



During this crazy year, we've continued to bring you the very best newspaper possible and during this Holy Season, we express our thanks for your kind support and our hopes for a very Merry Christmas, abundant in health, love and good cheer for your family.

We know you'll enjoy the letters to Santa included in this edition, made possible by the many businesses, organizations, churches and industries delivering you a Christmas Message during this blessed season.



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LETTERS TO SANTA

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, LINN

PRE-K

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for the new friends I made. For Christmas I would like a remote control excavator, a remote control car and some hand tools please. I hope you have a safe trip around the world. Love, J.J. N.

Dear Santa,
Last year I was thankful for the sled you brought for us to play in the snow. This year I would like the BIG Coffee set, a pretend watch, and an ipad to play games and puzzles "I've been a very good girl this year...right mom?" Love, Gentry D.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my puppy, Cindy. For Christmas I would like a puppy that is white and moves. I also want a music player. I would also like a lot of candy. I love you! Love, Penelope S.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the pup pad last year. I tried my best and did good this year. I have been waiting for an ultimate rescue vehicle. Can I please have one? Thank you Santa. Love, Rosston S.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Nerf guns last year. Also, thank you for my boots. I wear them all the time. This year I would like a very big monster truck. I would also like a new chainsaw for daddy because he broke his. Santa, can I please also have some new legos. Thank you Santa! Love, Emmett L.

Dear Santa,
I want a horse, a unicorn and a princess please. Some shopkins and LOL surprises. A barbie doll with a crown and a truck and trailer for her pony. Be careful coming in with all of our dogs and don't let the cats get out. Merry Christmas. Love, Kooper S.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the grain truck, fire truck and bulldozer that you brought me last year. This year I am asking for a big excavator and a big truck and trailer to haul gravel. Love, Owen V.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Panda Baby Doll that you gave me last Christmas. This Christmas I would like a

Minnie Mouse phone, a Minnie Mouse kitchen set that can fill up with water, and a Santa plushy toy that I can sleep with. Have a good time on your sled! I'm a good girl and my brothers and sister are too! Love, Kate B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the grain cart I got last year and all the other gifts. I would like ride on toy skid steer, excavator and a gooseneck truck and trailer. Love, Gibson H.

Dear Santa,
I am most thankful for the firetrucks I got. This year I want a brio-red train, wooden tracks, and wooden railway crane. Love, Tritan J.

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for my ice cream set and cry baby last Christmas. I really love playing with them. This Christmas, I'd love to have a new baby doll, even though I already have a lot. I'd also like a fake set of car keys, like my friend Londyn's, and a new powerwheel Jeep. If you could please get me these, I'll be so happy. Thank you, Santa! Be careful flying in your sleigh and look out for birds! Love, Layla L.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the fun toys you brought me last year. You bring the funnest toys on earth. You are the best ever. Can I please have a Barbie Doll House and a L.O.L. set this year? I love your reindeer and elves! Love, LaylaMay S.

Dear Santa,
Last year I was very thankful for a family dinner. This year I would really like an LOL doll, a princess dollhouse, and barbies. Thank you for all of the presents. Love, Londyn P.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Baby Shark bike last year! I would like a Peppa Pig Toy, a BIG T-rex, Hot Wheel garage, Elefun Flyers game, doctor's coat. Love, Daniel R.

Dear Santa,
I am grateful for hugs and kisses and all the gifts you gave me last year. This year I would like a skateboard, lots of nerf guns and spiderman toys. Merry Christmas Santa! Love, Vasen B.

Dear Santa,
Last year I was thankful

for my family and friends. For Christmas I would like a BB gun, grave digger remote control, and a watch. Love, Caden S.

Dear Santa,
I'm thankful for Halloween and riding on the tractor with Dad. For Christmas I want a motorbike, helmet, goggles and gloves. Love, Kip R.

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for family and make-up. I sure hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing okay! This year for Christmas I would please like more pretty dresses, make-up and jewelry. Hope to see you soon! Say "Hi" to Rudolph! Love, Alivia K.

Dear Santa,
I like puzzles and race cars. Merry Christmas, Albert D.

KINDERGARTEN CLASS
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the dirt bike last year. I have been trying to be really good. This year I would like a fast go-cart. Love Cooper R.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Barbie dream house, a real makeup kit, and a new boots. Love, Aubrie P.

Dear Santa,
I would like a bat a road roller and a dirtbike please!!! Love, Jude

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for my family. This year for Christmas, I would like Jack Skelton toys. I would also like to spend more time with my cousin Brooklyn and Aunt Addie. Love, Harie D.

Dear Santa,
You are the best! I wish for a hoverboard and new fly dirtbike gear! Love, Ezden B.

Dear Santa,
I loved the swingset last Christmas. I would like a Powerwheels Jeep and Joovy carseat this year, please. What is your favorite cookie? Chocolate, Strawberry or white milk? Please write me a note back soon. Thank you. I love you. Love, Maebrie P.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want an Indominus Rex for Christmas. I would also like a T-Rex race track, K-Nex battle bow building set and dinosaur nerf gun. Love, Oliver A.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toys last year. I would like a four wheeler, and an airplane toy. I have been a good boy. Thank you Santa. Love, Chandler P.

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for everything my mom and dad do for me. I love when you come on Christmas Eve. Please bring me a dinosaur that come with a car! Love, Jasper A.

Dear Santa,
I'm thankful for mom and dad, baking with mom, and that nobody's mean to mom. I'm asking for a BIG, BIG LOL dollhouse, a mini car and lots of stickers. Love, Millie R.

Dear Santa,
I was very good this year. I want a set of markers, baby alive food, baby alive diapers, and a new Baby Alive doll, and a baby bottle. I also want a new kitchen set. Thank you Santa! Love, Nora B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. I really liked them all. Will you please bring me a sword and a new bike with handle bar brakes. I have been really good. Love, Carter T.

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for the ice cream shoppe you gave me last year. This year I would like a tow truck, Electronic Banking Monopoly, puzzles and a tool kit. I hope your reindeer are doing good. Love, Jackson J.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Could you please have your elf's make me Lego sets and monster trucks. Have a safe trip, Love, Aaron L.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of my gifts last year. This year I would like a rainbow fish, a squishy ball and a dinosaur. Love, Mason M.

Dear Santa,
It's been a hard year for me, but I was good enough to make the good list. Could you please bring me some LOL Dolls for my dollhouse and a unicorn. Dad said we don't have room for a unicorn, but it can live in our yard. Love, Korah L.

Dear Santa,
I am sure you saw my name on the nice list, way above my sister's. We may look a like, but I the nice one, when you are watching. I would really love a pony, but if you can't fly with one a lot of dolls and painting stuff would be nice. Love, Olivia L.

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for my family. This year for Christmas I would like fidgets, jumbo pop it, rainbow high top shoes, OMG doll and a dog. Will you bring snow this year? Love, Violet S.

Dear Santa,
I am thankful for my vanity from last year. This year for Christmas I would like to have some squishies. I have a new room and would like to decorate with unicorns. Love, Elyse K.

Dear Santa,
I would like a monster truck, pokemon cards and a treehouse. Love, Oliver B.

Hello, Santa,
How are you today? How are you feeling with making all of these kids toys, and making children happy when they are sleeping? I think it's a big job. I would like LOL winter disco house, magic mixie, Pokemon cards and a big box of LOLs. Thank you Santa for all the joy you have made for me and other kids. Merry Christmas, Anslee D.

FIRST GRADE CLASS
Thank you for all our toys last year, we are still playing with them. This year I have been very good. I would like a hoverboard, a drumset and a new football. Hope you fly safe and I'll see you soon. Your buddy, Rokzen B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents that you brought me last year. I have been good again this year! I would like fidgets, LED lights, make-up, Bath and Body works, a hover board, clothes, and a charger. My sister Paisley wants some Barbies and my baby brother Beckham likes balls and cars. Addisyn likes clothes and Kynlee likes clothes too. My mom's favorite is Starbucks and my dad likes Mountain Dew. Love, Mylee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the awesome toys you gave me last year! I really loved the stuffed tiger. This year I would like a boy baby doll, fidget toys, dress up stuff, mom stuffed tiger, a piano mat to step on, horses, or wolves and a blue bike. I would also like a doll that eats and drinks and a pound puppy. I promise to be good at school and listen. I will have cookies for you and treats for your reindeer. I love you Santa! Love, Kinley P.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year's gifts. This year I would like a Ryan's World Rocket ship, a Ryan's World refrigerator, or a Ryan's World Space Safe. Also maybe a KingKong axe, a toy Godzilla and King Kong, a Mecha Godzilla toy, and a new Ben 10 toy, and a new sword, nerf guns and some candy for my stocking. Especially chocolate. Sincerely, Zachary K.

Dear Santa,
I cannot believe it is time for you to return. I am so excited! I have been waiting for my elf, Norman, to visit me all year long. Thank you for the gifts that you gave me last year. This year I would love glasses,

a crossbody purse, a LOL doll, and pop-its. I would also love to have a pink doll elf that I can keep with me year round when Norman has to return to the North Pole, Tell Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer I said hello. Merry Christmas! Love, Audrey C.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the gifts you gave me last year. I had a lot of fun with them. I hope you had fun making them with your elves. This year for Christmas, I would like a dirt bike and dirt bike suit so I can ride with my sisters and my dad. I also want a new Traxxas car so my dad can race me. My dad also wants new work boots just like the ones he has now. I'll try to be good the rest of my life. I hope everyone else gets presents too. Love, Ross B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my game. I will let my sisters play it. I want snow clothes, a dirt bike, a four-wheeler, and deer hunting clothes. That's it. Love, Gatlin D.

Dear Santa,
I would like a real 4 wheeler, for christmas. I would let my brother and sisters ride with me. I would also like a big obstacle course like on TV, so that I can get big muscles. Love, Connor L.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for our gifts. I would like a pair of headphones, 23 for my class, all the teachers and my family. I also would like a hover board. Love, Nora A.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of the gifts last year. I would like an RC car, John Deere set, and a doll house for my sister. Lucas S.

Dear Santa,
Thank you. I want new shoes and a Bible. I want a cross and a scissors and a glue and balloons and a "new new new" bike and a new basketball. Can you git new pairs of shoes and pairs of makeup for mom and dad. Thank you for the presents form last year. Thank you for my t.v. thanks for the presents last year and I like when you git me presents. Hank D.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. This year I would like a Barbie that turns into a mermaid and a TV. Also a frozen castle if you have room. I love you. Jordyn R.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the gifts you gave me last year. This year, I would like a 4-wheeler to share, a remote control car that goes fast and slow, a new TV, and LED lights that make your room colors. I also would like a virtual reality set and a new tablet charger. Thank you, Santa! From Brady

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toys last year. I really would like a blue mountain bike that shifts gears. I would also like a new football. Thank you Santa! Love, Carter P.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Numberblocks magnets from last year. This year I would like a Play-Doh slime super stretch multipack. Love, Amelia J.

Second Grade Class
Dear Santa,
How are you? I was hoping that you could get me these things. LOL dolls, LOL

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Reflections of the Season

May your holidays be a time for thankful thought and prayer as you look back over the past year. We wish you and yours health and happiness in 2021.

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We hope your holiday is harmonious in every way, and that your home echoes with the sounds of laughter as you celebrate Christmas. Thank you for your loyal business this past year. We look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CHAMOIS R-I SCHOOL, CHAMOIS

Dear Santa,
The **Tiny Pirate Preschoolers** have been working hard and have been good listeners. Please bring them:
Adellyn - Elsa and Anna dolls
Augustus - RC car
Dahlia - Pink car
Ella - Barbie house with Barbie dolls
Emberlee - Mickey Mouse doctor kit
Harmon - House with people
Jase - Teddy Bear
Kalliope - Kitchen set
Kiara - Elsa and Anna dolls
Kinley - LOL Wrap
Kyleigh - Mickey Mouse bracelet
Lane - Firetruck
Pierce - Mickey Mouse
Reid - Mickey Mouse
Ruth - Minnie Mouse sleeping bag

Kindergarten Class
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a yo-yo and a whistle for Christmas. Love, Letti S.

Dear Santa,
I want to see Rudolph for Christmas. Love, Sarah K.

Dear Santa,
I want an Extreme Chomp-in Spinosaurus for Christmas. Your friend, Bryce S.

Dear Santa and Elves,
I want an Xbox Series X and a red Monster Jam fire truck. Love, Les L.

Dear Santa,
I want a Toy Store Woody and a Buzz Lightyear. Your friend, Camden M.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a Barbie Dream House and a toy horse. Your friend, Quinn M.

Dear Santa,
I want a MUNGUS coat. Your friend, Lenny S.

Dear Santa,
I want a toy zebra, a red stuff toy Crayon and orange and blue stuffy number 2. Love, Harper R.

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman watch that has games on it and two race cars with remotes. I also want a guitar. Love, Wyatt S.

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed parrot and a toy that sneaks snacks and unicorn with bag and

brushes. Love, Kinley P.

Dear Santa,
I want an ice cream cart, toy piano and guitar, and pink stuffed Crayon. Love, Sophia B.

Dear Santa,
I want baby doll clothes, bottles, diapers. I also want a toy unicorn. Love, Samirah B.

Dear Santa,
I want little tiny dinosaur eggs and a lot of tiny Hatchimals and a stuffed magic cat that does everything for you. I also want a coloring book with rainbows and mermaids. Love, Alessa J.

Dear Santa,
I want Elsa and Anna dolls and make-up. Love, Caylee M.

Dear Santa,
I want a Treasure X Bug dissection kit, underground bunker and a hamster. Your friend, Ronald D.

First Grade Class
Dear Santa,
Thank you for my skates. Do you like chocolate cookies? I like your flying reindeer. For Christmas please bring me a toy snake and a drone. Your friend, Katerina

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Barbie house last Christmas. Do you like the elves? I like your flying reindeer. For Christmas please can I have a circus tent set and a baby doll? Your friend, Bailey.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Nerf Guns. Do you like flying in the sleigh? I like your sleigh and reindeer. For Christmas I would like a remote control car with a lot of batteries. Your friend, Cooper

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my TV. Do

you like milk and cookies? I like your sleigh For Christmas please give me a Go-Kart. Your friend, Hank

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toys. Do you like your reindeer? For Christmas please bring me a venom dinosaur Spiderman Lego set and an ice smash-er. Your friend Landen

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toy bow. Do you like chocolate chip cookies? I like your elves. For Christmas please get me a red toy bow and a mega Godzilla. Your friend, Callem

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my LOL doll. Do you like chocolate chip cookies or raisin cookies? I like your red hat. For Christmas please give me a LOL doll and a Baby Alive. Your friend, Makena

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my ice cream maker. Do you have cookies? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please give me a bouncing unicorn

and a rocking horse. Your friend, Adalynn

Second Grade Class
Dear Santa Claus, Can you get me Krimit? I all so wut sirman and a pon. Frum, Hunter G.

Dear Santa,
First of all, thank you for Rexy and my pellet gun. Can you please give my mom the best Christmas ever? Love, Ryder C.

Dear Santa,
First of all, can I have a ATV? I want an ATV because I can work on the farm. How do you live so long? Your friend, Braxon U.

Dear Santa Claus,
First I want cars because all of my cars gon. You know why because all of the cars is broke. People broke the cars. Love, Carson M.

Dear Santa,
First of all, I've been good for half of the year so if I be good for the rest of the year then can I get a PS5 for Christmas and can I get

a fourwheeller for Christmas? Love, Hunter K.

Dear Santa,
First please video game on x-box land I want a new bed and stuff. Because I will share with Xavier. Love, Bentley W.

Dear Santa Claus,
First of all, can you please bring me make-up because I want to be pretty. Love, Cali S.

Dear Santa,
First can you please give me a stifed ghost because that way I will have good dream. Dear Santa, thank you Santa for the boots. Love, Carsen K.

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I had a calico kitten because it will remind me of Keira. I wish I had a calico kitten please. Keira will keep me busy while mom cleans, and it will save her a lot of time. I want it because it will remind me of my other calico cat Keira. Love, Olivia K.



LETTERS TO SANTA I.C. CATHOLIC SCHOOL, LOOSE CREEK

KINDERGARTEN CLASS
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things help pic up, shar tos, and help cleep up. My Christmas wishes are a barn, dog and cat. Love, Bo

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things I did help my dad, I help my dad pat, and I luv my mom and dad. My Christmas wishes are a robot dinosaur and mescl bad. Love, Liam

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things tak kar uv my babe sisdr. I luv my mom and dad, and I luv my dog. My Christmas wishes are a robot dog and a robot cat. Love, Savanna

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things hp put uwa dishes, pic up my tos, and cen my room. My Christmas wishes are a bab doll and brbe. Love, Blake

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things hep fed the dogs, hep mec bauev, and gev dogs a baf. My Christmas wishes are to dog and to cat. Love, Kaelynn

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things hp sumone up,

hp sumwun, and cen up tos. My Christmas wishes are remot cutrol cr and a to src. Love, George

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things help Reese up, do the diis, and mad my bed. My Christmas wishes are for lir and nrf gun. Love, Tripp

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things hep you up, gev a hug, and sa hi to sumwun. My Christmas wishes are dincer the crs and a house cns. Love, Gage

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things halp pepl, put owa craos, and clen mi ram. My Christmas wishes are a remot ctrol arplan, trunk, and mneeey. Love, John

FIRST GRADE CLASS
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things, such as giving presents to my family, helping people up, and saying thank you to my mom. My Christmas wishes are LOLs, an iPhone, and a toy gun. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Love, Sadie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things, such as putting the clothes in the dryer, holding the door for peo-

ple, and helping someone up. My Christmas wishes are board games, a baseball bat, and a toy gun. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Love, Will

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things, such as picking up my classmate's pencil, helping put up my Christmas tree at my house, and praying to Jesus. My Christmas wishes are a bouncy ball, slime, and a tall pink water bottle. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Love, Ellie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things, such as helping people up, saying thank you to the lunch ladies, and holding the door for my friends. My Christmas wishes are a Nintendo Switch, Nerf gun, and a pellet gun. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Love, Hudson

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things, such as helping people get napkins at lunch, putting ornaments on our Christmas tree, and helping someone read a book. My Christmas wishes are a light purple camera, an American Girl doll,

and an animal blanket. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Love, Tayler.

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this

year! I have done some nice things such as helping put up the Christmas tree at my house, cleaning up my toys in my room, and helping put the balls away. My Christmas wishes are an American Girl doll, an American Girl doll car, and an American Girl doll motorcycle. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Love, Josie

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this

year! I have done some nice things, such as sharing my toys, saying thank you to the lunch ladies, and helping set the table for dinner. My Christmas wishes are an iPhone, a dog, and My Little Pony. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year!

