia brought on by metabolic crisis is always there.

For Ellie, the disease affects her development in her muscular system, speech and coordination development, and she has suffered with rhabdomyolysis, which in simple terms is extreme dehydration that can be life threatening.

When Ellie, the third of Blake and Laura's children, was first born, everything seemed normal. Within in a few months, however, Ellie's

(See ELLIE'S STORY, page 8A)

Did you know? about CHRISTMAS



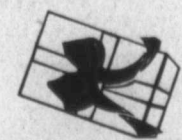
In Germany, *Heiligabend*, or Christmas Eve, is said to be a magical time when the pure in heart can hear animals talking. They can also see that rivers turn into wine, Christmas tree blossoms bear fruit, mountains open, revealing gems hidden inside and bell ringing can be heard from the bottom of the sea.

Jingle Bells

"Jingle Bells" was written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas. The song was written in 1857 by James Lord Pierpont and published under the title "One Horse Open Sleigh". It was supposed to be played in the composer's Sunday school class during Thanksgiving as a way to commemorate the famed Medford sleigh races. "Jingle Bells" was also the first song to be broadcast from space. Astronauts Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra sang it in space on December 16, 1965.

This way out

The US playing card company 'Bicycle' had manufactured a playing card in WW2 which would reveal an escape route for POWs when soaked. These cards were Christmas presents for all POWs in Germany. The Nazis were none the wiser!



If you gave all the gifts listed in the Twelve Days of Christmas, it would equal 364 gifts.

Me and Santa, we're good buddies!

Leighton Knox and Santa are good buddies, with Santa catching a ride on Leighton's train, the Tahoka Polar Express, that was here last Saturday night. The Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event, and expresses their appreciation to First Baptist Church for hosting the "Depot" for this year's ride.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Did you know?

The Statue of Liberty was gifted to the US by the French on Christmas Day in 1886. It weighs 225 tons and thus you could consider it as the biggest Christmas gift in the world.



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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

December 24-28
Monday-Tuesday: Closed for Christmas Holidays

Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, fajita veg., corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail

Thursday: BBQ beef sandwich, tater tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia

Friday: Beef macaroni & tomato casserole, lima beans, fruit & oatmeal bar

City sends letters to business owners to install back-flow devices on waterlines

Business owners in Tahoka have received a letter from the City of Tahoka notifying them that all businesses inside the city limits will be required to install a back-flow prevention device on water supply service lines. The requirement is due to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations, to prevent possible contamination of the city's public water supply.

The letter includes information about installation and testing, and notes that the back-flow device must be inspected and documentation furnished to the city.

Jerry Webster, City Administrator, told The News

that city officials are already receiving calls from business owners about the letter, and said that the city plans to host a meeting for any interested business owners sometime in mid-January, to present information and answer any questions about the process. After the date and time have been scheduled, he said that business owners would be notified about the meeting.

"This is something that TCEQ is requiring, and we invite anyone with questions or concerns to come to the informational meeting in mid-January," said Webster.

Did you know? Almost 28 sets of LEGOs are sold every second during the Christmas season.

Christmas for Kids pick-up dates set

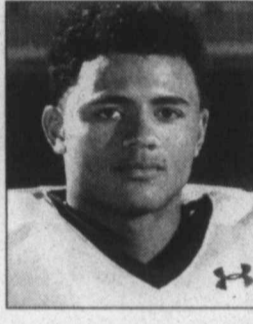
Parents who have qualified for the Christmas for Kids program, package pick-up has been set for Thursday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 21, 9 a.m.-Noon.

To pick up packages, it is required that you bring a valid drivers license or a photo I.D. You will also be required to sign paperwork showing you are the person receiving packages. You cannot pick up packages for anyone else. The only exception will be if you call the person for whom you are picking up for, and have them speak to Sheri Stone, Donna Willis or Linda Owen on the phone. No exceptions!

If there is an emergency and you cannot pick up packages on these days, please notify Sheri, Donna or Linda as soon as possible.

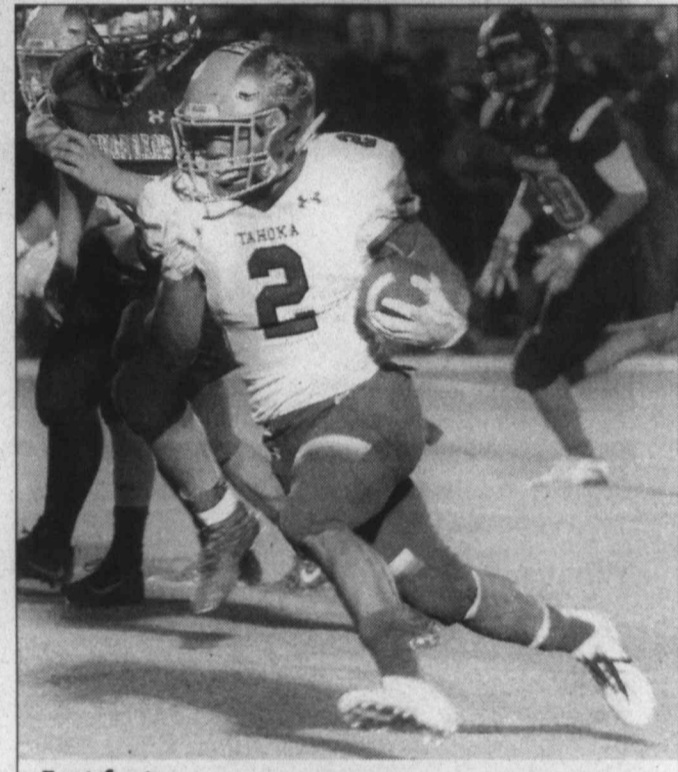
Tahoka's Malik Hamilton named 2nd Team All-State Running Back

Malik Hamilton, a junior running back for the Tahoka Bulldogs, has been named 2nd Team All-State Running Back this week, according to information released by THS Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet.



Hamilton had 1,921 rushing yards on 210 carries this year, and 26 touchdowns. He averaged 174.6 yards per game.

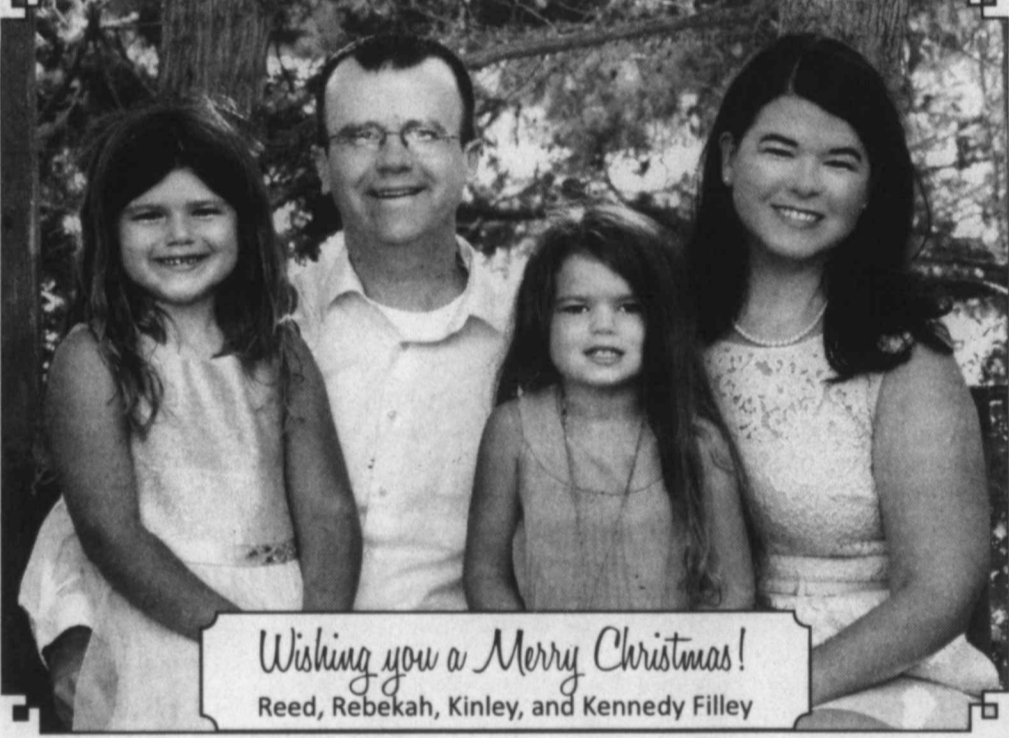
Hamilton also led all rushers in all classifications in the South Plains, from 1A-6A.



Fast feet ... Tahoka High School Junior Malik Hamilton was named 2nd Team All-State Running Back.

Did you know? The first artificial Christmas Tree wasn't a tree at all. It was created out of goose feathers that were dyed green. The first artificial Christmas trees were

CHRISTMAS developed in Germany in the 19th century, due to a major continuous deforestation. The feather trees became increasingly popular during the early 20th century and finally made their way to the US.

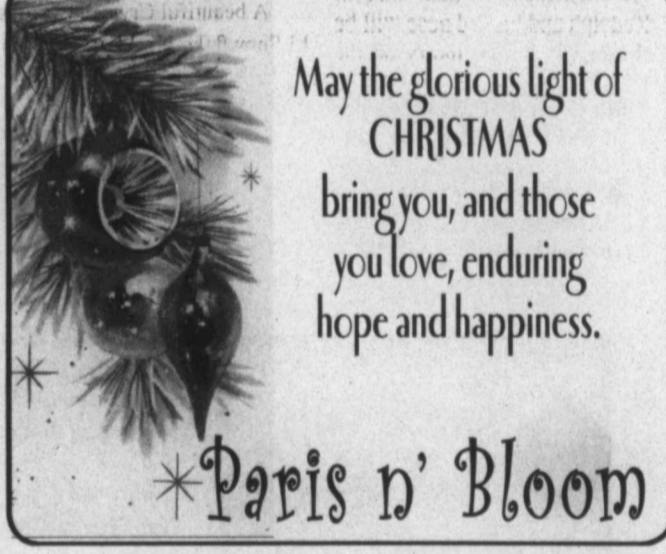


Wishing you a Merry Christmas!
Reed, Rebekah, Kinley, and Kennedy Filley



Santa Letters from Let The Children Come Daycare Center

Montgomery would like a dinosaur and cars. Ezekiel would like a bronco, hummer, car, and a truck. Milah would like a baby doll, presents, baby duck, and Paw Patrol. Emalee would like a Christmas tree and baby doll. Sofia would like hair bows and a toy. Addi wants makeup and Vamperina toy. I love Vamperina. Avion wants presents from Santa. He wants a dinosaur, spider, robot, bicycle, and a basketball. Annie wants a Santa Claus toy, puppy for Braden, and a star for my birthday. Camila wants gingerbread, a bug, toy stairs, Ella toy, water bottle, and toy hair, Paige wants Doc McStuffins, trampoline for Cash, sky toy, and a Paw Patrol Chase. kaydon wants a tractor. Shanice wants a baby doll. Emori wants books and bows. Diesel wants a tractor and baby doll. JD wants a tool set and books. Braden wants books and bicycle. Toby wants ice cream, trucks, and a big dump truck.



*Paris n' Bloom



HALLELUJAH!

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

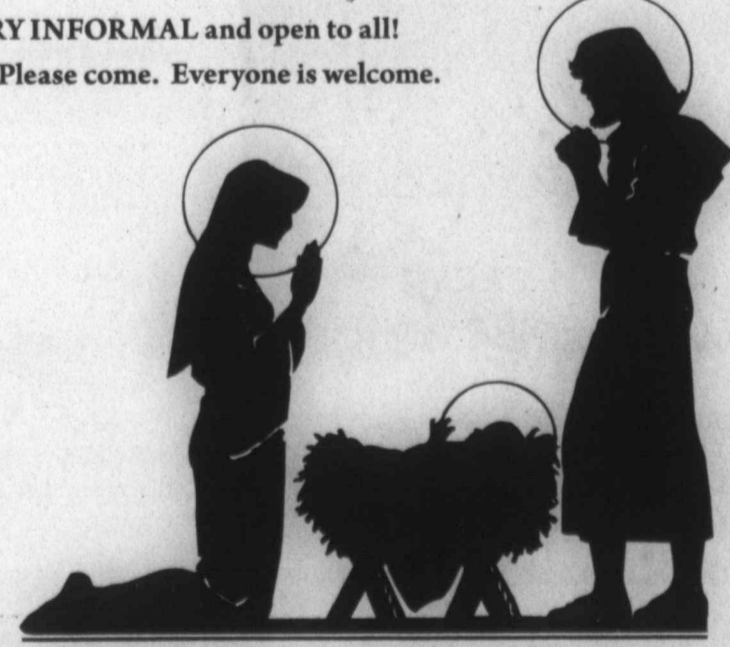
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| T.J. & Jennifer Thomas | Caleb, Ben & Grayson |
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| Loretta Tekell | Leah, & Lilly Stice |

Thank you!
Phebe K. Warner Club members 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 First National Bank.

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Phebe K. Warner Club
By greeting you this way, we have also honored you, our friends by contributing our Christmas Card money to the Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarship Fund.

Come to our
Family Christmas Eve Service
A service of carols, scripture, Holy Communion and candlelight
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve
in the sanctuary.

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Please come. Everyone is welcome.



