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Past The Sea Of Twirly-Swirly Gum Drops

A grand champion was named as part of this year's first annual Litchfield Home for the Holidays Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce, Cisler Associates Real Estate, Inc. and Festive Citizens of Litchfield. Eric and Stacy Lamb, located at 4311 Beach House Trail, won first place with their large, festive display that featured a photo opportunity for local families, as well as famous Christmas characters such as the Grinch and Buddy the Elf. The couple was awarded \$200 of Litchfield chamber bucks, an official 2020 yard sign declaring them the winner and bragging rights.

"Thank you to the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce and Cisler and Associates Real Estate, Inc. for hosting the Home for the Holidays Christmas Light Decorating Contest. What a fantastic way to get citizens engaged with their community, friends, neighbors, and of course family. This was such a fun way to spend time with my family decorating our home and trying to create a fun interactive display that people could use to take their holiday photos," Eric Lamb wrote on a Facebook post. "We loved driving around town to see the other entries. Christmas light viewing is an activity our family enjoys and we appreciate all of those that decorated their homes this year. Thank you Uncle Chris Shoemaker for bringing us your extra lights and cords. This display was made so much better thanks to your help. And thank you to all of those who voted for our display. We were so excited to learn we won! We look forward to seeing this event return and grow next year." *Journal-News/Bethany Martin*



Leanne Anderson, a critical care unit nurse at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield, became one of the first person to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Montgomery County on Dec. 23. It was administered by Tonya Hoos, at left, quality assurance facilitator.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann

First COVID Vaccines Administered In County

Hope filled the air in the auditorium at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield as the first COVID-19 vaccines were administered in Montgomery County on Wednesday, Dec. 23. Cheers and claps erupted when the first shot was given. "And it didn't even hurt," said Leanne Anderson, a critical care unit nurse at the hospital, who became one of the first to be vaccinated.

Ten vaccines were administered on Dec. 23, with clinics for fellow colleagues scheduled Dec. 28-30. Following Anderson in line to be vaccinated were Anna Adkins from the respiratory therapy unit and Rachel Hammon, an emergency room nurse. COVID-19 vaccines were also administered on Wednesday at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

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Santa's Helpers Navigate COVID-19 Pandemic

by *Tori O'Dell*

Each holiday season special assistants throughout the world don their red suits, lace up their black boots and take up a long-held mission to aid Santa Claus in spreading the Christmas spirit to children and adults alike.

Sam Whitlow and Fred Roach are two of several men who have taken on the role of assisting Santa in Montgomery County.

"I like Christmas and I enjoy being around the kids. They make me laugh," Roach said, with more than a hint of fondness. "I like seeing their glowing faces and getting to hear the excitement in their voices when they tell me what they want Santa to bring them for Christmas. I think it's important to believe in Santa. Believing in Santa helps instill a sense of wonder and imagination, that is something that I have always held onto myself. I think it is important for everyone, of all ages. The world is a much harder place if you don't have something to believe in."

An Army veteran of the Vietnam War, Roach's day-to-day wardrobe consists of primarily black clothing worn in homage to his POW and MIA brothers-and-sisters in arms. Yet, once a year he pulls



Liam, Preston and Coralai Wilson, interact with Santa (assisted by Fred Roach) at Imagine Hillsboro's socially-distanced Cookies with Santa event, on Saturday, Dec. 12.

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out his red suit to take on the role of Santa Claus. Roach has been assisting Santa Claus since 2008, but helping the man-in-red is somewhat of a tradition in the Roach family. Both Roach and his cousin, Butch Roach, a resident of Florida, have taken up the call to assist Santa during the hectic holiday season. In his youth, Roach's uncle, Jack Roach, took on the role

of an elf, assisting Santa at Litchfield Moose Lodge.

"Helping Santa has run in the family for a long time," Roach explained. "Uncle Jack started it, and me and my cousin Butch are keeping it up." Last year, I had my chief elf (Dalton Durbin) with me, and that was really special to me because it reminded me of my Uncle Jack. I get a little carried away, but I think a lot

of helping Santa. It's hard not to get wrapped up in it."

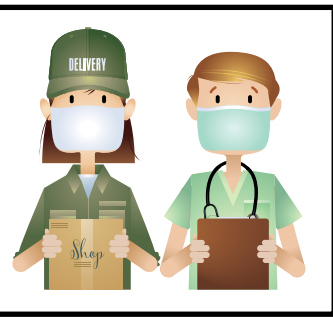
Roach isn't the only one enlisted to help Santa navigate the hectic holiday season.

"I'm driven by the smiles on the kids' faces," said Whitlow, in explanation of why he is willing to take on such a staggering schedule of appearances each year.

