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Field Notes / Reprinted from Christmas 2006

MY CAT, OSCAR, CANNOT OPEN THE DOOR onto the world he so longs to join. He can leap in a single, graceful bound from my front porch to the nearby elm tree—and in effortless, coiling grace, to its highest branches. Without my assistance, though, he is homebound, able only to gaze through the window and imagine himself outside.

For the one lowly task of turning a door knob—and frankly, I've learned, for little else—Oscar needs me.

Why do I write about this? you may well wonder. Have I turned into one of those women of a certain age who talks to her pet and who stands in the grocery store checkout line holding only cat food and toilet paper? Well, perhaps I have, but that is not why my thoughts have turned to cats and their needs. It is because, when I stumbled home last night in the cold, drenching rain—after the longest day that turned to night and very nearly day again—Oscar the Cat awaited. He cared not one whit that I was dog-tired. Dog-tired means nothing to Oscar the Cat.

No, Oscar had a list. First, food. Not the healthy stuff that only a tele-genic pseudo-vet would hawk, but the cheap, smelly stuff. Second, a scratch behind the ears and under the chin. Just one. Enough, he says, I've given you all that I can and more than you deserve. Now let me the heck outside.

Oscar the Cat stands by the closed front door, waiting. His tail sweeps back and forth—once, maybe twice—just enough to mark time and tele-graph his demand: Release me.

But once revealed, the outside world seems a less welcoming place than it had behind glass. The rain, barely audible inside, rises in volume. A chill enters the house, seeking us out. The sidewalk glistens in frosty beauty.

One paw crosses the threshold. One ear and a nose. Oscar stands there poised on the verge of night as I hold the door. And that's when I realize that this cat might just be one of life's little wake-up calls. Lit-erally, as well as figuratively.

Oscar wandered into my life quite unbidden, actually, when he appeared this summer at the Record office, and returned several days thereafter. Staffer Katy McGarr adopted him, named him (after her favorite kids' book, *Oscar, Cat About Town*), then promptly joined the Peace Corps and moved to Vanuatu, an island in the South Pacific, abandoning both Oscar and me to each other.

I do not need a cat. I am allergic to cats. I am never home. Or so I thought.

I do not need this person. I am disdainful of humans. I am happy outside. Or so he thought.

But then there was the perpetually, providentially full bowl of cat food. For him.

And then there was the welcoming—if somewhat demanding—meeee-aaaaow which I could hear as soon as I turned off the car and cracked the door. For me.

And one thing followed another, as it inevitably does.

Which leads me to wonder: how do we really know what we need? How do we know until it is revealed to us in some unplanned, unexpected, unbidden—maybe even unappreciated—moment?

Until Oscar came home with me, he did not know he needed someone to open doors. And until I brought Oscar home, I did not know I needed lint rollers, or tiny, pointed claws piercing my consciousness, or deeply resonant purring, lulling me back to sleep.

At a time when we contemplate the gifts we will give, and prompt those we love to tell us what they want, it might also be good to ponder what we truly need. What gifts will be lasting, rather than transitory? What gifts have we already been given, and overlooked?

In these pages, we find dozens of photos of children lobbying Santa, imagining the presents that might soon be theirs. In one of those photos, a seven-year-old girl is cradled in Santa's arms. Midway through a year of chemotherapy treatments for leukemia, she is too weak to walk or even to sit on her own. She has been carried into the room by her mother, who stands some distance away, overcome with emotion.

We all are. The room, which has echoed all evening with music and voices, is suddenly very quiet as we witness this Christmas tableaux. We are not privy to the conversation she has with Santa, but I wonder then—and will wonder for years—what she asks for, what she needs, what gifts she will receive, what doors will open for her, and who will open them.

A Note from the Editor / Christmas 2021

THE TIME IS LONG OVERDUE to express my gratitude to those who have made it possible—once again—to get from the start to the end of another year. This has been a difficult one for so many. It almost feels like cheating to have survived, and in the truest sense, thrived, despite the challenges we have all faced.

We are fortunate, though, to have readers who value this newspaper enough to subscribe, or to drop another \$1.50 in the collection plate each week—and even, on occasion, to write a note of encouragement or inspiration, knowing it is most needed. We are beyond thankful for our advertisers, who make it possible to buy the ink, pay the postage, write the paychecks and keep the lights on—even in an economy that has tested both our faith and our generosity.

We are hopeful, too, that we have done well enough at this task to have earned your support and confidence, at a time when we believe the need for good journalism and credible, independent reporting is more essential than ever.

After thirty years at the editor's desk, following in my father's very daunting footsteps, I know only that I have done the best I could to honor his legacy. I also believe it is time—perhaps past time—to turn this work over to another generation.

In the next few months, I hope that those who understand the important role this newspaper has played in this community's history—and should continue to play in its future—will help us find someone equally cognizant of *The Record's* inherent value, and eager to write its next few chapters.

I welcome your thoughts and guidance as we figure this out together.

And finally. As editor and publisher, I have been fortunate to work with a talented and dedicated staff—one that has reshaped itself over the last three decades to meet the shifting demands and resources required of this job, and to master its ever-changing tools.

My particular and humble thanks goes to my friends and partners, Cathy Ricketts and Mary Smithee, for their oft-tested patience, their trust, their skill and intelligence, and their candor—when candor was essential. I am honored beyond measure to have made this considerable journey with them.



Merry Christmas



ART BY CANADIAN HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ANGEL MARTINEZ, PENS, MARKERS & COLORED PENCIL

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THE CANADIAN RECORD is a proud supporter of and advocate for the preservation of this community's unique architectural and natural beauty, and the rich historical and cultural resources that have earned it statewide distinction as a Texas Cultural District and Film-Friendly Community

County Commissioners accept \$65,000 in coronavirus relief funds to offset airport operational expenses

Commissioners last week renewed the contract of Bill Kendall as fixed base operator of the Hemphill County Airport, and formally accepted three rounds of federal COVID relief funding, totaling \$65,000, which will be used to offset operational expenses directly related to the airport's management and maintenance during the last year.

Contract employees are among the eligible expenses for the grant funds, which

derive from the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act, as well as supplemental appropriations from CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) and ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act).

“We just took Bill’s contract and said, ‘This is what we’re making the claim for,’” Judge George Briant said. “That gives us some \$61,000 we can stick in reserves.”

In addition to those payroll expenses, Briant explained, some funding was used to perform survey work and obstruction removal for trees on and adjacent to the airport property.

Briant also reported the completion of a crack sealing project at the airport, which was performed by a contract crew for TxDOT at a cost to the county of \$6,000. “The big runway comes up for resurfacing in 2023,” he said. “We have a 90/10 grant for that, and have some money set aside.”

Briant also reported that the AWOS weather system at the airport has been out for some time, but that the whole system would cost about a quarter of a million dollars to replace. "At some point," he said, "it will be time to fix that with another grant, though, there are so many different ways to get the weather—by computer or phone—that it's not as important as it used to be."

In other business, the court authorized Sheriff Brent Clapp to offer a hiring incentive for one deputy. Briant was advised by the county's legal counsel, Jim Allison, of Allison, Bass and Magee, LLP, that the county may provide hiring incentives to new employees—such as a moving expense payment—provided it secures an adequate return for the money. The agreement is tied to a 12-month commitment by the deputy to serve with HCSO.

Sheriff Clapp explained that the prospective officer had expressed interest in working in Hemphill County in order to be closer to his children, who live in Spearman. He had already accepted the position before personal issues intervened. In November, he contacted Clapp and said he was ready, had reserved a house here in town, but needed assistance with holding the house and getting moved.

“He seems very reliable, served four years in the Army, and I think he’ll be a good fit,” Sheriff Clapp said.

"I imagine it's hard to find qualified peace officers to move here," said Commissioner Curt McPherson, suggesting that the "defund police" movement may have contributed to a drop in law enforcement officers.

"I don't know that," said Clapp. "We have seen a huge drop in applicants."

Commissioners voted unanimously to au-

thorize the one-time pay incentive. They also briefly discussed imposing a burn ban, in advance of what National Weather Service (NWS) officials were warning would be critical fire-danger conditions last Wednesday, but opted against it.

"I don't know that we're to the point we'll be in trouble," said McPherson. "A lot of people are needing to burn. I wouldn't recommend it right now."

In its last meeting, commissioners did agree to fund the acquisition of burn-ban notification signs to place on state highways in this county. Those signs have been delivered and were being placed at entry points by county road crews.

"All we need to worry about is when there is a burn ban, having our guys go out and flip them," McPherson said.

On a related note, Amarillo's NWS warned Monday morning that their staff was monitoring another system that has the potential for some potent winds and fire weather concerns for Friday, Dec. 24.

“As of now, we are currently looking at sustained winds of 30-40 mph with gusts up to 60 mph,” the report said. “There is potential in the models to see gusts upwards of 70 mph. Critical fire weather would be expected across the whole area.”



JANUARY MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Steak Fingers	4 Taco Soup	5 Goulash	6 Brisket	7 Burgers
10 BBQ Sausage	11 Beef Stroganoff	12 Enchiladas	13 Hodge Podge Soup	14 BBQ Chicken
17 Chicken Alfredo	18 Soft Tacos	19 Chicken Fried Steak	20 Beirox	21 Cod
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Texas airports to receive \$241.6 million from bipartisan infrastructure law

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will award an estimated \$241.6 million to Texas' 193 airports from funding made available by the bipartisan infrastructure law. The money can be invested in runways, taxiways, and safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport-transit connections and roadway projects. This is the first of five annual rounds of funding Texas airports will receive.

“The bipartisan infrastructure law has given us a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build safer and more sustainable airports that connect individuals to jobs and communities to the world,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. “With this new funding, urban, regional, and rural airports across the country now can get to work on projects that have waited for years, modernizing their infrastructure and building a better America.”

Texas airports can submit projects they wish to use the funds on for FAA review in the coming weeks. The FAA encourages airports to prioritize projects that increase airport safety, equity, and sustainability. The agency also plans to conduct outreach with the minority business community on these opportunities at airports across the nation.

An additional 168 reliever and general aviation airports across Texas are also estimated to receive funding during the first year of the bipartisan infrastructure law. In this area, Hemphill County Airport in Canadian, the Perryton Ochiltree County Airport, Major Samuel B. Cornelius Field in Spearman, Moore County Airport in Dumas, and the Dalhart Municipal Airport will each receive \$159,000 in funding, while Perry Lefors Field in Pampa will receive \$295,000; and Gruver Municipal, Oldham County Airport in Vega, and Hereford Municipal will each receive \$110,000 in funds. *(More information online at www.faa.gov/bil/airport-infrastructure.)*

The money comes from the Airport Infrastructure Grant program, one of three new aviation programs created by the bipartisan infrastructure law. The law provides \$15 billion over five years for this program. The FAA estimates the backlog of airport modernization and safety projects totals \$43.6 billion.

City officials leave vacant seat open, 'let voters decide in May'

City council members on Monday opted not to appoint a replacement to fill the seat vacated by Chase Smyth, and instead, to proceed with only four members until the May 7 election for local political subdivisions.

Smyth was one of two new council members seated less than a year ago when their candidacies were uncontested, and the election canceled. He resigned recently after he and his family moved outside of the city limits.

City Manager Joe Jarosek asked the council to consider whether it wanted to appoint Smyth's replacement by soliciting applications or nominations.

"If we go through the process," said Councilman Gary Prater, "it will be February before someone takes office. You're looking at putting someone in office for three months."

Asked what the timeline would be for an appointment, given the notification requirements, Jarosek said the notice could be published and nominations submitted prior to the next meeting on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, when the council could appoint someone to serve the unexpired term of office.

Otherwise, he said, the council could call a special election for that seat, held in conjunction with the regular election. Three council seats—those of Gary Prater, Wendie Cook, and Ashlee Talley—will already be on the ballot in the May 7 election. Smyth's unexpired one-year term could be on the ballot, as well, in the special election.

After a brief discussion of the implications of having no super majority in the three-month interim, the council agreed it was unlikely one would be necessary, and opted instead to leave the vacancy open until it can be filled by voters.

"I'd rather leave it up to the people to decide," said Councilwoman Ashlee Talley, to the mutual agreement of the council.

City Secretary Kim Sloat noted that holding the two elections jointly, but on separate ballots, would allow the council to cancel either one, if the candidates are uncontested.

Other public offices that will be determined in the May 7 election include board positions for the Hemphill County Hospital District, Canadian Independent School District, and Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District.

The first day to file for a place on the general election ballot will be Wednesday, Jan. 19.

MERRY Christmas!

The Canadian Record offices will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2, and no newspaper will be published on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Our next edition will be published on Thursday, Jan. 6.



We'll see you in the new year!



Local firefighters battle recurring wildfire south of town over weekend

Canadian's volunteer firefighters were called out three times over the weekend to battle a wildfire south of town on US 83 near County Road N.

The first call came around 2 pm Saturday. The fire had started near a guardrail along the highway, likely caused by a tire blowout—judging from the presence of tire carcasses in the area—or a dragging chain, according to CVFD Fire Chief Scott Brewster.

The fire was propelled by 14 mph northerly winds that gusted up to 18 mph; the flame flared off into the mesquite-covered pasture and spread into the rugged mesas.

“That cotton-picking mesquite is just a pain to get out when it’s as dry as it is,” said Brewster. “There was a lot of timber on the ground...like a thousand Roman candles sit-

ting out there. You just can’t put it all out.”

All six firefighting units were dispatched to the scene. Helicopters flown by Trey Webb and Jason Abraham also responded, flying overhead to unload water buckets in strategic areas. The firefighters worked for hours mopping up.

Brewster said the firefighters were hampered by tire blowouts—a not-unexpected hazard when driving over thick mesquite.

A call to the Hemphill County Sheriff’s Office around 7:30 Saturday evening, reporting that the fire may have reignited, proved to be a false alarm, but shortly after noon on Sunday, the sirens sounded. The wind had picked up to 16 mph, gusting to 20 mph, and the fire found new life.

“It started on the back side where there

wasn’t much of anything,” Brewster said. “One of them mesquite roots got to burning when it started the second time.”

Firefighters went to work again, assisted by a helicopter dropping water from overhead. Clouds of smoke drifted into town, alarming the staff at Mesa View, who at one point, prepared to evacuate residents if the fire advanced any closer.

Another call around 7:45 pm Sunday sent trucks out again. “We went back out the other night and just poured tons of water on everything,” Brewster said. “We took a chainsaw and start lopping stuff off.”

Brewster said the fire only burned about 40-50 acres altogether.



Canadian VFD sends mutual aid to Skellytown firefighters

Canadian VFD dispatched two units last Wednesday to Skellytown, where they provided mutual aid to firefighters battling wildfires accelerated by sustained 40-50 mph winds out of the southwest, according to Amarillo’s National Weather Service, which reported:

“The North 207 fire (23,810 acres, as of Dec. 17) started along Highway 207 in northern Carson County between

Borger and Panhandle. This fire moved east across a canyon area and threatened Skellytown, prompting evacuations. This fire finally slowed its progress near the Pampa Airport and Wayside as winds subsided in the evening.”

In their summary of the Dec. 16 event, published online at https://www.weather.gov/ama/wednesday_december_15_2021_highwind_wildfires, NWS reported that data gathered from observation sites measured wind gusts from 70 mph to 90 mph during the peak of the wind event, which occurred between 11 am and 3 pm that day. Those high winds damaged trees, power lines, and roofs in some areas. In addition, there were several reports of semi-trucks being overturned across the area.