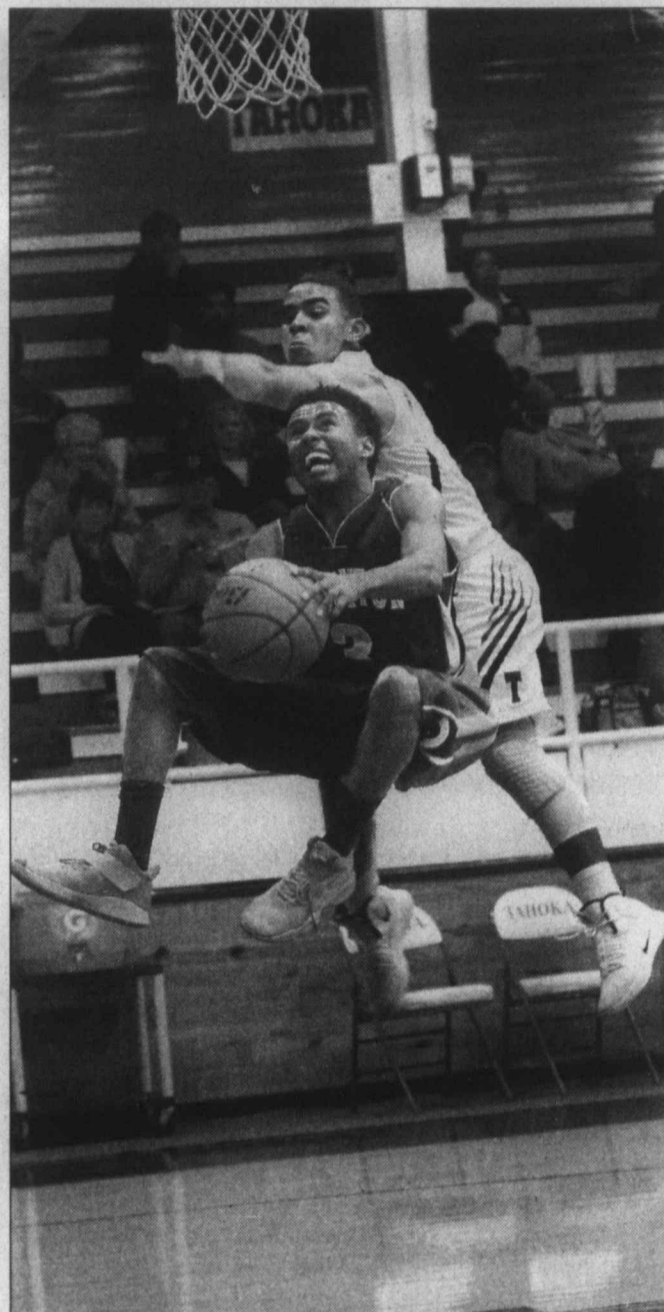
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Trombone section ... The Tahoka 3-D Band presented a Christmas concert on Dec. 13 in the THS gym, and the trombone section is pictured here, adding to the melody of music. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Christmas services set at St. John Lutheran in Wilson

St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson invites area residents to two special Christmas services. The Christmas Eve service begins at 6 p.m., with "Bethlehem! A Wondrous Story" worship featuring carols and a puppet show. "Joy to the World" worship service will be held at 10 a.m. Christmas Day. St. John Lutheran Church is located at 1305 Dickson Street in Wilson.



Not in my house! ... Tahoka's Soul Moore takes a flying leap to block a shot of a Crosbyton player, both of them way up in the air in this shot. Tahoka beat Crosbyton 46-39. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

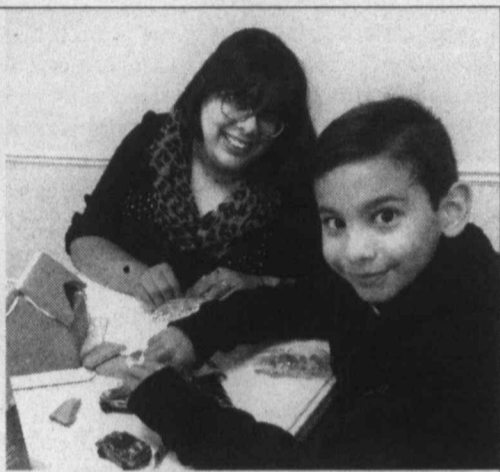
Cross-Work Church offers Winter VBS

A Winter Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held January 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at the Tahoka Elementary gym, offered by Cross-Work Church, for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. "This year, it seems Christmas break is longer than normal. I'm sure the kids will love the extra free time away from school. I'm equally as sure that parents will be ready for a break from the break! That's why we at Cross-Work Church decided to put on a winter VBS. We want to give parents a break while providing a fun Bible-based program for kids," says Pastor Mike Watt.

"Winter VBS is called 'Under Construction: Building our Foundation on the Bible.' We will have a new Bible story each day to help kids build the foundation of their life on what the Bible teaches. In addition, we will have loud music, puppets, games, crafts, and snacks. It will be two jam-packed hours of fun," added Pastor Watt. The Winter VBS will be FREE for all that complete the pre-registration information found at: www.cross-workchurch.org/winter-vbs Pre-registration closes Dec. 31. Cost will be \$5 for those who miss the pre-registration window and register at the door. "Hope to see you at Winter VBS!" said Pastor Watt.



Gingerbread House Family Night ... It was a great turnout at the City/County Library, Thursday, Dec. 13th for the free Gingerbread House program, with families having fun building their gingerbread houses. Pictured at left are Claudia Colon and children, and at right are Amanda and Ayden Hernandez.



NEWS from the Library
CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX
(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Story Time

Gingerbread Man made his appearance fast and furious, leaving behind cookies to decorate and a coffee filter gingerbread boy and girl. Love to see the excitement in their faces!!! Rudolph and his red nose will be shining on in the library on the 19th.

Adult Program - True Tales

Mike Braddock will be here in January to talk about the updates and renovation progress of the courthouse. Keep watching for date and time.

Field Trips

Tahoka PreK showed up ready to catch the Gingerbread Man! Run, Run Fast as you Can relay race, Gingerbread Man brown coffee filter craft, jingle bell necklace, decorated cookies and juice. The field trip ended with a challenge of classes. Mrs. Herrera/Mrs. Garcia class had the biggest snowball ever! It was fun, and the kids enjoyed the battle!

Winner Winner

A beautiful Crystal Swarovski Snowflake Necklace was won by Chris Earnest in the drawing on Friday, 14th. Thank everyone for your interest and entering for the December prize! Keep following us on Facebook to see more great things coming in the new year!

Gingerbread House Family Night

What a great turn out at the City County Library, Thursday, December 13th for the free Gingerbread House program. It was a great time for families to come together for a little Christmas cheer during the hustle and bustle of events planned during the holidays.

Merry Christmas and Blessings to All

Cissy, Lynn and Rhonda wish all our patrons and friends of the library a very Merry Christmas. May the New Year bring you joy, happiness and good health. Let's ALL remember the reason for the season. Library will be closed Dec. 24-26. We will resume regular hours on December 27th.

Merry Christmas
from *Designs & Daisies*

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR

Christmas Eve Service

MONDAY, DEC. 24 * 5:00 P.M.

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

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



Mickey and Minnie... Ruthie Stone built Mickey and Minnie Mouse, after the recent snowfall in Tahoka.

Seasons 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.

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Lynn County Farm Bureau

NHISD senior Brooklyn Tyson signs with SPC

New Home ISD senior Brooklyn Tyson last Thursday signed a scholarship agreement with South Plains College to join their livestock judging team.

Brooklyn celebrated her decision with a signing ceremony that was attended by all of the Junior High and High School students, as well as her family and other supporters.

Brooklyn expressed her gratitude to her judging coaches, ag teachers and 4H leaders as well as her appreciation for the support of New Home Schools during her journey to this college decision.

"We are super proud of Brook and her accomplishments and excited as she heads off to this part of her future," said Principal Koby Abney. "In the last year we've been able to have students sign with colleges to play baseball and bowl, and also had a student take her oath as she joined the US Army. We love celebrations like this that allow us to show students hard work can take you anywhere and that New Home High School can be the starting point for many different and exciting paths. Brooklyn's decision just shows one more great possible future for all our students. We know she will be great and make us proud with her future successes."



Going to SPC ... New Home senior Brooklyn Tyson last Thursday signed a scholarship agreement with South Plains College to join their livestock judging team. On the left are Brooklyn's parents, Casey and Nikki Donald, and her brother Kenny. On the right, Brooklyn Tyson is with Connor Newsome, Judging Coach from South Plains College.

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT
(reported 12-18-18)

Texas Star Coop Gin	50,494
New Home Coop, Lakeview .	31,618
Wells Coop Gin	21,966
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka ..	11,426
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	10,600
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	10,222
Garlyn Gin	3,960
TOTAL BALES	140,286

DID YOU KNOW? During the Christmas of 1914 (World War 1), a truce was held between Germany and the UK. They decorated their shelters, exchanged gifts across no man's land and played a game of football between themselves.

Texas Farm Bureau cheers farm bill movement

(WACO, Texas)—It looks like the nation's farmers and ranchers will receive the certainty of a full, five-year farm bill for Christmas. The U.S. House of Representatives approved the farm, nutrition and conservation legislation in a 369-47 vote on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

"Crafting a bill of this magnitude and importance isn't an easy task. We truly appreciate the hundreds of hours the farm bill conference committee, ag committees and their staff put in to ensure the nation's farmers and ranchers have the safety net they need to continue feeding and clothing the world," Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) President Russell Boening said. Without it, surviving Mother Nature's hardships, tense trade relationships and low commodity prices would be very difficult, if not impossible, for many growers."

Approval of the farm bill moved quickly after the farm bill conference committee released its conference report Monday evening, Dec. 10.

The U.S. Senate passed the conference report in an 87-13 vote Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 11.

"This legislation includes critical changes that allow farmers to have more control over the safety net that pro-

vides a helping hand—not a hand out—when times get tough. It doesn't make farmers whole, but it can mean the difference between staying in business and having to leave agriculture altogether," Boening, a Wilson County farmer, rancher and dairyman, said.

The 2018 Farm Bill allows farmers to choose between the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs on a crop-by-crop and year-by-year basis with the exception of the first two years of the legislation. The 2019 decision will also be applied to 2020.

"The farm bill also funds conservation programs that allow landowners to protect some of our nation's most precious natural resources and sensitive areas. Congress also included permanent funding for programs that promote farmers markets and train beginning and veteran farmers," Boening said.

The legislation permanently funds programs that do the following: promote farmers markets, research challenges facing organic farmers, train young or beginning farmers and aids veteran or minority farmers.

The Conservation Stewardship Program is maintained through the bill.

by **JUANELL JONES**

Road hazards, a report of theft, and a burglary report of a woman returning home to find unknown people running out of her home in New Home, were in Sheriff's Office call sheet reports this week.

At 1:09 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, a woman was returning home to her residence at 220 Smith Ave. in New Home, and was entering through a side entrance when she discovered some unknown people running out her front door. Concerned for her safety, the woman ran back to her vehicle and left the residence while calling 9-1-1 for assistance, reporting that the people had left in a white pickup. Deputies responded to the

residence and Lubbock County, was called to be on the lookout for the vehicle. There was no report of any missing items.

At 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, Justin Parker reported theft of a welder and a generator taken from his driveway at 221 FM 211.

Drivers on US 87 reported debris on the highway about 2 miles north of the roadside park north of Tahoka. When a deputy arrived on scene he found a vehicle was stuck in the median about three-fourths of a mile north of the area with a blowout, after his vehicle struck a piece of 4x4 wood that was in the road.

Another report of debris on the road was reported at 9:30 p.m. Dec. 16 on FM 400, just north of the Wilson city limits, when a caller reported several hard orange pipes in the middle of the road. Deputies removed the pipes off the road.

A Toyota Highlander lost control at FM 3112 and US 380, and crashed into one of the gates on T-Bar Ranch at

10:22 p.m. Dec. 14. Driver of the vehicle was Ashley Hughes of Lamesa, who was reportedly not injured. The driver was arrested at the scene on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

O'Donnell Fire Dept. was dispatched to a brush fire reported at 4 p.m. Dec. 14, 7 miles west of US 87 on FM 213, after a caller said he could see a brush fire in between some trees. It turned out to be a pile of burrs that was being burned.

New Home and Wilson Fire Depts. responded to a fire inside New Home Coop Gin at 9:51 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17. The fire burned some electrical wiring, which halted ginning operations for the remainder of the day, until repairs could be made.

Deputies responded to several calls throughout the week of suspicious vehicles in neighborhoods in the New Home and Wilson areas, but no arrests were made.

Tahoka Police arrested a 23-year-old male on a warrant for parole violation in Lynn

County, on Dec. 17.

Lynn County Jail held 36 inmates during the week, including 13 for Ector County, 15 for Lynn, 7 Dawson and 1 for Crosby County.

Letters to the Editor

Green Memorial Historical Marker

I would like to thank the Lynn County Historical Commission, especially Harold Hohn and Sandra Laws, for overseeing all documentation during the Historical Marker process for the Green Memorial Cemetery Historical Marker. A special thanks also to Randy Dunn, director of Green Memorial Cemetery, for the installation of the historical marker.

— April Moore

DID YOU KNOW? Visa cards are used 5-6 thousand times every minute during the Christmas season.

Woman returning home finds strangers running out front door

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

AURORA COOPERATIVE

Did you know?
about **CHRISTMAS**

The largest floating Christmas tree in the world — 278 feet tall — is in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The tallest living Christmas tree is believed to be the 122-foot, 91-year-old Douglas fir in the town of Woodinville, Washington.



Merry Christmas

from **Cowlick's Barber Salon**

Randi Harris
806-401-3447
1926 Lockwood In Tahoka

ASHCRAFT INSURANCE AGENCY

Warm Wishes

We couldn't have come this far without the support of our great customers. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas full of good cheer!

