

78th live stock show coming up soon

BY GAIL DIANE YOVANOVICH
Managing Editor

The 78th Annual Big Bend Livestock Association Show will start soon, and Alpine High School ag teacher Doug Fox is a prime mover behind the show and sale each year.

Fox said activities were back to normal this year after some coronavirus-related concerns last year, noting that masks were optional and no restrictions were in place.

Activities begin on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 4 p.m., with weigh-in for hogs, lambs, and goats at the Alpine ISD ag barn until 6 p.m. Steers will weigh in at Hill Top pens between 4-4:30 p.m. All weight cards and entry fees must be turned in by 6 p.m.

The show begins on Friday, Jan. 7, with lambs at 9 a.m., goats at the conclusion of the lamb show, and steers after the goat show. All will show at the ag barn on West Del Rio Street near the middle school.

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AISD picks interim superintendent

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

The Alpine ISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Dec. 20 to consider appointing an interim superintendent to replace outgoing superintendent Becky McCutchen.

“The board is really hoping to get someone named that can start Jan. 3 so the interim and I can spend some time together the first two weeks in January because my

resignation is effective Jan. 14,” McCutchen told the Avalanche before the special meeting.

The two candidates, Dennis McEntire and Conrad Arriola, Sr., were interviewed separately during closed session. When the board reconvened to open session, Dr. Adrian Billings, Dist. 6, made a motion



Dennis McEntire

to nominate McEntire, a former Presidio ISD superintendent, as the interim superintendent. Board Vice President Mary McCallister, Dist. 7, seconded.

McEntire received five votes in favor with two against. Jimmy Morris, Dist. 4, and Joe Portillo, Dist. 2, voted against selecting McEntire.

McCutchen is slated to start her new duties at Levelland ISD on Jan. 17. On Dec. 16 at its regularly scheduled

meeting, a public hearing was held regarding the district’s Rating on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas report, the state’s financial accountability system issued by the Texas Education Agency.

The district received the highest possible score, a Superior Rating, for 2020-2021, based on fiscal year 2019-2020 data.

McCutchen then provided a construction update, and said the dis-

trict was still awaiting an independent report from John C. Evans of Illinois-based Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association regarding the extent of the high school gym floor damage. Evans inspected the floor on Dec. 1 but has yet to issue a report to AISD. She said as soon as that report was received, the district would move forward with repairs.

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Giving to other children



Students and teachers from Alpine Christian School last week presented their donations to Brewster County Sheriff’s Office Brown Santa program as school Director Bobby Duncan (back left), along with Sheriff Ronny Dodson and Chief Deputy Ryan Skelton (back right) stand proudly with the youngsters.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

Band director retires the baton

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

It’s retirement time for well-liked and successful Alpine High School Band Director Chuck Wilson, who recently announced his departure after 20 years at the podium.

Originally from El Paso, Wilson became the high school band director in fall 2001, and has been a key component of both the middle and high school band programs since then. Being a successful band director is not for the faint of heart, and Wilson exemplifies the key qualities of a leader who has what it takes to get the job done.

“Working with the students and preparing for all the performances and contests takes a lot of effort. If the band is traveling, then the fundraising and planning for the trip is on

top of all those programs. Middle school band Director Marina Azar and I have spent a lot of time trying to make sure these programs get the attention they deserve,” said Wilson.

He recalled some of the most memorable moments during his stint as a band director.

“In 2015 we auditioned and were invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City, and that’s pretty big,” said Wilson. “Then in 2010, we were chosen to represent Texas in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C., another really big one. It’s been nice being a part of all of the successes. We have had so many sweepstakes’ awards, we’ve had so many students advancing to state level through band competitions and individual com-



Alpine High School senior Nancy Hinojosa shows off the signed poster on behalf of the Buck Band to outgoing band Director Chuck Wilson at the Christmas band concert Dec. 16 in the high school gym.

Avalanche photo by Roxanne Hill

petitions for each of the 20 years that I’ve been here.”

Wilson admits there were shortcomings at Alpine ISD that contributed to his decision to retire, though there were other factors involved.

“We previously had three directors in the program

for years, but the funding has been elusive,” he said. “Maintaining the levels we have achieved while being short staffed has taken a toll, and is not something I am able to do any longer. Health issues are becoming a concern. This last semester proved to be the hard-

est in my career in many ways. I’m very blessed to have been able to work with these students and for Alpine ISD, but too many challenges added to our already demanding schedule have made this necessary.”

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50th Wedding Anniversary Announcement

Dennis and Donna (Boyd) Yadon

Once upon a time in the 1960s, there was a Pik Nick convenience store in Alpine. Donna Boyd worked there. Dennis Yadon, recently back from Vietnam and a student at Sul Ross State University, stopped in now and then for the college cowboy 3-B essentials - bread, bologna, and beer.

One day, perhaps spurred on by his younger brother Ted, Dennis mustered the nerve to ask Donna on a date. They had dinner at Casa Blanca. Just a few months later, Dennis steered his courage once again, this time to ask Donna's parents, Robert and Patsy Boyd, for her hand in marriage. Patsy thought the couple might make it six weeks. Donna was a townie who had

once cried to come home from Girl Scout Camp. Clearly she was not suited for ranch life.

Robert simply told Dennis, "If you take her, you can't bring her back."

With those uncertain blessings in hand, Dennis and Donna called his parents, Rusty and Eunice Yadon, to share the news. Rusty silently passed the phone off to Eunice, who congratulated the pair.

Donna wasn't the first of the Boyd sisters to marry a Sul Ross man. Older sister Becky Boyd had met Buster Leaf while he was attending the university and living in Hancock Hall. They were married at Alpine United Methodist Church on Aug. 23, 1969.

Roxy Boyd, the third sister, met Rob Sandidge while he, too, was at Sul Ross and living in Han-



cock Hall. Their wedding was at Alpine United Methodist Church on Dec. 22, 1970.

Dennis who was, you guessed it, a resident of Hancock Hall wed Donna Boyd at Alpine United Methodist Church on Dec. 31, 1971.

This New Year's Eve will mark three years in a row of golden wedding anniversaries for the Boyd sisters.

Over five decades together, Donna and Dennis have raised two children and six grandchildren, with lucky number seven on the way. They have comforted countless college students and wayward cowboys with Texas hospitality and bottomless tins of Donna's cookies.

Through it all, they have held together with a love that started at the Pik Nick store..

Zunker graduates from Harvard

Noah Daniel Zunker graduated from Harvard with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in Government and a secondary in Astrophysics. A Midyear Graduate Recognition Ceremony was held on Dec. 3 in Cambridge, Mass.

While at Harvard, Zunker's activities included Harvard Democrats, Institute of Politics, intramural

sports, and Mather House Council. In addition, he presented his astronomy research "Scouring Space for Exoplanets: Microlensing Event OB171135."

Zunker plans to work on a state campaign after graduation, and later attend law school.

A 2017 graduate of Round Rock High School, Zunker is the son of Russell and Christy Rojo

Zunker of Round Rock and natives of Alpine. He is the grandson of Dora Vega Rojo and Danny H. Rojo and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn B. Zunker. He is the great-grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tomas G. Vega and the late Mr. and Mrs. Alberto L. Rojo.

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Alpine instructor pulls trigger on personal safety

BY ROXANNE HILL
Staff Writer

With the right training and responsible use, owning a gun can play a crucial role to safeguard liberty, safety, and property. Alpine resident Zach Vaughn, co-owner of Gunsmoke Training & Defense, does that with simple, realistic, and effective firearms training.

“When you take any endeavor that you are not comfortable with by trying to build and develop a skill that you are new at, you inherently build the confidence in all areas of your life,” said Vaughn. “I’ve seen that happen in so many times on the range.”

A native of Alabama, Vaughn came to Alpine in 2017 after exiting the military, and attended Sul Ross State University. Vaughn is a U.S. Army veteran, having been an infantryman stationed in Texas and Louisiana, and deployed to Afghanistan.

“When I left the Army, I wanted to do something different,” said Vaughn. “Originally, I came to Alpine to get involved with ranch work,

and I was very fortunate to find a lot of welcoming ranchers. I have been working with ranchers and guiding hunts since I have been in the area.” Vaughn launched Gunsmoke Training & Defense in April this year, along with his brother, best friend, and partner Josh, another Army veteran who was deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Josh, a certified instructor, lives in Alabama, where he also offers firearms training.

“We were both non-commissioned officers, or sergeants,” said Vaughn. “While both of us were in, one of our favorite things was training soldiers, and that was a big part of our job. We enjoyed training so much, and we loved training people how to be good at something or proficient in that task, and Gunsmoke is just an extension of that.”

Growing up, Vaughn was a member of a Boy Scout troop through the Assembly of God Church, and by the time he was 14 years old, he was already teaching and instructing other kids on trail life skills. Recently, Vaughn provided a firearm training



Gunsmoke Training & Defense founder Zach Vaughn.

session to Holy Cross Anglican Trail Life Troop 40 and was contacted by Trail Life leader Atticus Freeland.

“When Atticus contacted me about building this program for Trail Life, I was super excited,” said Vaughn. “I love working with kids so much, and I have done it so much since I was younger myself.”

Vaughn’s clients range in age from seven to 80, and he focuses on building a comfortable and safe learning environment.

Said Vaughn, “We want to be able to take the mom who is just dropping off her kids at school before she goes to

work. We want her to have the confidence to carry a pistol to defend herself if she needs to do that.”

Vaughn said what sets Gunsmoke apart is that they care about providing quality training in a safe way, and are determined to provide skills to save lives, should it come to that.

“Sadly, the world is not as safe as we want it to be,” he said. “Through Gunsmoke, we want to give people the power and confidence to protect themselves. We believe that personal security is a personal responsibility, and we want to give people that ability to take care of themselves.”

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Convicted murderer arrested

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the subjects, a citizen of Mexico, was convicted of murder and felony assault, and was sentenced to 20 years.

The subject was convicted on April 12, 2001, in the District Court at Arapahoe County, Colo., for the offense of Murder 1-after deliberation-ATT, in viola-

tion of CRS 18-3-102(1)(a), a Felony 2; and Assault 1-in custody, CRS 18-3-202(1)(f), a Felony 3; for which the subject was sentenced to 20 years and five years Department of Corrections.

The subject was referred to the Big Bend Sector Prosecutions Unit for prosecution.

Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe



Members of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church Matachines Danza Guadalupe pause for a photo at the church in Alpine on Dec. 12, the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas, and considered the Mother of the Catholic Church. The celebration commemorates the Virgin's appearance to Juan Diego, an indigenous peasant, on Dec. 12, 1531, near Mexico City, according to the Catholic Church. Danza Guadalupe dancers celebrated the occasion by dancing outside the church as well as leading a procession.

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RESULTS

Oh, yes, and I won't be traveling because of COVID.	34% (51 votes)
Yes, but I will take precautions to stay safe.	29% (43 votes)
I've had the vaccine, so I'm not worried.	15% (22 votes)
I'm not concerned at all. Life moves on.	23% (34 votes)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now, the Avalanche asks:

Should states have the authority to ban private employers from mandating vaccines?

- Yes, vaccines are a personal choice, and should not be mandated by any government entity.

- Yes, but only with employers whose personnel are not in a high-risk field.

- No, employers should be doing everything they can to protect their employees.

- I think the U.S. needs to achieve 100% vaccination for everyone.

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Fourth quarter analysis and seven year recap

The following is the Vision Statement that was provided during my campaign during the spring of 2014.

“Vision Statement: Commitment to Inclusive Governance

Coordination through collaboration is not only a campaign slogan, it is also what I truly believe must be implemented if we are to prosper as a county. The financial resources necessary to be a stand-alone type of county government simply do not exist. Within the county we have many valuable resources. Sul Ross State University is the major employer in the County. The working relationship between the county and the university needs to be further developed.... In essence, partnering with various entities and organizations within the county means partnering with the entity, not a person. The same holds true with all of our other partners, including the City of Alpine.”

The relationship with Sul Ross State University has evolved. Sul Ross was committed to holding community luncheons that included Brewster County, the City of Alpine, Alpine ISD, and Big Bend Regional Medical Center, as well as the hospital district and various other organizations within our community.



ELEAZAR CANO
Brewster County Judge

Within the next couple of months, Brewster County will be completing the build-out of the second story at the emergency operations center/fire station. The intent is to have sleeping quarters for first responders during times of emergencies, as well as have housing available for Sul Ross students during Christmas and summer breaks. This is being done in an effort to increase volunteerism, while providing opportunities for possible internships and for credit college classes.

To reach our goal, the city will be an intricate part of the overall partnership, as the city and the county both contribute to the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department budget.

The county and AISD share fiscal responsibility for a school resource officer. In light of developments within the past year, both the county and the school district entered into an inter-local agreement to promote school safety and consistent law enforcement pres-

ence throughout the school district.

Throughout the last seven years, you all heard about new partnerships we developed through making a conscious effort to establish healthy, functional relationships. While the introduction of the Trans-Pecos Pipeline into our county caused many mixed feelings, as elected officials, county commissioners drafted a resolution that held ETP accountable, and demanded a commitment from the company to safety.

The other relationship that has been cultivated has been with the West Texas Food Bank. This relationship resulted in the gifting of the food bank building to Brewster County.

At this juncture in our path, I encourage you, the reader, to provide me with feedback. I have 12 months left to hold the office of county judge. By this time next year, I will be assisting the newly elected county judge to successfully transition into their new role. In the meantime, let me know how I may be of service. I will always continue to strive towards leaving it better than I found it.

God bless you and yours during this holiday season.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making it better for animals

Things are slowly changing for the better for our local animals. Last weekend we hosted Animal Balance (animalbalance.org) to help us with the horrendous pet overpopulation problem in West Texas. On Saturday they spayed or neutered 30 dogs and cats in Presidio, and on Sunday an additional 26 in Marfa. This was the fourth Big Bend Big

Fix Spay and Neuter pop-up, with the goal of having fewer unwanted and unloved animals suffering in our region. Fifty-six animals may not sound like a lot, but when one considers the hundreds of offspring they could have produced, it makes a tremendous difference.

A big thank you to Nina Dietzel of Marfa for stepping up and making this happen. And the awesome team from

Animal Balance for making the trek out here all the way from Tampa, Fla., New Orleans, La., and Austin. And Sergio Carrasco and George Gonzalez, the truly dedicated ACOs of Presidio and Marfa. And Jeanine Bishop of Alpine Humane Society for help with coordination. And many other locals, including Hillary and Robert Summers, Susan Kirr, and Mike Shurley, who donated

time, money and accommodations for the vet team to make this much needed event happen.

But it is especially important to thank all of the responsible pet owners for taking the time to do the right thing by spaying and neutering their beloved pets. This is how things will finally change for the better for our animals.

Mary Baxter
Marfa

Government officials

What we know - you use groups of psychologists, sociologists, and anthropologists called “behavior insight teams” to create and increase fear of COVID in the people. In fact this disease has an infection fatality rate of the flu according to your own research. It also has excellent treatments, the knowledge of which you have consistently blocked from the people by censorship.

You use phrases provided to you by a public relations firm to manipulate the public. For example, “if it saves just one life” is used around the world to pretend that governments

care about our welfare. Seeing as just one measure, lockdown, has resulted in millions of people dying of starvation in third world countries, has denied medical care to patients, and caused increased suicides, I’m certain you are not sincere about saving lives.