I have done some nice things, such as making things for my sister and parents, giving my sister her toys, and playing with my sister. My Christmas

wishes are a hair styling set, LOLs, and a balance beam. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Love, Charlotte

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Peace And Good Will To All
May you have a blessed holiday.
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LETTERS TO SANTA ST. MARY SCHOOL, FRANKENSTEIN

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa have you tried on your soot? Have you rested for the big night? Have the raindeer got enuf sleep for Ceresmus night? Do you mind giving me a for weler? I like to ribe on forweler. Can I have a nerph gun target? I like to shoot my nerph-gun. I like to ramp things with a brt bike. I hope you are well rested for Chrismas becus thos randerer mite be frolikin. I wish I could have a Elf on the self. I can't whate intel christmas. Love, Everett

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are you doing? Well I am doing good! Is your sute too small or too big? I'll get you a new one if it is too big or too small. I'll get you a perfkot one. May I have a gas dirt bike and a four wheeler? I would also like a rake to rake up the leaves from the trees. May I have a Three-D printer because I want to print things with it. Are your elfs busy? Are you leaving at day or night? I will leav kookies and milk. Love, James

Dear Santa,
Haw are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? I am. I've ben good this year. Som times I'm a little mean to my brothers. I would it if you could bring me a rimote controll toy droin. Can I please have a new computer and some games for it? Can I also have some shorts? Can you get my brother Cody a welding hellmit? I can't wait for Christmas. I'll leev cookies and caretis for you and the raindeer. I'm excited to see my elph Hary. Love, Max

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa how are the deer? Are you ready yet? Is your slay ready for the trip? Santa I would like a ipod, dirt bike, hachet, and some red, white, and blue boots. I would also like Avengers. Tyler would like some Hey Duds. Would you like to send Pd our elf our house this Christmas? I will put out cookies, carats and milk. I will let you go. Love, Grant

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa! How are you? I hope you are good. Have you tried on your soot? Are the raindeer ready for the trip? I tried to be good this year. I would like for you to make some Bass pro gift cards. I would like some phone cases and a charcher ples. Could you breing Tedy a litte bone? I am so esided for Christmas. I will leav cookies and milk for you. I will also leav some candycanes outside for the raindeer. Love, Westin

Dear Santa,
How is Cooky my elf doing? Is Cooky doing fine? Is he being good? Can you give my a Jurass Wold Legacy Collection Tyranosura Rex Escap Pack? Beyblade burst? Animal Planet deep sea shark and Spiderman vs Venome Vehicles? I'm going to lay cookies and milke out for you. I hope you are redy for the Big day or night. I'll try to put ckairts out if we have sum. Is that ok? Love, Landon



LETTERS TO SANTA SACRED HEART SCHOOL, RICH FOUNTAIN

PRE-SCHOOL TO KINDERGARTEN
Dear Santa,
Thank you for my make-up camera. This year I would like a rainbow sweatshirt, Spirograph and a unicorn chair. For Christmas, I will take care of Joscelin. Love, Gracelyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Little TV. This year I would like a tablet and a big, black car. For Christmas I will help Pappy with the trash. Love, William

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Elsa doll. This year I would like a big Repunzel, Big Elsa and Mermaid Barbie. For Christmas I will help Bandit be calm. Love, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Lite Bright. This year I would like a Harry Potter Wand and Owl. For Christmas, I will bake cookies. Love, Brighton

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my kitty. This year I would like a hamster. For Christmas, I will be a good kid. Love, Marta

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my IN dominus. This year I would like the Spinosaurus. For Christmas, I will pick up my room. Love, Eli

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my craft box. This year I would like a girl doll with outfits. For Christmas, I will make my bed and tidy my room. Love, Ridley

Dear Santa, Thank you for my Paw Patrol Tower. This year I would like a 4-wheeler. For Christmas I will help Dad get wood off of the trailer. Love, Tucker

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the stuff you do for me. Thank you for my bike. This year I would like Video Games. For Christmas I will give a gift. Love, Grantley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my family. This year I would like a LOL Doll. For Christmas, I will help mom with decorating. Love, Kate

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my little brother, Michael. This year I would like stuffy fish, a little doll, a rocket ship and a screwdriver. For Christmas I will help my Mom and Dad clean the living room. Love, Loretta

Dear Santa,
Thank you my toys, Mom and Dad and my Big brother. This year I would like a red train, Paw Patrol toys and a Spider-Man fishing pole. For Christmas I will help make and bake cookies for neighbors and family. Love, Dominic

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my doll cradle. This year I would like a cash register. For Christmas I will feed the kitties and Rocky every day. Love, Greta

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toys. This year I would like eggs, a green tractor, a bigger Christmas tree, something for Michael. For Christmas, I will give some toys to some people who don't have toys. Love, Owen

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you, Mrs. Claus, and the elves are doing good. I have tried to be good and make it on the Nice List. This year I would like a Barbie play set, a horse stuffed animal, and a new posable Barbie. Merry Christmas! Jude P.S. How do reindeer fly?

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year. This year I would like a big dino-

saur, a stuffed animal bumpy dinosaur, and a Jurassic World Break free dinosaur. For Christmas, I will help my mom and dad by keeping my room clean. Love, Gus

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my unicorn. This year I would like a scooter. For Christmas, I will give a gift to someone who needs it. Love, Blair

FIRST GRADE CLASS
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the baby you gave me last year. I have been good by doing the laundry. I would like a popcorn can. I will leave cookies for you and milk. Love, Jocie

SECOND GRADE CLASS
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the hot wheels track. I have been good by taking the trash out. I would like a go cart. I am going to leave cookies for you and milk. Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the trampoline last year. I have been good by listening to my mom and dad. I would like a Nintendo Switch. Please leave dad some cookies. Hope you stay safe. Love, Henry

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Hot Wheel track. I have been good by folding clothes. I would like a trampoline. We are going to leave some cookies and milk. Love, Drew

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you, Mrs. Claus, and the elves are doing good. I have tried to be good and make it on the Nice List. This year I would like a Barbie play set, a horse stuffed animal, and a new posable Barbie. Merry Christmas! Jude P.S. How do reindeer fly?

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house, a pet cat and winter clothes. How is Mrs. Clause? I hope the reindeer are getting good exercise. Love, Annabelle N.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my mp3 player last year. This year, I love for my family to have a good Christmas. I would also like an art kit. Love, Eleanor S.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me my baby doll that I wanted last year. I hope you had a wonderful year. This year I would like a Barbie Noodle Maker Doll and Playset, Barbie Pet Boutique Doll and Playset, Barbie Stroll 'n' Play Pups Doll and Accessories, or a Horse Rider Cafe playset. Hope you have safe travels. Love, Marla S.

Thank you so much for last year's presents and this year I'd like stuffed crock and a boomerang. Mason S.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my hoverboard last Christmas. This year I want a wrist watch

and for my family to have the best Christmas ever. We will leave cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas! Love, Chloe R.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year. I loved them. I have been good this year. Will you please bring me footed pajamas? I would also like a newborn boy baby doll. Thank you, Santa. You are the best! Grace T.

Dear Santa,
My name is Luke. I'm a second grader at St. George. For Christmas I would like a P.S. 5, a Nintindo Switch, some lego's, all the Pokemon cards I don't have, and a new Xbox 360. Thank you. PS. I will be a very good boy. Luke S.

Dear Santa,
This year I want is, jacked up trucks, train set, big trucks, farm toys, fidget toys, crafts, oversize load, bath toys, truck games, bounce chair, books, control boats for the water, toy sharks, PS5, new crocs,

controller games. Toryn D.

Dear Santa,
I, Lillie have been a good girl this year. Could you please bring me LOL and OMG Dolls, to go with my doll house, as a reward for my good behavior. I would also like some life size stuffed animals and a Piano, if it's not too much. I will leave milk and cookies for you and the reindeer to snack on. p.s. My brothers and sisters would like some presents also if there is any room left in the sledge. Love, Lillie L.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my baby doll last year. I used a lot of diapers. I could use some more. I saw some at Walmart. I would love to have a baby Yoda, a bean bag chair, and a big teddy bear. Love, Jocelyn B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Legos last year. This year I would like MORE Legos, Ready Freddy books, and put good stuff in my stocking, please. Love, Blaze C.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my baby doll last year. I used a lot of diapers. I could use some more. I saw some at Walmart. I would love to have a baby Yoda, a bean bag chair, and a big teddy bear. Love, Jocelyn B.

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SECOND GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,
My name is Elliott. I want a Mega Nerf Gun. I also want a drone. I want all of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. I need a set of Mega Nerf Bullets. I also want a lot of Chiefs hats. Love, Elliott

Dear Santa,
I want to read the book Big Fire Truck & the book Big Tractor. I want a remote control car, jeep, and a remote control truck. Love, Cameron

Dear Santa,
I really want a tablet. I need seeds to make flowers so I feed the bees. Can you give me more Baby Sitter Club books? Can you give me a new coat? Love, Chloe

Dear Santa,
I want a lamp that hangs on my bed so I can read books. I really need more chapter books. I want to read Diary of a Wimpy Kid Big Shot #16. I want a new Chief's sweat-shirt. Love, Jase

Dear Santa,
Can you please get me a black revolver. I need a set of hunting gear. Can you get me a map book? Can you get me socks? Love, Henry

Dear Santa,
I would like cozy socks, a big unicorn, a pet hamster, and Simple Dimples. Most all I would like Baby Sitter books. Love, Cora

Dear Santa,
Can I have a PS 4 for Christmas? Can I have fishing lures and a Baitcaster rod and reel? A pocket knife, hunting equipment, and a drone with a camera. Can I have a controller with that PS 4? Love, Alex

Dear Santa,
I want cat toys, a new bike and a new ipad. Love, Kayden

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A LARGE variety of floats and entries were in the Nov. 28 Westphalia Christmas on Main Street parade, including a variety of family floats, and caroling by members of the St. Joseph Choir. For the first time, the Westphalia Historical Society Museum was decorated with beautiful trees and ornaments.

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WESTPHALIA CHRISTMAS on Main Street parade included the Fatima Marching Band, members of the Fatima Homecoming Court, the Maries Osage Ambulance District, and families sharing holiday cheer.

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And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.



Merry Christmas from the entire Quaker Window Products Family





MEMBERS OF the Linn Marching Band provided music during Linn Lions Christmas Parade on Dec. 11. There were 37 vintage cars in the parade, along with families and representatives of State Tech. It was a great day for a parade and residents took advantage of sunny skies in what organizers called one of the Lions Club's longest parades.

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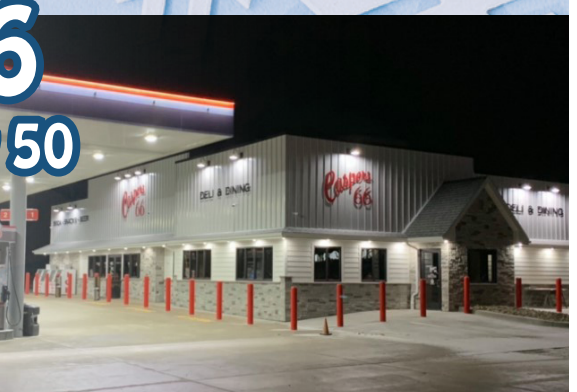
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LETTERS TO SANTA ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WESTPHALIA

KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the purple remote control car from last year. This year I want you to bring me a fairy and LOL dolls. I will leave milk and cookies in front of the tree for you to eat! Your friend, Charlotte

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me a store that me and my cousins can play in. This year I would like an owl and a Barbie Dreamhouse. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the living room table to eat. Your friend, Leni

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the singing truck you gave me last year! I will leave some cookies on the table for you and the reindeer. Please bring me a remote control racecar and a toy box for all my toys! Your friend, TJ

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gumball machine you gave me last year for Christmas! I really like the red gumballs the best! This year I really want candy in my stocking! I also want some baby barbies for my Barbie house. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies on the kitchen counter. Your friend, Sophia

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Pinkalicious books last year. I take very good care of them! This year for Christmas I want some new clothes, a flamingo blanket, and a new blue water bottle. Your friend, Wayda

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a baby doll and some art supplies to draw with. I will leave you some milk and cookies in the living room for a special treat. Your friend, Maddison

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the batman car you gave me last year! I really like it. This year I would like a spiderman car that is remote control. I will leave you some milk and chocolate chip cookies on the kitchen table. Enjoy them! Your friend, Raylon

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the slinky I got last year! I will leave you some cookies and carrots on the TV tray. This year I would like pink slime and a sleeping bag. Your friend, Lucy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Barbie house and pets that I got last year for Christmas. This year I really want a Baby Alive doll, more barbie pets, and a cat that walks on a leash. I will leave cookies by the chimney for you. The reindeer food will be on the ground outside! Your friend, Navy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Barbie house you gave me last year. I like playing with it! This year I want an animal pillow and a dancing llama that has slime on the inside. Don't forget to get the cookies and milk under the Christmas tree. Your friend, Jessa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I really want an Elsa Castle House and a Grinch stuffed animal. I have been really good and I help my mom take care of my baby brother. I will leave you some cook-

ies and milk on the living room table. Your friend, Arianna

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the blue remote control car from last Christmas. This year I would like a tractor with chains on the wheels so I can play outside in the snow and ice. I also want a beach ball so I can kick it easily! I will leave sparkly reindeer food in the grass. Your cookies will be by the TV stand. See you soon! Your friend, William

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my bike that I got last year. I ride my bike a lot! This year want a monster truck and a lego ship. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the bar. Don't forget to feed the reindeer carrots before you go. Your friend, Gus

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the alarm clock you gave me last year. It helps me wake up for school everyday! This year I would like a remote control racecar, Raya and Sisuu talking figurines, and a unicorn coloring book. Don't forget to drink the milk by the Christmas tree, when you come to my house. Your friend, Katie

Dear Santa,
Thanks for my cool kayak you got me last year. I still take it on the water sometimes. This year I would like a gummy pack, a bouncy ball, and the Goo Jit Zu characters. I hope you get the note I'm sending to the North Pole! Your friend, Nate

FIRST GRADE CLASS
Dear Santa,
I would like Magic Mixies, toy kitchen, blew motersicel, farm animall papits, LOL Big haws, play haws, iscrym truck, stafy teryc, balld hat. I miss my ellvs. I am good! I wihs I had a ellvs! Love, Harlow

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Can I please have a workout bike? Can I have popits so I can share with Rylee. Can I have a fitbit? Love, Emery D.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me a crombook last year. Santa I love Christmas. Where do you get the presents? I made you a list on the left side of the paper of the things that I want: Aappel watch, dog, big coat, blanket, squismallow, mini brands, Blinger Glam collection, purse pets the Glamicorn, LOL and polaroid camera. Pick any. Have a great Christmas! Love, Makenzie B.

Dear Santa,
thank you for my Barbie house. I am excited for the polar express! For Christmas this year I wish you could give me a dress. And could it be a fancy dress that is pink? And can I have a vanity ttable that lites up? Santa you are cool! I'll have cookies and milk waiting for you! See you soon! Bye! Ella V.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me a new shovel last year for Christmas. I have been a very good boy this year by helping mom and dad, cleaning my room, and making my bed. This year I want a nintendo switch, v bucks, light up drawing board, bike, spiderman squishy, body mirror. Love, Ian H.

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I can't wait for Christmas. For christmas I want a drone, pool, sonic game, mincraft. I also want a chiefs helmet, cardnials helmet. Have a good christmas. Love, Joey M.

Dear Santa,
Do you like to eat anything other than milk and cookies on Christmas. I really want to know. For Christmas I want a Rainbow High Band Set, a Barbie Dreamhouse and the OMG House of Suprises play set. These are my top three things. Thank you for giving me presents each yeour and not coal! Hope to see you this yeour and thank you!! Love, Sadie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am so excited for this Christmas! These items are on my list: Beddy Bed-Queen size, olive green joggers, a hoverboard and a trampoline. Have a Merry Christmas Santa. Love, Liberty

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. This year, I would like Super Hero stuff, a bike, and a remote control car, please. Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Thank you for all the gifts last year! This year I would like a remote control car and a tractor. I hope you stay warm and get lots of cookies. Love, Beau

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a

American girl doll, Truley me doll, peekaroo bear, a Golden Retriever dog, My Little Pony collection and LED lights. Love, Macy K.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bow target. I am so happy for Christmas. I will have a suprise for you. I want a electric scooter. I also would like new pair of shoes. thank you Santa. Bye, Myles

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the hoverboard last year. I hope that you and your rander are rede to fli. This year I would like Alis Chamis tractor with a loder. Do you have a tractor? Your frind, Hayden D.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the squish-mellow. Do you give real puppies to kids? This year for Christmas I want a bike and a toy elf and a LOL doll and OMG doll. Have a good Chritmas to you. Love, Autumn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my hoverboard. This year I would like squishables, 5 rainbow high dolls and UNO. I want a swing from a tree. I love you, Mallory B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for all the gifts you have given me. Christmas is my favorite holiday. What is yours? I love to drink hot cocoa with whip cream and marshmallows. I can't wait to see what you give me this year. This year Christmas brings me so much joy. Rylee H.

Dear Santa,
Santa could you please bring me a Barbie with long long rainbow hair and rainbow dress and a Barbie house that is rainbow colored. The last thing I would like is a play house for my cat. Looking forward to your visit. Thank you, Santa, Lily

Dear Santa, Thank you for the paint you gave me last year. How are the elves? This year I would like an electric pencil sharpener and three walkie talkies please. Love, Reed O.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my gifts last year. Who is your favorite reindeer? What do you do for summer? This year, I would like to get an Aqua Maze Marble Run. I would also like a Boogie Board Writing Pad. Lastly, I would like a Smithsonian Volcano Kit. Have a safe trip! Love, Evelyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my art kit, scooter and Patrick Mahomes jersey. I'm excited to decorate. Havbord and piing ball tabel. Love, Easton

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of my presents last year! How are the reindeer doing? Hopefully good! I want a tractor and a hot wheel track. Also I want a orange and blue bike. Hope to see you soon! Love, Dylan

SECOND GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I hope you are having a good time. I think I will like the presents you give me this year. Thank you for the presents last year. I would like a pop-it, a RC car, and wiggle scooder. Love, Grayson B.

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. I

hope everyone gets what they want. I am thankful for what you have done. I please want this one thing. I would like any books that are like the books I have. That is all I want for now. Bye, Hoyt

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Can I have a pet deer for Christmas? Santa, can I have a ligo set for Christmas? Can I have a goled chane? Thank you, McLane B.

Santa are you dowing gray? I am. Santa thanks for all the presents last year. Santa the oly thing I want for Christmas is the biggest MINECRAFT ligo set pleas. Santa I might get you helleyfy cookies and milk. Santa have a good Christmas. Karson B.

Dear Santa,
You are a magical dream. You are the best magic man. I want all of this for Christmas. Pokemon kards, the big boxes, stuff for my mom and dad, trampalen that is big, games on my switch. Happy new year. Love you!!!! Camden C.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Santa I'm thankful for all the things I got last year. This year I would like a guitar. And maybe a Hoyt bow. And a couple arrows. And five massy boadheads. I will be safe and careful and I leve one cookie and 8 carets. Good bye! Wyatt D.

Dear Santa, How is your year? Mine has gone good. Can I get a bike and a scotter? Can I get a green and blue fibit watch? Will you give me a phone and a camera? I want a guitar with a pick. I want work gloves for the farm. And can I get a kitten but do not leave it outside because there are dogs outside please. Merry Christmas, Carter F.

Hi Santa,
Thank you for all those presents last year. Can I please have a cross bow, target, and a nerf gun? Bye! Jace. G.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Thank you for the gifts last year. Can I please have a computer? Can I please have some school stuff that I can play with at home? Can I please have some figet toys? I will leave some cookies and milk for you on a special plate. I will leave carrots for the reindeer and maybe some magic reindeer food. Merry Christmas, Livia G.

Dear Santa,
Hello I am Maxen. I have a list of things I want. My mom said I can have an ipod can I please?! Love, Maxen K.

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a great day. I want the scooter Livia has. I also want some clay and if you give me that I will thank you. I also want a new ipod and a new watch. I hope you like dill pickles because I am going to give you this. Love, Scarlett H.

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the presents and Merry Christmas. Can I please have this for Christmas. 1. Hores 2. Trampalen 3. Hamic4. biggirl remot control truck big girl car. I will bring you cookies and milk and carrots for the raindeer and you. Your pal, Brooklyn K.