Woolam Gin
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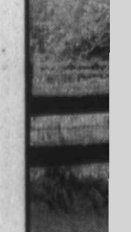
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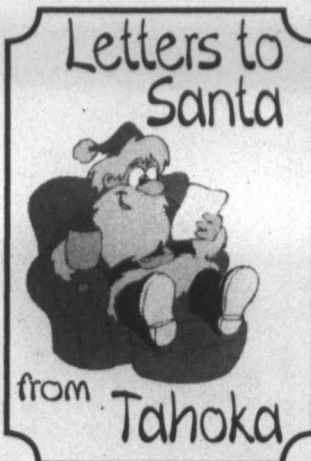


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Tahoka Pre-K Virginia Herrera

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I have been a little bit nice. You should know I want an ice cream car, a tiny giraffe and a cute Barbie. I hope to leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Victoria

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. You should know I want a dinosaur, a racing car and a hot wheels car. I hope to leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I have been sweet to my friends. You should know I want a shopkin, play good and a Christmas pillow. I hope to leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Lilianna

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been nice. You should know I want a tent for Christmas. I hope I get a Vamperina car.
Love, Madison

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been nice. You should know I want the Lego Bat Cave and Batman. I hope to get Spongebob and a Robot for Christmas.
Love, Derek

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I have been a good boy this year. You should know I want Power Rangers for Christmas. I hope I get Batman too.
Love, Izek

Dear Santa,
How are the toy makers? I have been nice. You should know I know my ABC's now! I hope to get a robot toy, a skateboard and a natranex toy for Christmas.
Love, Jazariah

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I have been loving. You should know I want new shoes! I hope I get to see you soon.
Love, Rilyn

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I have been super good. You should know our elf is silly. I hope to get a camera and a toy pony.
Love, Saydi

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been naughty. You should know I am going to leave you milk and cookies! I hope to get Barbies for Christmas.
Love, Sophia

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I have been nice. You should know I am five years old! I hope to get a stocking full of candy.
Love, Mila

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I have been nice. You should know I have been working hard at school. I hope to get a ninja sword for Christmas.
Love, Serenity

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good. You should know I want a monkey for Christmas! I hope you are safe.
Love, Kennedy

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I have been good. You should know I want a Barbie toy house. I hope to see you soon.
Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I have been the best. You should know I am going to leave you milk and cookies. I hope to get a Power Ranger Robert with Power Rangers.
Love, Authur

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good. You should know I will leave you cookies and milk. I hope to get a playhouse for Christmas.
Love, Ryder

Dear Santa,
How are Mrs. Claus and the Reindeer doing? I have been good to my mom and dad. You should know I am going to leave carrots for the reindeer. I hope to get a unicorn toy with walking feet that runs in circles.
Love, Brylee

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I have been a good girl. You should know I want a pony. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Alise

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been a little bad but mostly good. You should know I want a Power Ranger! I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Carlos

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I have been a good boy. You should know I want a new Romeo and Owllet! I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Tyler

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good at school. You should know I want a Captain America and Avengers. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love, Greyson

Merry Christmas!

Tahoka Pre-K Emilia Garcia

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me: foam sensory paint.
Love, Jzaydence

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me: Knight Castle.
Love, Jziydence

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me: Car mat with cars and a building kit.
Love, Erin

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me: "What's Inside? - Soft and Feely Box."
Love, Andrew

Dear Santa,
I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a "LOL" doll and some Shopkins. I hope you are having fun making all the toys.
Love, Sloan

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a scooter, new bike for Jessie and Spiderman. I hope you are warm.
Love, Codie

Dear Santa,
I have been kinda good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Christmas tree for my room since I switched rooms with my brother and a computer.
Love, Kelby

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a new dog and some doggy chew toys. Do you eat snow?
Love, Melinda

Dear Santa,
I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Unicorn with long rainbow hair, pink slime and a baby horse. A real one. I hope you are safe and warm.
Love, Bristol

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a baby doll that looks real. I am going to leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Paityn

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a fish tank. I hope you and Mrs. Claus don't stuck in a snow storm.
Love, Hayzen

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Unicorn A-Bot.
Love, Angelica

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Nerf gun, pickup (a real one) and a laptop.
Love, Truett

Dear Santa,
I have been kinda good. I would really like it if you could bring me some new toys. I hope that you are doing good at the North Pole.
Love, Sonny

Dear Santa,
I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a big monkey that says the same thing I do,
Love, Courtlyn

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me some slime, Playdough and a baby doll. Are you feeding the reindeer so they can get strong and fly?
Love, Loyalty

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Baby Alive, phone and a tablet. I have a new house so I hope you find me.
Love, Kynlie

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me some toys and a trampoline for me and my brothers and sisters.
Love, J'zayda

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a skateboard and a necklace for Mom. I love you, Santa.
Love, Noel

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a motorcycle, helmet and a spider symbol to go on my motorcycle. I hope the reindeer are ready.
Love, James

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me
Love, Zoey

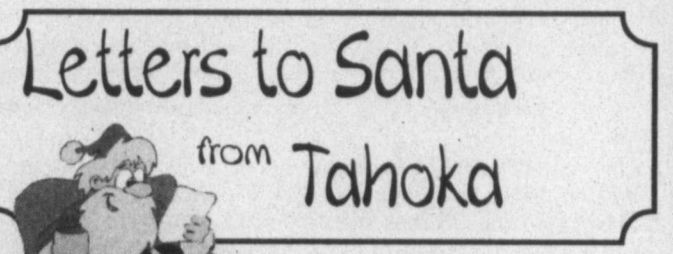
Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a big T-rex, Black Panther and a truck with a trailer.
Love, Ayden



Little guy... "Oscar" the snowman was built by Nancy Guilliams.



Just hanging out ... Eric Gomez and his mom Marissa built this hefty snowman after the Dec. 8 snowfall in the Tahoka area.



Kindergarten Mrs. Hawthorne's

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Please can I have a dog, a doll and a teev?
Love, Evianne Bond

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ready? Can I please have a dog, a cat and a hamster?
Love, Gracie DeLeon

Dear Santa,
How would the north pole? I would like a bic. I love you.
Love, Marcus DeVaughn

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like a Barbie and a Barbie house.
Love, Ariana Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like a Barbie and a Barbie house.
Love, Skyler Huchton

Dear Santa,
How is the north pole? Please give me a nrf gun and a fire truck.
Love, Abraham Martinez

Dear Santa,
How is Mis Kloz? Please bring me a Barbie and a baby doll.
Love, April Mendez

Dear Santa,
How is the north pole? I would like a snake costume. I love you.
Love, Gage Reynolds

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Merry Christmas FROM The Home Place DECOR, GIFTS, & MORE

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

WE WISH EVERYONE A SEASON OF PEACE & JOY

We appreciate all our customers and thank you for your business!

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Letters to Santa

from Tahoka



Mrs. Hawthorne's continued
 Dear Santa,
 How is the nrth pol? How are you and mis cloz? Ples can you give me a dol. Mere Crismis.
 Love, Abry Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
 I cant wat for Crismis. Can I have a Jorje dog? Have a saf trip.
 Love, Gavin Thompson

Dear Santa,
 How are you and Mrs. Clos? I would like a nerf 5 gun, lego set and a spot lit.
 Love, Westin Woodley

Kindergarten Graves

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I would like a Bulldog, an iPhone, and a Troll. Please be safe. Love, Gemma Huchton

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I would like 3 toy police cars, a big T-rex, and a ball. Please be safe. Love, Evan Rosas

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I want a LOL doll, a princess castle, and Barbie stuff. Please be safe. Love, Arya Cerda

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I want a Sonic, a Sonic Game, and an animal. Please be safe. Love, Darey Granados

Kindergarten Rebecca Dimak

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Please bring me sqishe dinasor. Tell Rudolph hi.
 Love, Arabela Kieth

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Please bring me boll nteondao. I love you. Love Zachary Camp

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Please bring me switch. Tell Rudolph hi.
 Love, Kyote Cobb

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Please bring me Pla do. I love you.
 Love, Izabella Segovia

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Please bring me squichies. Tell Rudolph hi.
 Love, Sutton May

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Please bring me xbox. I love you.
 Love, Clara Huchton

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Please bring me fort nit. Tell Rudolph hi.
 Love, Blayke Saldana

Dear Santa, thank you or making toys. Please bring my LOL, markers and a brd. Tell Rudolph hi.
 Love, Hensley Hawthorne

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Please bring me supr maro nintindo.
 Love, Jose Valdez

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Please bring me xbox 360. I love you.
 Love, Marc Milbeck

Dear Santa, thank you for making toys. Bring me a xbox ntenduo. I love.
 Love Paxton Chrestman

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I want a rc Paw Patrol Car, a cat(real), a dog (real). Please be safe and stay warm.
 Love, Jaxx Brigance

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I want a slime kit, a dollhouse, and 2 dolls. Please be safe.
 Love, Allieson Abrego

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I would like a Lego Person, a Stuffed Steve, and a rc car. Please be safe.
 Love, Zander Resendez

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I would like a iphone, a lego city, a paw patrol game. Please be safe. Love, Carlos Flores

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I want a phone, a genie, and craft stuff. Please be safe.
 Love, Shade Castor

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I would like a makeup set, a stuffy cat, and a Barbie. Please be safe. Love, Anna Ruth Holdridge

Dear Santa,
 I have been reealy good this year. I want a XBOX, a rc car, and a tablet. Please be safe this year. Love, Jasper Delgado

Dear Santa,
 I have been really good this year. I would want a nerf gun and some bouncy balls. Please be safe. Love, Cesar Padilla, Jr.



Snow Steer ... Jadyn Woodley got creative with her snow, building a show steer, after the Dec. 8 snowfall in the Tahoka area.



See my snow tractor? ... Westin Woodley made a snow tractor and baler, after the Dec. 8 snowfall in the Tahoka area.

"If I had \$100 Dollars, I would..."

1st Grade Mrs. Swaim

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new dog. I would also buy a cat.
 Logan Engle

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new girl I would also buy a new wiis and a new tv. Legend Liendo

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family money. I would also buy a tv.
 Kinley Filley

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new christmas tree. I would also buy a piano. Teghan Gonzales

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family new baby stuff. I would also buy food.
 Kynzlee Ellena

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new car. I would also buy a bag of candy. Owen Hardt

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family new candle and I would buy a dog and a Tv. Jada Pesina

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family food. I would also buy my family a tv.
 Leia Moreno

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new car. I love you. I would also buy a bed. Caden Anderson

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new tv. I love you Santa. I would also buy a new food. Elijah Holdridge

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family food. I would also buy family a TV. Lena Garcia

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new Christmas Tv. I would also buy some games. CJ Lopez

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new Tv. I would also buy food. I would buy a home. Emily Garcia

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new couch and a new bed. I would also buy a new Tv. JB Kieth

Mrs. Hawthorne

The class answered the question, "If I had \$100 dollars I would buy..."

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a pool. I would also buy an elf hat.
 Avery Gill

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a pool. I would also buy a hat.
 Brym Swartz

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a new car. I would also buy a big house.
 Zadalyn Aleman

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a visit with you Santa because you are kind. I would also buy a deer.
 Paislee Allison

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a bald wig. I would also buy train that goes around the Christmas tree.
 Brock Stephens

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a house. I would also buy a dog.
 Joe Lopez

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a hamster. I would also buy food. Yadi Vitolas

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a pool. I would also buy a couch.
 Domonic Lopez

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a dog. I would also buy a school. Lauren Dunlap

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family Christmas clothes and a jacket. I would also buy baby stuff. Lola Marmolejo

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a TV. I would also buy a pool. Andy Hernandez

Dear Santa,
 If I had \$100 I would buy my family a cat. Jovani Cantu

Dear Santa,
 I would buy my family a cat and dog. I would also buy a car.
 Xzavien Rosales

Dear Santa,
 If I had \$100 I would buy my family Christmas lights. I would also buy shoes. Fella Garcia

Mrs. Telchik "For Christmas I would invite..."

I will invite Cindy Lou Who because she will play games. We will be cute. I will invite her because she will sing. I will invite all of the elfs. I will not invite roodolf. Bailey Case

I will invite Rudopl the reindeer. She is silly and fun. We will eat cookies and milk. Rubi Segovia

I will invite Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. Because he is funny. We will have fun. Kamryn Ramos

I will invite the grinch santa cinly lou who. I will invite dak prescott. Frank Reyna

I will invite twenty santas, I will invite eleven elfs, I will invite one reindeer. I will do slime with santa. Lilly Lam

I will invite ten elfs because they are funny. We will make presents. Julian Perez

I will invite the santa. Elijah Arriaga

I will invite Jojo Siwa because she is cool. We will make slime. I love Jojo. I love slime. Kinley Clark

I will invite three elfs because they are funny. We will bring more elfs. Jasmine Sepeda

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CROSS-WORK CHURCH

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Winter Vacation Bible School
 January 2,3,4 - 9:30am-11:30am
 Tahoka Elementary Gym • For Kids Kinder Through 5th
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Happy Holidays

From *Chance Cook*
at Quick Foam Insulation

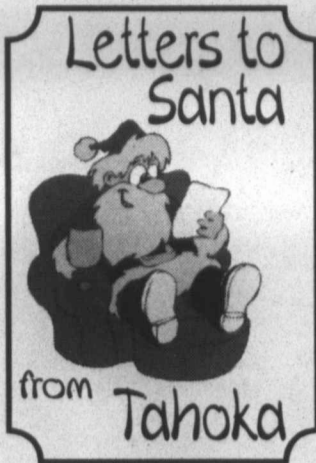
May your holiday season be full of peace and joy.

Peace For Earth

As the holiday nears, we wish you the most treasured gifts of all ... peace and love.

