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COVID UPDATE:

DEC. 18 SPPHD UPDATE:
 The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases:
 Lynn County total cases: 473
 (11 new cases confirmed)
 43 Active - 426 Recovered - 4 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 15	61	21	
Dec 16	43	18	
Dec 17	56	19	
Dec 18	61	23	
Dec 19	55	29	
Dec 20	58	28	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.75"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.24"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.77"
Total Precip for Nov:	0.14"
Total Precip for Dec:	0.06"
Total Precip. for 2020:	10.96"

It's (still) a wonderful life

by JUANELL JONES
 To say that this has been a hard year is an understatement.

The year of 2020 is coming to an end ... and many of us are ready to say, "good riddance, 2020" due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, many months of stress, loss of income, frustrating changes in our schools and businesses, months of enforced distancing from each other, and in many cases, sadness and grief caused by the loss of family and friends.

The November political elections were crazy. Our Nation is in turmoil. The nightly news is hardly bearable.

So, we're going to have to look to the Lord above, within ourselves, and within our communities, for a reason to be happy this Christmas.

It's still a wonderful life - we're just going to have to try harder to remember why.

Christmas is different this year, but we need to look at it with hope. You have to have hope to live. Life without hope is like a car with no fuel. A vaccine for Covid-19 is coming. We are praying this will spare lives in 2021. We have hope that by next Christmas we can all get together and celebrate.

Celebrations are different this year. But we still have them.

Hope showed up this Christmas - in one of our new city council members.

She just got elected, and then showed her enthusiasm for her community by jumping in with both feet and immediately organizing a Christmas committee of like-minded enthusiasts to bring some much-needed cheer in this covid-lockdown holiday season. She contacted area business owners, asking them to help with lighting up the downtown area, and the committee organized a tree-lighting ceremony downtown while inviting area schools to participate with fund-raising booths at a hometown Christmas festival. We tried to keep our distance from each other and had to wear masks, of course, but still - it's a way for the community to celebrate.

It's a new event that only took place because she cared, and took the time and put in the energy to do something about it - and had hope that it would mean something to her community. Thank you, councilwoman Courtney (and councilman Shiloh, as well as the other council members who were also eager to make it happen).

(See A WONDERFUL LIFE, page 10A)

Did you know? about CHRISTMAS

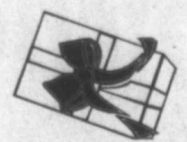
Jingle Bells

"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



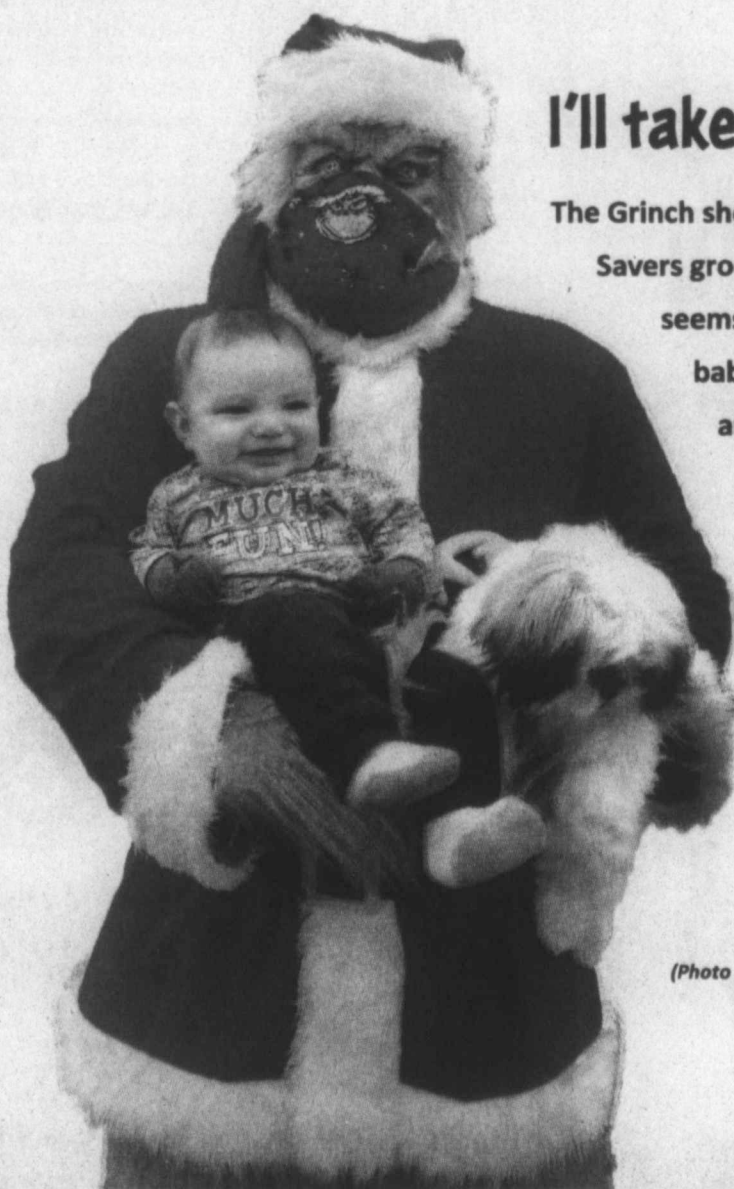
The US playing card company 'Bicycle' had manufactured a playing card in WW2 which would reveal an escape route for POWs when soaked. These cards were Christmas presents for all POWs in Germany. The Nazis were none the wiser!



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



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.



I'll take these two!

The Grinch showed up at the Tahoka Cash Savers grocery store last week, and seems to have chosen this cute baby, Jeredias Alexeev Cruz III, and a little dog named Max (yes, just like the dog in the Grinch movie, his name really is Max!) to take from Whoville (Tahoka). But don't worry, kids, the Grinch had to give them back before he left! Jeredias is the son of Aubrey Mendieta.

(Photo submitted by Cash Savers)



Did you know?

“ We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime. — Laura Ingalls Wilder ”

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

December 28-31

Monday: Chicken tender strips, mashed potatoes, mixed squash, fruit cup

Tuesday: Smothered pork chops, southwest potatoes, squash casserole, carrot & raisin salad, peaches

Wednesday: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, salad, apple crisp

Thursday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

Friday: Closed for New Year's

Obituaries



Onita Steinhauser

Onita Steinhauser, 85, of Lubbock, Texas peacefully passed away December 14, 2020 after a lengthy illness. She was born on November 11, 1935, on a farm five miles southeast of Wilson, TX, to Herbert and Edna Ernst Ehlers. She graduated from Wilson High School in 1954, and attended Texas Lutheran College in Seguin. Onita worked for Lyntegar Electric for nine and a half years, of which she was Assistant Office Manager for seven years. She taught organ and piano for a number of years out of the home.

Onita was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson where she met and married the love of her life, Victor Steinhauser on April 5, 1958 during one of the worst sandstorms in years. She played the organ for the church for 56 years and was active in the church where she attended and led Bible study, held offices in the Dorcas Circle, helped with children's programs, played for community Cantatas, and taught Vacation Bible School. Onita was a long time resident of Wilson, and served the community by helping out at school and church events, and playing the piano for countless high school graduations. She was a member of Quilters Guild and Scrapbook Ladies Group. She

enjoyed taking care of her family, playing the piano and organ, oil painting, quilting, sewing, making homemade ice cream, Texas Cream Pies and peanut brittle, camping, boating, traveling and collecting plates, bowling, and attending Texas Tech games with Victor. Upon moving to Lubbock in 2016 she joined Shepherd King Lutheran Church. She had a loving servants heart and was always asking how she could help or just quietly helping and serving others and the Lord. A loving and devoted daughter, sister, aunt, wife, and mom, who loved the Lord and family throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 62 years, Victor; brothers Ariis Ehlers and Milton Ehlers; and baby brother and sister, Jimmie Allen and Karen Lou.

She is survived by her sister, Verlene Stegemoeller of Rochester, TX; brother, Ray Ehlers (Barbara) of Lubbock, TX; sister-in-laws Geneva Ehlers of Slaton, TX and Betty Ehlers of Tahoka, TX; daughters Lisa Cook and husband David of Boerne, TX, and Vicki Jordan and husband Matthew of Lubbock, TX. Onita "Oma" is also survived by grandchildren: Makayla Reynolds and husband Ryan, Shashu Cook, Jamesson Cook, Jordan Cook and Gabe Cook, one great-grandson on the way, and extended family.

The family would like to thank the caretakers at Crown Point Health Suites and Hospice of the South Plains for the love and support they provided to Onita for the past year and eleven days.

The family suggest memorial contributions be sent to: Shepherd King Lutheran Church, 2122 18th Street Lubbock, TX 79401; St. John Lutheran Church, 1305 Dickson Ave. Wilson, TX 79381; Green Memorial Cemetery, PO Box 102, Wilson, TX; and Hospice of the South Plains, 4413 82nd

St. #135, Lubbock, TX 79424.

Funeral services were held at Shepherd King Lutheran Church of Lubbock on Friday, December 18, 2020. Online condolences can be shared at englundsfuneralservices.com. A private graveside service was held at Green Memorial Park Cemetery, Wilson.



Sirita Kay Weeks

Graveside service for Sirita Kay Weeks, 68, of Lamesa will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 19, 2020 at Dawson County Cemetery with Pastor Dee Woolum and Pastor Kalith Brown officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Face coverings and social distancing are required for the safety of the family and our community.

Sirita passed away Thursday, December 17, 2020 in Lubbock, TX. She was born on August 6, 1952 in Brownfield, TX, to Arlys and Christine (Martin) Askew. She married Jim Weeks on December 10, 1994 at home in Welch, TX., they were married for 26 years.

She was a member of Northside Baptist Church and "If you knew her, you loved her."

She is survived by her mother, Christine Askew of Lubbock; husband Jim Weeks of Lamesa, TX.; children, Brandie Hudson and husband Matt of Tahoka, TX., Bryan Inklebarger and wife Alejandra of Tahoka, TX., Kim Weeks and Amanda of Water Valley, TX, and Neil Weeks and wife Jill of Plains, TX., grandchildren, Josh Weeks, Audrey Miller, Brooke Inklebarger, Bryson Resendez, Dalton Weeks, Harrison Weeks, Cason Resendez, Elizabeth Groover, Toby Groover, Valerie Lozano, Isabella Lozano; four great grandchildren; sister, Debbie Caswell and husband Bobby of Lubbock, TX.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN. 38105-3678.

To send condolences, online please visit www.branon-funeralhome.com.

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

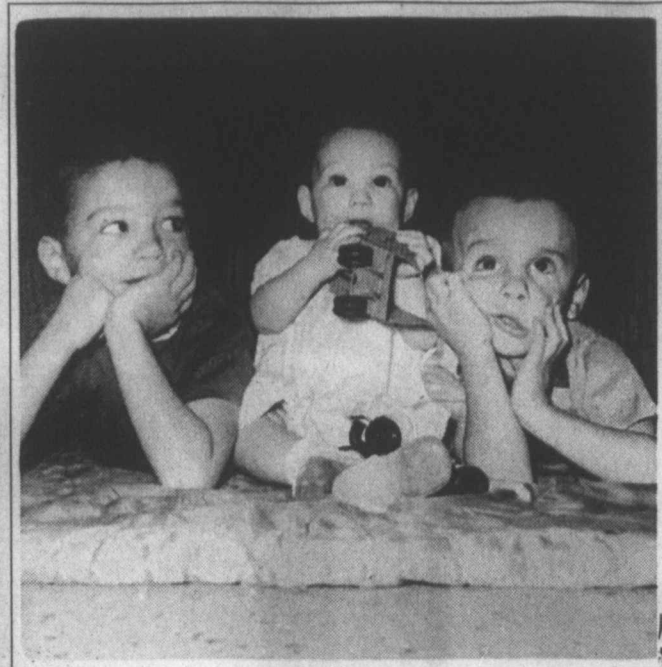
Question: What was the real name of the character Tim Allen plays in The Santa Clause?
Answer: Scott Calvin

Question: How many gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song?
Answer: 364

Question: Which fairy tale was the first gingerbread houses inspired by?
Answer: Hansel and Gretel

Question: In the movie A Christmas Story, what was the

Vintage Photos from our Readers



MR. AND MRS. DON COWAN
BRAD, CAROLYN AND BEN

Fun from the 60s! ... Carolyn Botkin of Tahoka had this vintage Christmas card, from 1959-60, that her parents sent out when she was a baby. The card reads: Merry Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cowan - Brad, Carolyn and Ben.

Obituaries



Barbara Gayle (McNeely) White

Barbara Gayle White of New Home passed away after a long illness on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at the age of 85. Barbara was born August 13, 1935 in Tahoka, to W. R. (Skinny) and Tiny Lee McNeely. She lived in Tahoka and graduated from Tahoka High School, then attended Texas Tech. Barbara married the love of her life, Leland White on Jan 9, 1954. They resided in New Home, TX where she devoted many years to their farming operation.

Barbara worked for Hemphill Wells, Christmas Dept. Gallery, followed with the USDA for 25 years until her retirement in 1999. She enjoyed traveling and toured many continents and countries. Barbara was a member and strong supporter of WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics), Phebe K. Werner Club and held

name of the neighbors whose dog ate the Christmas turkey?
Answer: The Bumpuses

Question: How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?
Answer: Feliz Navidad

Question: Where did the word and idea "Christmukkah" come from?
Answer: The O.C.

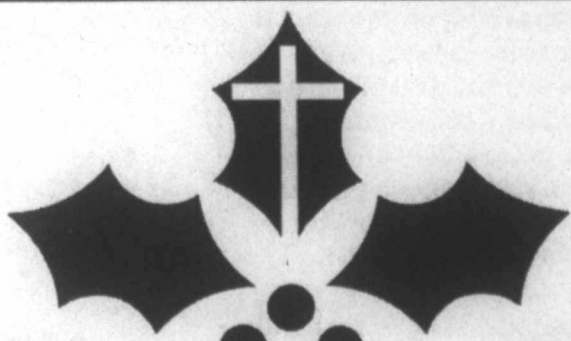
various board positions. She also had a passion for painting and donated several paintings to Lynn Co. Hospital and Lynnwood Long Term Care Facility. She was a member of Lynn County Historical Committee. She was a long-time member and song leader at New Home Methodist Church. Barbara was a fantastic cook, loved to read, work crosswords, dance to country western music and attend festivals and conferences with her husband. Barbara was an avid Texas Tech fan and registered EMT who felt organ donations and medical science research were very important.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.R. (Skinny) and Tiny Lee McNeely and her brother, Macky.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Leland White; son, Michael, and wife Carol White of New Home; daughter, Debbie White of Dallas; granddaughter, Stefanie, and husband Justin Brown of New Home; grandson, Trevor White of Washington, D.C.; great-grandchildren, Preslee and Ryder Brown; sisters, Sandra and husband Jerry Brown of Tahoka and Joni Williams of Rockwall, as well as other relatives and friends.

A come and go visitation will be held 2:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka, face masks are required. A private graveside service will be held for family members with a memorial service to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers family suggest donations be made to the Alzheimer association, Methodist Children's Home of Waco, TX (MCH.org), to the Lynn County Hospital District or any charity of your choice.



Christmas Eve Worship

Please join us for the ...

Hope for the City Community Christmas Eve Celebration

(Hosted by the Community Churches)


Tahoka Mini Park

Thursday, December 24, 5:30 p.m.

Bring flashlight and lawnchair for the park or remain in your vehicle and tune in to 88.3 FM.

All are welcome & encouraged to attend.

(PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING- MASK REQUIRED)


 You are invited to a
Retirement Reception
 honoring
Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton
 for her 23-1/2 years of service to Lynn County
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Monday, December 28, 2020
 in the County Courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse
 1501 South 1st Street • Tahoka, Texas

Letter to the Editor . . .

Hometown Christmas Festival event was a group effort

Special Thank you! The Hometown Christmas Committee all started with a simple plan. To light up Tahoka. This team of ladies consisted of Shea Askew, Vondi Braddock, Lea Swinford, Miranda Stice, Shirley Burleson, Tamesha Harris, Melanie Moya, Melissa Pedrosa and Courtney Stennett. They met every week for one month planning a few events for the holiday season.