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi santa claus. I would like Legos and a dog and some ice cream and a nintendo switch. And some pokemon cards. See you next year. Everett S.

Dear St. Nick,
Can I please have a di- mand? Please please

please can I have a jolly jolly Chritmas and make shour you have one to. Your friend, Landon K.

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for every thang you gave me in the past. Can you get me a bucket of silly string, a pool for all of us mom, dad and for four kids inclouting me. I would also like a huverbord, a snow globe, and a chromebook. Bye! I will see you at Christmas. Love, Sadie L.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. This year I want an inside basketball net, superhero toys, some more pokemon cards, chef kitchen supplies. To: Santa From: Nash R.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are having a good year this year. There is only one thing I want for Christmas it's a new bike only thing that I want. Hope you have a great chritmas! Love, your friend, Jocelyn S.

Dear Santa,
I thank you for all gifts last year. I want an apple watch, a REAL Littles micro mart, and an ipad. See you at Christmas and at Bass Pro. Love, Annabelle S.

Dear Santa Cluas,
How are your reindeer doing? Do you come in the door or the chimney? How do reindeer fly? Oh and pretty ples with a cherry on top have a PHONE!!!!? Your elf, Rebecca S.

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good year. I want a four weeler and baseball and football cards and a little dog. See you at Christmas. Love, Mack S.

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Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I want games on the computer and some beads. I'll leave marshmallows for the reindeer! Love, Eryanna (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I want a tree with lights. I like puzzles, Legos and a Red bike. I have been a little naughty but I will leave you some cookies. Love, Harlee (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I want Big Foot, cars trucks and jeeps. I'm trying to be good. I'll leave you a book to read. Love, Isaiah (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I want Dino rescuebots, Blaze Robot and tubes like Captain America. I have been good. I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer. Love, JC (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I want a purple car to drive to the beach. I'd also like a rocking chair. The reindeer can play at daddy's store. I've been a good girl. Love, Karaline (age 3)

Dear Santa,
I would like a piggy bank, ice cream and a baby chick. I have been a good girl. I'll leave carrots for the reindeer. Love, Laynee (age 3)

Dear Santa,
I want race cars and race trucks. I also like monster trucks. I'm trying to be good. I'll give you a monster truck too. Love, Bretlee (age 5)

Dear Santa,
I want a red gem, toy action figures and Hiccup (dragon). I leave the reindeer some grass. Santa gets cookies and milk. Love, Kaidyn (age 5)

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a little baby doll and new earrings. I will leave you some cookies. Love, Izabella (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a train and some games. I like your reindeer. Love, Colton (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I want a train with a long track and another front loader for Adrienne to use. I will leave you strawberry pie with milk on the table. Bye, Cullen (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I want a big pool, Hot Wheel bikes and remote control Monster truck. I have been good to my brother. I want to show the reindeer my Gator. Love,

James (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, fidgets, and a surprise present. I have been a good boy. I'll leave you cookies and milk Santa, Love, Raylan (age 5)

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, ice cream, cereal and a princess doll. I have been a good girl. I have little carrots for your reindeer. I also want a puzzle, Love, Sawyer (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I would like a pulling tractor, a red tractor, and a tool bench with hammers, saws and a drill. I'll leave the reindeer some hay and a jingle bell for Santa. Love, Vance (age 4)

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. I want a camera, toy gears and a Magna Doodle. I will leave the reindeer corn and pizza for you! Love, Albert (age 3)

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a paint set, a makeup set and a Moana dress. I also want a Swan Lake dress. I will leave carrots for the reindeer and Jello for you! Love, Allis (age 5)

Dear Santa,
I want a flamingo that poops, a big puppy, and a Paw Patrol movie. I have been a good girl. I want you to have my Moana bow Santa! Love, Oaklyn (age 4)

JURD KINDERGARTEN
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year for Christmas I would like a toy mermaid, a lot of turkeys in my backyard with a cage, and a toy princess dress that I could put on. Charlotte

Dear Santa,
Hello! For Christmas this year, I would like a car, a dog and a baby doll. Eller

Dear Santa,
Hi! This year for Christmas I would like a robot dinosaur, a toy robot, and a triceratops. Arthur

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I would like a real orange tabby cat, some cat supplies, and a cage for it to sleep. Estellise

Dear Santa,
Hello! This year for Christmas I would like a toy unicorn, a stuffed animal unicorn, and a real unicorn. Rylee

Dear Santa,
Hi! For Christmas I would like a car, a baby, and a game. Daniel

Dear Santa,
Hello again! For Christmas this year I would like a treasure box, a monster truck, and a shark lift. Zander

Dear Santa,
Hi! This year for Christmas I would really like a unicorn stuffy, tennis shoes and a dress. Dallas

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? This year for Christmas I would like some kids tools that have batteries, a kitchen set, and some play food. Brayden

Dear Santa,
Hi. This year for Christmas I would like some My Little Ponies, a stuffy, and a sparkly necklace. Eve

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would really like a unicorn toy, a reindeer toy, and a puppy for Christmas. Olivia

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Paw Patrol phone, Paw Patrol watch, and Paw Patrol toys for Christmas this year. Zach

Dear Santa,
Hello! This year for Christmas I would like a Nerf gun, a remote control dirt bike, and a toy race car. Quinton

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would love a Frozen watch, a Elsa notebook, and a Elsa blanket this year for Christmas. Hadley

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like JoJo bow, a unicorn toy that flies, and Elsa & Anna barbies. Anna

SIEG KINDERGARTEN
Dear Santa,
My name is Kash. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Colossal T-Rex, a Colossal Indominas Rex, and a toy cobra. Love, Kash

Dear Santa,
My name is Daxton. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Colossal T-Rex and a remote control cobra. Love, Daxton

Dear Santa,
My name is Justin. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a basketball hoop and a skateboard. Love, Justin

Dear Santa,
My name is Waylon M. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like purple slime, an L.O.L. doll and a Barbie house. Love, Charlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Avery. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie dream house and an L.O.L. camper. Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
My name is Waylon P. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a belt and a remote control car. Love, Waylon P.

Dear Santa,
My name is Stella. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie castle and a toy cat. Love, Stella

Dear Santa,
My name is Zelda. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a hamster, Legos and a candy canes. Love, Zelda

Dear Santa,
My name is Oliver. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Mario game and a Mickey Mouse book. Love, Oliver

Dear Santa,
My name is Brynlee. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like fully slime, a scooter and a bean bag. Love, Brynlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Harmony. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like pink slime, a skateboard and hugs. Love, Harmony

Dear Santa,
My name is Laiah. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like dyed glitter hair and an L.O.L. doll. Love, Laiah

Dear Santa,
My name is Waylon M. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a fish, a dinosaur and a backpack. Love, Waylon M.

Dear Santa,
My name is Elspeth. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a toy house, a toy barn, and a toy horse. Love, Elspeth

Dear Santa,
My name is Charlee. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like Giant Unicorn stuffed animal & a Unicorn blanket. Love, Cheyenne

Dear Santa,
My name is Payton. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a tablet, a real horse, and a computer. Love, Payton

Dear Santa,
My name is Nora. I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a toy cat, a toy rabbit, and a Barbie. Love, Nora

Dear Santa,
My name is Annalee Jewell. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a toy unicorn, some goody stuff, and gold fabric. Love, Annalee

Dear Santa,
My name is Sam. I am 5 1/2 years old. I have been a bad boy this year. (I was trying my best). For Christmas I would like an RC Grave-digger Monster Truck, a powerwheel Monster jam MaxD, and a bucket of Hot Wheel cars. Love, Sam

Dear Santa,
My name is Wyatt. I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a toy hot rod with lights and sound, a toy dually, and a toy truck and trailer w/ brown & white horses. Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
My name is Layken. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl and a bad girl this year. For Christmas I would like a lot of stickers, all of the Mighty Pup cars, and lacing toys. Love, Elodie

Dear Santa,
My name is Taryn. I am 5 years old. I have been "I don't know" this year. For Christmas I would like an Uh Oh! Gotta Go Flamingo, a gumball machine, and a pack of glittery slime. Love, Taryn

HOLTSCHNEIDER KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaelyn. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like Peppa Pig house and Peppa Pig family, and my sissy and a new iphone. Love, Jaelyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Wynter. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie house, Barbies, and a teacher whistle (a real one) Love, Wynter

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabriel. I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a pretend dog house for my stuffed puppy, a Nintendo Switch, and 2 Minecraft Lego sets. Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa,
My name is Wyatt. I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a toy hot rod with lights and sound, a toy dually, and a toy truck and trailer w/ brown & white horses. Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
My name is Layken. I am 5 years old. I have been a good girl and a bad girl this year. For Christmas I would like a lot of stickers, all of the Mighty Pup cars, and lacing toys. Love, Elodie

Dear Santa,
My name is Taryn. I am 5 years old. I have been "I don't know" this year. For Christmas I would like an Uh Oh! Gotta Go Flamingo, a gumball machine, and a pack of glittery slime. Love, Taryn

Dear Santa,
My name is Burk. I am 6 years old. I have been "I don't know" this year. For Christmas I would like a Hot Wheels set, a dirt bike (but I can't have one until I learn how to ride my bike w/o training wheels), and a dinosaur set. Love, Burk

Dear Santa,
My name is Cheyenne. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like Giant Unicorn stuffed animal & a Unicorn blanket. Love, Cheyenne

help people. Why do you like cookies? Love, Jaxon.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mae. I am 6 years old. I would pop its, big pop it, and squishies. My favorite thing about Christmas is getting presents. How old are your reindeer? Love, Mae

Dear Santa,
My name is Hank. I am 6 and a half years old. I would like hot wheels, monster trucks, and a new ipad. My favorite thing about Christmas is snow. How old are your reindeer? Love, Hank

Dear Santa,
My name is Connor. I am 6 years old. I would like Minecraft figures, a turtle pop it, and a nintendo switch. My favorite thing about Christmas is when Santa comes. I really like turtles. Love, Connor

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob. I am 6 years old. I would like a Halo infinite video game. Minecraft Dungeon, and an iphone. My favorite thing about Christmas is the presents. Why do you wear the clothes that you do? Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
My name is Marshall. I am 7 years old. I would like a Minecraft video game. Minecraft figures, and a Minecraft fidget spinner. My favorite thing about Christmas is hugging friends. I love you Santa! Love, Marshall

Dear Santa,
My name is Ellie. I am 6 years old. I would like a big pop it, a big squishy, and kittens. My favorite thing about Christmas is the presents. How old are your reindeer? Love, Ellie

Dear Santa,
My name is Xavier. I am 7 years old. I would like a swimming pool, a dragon toy, and a quicksand toy. My favorite thing about Christmas is when you get presents. How do you deliver all of the presents? Love, Xavier

Dear Santa,
My name is Chloe. I am 6 years old. I would like LOL dolls, remote control car, Scruff A Luv cutie cuts. My favorite thing about Christmas is family time, opening presents and

Dear Santa,
My name is Rylie. I am 7 years old. I would like a necklace, a phone, and some fidgets. My favorite thing about Christmas is playing with mom and my sissy. How old are you? Love, Rylie

Dear Santa,
My name is Trinity. I am 6 years old. I would like LOL dolls, and make up. My favorite thing about Christmas is presents. How do you get all over the world? Love, Trinity

Dear Santa,
My name is Grace. I am 7 years old. I would like fidgets, a big pop it, and a Santa hat. My favorite thing about Christmas is the presents. Santa, I love you too! Love, Grace

Dear Santa,
My name is Jettson. I am 6 years old. I would like a puppy, an ipad, and an iphone. My favorite thing about Christmas is spending time with family. Why do you not let anybody see you? Love, Jettson

Dear Santa,
My name is Hilly. I am 7 years old. I would like a big pop it, a big squishy, and a bike. My favorite thing about Christmas is finding Elfie. I am a cat person. Love, Hilly

Dear Santa,
My name is Zach. I am 6 years old. I would like a turtle pop it, a turtle, and a nintendo switch. My favorite thing about Christmas is Santa giving gifts. I like it when it snows. Love, Zach

Dear Santa,
My name is Avery. I am 6 years old. I would like an ipad, three giant pop its, and a ipad case. My favorite thing about Christmas is the presents. How many elves do you have? Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
My name is Chloe. I am 6 years old. I would like LOL dolls, remote control car, Scruff A Luv cutie cuts. My favorite thing about Christmas is family time, opening presents and

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snow. Santa, can you make me a Scruff a Luv Koala. Can you ride a bike? What is your favorite color? Love, Chloe

MUSTION FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is that I get to see all of my family. I want a RC car and a go kart for Christmas. How do you disappear when someone wakes up? Love, Cody

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is that I can give your reindeer carrots. I want a remote control plane a new Nerf gun, and a RC boat. I also want my friend, Thatcher, to get a smart TV and a tablet. What is your favorite Christmas movie? Mine is Home Alone. Love, Carter

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is getting toys. This year, I want a Lego man and a Lego truck. How old are you? Love, Jagger

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is that I get to get up on our roof and put up Christmas lights. I want a Barbe reveal doll and a LOL doll for Christmas. Do you like cupcakes? Love, Ryleigh

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is putting up lights on our house and Christmas tree. I want a color reveal doll for Christmas. I like to put it in the water and watch all the glitter come off. How old are you? Love, Kaylee

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is spending time with my family. I want a scooter, Lego sets, and new slippers. My favorite Christmas movie is Home Alone. Do you have any favorites? Love, Serena

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is our beautiful Christmas tree. This year, I want a cop toy, a Batman mobile, a Spiderman toy, and a mini Nerf gun. How did you grow such a big beard? Thank you for giving us presents. Love, Abel

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is the presents. I want a phone and one of the bells off your reindeer's harness. How many presents do you give out each year? Love, Thatcher

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is presents. I would really like a princess bed for Christmas this year. How old are you? Love, Lyra

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is going to church at night with all the candles. I want a rare Hatchimal for Christmas. What's your favorite color? Love, Nora

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is setting up the tree and going out to play in the snow. I would really like a crossbow, an Xmax RC car, a driving Gator that goes outside, and a remote control boat. How many reindeer do you have at the North Pole? Love, Collin

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is eating chicken with Mommy and Daddy. Please bring me a sniper Nerf gun, water balloons, and Roblox this Christmas. Also, can you stay and play with me on Christmas Day? Love, Jackson

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is you, Santa. I don't want any toys this year, but I do want to spend more time with my Mom this year, I love you, Santa! Love, Satereh

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is spending time with my Mom and Dad. I would like a squishy ball maker for Christmas. Are you real? Yes or No? I love Santa! Love, Sydney

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is getting presents. This year, I want a big Hot Wheels set. Did you know that I love to draw? Love, Gavin

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. My favorite thing about Christmas is putting my pajamas on and snuggling with my mom and watching a movie. Please bring me some makeup for Christmas. How old are you? Love, Emersyn

LOPEZ FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,
My name is Charlotte and I am 6 years old. I would like L.O.L. Dolls, MiniBrands, Coloring Books, and Popsits for Christmas. One thing about me I want you to know is I like to be nice. My favorite thing about Christmas is getting presents. Santa, how many reindeer do you have? Love, Charlotte

Dear Santa,
My name is Rowdie, and I am 6 years old. I would like a nintendo, an electric motorcycle, a golden Xbox, and a pet fish and hamster for Christmas. One thing about me is I like to play on the playground. My favorite thing about Christmas is that you can see Santa on the moon. Why do you have reindeer, Santa? Love, Rowdie

Dear Santa,
My name is Carter, and I am 7 years old. I would like mini brands, an octopus hot wheel set, a computer, rare Pokemon cards, a puppy, and a blade blade set for Christmas. One thing about me is I work really hard at

my Grandma and Papa's house. My favorite thing about Christmas is that it is jolly. Santa, why do you have a lucky hat? Love, Carter

Dear Santa,
My name is Frances, and I am 7 years old. I would like Hatchimals, vanilla ice-cream, markers, and fabric paints for Christmas. One thing about me is that I love my mom. My favorite thing about Christmas is that we get to open lots of presents. Santa, Is Rudolph real? Love, Frances

Dear Santa,
My name is Evy, and I am 7 years old. I would like air pods, a new phone, and mini brands for Christmas. One thing about me is that I love basketball. My favorite thing about Christmas is when it snows. Do you really have reindeer, Santa? Love, Evy

Dear Santa,
My name is Emily, and I am 6 years old. I would like a camera, hair chalk, and a rebel babydoll for Christmas. One thing about me is that I like to color. My favorite thing about Christmas is that I get to see Tickle, my elf. How do you do magic, Santa? Love, Emily

Dear Santa,
My name is Rhett, and I am 7 years old. I would like legos, an ipad, and new headphones for Christmas. One thing about me is that I like to color. My favorite thing about Christmas is giving presents to my mom and dad. Do you know anyone who likes to color, Santa? Love, Rhett

Dear Santa,
My name is Sadie, and I am 6 years old. I would like a camera, a phone, a barbie house, a baby doll, baby clothes, and a stroller for Christmas. One thing about me is that I like cats. My favorite thing about Christmas is that I get to open presents. Santa, how do you use your powers? Love, Sadie

Dear Santa,
My name is Karsyn, and I am 7 years old. I would like a tomiguchi, mini brands, and wireless earbuds for Christmas. One thing about me is that I like Santa. My favorite thing about Christmas is that I get presents and get to be with my family. Why do you have to wear red, Santa? Love, Karsyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Chayce, and I am 6 years old. I would like a thang blade legos, coloring sheets, a remote control car, and a back-u-gone for Christmas. One thing about me is that I like swinging on the playground. My favorite thing about Christmas is there is happiness. Santa do you have a pet? Love, Chayce

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniel, and I am 6 years old. I would like a batbot xtreme, a phone, nerf guns, and a DVD player for Christmas. One thing about me is that I like to climb. My favorite thing about Christmas is that there is a lot of snow. Santa, are you really magic? Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaxen, and I am 7 years old. I would like football gloves, a ninja star, new Nike shoes, and a dog for Christmas. One thing about me is that I like playing football. My favorite thing about Christmas is toys. Santa, why do you have a beard? Love, Jaxen

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason, and I am 7 years old. I would like Nike shoes, ninja star, and thang blade for Christmas. One thing about me is that I am nice. My favorite thing about Christmas is that we get to have presents and stockings. Santa, why do the reindeer have magic? Love, Mason.

Dear Santa,
My name is Savannah, and I am 7 years old. I would like a drum set for Christmas. One thing about me is that I have too many stuffed animals. My favorite thing about Christmas is shaking presents to hear what is inside. Santa, are you ever too late to deliver presents to somebody's house? Love, Savannah

Dear Santa,
My name is Tynleigh, and I am 7 years old. I would like earrings, stuffed animals, and hatchimals for Christmas. One thing about me is that I love school. My favorite thing about Christmas is Santa. Santa, how old are you? Love, Tynleigh

Dear Santa,
My name is Paxtyn, and I am 6 years old. I would like a remote control car, new clothes, and a new football for Christmas. One thing about me is that I am being good. My favorite thing about Christmas is getting new presents. Do you want good milk and cookies. Santa? Love, Paxtyn

HOFFMAN SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,
I hope you're feeling good or else you can't deliver all of the presents. I have been good this year. I never got any minutes off of recess. I have 5 things I want for Christmas: a little container of slime, please. I really want brown putty. I'll have baby-pink glue-on nails. I also want a wig that goes to my waist. It could be black or brownish black. And I want a big box of fidgets. If you get hungry, you can dig in our fridge and use our bread to make sandwiches. We have cheese too, by the way. Merry Christmas! Your friend, Emma

Dear Santa,
How old are you? The Cookies will be in the living room. I want a Nintendo switch, an xbox 5, cameras, and a laptop. I have been good. I did my chores because I don't have chores. Bye. I love you Santa, signed Jace R.