Wildcat Manufacturing
 Leighton : JOAN
 Steve : Todd

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 Mrs
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 Cooper and
 Hayes Hawtl



I will invite my aunts. They are cool. For Christmas, I want slime. Christmas is fun. My aunts are fun too.
Avery Hadderton

I will invite my grandmas and my cousins and my grandpa. They are cool. I love them so much.
Maycen Huffaker

I want superman to open my presents. I am going to invite my nano and it is going to be fun!
Grayson Watt

It would be Popo, Grandmoll, Ben, Ayden and Mrs. Gill. I would like to invite Popo because I love him.
Love, Jeremiah Tello

It would be Santa Claus. He gives you presents and cookies.
Love, Lovely Liendo

It would be my dad. I have not gotten to see him. He has been wanting to see me. So I want to invite him to Christmas dinner.
Love, LeStreyana Haney

It would be my dad. I love him and I haven't seen him.
Love, Braelyn

It would be Jeffrey. He is my cousin. I will play with him.
Love, Rhett Whitley

It would be Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus. Santa Clauses helpers died and they were my grandma and grandpa.
Love, Cheyenne Ashbrook

It would be my dad, my gram-pol and gramol. I don't get to see them very often.
Love, Brandon Luera

It would be Aryana. I never get to see her on Christmas. I just get to see my family.
Love, Elena Perez

It would be Rhett. He is my friend.
Love, Zak Rosas

It would be santa claus becuz he is nice to kids and he gives us parezins to kids and mom and dad. I like his rood off the red nose ray-deer.
Serenity Hernandez

It would be my grandmother. I never seen her. She wasn't alive when I was born. I would invite her.
Love, Peyton Jolly

It would be my family. I don't see them very often. They are my family.
Love, Aeryanna Brown

It would be the Dallas Cowboys. I am their biggest fan.
Love, RJ Hernandez

It would be Michael and Ben. They are my friends.
Love, Anthony Hernandez

It would be my grandpa. I have not seen him in a long time.
Love, Evelyn Frutis

It would be God and Jesus. I would want to invite them because they are the key to my heart. They guide me and their very very special! It doesn't matter they always love you!
Love, Jentry Askew

It would be my dad. I haven't seen him in a long time.
Love, Soffie Milbeck

It would be my uncle Cory. He has to work on Christmas so I won't see him.
Love, Bentley Jolly

"If I could invite anyone to Christmas dinner it would be ..."

2nd Grade Class Mrs. Sullivan

It would be Jett. He is my cousin and it's been a long since sense I seen him at my house.
Love, Daxton DeLeon

It would be Patrick Mahomes. I want to play football with him. I want to see him because he is a good quarterback.
Love, Jett DeLeon

It would be Mrs. Cathy. She is family. I would invite her because she is fun and funny!
Love, Kash Schraeder

It would be Jesus. It's his birthday!!
Love, Hunter Taylor

It would be Candia. I barely get to see her. She loves me even when I'm mean. She helps me with my chores and is always nise to me.
Love, Ava Bond

It would be Lovely. I never get to see her on Christmas.
Love, Izabella Vallejo

It would be Ava. We would open presents and eat dinner and play outside and jump on the trampoline.
Love, Ashlynn Quintero

It would be Dax. He is nice and playful.
Love, Brody

It would be Steph Curry. I want to invite Steph Curry because he a good basketball player.
Love, Yuriah Graves

2nd Grade Class Mrs. Greenhill's

It would be Patrick Mahomes. It is my cousins birthday and we are huge fans. We cheer every Monday.
Love, Salome Lopez

It would be Santa. HE gives us kids presents. He is nice. I love him.
Love, Ayden Hernandez

It would be Ezavier He is funny and nice.
Love, Aryana Perez

It would be Zak. He is a nice person.
Love, Kaegan Hood

It would be Rhett. He is the nicest person in my class.
Love, Jacob Pledger

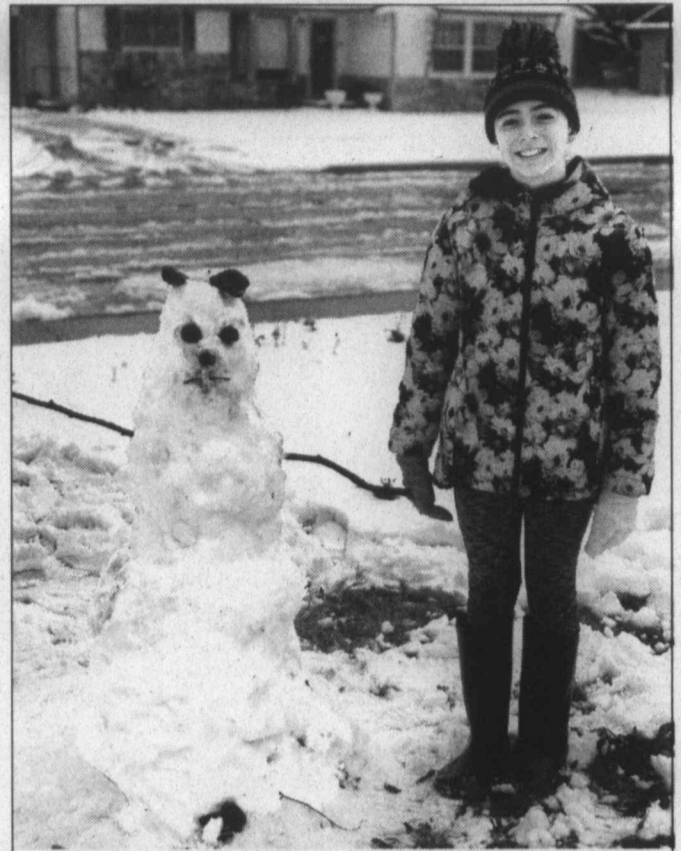
It would be Aryana. She came to my house and ate turkey and ham.
Love, Maribel Castaneda

It would be my teachers. They are nice and I never get to see them. They will help me learn and be happy. I may make my goal on reading and they might help me on my project.
Love, Jynli Woodley

It would be the Grinch bec us I have nevr seen him.
Cooper Resendez

It would be Grama. She is so nice to me and we never get to see her at Christmas.
Love, Andrea Castaneda

It would be Jynli. I never get to see her on Christmas. I am too busy. She is too busy. I have to stay at my house. I have too much people at my house.
Love, Aalijah Rodriguez



Snow critter ... Madison Lee built this snowman, with cute little ears that make it some kind of snow critter, after the Dec. 8 snowfall in the Tahoka area.

It would be my uncle. He passed away. If I could see him one more time that would be good.
Love, Michael Vargas

It would be my two cousins. I have not seen them in a while.
Love, Wesley Alvarado

It would be aunt Crystal and aunt Kathy and grandma Tony and grandma Flora and grandpa Dave. I love them and I miss them.
Love, Ben Martinez

It would be my uncle. He makes me laugh and he loves me. I love him.
Love, Cecily Calsoncit

Letters to Santa from children at O'Donnell ISD

are not printed in this issue, as OISD declined to send them.



(Representation of the Eagle of Honor Veterans Memorial that will be built on the northwest corner of the Courthouse Square in Tahoka, Texas)

Dear Santa,

I am writing you today not asking for a toy, a game, some clothes or even a new cell phone but I am writing to let you know of a special project that is happening in Lynn County. It is the Eagle of Honor Project Veterans Memorial to honor those men and women who have given of themselves for the protection and freedoms that we enjoy today. No Santa, instead of giving me a gift this year, I would like it all to go to the memorial because I know if it were not for their sacrifices of our men and women in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard and Coast Guard that our world would be a much different place. My gift would be a small gift but a gift none the less. If everyone gave just a little to this memorial project, it would be paid for and show our support and love for all those who wear the uniform. Please consider giving.

Love Johnny

Yes, I want to give to the Eagle of Honor Project

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the **Eagle of Honor Project**
P.O. Box 1166, Tahoka, TX 79373
or you can drop off your donation at any local bank.



ELLIE'S STORY ...

(Continued from page 1)

parents began noticing that she was not progressing with her motor skills and knew that something was not right.

"Eleanor was a normal birth, after a normal pregnancy. She is our third child, so when she was about six months old we began noticing that she had delayed development - her motor skills were not progressing, she wasn't crawling or trying to walk. Both of our boys, Denton and Reese, were early developers that both began walking at about 9 months old. And she was such a quiet baby, she wasn't trying to babble or talk," explains Laura.

"Around 9 months old she still wasn't able to sit up, so we started therapy. The doctors said they didn't know why she was not developing, but regardless they wanted to start physical therapy. So we just started doing therapy, but by the time she was a year old she would have random bouts of Torticollis, which is a tightening of the muscles in the neck that would cause her head to tilt to one side. All day long I would carry her and hold her, and her head would be stuck that one way. But then after she would go to sleep, she would wake up and her head would be back upright. Or sometimes her head would be tilted the other way. With Torticollis your muscles are stiff, and it doesn't just randomly change sides, so that baffled the doctors.

"I started noticing episodes, and I thought I was going crazy. The older she got, these random episodes would happen, like the tilted head, or slumping to one side. One day she was sitting up but slumped over to one side, and she couldn't straighten, and I called the doctor and said, something is not right, I can't get her to sit-straight. She'd literally be trying to sit up but she couldn't, she would either slump to one side or the other.

"Episodes like that kept happening, and before she turned 2 years old, finally I pushed our pediatrician to get us in with a neurologist. She wasn't developing right, she wasn't walking, and no one could tell us why," Laura said.

The Moores were referred to Cook's Children's Hospital in Ft Worth.

"Before we could go to the appointment, we had gone to Ruidoso with Blake's parents. Ellie was sitting up and suddenly she



Ellie and Mama ... Eleanor ("Ellie") and her mother, Laura Moore, spend much of their days together, as Laura is vigilant in keeping a close watch on her daughter's health.

just flopped back and her eyes were rolling. She could respond with a sound, but she couldn't control anything. It was like a seizure, except that she could respond with sounds. I called the pediatrician and she said to go to the emergency room because it sounded like a seizure. In the ER, they did several tests, including an EEG, MRI, blood work, and found nothing wrong.

"That basically was the starting point [of the more aggressive symptoms], at about 2 years old. After that we started seeing a neurologist in Cook's Children's Hospital. But all of this time, none of the tests showed anything, and we could get no diagnosis. We went through all these physicians, and went to a movement neurologist. She didn't walk until she was 26 months old. But still no diagnosis, the doctors had no idea of what it was, and just said try this, and they couldn't explain it. Even the neurologist told us that probably 75 percent of his patients had no diagnosis but that you still just treated the symptoms. That was very frustrating for us," said her mother.

Eventually, the Moores were sent to a geneticist. Ellie went through a lot of blood work,

three spinal taps, three EEGs, a lumbar MRI, full scan with dye, and everything came back normal. Finally, one of the geneticists recommended that they get a Whole Exome genetic test, where they draw blood on both parents and the child and look for any genetic abnormalities.

"The Whole Exome test is the most extensive genetic testing that you can do. We did that in the spring of 2015, and the results came back inconclusive, no genetic abnormalities identified, which again was very frustrating. But they said that something might be found later, because there are so many genes in your DNA, and there are genes that have not even been translated and they cannot identify what they do. So as more research is done, more genes are translated, and it is possible that they could find something later," Laura explained.

In the meantime, Ellie continued to have episodes with her muscular system, affecting her motor skills, and speech issues similar to strokes.

"Rest was the only way we could figure out how to help her. She began getting more and more symptoms. One of her brothers came home from school with a stomach bug, and she caught it and it just seemed to affect her more strongly, and we became worried and called the doctor. He said to get to the emergency room because she may become dehydrated. Well, we had tried taking her to the ER in Lubbock previously, and they didn't know what to do for her because we still had no diagnosis on her illness. So we loaded up and drove to Fort Worth and they ran all the tests, and could tell she was dehydrated and treated that, and they sent us home. We went to the hotel and stayed another day because we were afraid to come home, but she continued to improve so we

came back to Tahoka.

"But four days later, on Christmas morning of 2016, she woke up and she couldn't move anything. She couldn't hold her head up, or anything. So we drove back to Fort Worth on Christmas Day, and that was the first of a 58-day stay in the hospital.

"They were afraid it was sepsis, and her urine was brown, which they said was the muscles burning themselves out, which is an extreme dehydration called Rhabdomyolysis. Her labwork numbers were off the charts, but the neurologists couldn't explain why. They were concerned about liver and kidney damage, and so they were afraid to give her pain meds. She was in a lot of pain, but all she could have was Tylenol, or sometimes they would give her a little Valium. Fortunately, they found that we had taken her to the ER early enough for treatment that there was no kidney or liver damage.

"So we were there for 58 days, and the whole time we were praying and thinking, there's a reason for this and maybe staying in the hospital with all the tests they are running will give us an answer to what is wrong with her. But even after all of that, when we left the hospital in late February, we still did not have an answer. I was so scared to leave the hospital, because we still did not know what was wrong and what may happen," Laura recalls.

However, while they were in the hospital, the geneticist decided to run the Whole Exome test again, and added the Rhabdomyolysis trait to see if something might get flagged. Several months later, the Moores got a call that, finally, identified the disease that their daughter had.

"In April of 2017, we got a call from the geneticist saying, 'we found something on your Whole Exome test'. They told us that they literally just identified TANGO2 in 2016 and that there were only two papers on it in the world," said Blake.

"The geneticist wanted us to come back to Fort Worth and talk to them, and so we made an appointment the next day. When we got there they had both papers printed out for us to read, but they actually knew very little about the disease, and they told us it was going to be a learning process. It turns out, I am a carrier of the recessive gene, and Laura is a carrier of the recessive gene, and there's literally a one in a million chance that a child could end up with this particular gene sequence missing and have TANGO2. So we tell Ellie she's our one in a million - and she is," he said.

Although the diagnosis had finally been made, there is so little known about TANGO2 that the Moores are still facing trial and error in trying to manage Ellie's symptoms.

"There's not really a specific treatment for the gene itself, it can't be fixed, there's not enough research on it yet. There is no gene therapy available at this time. So we treat symptoms.

"She needs rest, and she needs a high level of hydration, and to eat every 1-2 hours every day. Something metabolic in the



Moore family ... Blake and Laura Moore, with their children, Denton, Ellie and Reese, live in Tahoka. Blake is employed as a Member Services Advisor for Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Laura is a stay at home parent who cares for their three children and shuttles their daughter to therapies and school. Their daughter, Ellie, was diagnosed with TANGO2 in 2017, and their two older sons are not affected.

genetics affects her energy level. We have not found a specific diet that works, but we sort of treat it like low blood sugar. Proteins seem to help her, we think. We do therapy, because we are behind in all levels - physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy."

Since April, the Moores have found other parents whose children have been identified as having TANGO2, after finding a website started by parents in Connecticut whose son has the disease.

"We joined this group and now there are over 30 of us. We will meet some of them this summer at a convention of the TANGO2 Research Foundation, which was founded by the parents in Connecticut. They have a 17-year-old son that went undiagnosed for 15 years with the

illness," Laura explained.

