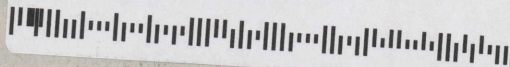


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Dear Santa,

I would like a nail kit and skates and an animal purse and if I can't get it, I would like some kindness.

Jenaleigh, 2nd Grade

# Letters to Santa Christmas 2021

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Dear Santa,

All I'm asking for Christmas is a necklace or a baseball game. Jesus's birthday is the best part of the year.

Braxton, 4th Grade

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## Meet Dustin Burrows

Burrows' HD83 to include Floyd County beginning Jan. 1, 2023; town halls under way in district's new counties

BARBARA BRANNON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

If all goes as anticipated in next November's state representative elections—and in conservative West Texas, there's not much reason to think it won't—residents of Floyd County will be among those getting to know a new legislator who's already served the Lubbock area for four terms.

One outcome of 2022's legislative redistricting was to expand House District 83 to embrace several rural counties west and south of Lubbock. Attorney Dustin Burrows, who was first elected to HD83 in 2014 when Charles Perry ran successfully for state Senate.

Burrows, who has hewed closely to Perry's positions on many issues, launched a series of Town Hall meetings in the district's new communities to introduce himself and get "an idea of what these counties need, what are their core competencies, and how to help."

Over the past couple of weeks Burrows has visited Jayton, Spur, Post, Crosbyton, and Floydada, and also sat down with The Texas Spur for an interview in his Lubbock law office Dec 6.



REP. DUSTIN BURROWS, HD83

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invites you to our annual Christmas Open House

Friday, December 17  
9 am–3 pm  
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## Floyd teen tapped for

BARBARA BRANNON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Colton Moses of Lockney is just fifteen—but he's already shown off his personality in one of Texas's top talent showcases this year. And according to proud mother Holly, he's had four callbacks, in New York and California.

The ninth grader, who transferred to Floydada Collegiate High School this year for greater opportunities in the performing arts, was recommended by his talent agent, Sheryl Anderson of Amarillo, to take part in Mike Beaty's Model and Talent Expo in Irving in late November.

Moses, who has also been attending acting classes in Lubbock through Anderson's agency, was excited to participate in a two-part acting scene and other activities at the Expo.

The Expo was founded in 1992 by Mike Beaty, whose mission was to create an opportunity where aspiring models and talent could learn about the industry and make connections with top industry professionals in the modeling and entertainment worlds. Over the years, according to the event's website, the Expo has grown to effect the lives of thousands of young people. Numerous success stories got their start at the Expo and can be seen in many major TV shows, fashion ad campaigns and magazine and televi-



FLOYD COUNTY'S GOT TALENT in the form of 15-year-old Colton Moses (fifth from left), who was invited to the prestigious Mike Beaty Model and Talent Expo in Irving last month and has snagged several callbacks from the event. | COURTESY PHOTO

sion commercials.

Colton Moses, returning from the event, said that "one-on-one was the most exciting part." Most interesting to him, however, was how many people come from many different states in the U.S. (primarily Florida, California, and New York) and all around the world. "It was kind of fun to get to see how many people are excited for it," Moses said.

As for Lockney, Texas? "They didn't know anything about Lockney, that it even existed," said Moses.

Moses took part in modeling and talent events, including a cold read, a two-person scene and a monologue about being late. His acting teacher

SEE TALENT, PAGE 5

## All invited to celebrate Christmas Eve at historic Carr's



STAFF REPORTS | HESPERIAN-BEACON

The historic Carr's Chapel, located in the southwest corner of Floyd County on FM 378, will celebrate its 117th Christmas Eve service Friday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. The church community invites


all to join in its Christmas Eve service.

The service has been a tradition at Carr's Chapel since the church was founded by William Hardy Carr in 1904.

The actual building was built in 1914. The church is also recognized as a Texas Historical site.

With congregational singing of Christmas hymns, children's performances, Christmas readings, Santa Claus and other highlights, the country church walls flourish each December 24 with excitement and the Christmas spirit.

The church will be decorated with a new Christmas theme. There will be refreshments to be enjoyed by all and goodie bags from Santa Claus—after which, members have reminded the newspaper, Santa will leave to go on his traditional Christmas Eve rounds around the world.

  
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### UPCOMING

**LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY** is holding signups for Christmas baskets til Wednesday, Dec. 15. Signups are at 108 N. Main in Lockney.

**FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** invites everyone to join them on Thursday, December 16 at Nutthouse Designs as they welcome Santa to The Square in Floydada. Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. to start welcoming children and will stay until 7. There will also be a pulled pork sandwich meal benefiting the Floydada Animal Shelter. There will be a hot chocolate bar, crafts for the kids, shopping and a beautiful Christmas card picture worthy backdrop. The Chamber is also accepting vendors to set up down California Street. Vendor spaces are FREE. Santa will then join the Lighted Christmas Parade hosted by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

**THE 1ST ANNUAL LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE**, hosted by The Floyd County Sheriff's Office, is being held

on Thursday, Dec. 16 starting at 6:30 p.m. on the Courthouse Square in downtown Floydada. Entry fee is \$5. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated float. There will be food and so much more! Come and join in on the fun! Be sure to turn in your parade forms to the Sheriff's office. Prizes for the best decorated float. There will be food and so much more! Come and join in on the fun!

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FLOYDADA** invites all to their annual Christmas Open House on Friday, Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the bank's Community Room.

**THE LOCKNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** is now taking nominations for both Citizen and Business of the Year for 2021 through December 31. Nominations must be made through **MORE UPCOMING • PAGE 2**



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Spur of the moment

KAY ELLINGTON

It takes a village

In our little newspaper office on Burlington Avenue in downtown Spur, it takes a village to publish three weekly newspapers serving eight counties and ten school systems.

The three newspapers we publish, out of a ninety-year-old building that originally housed The Texas Spur and its former printing plant, now also include The Caprock Courier and the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon. These three weeklies serve Dickens, Kent, Cottle, King, Motley, Briscoe, Hall and Floyd counties.

We'd like to thank the people who week in, week out provide their talent, labors and judgment in helping to produce the miracle you hold in your hands.

In our home office in Spur, Michelle Bilbrey has headed up our circulation operations for three years, and week in, week out, facilitates the expertise to make sure that newspapers are efficiently delivered to eleven regional post offices and thousands of subscribers outside our counties as well, using sophisticated software to accommodate U.S. postal regulations.

Also in our home office in Spur, Briana Sturgis has been with us a couple of years and, in addition to collaborating with Michelle on circulation initiatives, works with us on business-side operations such as bookkeeping and administrative tasks, and also serves as a freelance writer, covering meetings from time

to time and writing columns on topics such as cryptocurrency and the tiny house movement.

John Brewer, who's been with us for about 18 months and handles the majority of the deliveries of all three newspapers in seven of our eight counties. He works with post offices, retailers and our printer in Shamrock, Texas, to make sure that every week everything arrives on time, 52 weeks a year.

Pam Brewer assists Michelle and Briana in circulation operations and assists the editor with other content tasks.

In Floyd County, Barbara Anderson has been a part of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon for more than 25 years—one-fifth of the newspaper's 125-year history—and she is our community liaison in that county. From determining which stories should run in the paper each week, to selling advertising in special sections, to troubleshooting circulation and operations issues, Anderson has been invaluable in this transitional year for the new owners of the Hesperian-Beacon, and we would like to publicly thank her.

These five folks (along with other contributors we'll recognize next week) have been life-savers in their support of your newspaper and its operations, and in these season of giving, we'd like to recognize what they have given us—and their communities—without fail, throughout the year.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Drier, warmer weather in November

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Blame it on La Niña.

By the end of November, nearly half the state was experiencing drought conditions, up 25 percentage points from the end of October, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. La Niña conditions are "defined as below-average sea surface temperatures in the eastern equatorial Pacific," Wentzel wrote. This results are warmer and drier weather than normal for much of Texas.

In the next few months, drought conditions are expected to both expand and intensify throughout the state.

VACCINE MAN-

DATE BATTLE CON-

TINUES IN TEXAS.

Following the Biden administration's Covid-19 vaccine mandates for companies with more than 100 employees, the Texas Workforce Commission has issued a reminder to employers that Abbott has banned such mandates.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals last month temporarily blocked the national vaccine mandate. The mandate would apply to about 84 million workers nationwide and was to go into effect Jan. 4. The case is expected to end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

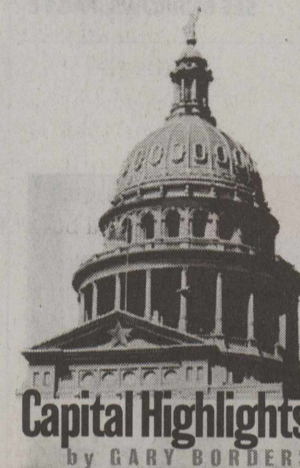
"Since day one, the state of Texas has taken a stand against the federal government's unconstitutional Covid-19 vaccine mandates in the workplace, three of which have since been deemed illegal by federal courts," Abbott said. He added that he encourages Texans to get the Covid-19 vaccine.

TEXAS ABORTION BAN IN PLACE WHILE LAWSUITS

CONTINUE. The U.S. Supreme Court decided last week to leave the state's new abortion ban in place but will allow legal challenges to the law to continue. The ban was passed during the last legislative session and prohibits abortions once cardiac activity can be detected by ultrasound, generally about six weeks into a pregnancy.

The ban relies on citizens to file lawsuits against doctors and clinics suspected of performing abortions on women who are more than six weeks pregnant. As a result, most of the remaining abortion clinics in the state are not performing the procedure until the legal battle is resolved.

"While the Court did not put a complete end to our legal challenge, its failure to stop Texas's deliberate nullification of the constitutional right to abortion within its borders makes the court complicit in widespread chaos and harm to Texans," Alexis McGill Johnson, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, told the Texas Tribune.



2021 Community Calendar

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOOD BANKS—FLOYDADA—Spirit of Sharing (SOS), 925 Crockett St., Floydada, Mon. and Thurs. 2–4:30 p.m. (806) 983-5874.  
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FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 105 E. Missouri St., Floydada, is open weekday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment. (806) 983-2415.

FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, 105 S. 5th St., Floydada, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (806) 983-3434.

COMMUNITY CHANGES AND CLOSURES City of Floydada office is drive-up only due to Covid-19.

PUBLIC AND CIVIC MEETINGS COMING UP

LOCKNEY CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7 a.m., City Hall, 218 E. Locust St., Lockney.

FLOYDADA CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada.

WJ MANGOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (LOCKNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT) Wednesday, Dec. 29, 12 noon., Hospital Annex, 320 N. Main, Lockney.

FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT Monday, Jan. 11, 8 a.m., County Courthouse, 100 Main St., Floydada.

FLOYDADA LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS are currently meeting together Tuesdays, 12 noon, First United Methodist Church, Floydada.

LOCKNEY ROTARY CLUB meets Fridays, 12 noon, Lockney Senior Citizens Center.

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COVID-19 CASES ON RISE IN STATE. Though patients infected with the omicron variant of Covid-19 are popping up across the state, the delta variant is still the driving-factor behind the increase in new cases in the past week, with a total of 37,558 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, along with 409 deaths. That is an increase of more than 50% in new cases in Texas in the past month, although the number of deaths dropped considerably in the same time period.

Lab-confirmed hospitalizations as of Sunday stood at 3,155, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That's up 9% from the previous week.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated stood at 16.25 million as of Sunday, according to DSHS. That is 55.7% of the state's total population and 70% of all Texans who are eligible for vaccines. Children under the age of 5 are not eligible.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

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a letter and mailed to P. O. Box 477, Lockney, TX 79241 or given to a Chamber member. The winners will be announced and honored at the banquet on January 15, 2022. Please help us honor some deserving community members!

THE LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY is in need of winter coats and non-perishable food. Their new store hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 4 pm. Sign up for Christmas baskets is also available. The distribution of Christmas baskets for seniors will be on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Family baskets will be distributed on Dec. 18 between 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

FLOYD COUNTY 4-H is holding a blanket drive as a community service project. The project is boys vs girls. If the boys collect more blankets, then Tyann Phillips will get a pie in the face. If the girls win, then Mark Carroll will get the pie in his face. Blankets can be given to any 4-H member or taken to the Floyd County AgriLife Extension Office at 122 E. California. The club will determine the winner at their Dec. 14 meeting.

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Final filings flow in for Floyd Co. for primary

KAY ELLINGTON | HESPERIAN-BEACON

Final candidate filings for the March primary were made by Monday, Dec. 13, the deadline, in Floyd County.

In this area, seats that are up for election are county clerk, district clerk, county judge, county treasurer, Precinct 2 commissioner, Precinct 4 commissioner and justices of the peace.

The Hesperian-Beacon talked with Kerry Pratt, chair of the Floyd County Republican party, to get this week's primary filings for the Floyd GOP primary.

Filing in the past week were:

Elva Martinez, candidate for county treasurer, Mary Jane Cisneros, candidate for district clerk, Kerry Pratt, GOP county chair and incumbent; Tali Jackson, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1 and 4 and incumbent and Jonathon Sustaita, candidate for Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 and 3 (Lockney) and Darrel Rascoe, candidate for Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 and 3 (Lockney).

They join the candidates previously filing—all incumbents: Marty Lucke, county judge; Clint Bigham, commissioner precinct 2; David Martinez, commissioner precinct 4; Lori Morales, county treasurer and Ginger Morgan, county clerk.

The newspaper reached out to the Democratic party to identify a party chair for Floyd County, but had no response.

The last day to register to vote for the March 1 primaries is Jan. 31, 2022. Early voting will run Feb. 14-25, 2022 and the last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Feb. 18, 2022.





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Food bytes

ANGELINA LARUE

# Gingerbread houses, traditional and new

I love a traditional gingerbread house, but Nordicware's gingerbread Bundt pan is so cute, I just had to try it.

I purchased mine last year at Whisk'd in Lubbock. It came with a recipe on the packaging. The cake was tasty, but I longed for a deeper, richer gingerbread flavor. So, this year I went with a traditional version.

I like to keep the gingerbread house out on display; however, it does tend to dry out the cake. But the design is so adorable I can't resist leaving it out as a centerpiece. You may find that a tall, glass cake plate dome placed over it will help reserve the freshness. And what a beautiful presentation that would be.

After baking the gingerbread house, it can simply be dusted with powdered sugar for a snowy affect, or all decked out, similar to classic gingerbread decorating. Candy-cane fence posts, or green gumdrop hedges are just a couple of options. And of course, fluffy snowbanks made of buttercream frosting sure can't hurt.