Blowing dust caused widespread visibility reductions down to 1-3 miles, and there were reports of localized areas where visibility dropped to less than 1/4 mile, leading

to several major accidents and road closures. The combination of high winds, ongoing drought, and very dry conditions also led to 32 wildfires burning over 436,000 across multiple states.

Two other fires in the Panhandles were classified as significant, as they raced uncontrolled across the landscape.

•The Parker Creek fire (11,067 acres as of Dec. 17) started in northwest Oldham County, briefly threatened the city of Channing in southeast Hartley County, and crossed into southwest Moore County before being contained with the help of agricultural barriers.

•The Cobb fire (7,987 acres, as of Dec. 16) started in Texas County and raced east, threatening Guymon and prompting evacuations for the west side of the city before being controlled.



Scenes from Sunday afternoon fire outbreak

In photos on facing page, the view from US 60 heading south Sunday afternoon, as Canadian VFD is dispatched to an outbreak from the previous day's fire on County Road N. Aerial support in the firefight was provided by helicopters equipped with water buckets. In photo above, a small herd of cattle shelter in the trees just north of the fire, which can be seen over the hill. The grass in the foreground is bent by strong winds out of the southwest. In photo at right, the first firetruck arrives on the scene Sunday afternoon, and the driver scrambles to open the gate, before heading into the smoke.

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THE BLOTTER

A Report from the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office

The blotter is a weekly summary of arrests and citations by the HCSO. Those reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Week of Dec. 14-20, 2021

Misdemeanor Arrests

- Wilbert Almaguer-Esquivel; Metairie, Louisiana; possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana, unlawful use of paper tag; 12/15/21; HCSO.
- Justin Clint Williams; Marion, Louisiana; driving while intoxicated; 12/15/21; HCSO.
- Orlando Tobias Jr.; Eagle Pass; possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana; 12/16/21; TX-DPS.
- Jesse Kutter Brockelman; Scott City, Kansas; assault causing bodily injury to family member, theft of property (greater than \$100/less than \$750), driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility; 12/20/21; TX-DPS.

Felony Arrests

- Genaro Silva Jr.; Pampa; driving while intoxicated (third or more); 12/16/21; HCSO.

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- Robert James Boettiger; Bruce, Wisconsin; driving on wrong side of divided highway; 12/14/21.



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Total Tests Performed: 410 Total Positive Results: 99

HEMPHILL COUNTY

*Positive/Current Active: 50

OUT-OF-COUNTY

Positive: 49

*COVID-19 Testing Performed by Hemphill County Hospital's Laboratory Department. The above numbers do NOT include results for Hemphill County residents who tested elsewhere, nor do they represent the total number of active cases in Hemphill County currently.

HCH HOSPITALIZATIONS

14-Day C-19 Admissions: 7
C-19 Inpatients @12:00p: 3
Current NON-C-19 Inpatients: 4



C-19 PATIENT TRANSFERS

Emergency Room: 2
Hospital Inpatient: 2
(Higher-Care Transfers since 7/1/21)

Nationwide surge in COVID-positive cases hits close to home at Hemphill County Hospital

In the five days since last week's *Record* report, Hemphill County Hospital's lab has reported 16 new COVID-positive cases in Hemphill County, and 15 in out-of-county residents. According to HCH lab tests, there are now 50 active COVID cases in this county.

Seven patients have been admitted to the hospital's COVID-19 wing in the last two weeks—four of those on Monday alone. One

patient who came to the hospital ER required a higher level of care. After making over 50 calls to acute care facilities, hospital staff found an empty bed in a hospital downstate, and the patient was transferred. Another ER patient with COVID was transferred on Tuesday.

After an extremely busy day and night in the emergency room Monday—involving ev-

eryone from clinic personal to the registration desk, from lab techs to nurses—hospital reports were blunt: Testing numbers were increasing, positivity rates were climbing, and new patient admissions for COVID were on the rise.

While these numbers do not include results for Hemphill County residents who tested elsewhere, they are indicative of a surge in local coronavirus cases—one that HCH Chief of Staff Tony Cook told *The Record* he believes can be attributed to the rapid spread of the new omicron variant.

That trend was also evident at Canadian ISD. In a Thursday evening school board meeting, Superintendent Lynn Pulliam reported 22 COVID-active cases involving three staff members and students on all four campuses. "We'll see what happens over the break," Dr. Pulliam told trustees, clearly relieved that the Christmas holiday had arrived, and that school would not resume until Jan. 4, 2022.

While school enrollment has increased here, Dr. Pulliam noted—growing from 835 in the first six weeks to 844 at the end of the

semester—average daily attendance for the last six weeks was only 776 students.

An additional concern was raised in a story published yesterday in *The Texas Tribune* (texastribune.org), which reported that the "new COVID-19 surge looms over a burned-out, depleted workforce" in Texas hospitals. Even as the new omicron variant fuels a new wave of COVID-19 cases around the country, the report said, hospital officials in Texas' largest metro areas and across the state are grappling with the impact it is having on morale.

While there is no doubt that healthcare workers will meet the moment, "the question is whether there will be enough of them to balance hospital demand."

EDITOR'S NOTE: An unvaccinated man in his 50s died in Texas this week after contracting COVID-19, his second infection. According to a report in *The New York Times*, his death may be the first in the United States attributed to the highly-contagious omicron variant.

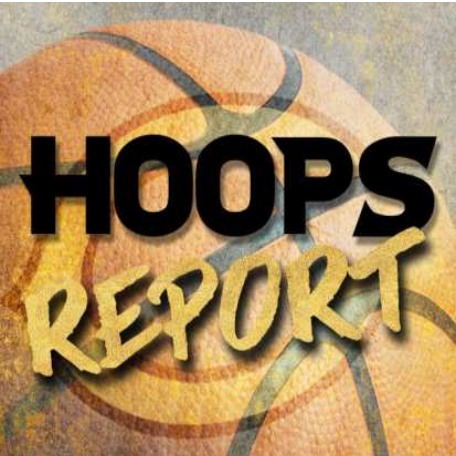
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JV Cats win 2-of-3 at Borger, trounce Childress on home court Monday

The JV boys basketball team played on Thursday and Saturday in the Borger JV Tournament, and won the consolation championship with a 43-32 final-round victory over Tulia on Saturday.

The series began Thursday with a loss to the Canyon-Randall JV boys. “They are a couple of classifications bigger,” said Wildcat Coach Jeff Isom, “and it showed. We lost in an 83-35 rout. Needless to say, there weren’t many highlights in this game.”

On Saturday, the Cats got back on track with a 61-28 win over Borger’s freshman squad, led by Alberto Vargas with 16 points, and Weston Conner with 15. Greeley Adams scored 11 points, and Jose Vargas 10.

In the consolation round, Conner scored 10 points and Camden Cook contributed 9 points, leading Canadian to victory.

“I thought it was a successful tournament,” said Isom. “Our guys continue to improve each week. I am proud of where we are at this point in the season, but of course, we have much left to improve on.”

The JV Cats wrapped up an impressive home-court win over Childress on Monday before taking a break for the holidays. Canadian built a 30-6 first-half lead on their way to a convincing 61-28 victory, led on offense by Conner with 14 game points, Preston Miller with 11 points, and Vargas with 10.

“We started off a little slow,” Isom said, “but picked up the pace with a good second and fourth quarter to take control. I think the guys are coming along nicely at this point in the season.”

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Wildcats struggle in back-to-back losses to Clarendon, Childress

By Record Sportswriter Kale Steed

The Canadian Wildcats' basketball team took a pair of losses to two quality opponents on Friday and Monday.

The Wildcats fell on Friday to the defending UIL Class 2A state champions, Clarendon, 74-24. On Monday, Childress came into Canadian and walked away with a 63-21 victory.

The Broncos, coached by Canadian graduate, Boston Hudson, had too much firepower for a young Wildcat squad, jumping out to a commanding lead and never looking back. Nathan Wagner did lead Canadian with 12 points despite the loss.

Against Childress, junior and recent Amarillo High transfer Kaden Carr, a four-star and Texas Tech football commit, made his debut on varsity, scoring 7 points against the Bobcats.

"We always try to challenge ourselves with tough opponents," Wildcat Head Coach Brandon Wall said. "I know we took some lumps, but we're learning a lot over the last two games. I feel we're growing in our defense. Our rotations are getting better, and we're playing ball well. Offensively, we're scoring in the paint. We just have to take care of the ball better. But I give our guys credit. They are still battling and have great attitudes."

Canadian (2-6 overall) will be off for the Christmas break before the Gruver Holiday Classic next week. The Wildcats open the tournament with Hedley at 1 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 28.



TINLEY PENNINGTON (20) MAKES A POWER LAYUP VERSUS LADY BRONCO



BRILEY MERKET (12) DRAWS THE FOUL IN FRIDAY WIN OVER CLARENDON

No. 1 Lady Cats ride an 18-0 record into holidays

By Record Sportswriter Kale Steed

The No. 1-ranked Canadian Lady Cats closed out play before the Christmas break with two more home wins to stay undefeated on the season.

Canadian held off Clarendon 48-38 last Friday, followed by a 44-16 blowout victory over Childress on Monday afternoon.

The Lady Cats are on a season-long hot streak, entering the Christmas break at a perfect 18-0 overall.

Canadian will resume its season at the Gruver Holiday Classic at 11:40 am on Tuesday, Dec. 28, opening the tournament with Hooker, Oklahoma.

Clarendon gave the Lady Cats a great test last Friday. The game was tied 33-33 in the fourth quarter before Canadian was able to pull away with key buckets and clutch free-throw shooting to outscore the Lady Broncos 15-5 down the stretch.

“We tell our team that we have to bring it every time we step on the floor,” Lady Cat Head Coach Aaron Marks said. “But I thought it was great to get challenged from Clarendon. Give them credit, they played well. We stepped up, accepted the challenge, and found a way to win. That’s what we need to do.”

Briley Merket paved the way in the win with a team-high 16 points, as teammate Mattie Boyd pitched in 11 points.

Canadian had a much easier time Monday with Childress, which never really gave them much of a contest. The Lady Cats’ defense suffocated the Lady Bobcats, holding Childress to under 30 percent shooting and forcing over 15 turnovers. Offensively, Boyd was stellar, scoring a game-high 23 points. Merket chipped in 7 points.

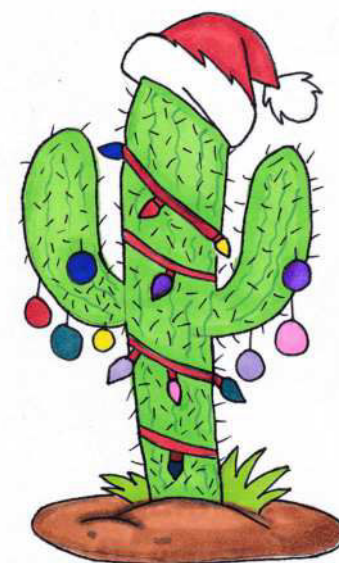
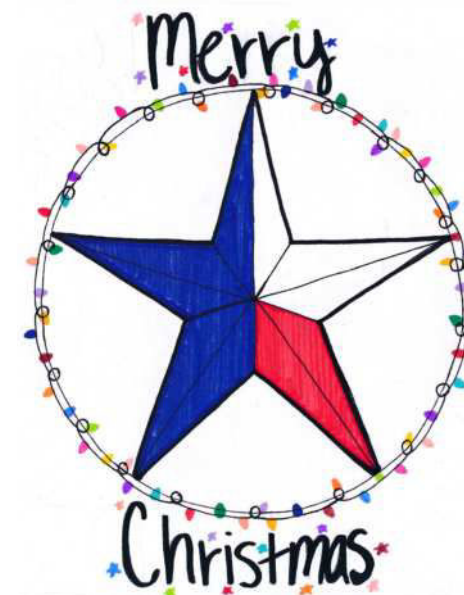
“That was a great way to finish before the Christmas break,” Marks said. “We had a sour taste in our mouth after Clarendon, so we really wanted to come out and play well. Childress had been playing well, and had our full attention. We played so good defensively, and made it difficult for them. I want to see us continue that effort.”



KENNEDI COOK (00) TAKES OVER AFTER A BOUNCE PASS FROM BERKLEY BEEDY (3)



BERKLEY BEEDY (3) MAKES A FAST BREAK DOWN THE COURT



When CHS/CMS art teacher Karol Ann Michelsen walked through *The Record* front door a couple of weeks ago, carrying her students' artwork, we felt a little bit like toddlers watching Santa's arrival on Christmas Eve....giddy with anticipation.

As we have for the last three years now, we invited Michelsen's students to submit their artwork for consideration as the cover of our special Christmas edition. We knew, by now, what treasures awaited, having already been gobsmacked by the sheer creativity and imagination and talent their work displayed, and by the diversity of the images that would result.

It wasn't that hard to find the perfect piece for our front page. It was next to impossible, though, to find *only* one.

So, we recruited two more judges—both far more qualified to critique these artistic masterpieces than a mere country newspaper editor. To our surprise, the results were unanimous...but far from decisive. Their top three picks were the same as ours. And given that a newspaper only has one front page—or in the case of this week's double edition—two, we were in a quandary.

Emmy Ezzell struggled between what she called "Buckaroo Santa," the remarkable piece by CHS senior Adrian Avila, which now graces the front page of our regular edition, and senior Angel Martinez' "Madonna and Child," which is found on page 3 of our regular edition. "Both drawings are strong compositions with wonderful expressions," Emmy wrote. "But there are so many clever drawings, I'm blown away!"

Doug and Cathy Ricketts also agreed to weigh in on the art, and were—I believe—equally impressed. "Great submissions," Cathy wrote. "The Santa on the bucking horse with the crazy moon, clouds, and mesas—just a riot of color. We hooked to it right away."

Cathy was equally effusive regarding Martinez' piece. "Mother Mary and an absolutely radiant baby Jesus, with Aud looking on at the scene from the snowy mesas. What's not to like? It's like a Renaissance painting—quite a departure for a CHS student, don't you think? There's a glowing and icy star to guide us, too!"

The third one that wowed us all was senior Luz Rosales'

whimsical watercolor, which was the perfect choice for the front page of our Christmas Greetings edition. "This one has so many cool details," Cathy wrote. "The house and fence with all the decorations; the view of the tree inside the house; the flying Holstein manning the sleigh; the decked-out Santa cactus; the snowman with badges and a cowboy hat; the lit-up windmill....And there is even an ornament in the shape of Texas on the wreath. Can't forget the smoke coming out of the chimney." Wow.

In the following pages, you will find more evidence of the creative skills of our Canadian students, and the amazing ability of their teacher to challenge and inspire—and no doubt, amuse—them. We thank them all, and remain grateful for the wonderful contribution they make to this special Christmas edition. Not all of the work made the cut. Trust us. It had nothing to do with how charmed we were by the art, the artists, and the time and skill they invested in this incredible exhibit.

Merry Christmas to all. Our cups runneth over.