Blake has joined the TANGO 2 Research Foundation as a director, and they will meet other families this summer at a convention in June. At the same time, they plan to attend a conference of the National Organization of Rare Diseases, of which TANGO2 is now a member, to try to focus more attention on the disease.

"I am extremely honored to be asked to serve on this board," said Blake. "Our prayer is that through the TANGO2 Research Foundation, we can work to find answers for TANGO2 treatment and to provide support to families dealing with TANGO2."

Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston (See ELLIE'S STORY, page 10A)

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On November 30, 2018, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor"), Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("SDTS"), Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland"), and Sempra Energy ("Sempra") (collectively, "Joint Applicants") filed a Joint Report and Application for Regulatory Approvals ("Joint Application") with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission"), copies of which are kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Suite 6000, Dallas, TX 75202. The Joint Application requests Commission approval of three transactions (the "Proposed Transactions"), as described below, that will result in SDTS becoming an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Oncor that will own transmission and distribution assets held today by Sharyland and SDTS in central, north, and west Texas, and Sharyland will remain a utility in south Texas, with Sempra owning a 50 percent indirect interest in Sharyland. First, Sharyland will transfer its assets in north Texas, along with associated assets, liabilities, and working capital, to SDTS. In return, Sharyland will receive all of SDTS's assets located in south Texas. In connection with this asset exchange, Sharyland's equity interest in SDTS will be cancelled, and the certificates of convenience and necessity of Sharyland and SDTS will be amended to authorize the "North Texas Utility" (referring to the post-closing assets to be owned by SDTS) and the "South Texas Utility" (referring to the post-closing assets to be owned by Sharyland) to own, operate, and maintain their respective post-exchange assets. Second, Oncor will acquire InfraREIT, Inc. ("InfraREIT") and InfraREIT Partners, LP and, as a result, will own and operate all of SDTS's post-transaction assets. Finally, Sempra will purchase a 50-percent indirect limited partnership interest in a newly formed Delaware limited partnership expected to be named Sharyland Holdings, LP, which will own a 100-percent interest in Sharyland. The Joint Applicants also request Commission approval of certain regulatory terms listed in Exhibit A to the Joint Application, some of which are regulatory conditions to closing.

The Joint Application does not seek Commission approval of a modification to Oncor's rates. Oncor is requesting a Commission finding, however, that Oncor may consolidate the North Texas Utility's wholesale transmission rates with Oncor's rates as part of Oncor's next base-rate case. Oncor also requests Commission approval to establish a regulatory asset to track any make-whole payments or other expenses that may be required to extinguish, transfer, or restructure the debt of InfraREIT and its subsidiaries under the Proposed Transactions, so that Oncor may seek recovery of that regulatory asset in its next base-rate case. The Joint Applicants also seek Commission approval to split the current Sharyland wholesale transmission service tariff into two separate tariffs—one for the North Texas Utility and one for the South Texas Utility—which rates, when taken together, would be equal to Sharyland's rate in effect at the time the Proposed Transactions close.

Any person wishing to intervene in this proceeding must file a written request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326, no later than January 4, 2019. This case has been assigned PUCT Docket No. 48929. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7136 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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ELLIE'S STORY ...

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are conducting research on TANGO2-related disease. Participation in this study by as many patients as possible is critical in learning more about how to prevent crisis, treat those children currently in crisis, and begin the work of finding new treatments and therapies for TANGO2 disease.

"The idea for the TANGO2 Research Foundation was that by helping to fund, coordinate, and guide the efforts of researchers, scientists and doctors, we can rapidly accelerate the understanding around TANGO2 and pave the way to future therapies and positive outcomes for our loved ones," said Blake.

For more information about the TANGO2 Research Foundation, or if interested in donating for research in TANGO2, visit their website at www.tango2research.org.

"We don't know what is ahead. In the last six months we've lost two children in the TANGO2 group, a 4-year-old girl in Germany and a 17-year-old boy in Tomball who had seemed healthy. It's been an emotional roller coaster for us all, but Ellie couldn't have a better caregiver than her Mom. She keeps an eye on her and worries about every little thing. Ellie has every single one of her needs met," said Blake.

Laura added, "Even from day one, people would tell me that Ellie looks normal, and it would just depend on the day on how her symptoms manifested. But her language has grown, her physical ability in the last six months has just blossomed, so I really think if we control what she eats, and her rest, as much as we possibly can, it helps. We are learning as we go. Daily life that affects her brothers one way, because all kids get tired and cranky, just seems to be magnified for her. We monitor her heart and other organs every six

months," she said. "We just don't know enough about it yet. So while it was somewhat of a relief to finally get a diagnosis, the children who have TANGO2 are basically the guinea pigs for research, to figure out what may help," added Blake.

"We get through this by being there for each other, but we have to remind ourselves each morning that Ellie is not ours, she is God's, and it is our job to take care of her. Honestly, this was the second round for us with our kids. Our son Denton was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when he was 6, the same thing I have," said Blake, "so we had been through a life-altering change once before. While TANGO2 is quite different, our family has become experts in it, and we do what we can. There have been times it was a whirlwind of uncertainty, but prayer has certainly got us through those.

"There are days that it wears you completely out, and can be very draining, but she's our daughter and we've never looked at it like we had any other choice than to do everything we can for her.

"This community has been so kind to us, especially while Ellie was in the hospital for so long. From meals to anonymous donations sent in the mail, we have been blessed to live here. And we just take life one day at a time."

So for now, like all other families, the Moores are looking forward to Christmas. They plan to go to Welch to spend Christmas with Blake's parents.

The best gift, for Ellie and her family, is that it will be a good day where she has few symptoms of her illness, and a hope that research will soon provide more answers to the children and families whose lives are affected by TANGO2.



New FNB Director ... Worth Whitworth, left, President of First National Bank of Tahoka, welcomes Trent Leverett to the Board of Directors.

Trent Leverett named new FNB Director

The First National Bank of Tahoka's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Trent Leverett as a new director, elected in October.

Leverett was raised in Tahoka, graduating from Tahoka High School in 1975. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in business. He has been in various aspects of agriculture since graduation and enjoys his involvement in

the cotton ginning industry. He owns farmland in Lynn County that has been family-owned for over 90 years.

Leverett is currently employed by Triangle Cooperative Service Company as safety and compliance manager. He resides in Lubbock with his wife, Cindy. They have two children, Celinda and husband Andy Moore of Lubbock, and Travis of Austin.

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Having fun ... These New Home first graders are having fun, waiting for their turn to go back in the kitchen at Tahoka Donuts, to decorate Christmas sugar cookies.

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For LCHD Foundation ... Elizabeth Johnson sold items at several local craft shows and donated a portion of her proceeds to the LCHD Foundation benefitting Lynn County Hospital. "Thank you Elizabeth for your hard work and generous donation," said CEO Melanie Richburg (left), accepting the check.

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1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know: - Don't pee on the tree - Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree - Mind your tail when you are near the tree - If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open - Don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part: - Not all strangers appreciate kisses and leans - Don't eat off the buffet table - Beg for goodies subtly - Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa - Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach
6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important: - Observe all the rules in #4 for trees that may be in other people's houses. (4a is particularly important) - Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house - Tolerate children - Turn on your charm big time
7. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. DON'T BITE HIM!!



Have a "Ho Ho Ho"
HOLIDAY



We wish you a healthy, blessed Christmas
Peace on Earth and a Happy New Year!



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Did you know?
about
CHRISTMAS

WHERE'S SANTA?



NORAD's "Santa Tracker" was born from a misprint in the newspaper. A 1955 Sears ad was supposed to print the number of a store where children could call and tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. The number printed was to the hotline of the Director of Operations for the U.S. Continental Air Defense. Colonel Shoup ordered his staff to give the children updates on the flight coordinates of Santa. The tradition began and continues until this day. NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) continues to provide flight updates on local news, the Internet, and even a special iPhone application every Christmas.

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE



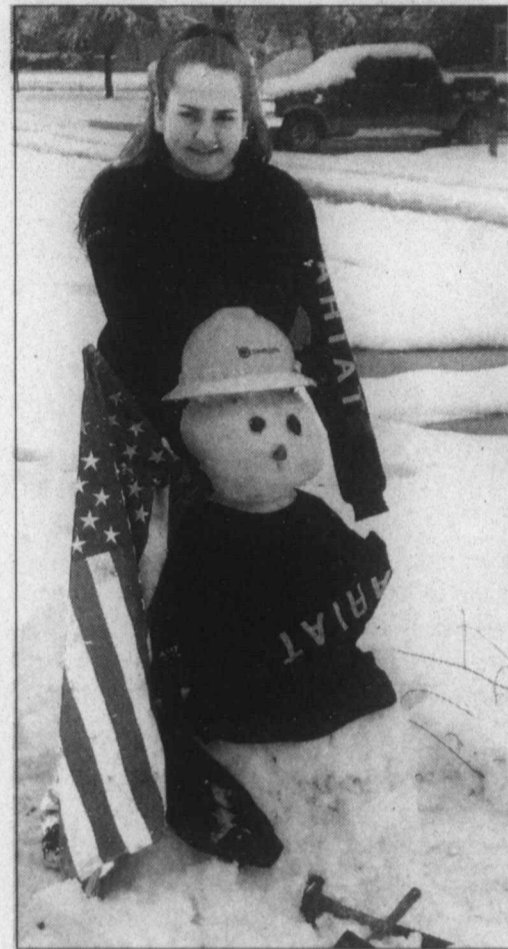
Brenda Lee recorded "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" when she was only 13 years old. Famous saxophonist Boots Randolph played the saxophone solo on "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree".



Tinsel was invented in 1610 in Germany and was once made of real silver.



Building snowmen with dad ... Tyler Hawthorne is pictured here with his children Hayes, Quade and Gaige Hawthorne after building snowmen.



Roughneck snowman Zoey Bartley made a Roughneck snow man, after a recent snowfall in the area.

The tradition of hanging stockings comes from a Dutch legend. A poor man had three daughters for whom he could not afford to provide a dowry. St. Nicholas dropped a bag of gold down his chimney and gold coins fell out and into the stockings drying by the fireplace. The daughters now had dowries and could be married, and the tradition of stockings for Christmas began.



Buying a new vehicle?
Remember to request Lynn County to receive sales tax from dealer

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County residents who purchase a new vehicle should request that the dealer send the sales tax to Lynn County, so that those fees benefit this county.



Lynn County has no new car dealers, so residents must shop out of the county when purchasing their new vehicles. According to Donna Willis, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, whose office handles vehicle registration and sales tax collections, Lynn County is missing out on funds when county residents purchase new vehicles but fail to request the sales tax be sent to Lynn County. And in some cases, even after the buyer has requested the sales tax be sent to Lynn County, the dealer fails to comply and instead sends the sales tax to the county in which the dealer is located.

"Since Lynn County has no car dealers here, it is very important for residents to tell the dealer to file their title transaction in Lynn County, and when signing paperwork to fill out the blank space with 'Lynn County' in the County of Title Issuance form," said Willis.

On this form, buyers have the option to choose where their transaction is filed by selecting one of three options: (1) Your county of residence; (2) County where the motor vehicle is purchased; or (3) County where the motor vehicle is encumbered by the lienholder. The county entered in the form will receive sales tax,

title fees, and other applicable state and local fees collected at the time of title application. The tax assessor-collector is authorized to retain a portion of the revenue for the county.

Willis suggests that residents who may be considering purchasing a new vehicle to come by her office at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka to pick up the County of Title Issuance form, with the name of Lynn County already filled in on the form. They can submit this form to the car dealer when they purchase a new vehicle.

"It is so very important

that buyers remember to have the sales tax sent to Lynn County, as those funds rightly benefit our county," said Willis.

She noted that if a buyer discovers that their car dealer did not send the sales tax to Lynn County even after the buyer requested it, to come by her office and pick up a complaint form that the buyer can complete and send to an enforcement division in Austin.

For more information, contact Donna Willis at the Lynn County Tax Assessor's office, 806-561-4112, at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka.



Defense ... Tahoka's Aly Dotson stops Crosbyton's #32 from driving the lane. Tahoka won the game 43-35.
(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

ALL I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM SANTA

1. Encourage people to believe in you.
2. Always remember who's naughty and who's nice.
3. Don't pout.
4. It's as much fun to give as it is to receive.
5. Some days it's ok to feel a little chubby.
6. Make your presents known.
7. Always ask for a little bit more than what you really want.
8. Bright red can make anyone look good.
9. Wear a wide belt and no one will notice how many pounds you've gained.
10. If you only show up once a year, everyone will think you're very important.
11. Whenever you're at a loss for words, say "HO, HO, HO!"

Blessings at Christmas

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

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM ...

Dr. Donald Freitag
STACY and MELISSA

Silent Night, Holy Night

May the wondrous spirit of Christmas fill your heart today and always.

From our family to yours, Happy Holidays.

John Witt Butane Gas Co., LLC

We wish you all a
Happy Holiday Season,
a Merry Christmas,
and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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Cheers

to our customers
and a Merry Christmas to all!

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Letters to Santa from New Home



New Home Pre-K Mrs. Baeza

Dear Santa,

I would like a bow and arrow, marbles, and a picture frame for Christmas. I have been very good this year and I'm very excited about Christmas.

Love, Beau

Dear Santa,

I would like a bicycle, unicycle, and a princess for Christmas. I have been very good this year and I'm very excited about Christmas.