Decorating it with fresh ingredients is a gorgeous option, as well. To make sugared "pine" trees, simply brush sprigs of rosemary with light corn syrup, then sprinkle with granulated sugar, and place around the house. The same can be done to create "sugar plums" from fresh cranberries.

This batter is dense and thick. It doesn't completely fill the gingerbread Bundt pan but is magically "rises" to the occasion. I just make sure a bit of the batter touches all the nooks and crannies. And the cool thing is, you can certainly use the batter in a regular-style Bundt pan! Decorating it can be just as festive.

Here's hoping your holiday season is shaping up to be everything you want it to be. Enjoy food made fresh!

**Gingerbread**

- 1 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup milk
- Cooking spray, or more butter to grease Bundt pan



**GINGERBREAD HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS** A tall, glass cake plate dome placed over a gingerbread house will help reserve its freshness for the season. | ANGELINA LARUE PHOTO

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Thoroughly grease all nooks and crannies of the Bundt pan.

Stir together molasses and boiling water in a small bowl and set aside.

With and electric mixer on medium speed, cream butter and brown sugar until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time and continue mixing on medium speed until fully incorporated.

In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, and salt.

Add a third of the flour mixture to the butter mixture with mixer on low. Alternate adding the molasses and flour mixtures, ending with flour. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and mix to combine.

Spoon the batter into the pan, smoothing with a spoon to make sure all surfaces are filled with some of the batter. The "rise" will finish off filling the design of the pan.

Tap the pan on the counter to reduce bubbles. Place the Bundt pan on a baking sheet and onto the center rack of the preheated oven. Bake for approximately 50 minutes, checking for doneness at 45 minutes. A skewer or toothpick should come out clean when inserted.

Let cool for 20 minutes. Loosen the edges of the cake from the sides of the pan with a butter knife. Invert pan and tap to remove the cake. Decorate as desired.

Angelina LaRue, author of "The Whole Enchilada: Fresh and Nutritious Southwestern Cuisine," grew up at White River Lake, lives in Idalou and writes a weekly food column for local newspapers.



COMMENTARY

The 501

HANABA MUNN WELCH

# Is that your jersey?

Professional-looking jerseys emblazoned with the names of star ballplayers are everywhere. Even the players wear them. More often you'll see them on regular people.

Sometimes the jersey-wearer actually looks like a real athlete—just not most of the time. The extreme mismatches amuse me.

I want one that says MAHOMES.

He's my new favorite quarterback. Pre-Mahomes I didn't even have a favorite.

I like his nonchalance. He calms my nerves.

Patrick Mahomes belongs to a tradition. Athletes and their names have long been used to sell stuff.

When I was a kid, we played softball at recess. My parents bought me a Lou Boudreau glove. I knew how to pronounce his name because we belonged to Farm Bureau. Pressed into the palm was a line drawing of Boudreau. He was swinging a bat. Who was he anyway?

A few years ago I Googled Boudreau. He was a shortstop! Wish I'd known that. I always thought of myself as a shortstop, not that we girls ever got to play short unless we were playing scrub. If you don't know about scrub, look it up. I did myself just to be sure I had the right term.

Mrs. Jantzen pitched. We kids rotated. Some of the gloves rotated too. Not everybody had one.

Back in those pre-China days, stuff cost a lot. If I hadn't been an only child I might not have ended up with my own glove. My parents shelled out \$4.95 for it at a local hardware store. That's about \$50 in today's money. (Ebay's selling one like mine for \$119.) Boudreau must have gotten part of that \$4.95.

Endorsements from athletes go way back in baseball. In 1874, a Red Stocking Cigars poster featured a picture of stellar slugger George Wright, bat in hand, dressed in his Boston Red Stockings uniform. Wright played for the Cincinnati Red Stockings too and other teams. He sold himself yearly to the highest bidder.

Although money and sports have long been hand in glove, only recently have college players been allowed to endorse products to earn some spending money. Good for them. Is high school next?

Meanwhile, consider all the workhorse football players, like those overweight guys who block for the flashy quarterbacks. Do they ever get to endorse anything? Nope. Not when they're in college and not even when they make it to the NFL. I could be wrong.

Here's what I know for sure: If you're a famous enough quarterback you can keep on endorsing stuff even after your career is over and your blockers are nowhere around.

Have you seen Joe Namath on television enthusiastically hawking various supplemental benefits that go with Medicare coverage? Everybody on Medicare remembers Broadway Joe. Now he's Carnival Midway Joe.

Hawking benefits? Doesn't make sense, does it? But Joe pulls it off with quarterback aplomb.

Listen up Mahomes. Keep playing and polishing your persona. If you someday sink to Namath's level, you too will be able to smile all the way to the bank.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a veteran correspondent and columnist who unfailingly sums up her weekly thoughts in 501 words and dashes. Farm life often inspires her writing. Hanaba@copper.net

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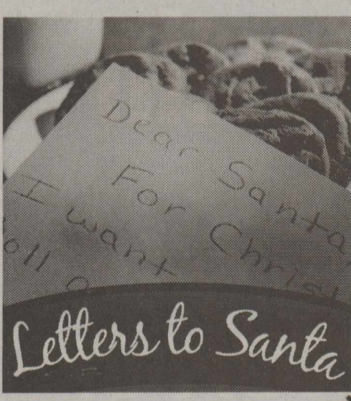
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# SANTA LETTERS in this week's Hesperian-Beacon!

**Floydada Senior Citizens News**

LU ANN COLLINS | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Center is now open three days a week. We are serving lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We offer dine-in, carry-out or delivery. On Wednesdays we will be selling meals to go for \$5. Meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays are \$7.

Please call (806) 983-2032 if you need to order meals for delivery or carryout. For delivery, please call before 10:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. through 1 p.m. There is no added fee for delivery.

Membership fee is \$25 per year per person. The Center's mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235 and the phone number is (806) 983-2032.

Thank you for remembering the Center with donations or memorials. Every donation or memorial is greatly appreciated and helps the Center stay open.

**MENU**

**Wednesday, Dec. 15** – Chili & cornbread  
**Thursday, Dec 16** – Ham or beef tips w/ gravy  
(Menu subject to change without notice)

**Lockney Senior Center News**

DONNA WEBB/ AIMEE JACKSON | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Center will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 22 through Monday, Jan. 3 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

We will NOT be serving breakfast til further notice.

The Center is available for rentals for your dances, reunions, baby showers. Day rentals are \$75 and day/evening (night parties) are \$125. Please keep us in mind. Call the Center to reserve.

The Center is now accepting credit and debit cards. The Center will be operating and serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday thru Friday, by dine-in, pickup, or delivery in Lockney only. Meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members.

Membership is \$30 annually. You have the opportunity to join now for \$15. Renewal will be in January 2022. Membership fees go directly into our building and maintenance fund and are essential for continuing operations.

The Center would like to invite game players to come join us every Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. You can join in on dominoes (all kinds are played) or a variety of card games, or even work on a puzzle and enjoy conversations and companionship! Drinks are provided at no charge, and there's always a hot pot of coffee.

Also, chef salads can be ordered from the Center any day of the week. We will be slowly adding more things that you can order on any day. For questions, contact the center at (806) 652-2745. Stay safe!

**MENU**

**Wednesday, Dec. 15** – Steak fingers  
**Thursday, Dec. 16** – Chef salad  
**Friday, Dec. 17** – BBQ plate  
**Monday, Dec. 20** – Chef salad  
**Tuesday, Dec. 21** – Chef salad  
(All meals are served with dessert)

**CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP SERVICES**

Churches in Floydada and Lockney will be having their annual Christmas season special observances beginning this weekend.

**First Baptist Church of Floydada – Sunday, Dec. 19 @ 6 p.m.**

**First United Church of Floydada – Friday, Dec. 24 @ 6 p.m.**

**Carr's Chapel – Friday, Dec. 24 @ 6 p.m.**

**First Baptist Church of Lockney – Friday, Dec. 24 @ 6 p.m.**

**First United Methodist of Lockney – Friday, Dec. 24**

**COWPOKES®** By Ace Reid

"Wilbur, tell me some more about that new breakfast cereal with that extra git up and go!"

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OBITUARIES



**Ofilia Hinojosa Torrez Salazar, 1956–2021**

ROBSTOWN—Ofilia Hinojosa Torrez Salazar, age 65, of Robstown, Texas, passed away on December 3, 2021, in Lubbock.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 11, 2021 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Father Renato Cruz officiated.

Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m., Thursday, December 9, 2021 and at 7 p.m., Friday, December 10, 2021 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada. Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Ofilia was born on March 22, 1956, in Robstown, Texas.

She celebrated her graduation from Floydada High School in 1976. She blissfully married her husband, Tomas, on June 9, 1990. She celebrated the birth of her daughter, Anita, on April 15, 1991.

Ofilia loved teaching and caring for children throughout her career at Texas Migrant Council, Kings Manor Childcare, and St. Anthony's Catholic School.

Ofilia's friendliness and compassion made her a very beloved person with many friends. She loved crocheting and taking photos with her loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; her parents, Fabian Torres and Angelita Hinojosa Torres; her brothers, Robert Cavazos, Salvador Cavazos, and Fabian Torres II; her sister, Mariana Espinoza; her twin brother, Raul Torres; and many other beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ofilia is survived by her husband, Tomas M. Salazar; her daughter, Anita Marie Torres Salazar; her brothers, Joe Angel Torres and Guadalupe Torres; her sister, Angelita Torres Gonzales; and many other beloved family members. She will be dearly missed by her many friends and relatives.

The family asks all people planning to attend in-person services to wear properly fitting masks. The service was streamed via Zoom. (Meeting ID: 926 7519 9183, password is the name of the town she raised her daughter in.)

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).



OBITUARIES



**Belinda Maxine Stapp, 1954–2021**

LOCKNEY—Belinda Maxine Stapp, 67, of Lockney passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m., Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Lockney Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the graveside service at 1:45 p.m., Saturday December 11, 2021 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Arrangements were under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Belinda was born on April 11, 1954 in Lockney, Texas.

Belinda married Rodger in 1971, and together they raised their family in Lockney.

Belinda worked for the Lockney Post Office for 30 years and was an active member of the West-side Church of Christ.

Belinda was always a loving caretaker for her family, especially for Rodger, her mother and father, and her mother-in-law, for the last many years during their greatest time of need.

Her greatest pleasure came from being "Grandy" to her grandchildren, spending time with her family and being in the mountains.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rodger; her brothers, Mark and Preston Griffith; her father, Elmer; and her mother, Maxine Griffith.

Belinda is survived by her children, Shana and Todd Hallmark, Andy and Cara Stapp, Jeremy and Lindi Stapp, Tyrell and Kara Stapp; eight grandchildren; and three brothers, Ronnie, Bruce and Patrick Griffith.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).



**Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering to meet in person again in '22  
Long-running event slated for Feb. 18–19 in Alpine**

STAFF REPORTS

The Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be held in person once again February 18-19, 2022 in Alpine, Texas, on the campus of Sul Ross State University.

Organizers invite fans to "come join us in scenic Alpine as we preserve Western culture through the work of some of the best cowboy poets and musicians in the country."

"For 33 years," said current organizer Bob Saul of Fort Worth, "the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine was a cowboy poetry destination not to be missed." In February 2019, that gathering ended. Determined not to let the tradition of cowboy poetry in the region die out, a committed group of volunteers formed a new organization—the Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

The inaugural Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering was held Feb. 21–22, 2020.

More than forty scheduled performers who know cowboy life from the inside. Tickets are now on sale to the general public, after the organization's member and sponsor early access period. Visit [www.lonestarcowboypoetry.com](http://www.lonestarcowboypoetry.com) or call (432) 216-2167.

Saul said longtime fans won't want to the "Taste of the Gathering" session on Friday morning Feb. 21, with Jack George, Rod Taylor, Mary Abbott, Brenn Hill, Andy Hedges, Ross Knox, Daron Little, Andy Nelson, Brigid and Johnny Reedy, Randy Rieman, Kristyn Harris, and Dave Stamey all on the bill.

The ticketed shows, free sessions, chuckwagon breakfasts, keynote address, open mic sessions, Youth Poetry Contest, and Saturday night dance promise to be better than ever, and the high desert air and mountain views of Alpine can't be beat. New this year are a catered supper each night at the Alpine Civic Center, a mandolin workshop, and a guitar workshop.

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- Fri., 10 a.m. Keynote Address, Vess Quinlan
- Fri., 10:45 a.m. "A Taste of the Gathering," with 12 performers
- Fri., 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Show, with Randy Rieman, Daron Little, Jay Snider and Andy Wilkinson
- Fri., 2:00 p.m. Free sessions
- Fri., 3:30 p.m. Free sessions
- Fri., 7:30 p.m. Night Show with Jack George, Pipp Gillette, Andy Nelson and Brenn Hill

- Sat, 9 a.m. "Let's Talk Cowboy Poetry and Songwriting" with Joel Nelson and Andy Hedges
- Sat, 10:00 a.m. Free sessions
- Sat, 11:00 a.m. Free sessions
- Sat, 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Show with Kristyn Harris and Brigid and Johnny Reedy
- Sat, 2:00 p.m. Free sessions
- Sat, 3:30 p.m. Free sessions
- Sat., 7:30 p.m. Saturday Night Show with Randy Rieman, Jill Jones and the Jingle Bobs, Joel Nelson, and Dave Stamey
- Sat., 9:45 p.m. Dance with Craig Carter and the Spur of the Moment Band

**Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters meet for Christmas Luncheon**

MARY M. CARTER | SPECIAL TO THE HESPERIAN-BEACON

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters, along with the Red Hat Royal Swisherettes of Tulia, met at the President's House Bed and Breakfast in Plainview at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 6, 2021 for the group's Christmas Luncheon.

The group's Queen Mother, Virginia Taylor, welcomed all present. Linda Swanson said grace for the lunch and others in need of prayer. At Christmas time prayers are especially needed. So please include people you know in your everyday prayers. It is needed and appreciated!

A delicious homemade luncheon included pork loin, mashed potatoes, cranberries, Italian green beans and biscuit, and bread pudding for dessert. Drinks were coffee, cold or hot tea, and water. The bread pudding was the best I've tasted. The main cook was Joanna Capps. Another person who helped with the day, Shelly Smith, was very sweet to offer her time.

Bobby and Laurie Hall are the owners of the President's House Bed & Breakfast. Laurie Hall came out to talk with the group about the house, which was built in 1939 for the presidents of Wayland Baptist University to reside while holding that office. In 2016 was the last time a president lived there. After a time, it was to be sold, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hall became the owners. The Halls had some fixing up to do, but it was so worth it. It is now a beautiful Bed and Breakfast. Someday it would be nice to stay there.