As you may have noticed, downtown is beautifully lit this year. The team worked diligently with business owners and Lyntegar to make this happen! A special thanks to Lee Lehman and Shiloh Braddock as they put in endless hours trying to pull this all off for the weekend Christmas festival! We would also like to thank Lyntegar for providing the workers and the equipment to bring such a beautiful ambiance to the downtown atmosphere!

If you have a business that would like information about lighting up your store front next year please contact The City and they will get you in touch with our team.

The Committee put together a Caroling Hayride – a 20 ft trailer decorated to the nine's by the Christmas team makes for an enjoyable experience! The Hayride starts and ends at the mini park each Thursday night from 6:00-7:30 (dropping off and picking up every 30 minutes) to stroll through the neighborhoods spreading Christmas joy by singing your favorite Christmas Carols such as Silent Night and Up on the Housetop! The hayride stops at random homes along the way to pause and give lucky residents a serenade of Christmas Cheer! We would like to thank Gary Stennett for the trailer, Kent Kahl for the hay, Brady Askew, Steve Burleson and Drew Stone for driving the hayride through town! There is one more opportunity to join in on the fun this Thursday! Please wear your mask and bundle up as it tends to get a bit chilly once the sun goes down!

The Committee also put

on a yard decorating contest! We would like to thank all 26 contestants that entered! Winners received a Large Pizza donated by Jon Luna at Jolly Time, a homemade Cheesecake from Courtney Stennett, and a Gift Card to The Home Place in Tahoka or Dry Land in New Home! Winners were Stanley Kane (Tahoka), Amber and Blake McWhirter (New Home), Daniel and Jennifer Clark (New Home), and Randy and Sarah Cook (O'Donnell).

Now onto the big event! The First Annual Hometown Christmas Festival! We hoped this event would bring Christmas cheer and a sense of togetherness back to the Community! Our efforts were to keep everything local, from the food trucks, the booths, to the entertainment. Lynn County is blessed to have so much talent and great cooks we knew it wouldn't be hard to gather them for one night! The event was emceed by Calloway Huffaker and Cliff Holdridge gave a wonderful Christmas message from the Bible. Local artists consisted of Claire Regland, Sawyer May, Paisley Allison and Carroll Rhodes. Grace Regland entertained the crowd with a special Christmas dance.

We are grateful for the use of the sound/lighting system from Ernie Gomez. Thank you to Tyson Harris, Dusty Young, Tejada Cafe, Big Dog, Cake Palace, Tahoka NHS and Student Council, O'Donnell Band, Wilson Junior Class, and New Home NHS for participating in this year's Christmas Festival. A Special thanks goes out to our very own Local Fire Department for chauffeuring Santa through our downtown streets. We appreciate Ralph Huffaker and Drew Stone for their jolly spirit and desire to bring so many smiles to so many kids!! Thank you to Joanna Saldana and Martin Rosas for their hand in bringing the Grinch to the event!

Our appreciation goes out to our local police department for being present and keeping this event safe. We are grateful to the City of Tahoka for their donation of the beautiful Eldarica Pine. For the City



Baby, it's cold outside ... Masked up, and bundled up, citizens watch the entertainment at Tahoka's Hometown Christmas Festival, on Dec. 12. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

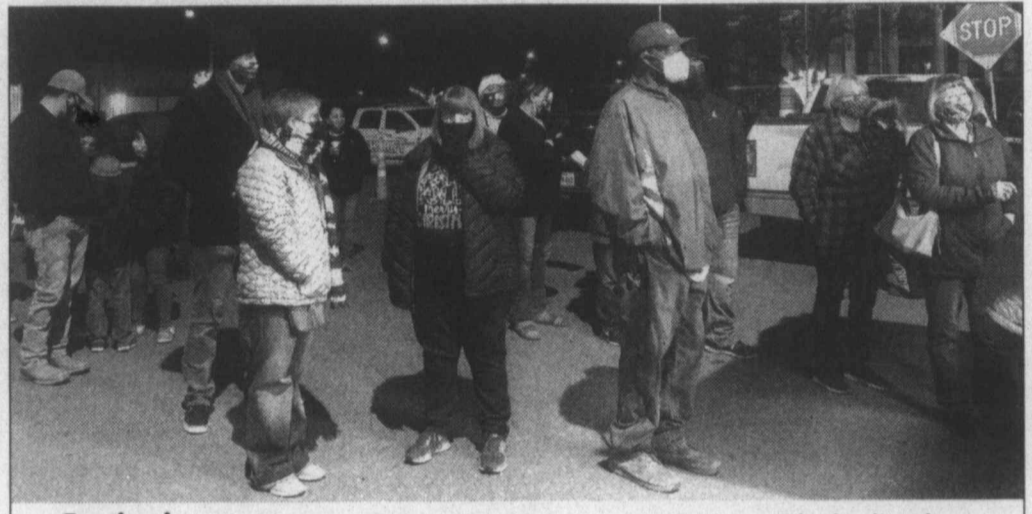
workers involved in not only planting and the upkeep of our iconic little tree but also for helping secure our downtown event and providing the manpower to make it all possible.

On behalf of the entire Hometown Christmas Committee we would like to extend our gratitude to the following businesses and individuals who found it in their hearts to donate financially towards making the First Annual Hometown Christmas Festival possible! In no particular order we would like to thank: The City of Tahoka, Lynn County Abstract, Huffaker and Harris Law, Walker-Solomon Insurance, Huffaker Farms, Clara and Joe Calvillo, Cash Savers, Sam Ashcraft Insurance, Fiber Brite, Maxine Paris, Tyson and Randi Harris, and the Shiloh Braddock Family.

If you or your business would like to donate to this year's event or for the years to come, please make checks out to The City of Tahoka (memo: Christmas Fund).

The Christmas Committee is committed to bringing this event back each year! We plan on meeting once again before year's end to discuss any new ideas, changes, and share in our excitement of the success of last weekend's event. If you or someone you know would like to be part of the Hometown Christmas Committee or participate in next year's events please contact Courtneystennett1@poka.com.

– Warmest Regards,
Courtney Stennett,
Councilwomen Dist 1



Feed us! ... Hungry patrons waited patiently in lines outside the popular food trucks at Tahoka's Hometown Christmas Festival, on Dec. 12. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Christmas fun ... The Stanley Kane family is pictured here, with the sign designating their home as the winner of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest in Tahoka. The contest was sponsored by the Tahoka Christmas Committee.

Tahoka ISD Board to begin search for superintendent

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees will begin their search in January for a new superintendent for the school district. The new superintendent is expected to begin job duties in May 2021.

Current Superintendent Dick Van Hoose has been serving as an interim superintendent for the past two years here, and his term will expire at the end of May. He will be working with the TISD Board in the superintendent search process through the Region 17 Education Service Center.

"I anticipate that the Board will try to have a finalist named by late Spring, for a new superintendent to take office in May of 2021," said Van Hoose.

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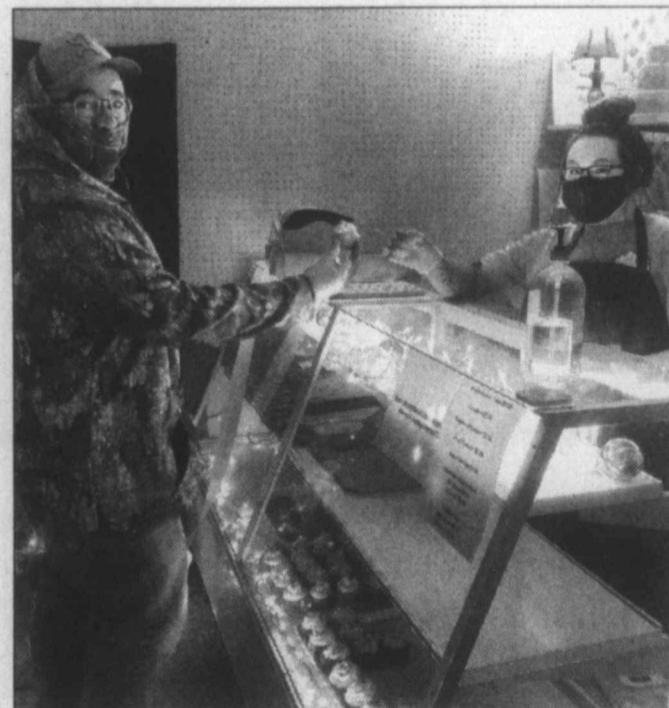
Question: What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in *It's A Wonderful Life*?
Answer: Clarence Obody

Question: In the 1964 movie *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, what was the name of Rudolph's elf friend?
Answer: Hermey

Question: What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
Answer: "Jingle Bells"

Question: What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising?
Answer: Coca-Cola

Question: In "The Christmas Song," who did the narrator see kissing Santa Claus under the mistletoe?
Answer: Mommy



I want a cupcake ... A Cake Palace employee hands a Christmas cupcake to Jessie Calvillo at Tahoka's Hometown Christmas Festival. The cupcakes were popular, with many patiently waiting turns outside to go in the local shop. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Merry Christmas

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

from all of us at the law office of

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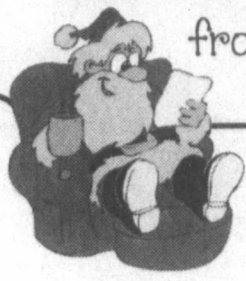
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Letters to Santa from Tahoka



Tahoka Pre-K Emilia Garcia

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a blue present, Mario video game, and a toy truck. Love, Isacc

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been kinda good. I would really like it if you could bring me a ATR car, drone and monster truck. I am going to leave you milk and cookies. Love, Israel

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a witch broom, a kitten and a whistle. Love, Kreece

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Barbie house, Barbie motorized Barbie car. Love, Sophie

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been sort of good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Choo Choo train, small friendly robot, and a robot teddy bear. I hope you are having fun making all the toys. Love, Julian

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me some Power Rangers bicycle and toys. I hope that you are doing good at the North Pole. Love, Logan

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been kind good. I would really like it if you could bring me a big swing for me and my sister, a pony and a kiddie rocking horse. Love, Dahlia

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a robot and toy cowboy. Do you eat snow? Love, Wilson

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me sparkling sunglasses, gumball machine and clothes. I hope you are safe and warm. Love, Rhylee

Dear Santa,
This year, I have kinda good. I would really like it if you could bring me an ATR car, drone and monster truck. I am going to leave you milk and cookies. Love, Israel

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me lettuce, chocolate cookies and surprise toys. I hope you and Mrs. Claus don't stuck in a snow storm. Love, Bexley

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Unicorn bike, camping set, Barbie camper. Love, Sofia

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been sorta good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Toy truck (red), Monsters Inc. book, and cowboy boots. Love, Ezekiel

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Power Rangers bicycle and toys. I hope that you are doing good at the North Pole. Love, Logan

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Power Rangers bicycle and all kinds of toys. Love, Liam

Vintage Photos from our Readers

Far out, it's Christmas! ...

Kellie Paris Craig is excited for Christmas! This photo was taken in her home in Tahoka in 1970. (Photo submitted by Kellie (Paris) Craig, Tahoka)



Dear Santa,
My name is Jazz'Lyn. This year I have been really good. I would like you to bring me a bike, Baby Alive, makeup, bows, Barbies, and coloring stuff. Love, Jazz'Lyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryann. This year I have been good. Please bring me LOL Dolls, Big Sister LOLs, the big house for LOLs, shoes, costumes, crayons, sunglasses and dresses. Love, Ryann

Tahoka Pre-K Mrs. Morrissey Ms. Segovia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a sparkly phone, Jojo Siwa toy, fox, and reindeer that does not grow too big. Love, Blake

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a new baby doll, electric scooter, and Peppa Pig playhouse. Love, Viviana

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a Thomas (Thomas the train) toy, Peppa Pig toy, and a car. Love, Austin

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a real winged horse (pegacorn), doll, and some ice skating shoes. Love, Hope

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a Santa Claus toy, phone, and the movie titled Rain with a Chance of Meatballs. Love, Elias

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a Barbie doll house, LOL toys, and a Princess cup for my Grammy. Love, Keyhani

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting some babies, Barbies, and new boot. Love, Ashlynn

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting Barbies and Legos. Love, Sierra

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting some Ryan's toys eggs, a toy car, and Lego set. Love, Julio

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a basketball, Fortnite game, and Fortnite game for my Hayden. Love, Elijah

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a Color Reveal Barbie, Barbie car, and trampoline. Love, Acapella

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a Ninja Turtle, a snackie cup, and Paw Patrol toy. Love, Grayson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a baby doll, Whoopi cushion, and pet hamster. Love, Italy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting an LOL Biggie Pet, LOL coat, pedicure, and to see the Nutcracker ballet. Love, Annie

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a Barbie Dream Camper, Powerwheel, baby doll play set, and lots of Barbies. Love, Camila

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting a tractor, Legos, and Siren Head toy. Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, this year I would really enjoy getting dinosaurs, Pokemon, Paw Patrol, and a bike. Love, Jesus

Tahoka Kindergarten Brittany Hawthorne

Dear Santa,
Is the north Pol cold? I want a dinsor, shrc cr and a tede ber. I wel mac you cuces. Love, Avion Benavidez

Dear Santa,
How are you? I wot a prizes Tru, sum prizes cloz and a prizes carij. I wel mac melc and cooces. Love, Addie Burnam

Dear Santa,
How are you? I wont a mon-str truck, a wit cor and a puppe. Mere Krismis. I love Santa. Love, Trigg Burnam

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Barbie house, a bucket and a desk. Merry Christmas! Love, Jordan Flud

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a bike, monster truck and a go cart. Merry Christmas! Love, Brayden Hadderton

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a tiger, olaf and a bike. Merry Christmas! Love, Thomas Huchton

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a dinosaur, a dragon and a dog. Merry Christmas! Love, Jonathan Morin, Jr.