You refuse to evaluate the safety of the injections you insist on forcing. The FDA will not even release the ingredients. We now know that Pfizer’s original injection trial showed more deaths in the injected group than the unjabbed group. You owe the people, by law, an open evaluation of deaths and injuries which can be verified by in-

dependent scientists

Terrifying people with omicron is absurd. The normal course of a virus is to become more transmissible and less harmful. This seems to be what is happening with omicron. Its symptoms are mild.

Finally, to the judges - mandating these injections is illegal. Discrimination based on medical status is illegal. We have a Constitution which prohibits governments from stripping the rights of the people. A “new normal” where it is accepted that rights are trampled on at whim has no place in a Constitutional Republic.

To Mr. Biden: Threatening our people is not the job of a

president. You are a civil servant, not a king. You do not give civilians “orders.” As for our military, you may only give them lawful orders, something you are failing to do.

The amount of lies, fear mongering, and hateful division that governments around the world have engendered is evil. You are causing pain and suffering among the people. Start acting like a real leader. This means integrity, tell the truth, do not foment hatred and fear, obey the law, and act to help, rather than harm, your nation.

Jill Berkana
Fort Davis

To Brewster County residents

My name is Barbara Hoffman, and I lived in the Fort Davis area for 18 years. I very recently moved from the area to be closer to my family, but I left knowing my heart will always be in West Texas.

What I always admired about the community is how it bands together to help someone in need. I know of someone who has a Christmas wish, and I want to share his story.

Robert Fierro is a life-long resident of Alpine. He was the

supervisor of the crew who built my house in 2007. We became friends then, and remain friends today. He has a son, daughter, and a faithful wife.

On Oct. 25, he was admitted to an El Paso hospital with COVID-19. His condition quickly went downhill, and the doctors were doing everything they could to keep him alive. At one point, the nurses advised his family that only a miracle could save him.

I reached out to family and friends asking for prayers, and entire congregations were praying for him. So very

slowly he started to improve.

On Dec. 14 I received an early Christmas gift. Robert called me! He wanted to thank me, and let me know that he is very grateful to be alive.

He has one wish - to be home for Christmas. There is one obstacle. He does not have the funds for the ambulance ride home. During the first week in November, his daughter started a Go Fund Me page, but the response has not been good. I feel this is because not enough people know about his plight. I am writing this letter from my

heart to ask for help.

Any amount given is appreciated. Would you please look into your heart, and ask God for guidance? I think the communities in Far West Texas can band together to reunite Robert with his family for Christmas. The link to his Go Fund Me Page is [gofundme.com/f/help-robert-with-covid19-hospitalization.costs?](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-robert-with-covid19-hospitalization.costs?)

Thank you for your generosity, God Bless, and Merry Christmas!

Barbara Hoffman
Center Point

Heard on the STREET

Our Avalanche reporter asked, "What is the best Christmas gift you have ever received?"



Maribel Ramirez, Alpine: When I was about eight, there was a doll that I'd been wanting. It would eat, and you could feed it. That was the best gift, because it was like the "unicorn" of Christmas! My parents were able to find one, so that was the best.



Nathaniel Smith, Alpine: I remember getting a skateboard back when I was really young, and I learned how to skateboard years later.



Abel Ybarra, Alpine: I've had good health. May God give us more life and more happiness for the coming year.



Samantha Jensen, Fort Davis: Jesus. I literally cannot think of any earthly gift that could top it.



Charlie Thomas, Alpine: I've got a Daisy Red Ryder BB Gun!



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Jan. 1 Black-Eyed Pea Off, turn-in at 2 p.m., in Terlingua Ghost Town. Proceeds benefit a continuing education scholarship for Terlingua seniors. Festivities include an open mic guitar pull and raffle. Winners announced at 2:30 p.m.

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Alcoholics Anonymous, 502 E. Lockhart Ave. Schedules available on front door. For more information, call 915-562-4081 or aa-intergroup.org.

Alpine Lions Club meeting, noon Tuesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, Room 210.

American Legion Post 79 meeting, 6:30 p.m., second Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave. Dinner provided.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m., third Monday each month, Legion Hall,



306 W. Sul Ross Ave. **Big Bend Community Chorale rehearsals** on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary in Alpine. All are welcome, but first contact Andrew Alegria at Andrew.alegria@sulross.edu, call 432-837-8216, or visit bbcc.chorale.wixsite.com/bbcc.

Citizenship Classes, at Alpine Public Library by appointment only, 805 W. Ave. E. 432-837-2621

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Kiwanis Club of Alpine,

noon, Wednesdays at the Sul Ross University Center, room 210.

805 W. Ave E. After school club for grades one to three.

Senior Coffee, 9:30 a.m.-noon on Fridays at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave E. 432-837-2621.

Sons of the Legion, 6:30 p.m., fourth Monday each month, Legion Hall, 306 W. Sul Ross Ave.

Voter registration assistance, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave E. 432-837-2621.

Walk for Life, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays beginning March 30. Locations will vary, so call or email to register at Cathy@cathywright.com or 832-314-8103. A movement intelligence program by Cathy Wright, Learning for Life LLC.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Alpine Public Library, 805 W. Ave E., with instructor Eva Lambert.

See more at alpineavalanche.com.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Francis Peter Creer

What are you especially looking forward to in your senior year?

I am especially looking forward to the various events and competitions I hope to participate in such as the FIRST Robotics Competition and Computer Science UIL.

What activities are you involved in during your senior year?

I am involved in the National Honor Society, FIRST Robotics Competition team, and Computer Science UIL team. I hope to be involved in One Act and other UIL competitions as well if my circumstances allow it.

Who has been your most influential teacher or coach through high school?

There have been a few notable teachers that have been very influential throughout my high school career. Among all of them, I would say that Christopher Valenzuela would be the most influential since he has



Francis Peter Creer

been very helpful in my passion to pursue an engineering career.

What was your favorite moment the last four years?

For the last few years I have been here in Alpine high school, my favorite moment was when I went to my first FIRST Tech Challenge competition as a member of the Alpine team.

What are your plans after high school?

After high school, I plan to pursue a career in aerospace engineering.

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Alpine Humane Society Pet of the Week is Hanukkah! It's the holiday season, and Hanukkah is all dressed up in her tuxedo, and showing off her distinctive nose spot.

Hanukkah is just one of many felines hoping to have a home for the

holidays. You can visit her at the Alpine Animal Shelter. Also, stop by the AHS Cattery in the thrift store, right across from Alpine Elementary.

The Alpine Humane Society wishes everyone a happy holiday season, no matter what you celebrate. Thanks to those who supported us throughout the year in our effort to improve the lives of area cats and dogs. We also appreciate our partners and fosters who helped save lives. Most of all, we are grateful to those who adopted

a pet into their families during 2021.

Adoptions are handled by Alpine Animal Services at the city shelter, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m., Monday through Friday at 2900 East Old Marathon Highway.

The Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store and Cattery is at 706 North Fifth Street in Alpine. For information about adoptions or other services, call the shelter at 432-837-9030. To view adoptable pets, visit alpinehumane.org.

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The City of Alpine (City) is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for Road Materials. The City is requesting proposals for multiple types of material. (See Exhibit "A" in the complete RFP which can be found online at www.cityofalpine.com/bids for detailed list of material and quantity).

Sealed proposals are due to the Finance Department Office by January 6, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. Sealed Proposals will be opened January 6, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. In order to be considered, the sealed proposal must address each of the requests for information in the Summary of Qualifications section within the RFP. Questions regarding the RFP may be directed by email eddie.molinar@ci.alpine.tx.us before 5:00 P.M. on December 29, 2021. No inquiries will be accepted after this time.

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They came to honor



Michael's Mountain Ministry Live Nativity at Kokernot Lodge in Alpine on Dec. 18 here depicts the Three Wise Men visiting Jesus, Mary, and Joseph at the creche in Bethlehem. The Live Nativity was presented on three nights to recognize the birth of Jesus.

Avalanche photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich

RETIRES • FROM 1

In countless ways as both band director and teacher, Wilson exemplifies what it takes to be a successful band leader and an inspiration to his past and present students.

Wilson plans to stay in the area after retirement,

as Alpine has been his home for 34 years. "Charlotte and I couldn't think of a better place to raise our family," said Wilson. "We have two wonderful daughters who grew up here, and went through the school system, and

they are doing amazing in their lives. Everything about all of this has just been a huge blessing."

During the high school Christmas Concert at the gym on Dec. 16, Wilson talked about his students, saying, "The things these

guys have accomplished during the last 13 months when we did not have a band hall has been very humbling to me. And to have kids put that kind of work in, it's more than any director could ever ask for."

INTERIM • FROM 1

In other business, the board reviewed and considered a construction change request for temporary power for the welding and ag shop. Due to schedule changes and delays, the main power for the welding and ag shop wasn't completed. Imperial Construction included \$10,000 to help with that change, and around \$15,800 would be deducted from contingency from

the AISD bond projects. Trustees then approved the change request.

Next up, during an information only item, trustees asked Midland architectural firm Parkhill to issue a preliminary rendering of additional sidewalks and a courtyard, with a cost to be determined later.

"That will cost us a little bit of money, but we felt like it was important

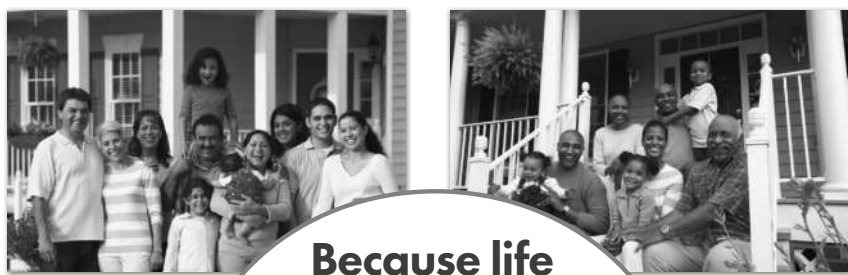
for the students," McCutchen said.

The board then reviewed renderings of proposed furnishings for the high school, with a total price tag of approximately \$848,000. Further information on that will be discussed at the next board meeting on Jan. 19.

Finally, trustees considered options for replacement of bleachers at the high school gym.

McCutchen later told the Avalanche that the issue would be placed on hold until a report was received from Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association regarding the gym floor damage.

The next regularly scheduled Alpine ISD Board of Trustees meeting is set for Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at the Alpine High School Library at 5 p.m.



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SHOW • FROM 1



Exhibitors line up their goats at last year's livestock show in the ag barn in Alpine.

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At 4 p.m. horse show exhibitors should report to the Sul Ross State University SALE arena, with the show beginning at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, the swine show will start at 9 a.m. at the ag barn.

Fox said there would be no poultry or rabbit shows this year since there were no entries for those classes.

Concessions will be available on Friday and Saturday starting at 7 a.m. at the ag barn, featuring a variety of burritos, donuts, hot chocolate, coffee, and soft drinks.

On Saturday, the livestock show awards and sale will once again be held at the Pete P. Gallego Center on the Sul Ross campus.

Buyer's registration and social will begin at 6 p.m., with presentation of grand and reserve champion banners, showmanship awards, and honoree and senior recognitions starting at 6:30 p.m.

The auction begins at 7 p.m., and Rusty Mertink will return as auctioneer.

Fox invited everyone to attend the show, saying, "The kids have had a good year raising their animals, and I'd like to invite everyone to the sale. You don't have to buy an animal to come to the sale. There are add-on sheets, and if you want to give money to individual kids, you can add on. You don't have to spend thousands of dollars on an animal to support a kid."

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December 13, 2001

Seven-year-old T.J. Raby whispers to Jolly Old St. Nick his Christmas wishes after "Lunch with Santa" at First United Methodist Church last Saturday.



December 13, 2001

Jaycie Mills, left, and Missy Banks held by Lisa Mills sit with angelic smiles on the "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" float during the Christmas parade Saturday night.

December 27, 2001

Six-year-old Damian Gonzalez receives a present from Santa as his sister Deanna, 6, and brother Marcus, 14, look on. Firefighters and police officers delivered gifts donated by community members and Alpine merchants to local children last Thursday. The gift drive was kicked off by the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club in November. Photo by Gail Diane Yovanovich



December 20, 2001

Montessori student Emma Downing shows off her handmade Christmas ornament as she is decorating at school for the holidays. Photo by Talitha J. Raby

Photos from Alpine Avalanche archives at Archives of the Big Bend, Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library, Sul Ross State University.

Propagating ZZ plant

Dear Neil: Two years ago, on a whim, I bought a Z plant. About five months ago, two of the stalks looked as if they had been broken off the mother plant. I used them in a floral design, and they remained green long after the flowers had dried. Then, I noticed they have formed roots. Should I pot them into potting soil? I hate throwing away healthy plants if they might succeed.

The botanical name of that lovely plant is *Zamioculcas zamiifolia*, which explains why it's commonly called "ZZ plant." I haven't propagated it myself, although I have grown it. It's really a handsome plant. I found a good bit of information on its propagation online, including the fact that it is commonly started from

GARDENER'S MAILBAG
by neil sperry

leaf cuttings, just as you described. Go for it. Pot them up, and get them growing.

Dear Neil: I've recently moved into a house where there was a garden in prior years, but it looks like they didn't take very good care of it. I'd like to have a garden there as well, but the plot is filled with weeds that have grown and developed

over the past months. What is my best way to eliminate them before this spring's plantings?

Mow them, or use a line trimmer to cut them, then use a rear-tine rototiller to pulverize the soil thoroughly. Rake out the weeds' roots and other debris, then incorporate several inches of new organic matter (sphagnum peat moss, rotted manure, compost, pine bark mulch, etc.) by rototilling again. For this crop of weeds, herbicides won't be of value – it's too late into the winter.

Dear Neil: My buffalograss lawn was damaged by grubs last fall. Compounding the issue, armadillos came in and tore up the lawn in their pursuit of the grubs. I spread some manure compost over the lawn in the hopes that it would

help repair the damage. Instead, it brought me buckets of weeds. What kind of weedkiller can I use on buffalograss?