Dear Santa,
There is five things I want to say to you number one how old are you? Number two how many elves to you have? Number three where does Mrs. Claus live? Number four how many kids are in the whole wide world? Number five am I on the nice list this year? For the rest of the note I wanted to say another whole thing this is going to be

on my Christmas list because it's what I want for Christmas the most. My list bat bots, Harry Potter, Mario, food, Ghostbuster afterlife, King boo Plush Version toy, Bows-er hard version toy. PS come into my room at Christmas when I am asleep. I'm done thank you I hope you have a Merry Christmas Santa. From Jackson

Dear Santa,
Have you been getting your Reindeer ready for Christmas? How do you get all of those presents wrapped? How do your elves make all of those presents in time for Christmas? For Christmas I want Five Nights of Freddy toys, popits, a hover board, Sonic toys, and Sonic games for my PS4. I have been good this year by doing my school work, and helping with my little brother. I have always wanted to go to the North Pole and ride on your sleigh. I hope you stay warm. Merry Christmas, Dean P.

Dear Santa,
I hope it's been a good year for you I hope you stay warm. For Christmas I want a Nintendo switch, Chromebook, and Lego Friends, monkey Noodle, and a Apple watch, Merry Christmas Santa try hard to give all the boys and girls gifts this Christmas. See you later Santa, Harlow N.

Dear Santa,
Do you like living in the North Pole? I want a VR set, and I want a dirt bike, I want Mario toys, a remote control car, a lot of Fidgets. I hope a lot of people with a lot of presents. Merry Christmas, Kaden F

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want remote control car, remote control drone, Among Us pop it, and remote control airplane. I was good to my brother. Merry Christmas, Riley J.

Dear Santa,
I hope I have been good this year. For Christmas I want \$100, a dirt bike, a drone, a computer, a pop it, and a bunk bed. I hope you stay warm. Merry Christmas, Orlando B.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and I have been doing my chores like I was supposed to. I help my mom and dad with my baby. I want for Christmas is a remote control car that is pink. I also want a baby doll, a magnetic baby doll with a magnetic pinky in it and I want it to have some hair and for my brother I would want him to have a dinosaur and we might be getting a dog as I want a dog real. I want a real dog. I also want a Barbie. I hope you have a great Christmas. Love, Rainah W.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good this year. I helped my mom and dad put up the Christmas tree. I want Power Ranger toys, a dog bone for my pup, an Apple iPhone, and a new Christmas tree with red light-up star. Love, Russell

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing alright. I don't want you to be sick. I hope you get presents to all of us kids in Linn. You are amazing! Maybe, you could make a present for yourself! I would like red glue-on nails and a huge, square Pop-it. I also want a phone that doesn't die too fast. And I want

something for my sister, Alannah, too. She would like her own coloring books. I really want a camera! I would like a picture of you in the North Pole because I really want to see you! Newborn baby. Your friend, Zoey

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me some presents? How many letters do you get every year? For Christmas this year I would like a silver ball, rainbow colored gloves, and a snake game. This year I have been nice to my sister, and mom and dad. I have listened and followed directions in writing and math. Merry Christmas, Diana M.

Dear Santa,
I hope you're doing good cuz I am. This year I want for Christmas is a mini silicone baby doll, 4 mini clothes, Mini hats, and Fidget squeeze. I have been good this year. Merry Christmas, Kinley C.

Dear Santa,
Hope you are doing okay up in the North Pole? Can I please please please have a pink and black dirt bike, an ice cream squishy, an iPhone 12. I also really really want a beautiful art supplies set. I also want a big hug from Santa Claus. I want a big plush toy. Merry Christmas, Kirra D.

Dear Santa,
I only have four ideas. Also my dad said that we could buy a bunny but I really want a bunny cage and I want it to be cooler than my sisters. But we're only allowed to get a bunny if we take care of the dogs more. Also I want like squishies or something like that, maybe a little more though. Also this is written by Maylee R. Also I really want to the paint like my Aunt Renee has because it's for painting on like wood and stuff. Also for Christmas my friend named Harlow she really wants an Apple Watch and I kind of want to get her one for Christmas. They cost like a whole bunch of dollars though I'm kind of sad about it. Also me and Harlow have been thinking about that we should get a present for the teacher so I might get her a whole bag of chocolate cuz she really likes candy. So if you didn't know Mom I'm going to get her like a whole bunch of different oven things and stuff that is really cool. There's only like a couple things that are for oven like candles, a scrunchie. Merry Christmas, Maylee R.


Dear Santa,
How are you? I was good this year. I really a good from my mom stop doing well can you help her that would be the greatest person I ever had I really want a squish-mallow in a puppet and a remote control airplane. Merry Christmas, Ruby P.

STEPHENS SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,
Why doesn't Mrs Clause ride the sleigh with you? Does Mrs. Clause knit your socks? I have been very good this year. Can I have a tree house, LOL dolls, Barbie dolls, hamster babies, baby dolls, pins, wigs, candy, and some stress balls? Thank you and Merry Christmas. Emma C.

Dear Santa,
Why doesn't Mrs. Clause ride with you? Do you use

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magic? What makes your sled fly? Why do you eat cookies. I have tried to do my best this year. May I have some posters, gorillas the band shirts, and some good will clothes? Thank you and happy holidays. Baylee B.

Dear Santa, Are you real? What makes your sled fly? Why doesn't Mrs. Clause ride the sleigh? Anyway, I have tried to be good this year. Can I have a collection of my little ponies and some cookies? Thank you and jingle bells. Madilyn R.

Dear Santa, Why do you use magic? What makes your sled fly? If reindeer can fly why can't we? I have been good this year. Can I have hatchet, a chainsaw, and different saws? Thank you and Merry Christmas. Grayson G.

Dear Santa, How do you get in without a chimney? Why can't we get magic too? Why doesn't Mrs. Clause ride in the sleigh with you? I have been pretty good this year. Can I have a nerf gun, a non-poisonous snake, and a preston plush. Thank you and have a very merry Christmas. Madison V.

Dear Santa, I have three questions. How do reindeer fly? Why do you have a bear? Why are you so big? I'm trying to be good this year. All I want for Christmas is a mud truck. Thanks and Merry Christmas. Layne H.

Dear Santa, Does Mrs. Clause know you know how to knit socks? Do you ever get out on other days? Why do you eat so many cookies? Okay, I've ben a good girl this year. So I would like an I phone 11, 12, and 13 please? Thank you and Merry Christmas too. Allyson M.

Dear Santa, Why do you eat so many cookies? Are you real? What makes your sled fly? Can we give you presents? I have been extra good this year. Can I get some PS3 games, a new water bottle, and a hamster? Thank you a whole bunch and Happy holidays. Jace B.

Dear Santa, Why do you use magic? Can we give you presents too? What do you want for Christmas? I have been good and I know what I want. I want a little metal tractor. Thanks Santa. Andrew S.

Dear Santa, Are you real? If the reindeer can fly why can't we? What would you like for Christmas? I know what I'd like and I've been pretty darn good. I'd like an RC car, a puppet, and a tedw. Merry Christmas Santa and thanks. Tristan O.

Dear Santa, How do you make your sleigh fly? How does your elves make stuff for Christmas? How do you get inside when there is no chimney? I have been a really good boy this year. For Christmas this year I want an I phone 11, x-box, a go-cart, and a nike necklace. Thank you and Merry Christmas. Noah H.

Dear Santa, Does Mrs. Clause know how to knit socks? Why do the reindeer make the sled fly? Do you ever go out on other days? I have been good this year. All I want for Christmas stuffed animals. Thank you and Happy Holidays. Daphne B.

Dear Santa, How do you get in without a chimney? Does Mrs. Clause know how to knit? Why don't you give us magic? I have been pretty good this year. Can I have 18 amibos, a Mario Kart 8 deluxe, 7 goose bump books, a pokemon sword, a Nintendo switch, and a pokemon card set with a bunch of rare pokemon cards. Thank you and Merry Christmas. Oliver S.

Dear Santa, How do you get in without a chimney? What makes your sled fly? Why do you use magic? I have been extra good this year. All I want for Christmas is a choker necklace. Thank you and Happy Holidays. Carly J.

Dear Santa, Does Mrs. Clause know how to knit socks? Why do the reindeer make the sled fly? What would you like for Christmas? I know what I'd like and I've been very good this year. I want

an I phone for Christmas, a Barbie horse, a Barbie doll, a Barbie doll set, my family and friends for Christmas. Thak you Santa and Merry Christmas. Willow R.

PERRIGO SECOND GRADE
Dear Santa, How are you doing? I'm doing great. I would like Pokemon cards, transformers, toebots, some Baukagons, battle bots, race cars, chipmunks and junk bots. Please! Thank you Santa! Love, Austin B.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I love you. Santa, you are the best. Can you bring me an Apple watch? Please and thank you! Love, Bentley T.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How's Christmas going? I'm doing great! Can you please get me a VR, an Xbox 360, a Samsung tablet, and a charging port? Merry Christmas, Love, Camden W.

Dear Santa, Are you doing good? I miss you. I am going to my grandma's home. Can I have a trampoline, a Nintendo switch, and you for Christmas? I love you Santa! Love, Gabriella R.

Dear Santa, I am going to my grandma's house for Christmas because I do not have a chimney. I am going to do fun stuff. Can I please have a Nintendo Switch? Love, Liam S.

Dear Santa, Can I have a VR, an Xbox, and a new bike! Merry Christmas! Henry B.

Dear Santa, How are you doing this year? I am doing good.

I'm very happy to see you. I will give you milk and cookies. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas. For Christmas I am going to go sledding and make a snowman. I would like a Barbie Dreamhouse and a jungle cruise board game! Love, Mary H.

Dear Santa, How are you doing in the North Pole? I am doing great. I am really looking forward to Christmas. There are some things that I want for Christmas like a VR, a Barbie Reveal kid. I don't know if you can do this, but I want Melvin to talk and the Harry Potter game for Nintendo switch. Lastly, I want 100 shopkins. You do not have to bring me everything. Love, Noelle M.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I'm doing great! When my whole family wakes up we open presents. I would like a PS5, Xbox, and toy cars! Love, Quentin B.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I wish I could see you. Christmas is my favorite time of year. How is Mrs. Claus? I want a puppy for Christmas and a trampoline. I love Christmas I wish Christmas could be everyday because I love it so much. It would be an honor if I could meet you. I also want my family to be happy. I also want either a video game or a puzzle. I want a couple of Bakugans too. Please and thank you! Love, Willow H.

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I'm doing good. I'm not going to be at my house. I'm going to be at Memaw's house. Please can I have these things? I want a big golden Bakugan. This is a really cool thing. It is the

world famous Bakugan. Merry Christmas! Love, Wyatt F.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? For Christmas this year, I want a dirt bike and an electric scooter. Will you bring me a picture of your reindeer and you? I would also like some new slime and a new box of art supplies with markers, crayons, paint and colored pencils. I also need a black marker. I would like a new drum set and a new basketball. My name is Issy and I'm 7 years old. I'm glad you found my new house last year. I was scared you wouldnt' find it. Thank you for bringing me the dream house. Merry Christmas! Issy K.

Dear Mom, How are you? I'm doing good. I like school. Do you like anything? I can't wait to see you, I have a Christmas present for you. Can I please have some more clothes? Love, Elyse F.

Dear Mom, How are you doing? I'm doing good. I really love my puzzle! Can you please get me a bunk bed, a new game for my Nintendo switch, a bike, and scratch colors. Please! Happy Christmas! Love, Kensington K.

Dear Grandma and Grandpa, I had a really good time at your house for Christmas. I would like a Chop and Charlie game. I also want a baby horse and a baby pup. Love, Sadie D.

WOLFE THIRD GRADE
Dear Santa, Hi my name is Tyler B. My age is 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I have been good. Also I have a question. How many elves are

in your shop? And may I have a VR for Christmas? May I have Legos for Christmas? And this is really it. Just to know I am a light sleeper. Love, Tyler

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Avery B. I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, MO. This year I have been really good. How do you go all around the world to deliver toys? May I please have a squish mellow, fidgets, blanket and a pillow? Maybe at night, you should eat just half of the cookie instead of the whole. Love, Avery

Dear Santa, Hi My name is Kameron B. I am 10 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I am between good and bad. How many sons do you have? Can I please have good vision? Thank you. Love, Kameron

Dear Santa, Hi My name is Ariel G. I am 9 year old. I live in Linn, MO. I have been good. How many elves are working in the factory? Can I please have a new bike, LOLs and big sisters, new jewelry, and a pink Nintendo switch? Do not wake up the dog. If you do, he will bark and wake up everybody! Love, Ariel

Dear Santa, Hi My name is Kydie H. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I have been good this year. How many elves do you have? May I have a Nintendo switch, a dirt bike, a kitten and a lot of FGTeV merchandise? Watch out for my dog. Love, Kydie

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Sterling J. I am 8 year old. I live in Linn, MO. I have been good this

year. I clean the house. Santa, why do you wear a red suit? Can I please get a lego set, hot wheels, GI Joe, mini dirt bike. Beware of the cats. They might bite you! Love, Sterling

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Michael. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I was good this year. Do not forget the cookies. Can I have a present, Legos, Pokemon cards, basketball? I will not forget to put out the fire for you. Love, Michael

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Eugene O. I am 8 years old. I live in Hope, MO. I think I have been good this year. How fast does your sleigh go? Can I please have a giant marble run, a big Lego set, 7 lbs of blue jolly ranchers, and science toys? Here is

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Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me Paw Patrol movie... This Christmas I am hoping for Paw Patrol movie toys. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...give them hugs. Love, Emmett

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the American Girl Doll from last year, and for my new baby sister. This Christmas I am hoping for dinosaurs and mermaid barbies. Maybe a barbie house too. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...give a blanket to a homeless person. Love, Norah D.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing us gifts. Did you have a nice summer? This Christmas I am hoping for a soldier costume, a tank like Grant and Lukey have, and a soldier fort. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...donate food to the food shelter. Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. This Christmas I am hoping for Jurassic World Dinosaur hauler. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help clean up my toys and sweep the floors all by myself. Love, Ronen

Dear Santa,
Thank you for toys. This Christmas I am hoping for makeup and a doll. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help mom and dad. Love, Natalie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my family and Rudolph the reindeer. This Christmas I am hoping a toy atv, toy boat and a helicopter with remote. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help Uncle Tyler work pigs, give some toys to kids that need them. Love, TJ B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my family and my cat Josie and being able to go pick out and put up a real Christmas tree. This Christmas I am hoping for a stuffed Yoda to snuggle with and for my elf on the shelf, Dave, to move around my house in fun places. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the

following for someone else...bake cookies for others, donate, toys to those in need and adopt a child to give presents to that may not have gotten any. Love, Emma

Dear Santa,
Thank you for mommy, my family, flowers and my animals. This Christmas I am hoping for a monkey, 22 nerf blaster gun and a magical wand. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...give them a hug and to behave myself. Love, Leo

Dear Santa,
Thank you for toys. This Christmas I am hoping for toys, watch, remote control Robot dancing. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...give all teachers hugs. Love, Joshua

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my lego table. I love it! This Christmas I am hoping for a real Harry Potter wand. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I'm going to give my girlfriend a present. Love, Finnegan

Dear Santa,
Thank you for Jesus and my family. This Christmas I am hoping for a narwal and a hula hoop. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...donate toys. Love, Adaline

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me presents. Thank you to your elves for helping. This Christmas I am hoping for roller skates, a paw patrol pup and pup pack. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...so I will vacuum my room and put away my clothes. Love, Austin.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the stretchy guy you brought me last year! This Christmas I am hoping for Nintendo Switch, RC cars and a pop-it fidget spinner and one for my sister too. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...getting Evie a Christmas ornament. Love, Wylan

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me a Christmas this year. This Christmas I am hoping for a pop-it bracelet. I know it is better to give than to receive, so

this month I plan to do the following for someone else...and donate my old toys. Love, Lilly

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the LOL dolls you gave me. This Christmas I am hoping for some hatchimals and ballerina shoes and clothes. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I plan to give someone a gift. Love, Evie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me presents last year. This Christmas I am hoping for paw patrol toys and Spirit toys. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...and donate my old toys to kids in need. Love, Maddison

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my T-rx last yer. This Christmas I am hoping for a farm set and a lago camp. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...mac cookies. Love, Nolan

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving all kids presents. This Christmas I am hoping for Barbie Dream House, Calico Critter cabin and a baby station. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...be nice to everyone and my mom. Love, Izabell

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the tackle box and my tablet. This Christmas I am hoping for legos, a drone, and new rubber boots. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help with the evening chores and feeding of the livestock and mop the floors. Love, Michael.

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Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toy snakes you got me last Christmas. This Christmas I am hoping for a chainsaw, pocket knife and dirt bike. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I am going to give them presents and help everyone. Love, Boyd B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toys. This Christmas I am hoping for a Batman go kart, Mario racetrack, and remote control spider. I know it is better to

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some advice: do not wake the dogs and make sure the fire is out. Love, Eugene
Dear Santa,
My name is Izabella P. I am 9 year old. I live in Linn, MO. I have a little bad, but I am doing good in school. You are super sweet. Can I ride in your sleigh on Christmas? Oh, do not forget to put presents in my stocking and under the tree in the living room, and in me and my sisters room. The dogs might bark. I would like an elf on the shelf, sandals, and a workspace in my room, Love, Isabella

Dear Santa,
My name is Payten P. I am 9 year old. I live in Linn, MO. I tried to be good. Do all elves watch us? Can I please have a nintendo switch, and Rainbow High series three doll. Here is some advice; watch out for the ice. Love, Payten

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Nicholas S. I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I was good this year. How many elves do you have? Can I please have Legos, Hot Wheels and Christmas lights for my room. Be careful for the chimney. It might be hot! Love, Nicholas

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Jaedyn T. I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I have been good. How many elves do you have? Can I please have a kitten toy, a guinea pig cage and a cat scooper? Love, Jaedyn

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Sophia V. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I've been good. Santa, have the elves been good or bad? Can I please have long earrings, a kid motorcycle, all kinds of fidgets and a computer? Please be quiet, so you don't wake up the dogs. Love, Sophia

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Trenton V. My age is 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. This year I have been bad. I'm sorry. Hey Santa, why do you wear a red jacket? May I have a toy dirt bike, a Xbox and can I have a PS5? My dogs will bark at you. Love, Trenton

MEBRUER THIRD GRADE
Dear Santa,
My name is Alania C. and I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have been nice this year. Santa, When is my Elf Macy going to come? What I want for Christmas this year is a real puppy, a phone case and toy handcuffs. Love, Alaina

Dear Santa,
My name is Olivia C. and I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have been nice this year. Santa, when are the elves going to come to my house? What I want for Christmas this year is slime lickers that are blue, fidgets, and gymnastics stuff. Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,
My name is Landon E. and I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I think I have been nice this year because I still have another month to be good. Santa, how do you get to everyone's house in only one night? What I want for Christmas this year is some army men, Minecraft Legos, and a new controller. Love, Landon

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryann F. and I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have been nice this year. Santa, how do the reindeer fly and do they also get a vacation? What I want for Christmas this year is a new iPad, a toy horse and a stuffed horse. Love, R.