—THE RECORD STAFF

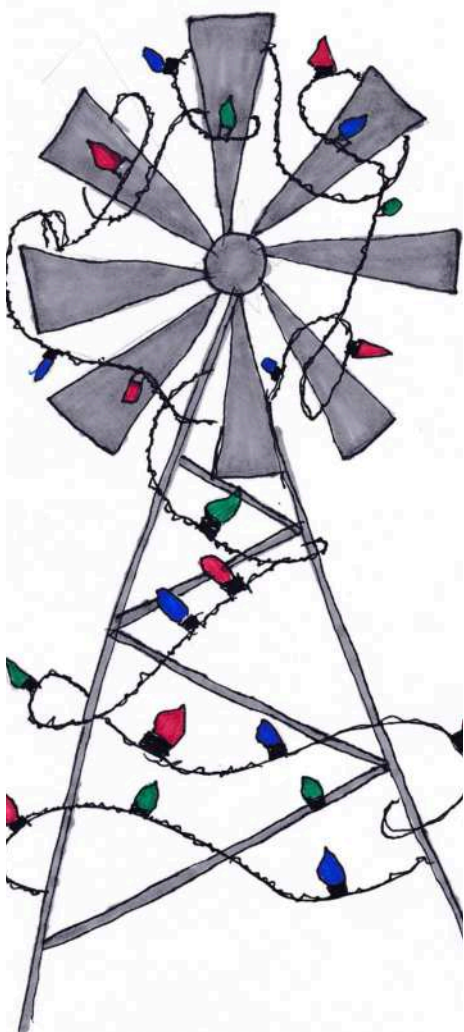
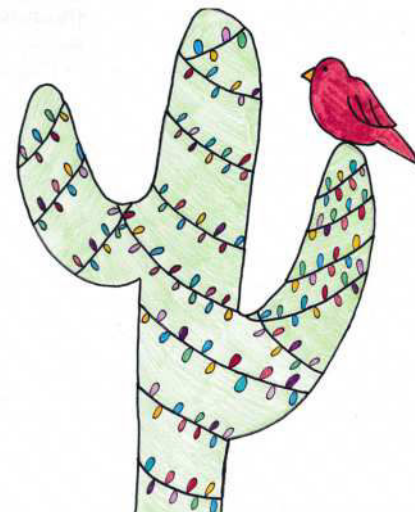


THE ARTISTS

P12 | Junior Mallory Poe, marker, pen, and pencil; Sophomore Jacelyn Lane, Sharpie and Crayola markers; Sophomore Kiera Torres, marker; Sophomore Alicia Vazquez, marker and pencil; Junior Lyndlee Coffee, marker; Sophomore Bralee Crossland, colored pencil and marker

P13 | Freshman Cooper Powell, watercolor; Sophomore Christina Martinez, marker; 8th Ellsie Messner, colored pencil; Sophomore Kinlee Dunbar, colored pencil and marker; Sophomore Kenzie English, marker and colored pencil; 8th Perla Govea, colored pencil and Sharpie; 8th Jak Raff Benjamin, pencil and marker; Junior Saira Moreno, colored pencil and marker

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THE ARTISTS

P14 | Senior Merissa Jimenez, paint acrylic; Freshman Macie Hansen, pencil and marker; Junior Ella Walser, paint marker; Senior Cayden Clark, marker; Freshman Wyatt Davis, marker, colored pencil; Senior Arthur Klein Brown, colored pencil and Sharpie; Junior Jazmin Dominguez, water color

P15 | Junior Berkleigh Baileys, water color and marker; Junior Stormy McIntosh, colored pencil and marker; Sophomore Jayla DeLaCruz, prisma color marker; Junior Miranda Nunez, colored pencil; Senior Lori Herrera, colored pencil and Sharpie; Freshman Kinley Long, colored pencil and marker "Christmas chicken"; 8th Sage Saenz, colored pencil and marker; Karol Ann Michelsen

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merry christmas! Wildcat Art

The CHS Robotics Team

A Rotary Report by Morgan Hanes

On the 69th anniversary of the last time a human walked on the moon, the Canadian Rotary Club began joyfully with the singing of "Hark the Herald Angels" and "Frosty the Snowman," led by Fred and Sheila Pankratz on piano, followed by the Pledge and prayer. Much to the amusement of all, not a single grown person in the room could remember the lyrics to "Frosty."

Alexander's catered a fantastic lunch of pork tenderloin with brown gravy, green beans, side salad, and chocolate pudding pie for dessert. Ronda Bartlett won the chance to try her luck at the \$810 jackpot, but pulled the four of clubs. Better luck next time! Anna Booze won a free lunch, and birthday boy, Jon Dumbauld, celebrated his 58th ride around the sun. The ever-so-pleasant Beverly Aycock joined us as guest of George and Beth Briant.

Ronda Bartlett led the meeting with a brief professional issue regarding the selling/merger of Happy State Bank to Centennial Bank. Headquartered in Conway, Arkansas, Centennial Bank and its parent company, Home BankShares Inc., operate 165 branches in Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, and New York City. They have been ranked the No. 1 top bank in the nation by *Forbes Magazine* two years in a row. Currently, all banks acquired in the Texas Panhandle plan on keeping the name Happy and the day-to-day dealings with the bank should remain unchanged.

Ike Julian, the official presentator of the day, introduced the Canadian High School Robotics team, which arrived with two robots in tow for show and tell. Led by their coach, Bruce Bryant, Canadian currently fields three high school teams (one veteran team, one rookie team, and one all-female team) and two middle school teams (one competing in a Lego robot competition and one competing in the same league as the high schoolers).

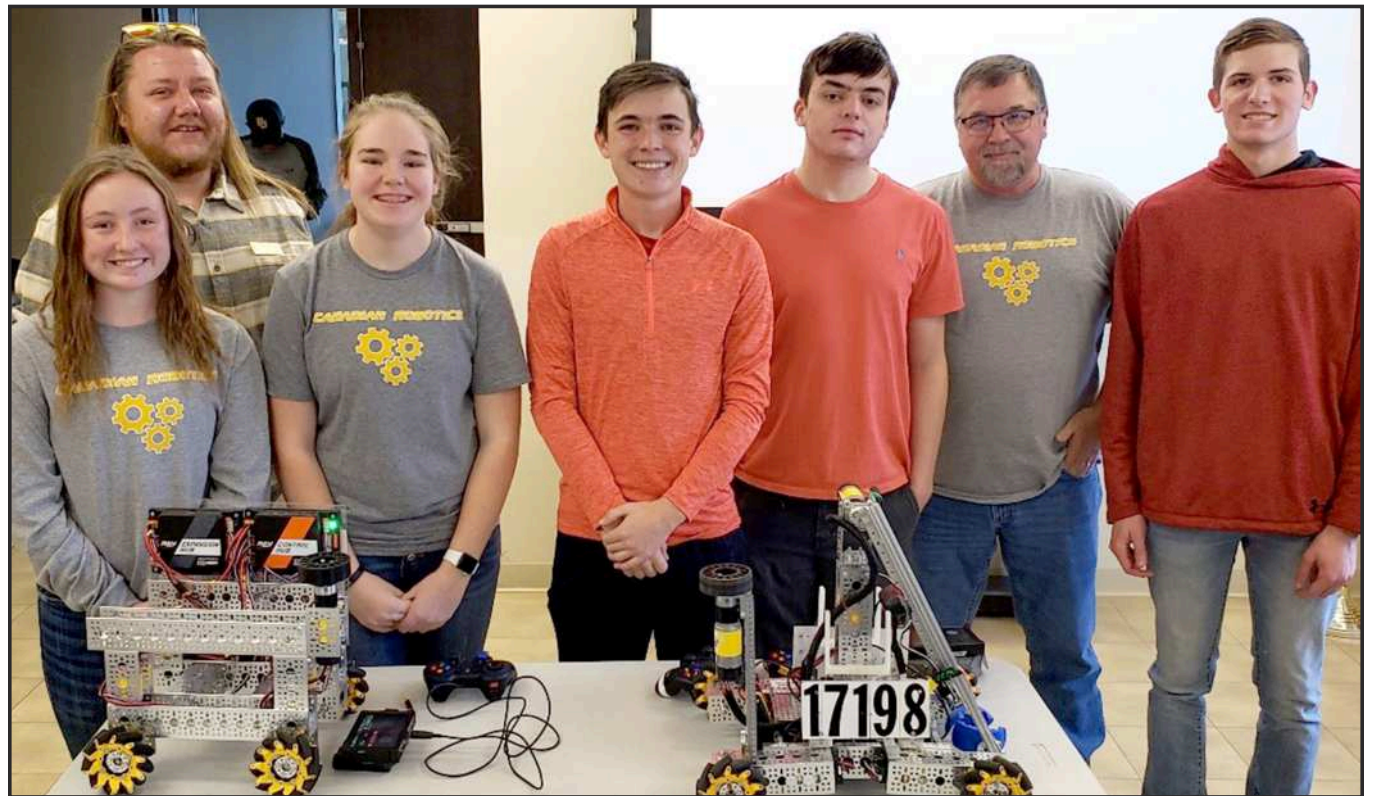


PHOTO OF THE CHS ROBOTICS TEAM BY MORGAN HANES

Canadian has been competing in the FirstTech Challenge for three years, focusing on a mantra of Gracious Professionalism (helping other teams learn and succeed), and are celebrated outside the ring even though they may be competitors inside the ring. Canadian is a member of the 27-team district known as the West Texas North Panhandle League. Our team became state qualifiers in 2020 and has produced every state champion since 2016, from Dimmit to Kelton and Nazareth, respectively.

Everett Cook discussed the basics of this season's matches. The robots operate on a 12-foot square play area. Two teams are chosen at random to compete against two other randomly-chosen teams. The object of the game is for the robot to move cubes, balls, and rubber ducks into various containers and onto shelves, each object and placement varying in points depend-

ing on difficulty and skill required. Simply, whoever scores the most points wins. However, the objective and challenge changes every year, so every year requires a new robot with a different strategy.

Mason Drager discussed the challenges of designing a robot to meet both the demands of the course, and the size and part constraints set forth in the rules. Each robot is limited to 8 motors and 12 servos, and must fit inside an 18-inch cube. One challenge both teams faced early on was having to remove the hydraulic suspension system, as liquid-filled parts are verboten.

Kenzie Flowers discussed changing and adapting the robots over the course of the season, perfecting them to each team's individual needs. For instance, the veteran team opted to push the dimensions of their robot to maximum 18 inches cubed, while the all-girl team went for a smaller sleeker design.

Logan Gatlin discussed the various challenges and differences the programmers must address for the controls to work as properly, easily and efficiently as possible. The teams soon learned that giving humans the least amount of control as possible would provide the smoothest controls. As opposed to the operator having absolute control over every motor and servo, the programmer allows the robot to make its own adjustments within preset limits and logic, removing most human error.

Morgan Orrell discussed using Computer Aided Design (CAD) programs to design their robots before physically building them. The CAD allows the team to see all their robot's parts and placements down to the screws, as well as how it might perform and function in the real world.

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What's Cookin' IN CANADIAN

As family gathers for the holidays, I thought this breakfast casserole sounded like a great one-dish recipe sure to please everyone. This easy recipe can be assembled the night before if you want. Found it on the "Southern Living" website. Enjoy!

KIM B. MCKINNEY



Tater Tot Breakfast Bake

INGREDIENTS

- 12 large eggs
- 4 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 (32-ounce) pkg frozen tater tots
- 4 ounces sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- 6 thick-cut smoked bacon slices, cooked and crumbled

PREPARATION

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk together eggs, Monterey Jack cheese, milk, salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Arrange tater tots in an even layer in a lightly greased 13-by-19-inch baking dish. Pour egg mixture evenly over tater tots. Top with cheddar cheese. Bake in preheated oven until set and cheese is golden brown, 40 to 45 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon.

HOLIDAY NEWS BRIEFS

Bring Texas state parks home for the holidays

AUSTIN— Find the perfect holiday gift for the outdoorsy person in your life at the new Texas state park online store at texasstateparks.reserveamerica.com. The store, which is found on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's reservation website, features the official 2021 Texas state park ornament, plus ornaments from previous years, magnets, hiking stick medallions, stickers, and much more. For 20 years, the annual park Christmas ornament has featured some of the most recognizable Texas state parks' landscapes. The metal ornament features photo-quality artwork in stunning color with rich, laser-etched textures and detail. This year, the ornament features a longhorn from the official state longhorn herd at Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site. The annual Christmas ornament can be purchased exclusively online for \$19.95 each, with free shipping. Purchase by Thursday, Dec. 10 for likely arrival before Christmas. Taxes will be applied at check out. Other items available for purchase on the new Texas state park online store include the Texas State Parks Pass, which allows a carload of visitors into the park for free for a calendar year, a Bluebonnet metal bookmark, a wooden Texas state park magnet and sticker, state park zipper pulls and key rings, hiking stick medallions, and ornaments from previous years. Anyone visiting the Texas State Capitol during the month of December can see the Capitol Christmas Tree delivered by Eisenhower State Park staff and the 2021 Texas state park ornament. Texas state parks has provided Christmas trees to the Texas State Capitol for more than 40 years. The 20-foot tree was delivered Nov. 29 to the House of Representatives. Mamie III, named after former First Lady Mamie Geneva Eisenhower, is a Virginia pine, grown and harvested from a tree farm near Eisenhower State Park. Texas state park police will be escorting the tree to the Capitol when it enters Austin.



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Stringing Lights

I walk around my neighborhood later in the evening these days; mostly, so I can see the lights.

There are some impressive houses just a mile or so away, and I walk down the sidewalks and see what has appeared on the lawns and in the windows now, right before Christmas.

Some of the houses clearly had outside assistance. There are lights hung in places that only a cherry picker could reach. One house had four such enormous trees in a row, all in uniform white lights, until the top half of one of them went out (which completely spoiled the look), and all four trees have been dark ever since.

I see florist vans parked outside some houses as elaborate arrangements of pine and birch and colored berries are delivered. The result is splendid, if a little predictable. Some houses have an electric candle in every window—and there are a lot of windows. Some have put a lit Christmas tree in the attic window. One house has matching trees shining out of two windows on the second floor, decorated in brilliant red lights. It's a stunning sight.

But the thing that stopped me in my tracks the other night was a single small tree and a woman stringing lights just before Christmas.

It was dark, and I was across the street. The house was large and old and, on the porch was a skinny tree—a live Christmas tree—and there was a woman stringing lights around it. The woman was also old. Her movements were slow, and I could see she was a little bent over. But she was determined to decorate this little tree, standing to the side of her front door, and I watched as the lit bulbs were wound with infinite care around the narrow tree frame.

Progress was slow. But it was a warm night, and the action, for some reason,



transfixed me. The woman had large golden bulbs wound around the center of the tree from the bottom to the top, and now, she was winding smaller golden lights around the exterior of the branches. The lights were nested densely together, and it looked as if the tree was ablaze with warm yellow light. It was the only decoration in the front of her big house, and I could tell she was determined to get it exactly right. And, by the end, it was. Her little tree, covered in golden lights of different sizes, was this small, perfect thing, blazing from her porch, visible up and down the street.

Something about that tree made my heart hurt.

I wanted to tell that woman how much at least one passerby appreciated her small, bright tree, and how I knew how long and hard she'd worked to get it right. I wanted to tell her that, while the season is short, I will enjoy her tree every time I walk by it, and I will remember it long after it is taken down.

But it was more than that.

I wanted to be like that woman who did this one beautiful thing so well. I wanted to be like her tree that shone so brightly from the porch, creating a sort of magic that stopped me on the sidewalk. I wanted to lift someone's spirits in the way that tree lifted mine and be a reminder of the small, bright things that fill our lives if we only stop long enough to enjoy them.

But the best I can do is to tell you about it. And so, I have.