You can use a broad-leaved weedkiller (containing 2,4-D) on buffalograss. It will eliminate all non-grassy weeds that are present at the time of your spraying. That list would include dandelions, clover, henbit, chickweed, and many others. Read and fol-



ZZ plant.

low label directions on the product you buy, making sure to stay within the temperature range in which it is effective. If you have cool-season weed grasses in the turf, you would need to apply a pre-emergent herbicide in early September to keep them from sprouting next time around. There is

no control for them once they are up and growing. Apply a high-quality, all-nitrogen fertilizer in May.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Camry, e.g. (2 wds.)
 - 5 San ____, TX
 - 6 TX Vikki Carr Latin hit: "Cosas del ____"
 - 7 Apollo 13 transmission: "Houston, ____ had a problem"
 - 8 TXism: "the bigger they ____, the harder they fall"
 - 9 when a prosecutor dismisses a case before trial: "____ pros." (abbr.)
 - 12 TXism: "____ as an outhouse on a cold morning" (long distance)
 - 17 a fried tortilla dish that properly ends with an "a"
 - 19 TXism: "Sunday go to ____"
 - 21 opposing soldiers
 - 22 1966 film: "Texas ____ the River"
 - 23 mascot of Lamar State College Orange (2 wds.)
 - 28 TXism: "there's more than one way to skin ____"
 - 29 TX Mac Davis hit: "Baby, Don't Get Hooked ____"
 - 30 bomb used in the Vietnam War
 - 31 pungent bulb
 - 35 India currency
 - 36 TXism: "fat ____ house cat"
 - 42 groove-____ is a south Texas bird

- 44 in Smith and Cherokee counties on highway 110
 - 46 this Teddy stayed at San Antonio's Menger Hotel
 - 48 annual Texas event in Washington: "Black ____ Boots Ball"
 - 49 Neil to George H.W. honorary Texas Ranger: ____ Stanley Gardner
 - 51 ____ Dallas Hotel
 - 52 loud racket
- DOWN**
- 1 TXism: "slick ____ seed"
 - 2 Milam County seat
 - 3 Amarillo: 3,605 feet ____ level
 - 4 TXism: "____ as hen's teeth"
 - 9 Texas Wesleyan athletics assn.
 - 10 TX-born Robby Benson starred in a film made from this 1967 song (4 wds.)
 - 11 ____ Fresno, TX doctors' org.
 - 12

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- 13 TX Steve Forrest 1961 comedy film "The ____ Around"
- 14 flowerless plant
- 15 nuclear energy source
- 16 TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't ____" (determined)
- 18 pay TV network
- 20 TX Nat who sang "Sweet Thang" (init.)
- 23 TXism: "bend ____ elbow" (drink)
- 24 a freshwater fish
- 25 England's version of a bar (2 wds.)
- 26 zoo animals similar to pigs

- 38 dweeb (2 wds.)
- 39 Dunne of epic 1931 western "Cimarron"
- 40 "sorry, you're on your on" (2 wds.)
- 41 TXism: "scatter ____" (shotgun)
- 43 RB star Emmitt (init.) this TX Phyllis was on "Vegas" TV show
- 45 Victoria of film "All of Me" starring TX-born Steve Martin
- 48 "bull" in Mexico
- 55 Jody Mc____ 1962 film: "Young Guns of Texas"

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Mom's go-to holiday salad

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When I first heard about this salad, I was a bit skeptical. I mean, who makes a salad out of cornbread? Salads are made of lettuce, but surprisingly enough it is a solid concept. Cornbread salad consists of well, cornbread of course. A package of plain, sweet cornbread, and a package of Mexican cornbread

cooked according to the directions on the package and allowed to cool.

Having this simple structure can also allow for creativity. For instance, if

you wanted to spice it up a bit add in a chopped jalapeño. I have also seen this recipe with the addition of drained canned beans, as well as corn. This is a side dish that is very versatile depending upon individual tastes, and it pairs well with almost any meal.

It is also not a dish that is limited to the holiday season. Cornbread salad is a great dish to take to a potluck dinner as well as any group function, salad supper, or as a side dish for a funeral meal.

Cornbread salad is great if you are looking for something a little outside

the box. It is a different take from just the beans and cornbread most folks are used to associating cornbread with for a meal. So live a little and liven up your meals or your holidays with this side dish that masquerades as a salad and satisfies your kitchen creativity.

Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Kara at foodie9372@gmail.com.



Holiday Salad

Ingredients:

Cornbread	1 bunch green onions
1 pound crispy, crumbled bacon,	1 chopped green bell pepper
1 small chopped tomato	1 cup sour cream
	1 tablespoon mayonnaise

Directions:

Crumble cornbread into a large bowl. Then add in the bacon, green onions, and bell pepper, and mix everything together until well combined. Add in the tomato and the tablespoon of mayonnaise, stir well, and serve. It is really that simple. If you needed

to make it ahead of time for some reason, refrigerate the mixture leaving out the tomato, sour cream, and mayonnaise until just before you are ready to serve it to prevent the cornbread from becoming overly soggy. Leftovers can be easily refrigerated also.

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BY CLARK NUSSBAUM, PASTOR
First Assembly of God

In a few days we will be celebrating Christmas. It is a wonderful time of year for visiting family and friends, and sharing fellowship and food. It's also a terrible time of the year for weight gain, at least for me. However, for me this time of year is when I am reminded of the love of my heavenly Father because of the gift He gave to mankind. It is the gift of a savior.

I am sure you know that for all of the Christmas musical events, celebrations, and movies to happen, there was a planning stage. The Father also had a plan before the world began. He was not surprised by the fall of man as He is never surprised by the events that happen on this earth. In 1 Peter we are told, "18-For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. 19-It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 20-The Father chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last

days he has been revealed for your sake."

The heavenly Father knew that mankind would need a savior and he made a plan for this to happen. With the Father's plan, there would come a time to execute the plan.

We plan many things throughout our life. We will not know if our plan will work until it is executed. That is when we will see the success or failure of that plan. Thank goodness, the Father's plan is perfect and right on time.

In Galatians 4, Paul tells us, "4-But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 5-God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. 6-And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, 'Abba, Father.' 7-Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child."

And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. The Father knew exactly when and how to execute His plan and it worked. We celebrate Christmas to remember the greatest gift given to mankind. May the joy and peace of Christmas dwell within you and have a great New Year!

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Sports

Morrissey's 34 points spurs Bucks to big win

BY GLENN MCCARTHY
Sports Correspondent

On Dec. 17 in Pecos, the Alpine boys basketball team ran away from the Pecos Eagles, 63-42, behind super senior Aiden Morrissey's 34 points. It was the most points scored by the heady senior point guard his whole career as a Buck. Morrissey had five three-pointers to aid his drives for buckets. The win moves the Bucks to 8-3 with district play just around the corner.

"It's always good getting a win, but beating Pecos and the team effort was huge," said Morrissey's teammate Jayden Canaba. "I think that was Aiden's career high. Everything

was falling. He had an amazing game. Overall, it was a great win. Everyone was doing the little things that complimented his scoring."

Said Coach Hugh Morrissey about his son's hot hand, "Yeah, he was shooting it well, and the Pecos coach was more worried about Aiden facilitating so he didn't want to help on him to try and stop others."

Pecos is a bigger school in classification than Alpine.

"The season is going good. We've hit some roadblocks, but just like life you need those to grow," said Morrissey. "Come district we're going to be a very tough team to beat."

He added about the progress made, "We're

learning every single day. We're starting to click more and more. We're very unselfish with the ball, and are always making the extra pass which is great."

On the Pecos win and the season as a whole, Coach Morrissey said, "It was a good win for us to go on the road and play well. I was happy our team stayed focused, and didn't look to start our break early. I've been pleased with how we have seen different defenses thrown our way, and our kids are getting better every game at attacking those different styles of play."

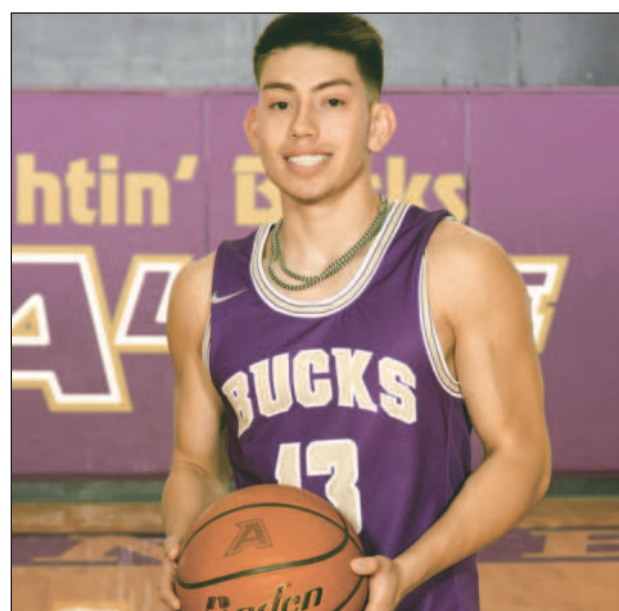
Senior defensive stalwart Canaba signed in again, saying, "Our season is going great. We're playing bigger

schools, which will help us during district. Even with our losses, we've had our chances to win. Win or lose, the level of play will be beneficial."

He added, "I expect big things from this team. Out of my four years playing varsity, I feel like this team has the most chemistry, and plays unselfish. As long as we keep playing that way, I expect great things to happen."

Next up for Coach Morrissey and the Bucks will be the prestigious Lubbock Caprock tournament. Their first game will be against Denton Calvary Academy Lions on December 29th and have games the following days leading up to the end of the year.

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Aiden Morrissey

Lobos go wire-to-wire in Sunday victory

Sul Ross State University men's hoops never trailed in their Dec. 19 road win, 71-58, over Millsaps in Jackson, Miss.

The Lobos started the first half strong on an 8-0 run with a layup from Julian Paredes and back-to-back triples by Trey Nelson.

Sully then went on a 17-1 run to lead 25-4 with just under nine minutes left in the first half. They again got it up to 21 at 35-17 with two triples from Eli

Gonzalez and a Nelson jumper before taking a 38-20 lead to the break.

In the second half, Sully's offense continued to up its advantage, extending it to as many as 32 after a pair of three-pointers by Omar Ibarra for a 67-35 lead. Millsaps fought back down the stretch, cutting it to 10 with just under a minute left, but the Lobos took down the Majors in a 71-58 final.

Daveone Bass fin-

ished with a game-high 19 points on 7-of-8 shooting, 3-of-4 from behind the arc and 2-of-2 from the free throw line.

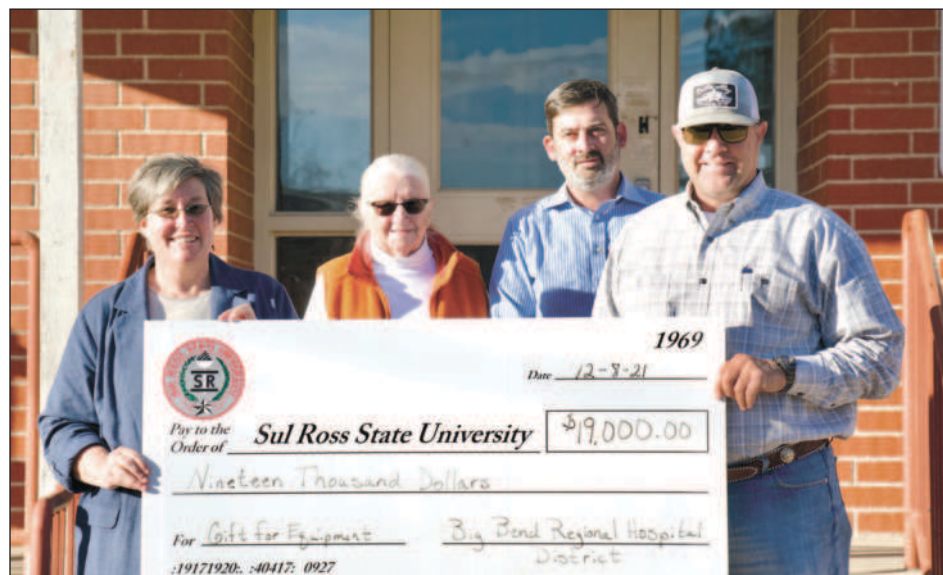
Nelson added 15 points.

Paredes finished with a game-high seven rebounds.

Gonzalez had a game-best seven assists.

The Lobos improve to 5-7 on the season, and remain 2-5 in the American Southwest Conference.

Hospital District contributes to nursing program



A gift of \$19,000 was given to the Sul Ross State University Department of Nursing from the Big Bend Regional Hospital District on Dec. 4, by Executive Director J.D. Newsome, and Board Chairman Buddy Cavness. The funds were received by Dr. Geraldine M. Goosen, Director of the BSN Nursing Program, and Dean Bonnie Warnock College of Agriculture, Life and Physical Sciences, to assist with providing equipment to enhance learning opportunities required by the nursing curriculum. Six students are currently enrolled in the nursing program.

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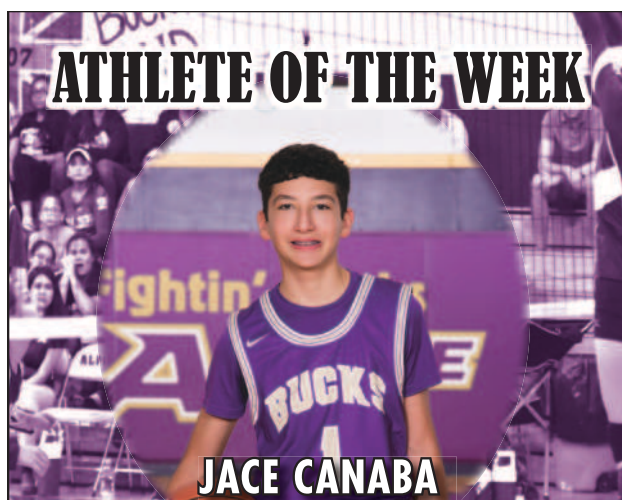
Fightin' Buck Schedule

Boys Basketball

Dec. 29-31 Lubbock Caprock Tournament in Lubbock TBA

Girls Basketball

Dec. 29-31 Lubbock Caprock Tournament in Lubbock TBA



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JACE CANABA

Super Sophomore, 6 points, 3 steals on Friday, including one 3 pointer.

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Area Church Services

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Alpine
 Christmas Eve mass - 6 p.m. (children's service), 10 p.m. (vigil mass)
 Christmas Day mass - 10 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Davis
 Christmas Eve vigil mass - 6 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Marathon
 Christmas Eve vigil mass - 8 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Marfa
 Christmas Eve vigil mass - 6 p.m.
 Christmas Day mass - 10 a.m.

Grace Christian Fellowship, Alpine
 Christmas Eve service - 6 p.m.

Hillside Baptist Church, Alpine
 Christmas Eve traditional candlelight service - 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Alpine
 Christmas Eve services - 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Marfa
 Christmas Eve services - 5 p.m.

Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine
 Christmas Eve Holy Communion - 5:30 p.m.
 Christmas Day Holy Communion - 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Alpine
 Christmas Eve service - 6 p.m.

St. Jonah Orthodox Christian Church, Alpine
 Christmas Eve service - 6 p.m.

Giving back



Alpine Lions Club last week presented a check to Frontier CASA to help with the work it does in the community. In the photo, CASA board members Billy Jack Ray, Jennifer Miller Ray, and Hhanna Moody, Lions Club Vice President John Sutterfield, and CASA Executive Director Veronica Lopez-Carrasco.

Courtesy photo



THIS WEEK'S PICKS

- High School:** 1. UCF vs. Florida • 2. Georgia St. vs. Ball St.
 3. Memphis vs. Hawaii •
- NFL:** 4. Browns vs. Packers • 5. Colts vs. Cardinals
 6. Ravens vs. Bengals • 7. Rams vs. Vikings
 8. Bills vs. Pats • 9. Bucc vs. Panthers
 10. Bears vs. Seahawks • 11. Steelers vs. Chiefs
 12. Broncos vs. Raiders. • 13. Wash vs. Cowboys



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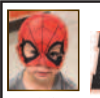
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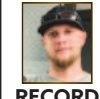
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Leaving on a positive note



Alpine ISD Superintendent Becky McCutchen presided at her last official Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 20, which was a special meeting to interview candidates for the interim superintendent position. Pausing for a photo with McCutchen were trustees Dr. Adrian Billings, Mary McCallister, Joe Portillo, Nikki Ahrens, Eddie Natera, Justin Cross, and Jimmy Morris.