Virginia called the meeting to order. She reminded the Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters that there is no January meeting, so the next meeting will be February 9, 2022, the second Wednesday in February. Again, it is different than our regular Thursday meetings. The South Plains Hobby Club will be joining the Red Hat group for a visit to the J. Cruse Christmas shop at 500 Ash Street in Plainview. Cruse is famous for his life-size Santa Claus creations.

Also, there will be a Spring Fling this year. I have never gone but I hear it is a lot of fun.

The Royal Swisherettes Red Hats attending were Jennifer Schmidt, Renell Hartman, Faye Rachal, Sue Jennings, Treva Murrel, Glinda Dempsey, Linda Swanson, Diane Powers, Lareta Bishop, and Pat Domer.

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Sisters attending were Sandy Fuston, Ethelyn Vernon, Betty Jean Williams, Margie Sue, Gwen Gillham, Elaine McNeill, Virginia Taylor, Joy Turner, Karla Kindberg, Sue Daniels and Mary M. Carter.

Note: The Queen Mother of the Royal Swisherettes is Pearl Acker. She was unable to attend and was missed.

You will never guess! I was at the meeting this time and enjoyed every minute of it!

Merry Christmas and a very happy and safe new year! God bless each and everyone of you!

**William Lee Martin**

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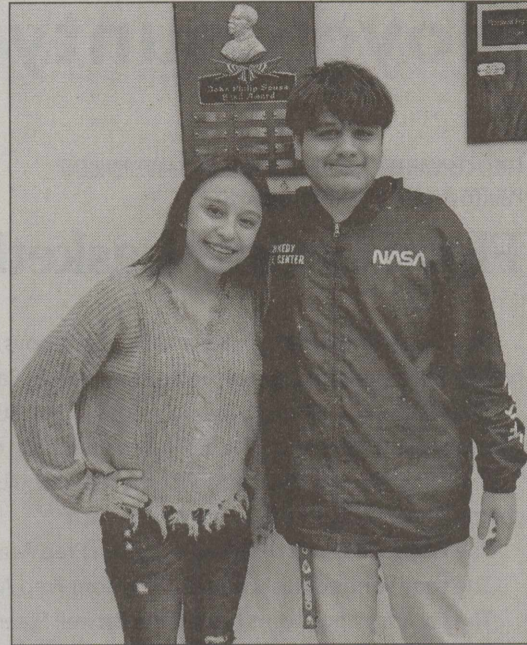


# Floydada Whirlwinds

## Floydada CHS band students advance to area Honor Band auditions

STAFF REPORTS | FCISD PHOTO

Four Floydada Collegiate High School band students competed on Saturday, Dec. 11 at Levelland High School in the ATSSB All-Region Honor Band auditions. Ethan Jimenez placed first chair in ass Clarinet, and Kimberlee Ramirez placed first chair in Alto Clarinet. Both will advance to Area Honor Band auditions on Saturday, January 8, 2022 with the chance to make it to the prestigious All-State Band in San Antonio. The area round will be held at Levelland High School. "Devin Reyes and Lailah Burks were only spots away from making the band in percussion, the most competitive section at the contest," said FCHS band director Franklin Piland. "We are extremely proud of all their work. Floydada did extremely well at this highly competitive event." Piland added, "Go Whirlwinds!"



FCISD BAND STUDENTS Kimberlee Ramirez (left) and Ethan Jimenez, advance to the Area Honor Band auditions on January 8, 2022.

in Lubbock, Dr. James Bush, had helped him prepare.

The callbacks won't involve travel to big cities just yet, however; the next step is handled by submitting a video that his mother has been helping him prepare. Agents are looking for singers, actors, dancers and models

From last year's showcase, Moses said, one of the boys landed a part on the Disney Channel project "Secrets of Sulfur Springs."

Moses commented on his prospects for this year: "I feel really good about it" whichever way things go.

COLTON MOSES (below) attended Lockney schools before transferring to Floydada CISD for expanded opportunities in theater arts and music. Agent Cheryl Anderson of Amarillo (below right) recommended him for the November talent expo in Irving/ COURTESY PHOTOS

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

DEC. 16-17

#### Thursday

Breakfast – Banana muffin, fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch – Meatlovers pizza, grilled cheeseburger, seasoned curly fries, steamed baby carrots, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

#### Friday

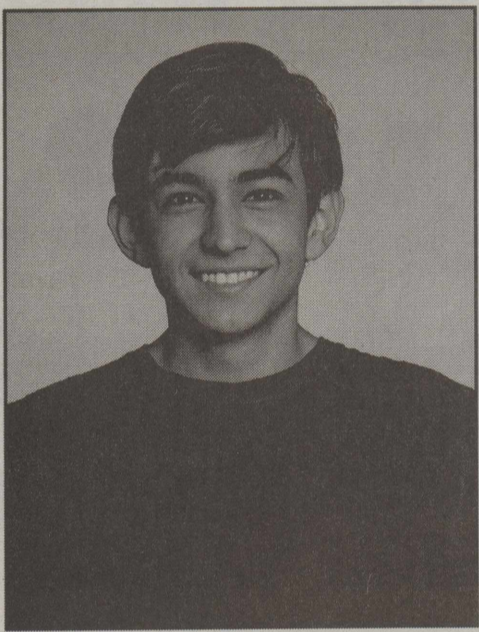
Breakfast – Sweet apple strudel, fruit, fruit juice, milk  
Lunch –Salisbury steak, roll, rice, spicy chicken patty sandwich, spiced green beans, fresh fruit, vegetable bar, milk

## ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY BREAK!

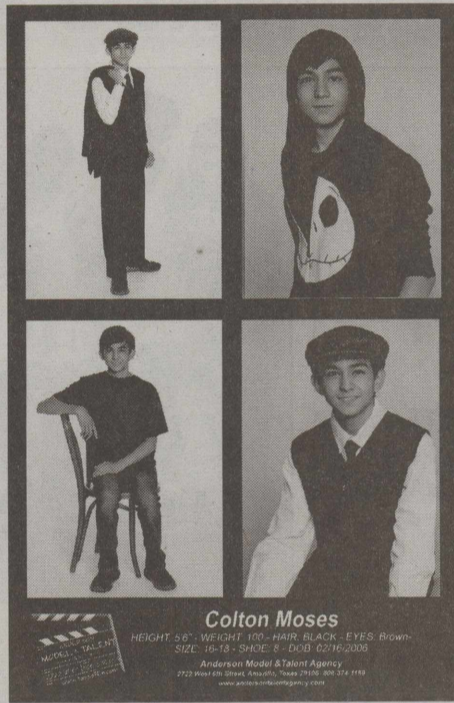
### Need gift ideas? SANTA LETTERS in this issue

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon looks forward to publishing Letters to Santa each year from area schoolchildren, grades K-4 in our DECEMBER 16 edition—to provide kids, their families, AND Santa a fun and useful guide in time for gift-giving!  
In today's SECTION B

The Floyd County HESPERIAN-BEACON



Colton Moses



### A few sample Santa Letters 2021

Dear Santa,  
I would like a nail kit and skates and an animal purse and if I can't get it, I would like some kindness.  
Jenaleigh, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a hoverboard, a dancing robot, my 2 front teeth, and a robot dinosaur.  
Simon, Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
Fake gold, safe, a watch and books.  
Joshua, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I would like a PS5 and an iPhone

13 Pro Max and a golden retriever and a snake.  
Josiah, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I have been good Santa and I want wood and coal for fire and building. Love you. And a drawing tablet for my brother.  
Brantley, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
Dog and Xbox.  
Tyrone, 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I think your elves are really funny. I hope I'm on the good list. I hope you had a good break. All I'm asking for Christmas is a necklace or a baseball game. Jesus's birthday is the best part of the year. I am so happy that you will come to our house. It means a lot. You

are the best. Thank you for letting Jolly come for Christmas this year.  
Braxton, 4th Grade

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Get or not get, I really want a PS5 and what favorite cookies do you like? And I want an iPhone12 Pro and how is Mrs. Claus doing? Get or not get, tell Mrs. Clause you love her. I am just saying.  
Zachariah, 4th Grade

Dear Santa,  
How's Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I hope they're doing great. How many gifts have you packed? Thank you for the gift last year—I loved it. This year for Christmas I really really want a good thing like if you could please give me the homeless a home. And please some clay beads.  
Love,  
Caydence, 4th Grade

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? May you tell your wife that I said hi and your deers too? Here is a fun fact did you know that your name is my last name. Look, Santana. Take away the "a" from my last name. It is so funny. May I tell you what I might have for Christmas? May I have an art kit and a bunch of candy in my stocking please. I hope you like it.  
Love,  
Zoie Renne Santana, 4th Grade

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a punching bag with gloves and workout equipment/material, more American Fighter shirts (YL), gold chains and silver. Also, toys as well as Nintendo Switch games, and Xbox 360 games. Penultimately new shows, and last but definitely not least my family to feel better.

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**LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU**

DEC. 16-17

**Thursday**

Breakfast – Oatmeal & cinnamon toast or banana bread & yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk

Lunch – Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, cucumbers, pears, cookie, milk

**Friday**

Breakfast – Breakfast burrito or donut cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk

Lunch – Chicken strips, oven fries, gravy, roll, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk

**FLOYD COUNTY 4-H NEWS & ACTIVITY CALENDAR STAFF REPORTS**

**DECEMBER**

16: 4-H Club Officer Meeting at Main Street Pizza in Lockney

20: Radio Spots at KFLP for the Floyd County Stock Show – All Day

30: November Point Sheet due

\*UC = Unity Center, CEO = County Extension Office

**2022 FLOYD COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW**

The date has been set for the 2022 Floyd County Stock Show. This tentative schedule is as follows:

**THURSDAY, January 13**

10:00 am - Barn Opens  
1:00 - 3:00 - pm - Cattle weigh in  
5:00 pm - Beef and Dairy Cattle Show  
Rabbit Show will immediately follow the beef and dairy cattle show

**FRIDAY, January 14**

9:00 am - Barn Opens  
1:00 - 4:00 pm - Lambs, goats and swine weigh in and in place

**SATURDAY, January 15**

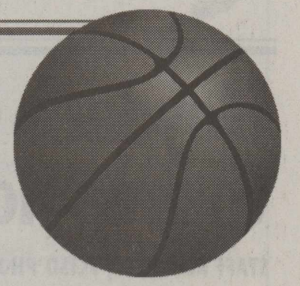
8:00 am - Gilt Show  
Barrow Show  
Approx. 12pm Lunch Break  
Goat Show  
Lamb Show  
Approx. 4 pm - Set up Premium Sale  
Approx. 5 pm - Buyer's Meal  
Approx. 6 pm - Premium Sale

**SUNDAY, January 16** 2:00 pm - Mandatory cleanup @ Unity Center

**ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY BREAK!**

**Lockney Longhorns**

**Floyd County Roundball Roundup**



FRED CERVANTES | HESPERIAN-BEACON CORRESPONDENT  
PHOTOS BY CERVANTES PHOTOGRAPHY

**Floyd County basketball teams**

Floyd County teams Lockney and Floydada boys and girls have gone undefeated in their respective tournaments over the weekend. Teams from around the Panhandle as far north as Quanah and as far south as Sands made their way to play in both towns.

The Longhorns suffering injuries Friday night, but battled their way to win over a very physical Post team on Saturday night. Coach Verrette enthusiastically celebrated his Longhorns on the first tournament win of his head coaching career.

Similarly, the Lady Horns fought off a fast-paced Lady Bulldogs team from Tahoka to claim their own tournament title. Coach Bale also claimed his first tournament championship as the Lady Horns' head coach.

The Floydada Winds defeated Kingdom Prep Academy, Slaton and Lorenzo to add to their win column for the season.

The Lady Winds defeat Quanah, Kingdom Prep Academy, Lubbock Trinity and Lorenzo to extend their winning season.

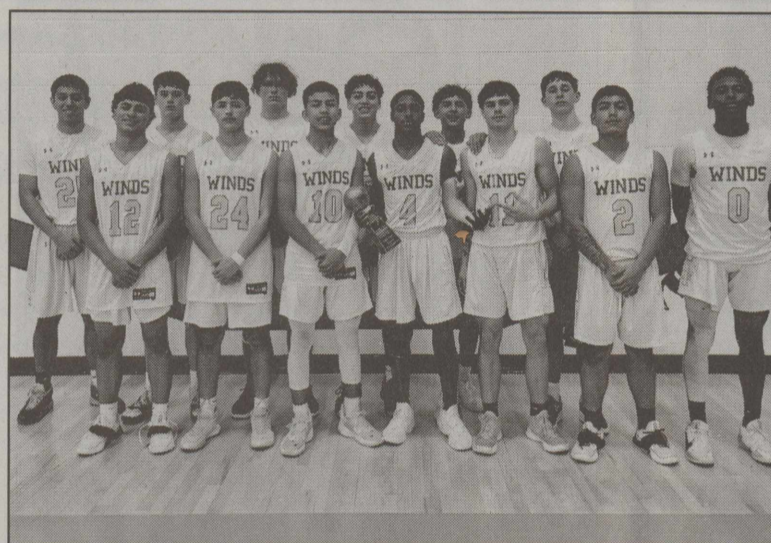
The Lockney Longhorns hosted the Farwell Steers on Tuesday night, Dec. 14 (outcome not available at press time), and will finish the week off at Post before the Christmas break.

The Lady Horns have Tuesday off and finish off at Post before the break.

The Winds and Lady Winds traveled to Sudan Tuesday night 14 (outcome not available at press time) to finish their schedule before the Christmas break.

Each week during basketball season we'll summarize results from Floyd County schools on alternate pages. Thanks to Cervantes Photography for the coverage!

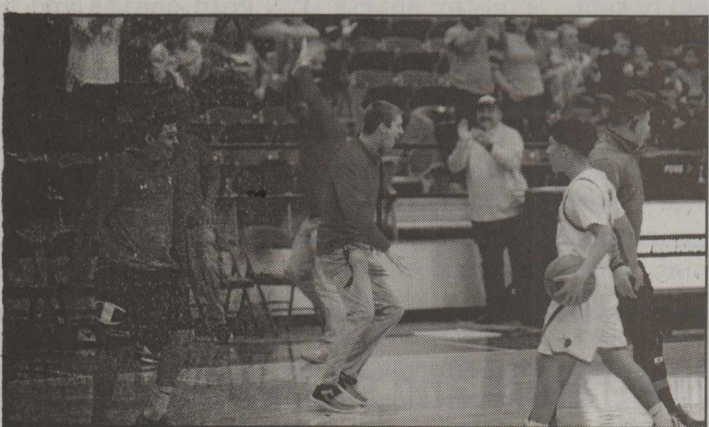
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**Floyd County livestock producers reminded to report forage losses by Jan. 30**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Floyd County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Gerry Summers reminds livestock producers who suffered grazing losses that occurred throughout 2021 due to drought to report their losses timely and to enroll in the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) by Jan. 30, 2022.

LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately-owned or cash-leased land or fire on federally-managed land. Producers in

Floyd County are eligible to apply for 2021 LFP benefits on small grain, native pasture, improved pasture, annual ryegrass or forage sorghum. Livestock producers are encouraged to contact the Floyd County FSA Office with any questions regarding specific forage crops that are eligible.

"Prolonged drought conditions have created a need for livestock disaster assistance programs in Floyd County," said Summers. "I encourage all affected livestock producers to contact the Floyd County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to enroll in the program before the Jan. 30 deadline."

Livestock produc-

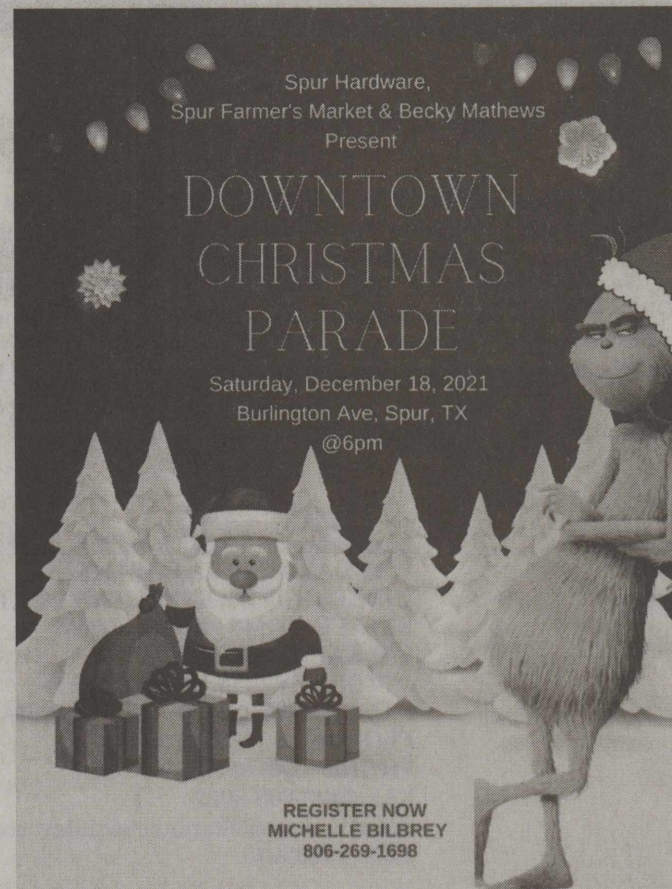
ers must complete the LFP application and required supporting documentation no later than Jan. 30, 2022, for losses that occurred throughout 2021. Producers who already have appointments scheduled require no additional action to meet the deadline.

Eligible livestock includes alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland.

Visit [www.usda.gov/disaster](http://www.usda.gov/disaster) to learn more about FSA disaster assistance programs or contact the Floyd County FSA Of-

ice at 806-983-3763. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

In a continuing effort to better serve the public, USDA has partnered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other disaster-focused organizations to develop the central resource for disaster related materials. This knowledgebase is a collection of disaster-related resources that are powered by agents with subject-matter expertise. Visit the USDA Disaster Resource Center website to find additional USDA disaster information and assistance.



**2021 Cotton Quality reports**

PLAINS COTTON GROWERS COTTON NEWS



The following is a summary of the cotton classed at the Lubbock and Lamesa USDA Cotton Division Cotton Classing Offices for the 2021 production season.

The complete weekly Classing Office reports for Lubbock, Lamesa and Abilene are available on the PCG website at: <https://plainscotton.org/quality-reports/>

**2021 High Plains Cotton Quality Summary**

Week Ending: 12/09/2021

Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple	
Lamesa	101,172	21+ - 93.4%	1.89	35.34	
		31 - 3.4%			
		12 - 1.3%			
Lubbock	251,021	21+ - 90.3%	2.27	36.07	
		31 - 4.5%			
		12 - 1.8%			
		<b>Mike</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Uniformity</b>	<b>Bark</b>
Lamesa	3.89	29.93	79.42	2.4%	
Lubbock	3.73	30.54	80.19	4.2%	

Season Totals To Date:

Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple	
Lamesa	698,611	21+ - 89.8%	1.87	35.74	
		31 - 2.0%			
		12 - 4.4%			
Lubbock	1,578,799	21+ - 84.3%	2.29	36.18	
		31 - 3.0%			
		12 - 7.4%			
		<b>Mike</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Uniformity</b>	<b>Bark</b>
Lamesa	3.96	30.62	79.89	2.9%	
Lubbock	3.78	30.80	80.32	5.7%	

Source: USDA AMS

**Cattle Market Report, week ending December 8, 2021**

	Lubbock 12/7/21	Tulia 12/9/21	Hollis 12/4/21	Floydada 12/8/21
<b>Steers</b>	200-300			170-191
	300-400	160-180		185-218
	400-500	150-165		170-201
	500-600	140-155	160-168.5	150-180
	600-700	140-150	159-162	140-165
	700-800	135-145	135-160	132-160
	800-900+		112-133	118-154
	90-130			
<b>Heifers</b>	200-300			130-169
	300-400	140-155	170	140-175
	400-500	140-150	146	138-172
	500-600	130-145	140-159.5	130-157
	600-700	125-140	128-154	122-152
	700-800	115-140	144-152	115-145
	800-900+			95-135
<b>Bred Cows</b>	Young			1000-1100
	Older			800-1050
<b>Pairs</b>	Young	1000-1250		
	Older	800-1000		
<b>Packer Cows</b>		60-67	45-75	
	Fat			55-62
	Boners			55-65
	Thin	48-58		30-50
<b>Packer Bulls</b>		80-94.5	65-95	
	High Yield			87-98
	Low Yield			70-85

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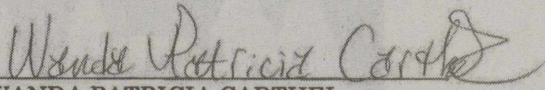


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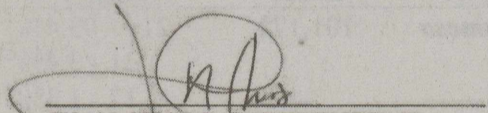
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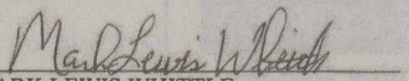
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BURROWS, FROM PAGE 1

Burrows, a Lubbock native who enjoyed participating in ag programs when he was at Monterrey High School, handles legal cases for primarily West Texas agricultural clients these days when he's not in Austin. He met his future wife, Elisabeth, when they were both students at Rhodes College in Tennessee. After they married in 2004, Burrows returned to Lubbock in 2005 to pursue a degree in law and eventually practice in his father's law office.

"A basic love of the constitution" as well as Christian values drove his growing involvement in the local Republican party, Burrows said. He served as local precinct chair, walked blocks, became active in the party, and attended multiple state conventions and even the national convention. He worked on getting conservative candidates such as Charles Perry and Ted Cruz elected.

Burrows currently chairs the House Calendars Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the House Committee on Corrections and the House Committee on Land and Resource

Management. His activism in the capitol hasn't been without controversy; as chair of the Republican caucus in summer of 2019, he was recorded discussing a target list of sitting legislators for challenges in the 2020 races. The episode cost newly elected Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen his position a few months afterward, and Burrows resigned as caucus chair, but voters, according to a Texas Tribune story, didn't pay much attention in general.

While Burrows opted in last week's Kent County Town Hall to spotlight his track record in the extended 2021 session on issues such as passing an election integrity bill and banning critical race theory in schools, he also touched on matters related to the state's economy, school finance, and the energy grid that resonated with locals.

"Winter Storm Uri posed problems we didn't know we had," Burrows said. He pledged to prevent what he perceives as an over-reliance on renewable energy sources, and to encourage bringing more natural gas online.

Kent County attendees asked about school finance overhaul, among other issues. Burrows

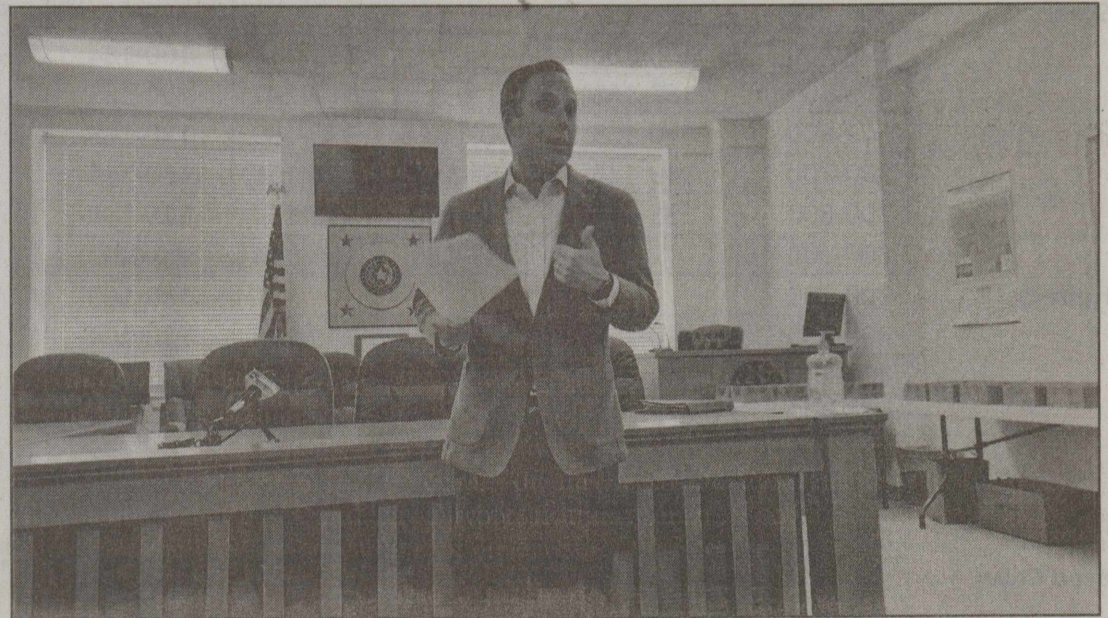
cited passage of a budget bill that "fully funds the Legislature's commitment to public education investments. . . . including \$3.1 billion for enrollment growth for FY22-23."

This bill and others were outlined in his seven-page handout "Notable & Conservative Accomplishments of the 87th Legislature."

Burrows also noted ways that his office aids economic development in less populous rural counties just as in Lubbock.

Asked what he's learned about the varied communities he has served—and may well serve in the near future—Burrows said, "Every one of those counties has a unique, different driver that is important." He stands willing, he said, to help put communities in touch with state agencies with programs that can help. "We value constituent service," he said, "and try to make sure that people are well served when they have issues."

"You have to have a strong guiding compass to run for office," Burrows said, "but there are a lot of issues that are just about people."



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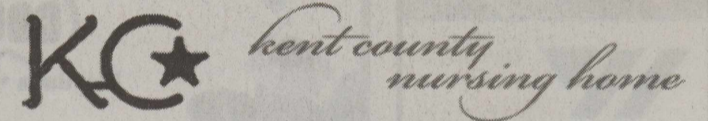
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<p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship...11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada • 983-2578 Darwin Robinson, Pastor Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship-10:50 a.m. Evening Worship-6 p.m. Wednesday-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b> Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Morning Worship-11 a.m. Bible Study-6 p.m. Wednesday Evening-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b> Service Every Sunday Morning Worship-9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> West College &amp; Third, Lockney Morning Worship-10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship-1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service-7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b> Floydada Bob DuPont, Minister Sunday Bible Study-9:30 a.m. Morning Worship-10:30 a.m. Evening Worship-6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Floydada Mark Snowden, Pastor Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship Ashley Adams, Minister of Music Ludustria Prisk, Director of</p>	<p>Children's Ministry Sunday School-9:15 a.m. Morning Worship-10:30 a.m. Evening Worship-6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study-6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Ron Kuykendall-Worship Leader Chad Cook, Youth Min. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Floydada Gary Boles, Pastor Morning Worship-9:30 a.m. Sunday School-10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday)-6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Lockney Rev. Auggie Aguilera, Pastor Sunday School-9:30 a.m. Worship Service-10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Grant Chapel</b> <b>Church of God in Christ</b> Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School-10 a.m. Morning Worship-11 a.m. Evening Worship-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b> Lockney James Blair, Minister Bible Study-9:30 a.m. Morning Worship-10:30 a.m. Evening Worship-6:00 p.m. Wednesday-7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> Floydada 401 N 12th St. 983-5805 Rev. Timothy Askey Sunday School-10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship-6 p.m. Wednesday Study-6 p.m.</p> <p><b>New Salem</b> <b>Primitive Baptist Church</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing-10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest</b> <b>Pentecostal Church</b> 310 Mississippi, Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible-10 a.m. Morning Praise-11 a.m. Evening Praise 5-p.m. Wed. Worship-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services-10 a.m. Sunday Evening-5 p.m. Wednesday-7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Floydada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School-9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship-6 p.m. Wed. Evening-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School-9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Worship Service-11 a.m. Discipleship-5 p.m. Wed. Service-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b> Priest-Sylvester Dsouza Sat.-4:30 p.m. Evening Mass Sun.-9 a.m. Mass Mon.-9:30 a.m. Mass Thurs.-5:30 Evening Mass</p> <p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b> Dan Beaty, Pastor Sunday School-10 a.m. Morning Worship-11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b> 701 W. Missouri, 983-5286 (Church) Joe M. Hernandez Sunday School English-9:45 a.m. Spanish-11 a.m. Worship Spanish-9:30 a.m. English-11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b> Floydada, 983-5878 Rev. Renato Cruz Parachial Vicar-Jacob Powell Sunday Mass-11:30 a.m. Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass-6:30 p.m. Confession Sat-10-11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Templo Emanuel</b> 607 W. Lee Street, Floydada Pastor Rachel Castillo Sunday School Classes: Adult Spanish class, Adult English class; All children's classes are in English. Praise/worship and sermon are bilingual. Wednesday Bible Study-7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> Lockney Rev. Moses Blanco Sun Prayer Service-9:30 a.m. Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Worship Service-11 a.m. Evening Worship-5:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel</b> <b>Spanish Assembly of God</b> Washington and 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship-11 a.m. Evening Worship-5 p.m. Wed. Service-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> Rev. Herman Martinez Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School-10:00 a.m. Evening Worship-5:00 p.m. Wednesday Service-7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 500 W. Houston, 983-5499 Kari &amp; Justin Brown, Pastors Sunday School-9:30 a.m. Morning Worship-10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening-6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> Providence Community on Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Worship Service-11 a.m.</p> <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 or 470-0950 Sunday Worship-10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening-2 p.m.</p>
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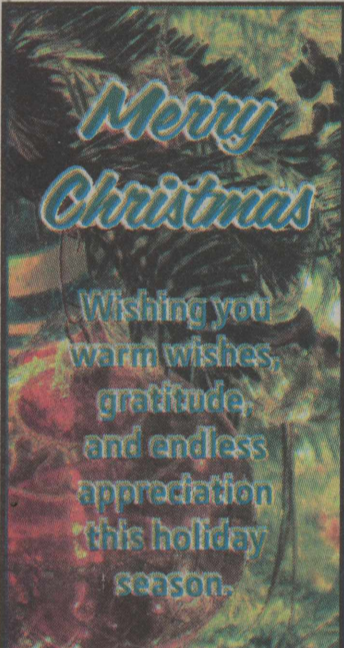
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**Floydada Letters  
A.B. Duncan Elementary**