Till next time, Carrie



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DECEMBER 30, 1937
RADIO STATION
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LATEST EQUIPMENT

New equipment at the radio station, located at the government emergency landing field north of Canadian, is the latest thing in a teletype sending and receiving machine.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. recently built a line from Canadian to the radio station and the teletype operates on this line as a leased wire.

Purpose of the teletype is to supplement the radio telegraph which has

been in use at the station. Weather conditions which cause static often make the receiving of radio telegraph messages very difficult. The new teletype, which is an automatic telegraphing system, automatically receives and records messages. It also automatically sends messages after they have been prepared for sending.

Each of the government stations between Kansas City and Los Angeles are using these machines and all stations receive each message which is sent out from any of the other stations.

F.N. Fiolle, in charge of the Canadian station, also reports that the Canadian range station is due for several changes under the modernization program. Equipment at the range station will be brought up to the last word in modern aids to air navigation.

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Local volunteers placed 575 wreaths on the graves of veterans buried at the Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery last Saturday afternoon. Members of Canadian's Lady Cat softball team assisted the effort as an act of community service. The project was part of the National Wreaths Across America observation, which resulted in the laying of 2.4 million wreaths on veterans' graves at 3,136 locations around the country. Over 525 truckloads of wreaths were delivered—representing 390 different carriers—and over 2 million volunteers, a third of whom were children, helped place the wreaths on headstones of America's fallen. The effort here was organized by members of the Comancheria Chapter of the DAR.

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ACROSS

1 1970 western "____ Called Horse"

5 this Cockrell served two terms as mayor of San Antonio

6 "____ up" (support)

7 retire. accts.

8 indicate approval

9 "A" of AME church

16 Greek god of love

18 Daryl Sorenson is ____-law to TX Tanya Tucker

21 Santa ____ TX

22 in Hidalgo County on highway 107

23 doctors' assn.

24 hole-in-one requires ____

30 hit for TX Bob Wills & TX Willie (2 wds.)

34 army cop (abbr.)

35 we will play golf "____ shine"

36 "bull" in Mexico

37 "the sun" in Mexico

39 it's served with rice on a Tex-Mex plate (2 wds.)

43 former name of the Congo

44 Paris, TX once had the "Chili ____"

45 state where TX Holly died (abbr.)

46 test replaced by TAKS in 2003

47 TXism: "he can ____ day and dance all night" (stamina)

49 "Jack ____ ran up the hill ..."

DOWN

1 Brewster County seat with an elevation of 4,475 feet

2 newspaper in McGregor

3 TXism: "take ____" (sit)

4 "siestas"

9 first two letters of the alphabet

10 the first time some Texans declared independence: "____ Rebellion"

11 cinnamon ____

12 TXism: "want ____ bad I could spit"

13 Mexico American labor leader, Cesar

14 this Alex played for the Mavs (init.)

15 gun rights advocacy group (abbr.)

17 car's safety restraint (2 wds.)

19 TXism: "he's got the morals of an alley cat" in Morris County on U.S.67

24 legendary TX pitcher, Nolan (init.)

25 paddle

26 "____ Piper"

27 spread out the Texas flag, e.g.

28 lethargic

29 a secret society originating in China

31 female deer

32 1960-88 was the Tom Landry ____ of the Cowboys

33 what a fan feels when the Cowboys or Texans win

38 upper layer of the earth's crust

40 before, poetically

41 this agcy. looks for illegal drugs on the Tex-Mex border

42 told a horse to gallop immediately? (2 wds.)

48 TXism: "he couldn't ____ his upper lip" (weaking)

50 lineal assn. of TX founding families

51 TX "Mean" ____ Green

56 TXism: "worthless as ____ hair cut"

57 TXism: "he's a few bricks shy of ____"

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No white Christmas this year! Texas is in for warm temperatures all across the state for the rest of December. Forecasted highs on Christmas weekend include: Dallas, 66; San Antonio, 73; Austin, 72; Houston, 73; Amarillo, 66; El Paso, 65; Brownsville, 80; Corpus Christi, 77; South Padre Island, 77; and San Angelo, 74. Sounds pleasant? Not so fast. If you live in West Texas or the Panhandle, the unseasonably warm temperatures are accompanied by hot, dry winds. Pastures and thousands of acres of brush are bone dry. It's unusual to have wildfire conditions in December, but that is the situation this year. Farmers, ranchers, and rural communities will be on edge this Christmas. Meanwhile, Texans will try to enjoy a warm, sunny holiday.

Although snow scenes are the dominant theme of Christmas décor, the winter weather scenes are out of step with what most Christians experience on Dec. 25. According to Pew Research Center's "Global Christianity" report, most Christians in the world experience summer weather on Dec. 25. In 1910, most Christians (about 65 percent) lived in Europe. Today, most of the Christians in the world (61 percent) live in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Polynesia, and the Asia-Pacific region. There are 168 million Christians in Brazil, 28.6 million in Indonesia, 80 million in Nigeria, 63 million in the Congo, and 32 million in Ethiopia. So many Christians live in the southern hemisphere that a tropical or at least summer Christmas is celebrated in most of the world.

So, instead of gathering around the fireplace this year, you may want to borrow some customs from the Southern Hemisphere. Here are some suggestions:

Beverages. Ditch the eggnog and bring on the margaritas, piña coladas, mai tais, mojitos, iced tea, and lemonade.

Christmas dinner. Forget about slaving over turkey, gravy, and mashed potatoes. Fire up the grill and serve your favorite summer barbeque specialty. It's going to be a brisket, hamburger, hot dog holiday.

Music. Instead of tunes about sleigh bells in the snow and winter wonderlands, why not go with the weather and play songs from warm Christmas lands. You can find Christmas Bossa Nova tunes, Hawaiian Christmas songs, Australian carols, and Reggae tunes. Here are some popular tropical downloads:

Mele Kalikimaka (Hawaiian for "Merry Christmas"), by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters.

All I Want for Christmas is a Real Good Tan, by Kenny Chesney.

Christmas in the Caribbean, by Jimmy Buffett.

Christmas Island, by Bing Crosby and the Andrew Sisters, or Jimmy Buffett.

Aloha Christmas, by Dukes of Surf.

A Kiwi Christmas, by The Polkadots.

Tropical Christmas, by The Bellamy Brothers.

Feliz Navidad, by Jose Feliciano.

The COVID pandemic has taught all of us to adapt to change. It's the same with this warm December weather. With fresh memories of the big freeze last February, my neighbors bought generators in case of another power outage and lots of firewood. So far, winter has not appeared. My morning glories are still blooming, we're cranking up the air-conditioning and still wearing t-shirts. We're ready to go tropical this year like the rest of the world.

Mele Kalikimaka to all and Próspero Año Nuevo!



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FRANKIE L. STOKER HILL

Frankie L. Stoker Hill stepped into the arms of Jesus Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, in Canadian. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Canadian First United Methodist, with Rev. Andy Taylor and Pastor Daryle Perry officiating. Burial followed at Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Frankie Louise Stoker Hill was born May 14, 1929, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Frank E. and Mary Wilma Davis Stoker. The family moved from Colorado Springs to Overland Park, Kansas, where they joined the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show.

Frankie was a trick rider and was homeschooled while traveling with the show. She attended high school and graduated from Overland Park High School. While on the rodeo circuit, she met and married Clayton Hill on Aug. 31, 1949. In the early '50s, they settled in Clayton's hometown of Canadian and raised their five children. Frankie and Clayton ran Clayton Hill Trucking until his death in November 1977.

Frankie was a strong woman. Following her husband's death, she ran for and was elected to Hemphill County justice of the peace. She served in that office for 26 years.

Frankie was known to be tough, but fair, and positively impacted a lot of lives. She was an active member of the Methodist Church and served as the treasurer of her Sunday school class. Following her retirement, she enjoyed staying at home and loving her family. She was known to be an amazing cook.

Frankie was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, JC Hill; and a sister, Bessie Fugate.

Frankie is survived by four children, including a daughter, Karen Sue Krehbiel; three sons: Donald Hill and wife Sondra, Ronnie Hill and wife Gina, and Wallace Hill and wife Rhealene, all of Canadian; 11 grandchildren: Julie Osborne and husband Jeff, Krista Belk and husband Jamey, Frank Krehbiel and wife Lindsay, Betsy Reynolds, Ben Hill and wife Brittney, Drew Hill and wife Kathy, Gage Greenhouse, Kelly Hill Martinez, Kimbra Hill, Kelton Hill, and Kyndall Hill; 20 great-grandchildren; and a brother, JW Stoker.

Memorials may be made to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatleyofcanadian.com.



OBITUARY

A.J. SIEKER

A.J. Sieker of Branson, Missouri, passed away on Dec. 17, 2021, following a long battle with cancer. No service is planned at this time. Cremation is under the direction of Cremation of the Ozarks in Hollister, Missouri.

A.J. was born on Nov. 25, 1944, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to A.J.C. Sieker (Zeke) and Sylence (Sy) Sieker. He graduated high school in Midland's Robert E. Lee High School in 1963. He went on to college at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico. He then transferred to West Texas State University, in Canyon, where he met his wife, Diane Word, whom he was married to for 54 wonderful years.

A.J. joined the Army and served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. After his tour in Vietnam, he finished his services to the United States Army at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Following his Army service, he moved to Canadian where he worked for the First National Bank for 35 years, retiring in January 2007 at the position of executive vice president. He was also a volunteer firefighter for the community for 29 years, and loved to hunt and fish. After moving to Branson, Missouri, A.J. and his wife enjoyed traveling both in and out of the United States. He was also a member of the Lions Club for over 25 years. A.J. and his wife were both member of the First Baptist Church of Branson, Missouri.

A.J. is survived by his wife, Diane of the home; son, Chris and wife Mandy of Amarillo; grandson, Bryton Sieker; and granddaughter, Bethany Sieker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Mike Sieker.



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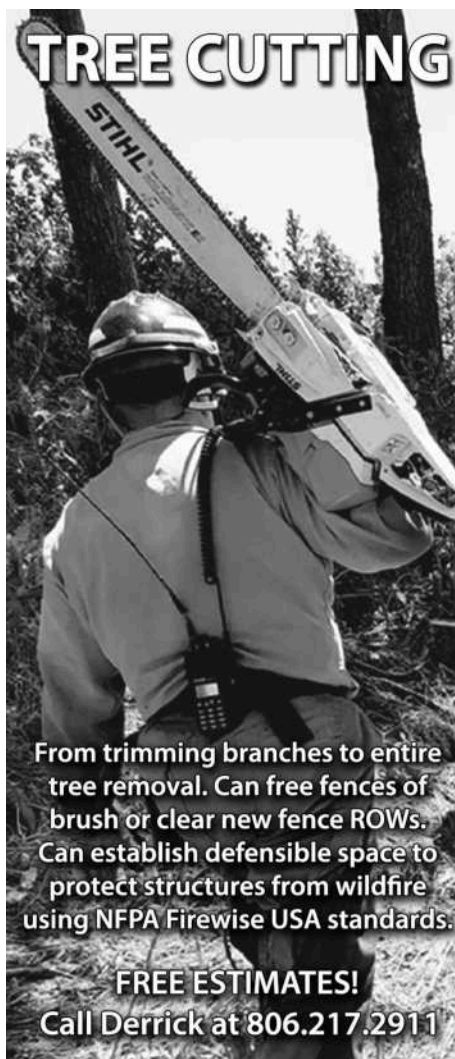
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Gas Completions

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Oil Completions

GRAY (HOOVER, NE, Virgil Lime) Seek Energy, LLC, #7 Spearman 23, 8 mi NE from Pama, Sec 23, Blk 3, I&GN RR Surv, A-336, spud 7-10-2003, compl 11-1-2021, tested 11-2-2021, potential 6.1 bbls-oil, 43 mcf, 0 bbls wtr, 25# ftp, 450# CP, TVD 7425', PBD 5000' API 42-179-32463, Vertical Recompletion Reclass Gas to Oil

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE HUTCHINSON COUNTY FLD.) A2R Resources LLC, #39 Logan-Dunigan, 2.5 mi SW from Pringle, Sec 1, A B Pedigo Surv, A-376, spud 4-4-2021, compl 9-15-2021, tested 12-2-2021, potential 6.2 bbls-oil, 10 mcf, 125 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 0# CP, TVD 3454', PBD 3259' API 42-233-33590, Vertical

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE HUTCHINSON COUNTY FLD.) A2R Resources LLC, #40 Logan-Dunigan, 2.5 mi SW from Pringle, Sec 1, A B Pedigo Surv, A-376, spud 4-10-2021, compl 9-17-2021, tested 12-3-2021, potential 8.5 bbls-oil, 12 mcf, 112 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 0# CP, TVD 3443', PBD 3400' API 42-233-33591, Vertical

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE HUTCHINSON COUNTY FLD.) A2R Resources LLC, #6 W. S. Christian et al, 5 mi N from Borger, Sec 1, M L Anglin Surv, A-404, spud 12-28-2020, compl 11-29-2021, tested 12-8-2021, potential 20.1 bbls-oil, 5 mcf, 50 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 0# CP, TVD 3235', PBD 3170' API 42-233-33588, Vertical

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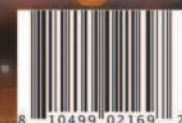


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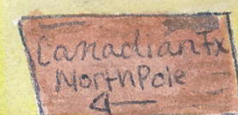
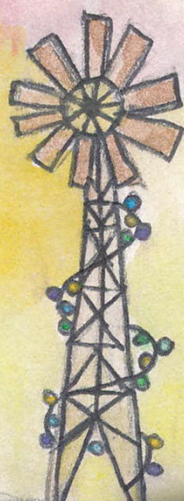
Holiday Greetings



Santa Letters



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Asher

Dear Santa,
My name is Theo Capetillo, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a huggy toy and marbls for Christmas. Thank you for the legos that you gave me last year. Say hi to Tree of Chrismos for me. Thank you, Santa.

Theo

Dear Santa,
My name is Carli Shae Sanchez, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Jeffry pupit and a huva bod for Christmas. Thank you for the cars that you gave me last year. Say hi to blitzn for me. Thank you, Santa.

Carli

Dear Santa,
My name is Paislee Harrison, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like popis and a hapster for Christmas. Thank you for the beeds that you gave me last year. Say hi to roodof for me. Thank you, Santa.

Paislee

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryson Lee Brinkley, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a farm set and a fish tank for Christmas. Thank you for the rmegis that you gave me last year. Say hi to Beckett for me. Thank you, Santa.

Bryson

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaden Wilson, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a rat and a caj for Christmas. Thank you for the mokchr that you gave me last year. Say hi to Kupidt for me. Thank you, Santa.

Kaden

Dear Santa,
My name is Atticus Weeks, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like coal and a toy santu for Christmas. Thank you for the mario pillows that you gave me last year. Say hi to Prancer for me. Thank you, Santa.

Atticus

Dear Santa,
My name is Arturo Gandara, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like tuo gun and a ftuball for Christmas. Thank you for the legos that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Arturo



Pictured in the above photo are the happy elves of “Pictures with Santa:” (back row) Lilly Grey, Ethan Fry and Ray Weeks, and (front row) Atticus Weeks, Santa himself, and Edward Salinas.

A BIG CHRISTMAS THANK-YOU

Christmas in Canadian was a huge success this year and it wouldn't be possible without the loads of support from my friends and family. This event takes a lot of time, money, and effort to put together, and I've had to call in a lot of favors to continue to make it bigger and better every year.