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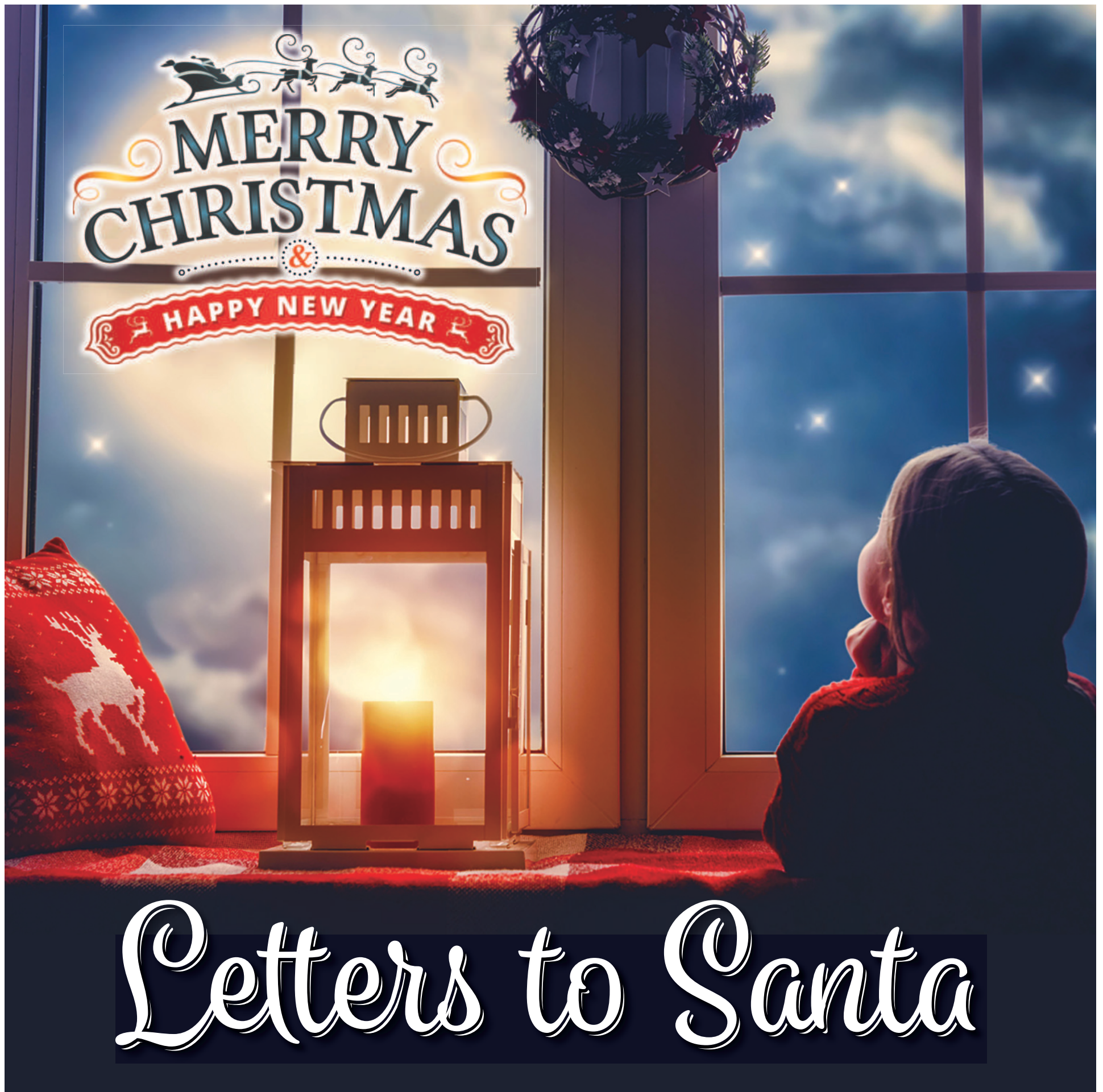
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Letters to Santa

Editor's note: These are the letters we have received from the schools, and we have tried to recreate the letters just as they were written.

Alpine Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten

MRS. LOW

Dear Santa,
I would like a dinosaurs
and a truck for Christmas.

Love,
Blakely

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control
car for Christmas.

Love,
Elijah

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie with
a pink dress.

Love,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I would like some puzzles
for Christmas.

Love,
Tomas Rafael

Dear Santa,
I would like a little trampoline
for Christmas.

Love,
Sammy

Dear Santa,
I would like building
blocks for Christmas.

Love,
Chris

Dear Santa,
I would like little airplanes
and cars for Christmas.

Love,
Noah

Dear Santa,
I would like some trucks
for Christmas.

Love,
Micah

Dear Santa,
I would like dinosaurs for
Christmas.

Love,
Wesley

MS. RIOS

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 4
years old. This year, I have
been good some of the time
naughty bus nice. What I
would like most this Christmas
is pj masks and dinosaur
toys And I promise to leave
out Chips for you.

Love Elizardo Villanueva

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 3
years old. This year, I have
been good some of the time.
What I would like most this
Christmas ia pink car and
Baby Shark And I promise to
leave out Hot dogs for you.

Love, Lizely Sotelo

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 4
years old. This year, I have
been good all of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is football equip-
ment and monster trucks.
And I promise to leave out
Hot dogs for you.

Love,
Henry Delao

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 3
years old. This year, I have
been good all of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is dinosaur toys
and a Mr. turtle. And I promise
to leave out pizza for you.

Love,
Gael Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 3
years old. This year, I have
been good all of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is trampoline and
a big Dinosaur. And I promise
to leave out cookies and
strawberries for you.

Love,
Chance Beam

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 3
years old. This year, I have
been good some of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is doll and Paw

Patrol Toys. And I promise to
leave out strawberries for you.

Love,
Anastasia Martinez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 4
years old. This year, I have
been good all of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is Paw Patrol and
PJ masks. And I promise to
leave out strawberries for
you.

Love,
Zarias Olvera

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 3
years old. This year, I have
been good all of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is football and
trucks. And I promise to
leave out strawberries for
you.

Love,
Sebastian Maldonado

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 4
years old. This year, I have
been good all of the time,
What I would like most this
Christmas is LOL Dolls
and Paw Patrol toys. And I
promise to leave out cookies
for you.

Love,
Madelyn frank

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 3
years old. This year, I have
been good some of the time
What I would like most
this Christmas is Barbie
Dolls and LOL Dolls. And I
promise to leave out donuts
for you.

Love,
McKenzie Cole

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 3
years old. This year, I have
been good some of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is dinosaur toys
and a Mr. turtle. And I promise
to leave out Candy Canes
for you.

Love,
Hayden O'Shaugnessy

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 4
years old. This year, I have
been good some of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is a yo-yo and
kitchen set. And I promise
to leave out Candy canes for
you.

Love,
Dyella Lara

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 3
years old. This year, I have
been good all of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is Peppa pig and a
Santa. And I promise to leave
out hot dogs and French fries
for you.

Love,
Lillian Wilcoxon

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 4
years old. This year, I have
been good all of the time
What I would like most this
Christmas is Barbie and lip-
stick. And I promise to leave
out cookies for you.

Love,
Savannah Gomez

MRS. WELCH

Dear Santa,
My name is Gael Armenta
and I am 3 years old. This
year I have been nice. This
year for Christmas could
you please bring me a
Spiderman, Elmo, Captain
America & Batman. Why
is your Reindeer eating at
School? Thank you Santa.

Love, Gael Armenta

Dear Santa,
My name is Ethan Vences
and I am 4 years old. This
year I have been both. This
year for Christmas could
you please bring me Nerf
blaster, monster trucks,
watch, & fishing rod.

Love,
Ethan A. Vences

Dear Santa,
My name is Koda Crigger
and I am 3 years old. This
year I have been both. This
year for Christmas could

you please bring me kite,
cars, train and tracks, mom
and Della home.

Love,
Koda

Dear Santa,
My name is Marcus Yanez
and I am 4 years old. This
year I have been nice. This
year for Christmas could
you please bring me 2 guy
toys that can fight, a toy
gun, and 2 black bags full
of chocolate bananas.

Love,
Marcus

Dear Santa,
My name is Ian Ramirez
and I am 3 years old. This
year I have been both. This
year for Christmas could
you please bring me a
monster truck, 2 dinosaurs,
a triceratops, and more
and more blocks in my
toy room Magnetic blocks!
Can you clean my toy
room?.

Love,
Ian

Dear Santa,
My name is James Reno
and I am 3 years old. This
year I have been both. This
year for Christmas could
you please bring me
monster trucks, games,
Squigz, puzzles.

Love,
James

Dear Santa,
My name is Camila Joella
Vega and I am 3 years old.
This year I have been both.
This year for Christmas
could you please bring me
a Barbie doll and a kitchen
play set can you also
Bring my sister and I a
kitten.

Love,
Camila

Dear Santa,
My name is AJ Owings
and I am 3 years old. This
year I have been both. This
year for Christmas could
you please bring me a
small baby reindeer and
Grabby's Dollhouse
toys..

Love,
AJ

Dear Santa,
My name is John M, and
I am 3 years old. This year
I have been nice. This year
for Christmas could you
please bring me presents.
I want games that I watch.
I want an umbrella. I want
paper to draw. Thank you.
Thank you.

Love,
John M.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sebastian
Loya and I am 3 years old.
This year I have been both.
This year for Christmas
could you please bring me
a remote control excavator,
and I would also like a big
tractor that I can drive.
I want to share cookies
with you. I'll leave you
some on Christmas Eve.

Love, Sebastian Loya

Dear Santa,
My name is Aleyna
Gonzales and I am 3 years
old. This year I have been
nice. This year for
Christmas could you please
bring me baby shark,
I love Cocomelone, and I
would like Peppa Pig doll.
Thank you Santa

Love,
Aleyna

Dear Santa,
My name is Declan
Galindo and I am 3 years
old. This year I have been
nice. This year for
Christmas could you please
bring me a kitchen with
a fridge and a table. I
would also like some eggs
and a pan to boil water.
Also a sink.

Love,
Declan Galindo

Dear Santa,
My name is Annika
Cobos and I am 3 years
old. This year I have been
both. This year for
Christmas could you please
bring me a puppy, toy
horses, a Christmas
Snowman, more pop
its, an Elsa pip-it and
presents for my
welos.

Love,
Annika Cobos





Alpine Elementary School

Pre-Kindergarten



MS. BARRERA

Dear Santa,
My name is Mila. For Christmas I want a Peppa Pig toy. I love you.
Mila

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a big. A Fairy doll for my sister and a toy elephant. Also a tiny doll. Santa I love you.
Amali

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I wish: a big car to ride it blue. Dr. Eggman robot v/s Sonic. Sonic Legos. Sonic boom!
Thiago

Dear Santa,
I hope all is well at the North Pole! How are the reindeer doing? Goo I

hope. For Christmas I want Animal Crossing. I want Mario Super Star. I am a good girl! I love Christmas and the North Pole with the reindeer and the elves that make the toys!
Remington Carrillo

Dear Santa,
I want a race car monster truck for Christmas.
Kaleb Chambers

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have been good. Our elf sparkle crash has been silly this year. For Christmas I want Hot wheels, a new game and a sled. I will leave out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Harriet

Dear Santa,
I have been very good

this year. I want a red car that transforms to a robot and a mega monster truck. A blueberry car too! And an apple car. I like dinosaur toys, too. And even a toy train with dominos in it that drives and a banana car.
Damon Hinojos

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a remote control airplane. A Nintendo switch for my big brother Mason. Also a stuffed animal for my little brother Allen. I will make you a card and cookies for Christmas. I love you!
Kevin Savery

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like Disney Princess Movies, toy horses and unicorns, Red Santa hat, heart pencils and stickers, barbies, dancing shoes, video games, barbie house, Princess Picture to hand in my room, diamonds, chocolate, candy canes, and a full stocking.
Scarlett Skye Morrissey

Dear Santa,
I want lots of presents.
Autumn

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good. The best gift you gave me last year was my barbie house. This year, I would like a play food truck, pj mask toys and rainbow high dolls. I hope you like the cookies I help my mommy bake this year.
Ina

Dear Santa,
This year I would like, Train sets, Boom Booms, Gundan's baseball stuff, little drone, And can you please bring my mommy a doll, and daddy some golf

clubs. Thank you Santa I will make sure to put cookie and milk under the tree, and carrots for riendeers.
Zane

Dear Santa,
Where are you? I like Christmas trees. For Christmas I want a Pterodactyl and a miles Spider man; into the Spider Uevse toy. For Christmas I want to go see my Til Old and Pita Grandma. I want to eat cookies and cakes, but I will give you some too. Thank you and Merry Christmas, get me a Robot too!
Jahziel

Dear Santa,
My name is Jayden. I am 5 years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas this year, I will be grateful if I get a soccer ball.
Jayden

Dear Santa,
I would want a stuffed tiger that pops out of the box & plays with me and drink a bottle and wears my socks, so he can run around outside. I would also like a transformer toy that will go when I press the button. I would also want some blocks w/my name on them.
James B.

Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed unicorn that play with me, and I can feed it and give it kisses. I want a purple puppy that pops out of its box and a teddy bear.
Pearl B.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Would you please bring me a Barbie dream house? I would also like a Barbie to go with the house. I am going to make you some special cookies and milk.
Sarah Pineda

Dear Santa,
For Chrismas I want a play baby, crayon's, backpack, paper, lipstick, shoes, cloths, books, mini couch for two people, school supplies, and make up. How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elf doing? I also have one wish that me and my brother and sisters don't fight any more.
Athena Garcia

MRS. MORRISSEY

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a bike a train socks and a sweater. Thank you!
Your friend,
Joziah Enriquez

Dear Santa,
I actually would like a hair brush for Christmas. I also want a pizza toy for my kitchen. I would also like a big hug from you Santa.
Your friend,
Isab Ella
Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you see my elf twister? Can I

please have a doll and a Jojo watch. I miss you and want to see you.
Your friend,
Mayah Losoya

Dear Santa,
I very love you. I wish I had a batman house with an elevator. I wish I had a whole bunch of cars. I wish I had big army guys. Be careful Santa, we have a dog and he will bark and wake us up. We will see you. I wish I had chocolate Christmas trees. I love chocolate. I want jingle bells. I want snow on the ground to to play in. I would like comfy socks to keep my feet warm. I hope to see you soon.
Your friend,
Noah Gomer

Dear Santa,
I would like a pokeman book.
Your friend,
Aiden Dixon

Dear Santa,
I hope all is well in the North Pole this holiday season. I have been a very good boy all year. For Christmas, I would like to have a piggy bank so I can save all my money and I also would like to have a Spiderman Toy as he is my all time favorite hero. Please tell Mrs. Claus hello for me.
Your friend,
Jasper

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I have been very good. This year for Christmas I would like a Elsa dress and a baby doll and a LOL sparkle dress, but I will be happy with whatever you bring me. Thank you Santa.
Your friend,
Koley

Dear Santa,
I would like a sing along Elsa doll, unicorn nail Polish, self walking Puppy for me, Cat for bubbie train Set New kitchen stuff for my play Kitchen another car, doctor toys, and toy bandaid.
Your friend,
Kennedy Millicap

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been a good boy. I would like a new kitty and a iPhone. My cat Shadow would also like a new toy. I will leave you milk and cookies. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Noah Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am excited about Christmas! I would like a robot this year. I like you, Santa and Rudolph!
Your friend,
Keller Lutz

Dear Santa,
I have made a couple mistakes but I have been a very good girl. I would like a fairy for Christmas. Please don't leave cookie crumbs or milk on the floor this year.
Your friend,
Alia Jean Tackett Schaefer

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I would like Pokemon cards, books and a nerf gun. Can you bring Sissy barbies and Evan a lion with little toys. I will leave milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Liam Saenz

Dear Santa,
How have the reindeer been? I have been nice all year! For Christmas, I would like a bow and arrow from Tractor Supply and a camera. Can I get a ride on your sleigh sometime?
Your friend,
Brooklyn Hendryx

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeers? My name is Noah and I am good. Thank you for giving me presents. Can I have a car with a blaster water gun on the car. Thank you
Your friend,
Noah V.