WITH GRATITUDE TO THE ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS WHO HELPED STUDENTS PREPARE THEIR LETTERS THIS YEAR

*Santa's elves have done their best to translate youngsters' handwriting and spelling—including the letter-writers' names—so bear with us! Also, not all grades, classes and students were represented in the information turned in to the newspaper. If we have missed your letter, please send it to fchb.news@gmail.com by Saturday, December 18, and we'll be glad to publish it in next week's issue.*

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a truck and a bike.  
Victor Mata

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for two brand new puppies and a big giant monster truck to ride on.  
Zeph Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my sister. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am

wishing for a powered motorcycle and a cuddly teddy bear.  
Ezra Davila

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Nintendo Switch and a Spider-Man ball.  
Kevin Romero

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a brand new bedroom set and a Smart TV.  
Weston Hughes

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my

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Lockney Elementary**

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**KINDERGARTEN**

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a stroller, Teddy Bear and Slime.  
Love,  
Avery

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Rainbow Slime, Wet Slime, castle, Elsa dolly.  
Love,  
Emily

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a yo-yo and a bike and Slime.  
Love,  
Harper

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a makeup table, Baby Alive and a yo-yo.  
Love,  
Bella

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a bike, stroller and doll.  
Love,  
Brailley

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a racecar, drone and Slime.  
Love,  
Corbin

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a car.  
Love,  
Erin

Dear Santa,  
I want bubbles, baby and markers.  
Love,  
Lilly

Dear Santa,  
I would like a drone and a bike.  
Love,  
Zolimon

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*Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ. EPHESIANS 4:32*



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mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a drum set and a powered riding car.  
Titus Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a JoJo car and a Baby Alive doll.  
Eliana Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Barbie Camper and a Barbie House.  
Keydence Mata

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Baby Alive and a Slime set.  
Carson Kellison

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Paw Patrol Tower and a robot.  
Jaxson Saenz

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Paw Patrol Tower and a robot.  
Jaxson Saenz

mom. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Paw Patrol Tower and a PJ Mask.  
Jase Street

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a toy train and an elephant.  
Cadya Rosa

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Barbie Camper and a Barbie House.  
Hadlee Cornelius

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Paw Patrol truck to drive.  
Jaxton Rendon

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Rock Guitar and a drum set.  
April Coleman

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Paw Patrol Tower and a robot.  
Jaxson Saenz

my mom. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Barbie House, a LOL House, a tent and puzzles.  
Cristalina Cruz

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my friends. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a whale, a Barbie Car, a Barbie Camper and a house for the whale.  
Liliana Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very good to my brothers. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an airplane, a real car, a real truck and a toy car.  
Lennon de la Cerda

Dear Santa,  
I have been very naughty this year. I am always very nice to my friends. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Paw Patrol, numbers so I can count, a real live snake and crayons.  
Rosendo Cuba

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my baby sister. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Paw Patrol, numbers so I can count, a real live snake and crayons.  
Rosendo Cuba

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FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my family. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a dog, PS5, Xbox and a new game.  
Love,  
Eli Guerrero

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my family. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Reborn, paint, a new book, and a camera.  
Love,  
Alexandra Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my teacher. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an Elf, a dog, Xbox, and a camera.  
Love,  
Saydee Wetzel

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my family. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an Xbox, PS4, a dog and Monopoly.  
Love,  
Kyndal Madrigal

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my sister. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Monopoly, a punching bag, a camera, and an Xbox.  
Love,  
Ezekiel St. Dennis

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very wonderful to my family. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Reborn, Spy Ninja kit, How to Babysit a Grandpa book and Elf.  
Love,  
Alayzia Emert

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a new book, a dog, Elf and paint.  
Love,  
Saphire Cowan

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very wonderful to my family. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an American doll, a dog, a camera and Elf.  
Love,  
Zoey Castro

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very kind to my family. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Gabb Dollhouse, a LOL Dollhouse, an American doll and a My Life Doll.  
Love,  
Leilani SotoGonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my teacher. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an Xbox, RC dinosaurs, Hot Wheels and Elf.  
Love,  
Jetel Lees

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always kind to my friends. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an Elf, a dog, a LOL and God.  
Love,  
Yuli Alvarado

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my teacher. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an Xbox, a dog, and a Spy Ninja kit.  
Love,  
Zachary

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very kind to my dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an RC dinosaur, an Xbox, PS5, and a racecar.  
Love,  
Klain Smith

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very wonderful to my friends. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a camera, Elf, a LOL dollhouse, and a dog.  
Love,  
Eniyah Yepe

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a dog, PS4, Xbox, and a new book.  
Love,  
Adalynna Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very kind to my family. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a My Life doll, a dog, a math book and a Gabby Dollhouse.  
Love,  
Daizie Luna

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a PS4, a little dog, an Xbox, and a big dog.  
Love,  
Jacob Nunez

Dear Santa,  
Would you like a present? I miss you. I want a PS5. I want an iPad. I want a motorcycle. I want a toy Lamborghini. I want a baby cup for my baby brother. I want a laptop.  
Love,  
Arnulfo

Dear Santa,  
I like the presents you give us. Would you like chocolate chip or Oreo cookies? I would like an iPad.  
Love,  
Emma

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I want a bike. I want a computer.  
Love,  
Florescia

Dear Santa,  
Would your reindeers like some candy canes? Did you have a good Thanksgiving? I would like a Barbie house, crayons, markers and toys.  
Love,  
Ryleigh

Dear Santa,  
I love you and Mrs. Claus. Would you like chocolate or white Milk? Santa, May I have a Nintendo Switch and a dirt bike?  
Love,  
Skyler

Dear Santa,  
Did you have a good holiday? How are the elves and reindeer doing? Please get me a dirt bike and remote control plane.  
Love,  
Elijah

Dear Santa,  
How is the North Pole? Would you like a present? I would like a Snoopy stuffed animal and a puzzle and markers and some Christmas books and a Barbie house and a Barbie and a Barbie camper.  
Love,  
Saige

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves and reindeer doing? I want a bike.  
Love,  
Angel

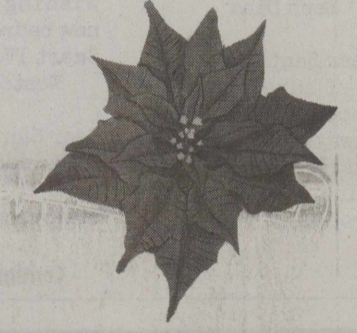
Dear Santa,  
Did you have a good Thanksgiving? And was your food good? Santa, can you bring me a Barbie camper and LOL car and a Barbie House?  
Love,  
Journey

Dear Santa,  
Would you like chocolate chip or Oreo cookies? I miss you. iPhone 12 and Barbies are what I want for Christmas.  
Love,  
Aileen

Dear Santa,  
Do you like chocolate or white milk? A blanket, Barbie playhouse are what I would like for Christmas please.  
Love,  
Yaritza

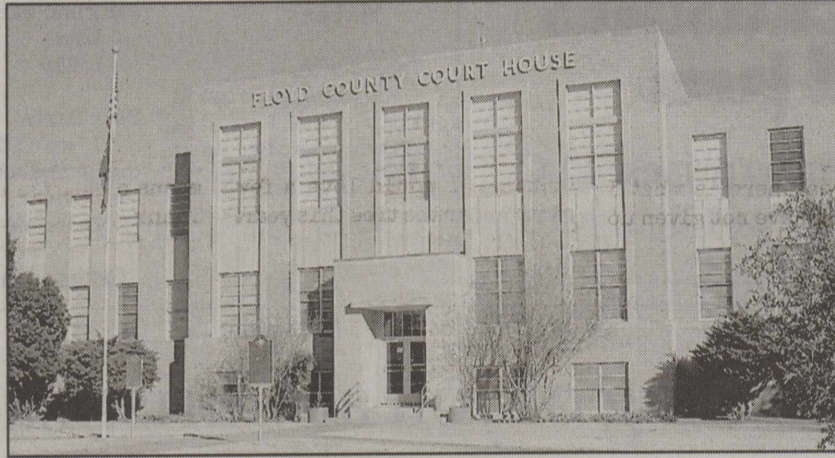
Dear Santa,  
Happy Christmas! I like the presents you give me. I would like a dress with butterflies on it, a Barbie, a skirt, shoes, bow and shirt.  
Love,  
Ziva

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# Merry Christmas

From the Elected Officials of Floyd County



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Justice of the Peace

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Patrol, a robot snake, a toy box and a stuffed chameleleon.  
Elijah Robinson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very good to my friends. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a baby in a stroller, a tablet, a baby bear, and a playground.  
Cadence Wickware

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very good to my friends. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an Elsa doll, store stuff like toys, a small refrigerator for my room and a playground.  
Vanessa Garza

Dear Santa,  
I am always very good to my brothers. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an Anna Doll, an Anna Bed, Elsa and Anna makeup and a toy reindeer.  
Izabella Mariani

Dear Santa,  
I have been naughty this year. I am always good to my dad. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a tree, a goat, a horse and a big farm.  
Elian Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I have been naughty this year. I am always nice to my friends and my dog. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a princess toy, makeup, a singing reindeer and cake counters with numbers.  
Emory Hinojos

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my friend Rosendo. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a PJ Mask, a Batman, a Superman and an iPad.  
Jaiden Ascencio

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom. I would love a few gifts

under the tree this year. I am wishing for different toys, a robot, a Spider-Man and a dinosaur.  
Rey Moore

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very good to my teachers. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a monster truck, a skateboard, a helmet and a dinosaur.  
Venturo Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my brother. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Barbie Dolls, a Barbie Camper, a map and a set of numbers with magnets.  
Harmony Posada

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my sister. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a small book, a blanket for school, a play box for my Barbies and a play ice cream truck.  
Karinah Morales

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always nice to my mommy and brother. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Paw Patrol Stuffie (Sky), a Puppy Alive, a bracelet, and a new blanket.  
Love,  
Zaylee Cabler

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to Alfonso. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Barbies, a baby doll, a stuffed animal (Mickey Mouse) and a scooter.  
Love,  
Josselyn Peña

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my sisters and brothers. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Slime, a Transformer, Roblox and a volcano with dinosaur.  
Love,  
Hank Strange

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to Eagen. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a dinosaur, a car toy, a bike and a football.  
Love,  
Zayne Pittman

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my doctor. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for toys, a scooter, a purple dinosaur and a four-wheeler.  
Love,  
Jaxon Fipps

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my sister. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a unicorn, Legos, a treat for me and my sister and a new stuffed Baby Yoda.  
Love,  
Amaya Cervera

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I am always very nice to my mommy and daddy. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for toy trucks, Lightning McQueen car, a big guitar and new clothes and shoes.  
Love,  
Laiten Emmert

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mommy. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for monster trucks, a dump truck, dinosaur toys and a motorcycle.  
Love,  
Rhyatt Hopper

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mommy. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a baby doll, Legos, LOL toys and toys to help me learn my letters.  
Love,  
Elle Morales

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always nice to my mom, dad and sister. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for toy

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**SECOND GRADE**  
Dear Santa,  
This year I have tried to be nice by helping my mom and dad. I help by getting my mom... I want a big pink circle and a big black circle and a LOL and a red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink lipstick.  
Love,  
Amree Weizel

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas I would like 100 Pop Its, a dog and an Elf.  
Love,  
Emileigh Castillo

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas I would like a tackle football suit, a PS5 and an Xbox.  
Love,  
Mason Garcia

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. This year I would like an Xbox and a controller.  
Love,  
Elijah Ascencio

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas I would like bells, a bubble gum set, and a stuffy snowman.  
Love,  
Marissa Marmolejo

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas I would like an extra Barbie doll, a Rainbow High House, a Barbie doll.  
Love,  
Sophia Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
This year I've been naughty. I try to be nice. I open the door for my mom. For this year I would like a Texas Tech football helmet with a visor and a mouthpiece, an Oklahoma State football helmet with a visor and a football helmet. I wish you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas. I love Christmas.  
Love,  
Davis Duniven

Dear Santa,  
This year here is what I have done. I have not given up on anything at all. Tried to clean my room. SO, I would like some Pokemon tins. I want 5 of them, Magic Mixie and that is it.  
Love,  
Vickie Rendon

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I have been nice. I have washed the dishes, have tried to clean my room. I really want a doll and makeup.  
Love,  
Rebecca Lambert

**THIRD GRADE**  
Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very good to my teachers. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an iPhone 11, case, bean bag and a bucket of donuts.  
Merry Christmas,  
Dax Guerrero

Dear Santa,  
I want an iPad and an iPhone and a slime kit to make slime

and I want Harry Potter books.  
Alujandra Trenudo

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always kind to my teacher. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a new tablet and Nintendo Switch and an iPhone 13.  
Sarah Silva

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I want white Air Forces, football, Legos and an iPhone 13 Pro Max. And how was your day? Mine was so good. I hope you have a good day too.  
Kristian Torres

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always goodish to my parents. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for PS5, Nintendo, shark thing and my BFF Eli.  
Jeremiah Cavazos