The first person I need to thank is Kevin Wilson. He brought countless smiles (maybe a few tears) and loads of happiness to this small town. The Palace Theatre staff—Ray Weeks, Lilly Grey, Ethan Fry, Will Fry, Atticus Weeks, and Joshua Monty—helped me make sure everything runs smoothly and put up with my planning, starting in October. They take care of things so I don't go crazy; they help with ideas, decorating, cleaning, and keeping me calm.

This was the first year to add in vendors, and that was made possible by Salem and Ruth Ann Abraham, and Clay and Cayte Maloy. Salem graciously rented out the art gallery, and the Maloys provided the support to handle not only the day of, but the prep it takes to host vendors from other towns.

The Hemphill County Fire Department has been great about giving Santa his annual ride to the Palace Theatre, and without them, I just don't know how Santa would ever make it to town. Mesa View lent the use of Santa's chair, and Xander Gasparlin filled in some grumpy green shoes. Donald Hill and The River Church, as well as Rob Talley and BRO, allowed me to borrow tables and chairs for crafts and letters to Santa.

Kayla Gregg and Canadian River Art volunteered to help kids create a free craft. Amanda Lewis, Kassidy Kelton, Ashlynn Crister, Chanlee Adcock, Payton Wilkinson, and a couple of friends composed the Canadian All-Stars and assisted kids to put down all their wishes to Santa in letters. Alise Jaquez was a huge help this year and completely knocked it out of the park getting the kids together to see old St. Nick.

Will Fry, Avery Ratliff, Stephanie Oatman, Jennifer De La Cruz, Mallory Poe, and Alli Wayne volunteered to run carnival games. Nolan Culwell provided the music to keep everyone in the Christmas spirit, and Tiffany Carpenter created the vendor signage.

My main goals for this event are to have some free family fun, bring people in from out of town, and to support local businesses. So, a huge thank you to Happily Hawkins, The Store, and The Peppermint Tree. Canadian needs local businesses like yours, and you will always have my full support.

Ashlee Talley and the amazing CASA paid for all of the delicious cookies—baked by Alice Bentley—and donated their time for free cookie decorating. CASA is always looking for volunteers and is a great cause, so please consider helping if you can!

Then, of course there is *The Canadian Record*, who put together this wonderful issue. They helped me get the word out, they helped me print countless forms, and they worked tirelessly to get every kid's photo in this special edition.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Thank you again for making this possible!

NATALIE PINO, Peanut Photo

**EDWARD SALINAS****ATTICUS WEEKS****JOSH & ENOLA BYNUM****LEORA WOODRUM**

Dear Santa,

My name is Eron Dewald, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a nerf gun and real chickens for Christmas. Thank you for the corvette that you gave me last year. Say hi to Slade for me. Thank you, Santa.

Eron

Dear Santa,

My name is Hailey Sanchez, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a sweg and a dog for Christmas. Thank you for the food toos that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Hailey

Dear Santa,

My name is Emilee Marchen, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a brbey and brbey scul for Christmas. Thank you for the brbey that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Emilee

Dear Santa,

My name is Priscilla Valenzuela, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a ginip and a rat for Christmas. Thank you for a dol that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Priscilla

Dear Santa,

My name is Slade Garrett, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a nuk-grkr and futbol for Christmas. Thank you for the legos that you gave me last year. Say hi to evre won for me. Thank you, Santa.

Slade

Dear Santa,

My name is Emiliano Soto, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a hell-mit and futbol for Christmas. Thank you for the gluv that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Emiliano

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Dear Santa,
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AJ

Dear Santa,
My name is Baxter Landry, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like Ake-dos and Disney legos for Christmas. Thank you for everything that you gave me last year. Say hi to my elf Buddy for me. Thank you, Santa.

Baxter

Dear Santa,
My name is Angel Sanchez, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like boxes gluv's and a cuntrl car for Christmas. Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Angel

Dear Santa,
My name is Fynlee Adcock, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a hors and to hors for Christmas. Thank you for the rodo that you gave me last year. Say hi to Dashr for me. Thank you, Santa.

Fynlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Aaron Talavera, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like I wutt hugg and footbol for Christmas. Thank you for the nuntkracr that you gave me last year. Say hi to the randeer for me. Thank you, Santa.

Aaron

Dear Santa,
My name is Hailey Huynh, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a puppet iPad and a suitcase for Christmas. Thank you for the boby dol that you gave me last year. Say hi to my elf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Hailey

Dear Santa,
My name is Kynslea Smith, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a cule boock and a LOL for Christmas. Thank you for the brb that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Kynslea



LAINERY JO & AUBRIE JO HAYDEN

Dear Santa,
My name is Diana Gonzales, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like 100 LOL dolls, a fon and a fon kas for Christmas. Thank you for the doll that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Diana

Dear Santa,
My name is Samuel Sanchez, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a fur welr and toys for Christmas. Thank you for the drtbik that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudof for me. Thank you, Santa.

Sam

Dear Santa,
My name is Henry Walser, and I am 8 years old. This year, I would really like grone and lotindo swiht for Christmas. Thank you for the htchan see that you gave me last year. Say hi to Conr for me. Thank you, Santa.

Henry

Dear Santa,
My name is Julian Medrano, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a PS4 and a nirf gun for Christmas. Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Julian

Dear Santa,
My name is Harper Hawkins, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like ray-embo home and rayembo doll for Christmas. Thank you for the LOL cabrban that you gave me last year. Say hi to my elf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Harper

Dear Santa,
My name is Valeria Ibanez, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like pop its and a cell phone for Christmas. Thank you for the doll that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Valeria

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabriel Vigil, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a Nintendo switch and a PS6. Thank you for the shoes that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Gabriel



KAYLEE & BLAIR KENDALL

Dear Santa,
My name is Marley Sanchez, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Pop-petts and a BuneBabee. Thank you for the barbie doll that you gave me last year. Say hi to Mrs. Clause for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Marley

Dear Santa,
My name is Melanie Banuelos, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like real babe bunees and poppets for Christmas. Thank you for the rainbow high dolls that you gave me last year. Say hi to the elves for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Melanie

Love, Anthony

Dear Santa,
My name is Anthony Jiminez, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Nin-tendo Switch and a VR headset for Christ-mas. Thank you for the shoe, pants, and toys that you gave me last year. Say hi to Comet for me. Thank you, Santa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Santiago Castaneda, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a Nintendo switch and a VR Headset for Christmas. Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Santiago



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Dear Santa,

My name is Valeria Vargas, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a Fidgets and LOL OMG dolls for Christmas. Thank you for the Play Dough that you gave me last year. Say hi to Dasher for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Valeria

Dear Santa,

My name is Jessica Evans, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a puppy and LOL dolls. Thank you for the paw Patrol that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Jessica

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryker Dax Houser, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a Bacogon and a VR Headset. Thank you for the dinosaur cage that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Ryker

Dear Santa,

My name is Scarlett Neumeier, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like Pop-pets and Squishys. Thank you for the Fidgets that you gave me last year. Say hi to the elves for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Scarlett

Dear Santa,

My name is Addie Rose Appel, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a LOL dolls and Orbis. Thank you for the Frozen Car that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Addie

Dear Santa,

My name is Kiara Olguin, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a skateboard. Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Kiara

Dear Santa,

My name is Corbin Bentley, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Nintendo and a NFL Football. Thank you for the Robot that you gave me last year. Say hi to Dasher for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Corbin

Dear Santa,

My name is Emery Timmons, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Scooter and a Hoors. Thank you for the LOL that you gave me last year. Say hi to the ran-deer for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Emery

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaesyn Dickinson, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a Colors and a popee. Thank you for the fidgets that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Kaesyn

Dear Santa,

My name is Liam Castellanas, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like Money and a Puppy. Thank you for the Hotwels that you gave me last year. Say hi to Mrs. Clause for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Liam

Dear Santa,

My name is Zeke Culwell, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a Puppy and a kitty. Thank you for the candy that you gave me last year. Say hi to Roodoff for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Zeke

Dear Santa,

My name is Arian Marquez, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a football gear and a Puppy. Thank you for the xbox that you gave me last year. Say hi to the elf for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love Arian

Dear Santa,

My name is Fernanda Pence, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like Polly Pockets and a Barbie. Thank you for the doll that you gave me last year. Say hi to Miss Cluse for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Fernanda

Dear Santa,

My name is Beckett Beedy, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a NFL football and Money. Thank you for the ras car that you gave me last year. Say hi to dancer for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Beckett

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My name is Maddilyn Allison, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Puppy and a Scooter. Thank you for the tic tac to that you gave me last year. Say hi to Comet for me. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Maddie

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter Pierce, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like Poppits and a Puppy. Thank you for the beenbag that you gave me last year. Say hi to the elves for me. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
My name is Misael Govea, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like Legos and a Puppy. Thank you for the Roblox Toy that you gave me last year. Say hi to the elves for me. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Misael

Dear Santa,
My name is Case Bartlett, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Mouth Pees and a reel tv. Thank you for the xbox that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolf and Mrs. Kloss for me. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Case



HARPER & HADLEE SPENCER

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryson Brady, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Bull Snake and money. Thank you for the basketball that you gave me last year. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Bryson

Dear Santa,
My name is Knox Aycock, and I am 6 years old. This year, I would really like a Robot and a Bull Snake. Thank you for the baby Yodu that you gave me last year. Say hi to Dasher the elf for me. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Knox

Dear Santa,
My name is Ella Macias, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Polly Pockets and a Choker. Thank you for the Polly Pocket that you gave me last year. Say hi to Mrs. Clause for me. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Ella

Dear Santa,
My name is Corbin Palmore, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Puppy and money. Thank you for what you gave me last year. Say hi to Dancer for me. Thank you, Santa.
Love Corbin



BEN & JETTIE JONES & BONHAM ESTRADA

Dear Santa,
My name is Aubreigh Stroebel, and I am 7 years old. This year, I would really like a Hover Board and Poppetts. Thank you for the electec scooter that you gave me last year. Say hi to Dasher for me. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Aubreigh

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a safe flite on the sleigh. How are the elves this year? This year I want a nintindow because kynslea and Colby have one. I also would like a new ipad so I can ply with kynslea. Can you plz bring roodoff?
Love, Kota Parker

Dear Santa,
I like the ronder. Thay aer so kute. Haw is rodof doing. This year I want ay toy batlshep because I like the amye. I also want a iphone so I cane play gams on it. I hope you hov ay safe flite.
Love, Edward Salinas

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Clos are doing fine. How are the raindere doing? This year I want a cuphed game so I can play it on my ntendoe. I also would like a phone so I can play games. Hop you have a safe flit.
Love, Daleyza Reyes

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Dear Santa,

I hop you make it this year. How coud the randeer fly? This year I want a meeninun wach because so I now the time. I also would like a ipad so I can play gams. Have a Mary Crismes.

Love, Abiai Esquivel

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Can I see the raindeer fly soon? This year I want a switch because I want to play some games. I also would like a labtop so I can play Minecraft with my you-tuder. Have a good flight.

Love, Cason Dunnam

Dear Santa,

How are you doing good or no. Santa how can the randey fly? This year I want figit pack because I want more figit. I also would like a close so I can for I be petty. Dear Santa have a grat crismis.

Love, Audrey Cedillo

Dear Santa,

How are you and the deer doing? How are you doing on stocking up on the toys? This year I want a nerf gun because then I culd shoot my dad! I also would like a LegoPeter-built truck so I can have some fun. Have a safe flite!

Love, Cooper Ormand

Dear Santa,

I hope you and Mrs. Claus are having an amazing Christmas. How are the reindeer doing? This year I want a new phone please because mine is cracked realy bad. I also would like a new blanket so I can sleep really good. I hope you have a safe flight and not like the Christmas Chronicles.

Love, Breckyn Beedy

Dear Santa,

You are vare nice. How much moeny do you have? This year I would like a go cart because I have a yard back uv my house. I also would like a gold rehvevr to play with it. I hope you don't get lost.

Love, Damian Campos

Dear Santa,

How are the elf's doing? Haw are you? This year I want a ipad because my old one broke. I also would like a xbox so I can play on it. Have a nice flitg.

Love, Kevin Waggoner

Dear Santa,

You are grate! When will or mite you come? Thie year I want some clay because I want to skulpt. I also would like a Diktion-nairy so I can study words. I hope you have a grate crissmiss.

Love, Bryn Wilhelm

Dear Santa,

I luvue you santa thank you for all the stu. Does it take long to get to Canadin? This year I want ta tomigachi pic because they are fun! I also wold like a scruf luvue so I can ply with it. Thank you santa

Luve Milly Rutledge

Dear Santa,

I love you and your hardworking elf's. Do you travel the earth? This year I want a super mario electronic Lego starter corse because to go with my other two. I would also like a red pogo stick so I can bounce high. I hope you get these and have a fun trip.

Love, Joshua Renfro

Dear Santa,

I love you. How is Misis Clos? This year I want a cratin colore playset because I am good at colore. I also would like a neonight baby so I can be good with a baby. Be save.

Love, Sophia Cervantes

Dear Santa,

You are the best santa ever and your elf-es are to! Are the reindeers ok? This year I want a baby yoda boy because I never had one. I also would like a bunny so I can play with it. I hope you have a very safe trip.

Love, Vanessa Salzar

Dear Santa,

I love the gifts you give me. I will leav you cookies and milk! How are the elfs? This year I would like a kitin and a puppy because they are cute. I also would like a iphone 13 and a iphone 11 so I can get better signal. I hope you do not freaz... rudeolf either.

Love, Raelea Brown

Dear Santa,

I really like you and your elfs are so cute. How are you? I would like a motorsicle because I can go get my moms stuff. I also would like a PS% so I don't get board. You are real and not fake.

Love, Nicolas Reyna

Dear Santa,

I am thankfill for chrismes. How are the elfs? This year I want errings. I also would like a dirt bik so I can go down the hill. I hope the rander are safe.

Love, Zoey Breyde

Dear Santa,

you are the best. You are sweet When will yu come? This iw Want a hatchamal Becu-cause I Lik it! I wold also like a gatah so I can play it. I love you!