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a big Teddy bear, and a Barbie house also a LOL house and a big house for Me!
Your friend,
Mila McMillen

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to ask for a playhouse with a kitchen, Barbies, a Barbie Jeep, and a Barbie house. I also want chew toys and dog treats for my dogs Chewy and Giselle and apples for my pet pig named Hammy. Thank you Santa and I will leave you cookies and milk for the long trip home!
Your friend,
Amora Pitts

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a calendar for my room. I also want a basketball for my trampoline. I will also like for you to bring my sister a sip cup.
Your friend,
Azalaych

Dear Santa,
My name is Xavier Anchondo I have been a good boy all yr., How are you and the reindeers? All I want for Christmas is a toy couch and cat in the hat under my tree, I would like a race car. Also want for my family to be happy and have a good Christmas. Hope you have a merry christmas Santa.
Your friend,
Xavier Anchondo

Dear Santa,
I love you so much. I want snow come out the sky and I can make a snowman. I wish for Santa to come and give me presents. I want a Jurassic Park present. I love my tree so much and my whole family and my house. That's the end!
Santiago G.

Seasons Greetings
May your holiday be trimmed with peace, joy and goodwill.

We wish our customers, neighbors and friends a very Merry Christmas. We are thankful for each of you and wish you all a prosperous New Year
~ Bethany

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MISS GARCIA

Dear Santa,
I want A Pokeyney Mon cat and A Minch art game.
Merry Chris.
Your friend,
Marcelino Yanez

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas! iPhone!! Merry Christmas Santa!
Your friend,
Melody Portillo

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas! I want barbies clothes and a pet cat merry christmas.
Your friend,
Maci Buckman

Dear Santa,
I want a big robot

please. I like you.
Your friend,
Brendan Havlik

Dear Santa,
I want a shirt, and a new jacket. Plus new shoes!
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Madi Leyva

Dear Santa,
I want a stroller and babies to go with the stroller. Merry Christmas!
Avery Sanchez

Dear Santa, I hope you had a great Christmas. I want a exercising thing, robot toy, and alien toys!
Your friend,
Elijah Zwahr

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas. I want a mo-

torcycle and new shoes. Also a new couch. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Imondre Squall

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas! I want a RC car, and toy car.

Your friend,
Ricoh Babb

Dear Santa, I hope you hav great Christmas! I want a fake elf on the shelf and pet goat. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
M a d i s o n
O'Shaughnessy

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas! Sad bugs also marry cristmas.

Your friend,
Galaviz

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great Christmas. I want trucks, legos and a pet cat.

Your friend
Amanda Vogel

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas! I want a paw patrol WWE toys Minecraft. I also want a new pillow. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Pogue Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want some makeup barbies and clothes. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Maggie Wilcoxon

Dear Santa,
I want LOL dolls a elf on the shelf and a pet. Merry cristmas!

Your friend,
Alexis V.

LOCKE

Dear Santa,
I want a PS4 for Christmas & a Nintendo, and some hot wheels a football feild please? All forces white please? A new house please?
Your friend,
Adriel D.

Dear Santa,
Lol dol and a baby and baby Elsa doodle stroller elsa mar phone computer posies home toy part toy arecol sting Foern vido game a elf on the shelf homes that I can go in a toy car a toy wicon Butoo visor a pop it that I can hang a bird reins a brbe toy dog a reing box.
Your friend,
Addelyn Bohrguez

Dear Santa,
I want a electric train set soft pilo a mask toy candy can true water ndol.
Your friend,
Jared Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How is the reindeers and elves this is what I like toy dinosaurs a tetty bear this is what I want a water gun a hamur toy a soccer a toy house basketball. Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Laim Humarduz

Dear Santa,
I want a sonic robot, and a lego sonic minifigures. And a electric train and a table that I can draw on.
Your friend,
Chase M.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want some LOL dolls please? A hatchmal please? A journal with sticky notes inside and a soft hear and on the front please? Heartas barbed that it's leaves change when it is in water please? A Nintendo switch please?
Your friend,
Eliana

Dear Santa,
Repunsocron reponsol won a respell cup repunsoll tall paront teteparit.
Your friend,
Kynlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Rachelle I want a big bribe set and flat shoes to be poly and a sun hat and a prse.
Your friend,
Rachelle Mortenson

Dear Santa,
I am 5 year old my name is Vayda I rilly want a lol set and a chras over set. I been so good this year. I got my friend a toy I want red penk and prpole and oven set. I also want a miny mawskiteand a water well kite.
Your friend, Vayda Moore

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good! For this year I want a real walkie takie and a romte control dense rex I also want a the-rex.
Your friend,
Owen Connaughty

Dear Santa,
I am five years old. I will love a babydoll, baby diper baby short toy unicorn toy challer. Posit.
Your friend,
Anahi Aguilar

Dear Santa,
This year I dont know if I have been good or bad whit I want for chirtmas is a DJ set and some drums.
Your friend,
Tommy Munoz

Dear Santa,
May I have a santa doll please! A barbed house please? A lake please? A santa please? Jungle bells please? Three candy canes please?
Your friend,
Iciym Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas some mini brands surprise toys.
Your friend,
Melanie Guevara

Dear Santa,
Nintendo toy guns star wars elf cumputer baby chacit candy toy remote.
Your friend,
Aaron Hoffer

Dear Santa,
I love u! I want some socks, a new I-Pad, headphones, an Ella doll house, a Barbie play house, a baby-alive, a tree-house, a new hamster, and make-up. I love you so much.
Your friend,
Olivia

MRS. LUEVANO

Dear Santa,
I would like a phone a doll and come chapstick.
Your friend,
Dakota W.

Dear Santa,
I love you can I have a remote control lego ship. and can I have a remote control lego Titanic. and can I have an RC car.
Your friend,
Greyson Schniers

Dear Santa,
I would like an RC car, some Hot wheels, and legos.
Your friend,
Leon Maxwell-Valenzuela

Dear Santa,
I would like a Godzilla toy and some dinosaurs.
Your friend,
Julian D.

Dear Santa,
I want a plane for my Barbie's, a new board game, and some stickers.
Your friend,
Alessandra C.

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is all Army gear. I love you Santa!
Your friend,
Rocco B.

Dear Santa,
This year I have been a very good girl that is why this christmas I would like to have the barbie's dream house and helth for my family. Thank you.
Your friend,
Valentina

Dear Santa,
I wish I can have a yo-yo and my brother can have an RC car and can I please have some chapstick.
Your friend,
Rhine Baeza

Dear Santa,
I want a make up bag for Christmas. I would also like a ballerina doll, a play-doh Coffee maker and a new phone.
Your friend,
Audnelle Aguilar

Dear Santa,
This year I behaveod so so so good. I Wish I can visit you in the north pole but I have school. Can you please bring me legos and treasu-rex. Thank you.
Your friend,
Jesus Lugo

Dear Santa,
My name is Luciano Valez. I am 6. This year I was good. can you bring me a race track. yoda, a train track, and a new black cowboy hat for work with my Papaw. Thank you.
Your friend,
Luciano

Dear Santa,
I love christmas I really enjoy Christmas songs I like to sing all the songs. I have behaved very well this year and I want to ask you for some toys: dentist kit, markers, elf.
Your friend,
Abril Miranda

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Sadie, how are you? I would like a Paw Patrol Lookout. I hope you like the milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Sadie

Dear Santa,
This is your friend, Trevor! I hope you saw my name on the letter I gave you. Santa, I was good every day. May I please have chalk, a fidget spinner pop it, dinosaur toys, dinosaur books, and a cowboy belt? Thank you, Santa, for last year's presents. Santa, you are so good! Thank you for giving everyone presents.
Your friend,
Trevor Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I wish I could hug you Santa. I want a real little doggy. Can you take Noah a red Among Us stuffed animal because he is my best friend. I want you to take me a pink stuffed animal. I will open the door for you. I don't have a chimney. I want to leave you out mile and ginger bread cookies.
Your friend,
Ayvren Loza

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been really good all year long. I would like a toy train because they are cool. Thank you and Merry christmas!
Your friend,
Rosella Hinojosa

Dear Santa,
I want a rainbow cate secret hideaway that has a bedroom at the end of it.
Your friend,
Sage

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I am always very good to my parents. I would love a few gifts for Christmas. Here is my list: treasure, Hot wheels, a book, and a Takeda action figure.
Your friend,
Gerardo Ontiveros

Warmest Wishes at Christmastime

As we welcome a New Year, we'd like to display our gratitude to friends and customers like you for making our dreams come true. We wouldn't be where we are today without all of you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR & MANY THANKS!

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Greetings, Goodwill & Gratitude

There's simply no place we'd rather be this holiday season than right here at home with all of you. Thanks so much for making our year memorable and bright. Your kindness and friendship warm us with gratitude.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & Happy New Year

The halls are decked, the lists are checked; Christmas is here, bringing good cheer.

There's just one thing we've left to do: Send our very best wishes to each one of you!

Thanks to our customers and neighbors all around town for your friendship and support. We wish you and yours all the best at Christmastime and in the New Year. Happy Holidays!

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Alpine Elementary School

First Grade



MS. HARDIN

Dear Santa,
How you doing? I been good this year I have 2 elves and thank you for my elves. I want a PS5 this year and a RC car that I can play and drive inside Just to more things ples. I wnt a drt bike and a motricicl. I love you
Love,
Dago Navarrete

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I want a dirt bik and I want a 18 whelr for my grandpa And I want a iPad. Thank you. I've been good.
Love,
Jaxon Lara

Dear Santa,
How is the rander doing? I want a lpat a bik and that's all.
Love,
Alexia Diaz

Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a socrr squish he and a comic bok and a toy fone and that's all! I hope yur feeling good and is good! I love you Santa.
Leo Navarez

Dear Santa,
I want a magic mikzy and a LOL I want a toy Rudolf I want a new pj's a musk box like my techer. I want a new table and How is Mrs Claus and rudolf? I love you so much.
Maribel Rosas

Dear Santa,
How are you I'm 6 years old. I want some presents and for sister too plesae and for my mom and dad thank you! I hope everyone is good. I love you.
Isaiah Gomez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are grate I want a tablet and hamster. I want a book and a colring book and I also want mrkrs and colring pencils and a shrpner I need a book to read too. I love you Santa.
Mimi Admais

Dear Santa,
Are you doing good? I want a dron and a elf and that's all Santa. I been good a lot.
Love,
Pedro Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a tablet and a xbox PSS and a ipone and a diamond bracelet for my sistr. And I was just wondering how you guys are doing. I want something for my dad mom and sistr. can I have blue lights for practicing sports. A little magnet and that's all. Thank You!
Love,
Michal Pinson

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs claus doing? I would like for christmas a guitar and a float I hope you have a good day. Love you so much!!!
Misela Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
How are you huw yoo doin. I wont a compoter and a tadlit a scabbard and actn figrs trck yoo.
Love,
Issac Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo switch and new clothes and a bioody cotnroler Because I jost want one How are you doing?
Love Jackson Fuher

Dear Santa,
How haave you been I hope you & Mrs. Claus have been good.. This year I would like some new clothes & a pad & a rabbit a bike stuff fox.
Love,
Gwen Hicks

Dear Santa,
what I wunt for Christmas is a puppy a nintendo swich a tablit a book ckwishe that coler thagis and a cage for the puppy that's it!
Love, Midison Colle

Dear Santa,
I want the game Help I want a Lego car I want books too. How is Rudolf doing?
Love,
Ellis Lancaster

Dear Santa,
I hope you are god. I want a bord gam and a car with a controler and I want actin figr. How are you ok? I love you.
Hector Mora Martinez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my gift I want a toy flom loos on ntu. I love presnt that you will give Santa Can I get a elf a real one.
Gerard Prieto

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are doing good this year. And what I want this year for Christmas is a bike. I want a rail colletion I want a little small little pop it. That's all I want Santa. I hope Mrs Claus is doing good too. Please tell her I said hello.
Love,
Lilly Luna

Dear Santa,
I have been good! all I want for Christmas is a stuffed dinosaur and a stuffed cuddle buddy master Jim hunter show.
Love,
Cohen

MRS. LOSOYA

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you getting ready for Christmas? Please can I have a Greedy Granny a Disney Princess Enchanted musical Vanity a scrub a love cuddle cuts.
Love,
Joanna Reno

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer this Christmas? May I have some roller skates and a boy Barbie and a toy puppy and a iPhone?
Love,
Ariana Torres

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas us a 4 wheeler and a sword and shield. I also want a crafting set and some metal pieces for the work set.
Love,
Leo Killingsworth

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a big teddy near and six puppies and one cat and roller skates and a iPhone and travel safe.
Love,
Maylee Galindo

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you getting ready fort Christmas? This year I would like a I Phone and a dog.
Love,
Melinda Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are the reindeer good? I would like a trampoline and roller-skates.
Love,
Dalilah Baylor

Dear Sant,
How are you doing? I would like a dirt bike please.
Love,
Keagan Sledge

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike and a puppy and phone.
Love,
Braydon Portillo

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a electric car a remote? Also, a crane with a remote and a forklift with 2 pedals? That is it.
Love,
Carson Talley

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas this year? I like a toy water gun and shield and sword, and 3 toys for my brother and a phone.
Love
Nathaniel Mata

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? It's cold? I want toys and think on my list I like a flower and a rose and a pop its coffee cup. How is your reindeer? Doing good? I want a phone and Have a Happy New Year. I like Santa and a necklace.
Love,
Rebekah Solis

Dear Santa,
How is your day? Can I have a dire bike please?
Love,
Jordan Cunningham

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas, I would like a hot wheel ultimate garage, and a door mini basketball hoop. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Daniel Holguin

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I would like a toy and a bow and arrow.
Love,
James Villanueva

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Can I please have a puppy and a phone, and a swing set with a trampoline? Have a safe trip.
Love,
Veydah De La O

Dear Santa,
I am Jackson, may I please have a hover board? Thank you.
Love,
Jackson Elliott

Dear Santa,
How is your Rudolph reindeer? I hope he is ok. I want a dirt bike like my friends and some toys please.
Love
Daliliah Fuentes