Dear Santa,
How are the efes? I wood like a kit, prinses shus and a brbe. I luv you. Luv, Makayla Tanner

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a football, monster truck and a bike. Merry Christmas! Love, Landon White

Dear Santa,
How r the dear? Haw r the elfs? I wud like a yoyo, dog and a buk. Mere Crismis. Luv, Conner Wuensche

Tahoka Kindergarten Rebecca Dimak

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me Tranodorjrom and the worlds biggest batman toy. I love you. Kolt Hatley

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me skutr (scooter), nerf gn (nerf gun) and bik (bike). I love you. Masyn Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me Mosr truk (monster truck), Rascar (race car) and ps4. I love you. Weston Luckie

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me LOL dol, umerkin dol kampr (American doll camper), skutr (scooter). I love you. Kenna Curry

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me a bic (bike), Shopcin (shopkin) and brberp (Barbie camper). I love you. Ava Sepeda

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me LOL, brb cfrp (Barbie camper), hahml (Hatchimal), trd (turtle), and slimst (slime). I love you. Sahara Castor

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me ps4 and a nerf gnn (nerf gun). I love you. Kase Edwards

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me a bog (dog), rebbit (rabbit), and a cat. I love you. Paige Quinonez

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me snak (snake) and iak (kite). I love you. Giovanni Granados

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me nerf elite, zody stiyk (zombie stick). I love you. Summitt Askew

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Tahoka Kindergarten
Rebecca Dimak
continued

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me trx (T rex) bik (bike), doer (doctor), and a snake toy. I love you. Jaziyah Arriazola

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas please bring me a dirt bike. I love you. Izek Hicks

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a computer and hoverbord (hoverboard) and a baby doll. I love you. Aubree Williams

Tahoka Kindergarten
Mrs. Graves

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I would like a Xbox 10, a toy car, and a dog. I love you. Love, Daxyn Arce

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I would like a microphone, toy house, and a choo choo train. I love you. Love, Canton Overstreet

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like an action figure, ball, and blocks. I love you. Love, Matthew Berna-Rodriguez

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a toy car, toy legos, and a swing set. I love you. Love, Eli Sepeda

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a toy action figure, a toy car, and a flat-screen tv. I love you. Love, Deryk Montez

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a doll, a scooter, and a phone. I love you. Love, Natalie Benavidez

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a ladybug, a horse, and a cat. I love you. Love, LC Mae Deleon

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a toy house, toy legos, and a toy. I love you. Love, Paxton Morrow

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like socks, fish food, and a rubber snake. I love you. Love, Jackson Honeycutt

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a tablet, legos, and a phone. I love you. Love, Xavier Lopez

Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a guitar, a new toothbrush, and a new DS case. I love you. Love, Quade Hawthorne

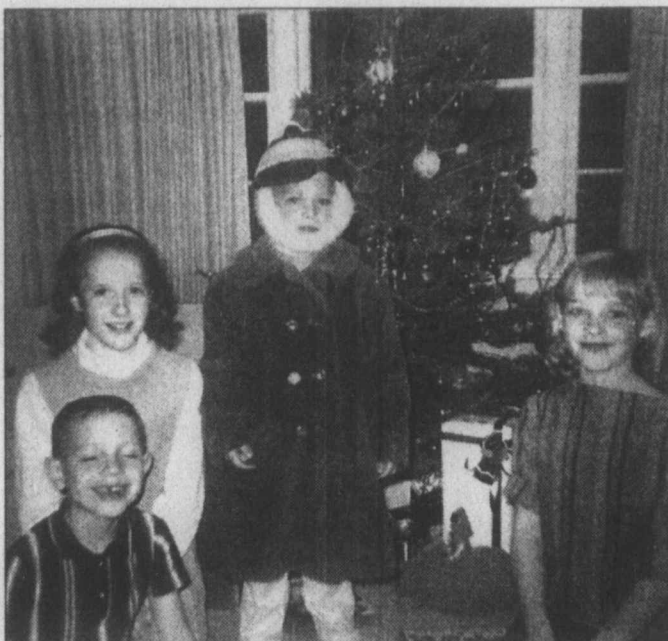
Hello Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a baby doll, clothes, and a little bottle. I love you. Love, Yanetza Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like a dirt bike, an iphone, and a computer. I love you. Love, Averece Williams



WHERE'S SANTA?

Vintage Photos from our Readers



Back in the day ... This vintage photo is from Christmas 1966. In front of the Christmas tree, from left to right, are: Tim and Teri, children of the late J.A. and Joyce Pebsworth of Tahoka; and Wynn and Sheree, children of the late Charles and Frances Brookshire of Tahoka.

First Grade
Kierstynn Hawthorne

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a bike. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Heavelyn Sepeda

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a pink jeep to ride in and a nintido lit that is blue. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Alise Upshaw

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a big girl scooter with two wheels and treats for my puppy and a big Elsa. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. I love you Santa. Love, Braylee Hall

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a LOL nail polish maker. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Hunter Saucedo

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a dirt bike and a fluffy puppy. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Noel Herandez

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a new xbox . I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Cesar Padilla

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a big girl scooter with two wheels and treats for my puppy and a big Elsa. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. I love you Santa. Love, Braylee Hall

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a LOL nail polish maker. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Kelby Stephens

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a toy for my nephew and a black panther claw. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Jazariah Ramirez

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like 2 sloth stuffed animals. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa! Love, Kennedy Filley

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like super hero toys. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Amari Smith

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a dirt bike. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Jerymiah Hill

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a barbie. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Skyler Huchton

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a Lego Mario, dirt bike, and a talking Mario plush. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Sonny Martinez

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a toy dog and baby doll. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Madison Bower

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like a swing set, playdough, baby dolls, and a tablet. I will leave your favorite cookies and milk on the table. Thank you Santa. Love, Loyalty Liendo

First Grade
Brooke Brown

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want a huberbord and a truck. Thank you for the munster wheel. Love, Ayden C.

Dear Santa,
How are the randeer? I would like Halo box and monstr chief legos. Thank you for the gifts. Love, Derek R.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudof? I want cars and nrfguns. Thank you for that big munstr truck. Love, Ryder S.

Dear Santa,
How is the noth pol? For Christmas I would like a SUV for my mom and a huberbord. Thank you for the bed. Love, Eric D.

Dear Santa,
How are your randeer? I would like a xbox and ps5 ples. Thank you for my presets. Love, Tyler D.

Dear Santa,
How is Roodof? I would like a reng, A J Stiles. Thank you for the culrbook and craons. Love, Arthur C.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudooof? I would like a ps5 and Myles Moralis game for Christmas. Thank you for my xbox and tv. Love, Serenity H.

Dear Santa,
How are the randeers? I would like mack up and a cat. Thank you for my hors. Love, Adalyn N.

Dear Santa,
How is your wife? I would like a kitin and a gutar for Christmas. Thank you for presits. Love, Courtlyn B.

Dear Santa,
How is Peprmint and the elfs? I would like a fake cat and a fake dog. Thank you for the ril looking baby doll. Love, Bristol R.

Dear Santa,
How are the elfs? I would like a toy dog and toy cat. Thank you for my toy. Love, Blayke S.

Dear Santa,
How is your wife? I would like a huverbord and slime. Thank you for my gift last year. Love, Brylee F.

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I want a brbie haus and a LOL doll. Thank you for giving us toys. Love, Eleah S.

Dear Santa,
How are the elfs? For Christmas I will like a lego polc oficer and a doll spidman. Thank you Santa Clos. Love, Evan R.

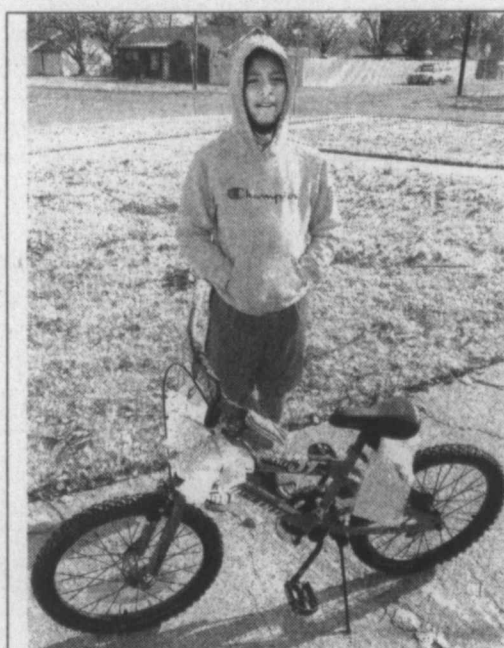
Dear Santa,
How are the randir? I want a barby car and a rill dog. Thank you for coming to my house. Love, Hayzen H.

First Grade
Mrs. Stice

Dear Santa,
You are the numbr one Santa. For Christmas I want a brbe dol and brbe hos and squishy. I Love You Santa! Love, Kynlie Alonzo

Dear Santa,
I wish for a huvbrd and magin bols and slime. Love, Zoey Gonzles

Dear Santa,
You are osum Santa. For Christmas I want a babe hors and a mom hors and a walking toy cat. Santa how do you deliver all the prezens to all the homes? Love, Kennedy Hawthorne



Bike winner! ... Jaryn Jolly was the winner of the boy's bicycle giveaway at CashSavers.



Bike winner too! ... Cree Braddock was the winner of the girl's bicycle giveaway at CashSavers.

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Letters to Santa from Tahoka



**First Grade
Mrs. Stice**
continued

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a crafts, clos and books. I love Christmas. Love, Saydi Henderson

Dear Santa,
You are hole jole Santa. For Christmas I want a BrBe Dol, a holiday dres and a cande kan. I love you! Love, Gemma Huchton

Dear Santa,
You are the Best Santa. For Christmas I want RC cr' and a drt bick and a book. I love you! Love, Carlos Lopez

Dear Santa,
You are nice. For Christmas I want a drone and a drt bik and rc kr and nrf gun. I love you! Love, Greyson McClendon

Dear Santa,
Can you cum for Christmas eve? For Christmas I want gume bear set and babe stufo lefy and new hifons. I love you! Love, Victoria Montana

Dear Santa,
I like Santa. I want pupit, krs and a sokr bol. Love, Mauricio Moreno

Dear Santa,
You are the best Santa. For Christmas I want nrf gun and a drone and drt bick. I love you! Love, Branson Morin

Dear Santa,
I wish I can be like you Santa. For Christmas I want a Santa toy that haz his thum up but he is flufley and a munke that he has a cot on but the swethr on the rms and the midl like a shrrt. I love you! Love, James Pesina

Dear Santa,
I want to giv you a gift. For Christmas I want to have a new friend ship and love frum my fannule and candy cane. What do you like to do? Love, Sloan Reglin

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. I want eclectic scotr and pokemon and crs collection. Thank you. Love, Melinda Rosales

Dear Santa,
You are the best gift givr in the wrld. For Christmas I want the new Jraccick wrld evulooshin and the Indompunis-Rex. And a Closl T-Rex. I love you! Love, Hunter Sepeda

Dear Santa,
I wish that I can be like you for Christmas. I want a dol and dres and a brbdol. Do you give out dols? Love, Rilyn Taylor

Dear Santa,
Are your elves being lazy? I want a knife holder, PS4, and sun glasses. I hope you are not working to hard. Love, Truett Young

**Tahoka 2nd Grade
Mrs. Swaim**

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited for Christmas! For Christmas this year I would like a car hamster cage, a mini fridge, and a hover board. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas! Love, Michael C.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I am excited for Christmas this year. For Christmas, I would like a twisy pet, Lol dolls, and an Ipad. I hope you have a safe flight! Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Clara H.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited for Christmas this year. For Christmas I would like a baby twisty pet, a baby bunny, and a hidroflask. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing good! Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Abry R.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas I would like a hover board, diet cokes, and a mini fridge. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a great flight! Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Tristan L.

Vintage Photos from our Readers



Let's open one! ... Judge Truett and Lucille Smith are opening a package on Christmas Eve, 1953, in Tahoka. Truett Smith was a county attorney and district attorney here, and served as 106th District Judge from 1958-1970.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas, I would like a ha-hubbs, twisty pets, and a snow globe. I hope you have a merry Christmas! I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Thank you very much! Love, Shade C.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas, more than anything, I want my family to have a good Christmas and 8 twisty pets and a little puppy. I hope you have a very good and safe flight! Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Anna H.

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? I am excited for Christmas! I would like a sonic-the-hedgehog stuffed animal, a sonic-the-hedgehog lost world game, and a box of sonic action figures of all characters. Thank you, very much and Merry Christmas! Love, Gage R.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I am excited for Christmas this year! For this Christmas I would like twisty pets, a baby, lots of money, and slime. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well! Thank you so much! Merry Christmas! Love, Jada P.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas I would like a Ipod touch, a mini car, and a video game. I hope you have a safe flight! Thank you very much and Merry Christmas! Love, Logan M.

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA
Q: In the song "Frosty the Snowman," what made Frosty come to life?
A: An old silk hat

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Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I am so excited about Christmas! For Christmas I would like a game and a cat. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well! Thank you, so much and Merry Christmas! Love, Nasario B.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I am excited about Christmas this year! For Christmas, I would like a stuffed animal, a game for my Nintendo switch, and a girl puppy. I hope you have a safe flight. Thank you so much and Merry Christmas! Love, Sophie K.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited about Christmas this year! For Christmas, I would like an elf, a hamster, and a phone. I hope you have a safe flight!! Thank you so much. Merry Christmas! Love, Gracie D.

**Tahoka 2nd Grade
Mrs. Gill**

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? For Christmas this year I would like 80 dolls that go in water, 80 twisty pets, and a hover board. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a well! Thank you so much! Merry Christmas! Love, April M.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I am excited for Christmas this year. For Christmas, I would like a real dinosaur and a Santa toy and a Barbie that has a heart. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well! Thank you so much. Merry Christmas! Love, Arabela K.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited for Christmas this year. I would like a toy of sonic, a ps4, and a phone. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas! Love, Abraham M.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited about Christmas this year! For Christmas I would like a doll house, a switch, an easy bake oven. Thank you so much and Merry Christmas! Love, Alieson A.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited about Christmas! I would like an anthere elf, LoL dolls, and a phone. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Thank you so much! Merry Christmas! Love, Dani S.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I am excited about Christmas this year! For Christmas I would like a real puppy, an elf, and a hover board. I hope you have a safe flight!! Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Logan E.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited about Christmas this year! For Christmas, I would like a stretchy figure, a cate and a kitty. I hope you have a safe flight! Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Mason L.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I am excited for Christmas! I would like a Ps5, an air hockey, and a iphone. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Thank you so much! Love, Paxton C.

Vintage Christmas Photos from our Readers



I'll take this big package ... Kent Elliott of Tahoka says he doesn't remember what was in this big package with his name on it, but this was Christmas in 1971 or '72, at his home in Tahoka.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas, I would like a Nintendo switch and a laptop. I hope you have a safe flight!! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas!! Love, Jaxx B.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas I would like a hover board, a snowcone machine, and a PS5. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas! Love, Kyote C.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas I would like a toy robot, some elf ears, and a minion. I hope you have a safe flight! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas! Love, Marcus D.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas, I would like Barbies, American Girl Doll stuff, and an Ipad. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas! Love, Sutton M.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas I would like a lava lamp, rollerblades and a crystal crown. I hope you have a safe flight! Thank you so much! Merry Christmas! Love, Hensley H.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want to have an iPad and an iPhone. I also want to have a toy and doll. Thank you so much! Love, Xylie M.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas this year I would like a hover board, a high-waisted rock start jeans, and a ukulele. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well!! Love, Sidney W.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas I would like a nerf gun, a bow and arrow, and for my sisters not to fight!! I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Thank you so much. Love, Westin W.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am excited for Christmas this year! For Christmas I would like a dirt bike, a ps4, and shoes. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas! Love, Frank R.



Not so bad, perhaps? ... These children had the courage to stand beside the Grinch for a photo, when he showed up at the Tahoka Cash Savers grocery store. Pictured from left are Aliyah, TJ, Jenna with Max, Rylee and Jazz'lyn Vasquez. They are the children of Aaron and Denicia Vasquez. (Photo submitted by Cash Savers)

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Poinsettia for Christmas... Ruth Vick Draper



Family time... Howard Draper with his daughter Mary Draper taken in the mid 1970's



Smile for Santa!... Tracy (Autry), Angela (Waddell) and Kelly Draper are ready to smile for Santa in front of their Christmas tree. They are the children of Dorothy and the late John Draper of Tahoka.

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

- Q: In the song "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," what "incriminating" evidence was found on Grandma's back?
A: Claus marks
- Q: How many reindeer are featured in the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas?"
A: Eight (no Rudolph!)
- Q: What traditional Christmas decoration is actually a parasitic plant?
A: Mistletoe
- Q: What beverage company has been using Santa Claus in its advertising since 1931?
A: Coca-Cola



Tree-lighting ... A living tree was planted in the mural park in downtown Tahoka, with Christmas lights lit for the first time in the tree-lighting ceremony on Saturday night at the Hometown Christmas Festival. (LCN PHOTO)

Letters to Santa
from Tahoka

FUMC Let the Children Come CDC

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well. This year I want a Nerf gun, a green bike, and power ranger toys. Love, Toby S.

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well. This year I want a bunch of cars, a big box and a car play mat. Love Liam N.

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well. This year I want Troll Dolls. Love Abigail N.

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well. This year I want a Nerf gun, a dump truck, and a Nerf gun me and Toby can play with. Love Kaydon H.

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well. This year I want a bird and Barbies. Love Berkley K.

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well. This year I want dolls and cars. Love Luna A.

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well. This year I want baby shark and toys. Love Brynn A.



Free dog/cat adoptions at local shelter

The Tahoka Animal Shelter will offer free adoptions for cats and dogs from now until Jan. 1, for anyone wanting to adopt a pet. The adoption will include a voucher to have the animal spayed or neutered at no cost to the adoption family.

If interested, call the Tahoka Animal Shelter at 806-201-2894 for more information.