Sophia

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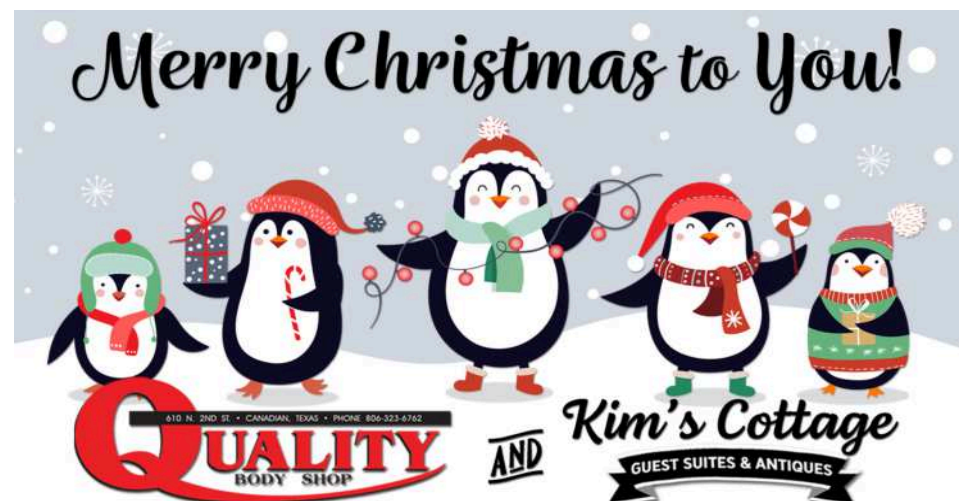
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Dear Santa,
I am excited for you to come! How are the raindeer? This year I want a ninten-dow switch because my cosen has one. I also would like a dirte bike so I can ride around my ranch. I hope you have a safe travel.
Love, Conner Cowden

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for you and your elfs. What do you do win it is not chrismes. This year I want a got cart because I never had one. I also would like a skat boord so I can give it to my bruder. Be safe win you come.
Love, Jeremiah Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I bleve that you are real. People don't bleve sum do thoe!! Are you realy real? This year I want a go cart because I don't have one but my friend does. I also would like a puppy so I can play with it. Mak sure you don't freeze!!!!
Love, Heston Rash

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good day and Have a good flite and is your jod fun? And I want a rmote cunchroold car and I want because it is fun to play with and I want a snowcounwn mischen becaausese I can make snow coawns and you are the best!
Ethan

Dear Santa,
I like your white beard. And I also like your red suit. How much do you weigh? This year I want a v-buck gift card because I need them to buy skins on fornite. I also would like a pair of noise cancleing headphones so I can stop listening to my sister cry. Have a good Christmas.
From Kason

Dear Santa,
you are nice to everyone. You're the nices guy. How many rainders do you have. This year I want cloths and shoes because ther soft. I also would lik a teddybear so I can snuggle with it. Have a nice day.
Jocelyn

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a grat flat and I hope you and yor elf's hav fun. Do you get mad? This year I would lick a rilcwolu beause it is soft. I also wold lick a socr net so I can play socr. Git me good thangs.
Brantlea

Dear Santa,
your kind. Also your nice. Also do you like elfes. This year I want a stuff toy dog be-cause they are cute. I also would like a nerf gun so I can shoot down jenga.
Bye Santa claus. Nelson

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Dear Santa,

Your the very best santa your my favorit. It's good saing Nick at Niht. I want a skate bord and a skooder so I can go to the skate park. I know you work hard.

Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,

You ar cool You are nise. How old are you? I wont a durt bick because they are fun. I also would like a titianc toy Have a good crisms.

Ross

Dear Santa,

I loke your sote. I like your berd. How do you go in the timeded. This year I want a le sick scoder so I can ride it.

Goodbuy Ben

Dear Santa,

I like your eight reindeers. I like your hat. Is Rodof your favrite reindeer? This year I want a bisikle because I want to ride it. I also would like a puppy to so I can play with him when I get home. Have a nice Christmas.

Naila

Dear Santa,

Santa you ar so nice. You and Misis clos loc god togther ca you tel Qupit hi fur Me This year I want rol scates because I rie want ror scates I also would like a puppy Thake you Santa

Love, Scarlett

Dear Santa,

I Love santa so much. Santa is the best. Are you real. This year I want a kitty because I love kittys. I also would like a dog so I can walk it. Santa you Love kids like me so thank you.

Love Adayr

Dear Santa,

I like your hat. I like your soot. Wat do you do at your shop. I would like babe clos and shoos and bor shoos and soks. You aer the best Santa ever.

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Dear Santa,

Have a nice Christmas Santa I like your wite snowy beard how are you I want a Ipad and some baby cloths I always wanted one I have two babys I like your toll hat

Adrianne

Dear Santa,

you igved so much kindness I hope you have a safe ride Santa how do you get the north pole this year I want a rc car because I love playing outside I also would like a very good Chrusmus This is what I call a good Chrusmus.

Love Israel

Dear Santa,

I like you. I like your sresints. How do you send the presents so fast This year I want a small sized chain flag because their fun. I also would like a lego set so I can play with them. I can't wait.

Demitri

Dear Santa,

I love your raindear. I love it when you come to my house. How is Rudolph? This year I want a pacilasflasorus because I loe Dinesors. I also would like a Bike with traning wheels so I can have fun riding. Have fun

Love Hattie

Dear Santa,

I love your red sweter and your raindeedr. I have knon your name and give you milk and cookies. What is your nickname? I want a sketchbook and a stroller so I can coler it. I want a My Little Pony. So I can play. I love your beard and your boots and your slain.

Love Valayna V.

Derre Satu,

I like your flufe berd. And I like your silke soot. What makes your randerr fly. This year I want a saddle for my hors I don't have one. I also would like a canin that I can shoot my brother with it. I love you Satu and I hope you get this.

Love Cooper

Dear Santa,

I like your red sweter. I like your reinder all of them. How old are you? This year I would like a stuf picuchu because I could sleep with him. I also would lik a VR head-set so I can play games with it. Have a nice Christmas and trip.

Love Sergio

Dear Santa,

How are you? How are your Reindeer? How are your Elfs? Thank you for last Christmas. This year I would lik a nurf gun and a blue tooth speaker and a sweatshirt with fumholes and a watch. And can you Please leave a chewtoy for my pet Duke.

Love, Hondo Cervantes

Dear Santa,

How are you? Is miss Cluse good. Thank you for my familly. This year I would like a Iphone 13, fake food, playdoo, a new hover-board, toys for my dogs. New bead spred, a white bord, teacher soff and what I want most of all is to spend time with my family.

Love, Liza Cooper





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Dear Santa,
How are you and mrs clause. Ok and how are your reindeers. What I want for Christmas is. 1. IPad 2. Fluffy slime 3. Apple watch 4. New baby dog 5. Globe 6. America doll and clothes for America doll 7. Braclet and necles toys
Sincely, Katie
Dear Santa,
I like your white berd. And you are very nice to me. How old are you? This year I want a guitar and a pick so then it wont hurt my fingirs. Merry Christmas!!!
Crawford

Dear Santa,
How are you? How's Rudolph and the other raindeer? How's Perrywinkle and the other elves? Thank you for last years Chirmsmas Santa. I want Avatar the last Air bender (fullset) and an Iphone 13 pro max a pc a football a Canadian wildcat Helment a football tee. Thank you Santa. Have a Merry Chirmsmas.
Love, Cooper Aguirre

Dear Santa,
How are you and the raindere? Did you have a good day? By the way make shure to get other presents too on my other list. But will olgo like some more OMG Dolly.
Love, Chloe Ray
Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you get a stomach ache for eating all those cookies? Are you okay? How is The raindeer? How do you deliver presents in one night?
Love Tyce

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your reindeer? Thank you for the best last year. I would like a good crismas and anther good year and a new phone and a new PS5 and a toy for my dogs. Thak you so much Merry christmas.
Love, Isaiah Cervantes
Dear Santa,
How are you Santa Claus? I raelly want things and tell Ms. Cluase that she is the best. 1. Dream house 2. Popits 3. Rainbo-corns 4. Earrings 5. Rings 6. Heels 7. Mine backpack 8. Crop tops 9. Pet shop and the house 10. Toy pet sloth
Love, Talon Pennington

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How are you Santa? How are your Elves? Thank you four last years gifts. This year I would like a Dak Prescott Jersey. And 9 Dallas Cowboys football. Red Chapions. A Dallas Cowboys helmet.

Sincerely, Alan Soto

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gift what I want a dog and a cage for my dog and a 25\$ PS4. I want a new game called Spongebob. And a card of 25 roblocks and a Nintendo Switch my brother wants a train. My other brother wants a new tablet. My brother AJ wants a Nintendo light.

Thank you, Noah Guerrero

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Clause doing. Next year tell Leopoardella, Snowflake, and Pinky to be a little bit NICE! Ok now heres my list Santa can I PLEASE have 1. Ukulele 2. Globe 3. Geography puzzle 4. Ipad 5. Toy kitchen 6. Toy food 7. American Girl Doll

Sincely, Paris

Dear Santa,

How are you? How was your Christmas? What I want for Christmas is a cheerleader outfit, a fuw deck pets, a big teddy bear, a 5, 6, 7, 8 Juny B. Jones. Thank you! P.S. my shirt size is a 10/12 and my scirt size 7/8.

Love, Hazel Aycocock

Dear Santa,

Hi I CAN'T BELIEVE Im talking to you oh and hi! This year I want an Iphone 13 and a vr headset and a o.m.g doll and a fake kitchen plsss and extra food lol and uhm a toy friend to play with and that's it Thank You Santa have a good chrismas and a good day.

Written bye Elodie

Dear Santa,

You ok? How are your elfs? This year I'd like a Nintendo a lego sets a video game toys. And a 1\$ and 2\$ and 3\$.

Love, Eian Ferrer

Dear Santa,

How are you boing and Mrs. Claus? This year I wont a Mario Party for my swich and I wont Monster truk rase kort

Sincerely, Emily

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Thank you for my present last year. This year I want is a squish millow, a nice dress, a new pretty pillow one unicorn, a pet parrot to stay warm.

Thank you, Janet Salrvar

Dear Santa,

How is your reindeer's? how are you? I would like a toy reindeer. And a mini phone. If I am not asking much. I would really like a little house. Agan if I am not asking much. I really like my mom and Dad to not work on Chrismes day. And a Pop it pack.

Thank you, Andrea

Dear Santa,

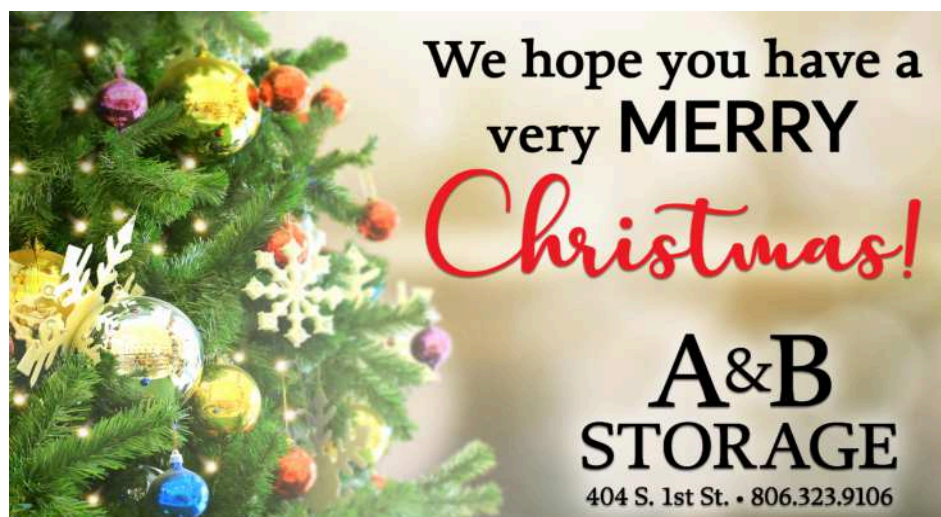
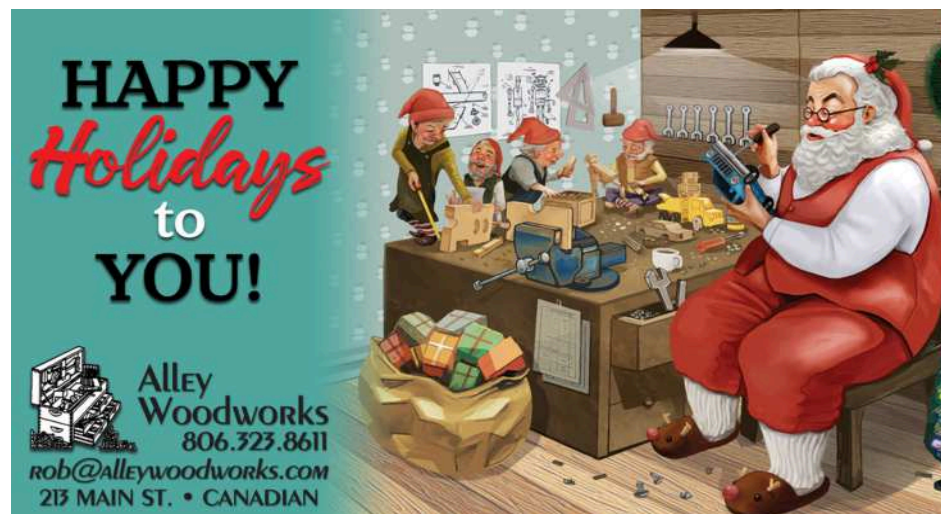
How are you and Mrs. Clause? How many cookies do you eat a year? For Christmas can I splease get a Maeh Joa green signed Jersey. And can I get a apple Ipad. And can I get a map of D-Day. And the most favirit part is two Jerry Rice signined Jersey one for me and one for my dad.

Sinicerly, Wyatt Longoria

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you are ok, I will give you a lot of cooki;s so will lexi. She is exsited to see me. I want a that switch computer. Ps. Give Mrs. Pierce a makup pallet and give lexi an Esla doll and she wants one. Please five her one. Please! Im not yelling at you. Love you Santa. I love you very, very, much and I want a squishy.

Love, Lane Brody Johnson





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Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa I hope you have a great time. And Thank you for the gifts last year. And this year. I want a football. And a nerf gun and a computer. And I hope you have the best Christmas ever.

Love, Uri King Harris

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. Did you get covid? I'm so excited for Christmas day. This year I want love for my family. I also want FiFi, a real dog, this year and a Jumbo pop it. I want a few simple dimples, a bird, some pink Hey Dudes and a snow globe with you in it. That's all I want this year.

Love, Natalie Cipollone

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? May I please have a broom so I can help my mom. May I please have some more quail. Oh my friend wants some pop it's. Thank you!

Love Remi Bartlett

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I basically want anything. Oh, the one thing I want is a number 22 necklace. I also want a number 7 necklace. I hope you have a merry Christmas!

Love, Hadley Harper

Dear Santa,
Hi my dude! Are you excited for your big night? How was Daisy? How are your reindeer doing? I know I have a lot, but can I have more shark stuff? Wish me good luck for my Scooba diving license! Please lots of lol omg dolls!

Your friend, Lilah Appel

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good life? Are the elf's and reindeer's good? You're the best Santa. Okay so what I want is a motor scooter. The color I want is Orange. Can I get a turtle for Christmas? Thank you Santa Claus!

Love, Mateo Lopez

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I love my elf Gigersnap. He's the best elf ever! I've been good this year. I would like a VR headset and I want some LOL surprise dolls. Two more things I want are a toy car to drive on the road, and I also want an iPhone 13 Pro Max. Can I have internet anywhere I go?

Love, Addison Pittman



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Dear Santa,

HO HO HO! I hope you are having a fantastic year. I hope the elves have a Christmas and you. I hope you don't get cold. I hope the reindeer have a good flight! I really want a 4-10 gun and a new 4-wheeler. I really want a new xbox 360 controller.

Love, Sam Harper

Dear Santa,

How cold is it up there this year? I am so glad you can come this year again. How old are you? I want a loft bed, and great teacher for 4th grade, and painting stuff. I want miss Kalk to be in my life. Your fabulous! I love you a lot and Pinky. Do you like carrots?

Love, Chloe Albin

Dear Santa,

How are you? How are the reindeers too? Do you like giving presents to children that are nice? Do you like living in the north pole? Merry christmas to you. and I hope you are having a great day. Well, I am because we are writing notes for what we want for christmas. I want for christmas is a lol doll house for my dolls, headphones and a laptop.