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler H. and I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I think I have been on the nice list this year. Santa, where did the elves come from? What I want for Christmas this year is a Lego boat, a Lego set of Histobricks, and an Olympic boat. Love, Tyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Brysen M. and I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have been nice this year at home. Santa, do elves get a vacation? What I want for Christmas this year is a Chromebook, gaming headphones, and three controllers. Love, Brysen

Dear Santa,
My name is Jayden S. and I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have

been nice this year. Santa, how do you go to all the houses in just one night? What I want for Christmas this year is Elite 2.0 Nerf gun, Tag Team Pokemon cards, and silly putty. Love, Jayden

Dear Santa,
My name is Karson Strobe and I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have been naughty this year. I am sorry for being naughty. Santa, how old are the elves? What I want for Christmas this year are some boxes, toy handcuffs, and some slime. Love, Karson

Dear Santa,
My name is Avery T. and I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I think I have been nice-ish this year. Santa, how do you get all the presents delivered to kids in time? What I want for Christmas this year is an LOL ornament, toy handcuffs, and a scienc experiment kit. Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
My name is Kodee T. and I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have been nice this year. Santa, do the elves get a vacation

after Christmas is over? What I want for Christmas this year is a camera, some clothes, and a new set of markers. Love, Kodee

Dear Santa,
My name is Opal V. and I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have been on the nice list this year. Santa, when will my reindeer come to my house? What I want for Christmas this year is a horse Legos, a horse brush, and a saddle pad. Love, Opal

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter Mueller and I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have been on the nice list this year. Santa, where do the elves get their shoes? What I want for Christmas this year is a laptop, water balloon and a pop it. Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
My name is Joseph T. and I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. I have been nice this year. Santa, how do you get it all done? What I want for Christmas this year is a 5 pack of Hot Wheels, a remote control car, and a play station game. Love, Joseph

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give than to receive, so this month I am going to share a toy that I really like. Love, Max B.

Dear Santa, Thank you for Mom, Dad, and my sister Nicol. This Christmas I am hoping for a scooter, toy dog, a doll and a playhouse. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I will help mom clean, help dad feed cows, and count calves. Love, Brianna

Dear Santa, Thank you for my plush Jack Skellington that you gave me last year. This Christmas I am hoping for a plush oogie boogie from Nightmare Before Christmas. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to donate all my slightly used toys to other kids that are less fortunate. Love, Faith E.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my family and Santa. This Christmas I am hoping for a good Christmas. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to open gates when feeding cows. Love, Chloe

Dear Santa, Thank you for my Musical Frozen Elsa Castle. This Christmas I am hoping for a mermaid that can swim in the bathtub. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to make my bed so mom doesn't have to. Love, Dylan H.

Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing the gifts. This Christmas I am hoping for an Elsa dress and Frozen toys. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to give people candy and cookies. Love, Aubree

Dear Santa, Thank you for my presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a Barbie camper and 150 hair bows. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I will give money, make people laugh, and give flowers. Love, Mia

Dear Santa, I'm thankful for you, Santa. This Christmas I am hoping for a Polly Pocket flamingo set that comes with all the characters. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to love and hug my dad. Love, Emma K.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my reindeer, Snowflake. This Christmas I am hoping for a monster truck race track with remote control. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to be nice and let them have what they want. Love, Calvin

Dear Santa, Thank you for giving out toys and being nice! This Christmas I am hoping for an iPad and hot wheels with a different car holder. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to give away some old toys. Love, Emmett

Dear Santa, Thank you for sending me presents and giving presents to other people. This Christmas I am hoping for a BB gun, a new piggy bank, new boots, and a paw patrol watch. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to help my mommy with chores at home and help my sister clean up her toys. Love, Liam

Dear Santa, Thank you for our pres-

ents. This Christmas I am hoping for a dog with a bathtub set. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to give a puppy to Chloe. Love, Ruby

Dear Santa, Thank you for my trampoline. This Christmas I am hoping for a new BB gun and headphones. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I am going to help my sister shoot her BB gun. Love, Leo

Dear Santa, Thank you for my punching bag. This Christmas I am hoping for Animal Crossing. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I am going to save money and give it to someone. Love, Lenni

Dear Santa, Thank you for a good friend, Chloe. This Christmas I am hoping for a stuffed mermaid and a mermaid doll. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I will help mom make a rainbow. Love, Emersyn

Dear Santa, Thank you for giving me a Mighty Pup Tower and guitar. This Christmas I am hoping for a slime kit, Jurassic World kit, snow boots, and family set. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I am going to give them something I don't need. I love my mommy and daddy and you Santa. Love, Wesley

Dear Santa, Thank you for everything you do. You work really hard all year round. This Christmas I am hoping for Baby Alive. I also like uni-

corns. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan on giving someone in need my old clothes. Love Kayla

Dear Santa, Thank you for presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a giant incredible Hulk. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I will keep my room clean and be nice. Love, Jackson S.

WIEBERG FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa, This year I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a lugia action figure. Love, Hudson

Dear Santa, Is Rudolph real? This year I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a fort tent, and turkey stuff'd animal. I also want a train and spider-mans webswinger. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Kevin P.

Dear Santa, How do you reindeer like their arrots? This year, I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: elf on a shelf, hoverboard, Marshall Rider house, blue-red bean bag, 1 bag of mm's. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Phoebe

Dear Santa, I love you Santa. This year I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want Power rangr toys, Pokemon cards, and a iPhone 12, go-kart, Ps5 with a Minecraft case and vr headset. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Kaison

Dear Santa, How have you been this year? This year I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: a baby, pig, pink phone, make-up, milk chocolate and pink stamps. Thank you! Merry Christmas! With love, Amelia P.

Dear Santa, This year I been sad. I want a turkeystuffy animals and a chrombook. I also want a hide out and new dragons. Thank you. Merry Christmas! From, Mya

Dear Santa, Hows the spirit of Christmas? This year I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a Nintendo, teddy bear and baby. Thank you! Merry Christmas! From, Harper

Dear Santa, How are you? This year I have been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want raindow lipstick, phone, and a computer. I will have cookies and milk for you! Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Alex

Dear Santa, How are you doing? This year I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: mermaid tail, barbie doll, big truck, phone, barbie clothes. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Brooke C.

Dear Santa, How are you? This year, I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a Nintendo. I want a mini excavator. Also I want an Iphone 12 and a new tablet. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Jack

Dear Santa, Hi Santa, how are you? This year, I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a phone, lipstick, and makeup. I also want a stuff animal and a new whatch. I will have a lot of fun. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Anna F.

Dear Santa, How is the northpole? I want a Iphone, Xbox and tablet. I want pit viper and a cage. I want a colorful candy cane. I want a big rig and trailer. Thank you! Merry Christmas? Love, Graham

Dear Santa, How are you and the reindeer? This year I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want new headphones and 100 nail polishes. I would like a service dog. I also would like a new girl kiten. I will have cookies and milk. Thank you, Merry Christmas! Love, Terra S.

Dear Santa, I love you! This year I have been good. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a ninetendo Switch, jar of gum, and phone case. I also want a hover board and a electric scooter. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Crystal

Dear Santa, How are you doing today? This year I have been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a nintendo, phone, and two bottles of lipstick. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Paisley

Dear Santa, How are you? This year, I have been good. Here are a few things I am wish-

ing for: I want a red rido and nerf rifle and phone. I also want a Deer rifle and a hoverboard. Thank you! Merry Christmas! Love, Braiden

HUOT FIRST GRADE
Dear Santa, How are you? I am good. This year for Christmas I would like a 4-wheeler and an Iron Man toy. I hope that you find all of the cookies I am leaving for you! Love, Kiernan S.

Dear Santa, How are you? Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year. I was good all year so I'd like a drone, a Ferrari, a Mustang, and a motorcycle for Christmas this year. I will leave cookies and milk under the tree for you. Love, Corbin B.

Dear Santa, How are you? I am good. I've been good all year so for Christmas I would like a picture camera that you can wiggle. I will leave your reindeer some oatmeal. Also, please can I have a horse with wheels that I can ride? Love, Rylie B.

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? For Christmas this year I want a Playstation 10 and Hot Wheels. Also please bring

my mom a present. Have a happy Christmas! I love you, Santa. Love, Zayden E.

Dear Santa, How are you? I'm good. I've been a good boy so I would like a plum candle for my mom and a Playstation 4. I will leave you cookies and milk on the kitchen table and a carrot for Rudolph the reindeer. Love, Connor F.

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph doing? I've been very good this year. For Christmas I want a phone, a puppy, and a Pop-It toy. I hope that you have a good Christmas, Santa! Love, Presley S.

Dear Santa, How it is traveling around the world? I am doing good. For Christmas this year I want a shark that swims and a fish kit. I will leave cookies and milk on the end table for you. Love, Caleb R.

Dear Santa, How are you? I was good this year so I really want a Tech bike. Also, I want an Xbox. I want a vest for my mom. I will give a present to Rudolph and I will give my sister one too. I

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will give my dad a present. It will be an Xbox. Love, Bentley K.

Dear Santa, How are you? I am good. This year for Christmas I want the Adams Family 2 packs, and I want the Megadon Wash playset. Have a Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Kolby H.

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. For Christmas I really want a new bike. I also want a phone for my sister, Addyson, and my dad. I hope that you have a happy Christmas! Love, Autumn C.

Dear Santa, How are you today? I wish for Christmas that I can have an Elf on the Shelf, please. I have been kid of good this year. I will leave some cookies under the tree for you. Love, John E.

Dear Santa, How is Ginger my elf doing? I have good all year. Could I have some "Who Would Win?" books and an Xbox? I really want a lot of books. I will leave you some cookies and milk Love, Sydney W.

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good this year so for Christmas I would like a toy horse that I can ride and a toy spiky ball for my dog. Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Kizzie K.

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I want a zebra really bad and I want a Squish Mellow. I will leave you a present under the tree. Have a Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Sophia H.

Dear Santa, How are you? This year I have been good. I would really like an Elf for Christmas this year. Also,

I would like a Cat in the Hat stuffed animal. Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Paisley S.

Dear Santa, How are you? I love you. You are my favorite. I have been fine. I would like a Shark Bite game. I have been pretty good. Love, Cam R.

VARNADORE FIRST GRADE
Dear Santa, How are you? I have good because I helped mom. Could you bring a X-box, Indominus-rexes, 243 shels for my bring 342 shels? Love Connor

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I am being good at school. For Christmas I hope you bring me a bubble gum mshen, socker gril, an skat grl boll (doll). Love, Sophie

Dear Santa, I am good how are you? I have bene good at scool! For Crismis, I wold like a fom pit, a boll pit, a phone, and a bedroom make over. Love, Paislee

Dear Santa, How are you? How was your year? For Christmas I wold like Playdoooo, pudy, and a tornado botoll. Love, CJ

Dear Santa Claus, How do you fit down tme chimbe? I am hopirg fone exbox bbgun and a cowputer. Love Waylon

Dear Santa, How are the Raindeer? I would like a stuffed kitten. Beware of kitten that thinks he's a pup at my grandma's. Hope you have safe travels! Love, Ella

Dear Santa Clas, How is your day? I hope you put me on the nice list. For Christmas, I would like a gutr and bearded dragon. Love, Samara

Dear Santa Claus I really want to know your elfs names and I have been very good this year! For Christmas I would like a bike and Breo trains and a nrf emg! Love, Camden

Dear Santa, How are you? How are your randeer? For Crismis, I wood like sum Hey Doos, an Amarcin girl doll, and a Brbedoll. Grat full for you. Love, Sadie

Dear Santa, How are the randeer? I have bin rilee good this year. I wood like a X-box game and a goort. Love, Henry

Dear Santa, How are you? Are the randeer ready? For Christmas, I would like Ms. Varnadare, a toy tablet and another kid. Love, Arabella

Dear Santa, Are the elves bisee? What are the elves doing? I wunt Hay doodes, clos and a twrtle. Have a saf trp. Love, Zay

Dear Santa, I being good. How are you? I hop you bring me sonic toys, sodupop and toy gun. I will lefv you cookes. Love, Lester

Dear Santa, Are the elvs bizey? Are the radeer redee foor ther flit. I wood like a game called Jumanji, robot, and a sleigh. I will leave you snacks. Love, Johnny

REHAGEN SECOND GRADE
Dear Santa, Hello Santa, elves, and reindeer. How is Elfy? How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you all have not gotten COVID. For Christmas, I need a red and white stocking hat to keep my head warm. I want a pi-ano because I love playing music. I also want everyone to be friends because it would make the world a

better place. Thank you for the hoverboard that you gave me last Christmas. I ride it a lot. I will leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. Sincerely, Lainey

Dear Santa, How many baby reindeer are there? Are all the elves being good? I want a dark blue Broncos and Donks hat to wear in the summer. I would also like a big remote control truck to play with. I need some Wrangler jeans because I do not have many pairs. Thank you for the Ford hat that I wear all the time and the hot chocolate last year. Love, Conrad

Dear Santa, Do the reindeer like radishes? I will leave them out if the reindeer like them. If you like cookies, what kind do you like? I would like a doll that can talk for Christmas. I also would like an eraser that looks like a phone so I can erase my mistakes on my work. Last of all, I would like a baby girl doll so I can play with it at home. Thanks for my Barbie doll from last year. I like it because it has stretchy legs. I will leave you cookies on the table with some milk. Love, Grace E.

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? How are you doing? I would love fidgets because they are my favorite toys I wold also like a baby because I love babies I wold like pop its because I do not have any at home. I have worked really hard cleaning the new house. Thank you for the baby that you got me last year. I play with it a lot. Love, Zadie

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! What does Mrs. Claus do? Does she tell you to eat your vegeta-

bles? I want a toy that is called a Magical Flying Pixie...one that is purple for Christmas. I also want a big poop emoji pillow to sleep with. A baby stuffed polar bear is another gift I would like so I can pretend it is my big polar bear's baby. Thank you for the robot dog that you brought me last year because it unboxes itself. Thank you for the bath bombs and my elf. Thank you for the book calld the Elf on the Shelf. I like reading it! Love, Sophia

Dear Santa, Hello Santa! What is Rudolph doing? Does his nose always shine or does it blink? Is it always snowing at the North pole? Santa I wold like to have candy to fill my stocking. I also woant a stream card to buy a video game. I also would like a robtox card to buy things on Roblox. Thank you for my presents last year. A Nintendo Switch, two vido games and a fluffy crocodile. Sincerely, Monroe

Dear Santa Claus, Is Mrs. Claus feeling well? Are you starting to pack your sleigh? I need a panda stocking hat to keep my head warm. I want a gold ring that has a heart with a pink jewel on it to wear on my ring finger. I would also like a unicorn necklace with jewels on it. Santa, I have been working hard at being nice to my family. Thank you for the gifts you gave my family last year. My brother loves his Lego table you gave him. Thank you for the scrunchies you gave me last year and the suckers. Love, Amelia

Dear Santa, Hello, Santa! Have any of your elves had COVID before? Santa, is the red nosed reindeer being good? I need knee socks for Christmas because I cannot find mine. I want

a hoverboard because I do not have a lot of toys. I also want some blue cotton candy because I like how it tastes. Thank you for the clothes you gave me last year. I needed more clothes. Thank you for the necklace that had a cross on it that stood for God and Jesus. I love them the same. I will have some chocolate chip cookies and milk for you. Love, Brooks

Dear Santa, Are your elves being good? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is good. This Christmas, I would like a new tablet because my tablet does not play Roblox. I need some new waterproof shoes that are pink because I do not have any and some new goggles that only go over my eyes. Thank you for the tablet I got last year Santa. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and some carrots for your reindeer. Love, Kenzee

Dear Santa, Good morning, Santa. Has Hank, my elf been getting in trouble? He can be naughty. I hope he has been good for you. For Christmas, I need a gun so that I can go hunting. I want an L.O.L.O.M.G. doll so I can play dolls. I also need more pants because mine have holes in them. Thank you for the BB, gun, snow cone maker, Hatchimal that you gave me for Christmas last year. I will put gingerbread cookies and milk out if you get hungry. Your friend, Bella

Dear Santa, How is it going at the North Pole? Are you feeding the reindeer? I want you to have a merry Christmas this year. How is Chippy, my elf, doing? Santa is Chippy being good or bad. I want a camoafage dune buggy for Christmas this year so I can drive it in the field. I also want a vidio

game for my tablet called Go Karts. I would like a dirt bike that I can rid in my front yard. Thank you for the drone last year. I really like flying it. Love, Hudson

Dear St. Nicholas, Hello guys! How are you? How are the elves? I would like a red drum set to play, an umbrella to keep the rain away, and globe to see the world. I am learning a lot at school and sharing my knowledge with others. Thank you for the drone last year. I play with it all the time. Love, T. J.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How cooks dinner? Has anyone gotten covid? What kind of cookies do you like? I wood like gymnastics bars because I like gymnastics. Barbys because I I like to play with them. Pop its because I like popping them. A drown because they look fun. Love, Baylee

Dear Santa, Hi Santa, elves and reindeer. Has it been good at teh North Pole? I need

more Christmas clothes that have Santa on them. I want a LEGO Groot because I have a lot of Legos. I want another Spidey and his amazing friends so they can join the ones I have at home. I have been getting good grades at school. Thanks for the stuffed dinosaur last year and the Star Wars stuffed animals. I promise to leave cookies and milk on my table for you. Love, Skyler

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing good. Do the reindeer have COVID? The top three things I would like for Christmas are a dirt bike, a bow and arrow, and a rodeo ticket. I also need some new underwear. Thank you for the gifts from last year, but I hope I don't get coal again. Sincerely, Collin P.

STRUEMPH 2ND GRADE
Dear Santa Claus, How you been this summer? How is radolph? I would like a dirtbike. Fi- See **Fatima** on Page 10B

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Susie Fowler
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nally I would like a phone and new switch games for Christmas. Thank you for the trampoline I got last year. Love, Hunter B.

General in westphalia because it is so cute. Thank you for the baby doll you got me last year. I also like the Barbie doll you got me last year. Love, Chloe

Dear Santa, Are there candy canes at the North Pole? What do you drink? This year I would like a pet iguana. Because I think it would be a good pet. Could I have some fruit for my iguana? Could I have a cage for my iguana too? I like the ghost buster game from last year. The fishing game was to hard. Love, Quintin

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? This Christmas I would like a makeup set. I could use a Barbie closet. Can I have a new bike? Can you buy me a puppy? Thank you for the gifts for my family. Thank you for the kitchen set. I hope you have a great Christmas. Love, Ashley H.

Dear Santa, Hello, Santa how are you and the elves? Is Rudolph fuzzy. This year I would like a teal fluffy pillow that is big. Then I want another elf on the shelf. Also I would like a new bed sheet because the old one I don't like. Also I would like baby elves three of them. Santa thank you for the gifts from last year. Thank you for the marshmallow chocolate things. Sincerely, Lily B.

Dear Santa, Hello Santa. how are the reindeer? How are the elves? This year I would like a Rowbox on my ipad. I would also like baby elfs for christmas. I also want an ornament for my dog Lily. Thank you for all the presents last year. Sincerely Olivia H.

Dear Santa Claus, How are things doing in the North Pole? Are you doing good in the North Pole? This Christmas can I please have that lol toy that has markers, crayons, colored pencils, and a coloring book that is in TJ max in the toy section. Could you bring that unicorn toy in Dollar General that has markers, crayons, colored pencils, and some coloring books? Can I please have that puppy dog in Dollar

Dear Santa Claus, Hello Santa is it snowing at the North Pole? Is it cold at the North Pole? This year I would like I need a makeup set because I need makeup. I would like an OMG doll. I want a new bike. Thank you for extra presents you gave me last year. Love, Channing

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? How are you doing? This year I would like an xdox for christmas because my dad will not buy me one. Will you get

me a tablet please? W you get me a dirtbike? I would like a remote control car and a ball shooting gun. Thank you for an xbox 360 game from last year. Love, Kevin

Rudolph? This year I want a popit phone, a big color reveal, and a tie-dye Fidget spinner. My very own tie-dye shirts would be fun I would like some slime and a stress ball. Thank you for the mermaid doll. I would sipdms pls and a hoverboard. Love, Rowynn S.