Dear Santa,  
I would like a nail kit and skates and an animal purse and if I can't get it, I would like some kindness.  
Jenaleigh Solomon

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I think you should give me a toy horse and I think you should give my sister a toy and for my dog a toy too and my brother, he is 14, and he wants a gift too.  
Love,  
Paloma Alvarado

Dear Santa,  
Can I have Pokemon cards and I want my sister JW toys, VR, PS5, computer, Lego, Dino, journal.  
Eli Lees

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a hat and kids' makeup and Slime.  
Marisol Villagomez

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas is a phone and Slime and Nike shoes and shirt and a pillow and dragon fruit.  
Peyton Thompson

Dear Santa,  
I am very good to my Grandma. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an iPhone 10, rainbow nail polish, white shoes (slip-ons), and pink headphones.  
Amberlynn Boger

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very good to my teachers. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a PS5, an Xbox Series X, an iPhone 11, and a bean bag.  
Luke Wetzel

**FOURTH GRADE**  
Dear Santa,  
The reindeer are fine. How are the elves? They feel great or mean. What your favorite cookies? I think normal cookies. I would like a Boba ring, a set of crafting things, and an arrow. How is Mrs. Claus? I will see you soon!  
Micah Garcia

Dear Santa,  
How are everybody doing in the North Pole? Santa, I really want a bike for Christmas

and a rainbow, and a dog for Christmas too. Yes, I will put milk and cookies, especially carrots for the reindeer. Santa, please say hi to Rudolph and tell him he is doing good work.  
Capri Muir

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the presents you give me. Some people don't even get presents. How are the elves? My elf has been good. He hurt himself. I gave him a present. People think that the elves are just to watch you. They are more than that. I feed my elf. He is very silly.  
Zallyn San Martin

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? Is she doing good yes or no? Are you doing good, Santa? How are the reindeer. Oh, and how are the elves? Are the elves doing good? And Santa, this is what I want: Harry Potter Legos, shoes, clothes, baseball, Billie Eilish jacket, Nintendo Switch and an iPhone 11 and that is all I want for Christmas and I know, Santa, that is a lot yes.  
Love,  
Elisa

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Hope y'all are doing good. This is what I want for Christmas: Xbox Series X and iPhone 12 Pro Max.  
Christopher Sotogonzalez

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? I have been doing something special for the reindeer. For Christmas I would like an iPad with an Apple Pencil with a keyboard and I would like a karaoke machine that is gold. To go with the karaoke machine, I would like a golden microphone.  
Brighton Reese

Dear Santa,  
I think your elves are really funny. I hope I'm on the good list. I hope you had a good break. All I'm asking for Christmas is a necklace or a baseball game. Jesus's birthday is the best part of the year. I am so happy that you will come to our house. It means a lot. You are the best. Thank you for letting Jolly come for Christmas this year.  
Braxton

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? I am excited for Christmas. I hope I am not on the naughty list. I am hoping for maybe some stuff that I can play with outside. Thank you for all the stuff you have give me all the other years. Is your job hard? Are your elves doing well? Our elves have been fun at our house.  
Scout Rogers

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Get or not get, I really want a PS5 and what favorite cookies do you like? And I want an iPhone 12 Pro and how is Mrs. Claus doing? Get or not get, tell Mrs. Claus you love her. I am just saying.  
Zachariah Luna

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? I will give you cookies this year. I am so happy for Christmas and I want an American Girl doll

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cars, dinosaur toys, magnets and new shoes.  
Love,  
Liam Segura

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my sister. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Legos, a new bike and dinosaur toys.  
Love,  
Eagen Fernandez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mommy, daddy and sister. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a trampoline, new shoes, a Barbie House and toys.  
Love,  
Bryndle Niblett

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mom and brother. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a real tablet, a birthday pie for my brother, a big Barbie and learning books.  
Meredith Segura

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my mommy and daddy. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a action figures, a race car, a toy car/truck, and a real tablet.  
Love,  
Amare Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always very nice to my friend AJ. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a sleeping bag, a new baby doll, a stuffed animal (horse or monkey) and a lunch box.  
Love,  
Keyla Wickware

**KINDERGARTEN**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always nice. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a unicorn, purple toys, books and an iPad.  
Love,  
Mia Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year.  
Love,  
Matthew Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a doll, a doll house, a Barbie and a LOL Doll.  
Thank you,  
Aubree Henderson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a go kart and a fishing pole.  
Love,  
Crew Reddy

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a big doll, a Slinky, Pop Its and new headphones.  
Love,  
Mireya Barrera

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for PJ Mask toys, Batman toys, Spider-Man toys and a Gekko toy.  
Love,  
Damien Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a new car, a toy blue truck, a big Pop It, and Slime.  
Love,  
Jesus Moreno

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Barbie, Mini Brands, a Nintendo Switch and a phone.  
Love,  
Averi Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a toy car, a toy dinosaur and a bike.  
Love,  
Paul Medrano

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a go kart, stretchy toys, a golf game and a bowling game.  
Love,  
Brooks Beedy

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a robot, a toy dinosaur, a Buzz Lightyear and a cowboy.  
Love,  
Andrew Arvizu

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a monster truck, a Batman car, Peppa Pig toys and a Nerf gun.  
Love,  
Ryan Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a fire truck, a police car, a police officer toy and a ladder.  
Love,  
Jaxon Cuellar

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a new bike, a unicorn stuffed animal, Barbies and a Barbie House and a small Christmas tree.  
Love,  
Kailynn Fernandez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always good. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Beyblades, Pokemon cards, race cars (Hot Wheels) and a monster truck.  
Love,  
Tyler Foster

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helpful with putting up Christmas stuff. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing

for a Switch, a VR, a Santa toy and a shark toy.  
Merry Christmas,  
Wyatt Messman

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I am always playing video games and go to sleep on time and I catch the bus to go to school on time. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Huggy Wuggy plushie, a Sans plushie, a Minecraft plushie and a Mario plushie.  
Love and Merry Christmas,  
Samuel Ortega

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always behaving and I clean my house. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a phone, a dinosaur, Hot Wheels and a toy tank and helicopter.  
Merry Christmas,  
Kevin Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always listening to my mom. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a big Teddy Bear to sleep with, a Minecraft Pinata toy, a Minecraft Lego set, and a phone to call my mom when she goes to work.  
Love, Merry Christmas and I like toys,  
Caesar Moore

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always playing with my toys and helping my sister. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a book, a Teddy Bear, little doll toys (accessories for doll) and a toy kitty.  
Merry Christmas,  
Havynn Garza

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always playing games and I help mom clean up. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for black Tendo Switch (Nintendo Switch), a game for my Tendo Switch, a Hulk toy, and a baby toy for my Baby.  
Thank you,  
Kash Velasquez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always nice. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Motorboard (Hoverboard), a harmonica, a new bike and a new robot.  
Thanks,  
Malcolm Brown

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always being nice. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for an Elf on the Shelf, one of those little cups of Slime you add balls to, a little Christmas tree like Mrs. Snowden's and a big box of candy canes.  
Love,  
Armoni Contreras

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always good and listen to my dad and mom. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a bug Huggy Wuggy plush, a Huggy controller for my Xbox, a Huggy book to win the game and a Huggy drawing set.  
Merry Christmas,  
Gage Huizar

Dear Santa,  
I have been very happy this year. I am always playing and I

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and a laptop. That is what I want for Christmas.  
Love,  
Portia Land

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope y'all are doing well. Oh, how silly of me. I hope the reindeer are doing well. If you can get me an Apple Pen, please. If you can get me a new iPad, please. If you can get me art supplies, please. If you can get me Squishmallows, please. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Anna Thieboud

Dear Santa,  
How have you and Mrs. Claus been? Some things that I would like for Christmas is a motorbike, clothes and money. That is all I want for Christmas. Have a good Christmas.  
Josiah Rias

Dear Santa,  
How are things in the North Pole? Mrs. Claus ok? What I want for Christmas is a hoverboard and a skateboard.  
Malachi Salazar

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus and how are the elves? Are they doing good or bad? What do my elves do in the North Pole and we got to see the Grinch and for Christmas I want a Ham plush and a Bryson plush.  
Love,  
Elijah Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
How's Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I hope they're doing great. How many gifts have you packed? Thank you for the gift last year—I loved it. This year for Christmas I really really want a good thing like if you could please give me the homeless a home. And please some clay beads.  
Love,  
Caydence Diaz

Dear Santa,  
How is it in the North Pole? Can you tell the elves and Mrs. Claus I said hi? I want to tell you 2 things I want for Christmas. Number 1...I would like an animating tablet. They're really cool because I love art. It's amazing. Ok, number 2 is...a new phone maybe. It could be any type of phone. Thank you, Santa. And how are the reindeer?  
Love,  
Matthew Goodwin

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer, Santa? And how are you doing? Do you know what I want for Christmas? It is to spend time with my family for my 1st gift. For my 2nd gift is to spend Jesus' birthday.  
Love,  
Sabastian Lee Macias

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you're doing great. I hope the reindeer are doing great. How is Mrs. Claus? If she's doing great, then good. Thank you for the presents last year. They were very good. This year may I please get a sketch book and art supplies please. Thank you for making all the wishes come true. Have a merry day.  
Love,  
Emma Garcia

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? May you tell your wife that I said hi and your deers too? Here is a fun fact did you know that your name is my last name. Look, Santana. Take away the "a" from my last name. It is so

funny. May I tell you what I might have for Christmas? May I have an art kit and a bunch of candy in my stocking please. I hope you like it.  
Love,  
Zoie Renne Santana

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me some candy and a donut for Christmas?  
Thank you,  
Daniela Reyes

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I heard that the reindeer were doing great, especially Rudolph! I hope you give ma a lot of candy in my stocking for Christmas. I know that the Grinch stole the presents and stuff, but he was cool. He came to our school. You should give him presents too, and his dog Max. He deserves presents too, at least one. We are going to have a Christmas Program. I hope you can see. If you do see it tell me.  
Your Buddy,  
Delysia Luna

Dear Santa,  
I got a question...how is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? Did you get a new reindeer yet? And how are you doing? Are you tired or excited? So now this is what I want. First, I want an art kit, Slime, a scooter and an iPad; and feed the homeless people and get the little ones gifts and a fluffy chair.  
Alejandra Ceniceros

Dear Santa,  
I wish for Oculus Quest 2 and a PS5, and Spiderman: No Way Home and a gaming set. I hope Rudolph and the others are fine. I hope Mrs. Claus and you are doing fine.  
X'Zarien

Dear Santa,  
If you can I would like a new puppy, one that can do tricks and that loves music. If you can I would also like a Billie Eilish poster. I know that might be a lot to ask for but you don't have to do both.  
Love,  
Niki

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I'm ready for Christmas because we all get toys for Christmas. What I want for Christmas is an iPad and a Harry Potter Lego set. Also, a Mario Kart set.  
Love,  
Mario Villagomez

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a punching bag with gloves and workout equipment/material, more American Fighter shirts (YL), gold chains and silver. Also, toys as well as Nintendo Switch games, and Xbox 360 games. Penultimately new shows, and last but definitely not least my family to feel better.  
Love,  
Devin Duran

Dear Santa,  
I thank you for a happy Christmas and for presents and for Christmas and for the gifts.  
Love,  
Bryson

Dear Santa,  
Could I please have the new AirPods, 3 Lego sets, a new jacket, a \$50 Roblox gift card, \$25 Nintendo gift card, and a drawing notebook with color.  
Love,  
Adrian Pedroza  
P.S. I got double-stuffed cookies.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby girl car seat, also new LED lights, PS5 or PS4, and a new phone case. If I get a PS5 or PS4 I would like games. I want to say thank you for the presents last year. They are amazing.  
Love,  
J'Lynn B.

Dear Santa,  
I would like to say thank you for all my fantastic presents last year! How is the reindeer? Are they ready to fly? All I want for Christmas is a phone, which I know that is not going to happen, so I want a very soft blanket and a new water bottle. You can't forget gift cards! I love gift cards so these are the gift cards I want: Roblox, Bath and Body and Aeropostale.  
Sincerely,  
Jill

Dear Santa,  
I want Force 5, a gaming chair, pony, headphones, 3 big Legos, Crystal, and an Xbox Controller.  
Love,  
Carson G.

Dear Santa,  
I really want a PlayStation 5 and a VR Headset, I also want an iPhone 13 and a lot of Lego sets.  
Zabrien

Dear Santa,  
For this Christmas I don't want much this year. All I want for Christmas is my own Xbox and my own acrylic nail kit and an electric scooter. That is all I want for Christmas.  
Kylie

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing ok, but this is what I want for Christmas: iPhone, Robux and an Oculus VR headset.  
Sincerely,  
Tristalyn

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I only want one thing for Christmas: an iPhone 12. Thank you for all of the presents last year.  
Carson Prichard

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a gaming chair, PS5, AirPods, iPhone 12, and my own fridge.  
Love,  
Jaime Guerrero

Dear Santa,  
I want a PS5 for Christmas and I also want football pads for Christmas and that's all I want for Christmas. And a PC for Christmas.  
Cater Mcham

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do my chores. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for roller skates, another puppy, a rubber board (Hoverboard), and I can be good.  
Love,  
Aaliyah Henderson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always cleaning up my room. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Huggy Wuggy plushie, a Cartoon Cat plushie, a Bendy Jumbo Beanie plushie and Bendy and the Ink Machine store action figure.  
Merry Christmas and Thank you,  
Adrian Pinon

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always cleaning the house. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a baby doll, a toy cat, a toy llama and a toy dog.  
Thank you,  
D'Lesia Walker

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always sitting down and watching TV. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a tablet, a computer, a book and a puzzle.  
Love,  
Na'yeli Cuba

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always cleaning up at home. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a skateboard for 5-year-olds, a brand new bike, a brand new iPad and my own bed.  
Love,  
Nolan Contreras

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always great at sports and I get along with my sisters. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a watch, a book, a Nerf gun and a stuffed animal.  
Thanks!  
Te'Darrius Briley

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always good and help my sisters. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a LOL, a necklace, a baby doll and a watch.  
Thanks!  
Camille Wickware

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a hoverboard, a dancing robot, my 2 front teeth, and a robot dinosaur.  
Simon Brown

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a bike, a puppet, a star for our Christmas tree and a Teddy Bear.  
Jensen Greer

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Baby Alive, a girl's guitar, a drum and a bike with a basket.  
Braelynn Emert

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a baby doll, a Barbie Doll, earrings and a necklace.  
Noni Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Teddy Bear, a guitar, a pirate and a ball.  
Lilil Zamora