Save a life for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

- Q: What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?
A: Jingle Bells
- Q: In what modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?
A: Turkey
- Q: What Christmas carol does the Peanuts gang sing at the end of "A Charlie Brown Christmas?"
A: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Vintage Christmas Photos from our Readers



A special Christmas ... This photo is the Tekell family Christmas that was held in December of 1999 in Tahoka. The Tekell grandchildren pictured from left are Sara, Brooke, Jenna, Grant, Logan, Brandi and Wil. Cameron wasn't here yet!
(photo submitted by Loretta Tekell, Tahoka)

Lubbock man in fatal accident in Lynn County

A Lubbock man was pronounced deceased at the scene of a single-vehicle accident that occurred in northern Lynn County early Saturday morning.

Christopher Logan Escalon, 31, of Lubbock, was the driver of a 2008 Chevrolet HHR that was traveling south on US 87 in Lynn County. Approximately 9 miles south of Lubbock, at 2:32 a.m., the driver went off of the roadway on the right side, and took evasive actions to drive back onto the roadway. The vehicle went across the roadway and entered the center median and began to roll, before coming to final rest. The driver was ejected from the vehicle as it rolled, and was later pronounced deceased on scene, according to information from the Texas Department of Public Safety. The report noted that the driver was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

A vehicle struck a deer in the northbound lanes of US 87 at CR 15, at 9:08 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, according to reports from Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) this week. The driver said she was not injured

and that her vehicle was still drivable.

A caller at 8:10 a.m. Dec. 17 told the LCSO there was an injured deer on US 87 southbound lanes just south of Poka Lambro, and said the deer appeared to have been struck by a vehicle. She reported that vehicles were having to swerve to get around the injured deer. A deputy arrived at the scene to put the deer down and remove it from the roadway.

LCSO attempted to help locate a black pickup truck on FM 1054, that Borden County officials reported was driving at speeds of more than 100mph in Borden County enroute to Lynn County, just after 3 p.m. last Monday. LCSO deputies were unable to locate the vehicle on FM 1054.

A New Home resident called LCSO to complain that someone attending a basketball game at the New Home gym had parked a vehicle that blocked his driveway on 1st Street, at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

LCSO also responded to calls regarding welfare concerns, and debris on roadways.

Charges for those incar-

cerated at Lynn County Jail during the week included Quincy Desean Duncan on a Grand Jury indictment for possession of marijuana, one for driving while intoxicated, one for abandon/endanger a child imminent danger, one for assault causes bodily injury to family member, one for parole violation, one for forgery of a financial instrument, one for possession of drugs, and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Iziah Rios earns Master's Degree

Angelo State University conferred 150 undergraduate degrees and 147 graduate degrees to its summer 2020 graduates that were recognized in a virtual commencement Dec. 6. Graduates included Iziah Rios of Odonnell, who earned a Master of Business Administration in Business Administration.

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

- Q: What holiday movie sequel includes a cameo by Donald Trump?
A: Home Alone 2



Season's 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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Chad Reed Selected as NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for High Plains Region of Texas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Texas State Conservationist Kristy Oates has announced her selection of Chad Reed as the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for the agency's Zone 1, headquartered in Lubbock, Texas.

In this position, Reed will oversee 50 NRCS Field Service Centers across the High Plains, more than 125 employees, and a total annual budget of approximately \$55 million in federal conservation aid to Texas farmers and producers in the South Plains and Panhandle regions.

"We are pleased to have

Chad Reed representing our agency in one of the largest agriculture production areas in the United States," said Oates. "His leadership and knowledge of resources will be essential for our continued success working with producers in this key area."

Reed will begin his new position on January 3, 2021 and will replace Darren Richardson, who retired in November 2020. Prior to this position, Reed has served as the Texas NRCS Zone 1 Program Liaison and Technology Transfer specialist in Lubbock for the past 10 years. Before that he worked for NRCS as a District Conservationist and then

Resource Team Leader in the Lamesa USDA Field office from 2003 to 2010. He began his career in conservation with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSS-WCB), NRCS' partner at the state level, where he started as an Engineering Technician in their Wharton office in 1994 before transferring to Hale Center in 2000 as a Natural Resources Specialist and finally Regional Manager for TSSWCB there.

Reed, a native of Plainview, Texas, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Range and Wildlife Management 1990 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Vintage Photos from our Readers



Santa camel... Santa brought Jamie Renfro Haynes a doll for Christmas at her home in Tahoka in 1963.
(Photo submitted by Jamie Renfro Haynes, formerly of Tahoka)

Tahoka Stock Show set for January 1-2

The local Tahoka Stock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1-2, at the Lynn County Showbarn in Tahoka. Show sponsors note that masks will be required in the Lynn County Exhibit Hall.

The barn will open for move in of cattle, sheep and goats, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 1 for the Tahoka Stock Show. Weight Cards will be due by 2 p.m., and the show begins at 3 p.m.

Friday's show order will be: Mini Herefords, Market Steers, Pee Wee Goats, Market Goats, and Market Lambs.

All animals must be removed from the grounds after the show, according to sponsors.

On Saturday, Jan. 2, the barn will be open for move in of swine from 8-10 a.m., with Weight Cards due by 10 a.m. The Market Barrow Show begins at 11 a.m.

The presentation of Buckles, Banners and Tahoka Stock Show Syndicate Funds will follow the Barrow show.

"We encourage families to show off trailers both days if able," said Shelbie Hannum with Tahoka FFA.



Caroling hayride ... A Christmas caroling hayride was offered in Tahoka on three Thursday evenings in December, with carolers getting on the trailer at the Tahoka Mini-Park for the ride.

Area News ... reprinted from area newspapers

Dawson Co. Hospital staff getting hazard pay

LAMESA — Dawson County Hospital District board of directors unanimously agreed last Thursday to provide a total of \$437,668 in hazard pay for 128 full-

time staff members at Medical Arts Hospital (MAH) in Lamesa. The package provides \$3,000 to each full-time worker. The hospital's four

medical doctors and four mid-level nurse practitioners will each earn \$4,000.

"Our employees have been a significant part of our team," said MAH Chief Executive Officer Letha Stokes. "We are looking forward to when there is no longer a pandemic."

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic which hit Dawson County when the first local case was reported March 15, hospital staff have faced long work hours while taking the risk of contracting the virus and bringing it home with them. Since last spring, over 1,200 county residents have been infected with COVID-19, and state officials report 39 have died from the virus.

"The last three months have been the worst since March," Stokes said. "I don't see that lifting."

Board members agreed that no financial amount could repay workers who deal with the demands and trauma inflicted by the virus. Over 70 percent of them have personally been affected by COVID-19, either from exposure, treating the sick, quarantining, or by the loss of someone they knew.

Dawson County residents are not footing the bill for hazard pay, Stokes said. Federal COVID-19 stimulus funds will pay for it. MAH has access to those federal funds through July 1, 2021, Stokes said. There is a possibility workers could receive more hazard paychecks in the future.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Q: In the 1964 classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," what was the name of Rudolph's faithful elf companion?
A: Hermey

Q: In the TV special "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," what three words best describe the Grinch?
A: Stink, stank, stunk

Q: "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was originally published under what name?
A: A Visit from St. Nicholas

Q: In "The Muppet Christmas Carol," who played Scrooge?
Hint: It wasn't a muppet.
A: Michael Caine

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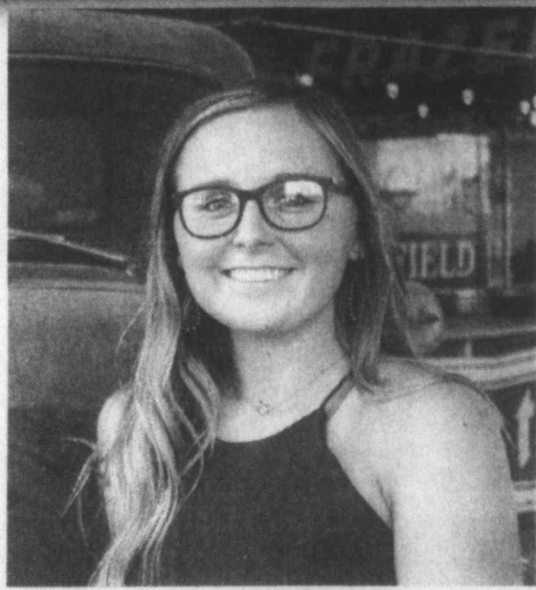
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Community Christmas Eve Celebration slated Thursday at Tahoka Mini-Park

"Hope For The City," a Community Christmas Eve Celebration, is being hosted by the community churches in Tahoka, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24 at the Tahoka Mini-Park (across the street from First Methodist Church on Ave. J).

All area citizens and visitors are invited to attend.

Those who would enjoy sitting outside in the park may

bring lawn chairs and flashlights for the event, but please maintain social distancing, and masks will be required. Those who prefer remaining inside their vehicles may park in the streets surrounding the mini-park, and tune in to FM 88.3 on their radios, for the broadcast of the service.

The service will also be live-streamed on the FBC Tahoka facebook page.

St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson to have virtual Christmas services

St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson invites area citizens to join them for two virtual Christmas services, that will be streamed on Facebook Live.

A Christmas Eve service, featuring puppets and candlelight, will be held at 6 p.m.,

and a Christmas Day service will begin at 10 a.m.

"You do not have to have a Facebook account to join us. Just search for St. John Lutheran Church Wilson TX Facebook and you can join us live or watch the recording," invites Tonda Freitag, PLM.

Question: In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born in?
Answer: Turkey (originally Patara, a city in the ancient district of Lycia, in Asia Minor)

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Shelter, which is offering
free adoption through the
end of the year.

Free dog/cat adoptions at local shelter

The Tahoka Animal Shelter will offer free adoptions for cats and dogs from now until Jan. 1, for anyone wanting to adopt a pet. The adoption will include a voucher to have the animal spayed or neutered at no cost to the adoption family.

If interested, call the Tahoka Animal Shelter at 806-201-2894 for more information.

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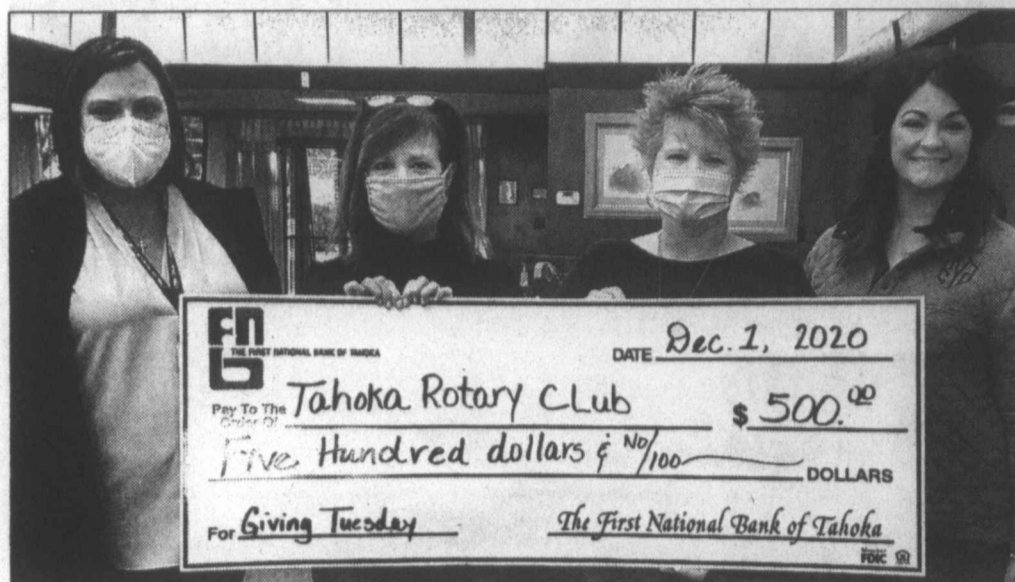
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Rotary Senior Santa project ... First National Bank, participating in Giving Tuesday, present a \$500 donation to the Tahoka Rotary Club for their Senior Santa Project. Representing Rotary are Mandy Graves and Amy Preston, and FNB representatives Janis Thomas and Brek Paris.

Tahoka ISD Board approves bonuses for all employees

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees took action in their December meeting to approve a \$500 bonus for all district employees, which was an unexpected gift for staff at Christmas.

"The Board of Trustees wanted to say Thank You to all employees for their hard work during this time of Covid, and to express their appreciation for going above and beyond in serving the school district," said TISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose.

The bonus will be given to all of the 100+ staff members employed by the district.

Vintage Photos from our Readers



We think we might like Santa ... Mark McNeil sent this vintage photo of him and his sister, Amy (McNeil) Preston, visiting Santa in December 1962.



Look what we got! ... Amy (McNeil) Preston and her brother, Mark McNeil, show their presents at the Lyntegar Christmas party in 1966. Their mother, Jody McNeil of Tahoka, is at right.

A wonderful life ...

(Continued from page 1)

We live in a community populated by citizens whose character is defined by the choices they make day-to-day. Generally, there is more courtesy shown than incivility, and often the shining light of goodness is there, just underneath the surface of daily living, offering a brighter, more hopeful outlook on life.

Humankind really can be kind. Perhaps this is a time for us to really be aware of the small kindnesses offered by others. A friendly greeting. A word of praise for something you did. A wave to a neighbor from at least 6 feet

away. A gift of food. A "thank you" expressed to our EMS or frontline healthcare workers. A pat on the back to our grocery store employees for providing us food.

This is OUR community. We make it what it is.

Sometimes, it's doing for others what you wish someone would do for you. It's called the golden rule.

It's a wonderful life, people! Locally is where we are our very best. It's where we can use our influences and our gifts to make our communities strong and to make life better for everyone. Even ourselves.

Our communities are

the place where we find our balance, and stand firm. We can reach out to neighbors to connect with them, to help them, to engage them in the work of making things better. We can shop local. We can make a difference.

Be a good neighbor. Find ways to be kind.

Who you are, matters. What you do, matters. How you act towards others, matters.

As children's author extraordinaire Dr. Seuss says, "Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!"

Another Seuss'ism worth remembering: "To the world you may be one person; but to one

person you may be the world."

Celebrate your community ... it's still a wonderful life.

The Christmas season we celebrate is one of hope. The story of Jesus is the story of God's hope coming to us in the little baby a long time ago. 2020 has certainly been a year we've needed hope.

Remember that Christmas is in our hearts and that's where our main celebration and hope lie.

May you, within your spirit, hear the bells on Christmas day. And, may you hear the angels sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to all mankind."

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We love our Rubiks! ... New Home Elementary 4th grader teacher Tobi Timmons held her 4th Annual 4th Grade Rubik's Cube Christmas last week, giving every student a Rubik's Cube. The Rubiks has a special meaning to Mrs. Timmons, and she tells her students the story of her son Mitchel that died in 2017, who was a "speed cuber." She shows her students Mitchel's cubing videos that he had made to show others how he solved it. Each student gets a speed cube and a guide that explains how to solve it, and she teaches them about the cube and the process of solving it.