Dear Santa Claus, Hi Santa, How are the elves? How are the reindeer? This Christmas I want boots like my moms. I also want a phone to play games. Santa can I have a ps5 because I get really bored at home. Thank you Santa for the hoverbord from last Christmas. Love, Samantha

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? How are the elves? This christmas can I have an LOL and a movie star LOL and an OMG doll pls. I would aalso like a pep a pig hous too. Thank you for last year's presents. Love, Lydia T.

Dear Santa Claus, How are the elves? This year I would like a new 3DS because I got water on an old one. Can I have Ninendo? Could I also have a phone and an xbox? Thank you for the ninja swords. Thank you for everything. Love, Eli

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? How are you Santa? I would like a dirt bike for Christmas. Also I would like to have a tv. I would like to have a phone because I wun in. Thank you for the tractor last year. Your friend, Trevor

Dear Santa Claus, How old are you? How is my elf Jose? I want my turtles to come back for thsi Christmas. I also want for Christmas a big big fidgets and a big big big popits. I also want a phone for Christmas! Thank you for my Barbies? Thank you for my LOL dolls? Love, Kyndal Rae S.

Dear Sata Claus, How are you doing today? How are the reindeer? This year I would like a new pair of glasses. Coiuld I please have a new bow and aurrow. Could I please have a new target? Santa can I have a new watch? Santa can I please have batteries for my head phones? Thank you for my beebe gun from last year. Love, Evan

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? How is



LETTERS TO SANTA HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, FREEBURG

PRESCHOOL CLASS

Dear Santa, I would really like a tractor and camo coat. I also would like a bouquet of flowers for my mom and hoping for a new pacifier fo rmy baby brother. Thank you Santa. Love, Raylan

Dear Santa, I would really like to get butterfly toys because I don't have any at home. Me and my brother would like a toy dump truck to play with outside. Can I please have more dresses because mine are all dirty. Since I'm getting gifts, could my barbies get presents too? Love, Amaurra

Dear Santa, I would love to have barbies, paint supplies and mermaid baby doll. My dad and brother would love hunting stuff. I have been a good girl this year. I would love anything I get for Christmas. Love, Emma

Dear Santa, This year I really want a dump truck and I want to get my dad two deer pocket knives. I've been good this year. I've been on green all year. I also want a tractor, a wagon, monster truck and new clothes for my brother. Can I pretty please have some gifts this year! Love, Jaxtyn

Dear Santa, Can you please bring me dinosaurs and monster trucks. I think Riley would love some barbies and a dress. I love my elf on the shelf. Love, Brayden

Dear Santa, How have you been? I have been very good this year. If you have time could you please bring me a toy monster truck. If you have time could you please get my dad new hunting supplies. Have a

Merry Christmas. Love, David

Dear Santa, How have you been? I've been good. Please can I have a mini dump truck and toy crocodile. Can my sister get a toy snake. Can mom get a hippopotamas and dad get a crocodile? Love, Rudy

Dear Santa, How have you been? I've been good. Please can I have a 12 foot nerf gun. Thank you for the toys last year. Can my mom have make up, my brother a soft ball and grandma a black shirt? Love, Liam

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. Can I please have a mermaid barbie and I think Brayden would love a dinosaur. Bye Santa. Love, Riley

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie dreamhouse and barbies, coloring books for me and my sister. Thank you for sending the elf to our classroom. Love, Addelyn

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. This year I would like Minnie Mouse shoes. I would also like you to give Ava new Minnie Mouse shoes too and my dad more hunting gear. I also want doctor barbies and hair saloon barbies. Love, Anna

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Ashley Lambert
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Dear Santa,
I would love some barbies and a pretty purse. My brother wants big cars for Christmas. My top gift is a barbie. Love, Karlee.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a hair salon for Christmas. I would also like baking stuff. Mom wants camo stuff and new shoes. Love, Addilynn

Dear Santa,
I would like a bb gun, a four wheeler and a dirt bike so I can ride with my brother. I would also like if you could bring toys to all the kids that don't have any. I will put milk and cookies on the table for you, and treats for your reindeer. Love, Carter

Dear Santa,
This year I would like hunting stuff for me and my dad. I'll make sure to put a cup of water for you and carrots for the reindeer. Love, Joseph

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for the toys last year. This year can I please have a red power ranger action figure and a train play set. Can you please get my dad some hunting gear? Love, Seeley

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I would like to go to a pony hair salon. I would also like to have some chef stuff. I also want hunting stuff for my parents. Love, MacKenzie

Dear Santa,
How are you? Did your reindeer get a lot of carrots? Can you please get me a pretend leaf blower and chain saw? Can you please get my dad a knife for butchering turkeys and flowers for mom? I have been very good this year. I help mom and dad feed the dogs and I help my sister feed our cats. Love, Louis

KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. This year I want a JoJo paint set and an elf book. Dad wants sunglasses. Love, Riley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year! This year I want a toy barn yard and a spirit book. My dog wants treats. Love, Rayna

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year! This year I want mini food and an Elsa book. Addi wants markers. Love, Billie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year! This year I want a fluffawolf and an elephant and piggie bank. Mom wants an orange flower. Love, Abigail

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year! This year I want a cowgirl hat, mini food, and an Anna book. Lucky wants treats. Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year! This year I want a Barbie ball blanket and a Paw Patrol book. Love, Piper

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year! This year I want a Gymnastic Barbie, a toy unicorn, and a princess book with stickers. Mom wants a vase. Love, Payton

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the present last year! This year I want a small toy bull and a farm book. Evie wants a Barbie Dreamhouse. Love, Owen

FIRST GRADE CLASS
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the T-rex track. I would like a Lego Pirate set, a Lego army set, and a Lego farm set. Please bring Duke a pacifier. How do the reindeer fly? Sincerely yours, Bo A.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my cat! I would like two birds, two rabbits, and two lizards. Please bring a game for my brother! How is Rudolph doing? Sincerely yours, Abigail C.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last year. I would like Nintendo switch, games, and boots. Please bring my mom stuff for the house. Who is your favorite reindeer? Sincerely yours, Brody N.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the fishing stuff. I would like a robot, a toy phone, and germ-x. Please bring my little sister a doll. Does Mrs. Claus have any children? Sincerely yours, Ava R.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bike. I would like some make-up, a stuffed horse, and a necklace. Please bring something for my Brother and Sister. How old are you! Sincerely yours, Paisley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the legos. I would like a soccer ball, nerfguns, and the farthest

flying football. Please bring my sister dolls. What do you like to eat? Sincerely yours, Carter

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the helmet. I would like cowboy boots, a nerf gun, and a cowboy shirt. Please bring my brother a brush hog. Why do the reindeer eat carrots? Sincerely yours, Austin

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the barbies. I would like a hoverboard, another barbie house, and a coat. Please bring baby Grasen a dinosaur. How do we get an elf? Sincerely yours, Khloe

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the barn. I would like a toy dog, house, new tennis shoes and long horn cows. Please bring Louis a toy leaf blower. What do your elves look like? Sincerely yours, Frank

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the scooter, I would like a pretend bakery set, a new bike, and toy piano. Please bring my sister Harry Potter stuff. Can you touch the elves because we can't? Sincerely yours, Elsie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the fish. I

would like a skateboard, phone, and rollerskates. Please bring my mom a robot. Why do you have a sleigh? Sincerely yours, Rilyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my kitchen set. I would like an air pump, football, and the game Speak Out. Please bring my dad a baitcaster. How many elves do you have? Sincerely yours, Addie F.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the four wheeler. I would like a toy sink, a phone, and shoes. Please bring Eli a toy car. How many Elves do you have? Sincerely yours, Joella

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Legos helicopter. I would like a log truck, a grain truck, and a remote control tractor. Please bring my Grandpa glasses. Santa, why do you give us good toys? Sincerely yours, Henry

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the chopper. I would like farming sim 18 and 19, a baler, and Track tractor. Please bring my sister a baby. Why do the elves watch us? Sincerely yours, Bentley



SINGERS: MIKE Gallagher and his wife Kathleen entertained visitors at the Osage County branch of the Missouri River Regional Library on Dec. 11 during an art show that featured the work of local artists. The library provided snacks and beverages while the Gallaghers sang Christmas songs. (above) Children enjoyed activities at Community Christian Church's "A Night at Bethlehem" held on Dec. 12 as part of Linn's Christmas on Main Street. A market place showed how life was at the time of the birth of Jesus, and fresh-baked bread was given to visitors. (below)

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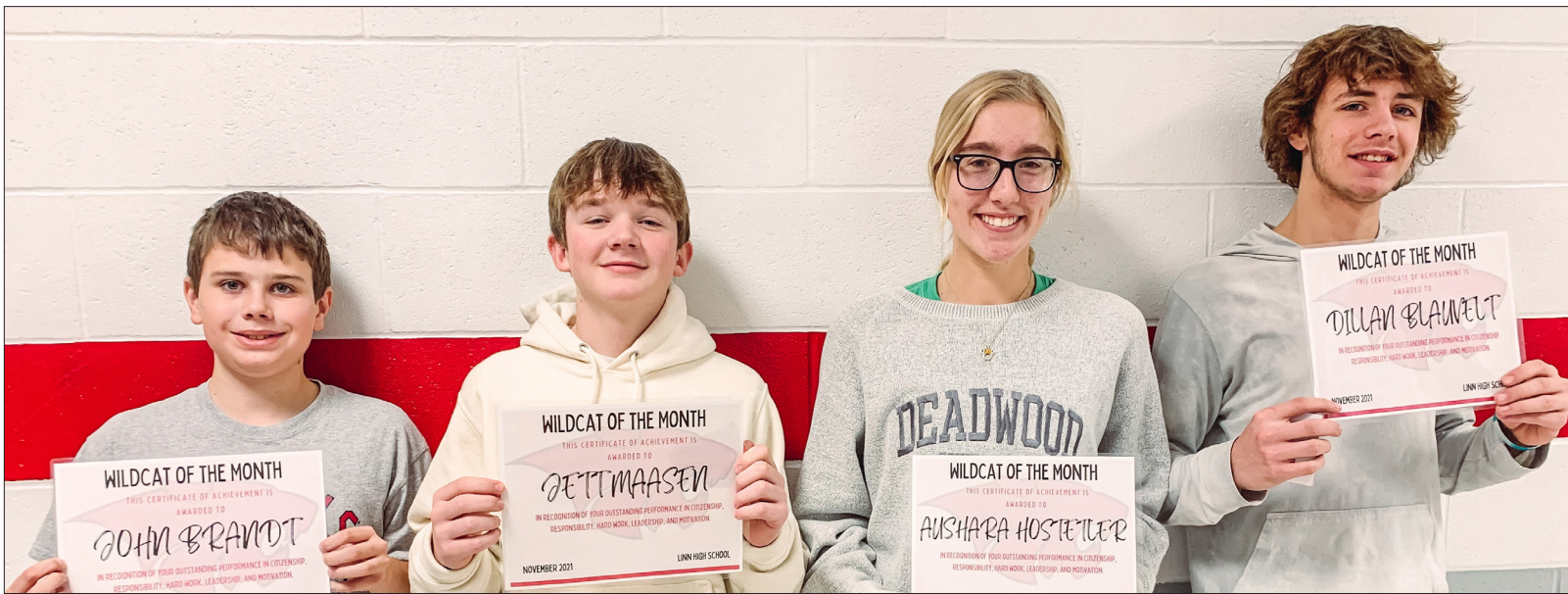


News From Linn R-2 School



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CINDY SIEG

Mrs. Sieg's kindergarten class at Linn Elementary (above and left) has been focusing on the difference between mixtures and solutions. The class has found that mixtures are able to be sorted back to their original components, while solutions are not. The class has also learned that different liquids create solutions at different rates. Following the scientific method, the class experimented with candy canes soaked in water, olive oil, vinegar, and cola. Predictions were made about which liquid would dissolve the candy cane the fastest. After waiting one hour, the class collected data on what the candy canes looked like. Oil did almost nothing to the candy canes, while vinegar became bubbly after dissolving it, and the water was left pink while the vinegar was a strong red color. Cola dissolved the candy canes also leaving bubbles behind. The first solution to break down a candy cane in its entirety was vinegar, followed quickly by water, then cola, leaving olive oil a distant fourth. The class enjoys hands-on science experiments and has a fun time learning.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY SHANNON WOLFE

Wildcats of the Month for November

Linn Middle School Wildcats for the month of November were Leo Massman and Abigail Hubecky (above). Leo is the son of Joe and Melissa Massman. He is a 7th grader who enjoys animating, reading, Lego building, playing the trumpet, video games, drawing, and coding. He is a member of boyscouts and 4-H. Abigail is the daughter of Philip and Amanda Timbrook. She is an 8th grader who enjoys reading and art. John Brandt, Jett Maasen, Aushara Hostetler, and Dillan Blauvelt (top) were named the Linn High School Wildcats for November. (above right) John is the son of Tim and Melanie Brandt. He is a 9th grader who is a member of the ESports team, and enjoys taking care of his pet snake and watching his younger siblings. Jett is the son of Dustin and Alycia Maasen. He is a 10th grader who plays basketball, golf, and cricket. Aushara is the daughter of Keith and Monica Hostetler. She is an 11th grader who plays basketball, softball, and is a barista at Busy Bean Cafe. Dillan is the son of Aaron Blauvelt and Jamie Peters. He is a 12th grader who plays basketball and cricket.

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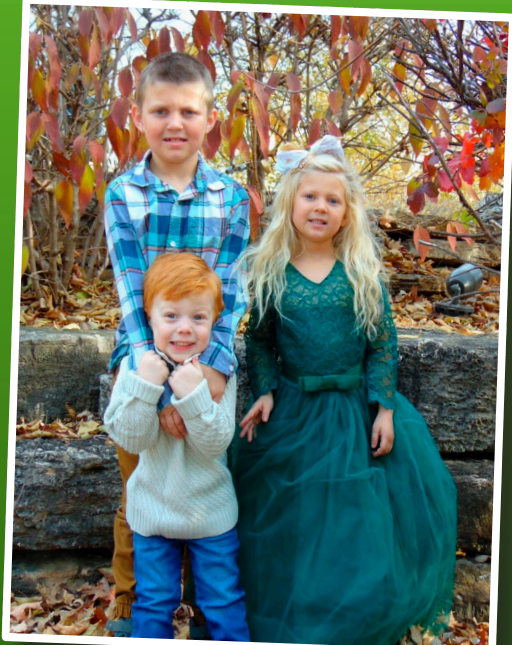
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100 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT DECEMBER 15, 1921

Mr. Henry Schlueter, Henry Schappers, Ben Stegmann and Henry Prenger all of Taos, are now engaged in cutting rock for the new limestone church building to be erected by the Catholic parish at Frankenstein. The present church building, which occupies a commanding position and may be seen for miles, will be converted into a school building. Mr. Schlueter has done much work of the above nature and is well known as a skilled and square artisan.

Smallpox is reported to be prevalent a few miles south of Linn in other communities. Dr. H. S. Gove, local health officer, reports about 75 cases at this writing. Everyone is urged to be vaccinated.

75 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT DECEMBER 19, 1946

Editorial from this date in 1946: Industry's Short Sightedness

It's too bad industry couldn't have kept ahead of labor back in the years when labor organizations were first coming into being. Why couldn't industry with its millions and its smart leaders have foreseen the rise of such men as John Lewis, and increased wages, without the necessity of paralyzing strikes. Group insurance has always been a big need for the laboring man, covering hospitalization, sickness, accident and death benefits. Vacations with pay and safety measures have been or are in the process of being wrung from capital's closed fists by the labor organizations, and none too soon. The pity of it is that the whole nation must suffer each time some concession from capital is sought by labor.

If the Rockefellers, Carnagies, and other great industrialists in this nation had been willing to put only a small part of their profits voluntarily into higher wages and better working conditions for labor, much of our present day uncertainty and troubles could have been averted and John Lewis might still be unheard of.

**If there is anyone reading this who is not familiar with John Lewis this is what I found: John Lewis served as president of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) 1920 to 1960. In addition to fighting for better wages, working conditions, and health care for the nation's miners, he also worked to organize American industrial unions into a unified federation—the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO).
Champion Canvas Gives Money for Xmas to Employees*

Three months service now entitles workers to life insurance benefits.

The Champion Canvas Supplies under direction of J. Edgar Moser, partner, has inaugurated a new system of employee benefits, part of which is distribution of a Christmas bonus amounting to about one twelfth of each worker's annual salary. Distribution of the bonus was made last week.

Now, three months service entitles each employee to a life insurance policy with a face value of \$1,200, as well as hospital, accident, and medical and surgical coverage. Commenting on the company's new plan, J. Edgar Moser said, "during the year which is now coming to a close we have in conformity with our usual policy tried in every way to make conditions more and more agreeable for all of our loyal friends and faithful co-workers.

The first big step forward was our decision to give each employee after three months service a free life insurance policy in an old line company for \$1,200 as well as hospital, accident, and medical and surgical coverage. Now for those who have worked faithfully for at least half a year and are still on our eligible list we are distributing a cash bonus equivalent to 1-12 of each person's yearly income. Our legal advisers tell us we must stress this as a non-recurring disbursement or otherwise certain branches of the government may construe it as a fixture and a salary increase. However I am setting my sights higher and sincerely hope that this time next year we may be in a position to again make another non-recurring special distribution.

50 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT DECEMBER 16, 1971

Editorial from this date in 1971: Freedom to Judge

A new kind of weapon of criticism has been turned against the American system. It is the weapon of history in the hands of "radical historians". In the words of The

Wall Street Journal, "The radical historians challenge some of the most cherished concepts held by most Americans."

According to these historians, early town meetings were controlled by a powerful few. Big business sought rather than fought federal regulation in order to end destructive competition. American capitalism and American diplomacy are accused by the radical historians of leading the Cold War with Russia and "... current hot war in Indochina..."

Whether the new interpretation of American history by these historians is accurate is open to question. What is not open to question is the fact that they have the right in the U.S. to express their views, and the American people have the right to judge those views on their merits. Such a judgment is denied to the citizens of communist nations where history is what the state says it is and dissenters are silenced.

Robbers Break Into Linn Grocery Store

U-Sav Market in east Linn was broken into sometime Tuesday night and robbed of an undetermined amount of cash and grocery items.

The intruder or intruders gained entrance by prying open the front door sometime between 8 p.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday. The safe located in the rear of the building, was pried open and cash and stamps taken from it. Also missing were some grocery items and cigarettes. A complete list of items missing was not available Wednesday morning. Sheriff Richard Dudenhoefter and the State Highway Patrol are conducting the investigation.

The market owned by Richard Lecuru and Louis Bonnot, had been the scene of several robberies before the building was remodeled several years ago and changes in the structure made. The loss is partly covered by insurance, Bonnot said.

Damage to Buildings Result of Windstorm

Severe winds of tornado speed passed through mid-Missouri late Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning. The wind was accompanied by rain, which has been falling in abundance the past week. The temperature has been dropping after a mild, wet Tuesday. Predictions are for a much cooler weekend after the 60 degree reading earlier this week.