Love, Maisie

Dear Santa,

I would like play dough, a coloring book, and a Frisbee for Christmas. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Paycen

Dear Santa,

I would like a green motorcycle that you can ride on, a real golf cart, and a real goat for Christmas. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Corbin

Dear Santa,

I would like a cotton candy machine, Star Wars action figures, and dinosaurs for Christmas. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Gavin

Dear Santa,

I would like a real motor bike, a real horse, and a car that has push pedals. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Ryder

Dear Santa,

I would like a new dog, a Barbie kitchen, and toy magnetic blocks. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Madison

Dear Santa,

I would like a Paw Patrol lookout, fighting toys, and a big fire truck with Paw Patrol pups. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Lane

Dear Santa,

I would like a big Nerf bullet gun, a red and blue Nerf ball gun, and an automatic car. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Hayden

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie, some play dough, and stickers. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Diana

Dear Santa,

I would like a Power Ranger sword, a lamp, and a Power Ranger costume. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Reagan

Dear Santa,

I would like a robotic snake, Lego army set, and a Lego airplane set. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Bronson

Dear Santa,

I would like a Power Ranger, a Batman, and a Superman toy. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Luis Angel

Dear Santa,

I would like a Baby Alive Go Bye Bye doll, a boom box CD player, and a toy Christmas tree. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Hollis

Dear Santa,

I would like a real baby, a real computer, and a stuffed animal dog. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

I would like a Power Ranger Ninja Steel Megazord, a toy motorcycle with Spiderman, and a cotton candy machine. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Jett

Dear Santa,

I would like a basketball, bike, and Power Ranger. I have been very good this year and I'm excited about Christmas.

Love, Jacob



Snow-much fun ... Vicki sent this photo to the News, having "snow much fun in New Home," after the Dec. 8 snowfall.

New Home Pre-K Jill Bundy

Dear Santa,

I love you every day. I have missed you. Will you please bring me a watch that has games on it and a car with a remote control? My brother is good sometimes so please bring him some cars to play with. I will leave some Christmas cookies out for you when you come.

Love, Austin Adams

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for Christmas. Please bring me a blue visor, some elbow pads for when I play football, and lots of crayons. I would also like to have a blow-up Bronco tunnel to run through before my football games. I have made good choices all year—mostly. I will be at FaFa's house for Christmas (her real name is Cathy with a "C"). Please bring my stuff there. She will leave cookies out for you. I will leave the milk out for you. Thank you Santa.

Love, Denver McMinn

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some football gloves that are blue and white. I would also like a Bumble Bee toy and an Optimus Prime toy. I've been real good this year. Oh yeah, my brothers and I would also like a football tunnel to run through. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk for a snack for you.

Love, Easton Petro

to play with. Please bring me some candy corn too. I will leave you a snack for if you're hungry. I will leave you cookies and candy corn to eat and apple juice and orange juice to drink with it. I hope I see you soon.

Love, Grayson Bruton

Dear Santa,

I've been kinda good this year. I will be real good from now on. So would you please bring me a robot kitty that only listens to me—not my sisters? I also would like a new bike with "fishy" designs on it and shiny confetti that hangs from the handles and I want a rainbow seat on it. I would also like gummy candy that looks like eyeballs and some Hubba Bubba gum. I want a Baby Alive toy and a bouncer with balls in it for my Baby Alive. I will make some cupcakes with cookies on them so you can have a snack. I'll leave you some milk to drink with your cupcake.

I love you. Love, Hattie

Dear Santa,

Happy Christmas to you. I've been making good choices and been pretty good. So since I've been good, would you please bring me a remote control train? I would also like a remote control airplane. Please also bring a toy leopard and a toy dragon for me to play with. My sister Kambry run fast so she old like some toys too. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk for a snack for you.

Love, Jaden Streety

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a truck to play with and some new airplanes. I would also like to have a drone. It would be fun to have a Santa Claus toy to play with all year long or a Power Ranger toy. I've been real good and so have my sisters. So please bring them gifts too. I will leave a snack for you in-case you are hungry. It will be a fruit roll-up and some cherry juice.

Love, Kacen Reed

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year. So will you please bring me a trailer that carries cars in it, some really BIG cars to play with, and a thing to make science things with. I would also like a machine that has a kitchen. I will leave you some snowman cookies and milk for a snack. Thank you for always bringing me toys.

Love, Joe Cuellar

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa and I have missed you. I'm thankful for what I get. I would like if you would bring me a remote control airplane, a robot dinosaur, and a big Lego set. Would you also please bring me a Santa Claus chart to countdown to Christmas? If you get hungry, I will leave you a snack of brownies and Gatorade. Thank you Santa.

Love, Keaston Kelcy

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a toy robot and a remote control car for Christmas. I would also like to have a Lego set and a car set of Legos. I want a remote control helicopter and a candy cane too. I've been good for a really long time, so can you also bring me a blue watch? I will leave some Oreos and milk out for a snack for you. Thank you.

Love, Mason West

Dear Santa,

I like you. Please bring me a blue bike. I would also like a toy octopus that I can build with Legos. I would like some Thomas the Train Legos too and a reindeer. I will leave you a red snack and some chocolate milk.

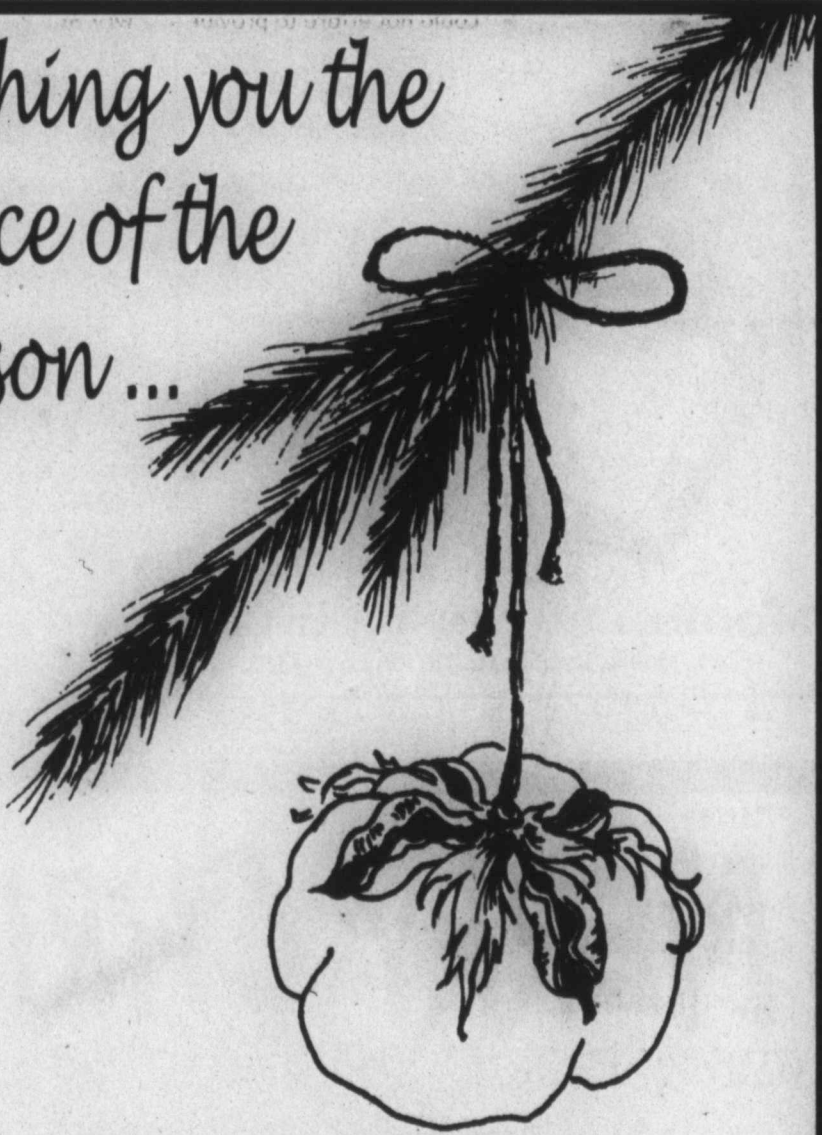
Thank you.

Love, Santiago Martinez

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Wishing you the
peace of the
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... 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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Merry
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Warmest greetings of
the season and
every good wish for
the coming year

from all of us at the law office of

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Letters to Santa

from New Home



New Home Pre-K

(continued)

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a rainbow colored skateboard. I would also like a Barbie dream house and some flowers for the Barbie Dream House. My sister would also like a skateboard. I've been real good this year so please bring me presents. I will leave you a snack of chocolate chip cookies and chocolate milk. Thank you.
Love, Scout Newsom

Dear Santa,
I want to go with you to all the other houses. I think that would be fun. If I can't go with you, please bring me a Barbie Doll and an Ariel Doll. I would also like to have my very own carpet to fly on. Please bring me some make-up too. I hope you bring presents for everyone that lives in my house. I will leave snacks out for you. It will be Christmas tree cookies, strawberry pie and a watermelon drink.
Thank you Santa.
Love, Serenity Nino

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me presents. Thank you so much for everything. Could I get a transformer that is Optimus Prime along with all the other transformers? I would also like to have a Buddy the Elf to snuggle with and a robot dinosaur. I have been really good this year. I will leave you some decorated cookies and some chocolate chip cookies as a snack along with some milk.
Love, Trenton Sibert

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Police car for kids to ride in. I would also like a toy Elf that isn't real so that I can play with it. I want some dinosaurs too, like a T-rex and a brontosaurus. I will leave you a snack of chocolate chip cookies and milk. I'm gonna be real good, I was kinda good already. Thank you.
Love, Trey Halfmann

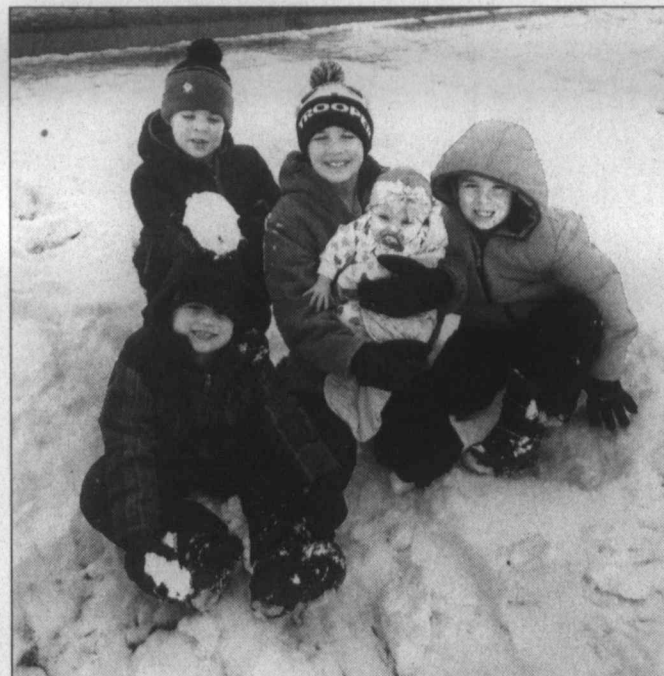
New Home Kindergarten

Kim Smith

Dear Santa,
I am going to my Grandmas house at Christmas. I would like some American Girl doll stuff. I want some coloring books. And maybe some Barbie stuff. I think that is it. Thank you, Santa.
Finny Jones

Dear Santa,
How fast do you go, to get to so many houses on Christmas night? I want a board game. I want Chutes and Ladders because my baby brother broke mine. I want Jesus to have a Happy Birthday. I want a new basketball, too. I want a new clock for my room. You are the nicest ever! Maddox Orr

Dear Santa,
I have been good this time. I want a Treasure X, where you dig for people. I want a Nerf gun. I will play it with my sister. I will make you some chocolate cookies. Thank you! Grant Kristinek



Playing in the snow ... Boston and Berkley Brown and Tate, Rhett and Beau Anderson are pictured here playing out in the snow in New Home.

Dear Santa,
How do the Elves make the toys? I want a drone. I want a robot that has a jet pack. I want a mini Ipad, too. That is all I want. I will leave you a lot of crunchy cookies! Be safe, Santa.
Easton Burrow

Dear Santa,
I have a sister named Belle. I want a shark track. I want a video game, too. I want Minecraft. And a toy boat. We will have to get cookies for you.
Brooks Green

Dear Santa,
I am being nice at school. I want a Snoopy for Christmas. I want a Snoopy blanket. I want a Snoopy pillow, they are awesome. I want a Nerf gun, too. I want a Snoopy home for Snoopy to live. Thank you, Santa.
Eli Dutton

Dear Santa,
I have been helping my mom and dad at home. I want an electric dirt bike. I want to ride it on my dirt road. I want a Nerf gun. I want a Hotwheels car. I will leave you cookies and a glass of milk.
Anson Kubacak

Dear Santa,
I am going to make you cookies that are Christmas trees and a gingerbread man. I am going to say, "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" I want an American Girl doll kitchen play set. I want a bike with no training wheels. I want a real little dog, too. Thank you!
Harper Distel

Dear Santa,
I've been really good today. I listen to Mrs. Smith. I want a red Ninja boat. I want a Batman Bat-Dune Buggy. This is my last thing, I want a motorcycle made out of Legos. And I want an Army tower with guards. I will leave you some rainbow cookies.
Fernando Williams

Dear Santa,
I have been good so far. I listen to all the teachers. I want a red Power Ranger. I want the Batman headquarters. That is all I want. I will leave you milk and vanilla and strawberry cookies.
Cale McCalib

Dear Santa,
I have been good doing work at school. I want a PJ Mask race. I want a Thomas Tornado set. I want a PJ Mask car, too. I will leave you cookies at my house.
J.D. Carroll

Dear Santa,
I have been playing with my brother and my puppy. I want games, like checkers. I think I want chess. There is one more thing, I think I want magnet blocks. I hope my mommy has her arm feeling better, too. That is all. Olivia Wied

Dear Santa,
I have been good helping my mom. I want a dirt bike to ride on. I want a Batman lego set, too. I am going to leave you some cookies with sprinkles, I think. Thank you! Carter Roberts

Dear Santa,
I know that Buddy and Jolly got married. And I know that Jolly is having a baby. I want a Scruff A Luv. I want an LOL Doll. I want a Barbie dance house, too. I think I want a toy cat, and that is all. Thank you.
Mackey Fogerson

Dear Santa,
I am nice at my mom's house. I want a radio because I want to listen to music. I want a Nerf gun. I want a coloring book, too. I am going to leave you some Oreo cookies.
Gustavo Gomez