LETTERS TO SANTA

from New Home



**New Home Pre-K
Jill Bundy**

Dear Santa,

How are you? Have the elves been making toys? This year can I have a real phone that is purple? I have been REAL good. I have lots of things that I want for Christmas so I circled it all in the magazine so you would know which things to bring me. I want a make-up thing too. I am going to leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk for a snack. I will leave your reindeer some hay and apple juice for their snack. Thank you so much Santa. Love, Maybree

Dear Santa,

How are you and your reindeer doing? This year I would like to have a big toy box full of dinosaurs-all kinds of dinosaurs-for me and my brother to play with. I would also like a blue yo-yo and a giant mosa-sauras to play with in my new pool. I have been real real good this year. I am going to leave some chocolate chip cookies out for all the elves. Thank you Santa. Love, Blake

Dear Santa,

I have missed you. Would you bring me some new transformers and some new robots? Can I also have a new computer? I would use it to buy a new lamp because I accidentally kicked the lamp down and broke it. I have been good this year mostly. I am going to leave you a snack of milk, hot chocolate and chocolate chip

cookies so you won't be hungry. I will leave your reindeer some carrots and hot chocolate too. Thank you Santa. Love, Graham

Dear Santa,

Did you know I have been good this year? I have been drawing good pictures to get on the good list. I also cut my hair off to get on the good list. I would like to have a Butterfly Barbie to play with and Barbie clothes. I also want a big horse that can run all by itself. I need a black horse for my Barbies too. I will need a horse saddle to me to ride on. I am going to buy 9 cookies that have chocolate chips for a snack for you. You can have some milk too. I will get the reindeer some carrots and a lot of water for their snack. Thank you Santa. Love, Blakely

Dear Santa,

I have been real good this year. I listen to my mom and do what she wants me to do. I am also good for my dad. I wish I could get a brand new ninja costume for Christmas. I would also like a brand new dirt bike that is black. Thank you Santa. Will

leave you a snack of chocolate chip cookies. I will make them with my mom and then we will give you some milk. I don't know what your reindeer like so they can just share your cookies. Love, Tripp

Dear Santa,

Do you have a bed outside for when you get tired? I want you to know I have been real good this year. I would like for you to bring me a Loopty Loop track and a race car for it. I would also like one BIG toy that is a Batman. The last thing I want is a football. I want a real football with a painting of a cookie and a jet on it. I am going to leave you a red triple cupcake for a snack with some milk. I will leave the reindeer some seeds and water for their snack. Thank you Santa. Love, Colton

Dear Santa,

I love you!! Could you bring me a pink ballet tu-tu please? I would also like a Santa costume and a BIG Elsa giant castle. Can I also get a GIANT Barbie playhouse? I have been very good this year. I am going to leave you some red and green sprin-

kle cookies and some milk for a snack for you. I will leave your reindeer the same kind of cookies with some lemon juice to drink. Thank you. Love, Sidney

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas!! I would also like an Osmo set and a pretend kitchen that I can pretend to play restaurant with. My mom will help me make some cookies with icing for you and we will leave you some milk. I will leave a carrot out for your reindeer. Bye, Santa. Thank you. Love, Bryce

Dear Santa,

I sometimes get in trouble but not anymore. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie dream house with a slide and a swimming pool. I would also like a big swimming pool for my backyard. My mom would like for you to bring her a chocolate ring. I also want some princess Goldfish. I will leave you some dog cookies and chocolate milk and chocolate pudding for your snack. I will leave your reindeer some chocolate pudding for their snack. Thank you Santa. Love, Kollins

Dear Santa,

I might not be on your "list" yet, but maybe I will be soon. Can you bring me a remote control car? Can you also bring Brynlee a Barbie house? She hasn't been real good but just a little bit. I would also like a race track for all my cars and a new monster truck that is blue. Can you come over to my house to have Christmas dinner? I'll give you a toy to keep. I will leave you some cookies and milk that night. I am going to wake up to go see your reindeer because I love reindeer. Thank you Santa. Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,

I am on the good list. I don't kick or punch my friends so I am good. I want an orange basketball and a football. My mom and dad will decorate my Christmas tree for you. I will have Santa Clause cookies out for you. I will also have applesauce and graham crackers at my house. Do not eat those please. Thank you. Love, Benjamin Green



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LETTERS TO SANTA

from **New Home**



New Home Pre-K
continued

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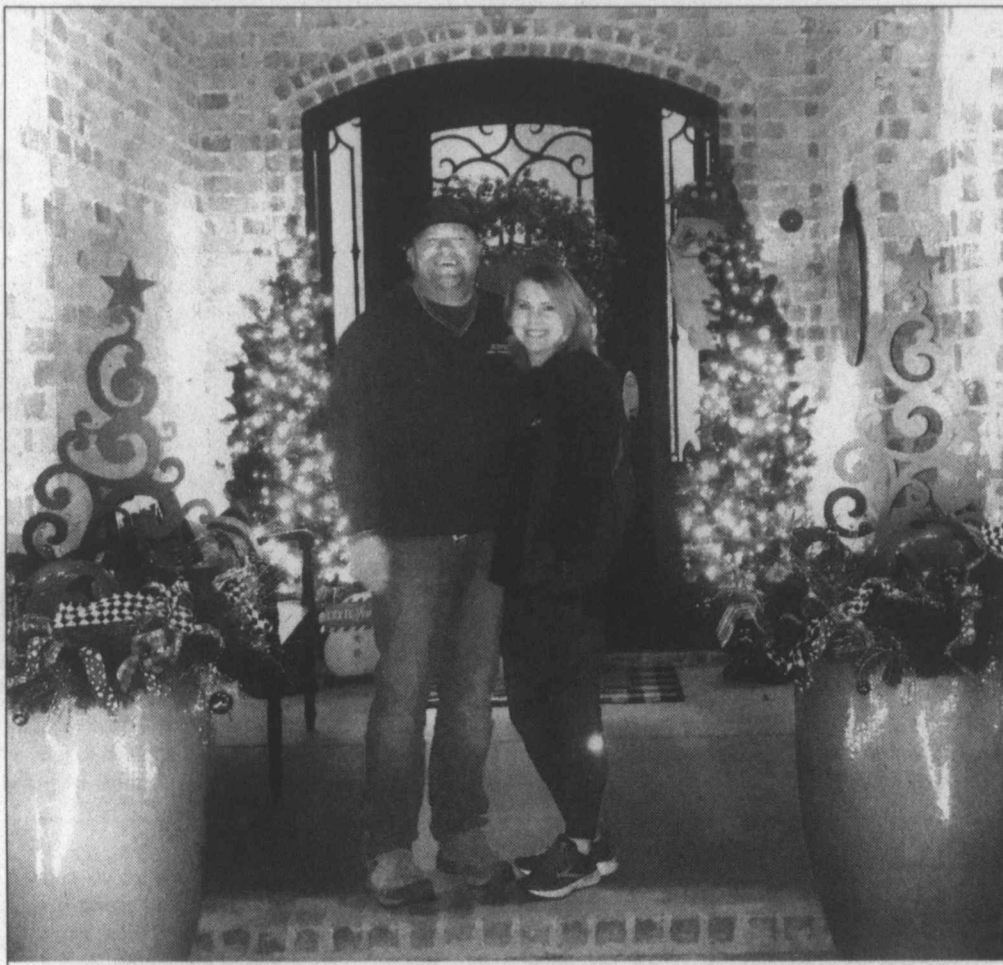
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa!! I have been very good this year. I would like to have a new robot for Christmas. I also want an astronaut puppy and a firetruck, and a Buzz Lightyear and Jessie? I am going to leave you some chocolate cookies and some milk for your snack. I will leave your reindeer some cookies like the ones I leave for you and some milk too. By the way, I also want to sing you a birthday song too. Bye Santa. Love, Sterling

Dear Santa,
How are you? I use my nice words to say "Thank You" to my sister Stella for helping me clean up. Can I get a new blue trampoline that is small for my bedroom? I also want a real bunny. I will share it with my sister. And I want some chocolate candy please. I am going to leave you a snack of milk and cookies that are chocolate. I will leave your reindeer some reindeer food. Thank you. Love, Sadie

Dear Santa,
How are you? I think I am on the good list. I have obeyed my teacher and I have shared my toys with Mia Belle and my friend Morgan. Will you bring me some Beyblades and a box that you crash them in? I would also like to get a remote control car. Can you also get me some action figures like the ones at school? I am going to leave you a red Power Ranger cookie as a snack and some milk to drink. I will leave your reindeer some deer treats—like the kind Pops feeds the deer. Thank you Santa. Love, Knox

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving us toys. I am thankful for toys and for you. I am on the good list this year. I shared with my sister and let her keep my stuffed animals forever. I would like for you to bring me a new stuffed animal that is a sloth. Will you also bring me a pig that is real? I want it to be a tiny red pig that I can name LuLu. I also want a small baby giraffe and it will live in my garden at home. I am going to leave you 2 cookies with lots of sprinkles and some orange juice. I will leave your reindeer some milk and 6 chocolate chip cookies to snack on. Thank you Santa. Love, Molly

Dear Santa,
I have been being nice to my family so I am on the good list. Would you bring me a piano that makes music when you practice on it? I would also like a JoJo Siwa microphone so I can sing. Can you bring me a little Elmo to replace my other one that got dirty and then had to be thrown away? I am going to leave you some cookies and milk for a snack. I will leave your reindeer some carrots and water for their snack. Thank you Santa. Love, Olivia



Sparkle and shine! ... The home of Blake and Amber McWhirter in New Home was named the winner in the Home Christmas Decorating Contest in the New Home community, sponsored by the Tahoka Christmas Committee.

New Home Pre-K Stacey Kaldenburg

Dear Santa,
This year I have been a really good boy. I hope you bring me some dinosaurs, a giant T-Rex, Endorapter. I hope you have a good trip to my house. Love, Weston Wied

Dear Santa,
I want a green monster truck and a new blue bicycle. I have been a good boy this year. I want a new yoyo. My sister has been good too. Can you bring her a new pony? Love, Ben Jones

Dear Santa,
I like to play with Minnie Mouse food. I have been very good this year. Can you bring me a princess and carriage? I also want a unicorn for Christmas. My sisters have busy days at school. Please bring them food. Thank you! Love, Sawyer Gray

Dear Santa,
I want a phone like my Dad, a belt buckle, and an iPad. This year I have been a good boy. Can you also bring me a four-wheeler, a dirt bike, a remote-control car and monster truck? Landon is a good big brother. Please bring him a remote-control truck and a lunch box Love, Parker Bishop

Dear Santa,
I want to give my mom a huge phone and candy for my family. I want a purple mermaid slime and my sister wants blue. I also want a swimming Barbie with a swimsuit. I need a purple phone. Can I have some bread to feed the ducks? Love, Allie Davis

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I was hoping you will bring me a skateboard or a hoverboard. I want a new American flag because ours broke. Have a good Christmas! Love, Addington Dishar

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas, I want a dirtbike, motorcycle, and another four-wheeler. I hope you bring a dirt bike for my cousin, Eli. Please bring a nintendo for Cale. Both of my parents need a nintendo switch. I have been really good this year. Thank you! Love, Canon McCalib

Dear Santa,
This year I have been awesome, fantastic! I would like some glove punchers, a romeo lab, and goggles. Please bring some brick blocks for my Mom's house. Dad needs a doctor's office. I want some witchy fingers. Cooper wants new headphones. He has been a good brother. I love Christmas! Love, Brooks Carthel

Dear Santa,
This year I have been listening good. I hope you bring me a red car. I want a purple present with stripes and a pink card. I want candy. For my mom and dad, I want paper they can color on and a book that they can read to me. I would like Willow to have a baby car toy. Merry Christmas! Love, Nyah Sprecher

Dear Santa,
This year I have been really good. Please bring me my own pet horse that I can name Unicorn. I want another cat, but I want it to be pink. I need scissors for my house. My sissy wants a new blanket. My other sissy wants a unicorn. I think my mom needs a crown. Dad needs tape. Thank you! Love, Masyn Walker

Dear Santa,
I have been extra good this year. I would like the Bluey House Dolls that are hard and have chairs. Bluey dolls with all of Bluey's friends. Can you bring me an iPad for me and my brother? Also, he wants a book. Mommy needs more clothes. I would like my dad to have blue tape. Thank you, Santa! Love, Breslyn Yowell

Dear Santa,
I want cars and a dollar. I want a light sword. I would also like a tablet. Please bring my sister and brother water guns. I want a paper for Christmas. I would like my mom and dad to have a cup full of Christmas. This year I have been awesome. Thank you! Love, Eric Corredor

Dear Santa,
This year I have been fantastic. I want a pink car and playdough for Christmas. I like playdough. I need to get a big bear and a big Santa. I want to get an angel for Christmas. My mom wants Christmas lights and presents. Emma needs a potato head. I am going to give Santa a toy. Thank you! Love, Sofia Portales

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Can you please bring me a dino charger and a dinosaur battle with two dinosaurs. I want a batmobile that can turn into a spider. I want a toy tarantula spider with a remote and a toy bat that can hang on walls with its feet. I think my sister wants the same stuff I want. My dad wants the spider too! Love, Nash Whisenhunt

Dear Santa,
This year I have been really good. I want a skateboard and a brown bicycle. My sister (Serenity), Jose, and Jacob want new headphones. Lainey wants a car. Weevo wants some new wings. Please bring a new toy for Giley. Momma wants some tools for my dad, Eli. My grandma wants a new watch. My mom wants a new phone. Can you bring a new blankie for Everleigh and Tatum? Thank you, Santa! Love, Saniyah Lara

Dear Santa,
Please come back and bring our presents. You want to eat milk and cookies, I will make them for you. For Christmas, I want a big fire truck, a paw patrol book and a giant T-Rex. I want a giant trampoline. Dad wants a football helmet. Mom wants a new hat. I can share my trampoline with my sister. I have been very good this year. Love, Case Hennington

Dear Santa,
You are the best Santa ever. I want a princess pedal pet, a teacher doll, and a toy kitchen with food. My sister wants a Mickey Mouse kitchen. Carter maybe would like a gaming things. Christian wants a punching bag. Aiden would like a heavy blanket. My mom needs a new coffee cup. You are awesome, Santa! I love you, Santa! Love, Anabelle Roberts

Dear Santa,
I want a new kitchen and a dolly that has food. I want a pretend doggy. Can I have a princess crown? What kind of Christmas cookies do you want? I have been good this year. Love, Juliana Ysasaga

New Home Kindergarten Danielle Burrow

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the South Pole? How is your reindeer doing? I am being nice and my brother is too. For Christmas, could I get a guitar and could I please have a PJ Mask set? Could I have a tablet for Christmas, please? I'll leave out cookies for you on December. Have a great year! Bubba

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I have been doing my homework every night and I have been nice to my brother. Have you been doing good? Are you feeling good? I am worried about you having Covid. Can I have a remote control toy car in light blue? Can I please have a claw machine for prizes? Have a good ride! Graham

Dear Santa,
I like you. How are you doing? Is Rudolph doing good? Can I have some Rollerblades? They have 4 wheels in a line. I have a lot of stuffed animals. Can I have a set up for them? I would like a green new jacket and a video game for my Nintendo switch. I have been helping my mama clean the windows. Be safe this Christmas! Lucy

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I got a new house this year. Kameron, Lottie, and me fight sometimes, but not a lot. For Christmas, can I have a new tablet? Please, can I have a puppy? I want to hug it and pet it and I will take care of it because it is my doggy. Be safe and please don't get sick! If you do, I will tell my mom to bring me up there and come see you. Rhett

Dear Santa,
Please, can I have a Barbie camper? Can I have an Osmo for my IPAD? I really wish I could have my own playdough. I hope you will give me another LOL doll like last year, because I lost mine. Please, may I have a LOL animal doll and may I have a computer to punch buttons on? My parents would probably want a new IPHONE for me. My sister does not get one, because she doesn't know how to work it. I want to leave you out some milk and chocolate chip cookies. Be safe! Harper

Dear Santa,
How has my elf been doing? For Christmas, I want a baby doll with a bottle. Can I have purple skates? I would like a dog game? Please, Santa can I have a ping pong game? I promise I will give you chocolate chip cookies and milk. Jessa

Blessings

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

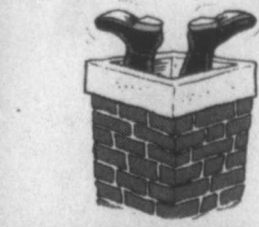
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from New Home

New Home Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have an elf named Peter, he moves all over. I am on the nice list because my mommy said. Please, can I have a black Nerf pistol and a stuffed animal, like a monkey? I don't have a clock and I really need to see how much the time is. Happy Christmas! Awstwon

Dear Santa,
Sometimes I get in trouble and sometimes I don't. Can you help Jesus feel good, because he has nails stuck in his paws? Please can I have the Fortnite game for my Nintendo switch? Can I have a claw machine like the one we get to play when we win a coloring contest? Please, can I have a new baseball? I don't want nothing else. Thank you! Gage

Dear Santa,
Are you doing and the elves doing good? I am being a good boy and am being nice to my brother's and sister's. Please, can I have a XBOX for Christmas? I want a puppy that is a Doberman. I am losing my lizard because he is not being nice at all. Can I have a nice lizard? May I have a phone so if there is a fire I can call the police and firemen? Merry Christmas Santa!!! Ryder