MRS. WARREN

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? How are you santa? Can you please get me a math mushean and a sled and have a good flite. Good bye
Love,
Arlett Aguilar

Dear Santa,
I love you santa. Is it ok if u come to my home? Can u brang roddoff if u do I will give u a presnit. Wute duse he lock lick? I wnte a posit and empudr.
Love,
Leon

Dear Santa,
Kan I hav bb rifo kan i have pestu to set? Haw do u do?
Love,
James Bell

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa for Christmas I want a LOLgire and LOL-boy. I hope you like elfs cookies. Thank you for spreadind Christmas cheer!
Love,
Amelia Bergstrom

Dear Santa,
Haw is misis clos doowin? I hope you are redee for christmas. I hope that you red my letr. Haw is the rands? Can I please have a doll has and macup?
Love,
Addilyn Dominguez

Dear Santa,
Are you ready Christmas? I am! Can I wv baby youtube and I wut bobber. I loe you santa.
Love,
Abigail Gower

Dear Santa,
Can I have a big doll Barbie with clothes? Also a new mermaid bedspread. I want coloruff hair. Can I get rainbow fake hair?
Love,
Arabella Hinojos

Dear Santa,
Are you ready to dlivr all the presents? I cant rate for Christmas eve! Santa can I please have some pompoms and a snow glob with a unicorn in side of it? Please be safe! Merrey Christmas!
Love,
Lindley Lutz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some candy and a train set. Thank you.
Love,
Aydren Macias

Dear Santa,
Helo are you redy for Christmas? I am! Can i Plez hav a tgow pizza and slime? Goodbye.
Love,
Naya Martinez

Dear Santa,
Are you redee foor Christmas? Can I ha a posit bool. I am going to mad shoogo cookee. I love crismus so much.
Love,
Bluebonnet McCatherm

Dear Santa,
I will giv yr rader sum cirit fir yr radir. I wot a secret butin dit will tak mey too noopol and macup. Gdbiy i hop dit u hav a saf flit.
Love,
Cheyenne McEntire

Dear Santa,
Are you radey to dlivr all the presents? I can nt wate for Christmas! I wut baxboll crdz nd i wut basbol crdz. Hapy mary christmas.
Love,
Brooke Mesker

Dear Santa,
I cant wat for christmas. I lik yo. Can i hav a toy gon. And a boo n aro. How is misis keys? I am gowinto mak sugar cookes. Thanu. U are the best. I hop u have a goot flit.
Love,
Kyson Morales

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa for christmas i wont a t-rex and motstruck. I wont a spinusrris. I wont a kit i luv u.
Love,
Logan Rosco

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. I want a Barbie dele and I want a back?
Love,
Destiny Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Are you ready to dilvrv all the presents? Santa can i please hae some puppy and rooster and ifon?
Love ,
Irisa Stevens

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I hope you have a safe trip for Christmas. I want a drt bike and goojitzoo. Gu by
Love,
Anson Tarrant

Dear Santa,
Hao r u? I wunt a dron and jrasic wr legos.
Love,
Wade Thomas

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa for christmas i wont a drt bick and car. I lu you. Marrey Christmas.
Love,
Cooper Wilcoxen

May the miracle of His birth and the light of His love fill your days with joy, hope and wonder!

With gratitude in our hearts, we wish you a merry and blessed Christmas season.

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Second Grade



MS. HARDAWAY

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa. I hope you and the elves are having a jolly Christmas? I want a lego treehouse but if I don't get it I don't care because Christmas is all about giving! I wish for a gingerbread boy robot. I wish for a lego gingerbread house. I also wish for a big a toy snowman. and a lego Christmas set and, a Army alarm clock. And a present for my best teacher!

Love,
Ronix

Dear Santa,
Mi naim is chris how are you santa this is what I want for clothes I want books and a 100 dolllirs.

Love,
Chris

Dear Santa,
Hi My Name is Rolke I am 7 years old I now what Christmas is all about giving but I am trning 8 years old in December how are you I want A drone for Christmas. but please get rambow A toy but I want the drone becus I will be bord sum times and Ranbow he will be traned I will leave cookies out.

Love,
Rolke

Dear Santa,
I wut a kite win it is windy Please and a bike too and a toy mouse and a toy fly and I will leave some Cookies and milk too.

Love,
Nevach

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I bet ya'll are doing good and for Christmas can I pleas have a doll house and some lights that are deferent shades of blue and purple, and some Lego sets because I've done four Lego sets.

Love,
Nathalia

Dear Santa,
How are your raindeer? Are they big? Christmas is best! I have been a good boy this year. And this is what i want for Christmas. I want a pet dog snake a baby brother hoverboard. I will leave cookies and

milk and carrots for your raindeer.

Love,
Rihard

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I love all the reindeer and I wish for uncial hedphons and a stufft unicorn and unicorn PJs and a unicorn watch and markers and game for my sisters neendo switch and a Jojo doll and a unicorn alarm clock at plays music when it rings.

Love,
Emma

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I wont a hubord for Christmas how is Mrs. Claus dooing?

Love,
Alee

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Harper I hope I have been a good girl. my favret raindeer is ok so I can't rily explain cuz I love them all. I would love a new skooter cuz my old skooter brok. I would allso like some playmodyl sets and some fnaf and ty stufftys to and a new nintedo and a elf on the shelf and some dragon toys and a baby dreme house and some toy raindeer plz. I hope you love the cookies.

Sincerely,
Harper

Dear Santa,
How are you? Cookies and milk on the table. I want a real puppy and a toy sleigh. I want a joke book.

Love,
Penelope

Dear Santa,
I hope you are dooing good. I love your rander I am good. I am from Alpin. I will give you hot cokoe and cookies. I wish a Bey Blad I hope you like are ordnis I have bin a good boy.

Love,
John

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I hope your having a good day. I hope you have a safe trip to all the houses. I wish for a hubord. I have been a very good boy.

Brasos

Dear Santa,
I wish four a go pro I wish four a lamprgenthet I wi four gams I wish four a ion magma I wish four a robhego I wish four a computer. I am 8.

Love,
Malachi

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! Hope your having a good day. My favit reindeer is...I love them all! All be in calaroto this moth in a cabin. I'm been good and I want roblox for Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Aria

Dear Santa,
My name is Gemma. And i am seven years old. This year I hope I've been good. This year the one thing I want is the rest of the Dairy of a wimpy kid books. And this one book called Dork Diaries how to Dork Your Dairy. And that's it. Thank you.

Love,
Gemma

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa how is your Christmas? And how are your raldeer are they big? and I would like a hoverbord plaess and because I want the hoverbord becose my cosin had one and I allwase wanted on too.

Love,
Lexi

MRS. NUSZ

Hi Santa my name is Tyler rose. I am sorry for when I am not sometimes. That good. I want a mini video game. I am 7 years old by the way.

Sincerely Tyler Rose

Merry Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer and the elves? I'm been trying to be good this year I like biker and sports The sports I like is basket ball can I have a charzare 1st eidition no shodow? Pokemon booster box with a charzard onit.

Love, Troy Vidal

Dear Santa, a charssard max and a new tow Xmas 20000 dolrs I want my mommy and my brother

thiss I tried to be good but my friends mes me up santa how in the world do you cary all those presents. Ryder Romero

Dear Santa,
I've waited all year to tell you what I want for chrims. My name is Camila Loya. I am sevin yeers ol. I know I hant been good at times. I want a gymoastic-smat.

Sincerely Camila loya

Dear Santa,
My name is Cason weaver I am 7 years old. For cristmas I want a Ps4. Because I like to play video games because me and my brother like to play veido games and because it's so fun. Cason weaver

Dear Santa,
My name is Liam hancock. And I m 7 year old and I been good this year and I want for christmas is a gaming pc an mabe a football.

Liam Nunez

Dear Santa,
My name is Addisyn and I am 6 hears old. I ben so good. I even helpt somone on the playgrand. I rily want gltry slippers. They will keep me warm and they are my stiel. They are sparkly and flufy and penk. I really hope I get them. Love, Addisyn Green

Dear Santa,
I am writing to tell you what I want for chrlmas My name is Xander and I am 8 years old and a ps 4 I want a monky I also reatiy want my ada. He lievs far a way I am a good kid.

Love, Xander Jasinski



Dear Santa,
My name is Imani. I am 8 yrs old and I dont know if I have been good or bad this year I dont know what I want I have been thinking and thinking but Im not sure. Mabe some clothes but I always get that for Chrirstmas. So I want a How to lork your Diary book I'm excited for Chrirstmas.

Imani Thomas

Dear Santa,
I am waiting to tell you wat i wot for crihtmas i wot LEGO but i no i havit been good I am so sree that my bruthr dot bler you but i lov you Santa.

Sincerely,
Anthony Dominguez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I really want hot wheels. I try my best to be on my best behavior. I really hope I get hot wheels. I also want a bike.

Sivcerely,
Leland Hinijos

Dear Santa
I have been god a littel this year I'd like a Nintendo switch and an art set. May I also have some juggling ball's please? I'll also want some games for the Nintendo please. I am 8 years old.

Secerely, Liam Hancock

Dear Santa,
I am so excited to tell you what I want for Christmas. Hi santa my name is Ellie i like to run and i've ben good this year and all i want is a barbie trailer and a gymnastics Barbie and a lol car.

Sincerely, Ellison McDonald

Dear Santa,
Hi i am Ysabella Woodruff i hep that i can get a telescope but i haveit not been that good i chie to be

Sincerely, Yosabella Woodruff

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Second Grade

ROJO

Dear Santa,
Are you ok. How are you?
Can I have a iPhone and Ever
after high dolls and I hope
Mrs. claus is ok and some
snow clothes for my dolls and
i love you santa and i love
Mrs. claus! how are your rain-
deer. I will leve some carrots
for them and I Will leve some
milk and cookies for you. PPS
have a merry christmas.
Love,
Ariadne Marie Aguilar

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa Claus! How
are you and Mrs. Claus do-
ing? Oh an can your reindeer
eat cookies? can you Please
give my dogs cookie and
Jack and my cats Cleo, Tig-
ger, Samy, and Apple treats
and toys in their stockings?
Can I have a Pru doll? Hot
coco and marshmallows and
candy cane spoons. Merry
Christmas P.S. carrots apples
or cookies? Ho! Ho! Ho!
Love,
Camila Contreras

Dear Santa,
Hi, I'm Sophia. I am 8
years old. Can I have an elf
on the shelf for the week?
Please I will take care of him
but my family won't believe
me. Can I have new clothes
and a toy banker? I want a
sleigh ride. I will leave cook-
ies for you and you should
eat the carrots I leave for
Reindeer. They're healthy.
Love,
Sophia DeLaO

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs.
Claus? May I please have an
electric car that works, has
Keys, and I can fit into it? Can
I have a mini iPhone 13 please
and a baby puppy? I hope you
have a wonderful Christmas.
I want my family to have a
wonderful Christmas and
matching pajams for my fam-
ily. I want a skateboard and
practice and slime and make
up and an iPad pro (the best
iPad) and clothes and socks
and an apple watch and big
scissors? Can I have a won-
derful Christmas and a sleep-
ing mask (green please) and I

will give you carrots for your
reindeer and cookies and milk.
Thank you!
Love,
Harper Downing

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus? Can I
please have a Death note and
a with controllers? I would
like a PSS, My hero ace demo
poster. Sponge bob clothes,
Christmas Pajamas, green
clothes, water bottle and a
green back pack, my hero
lunch box shoes and cozy
blankets for my Family, some
Blossom tree books, led lights,
my hero accedemia blanket,
iPhone 13. I hope you have an
amazing Christmas.
Love,
Liliana Flores

Dear Santa,
I hope Mrs. Claus if happy.
Can I please have some poke-
mon and a robotic dog with-
out the wire? I'll leave some
milk for you and carrots for
the reindeer. Dan you get my
sister a remote dinosaur?
Love,
Landon Galbreath

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Polar
express one hundred? I would
also like hundred tree and
trains. I would like some plas-
tic track. How many elvs do
you have? Is Mrs. Claus ok?
I will leave milk and cook-
ies for you and carrots for the
reindeer.
Love,
Jaxton Thomas Greene

Dear Santa,
How do you have rein-
deer? I want a metal detector
and five Nights of Freddy the
action figure and a medium
Lego Set. For my brother, a tv
box. My baby brother needs
a different JJ toy and my dog
needs a puppy and a reindeer
for my elf on the shelf. Thank
you very much!
Love,
Jackson Holt

Dear Santa,
Is Mrs. Claus ok? Are your
reindeer ok too? How do you
take the presents so fast? All
i want is a hover board and
music stuff. I also want po-

lice, fire fighter and EMS
equipment. I need a nerf gun,
bike, dog toys, dog treats,
i phone, my i pad fixed, a
whistle, referee pants (size
8) ref shirts, a walky talky,
and cooking stuff for BBQ
and chef supplies.
Love,
Mason Losoya

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa?
How is Mrs. Claus? How
many elves do you have? Can
I have Slime and an OMG
Doll? snickers is funny. Can
I have a girl elf on the shelf?
Also fuzzy socks and clothes.
Love,
Jordyn Nava

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa how is Mrs. Clau?
How are the elf let me guss
how many elf you have probly
574. I would like a pop it and
a simple dimple. May I have
an i pad, a hoodie, a lol Spriss
doll, new cloths, a omg doll,
and ranbottigh doll.
Love,
Victoria Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I think
my elf is watching me in my
sleep. His name is Richard. Can
I please have a Babe Yoda that
talks, mincraft Pokemon I will
leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Richard Mason Savery

Dear Santa,
Can I please hav ex Poke-
mom cards, blade blades and
a majickit? I nede clothes
and RC car. I will leve car-
rots for Rudolph and cookies
and milk.
Love,
Lucas Valenzuela

Dear Santa,
Santa Claus how are you?
how are Mrs. Claus and the
elves? I wish for a iPhone and
edible slime.
Love,
Dazia Villarreal

Dear Santa,
my name is grabriela. I
am 7 years old. I hope you
give my botrs what they
wat. I want iPhone 13 and
a lite car. and a polar ex-

press for my frand Jaxton.
and a elf.
Love,
Gabriela Witcher

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. Have I been
good all year? For Christmas
can I have a hoverboard and
can I have a Barbiei Dream
House? I Will leave cook-
ies and hot cocoa and I will
leave carrots for your rein-
deer. How is Mrs. Claus and
how are your elves? How is
rudolph? Merry Christmas
Mrs. claus and St. Nick!
Love,
Leddy Wood

MS. WISE

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How are
you doing at the North Pole.
This year I've tried to be
good. This year I would like
a puppy and for my dad new
tools. It was fun talking to you
have a safe trip. bye
Love,
Alyssa Adame

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa?
I hope the reindeer are doing
fine and ready fort Christ-
mas. Don't forget the elves.
Can they finish all the toys
in time for Christmas? Mrs.
Claus I hope you are fine
and ready for Christmas.
Dear Santa can I please have
a remote control car?
Love,
Aiperh Basibuyuk