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? And, how are you? I want a car set so I can play with it. I want the Indoraptor toy. I do want my own, new Ipad. I'm pretty sure one time I left you cookies, a chocolate chip one. Brock Bell

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I listen to my mom. I want a bow and arrow. I want some Lincoln Logs, little things that you build houses with. I want a dirt bike. I think that is it. I want a scooter that transforms into a bike, too. Thank you for being good. You are awesome, Santa. Kase Gray

New Home Kindergarten

Danielle Burrow

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I tried to get all greens in class. If I get all greens until Friday and I can choose a place to go. Can I have lost kitties? It is kind of like play dough. I want a robot, you can tell him to spy on somebody. He can get more toilet paper if someone needs some.
Love, Graydon

Dear Santa,
I hope your day was perfect in the North Pole. I hope you have a happy Christmas and a happy ride. Santa you're the best. Would you leave me an electric guitar with all the things it needs to play music under the tree? The second thing I would like is a golden scooter. The third thing is a wrestling book. See ya later on next Christmas. Love, Orion

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing good. Santa, you are nice. I want a football and an electric guitar. I hope to see you here at school. Love, Harrison

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving us presents because you work so hard. Will you bring me a hover board, Santa? Can I have a slingshot to see my rocks go high and I hope it doesn't break? Thank you.
Love, Clay

Dear Santa,
When I was going to my Gigi's I helped my sister on the roller coaster. I've been good. I want you to get me a Popsicle maker and when you press a green button it will make ice cream. I want you to get me an art table with a bunch of stuff. I want a Barbie dream house with puppies. Thank you for everything you bring me every day during Christmas! Love, Lucille

Dear Santa,
I help my mom with chores. Will you get me a go cart, so I can drive it around my rock road? Can I have a Stef Curry basketball? Tell the elves Hi! Love, Hayden

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole so cold? I want a Barbie Jane Mouse and I really want a baby doll that crawls and can move her legs and hands. I have been sweet because my mom gives me kisses every night. Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have been I think I in a 5 good. If you think I in a 5 is good, would you please give me the Gorilla race track? It has 140 cars and is a huge track. Has your sleigh crashed before? Are your elves being good?
Love, River

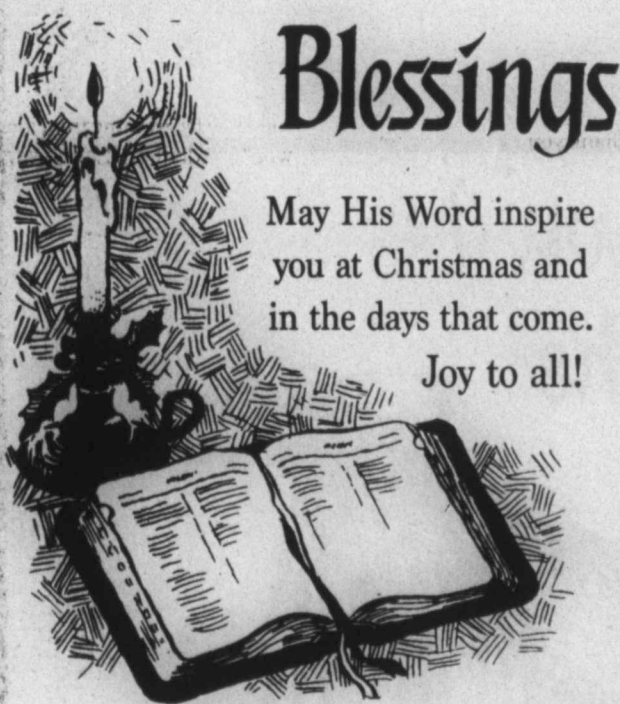
Dear Santa,
Am I on the naughty or nice list? I played outside nice with my cousin, Kylan. Can I have a PS4 with Fortnite, battle Royale, and bad guy and good guy games? Can you ask my dad to give me Fortnite back? Thanks for everything! Love, Tucker

Dear Santa,
I had a good day, because my mom already knows what I want for Christmas. I want a dream car that turns into a house for my Barbie's. I want an Ella Wella Doll and a glitter rainbow sparkles pony. I want a puppy that is not real. It walks and has a leash when I push a button. You are so nice! Love, Lottie

Dear Santa,
I have been washing dishes for my mom. I have been sweeping and making dinner for my mom. I am on the nice list. I want something for Christmas. Can I get a remote control monster truck? I want a little desk to do homework. I want a big present that has a big car that I can drive. I like you and will see you soon! Love, Liam

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. I make pumpkins because it makes me happy. Please, can I have a tea set and I want a rainbow pumpkin because it can look beautiful. I want a boy baby doll whose name is Chelsey. Can I have some earrings and jewelry? I want a fake bumble bee and a new pencil with stripes. Can I have a cheerleading suit with pompoms that is white and red? Have a great day!
Love, Hadleigh

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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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Letters to Santa from New Home



"I can help make Christmas special by ..."

New Home Kindergarten (continued)

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? Am I on the naughty or nice list? Are you doing good? Can I please have a Barbie dream house? I want a bracelet machine where we make bracelets. Can I please have a mermaid doll and a poster of me and my mom and dad? Hope you have a great day!
Love, Savannah

Dear Santa,
Are your elves in the North Pole? Have you packed up the presents? I am good. Can I have a plane? It's white, blue, and red and little bit taller than the plane at my house. Can you get me a green tractor? I will see you soon!
Love, Edgar

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer is there? How is the banking doing? How many presents are there? That must be a lot! Please, can I have a toy jet and some magic potion that makes things look cool? It goes bam, but it's not smoke though. I want a type of launcher that shoots things, but it's like a boomerang and comes back to you. Hope you are having a good year and please put some things in our stockings too. Happy Christmas to you, Santa Clause!
Love, Paul

New Home 1st Grade Mrs. Smithson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for Rudolph. How is Mrs. Claus? I would like to help somebody by giving them money. Please bring me a teacup puppy. I've ben a good girl.
Love, Halle

Dear Santa,
I love your randir. How do you not wack us up? I would like to help somebody by giving food. Please breg me a new Deadpool costum that the masc is chented.
Love, Waylon

Dear Santa,
I like your hat. What is your favorite color? I would like to help somebody by giving them food. Please bringme a computer.
Love, Elias

Dear Santa,
Thak you for the gifts. Are you ill? I would like to help somebody by giving them money. Pelase bring me a go car. I have been good.
Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. What is your favorite cookie? I would like to help somebody by picking them up. Please bring me a golden doodle.
Love, Gracie

Dear Santa,
I love you. Andhow do you deliver all the gifts? I would like to help somebody by teaching them to catch a ball. Please bring me a little real duck gun.
Love, Jace

Dear Santa,
I love you. how are the elf's doing? I would like to help somebody by giving them food. Please bring me a LOL Supris Biger Supris.
Love, Lili

Dear Santa,
Thank you for presits. Are you ready for a long nite? I would like to help somebody buy grosies. Please bring me a Barbi Drem house. I was being good.
Love, Kaycee

Dear Santa,
I like your berd. How are you feeling? I would like to helpe somebody by giving them a shed. Please bring mea phone. I've chride my best.
Love, Bailee

Dear Santa,
The gifts were fun last year. What is your favorite milk? I would like to help somebody by giving them food. Please bring me a web blaster.
Love, Kameron

Dear Santa,
I like your bead, Santa. How are you doing Santa? I would like to help somebody by helping them up. Please bring me a go cart. I am being a good boy.
Love, Cooper



Let's decorate these cookies ... New Home first and second grade classes came to Tahoka Donuts last week, having fun decorating sugar cookies provided by owner Al Garrett. Pictured here are some of the first graders, and they were having a great time deciding how to decorate their cookies. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
I love you so much Santa. What is your favorite cookie? I would like to help somebody by giving hats ad gloves. Please bring me a dry erase bord for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Cohen

Dear Santa,
I love you. Are your reindeer real? I would like to help somebody by cooking a cookie for them. Please bring me a little life pet bird.
Love, Syler

Dear Santa,
You'r the best. How is the class elf? I would like to help somebody to babysit. Please bring me a ozobot that is cool blue.
Love, Kambry

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. What cookies do you like? I would like to help somebody by giving them shelter. Please bring me a bucket of slime. Merry Christmas.
Love, Harper Jo

Dear Santa,
I love Rudolph. How is my elf, Bert? I would like to help somebody by babysitting. Please bring me a Baby alive.
Love, Stella

Dear Santa,
I like your beard. Are you good? I would like to help you dekorat your tree. Please bring me a remote cunchol guy.
Love, Logan

Dear Santa,
I like my elf, Buddy. What is your favorit elf? I wud like to giv toys to peepe! that do not haf toys. Please bring me a ranbo huverbord.
Love, Parker

New Home 1st Grade Mrs. Lorton

Dear Santa,
How is roodof? I wold like to help somboty kross the road. Please bring me a pet dog.
Love, Jett

Dear Santa,
You are my best frien. How is Skunk, Price's elf? I would like to help somebody by building a house. Please bring me a skateboard. I love you Santa.
Love, Price

Dear Santa,
I like yor berd. How is Dander douing in the North Pole? I would lik to help somebody by sharing my luch. Please bring me a baby bella.
Love, Victoria

Dear Santa,
I love you. how do you get up on the roof? I would like to ehlp somebody by giveing them a puppy. Please bring me a Wrapple.
Love, Payton

Dear Santa,
Thank you for being Santa. How do you walk so quietly? I would like to help somebody by giving them clean water. I would like a unicorn.
Love, Zoe

Dear Santa,
I love your berd. How is Rudolph? I would like to help somebody buy hats and gloves and sacks. Please bring me a Pogo Stisk. I hope I am on the nise list??
Love, Xavier

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me presents. How is Rudolph? I would like to help somebody by giving them cloths. Please bring me a bounsy house and the real Elsa and Anna for my sister. Love, Stella P.S. I don't think the real Elsa and Anna is real.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you got me last year. How is dasher doing? I would like to help somebody by giving them groceries. Pleas bring me a Blue super fast cool race car that I can ride in.
Love, Grayson

Dear Santa,
I love your presents that you brenge me. How is Rugolph? I would like to help somebody by getting them shoos. Please bring me a ipad. Win will my rainer be here?
Love, Linken

Dear Santa,
Thanks for my present last year. How is Rudolph? I would like to help somebody by giving hats. Please bring me a Nintendo. I love the present you bring me.
Love, Kyson

Dear Santa,
I love you. How is Mis. Clas? How is the north Pole? I would like to helpsombody by helping them and giving them snacks. And please brening me a elf.
Love, Braylee
Thank you

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents and how is Viksin? I would like to help somebody by givening hats and glovs. I know I'm on the notey list.
Love, Graham

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a present. how is Rudolph? I would like to help somewon by giving a toy to someone. Ples bring me a electr scooter.
Love, Cooper

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Does Rudolphs nose glow? I would lik to help somebody by givening them snacks. Please bring me a Lego mustang police car.
Love, Brogan

Dear Santa,
I love your berd. How is roodof? I would like to help sum-wun by gve presits. Please bring me a play babby dole. I hop I am on the nise list.
Love, Preslee

Dear Santa,
I love your beard. how is Rudolph doing? I would like to help somebody by giving them gloves. Please bring me a little puppy. PS I love reindeer.
Love, Madison

Dear Santa,
I love your reindeer. Is Mrs. Claos baking cookies? I would help somebody by giving them warm close. Please bring me a hoverboard.
Love, Summit

Dear Santa,
Santa thanks for the pre-sets from loast year. How is roodolph? I would like to help someone by giving them a crismis tree. Please bring me Alana tranning blue animatranic w/contoller. I will leave out chocate chip cookies.
Love, Luke

Dear Santa,
I love you santa. How is Rudolph? I would like to help somebody by giving them shelter. Please bring me a real life baby puppy. I hope im on the nice list.
Love, Kinleigh

Dear Santa,
I love your reindeers. How is Mrs. Claos? I would like to ehlp somebody by givening thim food. I wunt a hoderbord.
Love, Kaizylh

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Letters to Santa from New Home



"If I could invite anyone to Christmas dinner ..."

New Home 2nd Grade

The 2nd Grade classes answered the question, "If I could invite anyone to Christmas dinner it would be ..."

Dear Santa,

I would invite Santa. This year for Christmas, I would like a book. How is Zike doing? How is Rudolf doing? How many Elfs do you have?

Love, Rhett Anderson

Dear Santa,

I would invite Patrick Mahomes. I would ask him to play football. This year for Christmas I would like one million dollars. Do you wear red stuff every day? I hope you like the north pole. Sincerely, Paxton Jones

Dear Santa,

I would invite my cousins. They are special to me. This year for Christmas I would like every thing babyalive. Every thing that the hole wide world has babyalive. I also want a triple baby stroller or 8 baby carriers. But that is a little to much. I have a question for you. How do elfs not get caught? It seems rilly hard to do it. Getting place to place at night with such short time and thay half to do it evry night in tell Cristmus. Well inless thay get toched by a child that ceeps them from getting to move. That is werst of all. Sincerely, Alexa Mackenzie

HO HO HO!