Dear Santa,
Are your reindeer doing good? I hope you get a Merry Christmas! I have been listening to my mommy and daddy. I was being helpful by protecting Charlie from falling down. Please, can I have a Barbie Ranch with a horse, and a farmer with a little girl. Can I please have a German Shepard puppy? I will leave you milk and cookies for Christmas Eve. Murphy

Dear Santa,
Has Rudolph been good? I am on the nice list because I say "Yes sir" and "Yes mam". My sister's car broke down. I want her to get a new remote control car. I want an Osmo for my IPAD and a wallet that is purple. Can I please have a night light because I get scared in the dark? I'll leave out milk and cookies for you! Kennedy

Dear Santa,
How have you been? How are the elves doing? Please, can I have a PS5 for Christmas? I would like to have Madden 21 with it. I want EVERY ball, a basketball, a football, and a baseball. Whatever sport season it is, I like it best! Hope you stay well and Merry Christmas! Jaxon

Dear Santa,
How old are you? May I please have a gymnastics bar so I can practice gymnastics? Can I please have an IPHONE to play games and also to make them? I would like a Rainbow carriage that I can drive with my brother. My mini dress broke and has a hole, can I get another one? When is your birthday? I am going to get you're a present and Merry Christmas!!! Kaytlen

Dear Santa,
What does it look like at the North Pole? Can I please have a big Fortnite Nerf gun? Can I have a Texas Tech football? Can I have a stuffed animal that is a Texas Tech football player? Can I have a bag full of snow? I am going to keep it in a hidden spot! Merry Christmas dear Santa! Kacen



Vintage Photos from our Readers



Christmas 1960 ... This is the Huddlestons - Lloyd, Genita, Danny and Rhonda - in Lakeview, Texas. It was Christmas, in 1960!
(Photo submitted by Rhonda (Huddleston) McNeely, Tahoka)

New Home Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been helping the teachers by helping the kids, too. I want a big Bakugan and a little Bakugan. I want a Batman house and I'm going to get some bad guys and trap them in the Batman house. I want you to come to my house today. You are so cool. Your friend, Mateo Ortiz Braga-Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I help my mom clean the kitchen. I want some video games for Christmas. I want a Mario game. I like Mario a lot. I will make you some cookies. I will make you some Oreos. Your friend, Adriel Moreno-Age 5

Dear Santa,
I act good all the time. I clean up the kitchen when my mom tells me. One thing I do know I want is mixed up super heroes. I want the biggest Bokugan. I want the biggest one in the world! I want a lot of Pokemon stuff too. I will bring my book so I can show you everything next time. Thank you, Santa! Wyatt Adams-Age 6

Dear Santa,
I am being so good this year. I help my mom and dad. I want the Kinetic Sand ice cream maker. I want a Jojo Siwa bow. I want a remote control snake so I can bring it to school. I want a Luvabella doll, too. I want a Jojo Siwa costume, too. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies for Christmas. Love, CJ Kelcy-Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I sleep in my bed the whole night. For Christmas, I want for Jesus to have a good birthday. I also want a motor scooter. I want a big and little Bakugan toy. I want Pokemon coins to look at. I want 5 Pokemon balls and cards. I want for everyone to have a happy Christmas! Your friend, Sutton Orr-Age 6½

Dear Santa,
I want a baby that looks real. I want a Crybaby. I want a head popper that you put water in it to make it come open. I got one last year, it is at my Nana's house and I didn't take good care of it. This year I will take good care of it. I want a Barbie camper with a Barbie in it. I am going to leave you good gingerbread cookies this year. Thank you, Santa. Love, Kynnedi Ferguson-Age 5.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll house that I can fit in. I want to have Power Pellets in there like Mrs. Calaway has. I want a big toy horse that I can fake ride on. I want a book about horses that I can read, like a paper one. That is all I want. Thank you for all of the things you bring me. Scout Newsom-Age 6

Dear Santa,
I am being nice to people. I want a Barbie house. I want to put a lot of Barbies in it. I want new Barbies and a barn too. I probably want some games to play. I will give you chocolate chip cookies for Christmas. Love, Jolie Dutton-Age 5



Dear Santa,
I have been really good because I help my mom and my nana clean everything. I like to tell my mom, "yes ma'am" too. I want Bakugans for Christmas, and Pokemon cards to play with and a 4-wheeler to ride, too. I will draw you a Santa picture and leave it where the cookies are. Your friend, Brody Petro-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How do you fly? I think you fly with your sleigh and you give us presents. I want a 4-wheeler for Christmas. I want to ride it in snow. I think it will snow. I want Pokemon cards and a little Bakugan. That is all I want. Thank you for my presents. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies. Corbin Oden-Age 6

Dear Santa,
I am always good. I helped a kid in Pre-K when he was hurt. I listen good sometimes. I want a bunch of Fortnite toys. I want a robot to help me clean my room. I want a Roblox set. My brother wants to play them with me. Thank you for all the toys! Your friend, Colton Derington-Age 6

Dear Santa,
I like to clean it and help my mom put up the towels. I have been dusting, too. I am really nice to my friends and my cousins. I also eat healthy. I eat strawberries, bananas, grilled cheese, French fries, and croutons in salad. I want a big light pink rug for my room. I want some things you put in your ears to listen to music. I want a Pikmi Pop. I want a ballerina costume, too. I am going to leave you cookies and milk. Love, Saegan Keyes-Age 6

Dear Santa,
I like to help my sister clean up her room and help my mom do laundry. I want a new football to play with my brothers. I want an iPad with games on it. I want some new football gloves. I am good at school. I like to be smart and listen and learn about Math. I will leave you chocolate cookies. Your friend, Boston Brown-Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been good at school. I like to help my friends. I want a Barbie Dream House that I can get inside. My friends can play it with me. I want a new Barbie, too. I want some games to play with my brother. I will leave you some milk out. I am going to make chocolate cookies for you. Love, Sawyer Lincecum-Age 5

New Home Kindergarten

Jessica Mauldin
Dear Santa,
I was on the nice list. For Christmas I would like a helicopter, a plane, and a pumpkin. That's all I want for Christmas. I hope you are doing ok with your elves making toys. Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa,
I want a new donut pillow, a robot dog, a Barbie, glowsticks, a Barbie car, a Chelsea playhouse, and Polly Pockets. Love, Jayla

Dear Santa,
I want a batman robot and a Batmobile. I hope you have a good day. I hope your elves are doing just fine. Merry Christmas, Grayson

Dear Santa,
Can I get a Barbie house and some new dolls for my Barbie house? Can you give me a Santa stuffed animal? I also want a robot cat. Have a good day and I hope you had a good morning. Merry Christmas, Karli

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like glow in the dark tracks and a Thomas the Train set. Merry Christmas, Landon

Dear Santa,
I want all the Minecraft mobs. I hope it snows over Christmas. I think I'm on the nice list because I have been good. Love, Gunnar

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from **New Home**



**New Home 1st Grade
To make someone else's
Christmas special**

**New Home Kindergarten
continued**

Dear Santa,
I would really like a new doll. I have only purple kinetic sand but I want blue or green. I want a gumball machine. I am getting my brother a Fortnite dance or a skin for Christmas. I also need colored paper to color on in the camper. I hope your elves don't get sick. Love, Mila

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want nerf guns. Merry Christmas, Nolan

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I love you! Can you get me a Barbie closet? I have really been wanting it. Also I want a slime kit- the one with the person on it where you get to make the slime. It's soooo cool. I want some chocolate coins and a Chase car for my little brother. Merry Christmas! Love You, Madilynn

Dear Santa,
I love you. For Christmas I would like a teddy bear, a toy unicorn, and a cry baby bunny. Love, Breelyn

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Cosmo chainsaw and a hedge trimmer. I also want to check on my elf, Christopher Poppingkins. Can you tell him I love him? I hope I'm on the nice list. Merry Christmas, Anderson

Dear Santa,
I want a nerf gun switch, a wooden baseball bat- 26 inches, a nerf Fortnite blaster, and a nerf gun falcon. Merry Christmas! Love, Dax

Dear Santa,
I wanted to see how my Elf, Buddy is doing? I would like a nerf gun and some science stuff for Christmas. We moved this year so here is my address in case Buddy doesn't know: 1053 Kitty Lane Merry Christmas! Love, Theodore

Dear Santa,
I want an Xbox and PS5. I also want a Nintendo Switch and tablet. Merry Christmas, Nikko

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a motorcycle. Merry Christmas, Crew

Dear Santa,
Can I feed your rian deer some caerots? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could give home les pepol 10,000\$. I have ben between good and bad. Can I have kids hi hels please? I love you. Love, Brooklyn-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How do you make the presents? To make someanne else's Christmas special, I could give thim sumthing that I don't ned. I have ben gud. Can you give me vrothes? Love, Beau-Age 7

Dear Sante,
Can We help you deilvr the presints? To make someone el's Christmas special, can you plesse give my mom a presint? Thank you. I Have Bin a good grol. I want a dron. I am 7. Love, Serenity

Dear Santa,
What are you doing for the nite? You are the best! To make someone else's Christmas special, I could hlop lutl kise to make a snooman! I have ben good. I want a pant ball gun. Love, Eli-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Are you wrking hard? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could give them icecream. I dont no if I am a good or a bad girl. I want a pone for Christmas. love, Emma-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How long is it frum New Home to the Nrthpole? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could poot up eldry's Christmas lits. I have bin a good boy. I wood like a twinetwo gun with a scope on it. Love, River-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are the elfs doing? To make someone else Christmas special, I could celebrate Jesus brthday with the homeles. I have ben a good girl. Can I have a lego frends city ship, the one at target that is gigante? Love, Adelynn-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are your elv's doing? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could give them 500,000\$ bucks. I have been a good boy this year. May I have the Netendo switch mario game? Love, Oakley-Age 6



Which one do I want? ... A small shopper decides which item she wants at the New Home NHS booth at Tahoka's Hometown Christmas Festival, held on Dec. 12.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Dear Santa,
Haw cold is it in the North Pel? To make samwone's Chris-mis specil, I would donate mony to the por. I have ben a good boy. May I have a new set of legos? Love, Reagan-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How old is Mrs. Claus? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could donate toys. I do not now if I have ben good or bad. Can I please have Joss the 2020 Amaracin girl doll? Love, Hattie-Age 6

Dear Santa,
Am I on the noty list? To make someone else's Christmas special, I cold give the homeles peopl monny. I don't no if I'm a good boy or bad boy, you get to decide. Can I plesse have the lego super star destroyer? Love, Bronson-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How do you mack toys? To make sumwuns crismis speshol, I could give the homeles pepol a presunt. I have ben a good boy. May I have a jrasik pork costoom? Love, Miles-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are your elfs? To make someone else's Christmas special, I cold give the kides that have cole some Toys. I have ben a good Boy. May I have a huvr bord plesse? Love, Brody-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How old are you? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could give thim a cote. I dote no if fe bin good or bad. I wood pleses luv if you git me a laptop. Love, Mason-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How are the Deer? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could play with thim. I have bin a good boy. Mae I have a osmo set? Love, Grady-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How old are you? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could give them a presint. I've bin a good boy. May I have a xbox 3? I'm 7. Love, Ryder

Dear Santa,
Were do you live? To make someone else's Christmas special, I cold give them a presit. I have been a good boy. I want for chrestimas a intindo switch. Love, Luis-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How much snow is ther at the nort pole? To make someone else's Christmas specil, I could give them a present. I have been a good boy. Can I please have a xbox serees x. Love, Jaden-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How do you make magik poting your fegr out? To mak someone else's christmas special, I could give them presis and a fest. I've ben a good grl. I want to ples have a twisty grl. love, Finley-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How dos rudofs nose shin? To make someone ele's crismis special, I could invit them To miy house. I have been a good boy. Plesse can I have a lectrik durt-bick? Love, Austin-Age 7

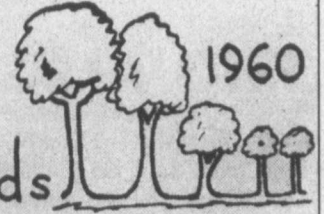
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How do you get to all The plasis so fast? To make someone else's Christmas special, I cold give them food and presints. I have been a good boy. May I plesse have a lot of good boy blades? Love, Denver-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How do your rannder fly? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could buy them a presint. I have ben a good boy. Can I have a gitar? Love, Lane-Age 6

Vintage Photos from our Readers



MERRY CHRISTMAS



from the Woods

DALTON - LENDA - TERRY - VONDELL - JUANELL

Vintage 1960 postcard ... Juanell (Wood) Jones, Terry Wood, and Vondell (Wood) Elliott are pictured in front of the Christmas tree in this 1960 postcard from the Dalton and Lenda Wood family.

Dear Santa,
How do your randear fly? To make some one else's Christmas speshl, I could bring them dinr. I have bin a good boy. Can I have a snake? Love, Keaston-Age 7

Dear Santa,
HoW are the randr doing? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could inyit thim to mi hous. I hav bin a good boy. I want a drtbik ples. Love, Jacob-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How old are your elvs? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could give them presens. I have ben a good giel. Please can I a huvorboard? Love, Crosby-Aag 7

Dear Santa,
How dus your slay fly? To make someone else Christmas special, I could buy thim presnt. I have been a good Boy. Can I please a tenDo swich? Love, Aaron-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Do you have fun fling? To make someone else's Christmas special, I could by them grosres. I have been a good gurl. Can I please have a toy LOL dol. Love, Reese-Age 6

Dear Santa,
Haw old are you? To mak sumwuns crismis speshl, I'll mak thar crisiis cum troo. I am a good grl. Can I ples hav a rel looking Baby Dol? Love, Kensie-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How dos Rudof's nose gloe? To make someoun's Christmas special, I could bring someoun denrr. I have benn a good boy. Can I please have a DUDE PrFect fishing polle? Love, Trenton-Age 7

Dear Santa,
How old are you? To make someone else's christmas Speshl, I cold mak a big feest. I have been a good boy. Could I hav a dirtbik and a gotcart please? Love, Joe-age 6

Deaa Santa,
Are Snowflake and Gingr doing ok? To mack someone's Christmas speshl, I could give food to the McDonalds house. I have Been a good girl. Can I please have the amaracin girl dinre for MareyElen? Love, Maddie-Age 7

Dear Santa,
Do you go on Faycashin? Yes or No. to make Someone's christmas special, I could Give away my toy uthre Kizse. I heve Been a good boy. Mey I heve a dalis cowbows football? Love, Santiago-Age 6

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? to make someone's christmas special, I could Give Kids some toys. I have Been a good boy. May I Pleas have a dertbike? Love, Tristan-Age 7

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

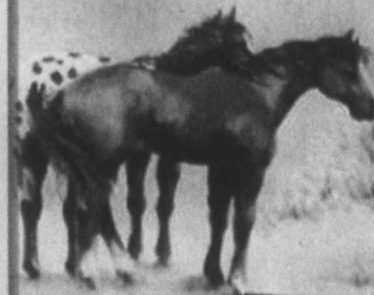
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LETTERS TO SANTA

from New Home



New Home 1st Grade
To make someone else's Christmas special

Dear Santa,

Are the raindeer doing ok? To make someone's Christmas special, I could give cupcakes to them. I have been a good boy. Can I please have a video game? Love, Kyse-Age 6

Dear Santa,

Is Rudors nose stil gloing and shieny? To make somone's Christmas special, I could sing and give them cookies. I have been a good girl. Can I please have a huver bord Santa? Love, Tatum

Dear Santa,

Are you having a amazing time? To make someone's Christmas special, I could donate toys to kids that have cancer. I have been a good girl. Please can I have an Amracan Girl doll vet set for Christmas? Love, Hollis-Age 6

Dear Santa,

How is RitoF? To make someone's Christmas special, I could invit sumone to dinr. I have bin a good boy. May I please have a ps5? Love, Campbell-Age 7

Dear Santa,

Are you ok I hop? To make someone's christmas speshol, I wood make toys to mke them hoppy. I hav ben a good grl. Can I please hav a Ifone? Love, Brylinn-Age 7

Dear Santa,

How are You doing? To make sum Won,s crismis speshell I Wood sale all my toys to PePelle that dusjnt have no mune. I have been a good boy. Plese can you Give me a Luigi costoom? Love, Ben-Age 7

Dear Santa,

Did my Elf came to my haws? To make someone's Christmas special, I could ivit someone that dusdit have money for dinr. I have been a good boy. Can I please have a dirtbike? Love, Trey-Age 6

Dear Santa,

Are you having a fantastc time? To make someone's Christmas special, I could sing and give them cookies. I have been a good girl. Can I please have a huver borde with a handle? Love, Paycen-Age 6

Dear Santa,

Did you get new glassis over the year? I wold help porr kids by giving them a toy. I have been a good boy. May I please have a ps 4? Love, Jett-Age 6

Dear Santa,

Are the rane dear fine? To make someone's Chrismis special, I could Give them fude. I had Been a Gud Boy. Can I Please have a Beyblade? Love, Everett-Age 6

Dear Santa,

How is Rudoph Doing? To make someone's Christmas special, I could invit them to my crsmus prty. I have Been a god gri. Can I Please Have a Happy Naper? Love, Bergynn-Age 7



Get your popcorn here! ... Wilson ISD participated in Tahoka's Hometown Christmas Festival, with a booth selling popcorn at the Dec. 12 event.