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Barbie Camper, a Barbie Doll, a Barbie House and a dry erase board.  
Kaivana Morales

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Pokemon cards, a Pokemon case, and Pokemon stuff.  
Michael Segura

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a Barbie Doll, a toy puppy, a toy cat and a Teddy Bear.  
Scarlett Campbell

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a toy truck, a ball, a Teddy Bear and a tent.  
Gino Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a baby doll, a lizard pet, play dishes and a Unicorn snuggle.  
Melida Alaniz

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a bike, a Nerf gun, a math set and a stuffed tree.  
Axl Riddle

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Power Ranger toys, Power Ranger Megazord, Scooby-Doo characters and a Scooby-Doo van.  
Stetson Nutt

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Iron Man, Bendy toys, Spider-Man toys and an Incredible Hulk.  
Dylan Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for Paw Patrol, an iPad, a Sonic toy and blocks.  
Victor Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I am always helping. I would love a few gifts under the tree this year. I am wishing for a fish pet, princess clothes, a doll and a doll house.  
Lakyn Rawls

(NO LETTERS RECEIVED FROM DUNCAN FIRST GRADE)

**SECOND GRADE**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Miss Misa plushie. For my brother, a toy helicopter that can fly with a remote. For my mom a new blanket and a pillow. For my dad fix tools. I want a Pop It. I've been bad. My mom and dad told me to make good decisions. I try my best.  
Thank you.  
Scarlett Foster

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas I would like a Lego toy and my mom would like a soft blanket and my dad would like a Batman toy.  
Emmitt Rendon

Dear Santa,  
I want Barbie toys. Mom wants a pillow. My dad wants a \_\_\_\_\_. My sister wants a Barbie and my brother wants headphones.  
Kiyomi Zamora

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a phone and toys. My brother wants a jacket for Christmas. My mom wants a new phone. My dad wants new shoes for Christmas. I have been good. I try my best at school.  
Fabian Rosa

Dear Santa,  
I want a new toy car. My sister wants a new phone and my mom wants a desk and my dad wants some shoes.  
Abran Perez

Dear Santa,  
I want toys, Legos for Christmas. My brother wants a toy dinosaur. My sister wants a baby doll with a stroller. We've been bad but we are trying to be good.  
Anthony Aguilar

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a new camera and probably I've been bad but I promise to be good.  
Jaylan Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I haven't been that good this year, but I promise to do better. Oh, and don't forget Jingle, my Elf on the Shelf, made me hot chocolate. I really want three new Nintendo Switch cartridge games for Christmas.  
Merry Christmas! My grades in school all year have been ninety and above.  
XOXO, Merry Christmas  
Jackson Cooper

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a toy car, a remote-control toy tank and an iPhone 12. My father wants a pillow. My mother wants a blanket. I have been very good all year.  
Christian Machado

Dear Santa,  
Could I get a new phone and a new jacket and a new Pop It.  
Thank you  
Alfonso Peña

**Lockney Letters - Lockney Elementary - continued from previous page**

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well this Christmas. Hope your day was good. Did you get new baby reindeers this year? This year my grades have been extra good because I want to go to a good college. Also, so you can visit my house on Christmas eve. I have a question...do you like peanut butter cookies?  
Love,  
Deliah Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I would want a PS5 Pro and a new 90" TV to connect to my PS5, iPhone 13 Pro and

a reindeer. Also, a \$100 gift card for Roblox and a Fortnite gift card. And a Tesla for \$1,000,000,000, and Mario Kart.  
Always,  
Omar

Dear Santa,  
Could I please have 1 million Legos, a PS5 with remote, and a new 90" TV, and a new iPhone 13 Pro Max. Also, a \$100 Roblox gift card, \$150 Xbox gift card, and if you can, a McLaren F1.  
Love,  
Benjamin Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I would like an iPhone 13, and \$100 and Roblox \$100 Vbux on Fortnite.  
Love,  
Joseph

Dear Santa,  
I would like AirPods and Nintendo games like Mario Kart and Animal Crossing. I would like a G-Shock Watch, blue and orange. And also tell Mrs. Claus I said hi.  
Love,  
Manny

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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a toy Pop It. My sister wants a new phone. My brother wants a dinosaur. My dad wants new shoes. My mom wants a phone. I've been good this year.  
Stephanie Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a phone and a big Pop It and lots of Slime and Play-Doh and some LOL and this year I've been good this year, and a TV and color books with colors and some paint.  
Aliana Santos

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a new TV for my family and Legos and Play-Doh and a laptop.  
Joshua Posada

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy Barbie car, a phone and a laptop. For my dad a car. My mom a cat. My brother wants Legos. My sister wants an anime.  
Natalie Deochoa

Dear Santa,  
I want a VR and phone and PS4 and Need for Speed and Hyrule Warriors Age of Calamity.  
Theodore Corry

Dear Santa,  
I want a real puppy. I want a real hoverboard. I want a real phone. I want a Baby Yoda.  
Deja Contreras

Dear Santa,  
Fake gold, safe, a watch and books.  
Joshua Delgado

Dear Santa,  
Nintendo with a case and with a game and phone and Airpods. PS5 with games and camera. Joy, Jordans 23, laptop (touch screen).  
Aiden Baltierra

Dear Santa,  
I want jewelry and a dog. I want a PS5 and a phone. I want Jordans 23 and a laptop (touch screen).  
Krew Fipps

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a PS4, Nintendo, iPhone 360, Snake Eyes, sword set and spy drone.  
Decian Bryant

Dear Santa,  
PlayStation 5, iPhone Pro, Xbox 360 and a TV and remote controller and Roblox, backpack, laptop and a map. A big new bed. A big new car for my Grandpa. A rare real fish that is alive. Big pillows for my bed. Sharpies.  
Ayden

Dear Santa,  
I want canvases for Christmas and paint. And a necklace for my sister and an American Girl doll. And family and friends to be ok.  
Nataleah Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I want a NES and a VR and my family. I know it's not much, but I really want a VR set please.  
Michael Stewart

Dear Santa,  
I want a school set and a Rainbow High Doll (the pink doll), PEIS and iPad and a Roblox gift card and a new Airpods and case, a new makeup kit. A pig toy that talks and walks and comes with a cage, and new paint kit with sticks and new iPad case. A new unicorn toy and Pop Its and Fidget toys and an American Girl Doll.  
Charii More

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a DIY tracks with one car and I want a VR set and I want a PS5 and I want GTA Call of Duty and Fortnite and I want a Baby Yoda Build-A-Bear.  
Joseph Castaneda

Dear Santa,  
I want a PS5 and a lot of MagnetX toys and a headset and AirPods and a Roblox gift card.  
Cutter Gourdon

Dear Santa,  
Dog and Xbox.  
Tyrone Henderson

Dear Santa,  
Glue Sticks (18), scissors and erasers and a makeup kit and candy canes (18). Also, an iPhone 8 and Airpods and a JoJo Siwa tickets, about 20. OK Santa, and a lot of JoJo Siwa stuff and a camera and lipsticks, about 20, and a tablet and a laptop (18) and new clothes. And a new PS5 with a controller for my brother. One last thing...Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Adela Cuba

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy puppy that walks.  
Nazir Garcia

**THIRD GRADE**

Dear Santa,  
It is almost Christmas and I want my mom to be free of cancer and I want to not be sick I think. I want a Merry Christmas and I think I have been good this year and a Merry Christmas to all!!!!  
Love,  
Sophia Brown

Dear Santa,  
I want an iPhone 13 Pro, Apple Watch, LED lights, a Corgi dog and a microphone. I'm sorry it's expensive lol. I have been good this year. By the way I have a second wish list. I also want a skateboard and my BFF Sophia's mom to be free from cancer and have a happy family.  
Thank you,  
Amanda Suarez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo Switch and a watch. I want a laptop.  
Aidan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I really want a new bike and an iPad or phone and Christmas books. But I want Christmas chapter books. I want to wish a good Merry Christmas to my classmates, and I don't want to ask for much but there is this girl in my class and can you give her a bike. I would appreciate it and it will make her happy.  
Merry Christmas. Hope you have a good one.  
Jaylee Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want a drone for Christmas and new phone and a car for my mom and chocolate and Robux and money for my mom.  
Samantha Alaniz

Dear Santa,  
I have been good Santa and I want wood and coal for fire and building. Love you. And a drawing tablet for my brother.  
Brantley Sciperkordin

Dear Santa,  
I really really want a camera so I can take cool pictures. And my mom really needs a new phone. Her favorite phone is a Samsung. And I need a skateboard. My sister really needs a new phone too. And I want a piano. And I want a laptop and a PS5 and I need glasses because mine broke and can you get some toys for my

2-year-old brother? Santa, I hope this isn't too much to ask for.  
Leland Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I want a Robux gift and I really want this...the full Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid and Eerie Elementary book series and a couple of Vbux and that is it. It's my mom's wedding so I don't want much.  
Kade Seymore

Dear Santa,  
I want a big pencil, camera, phone, iPad, Slime, Pop Its, piano, 360, computer, scooter, big sunglasses.  
Robert White

Dear Santa,  
I have been a little bad and nice. I want the whole series of Eerie Elementary books. My little sister wants graham crackers. My dad wants a puppy dog. I do not know what my mom or little brother want for Christmas. And I want a computer. And a mega 1,000 Pop It Among Us Pop It. A hoverboard. I also want a \$10 to \$100 Roblox gift card.  
Rhett Rainwater

Dear Santa,  
I want a PS5 and and \$10,000 please.  
Love,  
Joseph Deleabo

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would want a new case and fidgets and clothes and Sam some clothes and shoes.  
Trinity G. Rodrigues

Dear Santa,  
I want a car and a PS5. A TV and a cat and fidgets.  
Rockie Ybarra

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good child. I want my best friend to get better and Santa, I want a puppy please. I will take care for my other dog.  
Abbigail Hartline

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want all the children to have toys, even the poor people. That's all I want.  
Isabella Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I really want a Pop It for Christmas and Slime for Christmas and clothes and shoes...and my shoes I want Adidas and I want a Baby Sitters Club book for Christmas and can you bring Josiah a new scooter and him a bike for Christmas. Can you get him a Pop It please.  
Love you Santa,  
Jazalyn Rocha

Dear Santa,  
I really want to get an iPhone 13, blue and green! Can I get Beyblades and Eerie Elementary and a library with a lot of books and please a Shadow Staff.  
Jax James

Dear Santa,  
I have been very naughty this year. Just Kidding!! I have been a good kid. Santa, why is your name Santa Claus? Why do you like cookies and milk? What are you getting me for Christmas? What elf will you sent to me for Christmas to see

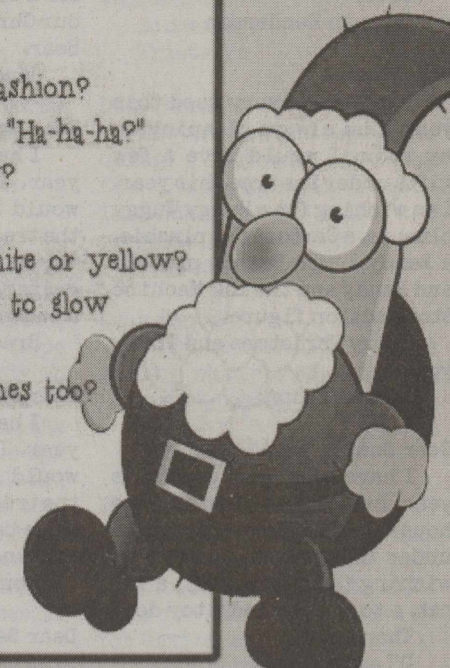
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**The WHYs of CHRISTMAS**  
By: Easyday.snydle.com

Why is Santa's beard so long  
Too busy to shave or just part of his fashion?  
Why does he laugh "Ho-ho-ho" and not "Ha-ha-ha?"  
Please tell me why can his reindeers fly?

Why is Rudolph's nose red and not white or yellow?  
It would've been brighter when it starts to glow  
Why do people kiss under mistletoes?  
Why are Christmas trees shaped like cones too?

I still have one query left to ask  
Why do I even love Christmas?  
The joyous spirit this season conveys  
Love is shared in big and little ways.



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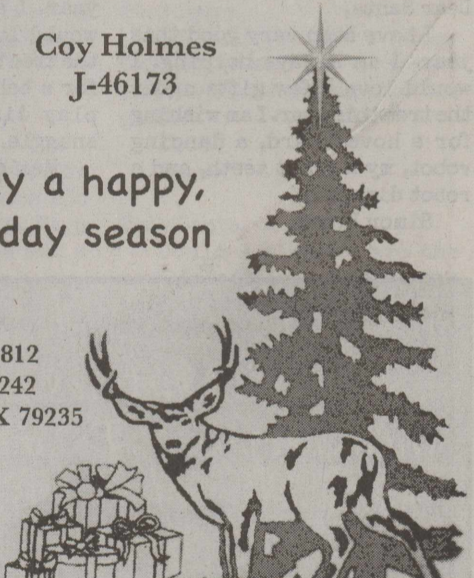
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if I'm good or naughty?  
Bye Santa!  
Lexi De los Santos

Dear Santa,  
Since I've been in Chess team I have wanted a Chess board. I love chess! I have also wanted a walrus. But probably my parents are not going to let me get one. And Santa, can you tell me if I'm naughty? I want to know. Also, I believe that if Jax or Yager, my brothers, ask for any electronics don't give them any because we have too many. Also, we are grateful for what we have, I hope. And can you promise me one thing...I want to know if I'm naughty.  
Love, XOXO  
Hudson James

Dear Santa,  
I want stuff for my new room and a German Shepherd and LED lights. Also, to move into my new house and art supplies and that's all.  
Araceli Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I wasn't a PS5, Apple Watch, remote, iPhone 12, a new TV, a new Rose, money and a room, gaming chair.  
Maverick Gaivan

Dear Santa,  
I really don't want nothing for Christmas. It's just I want LOL Dolls and I want a LOL House and I want a coloring book and a necklace and bracelet and I want clothes and I want stuffed animals and a hoverboard.  
Thanks Santa! Merry Christmas,  
Ta'Kyra Briley

Hi Santa,  
Can I have a Nintendo Switch, LED lights, a holiday nearby for Christmas too! A hoverboard, as well. Can I get a little holiday decorations too, and an Elf on the Shelf and a puppy named Lola and she is a girl too, and little clothes for my little puppy! Merry Christmas, Santa. Happy New Year Santa!!!  
Nevaeh Contreras

Hi Santa!  
I know we got to see you last time, but I only got a chance to tell you one gift. I want a dog and I want a new phone. I also want a new PlayStation. I have been a little naughty in school. Do you have Christmas trees? I watched a movie where a little girl went into your Christmas bag. I really want my tio to come back from college.