Dear Santa,

I would invite Patrik Bhoms. I would play football with him. This year for Christmas I would like a atugraf from Patrik Bhoms. A xbox would be good to. Do you have candy cane houses? Love, Aidan Roberts

Dear Santa,

I would invite you. This year for Christmas I would like more slime. I would also like to ask a question about how is star doing and merry Christmas and a happy new year! Sincerely, Landri Perez

Dear Santa,

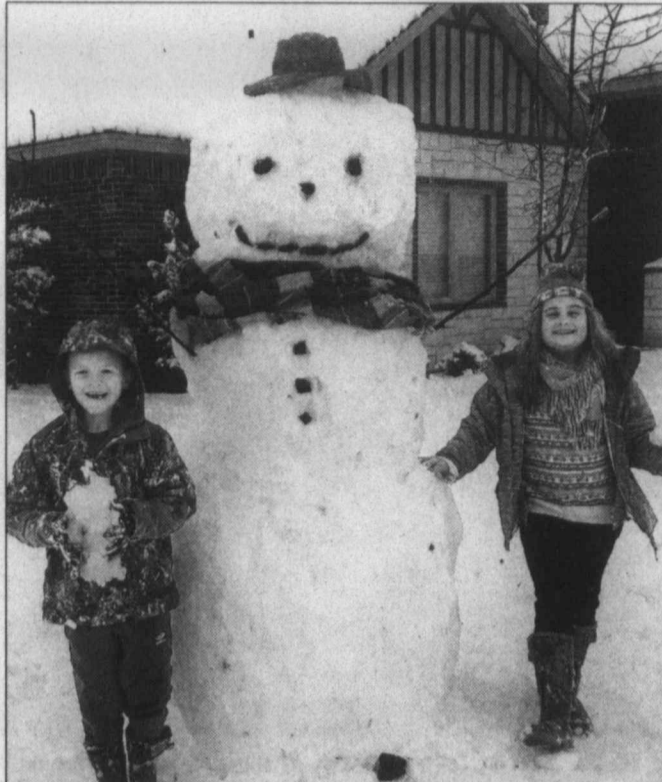
I would invite Texas Tech cherledr. This year for Christmas I would like a robot horse. Are your elfs okay? If I had a elf it would be a girl. Love, Sarah Brumley

Dear Santa,

I would invite Patrik Mahoms. I would like a football and a xbox. I will save you some chocolate chip cookies and hot milk and hot chocolate. Are the elfs getting anything nice? Love, JJ Barrera

Dear Santa,

I would invit you. Do you have magike and how do you eat all of those cookies and get to far away places? How big are your elfs? Are they big as the slay? How big is your tree? How big your house? How many candes can your elfs eat? Love, Quade Sellers



Big snowman ... Stephen Brookshire sent this photo to The Lynn County News, showing these cute kids and their big snowman, after the snowfall on Dec. 8.

Dear Santa,

I would invite Pack Monse. This year for Christmas, I would like a foos ball table. I also like for Christmas a dart board. I also like for Christmas would be a unisickle. How many elfs do you have? Sincerely, Cooper Sonnenberg

Dear Santa,

I would invite Jingles and Snowflack. I will go to the north pole. How old are you? Can we have a nothr Elf? Can the Grinch come to eat with us? I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Kylan Fulton

Dear Santa,

I would invite my family. This year for Christmas I would like a huge drone and a camo dirt bike and a yellow lab dog. Santa, I have a question for you. When are you going to send our elf buddy? Can you tell me? Love, Bryson Distel

Dear Santa,

I would invite my sister! She lives in Colorado. This year for Christmas I would like Rolli my kissing puppy. Do the elfs have to work really hard? Do you get really hungry during the slay ride? Love, Collins Hennington

Dear Santa,

I would invite Jojo siwa. This year for Christmas I would like lol bigger surprise, Jojo siwa dolls, willa, skruflaluv, Pomeranian, all the Jif pom books, Dog man books, a Chiwawa, a bunny, a hunter stuff animal, a unicorn, Maryellen, 1,000 dollars, and hamster. Are you cold in the north pole? Love, Riley Koonce

Christmas Trivia ...

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

Dear Santa,

I would invite Russel Westbrook, Lebron James, Dak Prescott, Pat Mahomes. This year for Christmas I would like a Russel Westbrook jersey and a Russel Westbrook shoes and a bike. How can you fly around the world in 1 nite? Sincerely, Garrett Stanford

Dear Santa,

I would invite Russel Westbrook, James Harden, and Kevin Durant. This year for Christmas, I would like a jeep. How are you doing? How do you get around the world? How are your raders doing? When will buddy come? Can I have a dog with my elf? Love, Rylan Stegemoeller

Dear Santa,

It would be Ryleigh, Reese, Kendyl, Marissa, Chloe. I want for Christmas a elf, huverbord, chinchilla, monchymata. Santa how many elfs do you have? Love, Mattelyn Jackson

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a game computer, a real Iron Man suit with metal, a watch, a phone and a clock for my room. If I get a real Iron Man suit, I will fly to New York City. I wear a size 8. I will leave you some cookies. Love, Reed Underwood

Dear Santa,

I would invite Marshwan Lynch. I would do drills with him. This year for Christmas I would like Football gloves. How do you eat all those cookies? Sincerely, Brackston Emery

Dear Santa,

Can I have you for dinr. I wot a baby doll live. How can you eat all thos cookis? Love, Evallie Polanco

Dear Santa,

It would be you!!!! For Christmas I mostly want a gaming computer. I am really, really, really excited for Christmas. How is Rudolph doing? Hope he's doing good. Merry Christmas! Sincerely, Breckin Price

Dear Santa,

I would invite Dak Prescott. We would play football. This year for Christmas, I would like a signed helmet of Dak Prescott and a signed jersey. When will coco come? How do you eat so many cookies? Merry Christmas! You are awesome! Love, Devin Carrillo

Dear Santa,

I would invite jojo siwa. We will sing. We will woch her vi-tyos. This year for Christmas I would like to see jojo siwa. Is Rudolph ok? Love, Marissa Calvillo

Dear Santa,

I would invite Santa Clause. We could take off on your slay after dinner and we could go to the North Pole and I could go see my elf Trixie. Thank you for my elf. This year for Christmas, I would like one of your reindeer. If you have an extra one. Not one that flies. I was wondering whenever Trixie will come? Love, Kendyl Bassham

Dear Santa,

I would invite Taylor Swift. We would make a new song. We would also make slime. This year for Christmas I would like a gril elf. I would name it Snowflak. How are the randeer? Sincerely, Reese Kristinek

Dear Santa,

I would invite JOJO Siwa. I will take JOJO Siwa to my aunts house. This year for Christmas I would like a puppy. I would allow like a buk bed tree house. How do you eat all of the girls and boys cookies? Love, Chloe Clem

Dear Santa,

I would invite you. This year for Christmas I would like a phone or a x-box one. I would play with you. How is Rudolph? Meery Christmas. Are the elfs okay? Sincerely, Ivan Corredor

Dear Santa,

I would invite my family. This year for Christmas I would like a fake bull to lasso, a hover board, a vega scooter, a Ipod with a tech case. Happy Christmas to you. Your the best ever. Sincerely, Maddox McLaurin

Dear Santa,

I would invite Luke!!!! We would play cars! We would play on my playset! Have a race! This year for Christmas I would like for Luke to come back from Porto Recko!! Because I use to spend every summer day with him!!!! Happy Hollidays Santa!! Love, Jenna Williams

Dear Santa,

I would invite Patrick Mahoms. We would play catch. This year for Christmas, I would like a scooter and a skate bord. When will elfy come? Can you send him today? Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Wyatt Goldston

Dear Santa,

I would invite KC. We would play football. It would be fun. This year for Christmas I would like a PS4. For Christmas I would like a x box1. It would be fun. Are the elfs okay? Sincerely, Colton Brumley

Dear Santa,

I would invite Jojo cuse Iv never seen her! She is famas! We would sing Boomereag it would be so much fun! This year for Christmas I would like a Hoverboard! Then I wan these red shoes I found on a magaseen. I love this jacket and this shirt. Can you send my elf back? I rely love her. Thank you! Love, Ryleigh Ferguson

Dear Santa,

I would invite Trinton. We would play with my puppy. This year for Christmas I would like a huverbord, a gopro, a IphoneX, a smart sckecher, a hunting knife that is green. How old are you? Sincerely, Phillip Smith

Dear Santa,

I would invite my Grandma. We wold go to the store. This year for Christmas I would like a bed and a teddy bere and sum marks. How is Rouf? Santa, were do you live? Sincerely, Belem Guterrez

Christmas Trivia ...

In Britain, the Holy Days and Fasting Days Act of 1551, which has not yet been repealed, states that every citizen must attend a Christian church service on Christmas Day, and must not use any kind of vehicle to get to the service.

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Letters to Santa from Wilson



Wilson Pre-K

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer for Christmas. I want a Hulk smash toy too. Love, Liem

Dear Santa,
I want a new umbrella and a Doctor costume for Christmas. Love, Belle

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear and a rainbow dash toy and a shopkins for Christmas. Love, Alex

Dear Santa,
I want a unicorn and a toy dog that can walk on a leash. Love, Reina

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck and a Santa that walks for Christmas. Love, Adrian

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want hachimals and I also want a unicorn. Sincerely, Emerald

Dear Santa,
I would like a unicorn and a puzzle. I hope you staaay warm on flight. Sincerely, Mayte

Dear Santa,
I would like a new jacket. I would also like a talking stuffed animal. I hope you like the milk and cookies! Sincerely, Evangeline

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a choo choo train and toy money. I love you Santa. Sincerely, Von

"I can help make Christmas special by ..."

Wilson 1st Grade

The 1st Grade class answered the question, "I could help make Christmas special for someone..."

I can help make Christmas cookies for someone. I can invite my friend to look at Christmas lights with me and my family. It will be the night time. Me and my mom will make cookies and we will make icing and I can take my cookies with my mom to one of my neighbors. Morgan

I can help make Christmas decorations for my mom and dad. I can help my neighbor make a Christmas tree. Rocky

I can help someone by taking cookies to a friend and some to a stranger. I can help with Christmas tree. Genesis

I can help someone decorate the Christmas tree. I can help my friend decorate her house. I can help my friends bathe their dog and put Christmas pajamas on him. Lizeth

I can make Christmas special by giving my family hugs. I can give them presents. David

I can help make Christmas special for someone. I can organize somebody's closet. I can help someone put up their Christmas tree. Michael



Cool dude ... Ruben Villarreal had a cool dude snowman, after the Dec. 8 snowfall in the Wilson area.

"If I had \$100 I would ..."

Wilson 2nd Grade

The 2nd Grade class answered the question, "If I had \$100 dollars..."

I would get my family watches and give the rest of the money to them. Love, Uriel

I would have \$100 dollars! I would buy my family a new car for them. And the car is called a tahoe. And I would get my little brother a Mickey toy and my dad a tool cart and my mom makeup set. Love, Analayah

I would get my family a new phone because are phones don't work sometimes. My brother a new video game. Love, Miley

I want my perents to be happy with me because I will sing a song for my perents. I would buy a Christmas movie with \$100 dollars. Love, Isabella

I wood get my sister art stuff and my brother a xbox card for his gam and my dad cologne and my mom makeup for her. Thank you Santa. Love, Desiree

I wuld get my sister art supplies. I wuld get my cozens litle toys and my baby cosen a ratl and my uther litl cosen a toy phone. Love, Samantha

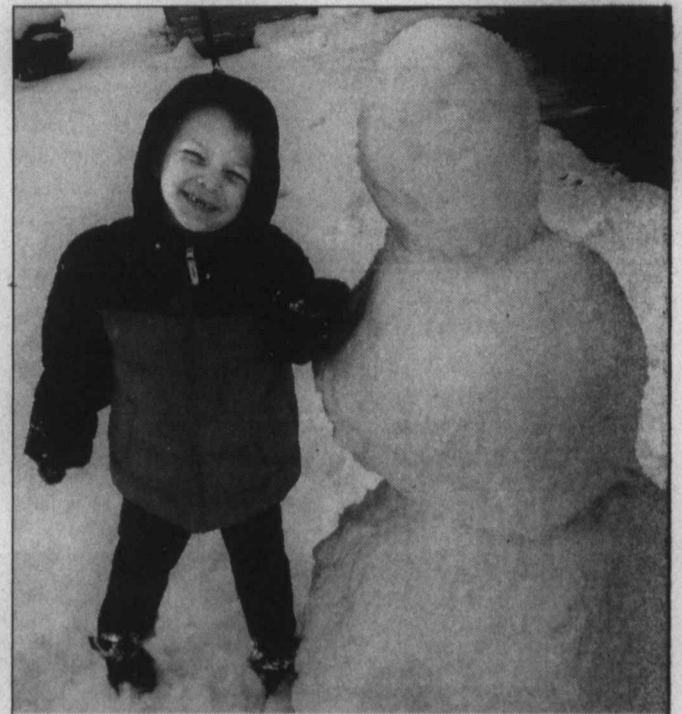
I would get my cousin Play-Doh and my dad Xbox and my mom a Samson phone becus she can't call and tex. Love, Abril

I would get my family some clothes. For mommy make up. For my daddy a watch. For my brother and sister I would get thim a phone. Love, Malirie

Did you know? about CHRISTMAS

PASS THE FRIED CHICKEN, PLEASE!

Japanese people traditionally eat at KFC for Christmas dinner. Although the percentage of christian people in Japan is close to zero, every Christmas, kids and grown-ups head to the closest KFC to enjoy some fried chicken – the closest food to turkey that you can get in Japan. It's all thanks to a successful "Kentucky for Christmas!" marketing campaign in 1947. First aimed at foreigners, KFC offered a "Christmas dinner" that contained chicken and wine – a meal that remotely resembled the food expats and tourists had at home. After a huge success, Kentucky Fried Chicken started promoting this offer every year, until the fast food chain became strongly associated with the holiday season. KFC is so popular that customers must place their Christmas orders 2 months in advance!



Almost finished ... Peyton Russell Chesley is ready to put the finishing touches on this snowman, in this photo sent in by Bear Chesley in Wilson.



Like my Mohawk?

... Mary Ann Schwertner made a snowman featuring a unique Mohawk hairdo, after the Dec. 8 snowfall in the Wilson area.

Christmas

RIDDLES

- What do elves learn in school?
[The Elf-abet!]
- Did you hear that one of Santa's reindeer now works for Proctor and Gambel?
[Its true, Comet cleans sinks!]
- What nationality is Santa Claus?
[North Polish.]
- What kind of bird can write?
[A PENguin.]
- Why did Santa spell Christmas N-O-E?
[Because the angel had said, "No L!"]
- Who is never hungry at Christmas?
[The turkey, he is always stuffed.]

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