Christmas spirit ... The Daniel and Jennifer Clark family is pictured here, with the sign designating their home as the winner of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest in Wilson. The contest was sponsored by the Tahoka Christmas Committee.

Dear Santa,

How are the raindeers doing? To make someone's Christmas special, I could make sure they get

a lot of presents. I've been a good boy. Can I have a 13 neckless? Love, Easton-Age 7



If I had \$100, what could I get my family for Christmas?

New Home - 2nd Grade Mrs. LeClair's Class

Lincoln Arellano - I would get my cousin a toy house.

Brock Bell - I would get my brother a Texas Tech football and then my sister a make-up kit. I would get my mom a new dress, and my dad a tool box. Finally, I would get my grampa hearing aids and my grandma a cookbook.

Tucker Burns - I would get my brother a Nintendo Switch and my sister a doll. I would get my dad a t.v. and I would get my mom an Ipad.

Logan Boynton - I would get Eli a nerf gun. My sister, Melody, a phone. Then for my brother, Micah, gum. I think I will get Papa a shot 'gun, and mom would like make-up. Then for my Grandma, a firefighter suit. My aunt, a phone, a dog, a watch, a wig, and a cat.

Sutton Davis - I would get my family a pet crab, a cookie cake, and a computer for Christmas.

Harper Distel - I would use it for my brother. I would get him baseball stuff and football stuff. Maybe get him a puzzle and best of all a t.v. I think he would also like a football that says Bryson. I think that would be cool.

Charlotte Edwards - I would get my brothers a Lego set with all of the colors of the rainbow, because they love Legos.

Graydon Flores - I would give my aunt Krista \$25. Then I will go to Wal-Mart and get my dad a nerf gun blaster. Nqxt, I will get Oma and Opa a new sink and fan because theirs are broken. Finally, I will give my sisters Addy and Lili some money.

Edgar Gomez - I would get my brother a toy car and an Ipad, too.

Gustavo Gomez - I would get my family a PS4 game, my mom a mug, my sister two Switch games, and my dad a new t.v.

Kinzi Johnson - I would get my cousin coal, because he always messes with me. My Mom will get a new sweater, because she loves Winter stuff. Of course I would get my Dad a X-Box. Why? Because he loves video games. I can't forget my Aunt and Uncle, they will get pajamas because they like to be lazy. Grandma and Grandpa will get clothes, because they love them. I will not forget Lexi, my sister. I would get Lexi a Mickey Mouse Club House. Yogi, my dog, will get a chew toy. I will not get presents, I am not interested in it.

Finnly Jones - I would get my mom a new coffee cup and some coffee. I would get my get my brother Minecraft Minifigures. My dad, sweat pants and underwear. My dogs, tennis balls that don't break, and for my cats a water-proof scratching post.

Anson Kubacak - I think I will buy my mom a pillow. I will buy my dad a nerf gun, my sister a baby doll. I would like to buy my grandpa water and my grandma melons.

Cale McCalib - I would buy a new shot gun for my dad and a new bike for my brother.

Maddox Orr - I would get my mom a coffee mug. I think my brother would enjoy a Switch game. I think my dad would want me to get him a grill. My grandma would love a cookbook, and new work clothes.

Mason Reyes - I would get my dog a chew toy, and I would get my mom some make-up. I would get my dad some new sneakers, and I would get my grandma some vegetables like some cucumbers and some hot peppers. I would get my cousin a rock set. I would get my uncle a summer jacket.

Jacob Ruiz - I would get my mom a new coffee machine, my dad a fishing pole, my sister 3 toys, and my dogs get 2 new toys.

Harrison Scott - I would buy my sister, Hadya, a key chain for her car keys.

Eleanor Vick - I will get my mom a blanket. I will get my dad a football and a bag of hot Cheetos, my brother a soccer ball, and for my cats and dogs I will get a laser.

Olivia Wied - I would buy my mom make-up, and my dad a nerf gun. I would get my brothers, Weston and Gavin, dinosaurs and Legos. For my uncle I will get him a nerf gun, and my aunt, make-up. Also I will get my baby cousin, baby toys.



If I had \$100, what could I get my family for Christmas?

New Home - 2nd Grade Mrs. Brookshire's Class

Easton Burrow - I would get my dog a new collar. For my dad I would buy him some books, and for my mom I would buy her school supplies. Then for my sister I would buy her history stuff, and my brother I would buy him a stuffed animal.

Brynn Bynum - I would buy my cat a friend, because he does not have any cat friends.

Chloe Dora - I will buy my dad a gun, my mom a necklace, and my brother a nerf gun.

Mackey Fogerson - I will buy my sister a watch.

Adrienne Forbes - I would buy my mom a coffee cup, coffee, notebook, flowers, Candy Land, and puzzles.

Clay Gandy - I would buy my dog a new collar and a toy bone.

Kase Gray - I would buy my dad a new roping dummy, my sister a new binder for school, my brother a phone holder for the car, and my mom a new coffee cup.

Brantley Hitt - I would get my sister an art supply kit.

Paul Hoelscher - I would get my mom a new garden fence, my dad a grill, and my sister stuffed horse.

Taylor Kubacak - I would get my family a new t.v. For my brother, I would get him a new watch. I would get my mom a new shirt, and my dog a new bed.

Hadleigh Lake - I would give my mom some flowers and my brother a new basketball.

Harper Morris - For my dad a rat trap, my grandpa a truck, and my mom a new pair of glasses.

Kason Norman - I would get my mom and dad a new dog. I would also buy a basketball for our house.

Liam Oden - I would buy my brother a new Ipad, my mom a new ring, and my dad a new watch.

Adalynn Rendon - I would get my mom a phone and a dog. I would get my sister a doll. I would get my Mimi a sewing machine and my Papa a t.v.

Mateo Reyes - I would buy my brother a PS5, and my dad a PS4. For my mom, I would buy her a new ring.

Carter Roberts - I would get my sister a doll and some elf stickers. Then I would get my other sister a doll and some balls. I would buy my brother a football and some games, then for my other brother I would get him a jacket and a phone. Finally, I would get my mom some lotion and a cup of coffee.

Savannah Silva - I'd get my dogs new beds, new toys, a cute dress for the girls, and a fancy tuxedo for the boys. I would get my step-brother a new t.v. for his favorite games.

Hayden Stegemoeller - I will get my brother slime, because he will like it.

Emersen Welch - I would get my mom a chromebook, my dad an Army hat, and my brother horses to play with.

Sloane White - I would get my Grandma a new computer.

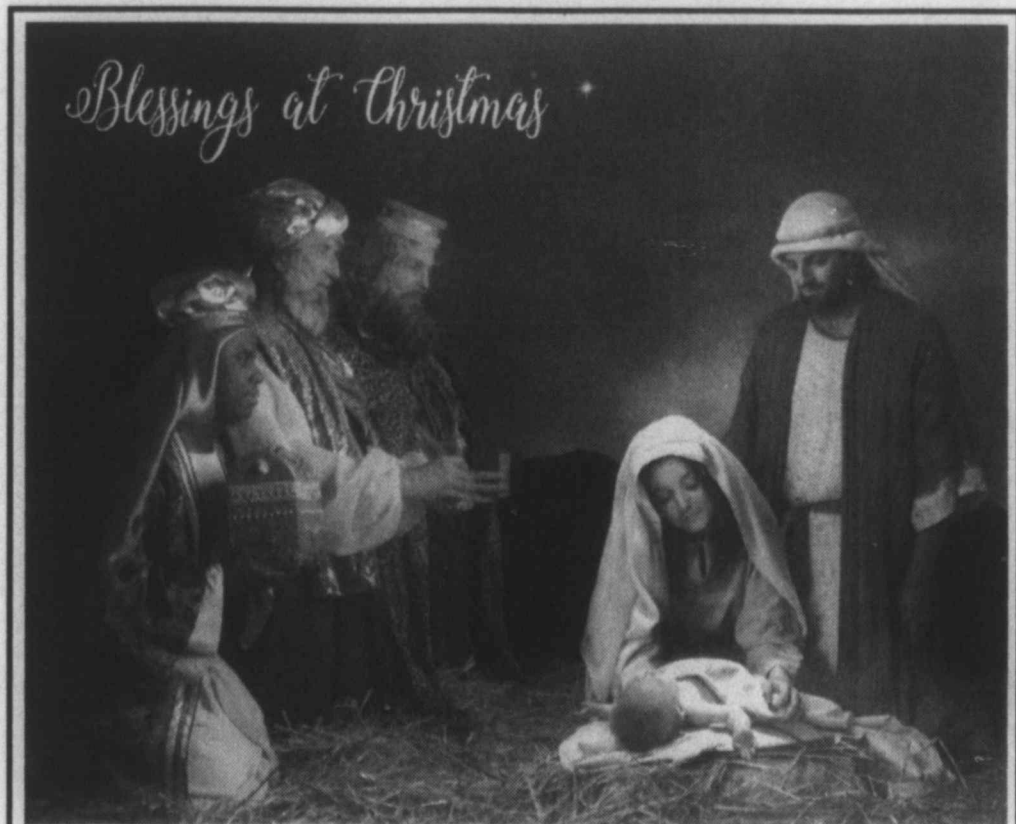
Did you know?
about
CHRISTMAS

The "X" in "Xmas" doesn't take "Christ" out of "Christmas. Xmas is a common abbreviation of the word Christmas, however, some people think that this spelling is not right, because it takes the "Christ" out of Christmas. Don't worry, no one is taking the "Christ" anywhere. In the Greek alphabet, the letter X ("chi") is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ or Christos.



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LETTERS TO SANTA

from O'Donnell



**O'Donnell Pre - K
Brooke James**

Dear Santa,
Hi! I am Bentley! Are the elves making lots of presents? Paxton really wants presents but he is being a little mean this year. Can I have some presents? I have been really good this year! I want some blocks so I can build. I also want the magnet blocks that we have at school. Thank you, Santa! Love, Bentley Barry

Dear Santa,
Thank you for sending an elf to our class. He is really funny! I have been trying to be good this year. I want some barbies. Can I have a ballerina barbie? Please bring some toys for Jill and Logan too. Logan loves cars. Thank you, Santa! Love, Allison Acosta

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! We have a silly elf that visits our classroom... I love Peppermint! I have been really good this year. I want an American Girl Doll for Christmas. Can I have a bed for her too please? Please bring 2 dolls so my mommy can play dolls with me. I love you Santa. Thank you! Love, Emree Pina

Dear Santa,
I am so excited about you coming to my house. I want a swat suit for Christmas. I think that they are so cool! I also want a nerf gun and a skateboard. That is all I want this year. You can bring presents for Cash and Ryder too! Thank you! Love, Teal Whipple

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I want Minecraft and Fortnite figures. I also want a puzzle. I want the fish game that I can play with my grandma. Please bring my sister a present too. She likes legos. We will leave you cookies and milk to eat when you come to my house. Thank you, Santa! Love, Cameran McChristian

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! We have a Christmas tree at our house. I am so excited you are coming to see me! I can't wait! I would like a race track for my little cars so they can race. I also want a red car, a blue car, and a pink car. Will you bring a present for Nayeli? She was good this year and I was too! Thank you! Love, Giovanni Sepeda

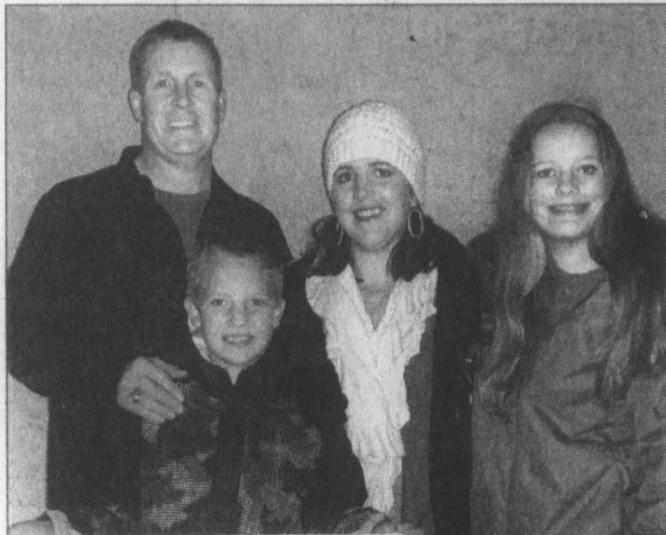
Dear Santa,
Is it snowing at the North Pole? I want a teddy bear. I also want new red boots. Can you please bring a present for my nana too? Thank you! Love, Kaylyn Guajardo

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want Minecraft toys for Christmas this year. I also want a Minecraft pickaxe please. I want Minecraft everything. Will you bring Kyndall some makeup for Christmas? I think she has been good this year. Thank you, Santa! Love, Hank Halfmann

Dear Santa,
I want some Star Wars Legos. I think those are cool! I want hot wheels with a hot wheels track. Can I have smart watch please? I can do fun activities on it. Please bring presents for Nonna and Poppa too. Bring Nonna some new makeup and Poppa some flags for his pick up. Thank you! Love Jaxon Smith

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are you? I have been good this year! I want a fire truuuuuck that goes outside because my old one doesn't work. I also want a fire truck, garbage truck, and helicopter all in the same box. I would like a burned Lightning McQueen and a fire truck Mater. One last thing, I want to add a new red tablet to my list please. Love, Kannon Mikes

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like a toy of Super Mario and I would LOVE to have snow for Christmas. I have been really good, I clean my room, and I don't cry at school anymore. Thank you Santa! Bye! Love, Josue Reyes



**HOLIDAY
Decorating Contest
O'Donnell
WINNER**

We love Christmas ... The Randy and Sarah Cook family is pictured here, with the sign designating their home as the winner of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest in O'Donnell. The contest was sponsored by the Tahoka Christmas Committee.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I am going to leave you milk and cookies to eat when you come to my house. I want makeup, nail polish, and a Mickey Mouse. Can I also have some LOL dolls? Thank you! Love, Hazel Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! It's Kaydence! How are you? I want a pink bike for Christmas. I want a pink tablet too. I have been really good this year and I help my mom a lot. Thank you! Love, Kaydence Garces

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I really need a PS4. I also need to tell you that my brother needs toys too. Thank you, Santa! Love, Hunner Resendez

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I was wondering if next year you can bring me an Elf on the Shelf. I really want one to come to my house. This year for Christmas I want a toy kitchen, baby kitten, Baby Alive, and clothes for my baby dolls. I love you Santa and Mrs. Clause! Thank you! Love, Josey Holliday

**O'Donnell
Kindergarten A
Debbie Franklin**

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a nerf gun, that's all. I will leave you some milk and chocolate cookies. Love Payne Hawkins

Dear Santa,
How's the weather at the North Pole? I've been good this year, can you please bring me an electric scooter for Christmas. I hope you're safe on your trip. Love Maci Davis

Dear Santa,
I love the movie Santa Buddies and I appreciate it. I would like a barbie doll house, some make-up and some Else headphones for Christmas please. I'd also like my friends to come over to my house for my birthday. Love Aria Fielder

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a camera with film, that's all. Love Adrianna Barrera

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year, for Christmas I would like an OMG doll, a LOL doll, some surprise confetti and fireworks. Hope to see you, Mrs. Claus and the reindeers soon. Love Azelle Trevino

Dear Santa
My name is Kynzlee and for Christmas I would like some make up and fingernail polish that is my very own. I also need a bigger kitchen because I have out grown my little one. Cant wait to see you and Ill set out some Milk and cookies for you. Love, Kynzlee Elrod

**Kindergarten B
Stacy Bolton**

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? We have been good boys and girls this year and have been learning so much in Kindergarten. We have worked hard in learning to read and in Math. Here is our list for this year. Please keep the reindeer warm and we will leave you some cookies on the table Christmas night. We love you, Mrs. Bolton's class.