Love, Valery Ireth Hernandez

Dear Santa,

I want a PS5 and cars and a PS5 controller. I also want a book to read, and a dog for christmas. can you send me an elf? have a niche trip santa.

Love, Jesus Fernandez

Dear Santa,

I love your reindeer. How are you? I hope you are safe. How are your elves? I want 3 things. 1 scooter 2 RC car 3 pair of hot wheels. How's buddy when he stays with you does he help with toys?

Love, Konner Gray

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is Mrs. clause? I would like some dirtbike clothes. I would like our washer to work. I would like a KTM and toy dirtbike a lot for my collection. The last thing I need is a black speed flex Helmet.

Love, Breuen Aldama

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Love, Valeria Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? Can I please have some toys for Jaeger. Can he have a bull? I love our elves. Santa, I hope you are ready for the big night. I hope you are warm at the North Pole. I want a horse set and some foals. Can I have a baby elf? I love you Santa.

Love, Jaylynn Stiner

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. clause doing this year? Are you ready for the big night? I have been good this year and sweet. Are the reindeer happy and good? Can I Please have an xbox one game, and a great Christmas? I love you Santa!

Love, Gavin English

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus making delicious candycanes? This Christmas I have one little favor I don't want a lot all I want is a Ravenclaw scarf and cloak and wand. I hope you will be safe on the trip. I almost forgot all I want of my family and friends happy on Christmas.

Sincerely, Cameo Ray Ancira

Dear Santa,
I hope you are warm in the north pole. How is Mrs. Clause and the reindeers? For Christmas, I want 1 jumbo popit. Can I also have some LOL dolls. The last thing I want is for everyone to have a great Christmas! Thank you for all the gifts you gave everyone! Hope you have a very great Christmas and the rest of the years!

Love, Elizabeth Faulkner

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Reindeer are my third favorite animals. Your the best and I belive that! All I want for christmas is... Youuuu! We were listening to that song when we were writing to you. I would like new books and new shoes because my feet are too big! I would like some new slippers as well. I hope you and Mrs. Clause are doing great. I would like one horse plushie! Those are my favorite animal. I love you santa!

Hadlee Spencer

Dear Santa,
How are you and mrs. clause doing? This year I only need three tings. They are a new bike and a new ipad and a new pair of shoes. I love you so much and I hope you and Mrs. Clause and the reindeer have a good christmas.

Love, Bianey Najera

Dear Santa,
I would like a necklace.

Thank you, Maria Jara

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo DS. Comfy socks like my Santa ones from the Elf. I would like a swing.

Thank you, Ryleigh Givens

Dear Santa,
I would like a purple hoverboard, pants, a jacket, and a pop it—a BIG one! I will leave some food for Rudolph.

Thank you, Hailey Vinson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo Switch. I would also like a baby yoda and a magic unicorn. Are the reindeer magic?

Merry Christmas, Adelyn DeLaCruz

Dear Santa,
I would like to see the reindeer. I like Rudolph. I would like to have car. A pink princess car. I want to try to practice driving, so I won't bump anything when I'm a big girl, like 17. I want to get a toy Cat in the Hat, a soft one. Thank you, Merry Christmas, Santa Claus and Rudolph.

Katherine Needham

Dear Santa,
I want drone that has a little camera and another one for my brother. I want a submarine and helicopter toy. Thank you for the toys.

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I want an Ender Dragon from Minecraft and an iPhone, so I can make Tik Tok's. And I would like a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer hat. And the predator mask that has night vision. I love you, Santa, and I like the elves.

Hutch Curbo

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie that has high heel shoes and has pink hair. My big sister is 11, and she wants high heels like me. We both like earrings, and we love a necklace with a heart, and you can change it. The lid opens, and you can change the heart.

Thank you, Santa, Danlin Avila

Dear Santa,

I would like some LOL dolls. American Girl doll stuff, and Rudolph squishy. When I get older, I going to make tons of squishes and be a YouTuber. Barbies and Barbie stuff and OMG dolls. I love dolls. I would like a Pete the Cat, Rudolph, and teddy bear stuffed animals. Thank you for my Elf Gingersnap. Thank you for all the gifts you bring me.

Ainsley Pittman

Dear Santa,

I would like a crossbow, a Nerf gun, and a ninja pack (red and black please). And I want one more thing. I would like the harness vest that holds the gun. And one more thing. Can I have some pipe cleaners to make a tree for my mom? I love you, Santa.

From, Hudson Rutledge

Dear Santa,

I want an iPhone, umm giant drone, and a dirt bike, four-wheeler, and that's all. I love you.

Merry Christmas, Lincoln Harris

Dear Santa,

I want a big bubble machine and a big teddy bear. Why do you come every Christmas, Santa?

Merry Christmas, Konner Yarnold

Dear Santa,

I would like a big Barbie Dreamhouse with a slide and a pool. I also want Pop Its. That is all.

Love, Ximena Beltrán

Dear Santa,

Good morning! How are you doing? My grandpa is just like you because he has the same white beard. I think what I want for Christmas is a Santa costume with Santa boots and the belt. I know what Ripp wants for Christmas. It is a dinosaur with cars. I think for Brixton, you can bring her a little play sink thing that sprays out water. What Mom would like is a pink and purple shirt. My grandma will want two back-scratchers. For Dad, can you get him a new knife? For grandpa, it's a new trailer rope or a Gator.

Love, Ryatt Carr

Dear Santa,

I want a tractor because the one at my grandma's house is broken. Can I have a blue Nerf gun? That is all.

Love, Casen Peterson

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! I want for Christmas: one water gun and a trailer. Just one water gun. I want to give you cookies and milk. I want to give you a present. I will give you a phone in case kids are bad their dads can call you, so you don't give them presents.

Love, Darian Campos

Dear Santa,

On Christmas, we're going to give you two cookies...one cookie for the elf and one for you. Do you eat candy canes? I want an elf for Christmas. My stocking is a reindeer. I would like a tea set. That's it.

Love, Brixton Carr

Dear Santa,

Hi! Hello! What are you doing? How do you do? What do you do? I want a pop thing that comes up? My mom knows what it is. Can I have that morphing thing from the Power Rangers? Maddox will definitely want a monster truck. Vada will want a Barbie Dreamhouse. Mom will probably want a ring. Dad will probably want that stuff for his beard.

Love, Knox Dickinson

Dear Santa,

Could I have a bulldozer toy and a tractor toy and an excavator toy please? My sister is going to write you her own letter. My mom and dad just get their own stuff, so they don't need you to bring them anything.

Love, Mack Macias

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Love, *Namarii Goodwin*

Dear Santa,
I would like two Barbies and a Barbie house. Ximena wants the same thing. My brother, Chiquitin, wants a red car. My mom wants flowers. Can you bring my dad a pillow like mine? He really likes it.

Love, *Kendra Najera*



CLAIRE, COLTON & AVA COCKRELL

Dear Santa,
How are you? I don't know where you live. I don't think you know where we live because we went out of town. Can I have a doll and a hoverboard please?

Love, *Kimberly Najera*

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are your reindeer doing? Can I please have a fake bull set and a tablet? I'm going to play with the bull set with people.

Love, *Jaeger Stiner*



COOPER, SLADE & SAYDI SAVARD

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard. I think I need Eddie D lights for my room. How do you make the toys? How does the factory work? I have no idea how. Thank you for the Paw Patrol tower last year. I want to leave you chocolate cookies and just milk for a snack.

Love, *Aaron Chavez*



CASON & BRYSON BUNDY

Dear Santa,
I would like a green toy dinosaur for Christmas. Thank you for the game, Uno, that I got last year. Does Mrs. Claus ride the sleigh with you? How do your reindeer fly? How do the elves make the green dinosaur that I want? How do you get off the sleigh into the chimney? How do you get the presents out of your bag? How do you watch us at school? I want to leave you banana cookies and goat milk for a snack.

Love, *Creed Cowden*

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Love, Hadlee Billings

Dear Santa,

I love you. I want a Barbie camper that is big for my big Barbies. Thank you for the purse with the pretend phone I got last year. I wish I could ride on your reindeer. How do your elves make presents? I want to leave you elf cookies and white milk for a snack.

Love, Kami Dunnam

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie. I want a real dog. I love you, Santa. I will go to sleep so you will come. I love you, Santa, BIG! I want to leave you chocolate milk and chocolate cookies for a snack.

Love, Keren Giron

Dear Santa,

I love you, Santa Claus. I want a Nerf Blaster for Christmas. I want to leave chocolate cookies and chocolate milk for you. Thank you for the fake fluffy puppy last year. I know your elves make your toys and paint them and put them in presents and put them in the sleigh bag. Hi, Santa Claus. I know you put the deer on the outside of the sleigh, and you put one of those things in their mouth. When it's time to move the sleigh starts to go up high to Canadian, Texas, to bring all the presents to kids. When you are done you go back to the snow place. I know you go to a different place where different children are at and leave the kids asleep.

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Love, Rylan White



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Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Thomas box car. I want a toy fairy boat that is waterproof. The remote control holds on to the back of the ship with a really strong piece of metal. It is strong enough it can pull me and Walter. It can hold all of the toys and my books inside. How can you go down the chimney so quietly you don't wake me up? I want to leave you chocolate chip cookies with chocolate milk with chocolate syrup and white milk mixed together.

Love, Samuel Dale Gregg



ETHAN, SAMANTHA & EMILY FULTON, ISLA & SAMUEL MCPHERSON

Dear Santa,
I want a Paw Patrol dinosaur playset. I have a dinosaur toy but not a playset, so I want a bigger one. Thank you for bringing me my folding table last year. I put my i-Pad on it. I want to know how you know that some kids are naughty and some kids are good. You get coal or nothing if you are bad. I have been good. I want to leave you soft chocolate chip cookies and one white milk for a snack.

Love, Mia Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a big Paw Patrol tower. Thank you for the toy trailer truck last year. I want a real tiger since I didn't find any at the zoo. How do your reindeer fly in the sky? I want to leave you a gingerbread man cookie and chocolate milk to drink.

Love, Nicholai Agnew

Dear Santa,
You come out of the dark and give us presents very well. Do you have your reindeer? I would like a new puppy for Christmas and a new pillow. I would also like a new fish tank. That's all. I love you, Santa.

Love, Clayton Evans

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Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me some books. I love looking at books. I also would like some blocks and building sets to sort. Thank you, Santa! Merry Christmas!

Love, Carter Guillen

Dear Santa,

How are the elves? Can I have a sparkly pink princess dress, and I want a plushy that's so cute! I have wanted it so bad since my other one got lost. I want you to surprise me with a gift. I love you and Mrs. Claus!

Love, Adaline Huynh

Dear Santa,

Can I have a LOL ball with the LOL's inside the ball? All the accessories and dresses and everything goes inside a little polka dot bag that is pink. I want a little soft purple hippo for me to take to bed. I love hippos. I know your elves sneak inside the house to watch you being bad or good. And then your elves have to tell you if the children are doing bad or good. Some people do bad, and some people do good. How does the red nose reindeer light his nose up? Thank you for the crayons and notebook and stickers you gave me last year. I want for Christmas a new tablet because my other tablet broke. Can I have Play-Doh and jewelry? I want to leave you a gingerbread cookie and a reindeer cookie. I want to leave you chocolate milk.

Love, Amanda Velasquez

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? For Christmas, I want roller skates and a hoverboard. How do the reindeer fly? How are the elves? I'm going to leave cookies out for you.

Love, Bryce LeFever

Dear Santa,

I love you. I want a hoverboard for Christmas. How do you fly? Thank you for being you.

I love you, Santa, Waylon Blair

Dear Santa,

I want some roller skates and a "Go Fish" game. I love you Santa. I will leave you cookies to eat.

Love, Samantha Castaneda

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a hoverboard and a soft bear. I also want new blue tennis shoes. I want more coloring books.

Love, Emelie Cervantes

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the dune runner you got me last year. How do your reindeer fly? Can you get me two Nintendos for Christmas? I want one for my friend Clayton too. How do the elves get pieces to make toys? I also want seven kittens and maybe seven puppies. I want a big dog that is fully grown to be friends with my dog, Abel. I also want a back massager for my Nanna, Sue Ratliff. I want a T-Rex slap band for Christmas. I want to leave gingerbread men and white milk (because it makes you strong) for your snack. How does Mrs. Claus make cookies because they would get frozen there because it is the North Pole. How do they stay warm? How many people on your good list, and how many people do you have on your naughty list?

Love, Tyler Ratliff

Dear Santa,

I want a patience machine. It's a machine that teaches me how to be patient. I want my own four-wheeler. How do the reindeer fly? I also want an American Girl doll and clothes for her. I will leave you something chocolate to eat. Thank you Santa and goodbye.

Love, Kambree Richardson

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I love you. I want a hoverboard for Christmas and a motorcycle. How is the North Pole? Thank you Santa Claus.
Love, Samuel Jacquez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Barbie dream house you got me last year. I want to wish for a real turtle. Not a snapping turtle, a nice turtle. I want a Barbie vet for my animals. I want to ask Mrs. Claus if she can make real cookies. I know your elves build toys, Santa Claus. I know Rudolph flies in the air and he knows which house to stop at. Rudolph has a glowing nose. I would like to thank you again for getting my Barbie dream house from last year. I know your elves build toys, and I know that your elves can build anything. Rudolph wanted to be the most reindeer of all of the other reindeer, and he is the most famous. I know you are real Santa, because you wear a Christmas beard. It is white, and Mrs. Claus loves to make cookies. First, she makes dough, then she rolls it out with a pin and she adds “gredients.” On her cookies, she makes Christmas frosting. Red and green frostings for Christmas Eve. I want to leave you white milk and Christmas cookies, red and green. Last year, I gave you chocolate milk, and the cookies were Santa Claus cookies. Jesus is born on Christmas Eve. I love you because you are nice. The bad kids will get coal or rocks. If you see good kids, they get presents. I have been a good girl.
Love, Thea Wessel

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I have been wanting this since my birthday. I asked Honey—she’s my grandma. She didn’t get it. I want it. It’s from the pharmacy, and it’s very snuggly. It has rainbow dots. It has a horn on the top, and it’s yellow. It doesn’t have a hole. It’s very cute, and it’s a pillow stuffed animal. I also want an Arctic fox. I have already asked for that, but I’m reminding you. I love you. Have a nice day and fill it full of joy. And remember, it’s not about presents, it’s about Jesus’ birthday. Happy Christmas to all.
Love, Charlie LeFever



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Dear Santa,
I want an American Girl doll and clothes to go with her. How are the reindeer and the elves doing? I hope the Northern Lights shine bright so you can go all the way around the world on December 24th. I hope that all of the kids in the world get what they want for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.
Love, Hallie Mann

Dear Santa,
Can I please have an X-Box? How are the elves? I would also like some new markers and a TV Thank you for everything Santa.
Love, Kayn Valles



ISLA MCPHERSON

Dear Santa,
I like Bakugans. I also want a speed boat and a camo watch. I like your dog. It has magic. He tells you who is being nice. I like Mrs. Claus and the elves. Thank you for the toys. Please bring me a big nerf gun.
Love, Slade Savard

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me a squishy?
Love, Charlee (age 3)


Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a surprise? Do you like melting cookies? How many reindeer do you have? I like sledding in the snow.
Love, Leona (age 3, about to be 4)



ANDREA MARTINEZ


Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a dinosaur and a motorcycle with lights on it? I will leave you milk, juice, and cookies.
Love, KW (age 3)

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Carnotaurus dinosaur that eats little dinosaurs? What is your favorite cookie, Santa? Do you have lights on your sleigh? Do you have a lot of reindeer or a little bit of reindeer?
Love, Levi (age 4)



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Love, Madeline (age 4)

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a watch, Lou Lou Achoo, a camera, and a Pop It? I love Santa, and I wish you would be my best friend, and I also love your reindeer and I will give you cookies, carrots, and milk.