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I
would like a bike and two
spiderman web shooters.
Also a optimus toy, a bum-
ble bee toy, and a smart tv.
I hope you have a safe
sleigh ride.
Love,
Even Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are the elves and Ru-
dolph? I would like a dogo
board and a remote control car.
I hope you are safe when you
come to the town.
Love,
Alden Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are your
elves ok? Can you bring me
and my mom, dad and broth-
er some stuff? maybe hover
shoes for me and a hover board
for my brother and a smart tv
for my mom and a iPhone 12
fort my dad. If you can do that
I will be so grateful!
Love,
Mark Hoffert

Dear Santa,
How are you doing how
are the elves? how is Rudolf?
I Would like pokemon cards
and sleeves. May I have a hov-
erboard too and a 3D printer. I
hope you have a good trip to
my house.
Love,
Kyler McComb

Dear Santa,
how are you doing? ive bee
good this year. I would like
a stuffed elf. Also a dminal
calinder. and a unicorn watch.
and also a drone. bye see you
at our secret santa.
Love,
Jessye Morrow

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for christ-
mas? I've been very good. my
mom would like red listick my
dad would like some Poke-
mon and jexs. I would like a
new hoverbord. my weiu red
dresses. I hope you are safe.
Love,
Jayne Pompa

Dear Santa,
how is rudolph and Mrs.
Claus? I have been doing
my best. I would like a hover
board, a 3D pen, and air pods.
My sister would like a doll.
Have a safe trip.
Love,
Aria Portillo

Dear Santa,
Santa how have you
been? How is Rudolph?
may I plese have hover
shoes and My brother want
clothes to please. I will
leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Caenon Ryan

Dear Santa,
How are your deer? I would
like 500 crybaby dolls. I want
a tiny black puppy. I want
you to have a great Christmas
handing out presents.
Love,
Nanalan Sazlov

Dear Santa,
how are the elves? I am do-
ing fine. I wish for a 3D pen
and a gymnastice mat. I hope
that you go home safe.
Love,
Adele Schniers

Dear Santa,
how are you? Is Mis. Claus
ok? May I ples have a I of the
big car and hover shoes. And
have a safe trip back.
Love,
Mariella Teague

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been
doing my best. may I have a
Soccer ball. may I have a PS5,
see you on christmas day.
Love,
Jace Wilcoxen

Dear Santa,
how are you today? May I
please have a Apple iPad and
some professional choise splint
boots leperd print for poneys.
My sister would like a black
hover bord light up and cow
hide professional choise splint
boots. My mom would love a
ninga food. I hope you have a
Merry christmas.
Love,
Sadie Wood

Dear Santa,
Hi how is the reindeers and
Mrs. Claus and you? Please
can I have bracelet maker and
probably squish Mallow? and
a Jeans for me Probably Art
stuff? and The a insane Proba-
bly and then my dad figry and
then my buds for TiToa braves
rodbodl oen mor for Tito a
braves basboll card and then
luis a figry and then a bosboll
card and then for ezra a bas-
boll card and then a dlicant. I
hope you have a safe trip.
Love,
Jordan Lujan

Third Grade

MRS. HENDRYX

Dear Santa,
How have the elves been
I would like a xbox for my
family. and for me can I have
a football, Hat, and Minecraf
and a monkey toy.
Sincerely,
Kaleb Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer
been? I have been nice
all year! For christmas, I
would like a vmax poke-
mon C2, and to make it to
4th grade and a left gun. For
mom I woud like a car. for
my grandpa I would like a
computer
Sincerely,
Jordan Felts

Dear Santa,
How have the reindeer
been? For Christmas I

would like a hover board,
nintendo, and a candy
dispenser. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Jackson Warren

Dear Santa,
How have the elves been.
I've been naughty all year.
For Christmas I would
Like Steph Curry Shoes,
Keyboard, mouse, headset,
Stranger things clothes, PC
Jacket and for my dad I
would like a Lamborghini.
Sincerely,
Dio Portillo

Dear Santa,
How has Mrs. Clous
been? I would like a tab-
let, computer, and candy. A
new hammer for dad. A new
brush for Carly. A dinosaur
for Everett. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Karma Boles

Dear Santa,
How have you been Santa?
I have been good all year. I
would like hand countrol car,
a Vmax for me and Jordan,
and \$1,000,000 thank you.
Merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Qualian Daniels

Dear Santa,
How have the elves and the
reindeer been? I have been
nice all year! For Christmas I
would like a Nerf gun, tama-
gochi and Hank the Cow dog.
For my family, I would like
for my dad a video gam, for
my mom some clothing for
my cat a cat tree. for my dog's
some toy's For my turtle a litte
house. it's okay if you cant get
every thing.
Sincerely,
Marissa Elmore

Dear Santa,
How have the reindeer

been? I have been nice all
year! I would like Pokeman
cards, dinosaur eggs, and the
car sensor. For my grandna
and grandpa I would like a car
of them. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Abigail Galindo

Dear Santa,
How has Mrs. Claus been?
I have Nice all year! For
Christmas I would like an
iPad Air, a Bean Bag, and an
iPhone 13 pro please.
Sincerely,
Nicole Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
How have you been Santa
Claus? I have been Nice all
year. For christmas I would
like a ball Python, gecko,
and a cage for each. For my
mom, I would like a Neck-
lace thank you.
Sincerely,
Phoenix Holloway

Dear Santa,
How haave the reindeer
been? I have been nice all
year! for christmas I would
like a Foot ball, a chain, and
a hot. thank you
Sincerely,
Marcus Jimenez

Dear Santa,
How have the Elves been?
I have been good all Year. For
Christmas I would like a slime
kit, a stuffed bear, and a good
Christmas for you. For my
family I want to have a good
time. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Aubree Holguin

Dear Santa,
How have the reindeer
been? I have been nice all year.
For Christmas, I would like a
real electric guitar, an iPhone
13 pro max and a telescope.
For my Family I would lik joy.
Sincerely,
Rynn Matthews

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I
have been nice all year! For
Christmas I would like posits,
skirts, and an iPad. For my
Family I would like pictures
of my drawings. thank you.
Sincerely,
Gabriela Mendoza

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I have
been nice all year. I would like
a shark, money, and a bendy
plush.
Sincerely,
Zaiden Perkins

Dear Santa,
How have the reindeer
been? I would like an iPhone
pro, a drone, and Pokemon
cards. For my Family a vac-
uum.
Sincerely,
Evan Solenz

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Third Grade

MRS. CANABA

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claws? I have been very good this year For Christmas I would like some books and can I get an iPad and a skate board? A new water bottle would be nice and can you get my friend Marisa a unicorn plushie? Can I also get a Jassic Park Dinosaur mask and can I get my kitty some toys and catnip please?
Love,
KKai Portillo

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniel I have been helpful all year How are Ms claws and your reindeer What I would like for christmas is a PSU for my brother and my dad merry christmas
Love,
Daniel Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
My name is Miranda. I have been a helpful girl this year. How are Ms. Claus and your reindeer? I wish you would send my elf. What I would like for Christmas is lots of mini brands foods series and toy series and a big simple dimple. Thank you! Merry Christmas!
Love,
Miranda Morales

Dear Santa,
My name is Amiyah. I have been a good girl this year. I really like your reindeer. I would like Oanies and mini brands and LOL. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Amiyah Luevano

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer? What I would like most is a telescope if that is possible. If not that is okay. The second thing I would like is a lego set. Love your redness!
Love,
Riley O'Shaughnessy

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. My name is Townes. I really like your reindeer. I want a dino toy and some Bakughn toys. I want Jurassic park monopoly and a baby yoda lego set. Merry Christmas. I hope you have a good christmas this year.
Love,
Townes Woodruff

Dear Santa,
My name is Dalton. I have been good this year. I rely like your famous reindeer, Rudolph. I would like a nintendo for Christmas Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Dalton Holden

Dear Santa,
My name is Luis How are yor reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I have been really good this year. I really like your sleigh. for Christmas I would like a nerf gun and a RC car 4x4 and foot ball helmet and a go cart. Thank you.
Love,
Luis Munoz

Dear Santa,
My name is Jace. I have been very good this year. I really like your elves. For Christmas I would like a ps5, xbox, A new Nintendo, An old Nintendo.
Love,
Jace Holguin

Dear Santa,
My name is Oren. how is mrs. claus? I love your sleigh so much! How is rudolph? How is blitzed. May I have a bb gun and a switch lite. One day can i go to the north pole with you. I have been very good. Merry Cristmas!
Love,
Oren Galindo

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How are your reindeer? are thy good or bad? What I would like is a new hover board seat please and a present for my mom and

dad. I am excited to see you. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brooke Gray

Dear Santa,
My name is Saint. I have been a helpful girl this year. I wish I had an elf. How is Mrs. claus and Rodolph? For christmas I would like mini brands, lol doll and clay beads. Merry Christmas
Love
Saina Bhakta

Dear Santa,
My name is Jasper Scrivener. I've been good this year. I'm really excited for this Christmas. How is Mrs. Clause doing? I hope shes okay. What i wish for Christmas is a board game and a ps5.
Love,
Jasper Scrivener

Dear Santa,
My name is Charlie and I'm pretty sure I have been really good this year! I really like all your reindeer. How is Rudolph is his nose still glowing? I think it is cool how your workshop is in-visible!!! For Christmas I really really really want a pet gecke and a cage and rocks and food. I don't care what type it is. I also want

some dog toys for Duke because he is not feeling so good and I also want everybody to have a Merry Christmas to!
Love,
Charlie Hicks

Dear Santa,
My name is Amyliana but my friends call me LuLu Christmas is my favorite holiday because I spend time with my family this Christmas I am going to see my uncle he is in the Air-Force I am going to see my aunt in colorado. I have bee a good girl. I want a snow-cone machine and a cotten candy machine.
Love,
Lulu Tercero

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been really good this year! For Christmas I would like books please and a new candle I also would like a few candy canes and a hair bow please. I also want a chew toy for my dog named Later he's been a good boy! I also would like a toy for my other dog name Molly she's been good to! Thank you so much! I hope you have an amazing year!
Love,
Ella Roach

Dear Santa,
My name is Milena. I have been very good this year. I really like your elves. They do funny stuff in the house. for Christmas I would like an ipad that's big for me and Dereck. I want it to be for the two of us. Also, can I have a whole posit collection please? thank you!
Love,
Milena Echevarria

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! Are you good my elf Posbow is good I am good too. How is Mrs Claus I like your hat It is cool rudolph is cool and so are your elves. I want the wrestler Adam cole toy and War Games toy I want a coo Wee random toy and I waht rtruth and big E toys. I want Kevin owens and a PS5 and Hulk Hogan and the Demon fihn Balor Wrestler.
Love,
Jeshua Iniguez

Dear Santa,
How have you been?lady glitter sparkles has been bad. She pooped on my counter. I have been nice to my mom and all I want for Christmas is playstation and kereoke machine and some airpods.
Your friend,
Aniah Parker

Fourth Grade

MS. BUSTAMANTE

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing good. My wish list for Christmas is a piano, a gaming setup, and a computer. The reason I deserve these things is because I am respectful in school, I do all my chores, and I get really good grades.
Sincerely,
Armando Adame

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rosey my elf doing? My wish list for Christmas is a dog, a piano, and a drum. I think I deserve this because I do my chores, and I do the dishes, I clean up my baby brothers stuff I read my baby brother stories. Ps tell Rosey I love her!
Sincerely,
Henleigh Anderson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? My wish list for Christmas this year is the new iPhone 13, toy sea animals, and some ocean books. I deserve these gifts because I was a good kid this year.
Sincerely,
Colin Bell

Dear Santa,
How are you? Thank you for everything you have given us. I wish for Pokemon cards, Lego's, and a

PS4. I want Pokemon cards because I love them. My mom has a PS4 and I would really love one. I have Lego's but everybody and I keep losing them.
Sincerely,
Kealan Carter

Dear Santa,
How are you? My wish list for Christmas this year is Led lights art kit, cute howies. The reason I think I deserve this is because I have been helping my mom and playing with my little sister and doing school first before I watch T.V. at home I'm also a good student.
Sincerely,
Olivia Esparza

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is money for my family to boost us up because my family is poor and we are barley paying our bills and give my sister a PS5 console because she doesn't have game and one of my dogs died, and we only have 4 dogs left. I want a dirtbike and some dogfood for my dogs.
Sincerely,
Frank Guillen

Dear Santa,
How are you and the family doing? My wish list fir Christmas this year is a happy family, a nail gel set, and a new friend. I

was good this year because I helped my mama clean rental houses.
Sincerely,
Kerstin Holden

Dear Santa,
How are you and the family doing? My wish list for Christmas this year is to spend time with my family, and I would like controllers for my Nintendo. I think I deserve these gifts because I have been good in school.
Sincerely,
Roman Holguin

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves doing? My wish list for Christmas this year is Air pods, shoes, and a jewelry box. And the reason I deserve this is because I keep my room clean I get good grades and I do the dishes.
Sincerely,
Stella Kinkade

Dear Santa,
Hello my Name is Rain I want for Christmas for 3ds and rainbow cathead poms and Wii Super Paper Mario Cart I was good
Your friend,
Rain

Dear Santa, How are you and the family doing? My wish list for Christmas this year is tablet with charger, Schleich Horse Club Car-

riage, and a Schleich Toy Horse Two Story House. I deserve it because I've been doing better with being responsible.
Sincerely,
Georgia Muratori

Dear Santa,
How are you and the family doing? I'm doing good. My Christmas list is an insta Pix

Camera, water proof camera, and vines for my room. This is why I deserve these gifts I want for Christmas. I been a good girl in school and I'm nice 100% of the time. I'm not mean and I really want this for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Gabiella Pearce
Alpine, TX

Dear Santa,
How are you and the family doing? I'm doing good. My Christmas list is an insta Pix



Merry Christmas!

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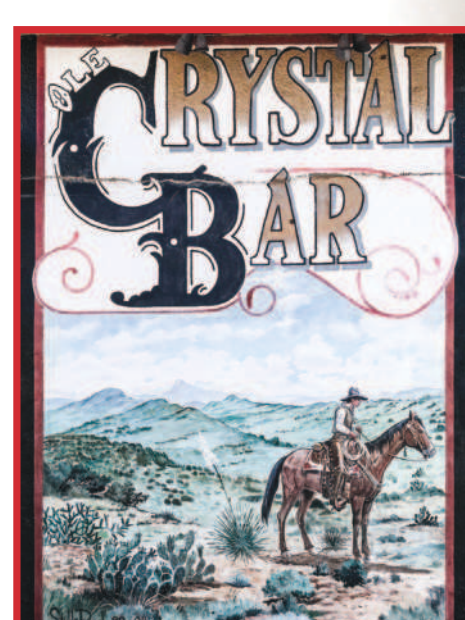
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ere's hoping your Christmas is trimmed with beauty, friendship, goodwill and all the joy this special season brings into bloom. Folks like you remind us how lucky we are to be a part of such a close-knit community. Your kindness and generosity are an inspiration to us, and we are truly grateful to have neighbors like you. Thank you for brightening our year with your visits; your support and trust in us mean a lot. Merry Christmas to you and yours. We wish you all the best, and we look forward to seeing you soon in the New Year!