Property damage from the wind reported to this office occurred on the Felix Frank farm about 6 miles west of Linn, where a barn containing baled hay was blown down. Several sheets of roofing also were blown from another broiler house building on the Frank farm.

Sheets of tin, a hay elevator, wood and siding from the building almost made the road impassable for Frank Meyerpeter who crosses the Frank farm to go to town. Mr. Meyerpeter said a hog barn was also blown over on his farm.

The Osage County court house suffered from the winds also. Several windows were blown out on the second and third floors on the west side of the building.

The awning at Hunkes Store in Linn was partially destroyed by the wind. Other minor wind damage was visible in town. The weather bureau in Columbia reported 70 mile-an-hour winds. Damage in the southern part of the state was heavy with 50 planes being reported damaged at the Springfield airport.

25 YEARS AGO UNTERRIFIED DEMOCRAT DECEMBER 18, 1996

R-2 Buys Former Cafe for Alternative School

Contract with Architects Alliance OK'd
Some of Linn High School students may have a familiar hangout next semester, but milkshakes and banana splits won't be on the menu.

COLLEGE CLIPS

Missouri Valley College

Fall 2021 Semester Dean's List:

Dawson Woehr, Fatima 2021 graduate made the Dean's List at Missouri Valley College with a 4.0 this semester.

Births 12/25

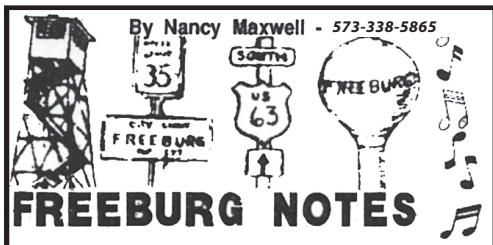


Jesus of Nazareth

Joseph and the Virgin Mary of Nazareth wish to announce the birth of Jesus, born Christmas Day (December 25) in a manger in the stable city of Bethlehem, Judea.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. Luke 2:11

This birth announcement is sponsored by the Laren Haslag family and Precision Water and Power Sports.



Good morning. Hope your furnace was working this weekend! I couldn't believe it Sunday morning when I got up and saw all the frost on the ground. It was 20 degrees and I don't think it got above 36 all day in spite of the pretty sunshine.

You couldn't help but notice that beautiful full moon this week. I read an article that said historically, Native American and other traditional names for full or new moons were used to track the season. Some Native American tribes call the December moon, the "Full Wolf Moon" because the howling of wolves was often heard at this time of year. It was traditionally thought that wolves howled due to hunger, but now they think that wolves use howls to define territory, reinforce social bonds and gather for hunting! The Cree names of "Cold Moon" and "Frost Exploding Moon" refer to the frigid temperatures of this season as does the Algonquin name of "Freeze Up Moon". The Dakota names of "Severe Moon" and "Hard Moon" refer to the extreme cold and hard times of the season, as well as the fact that the snow sometimes develops a hard crust.

Winners in the Holy Family School Christmas raffle were: 1) Fire pit, donated by PMF, won by Gayla Bauer; 2) Christmas decoration, donated by Becker Millwork, won by Spencer Berhorst; 3) Holy Family picture, donated by the Brune family, won by Parker Bauer; 4) Snowman decoration, donated by Maries County Bank, won by Kaitlin Struempf; 5) \$25 gift certificate, donated by Real Deal Rustics, won by Betty Council; 6) Religious framed picture, donated by Freeburg Knights of Columbus, won by Dr. Erin Vader; 7) Countdown to Christmas, donated by Taylor Allen family, won by Marlon Stuecken; 8) 4C's The Edge \$25 gift card, donated by Roger and Lorraine Stuecken, won by Jonathan Baumhoer; 9) 50 postage stamps, donated by Bernard and Ruth Welschmeyer, won by Brayden Reichel; 10) Christmas wall hanging, donated by Carl and Phyllis Sandbothe, won by Mary Brandel; 11) Christmas wreath, donated by the Holy Family students, won by Bernard Welschmeyer; 12) Christmas decoration, donated by the Holy Family Student Council, won by Rayna Lee; 13) Christmas Village house, donated by Kelly Falter, won by Carl Sandbothe; 14) Christmas cookie jar, won by Brenda Johnson and 15) "Joy" Christmas ornaments, won by Frank Welschmeyer.

Beth Berhorst was the lucky winner of the 50/50 - she graciously donated the \$510 back to the school for the students to use for their trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life trip in January.

Congratulations to Elsie Falter, Abigail Campbell, Carter Bax, Hudson Voss and Conrad Schulte from Holy Family Parish and Henry Fick, Drew Neuner, Jacob Redel and Jude Sallin from Sacred Heart Parish, who received

the Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church.

Anthony Rudkin closed up 1905 Tavern and headed to Mayfield, Ky. where he was part of "Operation BBQ Relief" from Sunday to Thursday. The organization provided free meals to volunteer workers and families who were displaced by the recent tornado. They are able to serve 20,000 meals a day. Anthony and his wife, Kieley and son, Hudson will be heading back down there again Thursday to help host the Christmas day meals and bring down all the blankets, coats, gloves, toys and stuffed animals that were donated this week to the 1905 Tavern for their trip. What a generous thing to do for your fellowman. God bless you on your travels.

The Fatima Lady Comets basketball team will play in the Rolla Holiday Tournament beginning Tuesday, Dec. 28 to Thursday, Dec. 30. Good luck, ladies.

Congratulations to Dennis and Jonie Bruemmer on the birth of their ninth grandchild. A girl was born Wednesday to Kurt and Liz Bruemmer of Westphalia. The little miss tipped the scales at 9 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 inches long. She received the name Emelyn Dolores. Emelyn is welcomed home by two older brothers, Liam and Lucas.

Maternal grandparents are Joyce and Donald Holterman of Westphalia and the late Bruce Rowden. Maternal great-grandparents are Herb Rowden of Brinktown, Jim and Maxine Massman of Folk and Robert and Delores Holterman of Westphalia.

Friday evening Donnie Schmitz along with friends, Ron and Helen Wankum of Jefferson City, Faye Verhorff of Kansas City and Ron and Donna Owens of Jefferson City enjoyed supper at The Towne Club in Westphalia. The gang later enjoyed a few rounds of cards and some good pie at Donnie's house.

Craig Beck of New York, N.Y. arrived in town Thursday for a visit with his parents, Keith and Karen Beck and other family and friends in the area.

The Fatima Comets wrestling team will participate in the Hallsville Holiday Wrestling Tournament Wednesday, Dec. 29. Good luck.

The Fatima Lady Comets wrestling team will participate in the Wonderwoman Tournament in Columbia Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 30. Good luck.

Saturday morning Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion members, Dan Sandbothe, Donnie Schmidt, Nancy Maxwell, Ron Rudroff, David Bexten, Clem Samson, Richard Hagenhoff, Herbert Kramer, Larry Hasenbeck and Dennis Sandbothe, participated in the annual Wreaths for Heroes program at St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos.

Saturday morning the Holy Family Lady Knights fifth grade basketball team lost 31-12 to the Lady Spartans from St. Joseph Cathedral. They will be off till after the New Year.

The Holy Family Knights sixth grade boys basketball team defeated the St. Martin Jaguars Saturday. Kaden Haller scored six points; Billie Haines scored four points, Charlie Berhorst scored 14 points; Toby Libbert scored 12 points, Will Borgmeyer scored four points, Cooper Berhorst scored 12 points, Roland Nivens scored six points and Brayden Reichel

scored two points. They will be off till after the New Year.

Janet Pointer hosted a James family Christmas Saturday at her beautiful home in Belle for Paige and Andy Welschmeyer and children, Zoey and Everett of Belle, Wilma James, Joy James and Michael Backues, all of Freeburg, Mike Wiles of Eugene, Jared, Taylor, Mavrick and Grace Backues of O'Fallon, Tim James and Starla Dudenhoeffer, Faye Ragan, Mickey and Ellie James, Carole Wagner and Don Weidinger, all of Vienna, Timmy James of Wentzville, Jeri, Don and Kurt Ragan, Michael, Kelly, Wayne and Willow Ball, all of Florissant, Todd, Kim, Georgia and Olivia James of Rock City, Ill., Ashleigh, Ryan, Mason, Cooper and Sophie Simmons of Davis, Ill., Carver James and Mady Bunton of Nacogdoches, Texas, Terry, Lori and Connor James of Jefferson City and Carly James of Dallas, Texas

The PSR and Confirmation classes will not be held for Sacred Heart and Holy Family students Wednesday, Dec. 29 at Sacred Heart School.

George and Dorothy Robertson hosted a family Christmas dinner Saturday for Mark and Pati Robertson of Delogo, Mark's daughter, Mavin and husband, Balt, Brad and Shelly Robertson, Alana and Logan Rivers, Carrie Robertson and friend, James, all of Jefferson City and Luke, Joel and Max Robertson of O'Fallon.

The Fatima Comets basketball team will be off till the New Year.

Enjoying an early Christmas with Gary and Rosalyn Welschmeyer and children, Lydia, Frankie and Louis, were her parents, Ross and Regina Summers of Huntsville and her brother, Matt and Jess Summers and daughter, Chloe of Huntsville.

Friday evening Gerhard and Virginia Bax along with Ethan Lubbering and friend, Grace, of Taos, Owen Luebbering of Taos, Chris and Brenda Feeler, Todd and Rachel Feeler and daughters, Bonnie and Brookkie, Blaine and Tori Feeler and children, Gentry and Riggs, Brooke and Dakota Dixon, all of Vienna, Mary Lou Reichel, Becky and Glen Haller and daughters, Kinzie, Kacie and Payton, Michelle and Andy Iven, Tyler and Brayden Reichel, Nancy Nilges, Sarah and Travis Luebbert and daughter, Kaitlin, of Westphalia, Rod and Jenny Kampeter and daughters, Addie, Billie and Charlie and Debbie and Sheila Martin of Jefferson City enjoyed a family and friends Christmas dinner party at the home of Bryan and Cindy Luebbering in Taos.

Congratulations to Alexis Rudroff who won second place in the Merry Dairy Holiday Card contest.

Happy birthday to Lance and Logan Hoffman who celebrated their 16th birthdays Dec. 16, to Norman Mengwasser who celebrated his 50th birthday Dec. 16, to Ashley Stuecken who celebrated her 34th birthday Dec. 16, to Terry Bax who celebrated his 54th birthday Dec. 16, to Sheri Stratman who celebrated her 69th birthday on Dec. 17, to Harold Stratman who celebrated his 44th birthday Dec. 17, to Jenny Luebbert who celebrated her 46th birthday on Dec. 17, to Alex Krieg who celebrated his 23rd birthday Dec. 17, to Kayden Strue-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NANCY MAXWELL

Members of the Holy Family Lady Knights seventh grade basketball team are left to right, front row: Kacie Haller, Holly Bliss, Carmen Falter and Lexey Bassett. Second row: Coach Travis Crede, Lauren Stuecken, Kacey Brune and Anna Struempf.



Members of the Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion and Auxiliary who hosted a Christmas party for the veterans at the StoneBridge Retirement Home in Westphalia are pictured left to right: Virginia Bax, Larry Hasenbeck, Mildred Dudenhoeffer, Irma Hasenbeck, Debbie Martin, Ruth Hasenbeck, Gerhard Bax, Mary Gabelsburger, Donnie Schmitz, Sheila Martin and Anne Falter.

mp who celebrated his 17th birthday Dec. 18, to Lucille Welschmeyer who celebrated her 78th birthday Dec. 18, to Rhonda Pope who celebrated her 54th birthday Dec. 18, to Ashley Mebruer who celebrated her 33rd birthday Dec. 19, to Maddie Mebruer who celebrated her 21st birthday Dec. 19, to Christine Luna who celebrated her 59th birthday Dec. 19, to Noland Stuecken who celebrated his 44th birthday Dec. 19, to Dale Borgmeyer who celebrated his 49th birthday Dec. 20, to Julia Wilde who celebrated her 81st birthday Dec. 21, to Mary Reidmeyer who celebrated her 66th birthday Dec. 22, to Starla Dudenhoeffer who celebrated her 60th birthday Dec. 22, to Paul Bassett who celebrated his 44th birthday Dec. 22.

The Holy Family Knights and Lady Knights archery team will begin their season Jan. 7-8. Don't forget that I will be up at school Monday, Dec. 27 to get your team picture.

Visiting over the weekend with Craig and Myra Faith were Jason and Ellie Garrison and daughter, Shaylen of Independence, Alyssa Faith and fiancée, Jake Say of Fenton, Chad Faith and fiancée, Nikki Ogle of Springfield and Knox Collins of Linn.

The Social Committee, Jennifer Kampeter, Erin Fick, Rosalyn Welschmeyer and Tricia Burkhardt, have decided not to have a Fall

Supper this year at Holy Family Parish for various reasons the least of which is all the restrictions still in place over COVID. Instead they are asking each family to donate \$75 before the end of the year. You can put your donation in an envelope marked "fall supper" and place it in the collection basket at church, drop it off at the bank or mail it to Holy Family Parish, P.O. Box 9, Freeburg.

Happy anniversary to Junior and Linda Hoffman who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary Dec. 18, and to Matthew and Erica Renes who celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary Dec. 18.

Enjoying a "cookie bake" Sunday at the home of Gerhard and Virginia Bax were Rachel, Bonnie and Brookie Feeler, Brooke Dixon, Brenda Feeler, all of Vienna and Cindy Luebbering of Taos. Todd Feeler of Vienna joined them later for supper.

One last time here is the Christmas Mass schedule - Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) Mass will be at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church and 5:30 p.m. and Midnight at Holy Family Church. Christmas Day Mass will be at 7:45 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church and 9:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church.

See **Freeburg** on Page 3C

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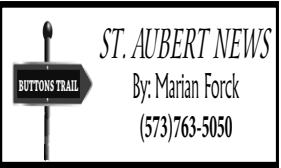
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her and I was sort of upset this happened. They didn't get home until early the next morning. I couldn't sleep because I was so worried and concerned for her. It was a short night for me on sleep. Mothers and grandmothers always do all the worrying for the family.

Thursday, Lorelei didn't go to school, but wanted to participate in the singing at the Capitol and Sarah took her to that. The class went to Central Dairy afterwards. When she got home, she was in a lot of pain. I did not get to attend the event but Sarah videotaped it for us to watch. I went to Gerbes and bought some flowers to take to Lorelei after work. She was taking a nap and I left them on the cabinet for her. I went to the Old School Antique Mall in Linn and bought a few Christmas decorations. I love Christmas and all the decorating. In the evening, Debbie Backes and Elaine Hunt came over to see all my nativity sets. I had met both of them at the display of nativity sets at St. George Church for Christmas on Main Street. They stayed for awhile. They did like my decorations. I love when people want to see my decorations, and if you would like, just give me a call. Later, Lorelei had to go back to the ER with complications. I was hoping that it would not be serious. I will continue to pray that she will get better soon.

Friday, after work I went to see how Lorelei and Caroline were doing. She told me her arm really hurts. I stopped by my sister's house on the way home. She was making cookies and I got to taste some and she sent me home with some goodies.

In the evening, Bernie and I watched a good movie "Angel Has Fallen".

Saturday, Bernie went to dialysis and I went to get my hair fixed. I met my sister at Thriftway and we headed to Rosebud. It was really cold, but we did venture out to the stores and found some neat items. I bought some more Christmas decorations and couldn't wait to get home to put them up. We ate lunch at a Loeb's Mill and it was really good. We came back to Linn, I filled up with gas and we stopped at the Old School Antique Mall. I stopped at Thriftway and picked up some groceries and I bought a neat wood barn to add to my Village set. My brother-in-law came to the house and I fixed supper for all of us. We had a nice time visiting. We exchanged Christmas gifts and I got a silver tin Nativity set. I couldn't wait to find the perfect place to put it. After they left, we watched Planet Earth series on Mountains and Pole to Pole. He went to bed and I stayed up and read.

Sunday, we slept in and I was glad. I was really tired. I did some inspirational reading and he read the newspaper. I got my food ready to take to the Scheppers family Christmas. We left around 11 a.m. and headed to Wardsville. We took some cookies to Sarah's. We went to the Wardsville Lion's Hall for the get-together. We had family members from Mokane, Bolivar, Palmyra, Holts Summit, Linn, Wardsville, Chamois, Taos, St. Thomas and Lonedell. We had a special family Mass. The Mass intention was for the living and deceased members of the Lawrence and Helen Marie Scheppers family. We ate and then played JINGO. Bernie won three times. We played the \$10 gift card in a pair of socks game. I ended up with my own present and socks. I didn't have a gift card and made a homemade card with \$10 cash attached. It was a generic gift card made in Chamois. We all had a wonderful dinner and a time to visit. We came home around 5 p.m. because Bernie was getting tired. We spent the evening watching our favorite television series "Yellowstone".

News from the Schollmeyers

Monday Fred and Diane attended the Elementary Christmas Program at the Chamois School gym. Granddaughter Carly Schollmeyer performed in the fifth grade band and grandson Hank sang with the elementary students.

Thursday evening Fred and Diane had dinner with Fred's daughter Jennifer Collins and her husband Jared at El Carnaval restaurant in Linn.

Saturday morning, they attended the archery meet at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Jefferson City. Jack and Carly Schollmeyer participated in the meet.

Saturday afternoon guests were Jon, Kristina and Archer Schollmeyer of Columbia. Sunday Fred and Diane drove to Camdenton to attend the annual Maxey family Christmas dinner. The Maxey's are Fred's mother's family. Dave and Jim went shopping Friday.

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas? Today, I found out. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation. Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I

found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol.. so pass it on if you wish.

Merry (Twelve Days of) Christmas everyone.

I received this in a Christmas card from one of our good friends and wanted to share it with you. I will put a copy of this in my Bible for safe keeping.

Household Hints

*** When making apple pies, if you put a layer of apples in the crust then your sugar, cinnamon and lemon juice or whatever you use, then apples on top of the sugar again, your pies will not run over in the oven.

***It takes 6 eggs to a quart of milk to make a perfect baked custard. That's a good thing to remember.

Jokes of the Week

- What does a baby computer call his father? Data
- What's Forrest Grump's password? Iforest!

Please continue to pray for all the men and women serving in the armed forces. Pray for our country and freedom. Pray for all those on prayer lines and the ones that we hold in the silence of our hearts.

Pray for all those affected by the many viruses, cancer and kidney diseases.

Remember to do a good deed for someone. Wear a SMILE everyday. Have a wonderful week.

Merry Christmas to all my readers and their families. Take time to spend time with your loved ones.

If you would like to be included in the St. Aubert News, please contact me. Let GO Let GOD

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There will be NO Saturday night Mass Dec. 25 at either parish. Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family will be Sunday, Dec. 26 at 7:45 a.m. at Sacred Heart and 9:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church. There will be NO Mass Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Holy Family Church for those who would like to volunteer for one of the liturgical roles at the Christmas Masses.

Holy Family School is collecting Thriftway register tapes dated Dec. 31, 2021 to April 29, 2022. Please put them in the box in the back of church or send to the school office.