Love, Blazyn (age 4)

Dear Santa,

I love you for the things that you gave me last year. I would like a Lego Mario. My sister would like rainbow lights. I think I have been good enough. I mean I am always good. I will leave you some M&M's. My house is next to my neighbor, and it is colored like peaches. I love you, Santa Claus.

Ulysses Alvarez

Dear Santa,

Thank you, and I love you, Santa. I would like some toys and a dress. I have been really good, so please come to my white house. It is near the Allsup's in Canadian.

Love, Melany Castaneda

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? I would like clothes and games. My house is pink, and I live in Canadian. I will leave you cookies too.

Love, Victoria Ponce

Dear Santa,

I love the reindeer. How are they? I would like some toys, and some Play-Doh. I will leave you some tamales.

Love, Ulises Carrasco

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer doing? How are you doing? I would like a Christmas present put under the tree. would like some cookies too, but I will leave you some too.

Love, Julie Wagoner

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How are your reindeer? I would like toy cars and a parking garage to play with them in. My brothers and sister have been good too. My house has red, orange, and blue lights. I will leave you some cookies!

Love, Ian Diaz

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the candy you gave me last year. This year, I would like some Hot Wheel cars, and that's about all. If you like cookies, I will leave you some. Thank you.

Love, Miqueas Govea

Dear Santa,
I have been very, very good and have not done any bad things. I would like Power Ranger toys, and a Godzilla toy, and some blocks. I love you, Santa, and I will leave you 1,000 cookies.

Love, Adriel Rivera

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice and should be on the nice list! I love Daniel Tiger and want a Daniel Tiger electronic trolley vehicle. I also want a Gabby's Dollhouse Purrfect Dollhouse playset, some Play-Doh, puzzles, and books!

Love, Charlie Neumeier (age 4)

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last year. I have been very good this year. I would like some toys ... I really don't know ... just something fun. Thank you, and I love you.

Love, Julio Sanchez



LIAM STEWART

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I don't remember what I got last year, but thank you. This year, I would like Polly Pockets ... oh, I would like two please. And I would like Starburst candy too. My sisters have been kinda good ... I will be at my house in town by the YMCA. I will leave you a note and please leave me a note.

Love, Sloan Thomas

Dear Santa,
I miss you, Santa. I have been good. I would like a skateboard and a scooter. I will leave you a note, and some cookies and candy. Have a good Santa day.

Love, Cruz Vasquez

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. I help do the dishes and laundry for my Mom. And, I'm always good at listening. For Christmas this year, I would like a LEGO Technic Monster Jam Grave Digger truck, LEGO Creator medieval castle, a Transformer Vintage Beast. And, I also want PJ Masks Deluxe Battle and Launching Seeker. Oh, and a Batman remote-controlled car.

Love, Luke Reyes (age 5)

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year! (eyes closed and smiling really big). For Christmas this year, I want a Halo the Spartan figure, a Spider-Man figure and his spy vehicle, a Captain America figure, the Marvel Avengers bend and flex figures and a PJ Masks Deluxe Battle HQ.

Love, Miles Bentley (age 3)



CLARA PHENIX

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year! I'm a good boy at school! For Christmas, I want a Hot Wheels track, a Spider-Man and his spy vehicle, a PJ Masks launching seeker, a Nerf gun, and a blue scooter. Bye, Santa!

Love, Lucas Sanchez (age 4)

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. Me and my brother are both on the nice list. Buddy and Holly, our elves, are on our Christmas tree. I would like some LOL Dolls, Polly Pockets, and a big makeup set with nail polish to go with a hand spa. I also would like a Disney Encanto singing Mirabel doll.

Love, Hazel Macias (age 5)

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year! I am always a good girl and a nice friend. This year for Christmas, I would like some Disney Princess dolls and Lalaloopsy Sew Royal Princess Party dolls and a We Wear Cute So Glittery nail and hand spa. I would also like a Honey Bee Acres family and their van.

Love, Vianney Escamilla (age 5)

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been really nice. I always help my Mom do stuff at our house. I want a Hot Wheels track, a Spider-Man figure, the Transformer Vintage Beast, Avengers Mech Strike Black Blast and Slash Role playset and a PJ Masks Deluxe Battle HQ. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, John Robert Lewis (age 5)



LUCAS SANCHEZ

Dear Santa,
I should be on the nice list because I always say please and thank you! I am a good boy at school, too! This year for Christmas, I want a dirt bike, a Nerf gun, crossbow set, a remote-controlled fire dragon, and a Monster Jam Grave Digger remote-controlled car.

Love, A.J. Guerrero (age 4)

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like an Awesome Academy doll, Gabby's dollhouse, Encanto Magical playset, Surprise Kitty-Cat Camper and Play-Doh ice-cream truck. Dear Santa, I like you! Thanks!

Love, Finley Jones

Dear Santa,
I love the reindeer! I hope they are good, and I love you. I would like a unicorn, and a bunny. I will leave you a stuffed reindeer. I live in Canadian.

Love, Marley Jimenez

Hi Santa,
I like lots of Christmas things this year! I am on your nice list because I am nice to all of my family. Can I have a Na! Na! Na! Surprise Kitty-Cat Camper, some LOL Surprise dolls, some Care Bears, a Raya dragon, and some Disney Princess dolls? I love you, Santa!

Love, Luz Quiroz (age 5)

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Dear Santa,

I am on the nice list because I always help around the house. For Christmas this year, I want a racing ATV, a Nerf Dino Squad Rex-Rampage blaster, a remote-controlled fire dragon and stunt car. I would also like a racing stunt loop track set.

Love, Paxton Fish (age 4)

Dear Santa,

I am a good boy! I want a Halo the Spartan collection, a Nerf gun, a basketball goal, and bike. I would also like a Jurassic World Stomp 'N Escape T-Rex.

Love, Gael Hernandez (age 3)

Dear Santa,

I love Christmas, and this year, I am on the nice list because I have been cleaning up my room. For Christmas this year, I would like a Minecraft LEGO set, a Halo figure mission pack, the LEGO Technic Monster Jam Grave Digger, a Hot Wheels Massive Loop Mayhem track set and a Spider-Man figure with his spy vehicle. Thank you, Santa!

Love, Silas Medina

Dear Santa,

I am on your nice list because I have been SUPER nice to my Mom and Dad. I always say that they are the BEST! I really like dinosaurs and know a lot about them, so for Christmas, I would like a remote-controlled T-Rex, a Jurassic World Stomp 'N Escape T-Rex, a Chompin' Spinosaurus, and a Jurassic Carnotaurus Toro figure. And, I want a Tonka Mega Machine Storm Chaser. I love you, Santa!

Love, Cactus Hanes (age 4)

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Dear Santa,
I want a Little Tikes basketball goal and some Play-Doh. At school, I love to play in the play kitchen, with the train track, and with Magna-Tiles.
Love, King Martinez (age 3)

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like RC Hot Wheels Grave Digger Monster Truck, LEGO Monster Jam Grave Digger, Hot Wheels Mario Kart, and Stomp 'N Escape T Rex. Thanks! I'm excited about Christmas this year!
Love, Jaiden Mondragon



EMMITT ENGLISH

Dear Santa,
I think that I should be on the nice list this year! I love you, Santa, and will leave you cookies and chocolate on Christmas. For Christmas, I would like a Encanto singing Mirabel and magic butterfly doll and a HUGE dollhouse. I want some Care Bears and some LOL Surprise folls and the LOL Surprise house.
Love, Faith Culwell (age 5)



AARON & CHERYL HENDERSON

Dear Santa,
I've been SO good this year and should be on the nice list. I play with all of my animals. For Christmas this year, I want some Disney Princess Royal Shimmer dolls. I would also like lots of Barbies to go with a Barbie Dreamhouse for my bedroom. I also want a Na! Na! Na! Surprise Kitty-Cat Camper and an American Girl doll. I love you, Santa!
Love, Courtney Cowden (age 4)



CHARLEE NORTHCOTT

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice! I am always good in the classroom because I love school! For Christmas this year, I would like a Hot Wheels monster truck, a Halo the Spartan Man, a LEGO medieval castle, and a LEGO crocodile. I would also like a Ryan's World rocketship. Thank you!
Love, Emory Wilson (age 5)

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Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like RC Monster truck, RC dinosaur, Halo the Spartan, Minecraft LEGOs, and LEGO Speed Champion Ford. Happy Christmas. I'll leave you some cookies and milk! Thanks!

Love, Anthony Purcell

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a drone, new bright Hot Wheels Monster Truck RC, Paw Patrol Ultimate City Tower, PJ Masks Launching Seeker, Ryan's World fridge and a rocketship. How is Rudolph? I hope his nose shines bright! Thanks!

Love, Hank Prater

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like Nickelodeon slime, Baby Yoda, Nintendo Switch, Jurassic World T-Rex, and LEGOs. What's up, bro? How are your reindeer? I will leave you cookies and milk! Thanks!

Love, Josiah Gonzales

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like Hot Wheels Monster Truck RC, Mario Kart Road Raceway set, Jurassic World Stomp 'N Escape T-Rex, and Spider-Man. I love you, Santa! Thanks!

Love, Bentley Foreman

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Vibe Girls Mia doll, Encanto house playset, Encanto Magical playset, O.M.G. House of Surprise, and Kinetic Sand. Are your reindeer ready to fly? Thanks!

Love, Emerson Pursley

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Hot Wheels Monster Truck RC, LEGO Monster Jam Grave Digger, Hot Wheels Massive Loop Mayhem track set, Batman RC Batmobile, and Paw Patrol Ultimate City Tower. I love you, and you're the best, and the next best is Rudolph! Thanks!

Love, Coltley Watts

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Halo Spartan figure, Jurassic World Stomp 'N Escape, Paw Patrol Ultimate City Tower, Ryan's World rocketship, and PJ Masks Deluxe Battle. Are your reindeer ready to fly? Thanks!

Love, Zayn Valles

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Paw Patrol Ultimate City Tower, Batman All-Terrain Batmobile RC, Spider-Man figure and spy vehicle, Hot Wheels Monster Truck RC, and Hot Wheels Massive Loop track set. I hope the elves are working on all the toys! Thanks!

Love, Phoenix Ortega

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Disney Princess Royal Shimmer doll, FurReal Sweet Jammiecorn Unicorn, My Little Pony Sing and Glow, Rainbow Care Bear, and Gabby's Dollhouse playset. How are the elves and reindeer? I love you, Santa! Thanks!

Love, Claire Cockrell

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like LEGO Monster Jam Grave Digger, NERF Fortnite gun, Avengers Panther Claw Halo mission pack with figures, and a guy with a helicopter. Are your reindeer ready to fly? Thanks!

Love, JAC

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like electric guitar and amp, Magic Mixies Cauldron, different Barbies, Step-to-Play jumbo piano mat, and Cra-Z-Art Magna Doodle and art supplies. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Taya Edelman

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice (I have been nice to my brother). For Christmas this year, I would like Hot Wheels Monster Truck RC, Nerf gun that shoots a lot of bullets, LEGO Monster Jam Grave Digger and a Nerf gun for my brother.

Love, Kasen Evans

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Polly Pocket Super Sporty pack, Hairmazing small dolls, Barbie Dreamhouse, Raya and Last Dragon color splash, and a ladybug phone. I hope the elves are working on all the toys! Thanks!

Love, Leora Woodrum

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been nice (I've been nice to Maddox). For Christmas this year, I would like a stuffed unicorn, black and white teddy bear, rainbow stuffed animals, Barbie holiday doll, and Surprise smartwatch and camera. I love you, Santa.

Love, Vada Dickinson

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Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like cotton candy machine, an iPad, Paw Patrol Ultimate City Tower, flashcards with letters and numbers, and a Nerf Fortnite gun. Thanks! I hope the elves are busy working on all the toys! Merry Christmas and Ho! Ho! Ho!

Love, Bryson Bundy

Dear Santa,
I want an excavator and a big T-Rex like Levi. I love strawberries. I love Mama. Merry Christmas! Ho Ho Ho!

Love, Miles Mann (age 2)

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice, but my sister has been naughty. For Christmas this year, I would like a red RC Hot Wheels Monster Truck, Hot Wheels Massive Loop Mayhem track set, Batman RC All-Terrain Batmobile, Adventure Force Trail Blaze RC, and Adventure Force Tetrashot Belt-Blaster set. How is Rudolph this year? I hope his nose shines bright! Thanks!

Love, Baylor Stroebel

Dear Santa,
This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Spider-Man figure, Transformer Optimus Prime, Hot Wheels Ready to Race car, Force Ultra robotic dinosaur, and a Nerf gun. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Hasziel Flores

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Hot Wheels Mario track and a surprise. I have been good.

Love, Oxlee

Dear Santa,
I want Pokémon cards, Lego sets, Pokémon toy sets, Robux, lights for room and some hot wheels and nerf guns and nerf bullets. Thank you, Santa!!

Love, Roxin William (age 9)

Dear Santa,
I would like a stylus, a pink dress with some cute shoes, paint, paint brushes, Posca Paint Pens, paint pallets, art supplies, and canvases. Also some cute new bows also I love Corgis so anything with Corgies on it for my room! Thank you, Santa, for sending our Elf on the Shelf's. I love them so much!

Love, Aubree Mae (age 8)

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Dear Santa,

It's so nice how you give us and other kids presents. I am a good Christmas decorator. We love your reindeer. We love the Christmas lights. We love your sleigh. I would really like you to bring me a Carnosaurus dinosaur. I love my elf. I love Christmas Eve. I love this time. I love my stocking. I love you more than the whole earth.

Love, Levi Mann (age 4)

Dear Santa,

What I want for Xmas is a crombook. I also want a VR hedset, a baskit ball goal and some Air Force 1 shoes. Lastly I want some Pokémon cards. How red is Rudeofs nose?

Love, Sam Hardaway

Dear Santa,

I love you. I would really like a swing. I love baseball, my big bubbas, and my dog Ranger so much. I will help make you cookies. I am happy I got to hug your legs this year!

Love, Jake Aaron Sebranek
(age 1, 11 months)

Dear Santa,

I've been a good kid this year. I really really love baseball and football. For Christmas I would like a new baseball glove, a Babe Ruth jersey and a LeBron James jersey. Could you please leave Ranger something? I will leave all of the reindeer some food. I love you, Santa.

Logan Paul Sebranek (age 9)

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. For Christmas this year, I would really like a PS5, Madden 22 and a Charge Football. I would also like some AirPod pros. We will leave you mustache cookies and milk! We love you! Merry Christmas.

Gabe Charles Sebranek (age 12)

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like 2k22, a #31 & #11 chain, shoes, a crome book and an in ground basketball hoop. I would also like a VR headset and paint pens. I hope you are doing good. And how cold is it there?

Love, Jack Hardaway

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Dear Santa,
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Love, Abby Hardaway

Dear Santa,
My name is Layne, and I am 4-1/2 months old. My Mommy and Daddy said I've been a really good boy. I would like you to bring me a bumbo floor booster seat and some toys for Christmas.
Love, Layne Cervantes



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