Lego friends and frozen 2 dolls
Elsa and Anna - Tabitha

Electric scooter and colorful bike that has a basket on it with prizes inside the basket - Olivia

A little jeep you can ride on and a little real rabbit - Avery

Legos and a RC remote control jeep - Abe

A doll - Sky

iPhone 7 and make up - Addison

**O'Donnell 1st Grade
Doris Gass**

Dear Santa,
I Love You! Hal ar your North Pole frens? I wot a skad bik. I wot mi family back together. Love, Noriah

Dear Santa,
I wot to tel I hop you unt afrad to fly. I wot a bik. Oso I wot to ride with a electric scooter. Your friend, Moses

Dear Santa,
I hop it's good in the North Pole. I have a Christmas tree at my house. You have a great day Santa Claus. I want a great day today Santa Claus. Love, Sahira

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you! Haw are you? Haw is the North Pole? Will you brenge me presents? I want a real life doll. I will leave you cookies. Love, Bryannah

Dear Santa,
I love you. May I have presents? I wud lik a Dr kit and a smock. Your friend, Yeimy

Dear Santa,
Hopefully you aren't in quarantine. Can you please bring me a barbie dream house? I want a Barbie car that fits me. Hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love, Amalia

Dear Santa,
Haw have you bin this year? Will you put presents under my Christmas tree? And I will give you cookies. Love, Madelyn

Dear Santa,
I want a ball and a truck and a stocking. I will give you cookies and milk. Wait, will you give my sister something too? Your Friend, Ira

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for my presets. Ples bring me a havrbord and candes. Your friend, John

**O'Donnell 1st Grade
Katy Redwine**

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Merry Christmas! I want a PS4, and a RC car. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Ian Morado

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, Orbees and roller skates. How is Mrs. Claus and you doing? I hope you are ok. Paizlee Arthur

Dear Santa,
I want a super hero Batman toy, a bear, an RC car and a Jumanji character. Merry Christmas! Alex Pina

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a baby doll, and a new case for my iPad? Merry Christmas! Hailey Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! You are the best! All I want for Christmas is a bike and my family. Have a great Christmas! Hallie Sue Porterfield

Dear Santa,
I want a dollie, some books and I want some shoes. Merry Christmas! Are your elves doing ok? And are your reindeers feeling good? Charlie Anderson

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want an art set! Skylynn Calderon

Dear Santa,
I want a Bumble Bee Car, and Nerf Blaster, and glow sticks. How are your reindeer doing and Mrs. Claus and all your elves? Jayden Castillo



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Have a very Merry Christmas.

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LETTERS TO SANTA



from O'Donnell

O'Donnell
2nd Grade

What would I do to make someone's Christmas happy?

Dear Santa,
What would I do to make someones Christmas happy? I would buy Christmas decorations fro them spend Christmas with them and buy presents fro them and say Merry Christmas! Love Lawtyn Laine Mires

Dear Santa,
I could make Christmas happier. I will give Jayden a toy car and another dog and a cat. From, Korbynn Holley

Dear Santa,
What could I do to make someones Christmas happy/special to invite someone so they can have fun at my house and let them play. My game and let them pet my cat and dog. And play on my phone. I have two phone to play on we can have fun. Josephc

If I could invite anybody over for Christmas...

Dear Santa,
If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite Brain we will eat snacks and food and we will play kick ball. Jaydenhamm

Dear Santa,
If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite jayden. He likes pizza and chicken and then we can play with my toys. From Brian Peters

Dear Santa,
If I could invite anybody over for Christmas dinner, I would invite noah I will invite Jayden. They are my best frenes. Love, Logan Acosta



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If I had \$100 what could I get my family for Christmas?

Dear Santa,
If I had \$100 what could I get my family for Christmas if I could invite anybody for Christmas it would be my friend gia and all my friend and family and if I hade \$100 I wii buy a family vacation. Dariela Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
If I had \$100, what could I get for my family for Christmas? I would get my dad his favorite candy. For my mom a new car. For me a tiny red car and a barbie dream house and a baby yoda bed set. Then for my sister jay a monster car. Then for my angel sister jade a picture of jay and me and mom and dad. I want 10,00 robuxx and a happy dinner for me and my sister jay and my angel sister jade and my grandma an ti rae and y angel grandpa and my grandmas angel dog and make sure you know I really love them all and tell them all and tell mrs clause how the raindear are doing. From Gia carrizales

Dear Santa,
If I had \$100 I would like a new car for my family and I will give them 100 dollars and say Merry Christmas. From Victoria Tamez

Dear Santa,
I will git a dirt bike, xbox, tv, and phone for my family if I had \$100. From Casey Norris

Dear Santa,
If I had \$100, I would get my family food, and I would get my sister LOL dolls, and I would get my brother plushies. I would get my mom perfume and would get my dad a new game. Love, Sebastian Gonzales

A CHRISTMAS STORY MOVIE TRIVIA

- A Christmas Story (1983)
1. Which department store has the item in its window that Ralphie wants?
 2. Which Christmas gift does Ralphie want so badly?
 3. What TV station runs A Christmas Story for 48 hours straight from Christmas Eve to Christmas day?
 4. In what state does A Christmas Story take place?

ANSWERS:
1. The gift Ralphie wants is in Higbee's.
Did you know? The department store in the Santa scene is the Higbee's in downtown Cleveland. It became Dillard's in 1992, and closed Jan. 7, 2002. It is now home to Jack's Casino.
2. Ralphie wants a Daisy "Red Ryder," a carbine-action, 200-shot, range-model air rifle. Ralphie says that he wanted the "Red Ryder BB Gun" 28 times.
Did you know? Due to this film's popularity, the Daisy Rifle Company has started producing Red Ryder BB Guns for sale during the Christmas season. It has become one of Daisy's best selling rifles.
3. TNT.
4. Indiana. But did you know? The film's setting is a town in Indiana, but was actually filmed in Cleveland, Ohio. To find an American city resembling an Indiana town of the 1940s, director Bob Clark sent his location scouts to 20 cities before selecting Cleveland.



FNB gives to Angel Tree ... As part of Giving Tuesday, First National Bank of Tahoka donated \$1000 to the Angel Tree program in O'Donnell. From left are Don Blair, FNB Tahoka Director, with Mark Roye, Lorrye Roye, Stella Arguello, and O'Donnell Mayor Kim Parker. The Angel Tree program provides Christmas gifts to the children of O'Donnell families who need a little extra help. In years where there are extra funds they may also provide extras for the family like a grocery gift card. "Thank you so much John Krey at First National Bank of Tahoka for considering O'Donnell, especially during this time of economic stress," said O'Donnell Mayor Parker.

Letters to Santa

from Wilson

Wilson ISD was unable to send any Santa Letters to The Lynn County News this Christmas, but we wish them all a very merry Christmas!



Did you know? 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!

GET YOUR WALKING SHOES ...

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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Back in the Day

by SUNNY RAINEY TIDWELL

(Remembrances of the people and places of Lynn County)

My name is Sunny Rainey Tidwell and my Grandparents were Ed and Opal Hamilton, my mother being Joy Hamilton their daughter. My Father was JW Rainey, also of Tahoka. I married Jim Tidwell in June of 2004. Jim's Grandmother was Earlene Tippit. We lived until recently in Earlene and Bud Tippit's home east of Tahoka. Neither Jim nor I lived in Tahoka growing up, but we both were here often visiting our grandparents. We both have such fond memories of Tahoka and were glad to be able to live just outside Tahoka for several years. When Jim and I became engaged in the spring of 2004, we had dinner at my Aunt Eddie's (Eddie Hamilton Whitfield) one evening. She began telling us about our grandparents and how uniquely we were connected.

You see my grandfather Ed Hamilton owned the furniture store in Tahoka for many, many years. If you grew up here you most likely remember him. Jim's grandfather was Phallen Short, also known by his nickname of Slim Short. He definitely was not "Short" as he was around 6'3" tall. Well Slim was a radio repair man who just happened to work for ... you guessed it Ed Hamilton. Slim also taught Eddie's husband Charlie Whitfield how to repair radios and both were kept busy until TV's were invented. Earlene later married Bud Tippit and it was their home Jim and I lived in for several years before moving to Lubbock in 2017. My grandfather on my Dad's side, Frank Rainey, was a farmer and he would hire out to other farmers during busy times. My Aunt Eddie said he often worked for...you guessed it, Bud Tippit's family. So both of us had a Grandfather who worked for the other's Grandfather...or something like that anyway!

My father, JW Rainey had many great stories about growing up in Tahoka and his buddies he ran around with at the time. Finis Botkin was his best friend, but they often ran around with Gerald Wayne Tippit. I remember my sisters and I watching the "Search for Tomorrow" daytime show back in the 70's. One day when my Dad came in for lunch, he looked at the TV and said, "Hey that's Gerald Wayne Tippit, I grew up with him." We totally didn't believe him until the credits ran by and sure enough there was "Gerald Wayne Tippit" in the cast of characters. When I moved into Earlene's home in 2004 I was cleaning out some drawers and came across all of this old memorabilia of Gerald Wayne's, from Broadway playbills, photos, newspaper clippings, Tahoka school play photos, and even a vinyl record where he was reading the Bible. Since neither Jim nor I was a Tippit I didn't know who to give it to so I just hung onto it. After he passed away one of his daughters reached out to us and I told her I had it all. We were going to get together again, but I lost her number and she must have lost mine.

Fast forward to 2017, Jim and I were packing up to move and came across more Gerald Wayne stuff, then later that day at a dinner regarding the Windmill Project, a lady asked to sit at our table. I introduced myself and she stared at me and said, "Do you believe in a "God Thing"?" I said yes and she introduced herself as Deanya Wood Williams. She is Bud Tippit's great-granddaughter. She would spend holidays and have visits at the house we lived in; she was just Bud's great-granddaughter where my husband was Earlene's grandson. Since it was the second marriage for each of them, they had separate families and grandkids. Jim and Deanya were never there together as they were the other side of the family, but how

probably asking... Well I just thought it would be fun to start a new column in the paper about past Tahoka and Lynn County personal stories? If you have some good ole' memories you would like to share about your life in Tahoka and Lynn County. I would love to hear about them and write them up in the paper to share with everyone connected to Tahoka. If you want to write it up yourself that is great too. Either way I just think it would be fun to hear about all the great history of Tahoka through the lives of those that lived here. Some may be funny and others sad, but I'm sure your fellow friends would love to read about them.

I can't guarantee when these can be printed in the paper but I will try to publish as many stories as I can. (The editor notes that stories can only be published as space allows, so sometimes the longer stories may have to wait a bit). I look forward to hearing from you!

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- Sunny Rainey Tidwell

Name That Christmas Movie!

"Bless this highly nutritious microwavable macaroni and cheese dinner and the people who sold it on sale. Amen."

Home Alone

"We're your worst nightmare... Elves with attitude."

The Santa Clause

"Fog as thick as peanut butter"

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

"Lovely, glorious, beautiful Christmas, upon which the entire kid year revolved."

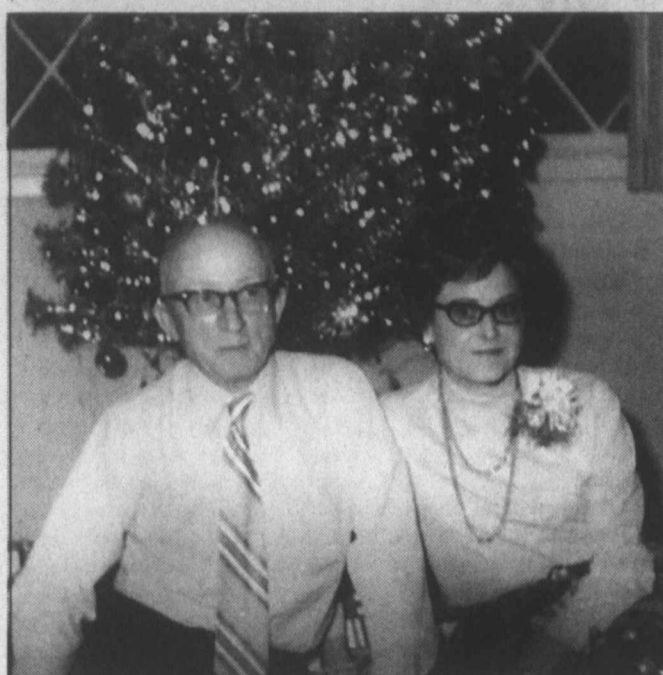
A Christmas Story

"The thing about trains... it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on."

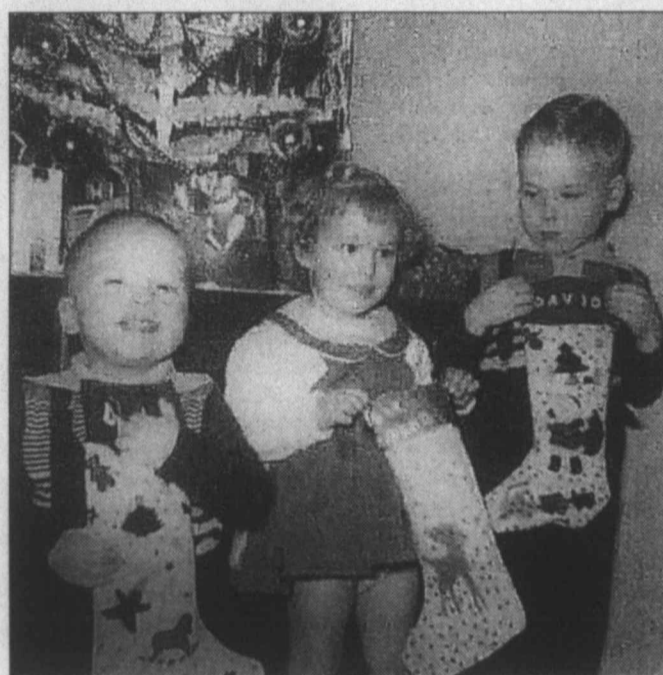
The Polar Express

Q: "Miracle on 34th Street" centers on what real-life department store?
A: Macy's

Vintage Photos from our Readers



Merry Christmas! ... This vintage Christmas picture is of Ed and Opal Hamilton. The Hamilton's owned a furniture and appliance store in Tahoka for many years, starting in the mid-1940s.



What did Santa bring us? ... It was Christmas 1957 in this photo, with David, Dale and Dean Rogers excited to look in their Christmas stockings to see what Santa left for them. They are the children of the late Turner and Euella Rogers of Tahoka.

What is the name of the rabbit in the magic hat in the movie, Frosty the Snowman?

Answer: Hocus Pocus!

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

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Did you know? about CHRISTMAS

What does this color mean?

The three traditional colors of most Christmas decorations are red, green and gold. Red symbolizes the blood of Christ, green symbolizes life and rebirth, and gold represents light, royalty and wealth.



Did you know that Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska? Approximately 35 million Christmas trees are produced during the Christmas season to keep pace with the demand.

Alabama became the first US state to declare Christmas as a legal holiday in 1836 and the last was Oklahoma, in 1907.

Let's go to Christmas Island!

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