Guess that will do for this week. Have a great week and a wonderful, blessed MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 13	62	45	
Dec. 14	67	66	T
Dec. 15	75	44	0.10
Dec. 16	62	34	
Dec. 17	38	32	0.24
Dec. 18	40	18	
Dec. 19	37	23	

National Weather Service Weekend Forecast for OSAGE COUNTY

Wednesday-Sunny, high near 46. North wind 5 to 7 mph becoming south in the afternoon.
 Wednesday Night-Mostly clear, low around 34.
 Thursday-Mostly sunny, high near 58.
 Thursday Night-Partly cloudy, low around 44.
 Friday-Mostly sunny, high near 69.
 Friday Night-Mostly clear, low around 42.
 Christmas Day-Sunny, high near 58.
 Saturday Night-Partly cloudy, low around 35.
 Sunday-Partly sunny, high near 61.
 Sunday Night-Mostly cloudy, low around 40.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Chamois Elementary Youth Fellowship walked to several homes in Chamois and sang Christmas carols to the lucky residents Wednesday, Dec. 15. Carolers included Sarah Kuschel, Ruth Kuschel, Faith Miller, Kendell Mitchem, Rose Backes, Quinn Mitchem, Olivia Kuschel and Lily Wright. Adult leaders were Janet Backes, Mary Howard, Cheryl Kuschel and Ina Duncan.

Caroling continued in the evening when the Junior and Senior High Youth Fellowship met. The evening's plans were switched around a bit as the day was quite windy and a storm was predicted for 8 p.m. So, the youth began the evening with a hot dog supper. They then boarded a hayride, strung with Christmas lights, put together by James and Becca Mehmert. The group and the adult leaders traveled to 16 homes in the City of Chamois and filled the air with Christmas carols to the delight of the recipients. Participating were Ava Franken, Rose Backes, Kendal Mitchem, Lily Wright, Grayson Gerloff, Madeline Gerloff, Savannah Sieg, Emma Mehmert, and Evert Mehmert. Adult helpers included James and Becca, Janet Backes, Mary Howard, Jason and Misty Hilkerbaumer, Jennifer Wright, and Steve and Ina Duncan. The merry evening was filled with Christmas Joy.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT FREDERICKSBURG CHURCH

A special Christmas Eve service will be held at St. Peter's Church at Fredericksburg beginning at 11 p.m. All are welcome to help bring in the Holy Christmas Day in a little log church adorned with the Hope and Joy of Christmas.

ANCIENT FARMSTEAD IN THE ITALIAN ALPS

I love to read. The cover of Country Rustic magazine caught my eye with an article entitled "Romantic Recovery of Ancient Farmstead in the Italian Alps".

The story was about Erika Trojer, who answered the call of her roots, and returned to the village of her birth. She and her husband purchased an antique farmstead not far from where she was born. The farmstead is located in a village—much like our own Townley House which is an urban farmstead in the middle of Chamois. Bringing the farmstead back to life was her goal. The caption of the picture read, "Views of the exterior of the house which has been maintained as original as it was. Nothing was touched on the exterior during renovation. The windows are also original: small, with double glass which is typical of mountain homes of the area designed this way to maintain the heat inside as much as possible."

The snow-covered buildings reminded me of another ancient village in the Italian Alps. You have probably guessed—it is Chamois, Italy.

In 2016, my sister and I were fortunate to be able to visit Chamois, Italy. Located in the Italian Alps near the borders of France and Switzerland, the village is a ski resort of approximately 100 people. To get there, one has to ride cable cars up the mountain. A small river is tumbling down the mountainside as we go up, creating beautiful waterfalls. I was later to find out that—that river is the Chamois River.

Ever since I had heard Linda Hoffman's Story of visiting Chamois, Italy, years ago, I had wanted to go there myself. My wish came true, and I came supplied with a Proclamation from the City of Chamois Missouri, stating our desire for friendship and to become Sister Cities.

Which is exactly what happened.

The magazine article inspired me to get out my scrapbooks of the trip. Looking through it, I found my article "Chamois Adventure" which I will share with you. Here is the first part. (More to follow in future issues of the U.D.)

CHAMOIS ADVENTURE

May 16, 2016

Woke up at dark-thirty this morning (Actually, 3 a.m.). Blacklane was picking us up for an early flight from Paris to Milan. With the last-minute packing done, I headed down to the lobby of the hotel for a cuppa joe (these French folk make their coffee STRONG) and a croissant before Blacklane arrived. And right on time—or I should say, even before time—the Blacklane driver in her black suit arrived, met us in the lobby, loaded our suitcases in the trunk, and opened the doors of the black Mercedes to drive us through the quiet Paris streets to the airport. The car was equipped with bottles of water and chargers for our electronic devices. This driver didn't have a lot to say, but had looked up our airline and knew right where to deliver us.

We were dropped off at the airport right at our airline's door and scurried inside to prepare for our flight to Italy—only to find, after all our careful planning to arrive on time—the flight was delayed (from 7:20 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.)! Ahhh, well, so it goes in airports. More coffee—and more trips to the toilet—only to find the flight had been delayed more. I emailed Laura Lanterna (the council member from Chamois Italy whom I'd been communicating with) that we would be arriving later than originally planned. I had sent her an email earlier saying that our plans had not changed, but had not heard back from her. Was she getting my emails?

Finally, we were allowed to board. After showing our boarding passes, we proceeded through the door only to find a long set of stairs (Europe is not at all concerned with handicap accessible—there are stairs everywhere! Most toilets are located either upstairs or downstairs.). We would be boarding a bus and driving to our plane. This was not good news as Mary had fallen in a church in France and bugged up her knee and her elbow and was still pretty stoved up. Still, we soldiered on.

Thankfully, the flight was uneventful. Which is what we like in this day and age. The most exciting part was when I glanced out the window and saw the snow-covered Alps piercing through big white fluffy clouds. Snap, snap went the camera.

Upon arrival in Milan, we got our suitcases, and began our search for the car rental. And, search it was for us English speaking Americans in an Italian airport. We finally found it and were off to get the actual car which was, of course, located way far-away in another part of the airport. Here we are lugging our carry-ons and our checked baggage, along with our personal items, searching for the correct way to go. Did we look like tourists?

When we finally found our car, it was a Toyota, not a Fiat. Oh, well. It was big enough to carry all our stuff. But, it was a hybrid and I had never driven a hybrid. And it had a keyless starter. And I had never driven a keyless starter. After several trips back and forth to the station office, and directions from my sister (Press that button, idiot—well, idiot was not said but was implied by the tone of voice.), we were off. But, how do we get out of

the parking garage? Around and around we went, level after level—sometimes up and sometimes down. Would we ever get to Chamois?

Finally, we were on the streets of Milan. After several turns in the wrong direction, we actually turned and went in the right direction. We were off. On the freeway cars zipped by us as we were driving 110 km!

The highway was great. But I knew there would be some toll roads. I had asked Marie, our lovely, dynamic, and awesome French tour leader, about driving in Italy. She had told me you can use a credit card at the toll booths in Italy. Oh good, here comes the first toll booth. I had my credit card ready. Oh, here you only take a ticket. But, how do you get the darn window down in this car? I finally open the door to grab the ticket, and zoom on up the highway along with the knowledgeable Italian drivers. Did I look like a tourist?!

The GPS in the car wasn't to Mary's liking, so she was using her phone, which she was quite comfortable with, to direct us. Yikes! Was she using a lot of data? I told her to type in Buisson, which is where we catch the cable car to Chamois. She said it would be fine to just type in Chamois. You couldn't get there without getting to Buisson. Okay.....

Finally, we get to the exit toll booth. Now what do I do? All directions are written in Italian. Where do I put my credit card? I try one slot. Incorrect. Then another. On, no, this is not working. Cars are piling up behind me. Finally, a voice comes on to help me—in Italian. I still don't know what to do. Finally I put the ticket in one slot and the credit card in another and it works! Only 20 some euros! Geez, tolls are expensive in Italy.

Now in Milan, you cannot see the Alps, but as we neared closer to our destination, the mountains came into view. And the road after the toll road was very beautiful. Mary's GPS told us to exit and so we began a beautiful journey up the mountain. The road was narrow, with many a switch-back. The views were fabulous. We went through a tiny village, with tiny streets—so tiny, that there was a mirror at one curve, so you could see who was coming. Up, up the mountain we went until, finally, the road turned into a one lane road with grass growing in the middle. I don't think this is right.

There was a house along the road. There were goats in a pen. And there was a lady watering her plants. Mary prayed that she spoke English. She got out of the car and conferred with her. Yes, she spoke some English. Yes, you could get to Chamois from here—but it would take you about a two hour hike. The GPS had taken us to a hiking trail to Chamois. The kind lady gave us directions back to the highway which would take us to Buisson.

Good things come from everything (to those who believe). We found our first Chamois sign (a piece of wood with Chamois hand painted on it) and then our second (showing both a biking and a hiking trail to Chamois (on one of those lovely European signs with lots and lots of places on one post). And we had been on a most lovely drive up the mountain on a small road through a tiny Italian village. Who could ask for more? It was an unexpected treasure. Just don't put Chamois in your GPS—it will take you to a hiking trail!

At last, we arrived in Buisson in the Aosta Valley, near the French and the Swiss borders with Italy. We would leave our car in the car park here and take the cable car

from Buisson, up, up the mountain, to Chamois. The cable car traveled up and down the mountain every 30 minutes. We would be arriving in Chamois at 5:30 p.m. I had sent another email message to Laura, but had not heard back from her. Was she getting the messages?

The trip up in the mountain in the cable car was exciting. As the village of Buisson grew smaller and smaller, the waterfall, coming down the mountain, came into view. Gorgeous. Swoosh! Another cable car coming down the mountain went passed us. How fast are they going? Up over the edge of the mountain we climbed, until the village of Chamois came into view. There were clusters of houses here and clusters of houses there. There was a little cemetery. And then we arrived at our destination. Off the cable car we went pulling our suitcases and carrying our "stuff". Next...well, next this story will continue at a later date! Stay tuned, cause right now, "That's All Folks!"

LECTIONARY FOR DEC. 26, 2021

First Sunday after Christmas

First Reading and Psalm: 1 Samuel 2: 18 -20, 26 and Psalm 148; Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12 -17; Gospel: Luke 2: 41 - 52

BLESSING

May the LORD Bless you and Keep you.
May the LORD show you HIS Kindness and have Mercy on you.
May the LORD Watch over you and give you Peace.
Numbers 6: 24 - 26
Thought
Depend on the LORD in whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
Proverbs 16: 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service at St. John's United Church of Christ, 8 p.m.
Jan. 5 - Chamois Youth Fellowship for elementary stu-

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dents at St. John's United Church of Christ, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 10 – Chamois Lions Club Meeting at Riverside Park, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 12 – Chamois Youth Fellowship for elementary students at St. John's United Church of Christ, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 19 – Chamois Youth Fellowship for elementary students at St. John's United Church of Christ, 3:30 p.m.
 Chamois Youth Fellowship for Junior High and Senior High students at St. John's United Church of Christ, 6 p.m.
Jan. 20 – Chamois Historic Preservation Commission at Betty Linhardt's, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 – Chamois Youth Fellowship for elementary students at St. John's United Church of Christ, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 27 – Central Missouri Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association Meeting, Jefferson City, time TBA—maybe noon
SCHOOL EVENTS
 Good, Better, Best.
 Never Let it Rest,
 Until My Good is Better,
 And My Better's Best
Dec. 22 – Jan 1, 2022 – Christmas vacation
Dec. 28 – Basketball at Calvary Lutheran, 4 p.m.; School Board candi-

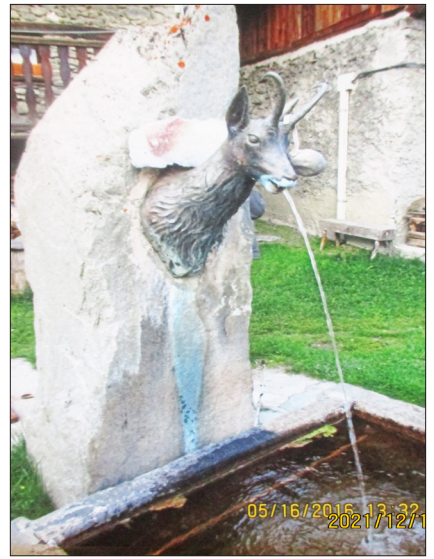
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Jan. 3 – Teacher Professional Development Day
Jan. 4 – Classes resume; Second semester begins; Basketball at home with MMA, 6 p.m.
Jan. 6 – Conference Band at South Callaway
Jan. 8 – Junior High District Band at Jefferson City
Jan. 10 – Dental clinic
Jan. 11 – Basketball at home with Eugene, 6 p.m.
Jan. 14 – Homecoming; Basketball at home with Tuscumbia, 6 p.m.
Jan. 15 – High School Academic Bowl at Fatima, 8 a.m.; Homecoming dance
Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Day, No school

Jan. 17 – 22 – Basketball Belle Tournament
Jan. 24 – Basketball at home with St. Elizabeth, 6 p.m.
Jan. 28 – Basketball at Columbia Independent, 6 p.m.
Jan. 29 – Chamois High School Archery, 8 a.m.
 Follow school activities on Social Media.
 Facebook: Osage County R-1 Schools and Chamois Pirates Activities
 Twitter: @Osage 1The Elementary
 Chamois Youth Fellowship caroled at Betty Linhardt's house.

"AND IN THE END..."

Let's remember our Good Neighbors with a smile, a note, a card, a phone call, an email, a short visit, and The Powerful Prayer. Thank you, God!

*Until next time,
 Susan Sundermeyer
 (granddaughter of Bertha Sundermeyer, one of the original Appletown feminines and author of The Appletown News!)*



Chamois is an Italian village on the steep slopes of the Aosta Valley in north-west Italy. It is the country's only town not accessible by car. The cluster of seven burrows (hamlets) that make up Chamois is connected by trails and streets trodden only by feet, bicycles and the occasional tractor. This building shows a way of keeping the winter cold out—wooden shutters that actually work.



The Chamois Youth Fellowship leaving St. John's United Church of Christ to go Christmas caroling Dec. 15.



The Chamois Youth Fellowship carolers serenaded Gene and Dema Schnauss.



The Chamois High School Band under the direction of Beth Sieg, played in front of the Methodist Church awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus Saturday, Dec. 18.



The Elementary Chamois Youth Fellowship caroled at Betty Linhardt's house.



The Chamois Youth Fellowship went Christmas Caroling around town Wednesday, Dec. 15, via a hayride wagon. Joy and hope for a wonderful Christmas season rang out through the town as the youth belted out Christmas songs!



Members of the Chamois Lions Club helped serve breakfast at Roomerz restaurant during Santa's visit to Chamois. Pictured front row: Lana Hackmann, Scott Mertz, Lacey Nolte and Donna Weisser. Middle row: Jolie Brand on Santa's lap, Brandy Ruegge, and Melissa Strope. Back row: Dale Hackmann, Steve Duncan, and Nelson Ruegge. (Not pictured are Debbie Mehmert and Ina Duncan).

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Osage Caring Projects

SANTA AND his elves are shown at the conclusion of Saturday's Osage Caring Projects pick-up at the Osage County Community Center. A total of 99 families were served by 65 sponsors. (top left) Several bicycles were donated to Osage Caring Projects for families who requested one. (left middle) This is just a small part of the layout at the Osage County Community Center, where gifts were organized for families in need. (left bottom) Elves work together to set up a Barbie playhouse on Friday as part of the drop-off portion of this year's Osage Caring Projects, which served 99 families. (below)



Sallin urges caution during holiday celebrations

BY NEAL A. JOHNSON
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With active cases on the rise and Christmas fast approaching, Osage County Health Department (OCHD) Administrator Kim Sallin this week urged caution and common sense.

"If you're feeling sick, stay home, or get tested," said Sallin. "If there isn't a place open to get tested, use a home test. A house full of people celebrating the holidays creates an environment that could spread the virus, especially since the Omicron variant spreads more rapidly than previous variants."

As of Tuesday, Sallin said the overall total has reached 2,596, up from 2,547 a week ago, with 44 active. Of these active cases, five are under the age of 18, and seven are breakthroughs, meaning individuals contracted COVID despite being vaccinated.

There are three Osage County residents currently hospitalized, all of whom are over the age of 60 and are among the active cases, and the total number of deaths remains at 28.

OCHD staff administered 137 vaccine doses last week, of which 20 were pediatric. At this point, according to the Missouri Department of Health & Human Services (DHSS), 41.7% of county residents have been vaccinated.

Vaccinations are available at the weekly walk-in clinic at the Annex Building on Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and by appointment between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through

Thursday. However, as the holidays approach, there is a change to the schedule as the OCHD office will be closed on Dec. 24 and 31. A walk-in clinic will be held on Dec. 27 instead and through the week by appointment.

Last week, the health department administered 13 flu shots, and two additional flu cases have been reported, bringing the total to date to six.

On Thursday, Sallin and her staff welcomed DHSS Director Dr. Donald Kauerauf to the office. "It was great that he took the time to come and visit with us," she said. "He told us to keep going and to believe in what we were doing. He was kind and positive, and grateful for our efforts."

Following his visit with OCHD staff, Dr. Kauerauf traveled to Linn R-2, where he presented school nurse Chelsea Smith with the Missouri 2021 Rural Health Champion Award.

In other news, the health department provided Safe Sleep training on Tuesday, Dec. 21, to area daycare providers who are required to have continuing education as part of their licensing.

"We did this quite a bit in the past but this is the first time since October of 2020 that we've put on a class," said Sallin. "My goal is to get more regular stuff going and less related to COVID. We will continue to monitor and help residents with COVID-related needs but I want to offer other very important services at the health department."

Additional classes will be offered in 2022.

Three file at Linn R-2 for April election

Three Linn R-2 patrons have filed for election. Jamie Bish, Brett Phillips and Albert R. Rieke have filed for two seats opening in April. At Freeburg, incumbent trustee Shane Zimmer filed for reelection. Dale Struempf is moving outside the city limits and will not be able to run again for his seat.

Bob Goodenough and Marion Starr have filed for re-election in their respective sub-districts with the Osage Ambulance District. Bill Wirtel, Brad Gabelberger, and Dee Vaughan have filed for election with the Linn Fire Protection District. Filing closes Dec. 28.

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of the lot owned by the Christian family for the Christmas tree, the city agreed to pay the electric bill for December, up to \$100. "We thank them for letting us use the lot for the tree-lighting ceremony," said Mayor Emily Sommerer, noting funds generated during the Holiday Mart will be used to pay for the electric bill. * Aldermen agreed to purchase safety cones for use when maintenance crews are working on a street and for events hosted

in Meta. Wankum noted there were not enough cones to properly caution people during the city's Christmas event. Aldermen also approved the purchase of a new battery for the city truck, and Buechter will contact Heritage Tractor in Westphalia for options on chainsaw repairs and a new unit. * In other maintenance news, a general job description was presented for employees to solidify the expectations aldermen have for the city.

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thorough and efficient approach. "He was doing an excellent job," she told Griffin. "I thought that was nice of her to call us and tell us that," Griffin added. "He must be doing a pretty good job for her to take time out to tell us." **MISCELLANEOUS** Ameren Missouri has announced its upcoming tree-trimming, brush-spraying, and other line maintenance. Residents with questions should call 800-552-7583. The carrier providing cyber security insurance for the county will no longer underwrite the policy for 2022. Osage County Clerk Nicci Kammerich was able to obtain a quote from Hiscox Business

Insurance of Chicago, Ill., for \$3,044, which commissioners approved. "In this day and age, we need cyber insurance coverage," observed Griffin. "I believe we gotta have it," Trenshaw agreed. Commissioners signed Deputy Sheriff Salary Supplementation Fund (DSSSF) checks. All Osage County offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, in observance of Christmas Eve, and Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of New Year's Eve. Meramec Regional Planning Commission Environmental Programs Manager Tammy Snodgrass will conduct a Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

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May the peace and joy of this holiday season be in your heart now and throughout the coming year.

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