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Alpine Elementary School

Fourth Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves doing? My wish list for this Christmas is a dirtbike, oxale vr pro, and cash. I think that I deserve all of this stuff because O have been good in school and got good grades.
Sincerely,
Jett Ryan

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves doing? My wish list for this Christmas is a dirtbike, oxale vr pro, and cash. I think that I deserve all of this stuff because O have been good in school and got good grades.
Sincerely,
Jett Ryan

MRS. LUJAN

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want one thousand Robuk and then two thousand Robuk to buy a snow Golem rideable on Adopt me. I also want a free time and a rideable Ghost dragon.
Your friend,
Brandon Shelton

Dear Santa,
Hi. I think I have been a naughty little girl, but I'm nice at school, but at home that's a little bit different. If your willing to give me a gift I would like a potato gun and a Nintendo switch light with a game to it.
Sincerely,
Olivia Warren

Dear Santa,
How are you and the family doing? How are the reindeers and Rudolf doing? My wish list for Christmas this year is a Nintendo, Airpods, a piano, and an Applewatch. I haven't talked back to my parents and been a good child this year. I have done my chores, I throw away the trash and I listen to my parents That's why I think I deserve it.
Sincerely,
Adrian Uranga

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is for my grandma and my grandpo to come back for one day to spend Christmas Eve with my family and hug them a lot and I'm thankful for a loving hugging family and a loving hugging family and a special bright life. Merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Eivary Mercado

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves? My wish list for Christmas is mini brands book, book, because I do what my mom says.
Sincerely,
Rhyder Vasquez

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? How are the elves and the workshop? For Christmas I would like a Clair's Gift Card and a Snow Cone Machine. In my opinion I have been good this year. Thank you for the present's that you get me each year! Merry Christmas!!
Sincerely,
Olivia Hicks

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves doing? Well im great. My wish list for this year is a go kart, big Lego sets, ocales quest 2P10. Why I should get all this glory, because I've been a good kid.
Sincerely
Cameron Weaver

Dear Santa,
I want a X-Box one console for Christmas. I want a PS4 for Christmas. I want a dirt bike, Nintendo.
Sincerely,
Silvano Witcher

Dear Santa,
How are you and the family doing? My wish list for Christmas this year is a bicycle, a computer, and Lego's. I deserve these gifts because I help my mom and do chores and my dad and brothers do work.
Sincerely,
Joshua Mata

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and Robox and another thing I want books. How are the elf's?
Sincerely,
Brody Green

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you two are ok. How are the reindeer? I hope they are ok too. I guess I should tell you what I want for Christmas right? Well, I would like some new winter clothes, also some boots would be nice too. For the last thing I would like is a football, that's all for now. Bye.
Sincerely,
Ricardo Olivas

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for the happy naper but it does not fit me. I was wandering if I can have a VR set I'm sorry for asking for so much I would biy it my self but I don not hacc enuf mony and I will leave cookies and carrots and milk out. XoXo
Sincerely,
Daniella Navarrette

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice. What I want is a stuffed animal a blue one I do not mind wich one. Why? Is because my dog tor my favorite one yesterday.
Sincerely,
Ty Ritchie

Dear Santa,
I want three things for Christmas, number one I really want a drone, number 2 I want a phone with internet. Last but not least number 3 a xbox.
Sincerely,
Cesar Pompa

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a slime kit and I want my family to come to my house we will all selebrate Christmas.
Sincerely,
Paola Ria Gonzales

Dear Santa,
it's almost Christmas time so here is my christmas list. Michael vick autographed jersey, Travis scott houston jersey, Travis Scott Taranb. I really want all the stuff so I hope i get them soon.
Sincerely,
Christopher Cordova

MS. PRIETO

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are you ok? Is Mrs. Clause ok? A Disney Prinsess Book set , ariel, belle elsa, a new kitten (mom is going to say NO) A new cat caller for KIT yes I got to keep KIT and Robux and a box of lps cants and kitten's cand exseres.
Sincerely,
Sayuri

Dear Santa,
I loved this tablet it's a Samsung tablet and a phone a android. I will give you some cookies and milk and carrots for your raindears I hope your raindears are doing good and you Santa. Dear Santa.
Sincerely,
Jett Cartwright

Dear Santa,
I wish for A rodot, stuff, coloeer pens. I don't won't all of thing form you. all I won't is family.
Sincerely,
Victoria Mucharraz

Dear Santa,
I want film because I have a camra that has no film. I want a new popito. Cause I only have 2. I want barbies. Case i only have 3.
Sincerely,
Zoe Navarrette

Dear Santa,
This year I would like an OLED Nintendo Switch model. I would also like some V-Bucks and whatever else you can put in your bag. Thank you for everything you have done for me and Merry Christmas!!
Sincerely,
Adryan Chavez

Dear Santa,
I want a skate board and vurchule reality ive been a Good boy I love my mom and my teachers there are Good and nice. I like math and reading and science im Gonna Give you cookes and carrots for your deer.
Sincerely,
William Mcquitty

Dear Santa,
I really want Vans for Cris-tmas. And i realy need new shoes and i like them and Cris-tmas is my favrit season so i realy hope you come to my hous this year.
Sincerely,
Taylor R.

Dear Santa,
What I wane for Christmas is a hoverbord with LED lights on the bottom Also I wan't a big drone with mo controller coneted to my Phone. And a ps5. The reson I wan't all this stuf Is I've wanted a hoverdord for years, droes are cool and evereone likes ps5's. P.S. I'll turn of the fire.
Sincerely,
Reuben Prieto

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I want a Wings of Fire: The Brightest Night Graphic Novel Book. I also want a new football to play with my friends. Then, I want a toy for my little brother, Dio.
Thank You!!!
Edision Wu

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice this year. I have been wanting super cool things. Thees are the things I want Robux, dinosour things, and a X box. Thank you and Marry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Fiona Galbreath

Dear Santa,
Hi how are you and Mrs. Claus and all your elf's and riendeer. Just to let you know i've been pretty good. And what I want for Christmas mostly is not a lot I want is a clay bead kit. mini brands and whatever you can get me I will be so so so grateful for anything you can get me and I gave most of everything I want to mom and dad. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Maxine Pitts

Dear Santa,
I want a hoverbord because I can throw the teash easier and faster and i want a paint set so i can be a artist and ladst thing. It's a rian-bow high doll house so i can play with my lil sis.
Sincerely,
Rayah Ramos

Dear Santa,
I loved the skate board you gave me, but it is beaten up, so I would like a Tony Hawk skate board shark. It is a cruiser, mine craft coins and a drone.
Sincerely,
Isaac Wonsowski

Dear Santa,
How are the elves and the reindeer? This year I would like a cotton candy machine and a Hover board. Thank you for all that you do. I think I have been good this year. Merry Christmas Santa. Have a good year.
Sincerely,
Zoe D. Munoz

*With Our Thanks,
Happy Holidays!*

The greatest gifts are the people who bring warmth to our hearts and smiles to our faces. Thank you for brightening our days with your visits. We hope the holiday season and the coming year deliver all of the wonderful things you deserve and more. Best wishes from our home to yours!

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Dear Santa,
I want a PS5 so me and my brother can play. I also a iPhone 13 for dad. I also want new shoes for my mom. I hope you are ok.
Sincerely,
Peggy Vaga

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a stuffed animal Because I need more.
Sincerely,
Aubrie Tamale

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a PS5, iPhone 13, Jordon's, Drone, Money, White champion sweat pants, White champion Shirts, White champion Jacket, cowboys helmet from NFL plz and plz give my mom and dad new shoe's.
Sincerely,
Christopher Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Claws have had a vary good year. How about I tell you some things I would like for Christmas. I would like a puppy beause my dog died and I would to have iPhone x pro pls!
Sincerely,
Eddie DuBois

Dear Santa,
I want a chibititan pieck fingertip and a 100 shop spoads and a real chitin leviathan and a chibititon even toy.
Sincerely,
Dereck

Dear Santa,
How are you and everybody else at the North Pole? What I want for Christmas is Jordan I university blue's, I also want a real sized NFL football and I need a dog toy for Astro my dog because he

is strong he breaks every dog toy!!! Thank you have a great Christmas!!
Sincerely,
Jeffrey Castillo

Dear Santa,
all I want for christmas is a microfion and a speaker also a camra all Iv ever wanted to be is a dancer and singer anyway thank you for all the stuff meery christmas.
Sincerely,
Areyiah Molinar

Dear Santa,
How are your elf? Can I have a sewing kit. so I can fix up some old clothes and donate them And maybe a portable cd player. so I can lisen to music while I run. And maybe a squeaky bon. for my dogs to play with.
Sincerely,
Ella Boyd

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. i would really like this year i want a type writer and a calligraphy and i told you the rest and you are the most nice person i now.
Sincerely,
Quinn Jones

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are having a amazing time in the north pole every year and I had to tell you Since you are Santa and can I please have a couple of stuffed animal's please I Love them and can I please have a puppy because nin died so yeah and can I pleas hav the best day ever?
Sincerely,
Zakirra Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I always wanted a xbox and I never had one my sister does but not me so please and may I have a xbox and maybe a football because I play football at school and I kind of want to be in NFL and that all I always wanted and thank you.
Sincerely,
Yahira Lara

Dear Santa,
I love you a lot. You are kind and you care about us. you bring joy to the world. I love how you do give joy to the world. thank you.
Sincerely,
Jayceline Vargas

Dear Santa,
I want a T-rex and a snow dragon and a feathered T-rex and eren as a titan.
Sincerely,
Dereck

Dear Santa,
For Chrismas I want warm up's well lot's, tight's, a bike, art supplies, school supplies. Also shoes and lot's of toy's please. I want Mini brands, a polaroid camera, clay bead kit. How is Mrs. Claus and you?
Sincerely,
Mari Cruz Espinosa

Happy Holidays

As we celebrate this special season, we feel blessed to find ourselves surrounded by the gifts of friendship and goodwill from so many kind customers and neighbors here. Thank you for your trust and generous support.

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Alpine Montessori School

Primary Class

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? How are you? Can I have a swimming pool? I think that is what I want. A pot of flowers and I want a slide of my own, one for Odessa, one for Alpine, and one for El Paso. I want a swing of my own, too. That's a good idea because I could have more fun. A painting of a Christmas tree and a painting of Santa Claus, that is what I also want. Some red Sul Ross shoes for my mommy.
Love,
Assatah

Dear Santa,
I wish you have a great merry Christmas. I wish for a penguin and math.
Love,
Victoria

Dear Santa,
I love you. Can I please have a doll set? Thank you. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love,
Rosemary

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa, and I wish you a merry Christmas. I want for Christmas a jack-in-the-box and a bouncer that you can bouncer. I want a new fire-truck and bouncer for Alfonso. Thank you.
Love,
Isabella

Dear Santa,
I want to get my own little house with some of my own little toys and a pick-up and a trailer and my own school. Merry Christmas and thank you.
Love, Raelyn

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! For Christmas I would like a big dog. Merry Christmas!
Love, Madi

Dear Santa,
I love you and I wanted to say if you forgot that I wanted a carve kit, this is to remind you. I also want a gingerbread house that I can make. Please could I have 17 presents? Thank you!
Love, Paul

Dear Santa,
I want a bouncy ball please, and a trampoline. There's one more thing, a big tower. I will give you a pink car. Thank you! Oh, I need something else, my papa doesn't have a real toaster.
Love, Twyla

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa! I would like a Woody and Buzz Lightyear and guns. Thank you!
Love, Abel

Dear Santa,
Thank you, Santa, I want a toy or a hula hoop. I need a new robot, a Gundam Wing Jaeger. Good bye!
Love, Fionn

Dear Santa,
Santa, I saw you before! I think I want another paw patrol water pump and a spinosaur. Bye-bye!
Love, Miles

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a merry Christmas, too. Please bring me Christmas earrings, changing-color eye shadow, an ornament of Galveston for my for my mom and dad, and a toy cute kitty and a Barbie dream house and a toy beautiful scarlet macaw and a dress and high heels because I grew out of them. Say hello to your reindeer for me.
Love, Etta

Dear Santa,
I like you, Santa! I want a diamond for Christmas. And I want a stretchy Hulk. Make sure your deers are not sick.
Love, Bear

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. I would like a car, 3 inches, with a lightning bolt on the side, and red. And a Darth Vader costume please. I love you Santa.
Your friend,
Louie

Dear Santa,
Can you give me for Christmas a floaty alligator? Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Forest

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Dear Santa,
I'm happy that you are coming. I hope you have a good Christmas. I am not going to wish for anything, because Christmas is not about gifts.

Thanks,
Jordan Weber

Santa,
Bring one teddy bear for Twyla and that's it. Please bring me a new race track, and nerfy gun, a Nerf shield, and that's probably it.

From Levi Siegal-Gardner

Dear Santa,
I hope the reindeer are well. I hope that you can make it around the world in one night. That's it. I hope that you are well. I hope we raise enough money for the Family Crisis Center. I hope I finish enough work before the school ends. I hope you get lots of food for the reindeer and you for the whole year. I want my own puppy

for Christmas, and I want a kitten that does not bite and scratch so much, and I want a new horse that doesn't get spooked a lot. I also want a bird for Christmas. I want a lot more Wings of Fire books, and I like horses so I would like to have more horse stuff. I really want a sister, or a brother. I would like to have some American Girl food. I would like to have more horse books.

Love,
Alex Williams

Dear Santa,
I hope you're taking care of the reindeer. I hope you come to Marfa, Texas this year. I can't wait that Jolly came. I hope you have a great time.

Love,
Edie Melgaard

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a great day. I hope you bring a bunch of presents to people.

Love,
Elliott Thompson

Dear Santa,
I would like a packet of nerfs for my nerf gun at my home. And that's it.

Thank you,
Hayden Larson

Hi Santa,
How are you doing this year? I wish I could have the Barbie Airplane and I hope you have a merry, jolly Christmas delivering all those toys to those nice children. And I hope I get to see you this year.

Love,
Jane Scott

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas too. I can't wait to see the presents, and I hope you're real.

Merry Christmas,
Lucy Escuder

Merry Christmas Santa,
I wish you a happy New Year. Be well.

Otis Maxwell

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is two horses and some tack. And stuffed animals that look just like them. And that's it.

Thanks,
Adelaide Bane

Dear Santa,
All is well at the North Pole, I assume? How's the missus? Has Buddy visited recently? How are the reindeer? Hope I'm on the nice list! I honestly don't care what you get me because it always ends up being good. Is the sleigh in good condition? I hope you have a good time delivering presents this year.

Cordially yours,
Davis

Dear Santa,
I think I've been good this year. I want two things, well, three: I would like to get this very realistic train set; my second is the year 2022 I would like to take a trip on a train somewhere; and then my third is maybe get a dog.

P.S. I moved.
Signed,
Eli

Dear Santa,
I really want a gaming laptop for Christmas. I also would like an Xbox Gold Pass. I also kind of want a remote controlled plane and some drawing supplies. I want a Jupiter nerf gun and a Omni disc. I want a blank book for writing and drawing. I know

there is something else but I just can't think of it right now. Thank you!

From,
Ethan

Dear Santa,
I really only have one thing to say. I would not like to get as many books as I got on my birthday. I'm drowning in books. Please spare.

Eva Mae

Dear Santa,
For this Christmas I would like drawing stuff such as colored pencils, pencils, markers, and stuff like that, The Wings of Fire The Dangerous Gift book, and that's really it.

From,
Mateo



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