One more thing...I want a skateboard.  
Ethan Deleon

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sonic watch and I want a coloring book and thank you, Santa!  
Ablian Tamayo

Dear Santa,  
I want a new puppy. That is a husky and I also want a skateboard and a lot of animals in my back yard, food and a new bike and scooter with bows and a new stuffed animal and all I want is my beautiful family and been a good girl. I really want my family from heaven and God.  
Alejandra Arredondo

Dear Santa,  
Am I good? Because I'm not sure. If I am, I want Bakugans, more Beyblades, and tons and tons of toys. So, if I am just give them to me please!!!! P.S. The elves have to wipe their feet and I have no chimney and a mansion in L.A.  
Love,  
Kaeson Ray Munguia

Dear Santa,  
I would like some Legos. A show shirt and show boots. A Nerf gun. And some Hot Wheels.

A Squishmallow and a blanket. I want a drone. And some clothes. Some new jeans. New socks. And please donate or give something to the homeless people. I have a lot more than some people. And please let my sister and friends and especially my family forgive me. I have been naughty lately forgive me.  
Love,  
Parker Kellison

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a go kart, iPhone 13 Pro, Smart Watch, to fix my car, to go to Pennsylvania, ten Elfs. I want to see Santa, Nintendo Switch.  
Jacob Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Chihuahua and nail polish and a hoverboard for my little brother.  
Nakendra Garcia

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? And how are you? I hope you're doing well too. On Christmas presents to my home...I want a Christmas dress and new pajamas and Christmas boots.  
Jaylah Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a long telescope. I want it to be black and I want nail polish and for my little brother he's gonna want a Nerf Blaster and his own game. Like a Christmas game.  
Katelin Fipps

Dear Santa,  
I would like an iPhone 13 Pro Max and a car to park in her garage Christmas.  
Christopher Hatcher

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I want a makeup set. I want a phone and a tablet and a PS5. I want baby clothes for Mrs. Everett. I want a new Scooter.  
Nyalea Zamora

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a Chihuahua and a garden and an iPhone.  
Jayden Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring my aunt Selena stuff? And bring me and my brother Baby Yoda stuff and me a phone and my dad and mom a new car for my mom and a new ranger for my dad.  
Thank you, Santa,  
Emma Holmes

Dear Santa,  
I want a PS5 with a PS5 game, GTA5 and the new iPhone 13 Pro Max and a huge Nerf gun and a PC and GTA5 for the PC and another puppy. Lots and lots of Robux and Vbux. That's all.  
Eli Munoz

Dear Santa,  
I want 5 black and blue Pop Its and iPhone 13 Pro and Vbux and an Apple laptop.  
Xavier Williams

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a hoverboard. And can I have a PS5 and the iPhone 13 Pro Max and a PS5 game? And for my sister get a PS5 and an iPhone 13 Pro Max.  
Elijah Mata

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want an iPhone 12 and a PS5 and a little puppy, and a lizard, a TV, and you are my favorite.  
Merry Christmas,  
Ezekiel Machado

Dear Santa,  
I want a LaMelo Ball jersey and a Miles jersey and an iPhone 13 and a football and cones because me and my brother work out because I play QB, and a championship ring.  
Jayden Aleman

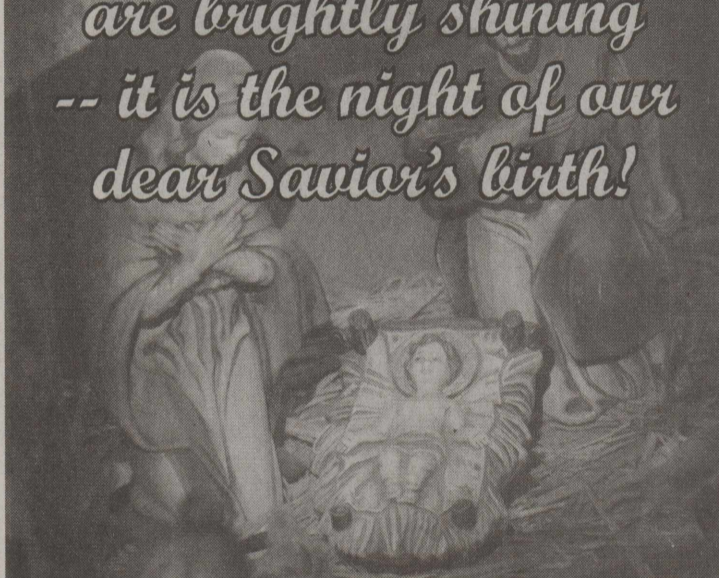
Dear Santa,  
I want a PS5 with two controllers and COD Black Ops and a TV, a big TV, and a lizard and a dime chain and I want to play tackle football, Nike Air Jordans.  
Kaivree Palomin

Dear Santa,  
Please give me a Nintendo Switch and an Xbox and a phone and a gaming system and a new room and a hoverboard and a TV and a big Pop It and a dog that listens and it is a pug and the Bendi and the Ink Machine on the Nintendo switch and the Fortnite game and a new piggy bank!  
Joeandrei Vega

Dear Santa,  
I would want a phone for Christmas. You are my favorite.  
Happy Christmas,  
Liam Tamayo

Dear Santa,  
I would like a PS5 and an iPhone 13 Pro Max and a golden retriever and a snake.  
Josiah Ibarra XOXOXOXO

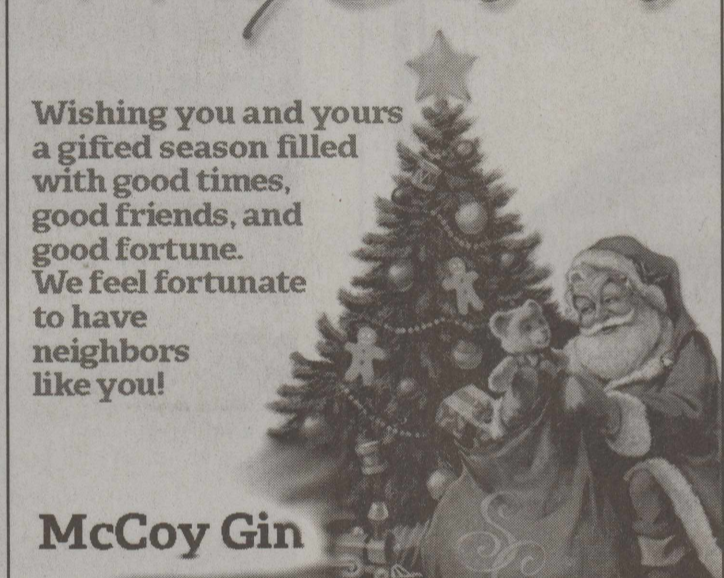
*O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining -- it is the night of our dear Savior's birth!*



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*Merry Christmas*

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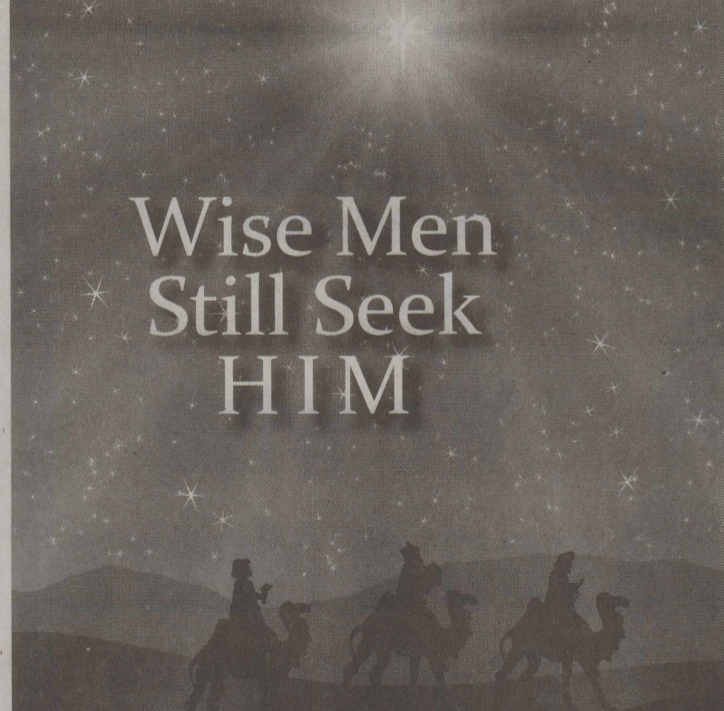
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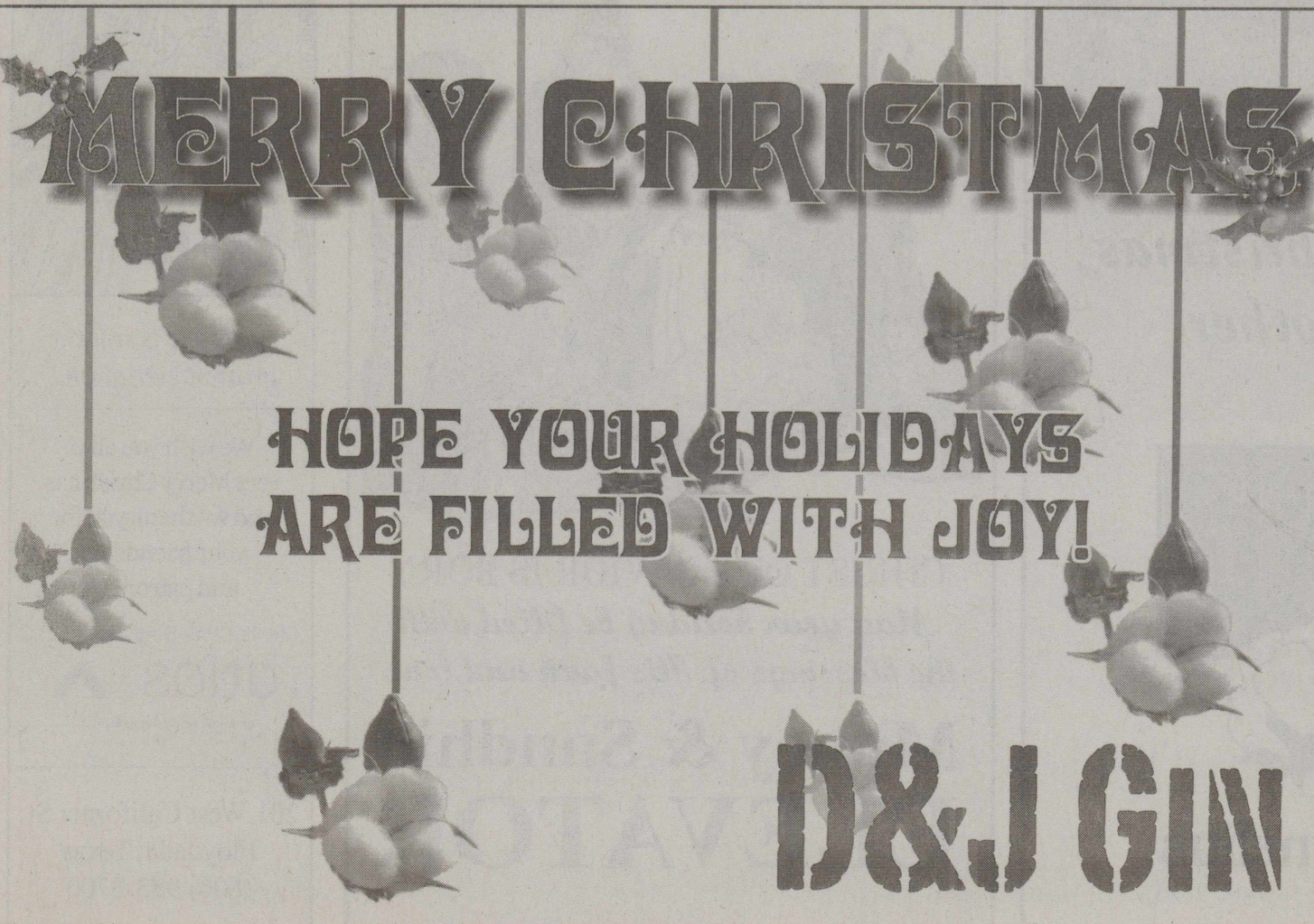
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# A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS By Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
 The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
 While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
 And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
 Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,  
 When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
 I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
 The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
 Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,  
 When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
 But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
 With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
 And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN!  
 On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONNER and BLITZEN!  
 To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
 Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"  
 As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
 When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
 So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
 With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.  
 And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
 As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,  
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
 He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.  
 His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
 And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;  
 The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
 And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;  
 He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
 That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.  
 He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;  
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;  
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
 And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;  
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
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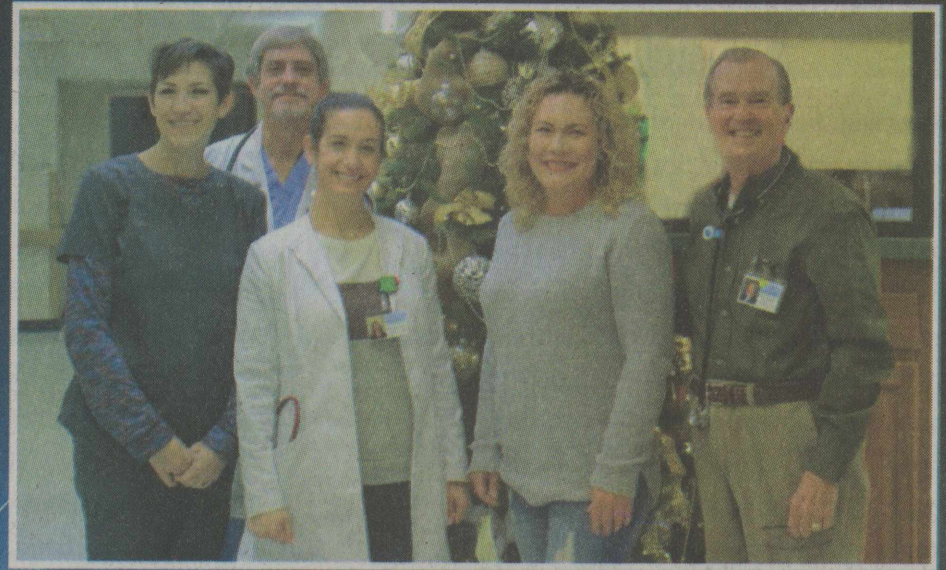
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