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Obituaries

Thursday, December 24, 2020 - **3A**

Robert 'Bob' W. McGill, 86

Worked At Glass Factory

Robert "Bob" W. McGill, 86, of Taylor Springs, died on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020, at 8:12 p.m. at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

A memorial graveside service was held Wednesday, Dec. 23, in Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro with the Rev. James Hayes, pastor of St. James Baptist Church in Hillsboro, officiating. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McGill was born Nov. 29, 1934, in Sorrento, to Arnold and Alice Ruth (Wall) McGill. He married Grace May Carlock on Nov. 1, 1958, in Taylor Springs, and she preceded him in death on March 28, 1982.

He graduated from Hillsboro High School and went on to work at the Hillsboro Glass Factory for over 30 years.

Mr. McGill was a member of Steel Workers Union Local 4369 in Granite City. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. During his lifetime, he



resided in Panama, Hillsboro and Taylor Springs.

He is survived by his children, Becky (companion Tommy Maxwell) McGill of Taylor Springs, Connie Craig of Port Charlotte, FL, and Paul Compton of Mesa, AZ; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and brother, Darrell McGill of Hillsboro.

In addition to his wife, Mr. McGill was preceded in death by his parents; one son in infancy, a daughter, Robin McGill; son, William Compton; and siblings, Arnold McGill, Allen McGill, Ralph McGill, John McGill, Betty Malisia, Burnetta Redfern, Burl Willman, Kenneth Willman, Gerald Willman and Arvada Hanus.

Memorials may be directed to Montgomery County Cancer Association or Paws Care of Montgomery County.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.basspattondeanfh.com.

Jack L. Fox, 89

Electrical Engineer

Jack L. Fox, 89, of Litchfield, formerly of Hillsboro, died on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, at 5:23 a.m. at his residence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro with the Rev. Jeff Hemken, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro assisted the family.

Mr. Fox was born May 25, 1931, in Glendale, to Georgia Fox. He was raised by his grandparents, George and Flora Fox. He married Doris Smith on Oct. 31, 1953, in Coraopolis, PA, and she survives.

He served in the U.S. Air Force and went on to work at CIPS for 40 years, later retiring as an electrical engineer.

Mr. Fox was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro and IBEW and Operator Engineers Union. During his lifetime, he lived in Hillsboro, Metropolis and



Effingham.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, George Michael "Mick" (wife Catherine) Fox of Longview, WA, Marcia Elaine (husband Tony) Liebscher of Hillsboro, Steve Allen (wife Regina) Fox and Tami Lynn (husband Timothy) Lewis, both of Charleston; ten grandchildren, Jessica Fox Sorenson, Erik Fox, Carrie McCormick, Nicolo Casarta, Paul Liebscher, Melana Damm, Leslie Taggart, Sarah Grissom, Allison Sharp, Evan Fox, Ashley Gardewine Obia and Emily Schnabel; 15 great-grandchildren; two nephews; and sister, Barbara Sue Miller of Moline.

Mr. Fox was preceded in death by his grandparents; and mother, Georgia Fox Clanahan.

Memorials may be directed to Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro or Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.basspattondeanfh.com.



Jimmie W. Warren, 69

Boilermaker

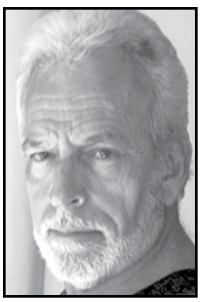
Jimmie Wayne Warren, 69, of Panama, died on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, at 5:33 p.m. at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Visitation will be held Monday, Dec. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, Dec. 29, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Frank Loskot officiating. Burial with military rites will follow at Reno Bethel Cemetery in Reno. CDC guidelines will be followed, including social distancing and masks.

Mr. Warren was born Dec. 29, 1950, in Jerseyville, to Loren and Mae (Vilmer) Warren. He married Doris Blasingim, and they later divorced. He married Jonni Durbin, and they later divorced. He then married Jenny Kitoy on Dec. 21, 2019, in Reno, and she survives.

He attended Greenville High School and served his country in the U.S. Army. During his career, he worked as a boilermaker.

Mr. Warren was a member



of Boilermaker Local 363 in Belleville. He loved to fish, do carpentry work and spend time with his family. Throughout his lifetime, he resided in Reno, Sorrento and Panama.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Michelle (husband Jason) Miller and Joshua (wife Nicole) Warren, both of Hillsboro, and Holly (husband Ritchie) Welzbacher of Sorrento; stepson, Peter James Coballero; nine grandchildren, Dylan Miller, Madison Miller, Emma Miller, Grant Miller, Gavin Miller, Hannah Huber, Mason Huber, Morgan Welzbacher and Alyah Kershaw; great-grandchild, Harlow Huber; and siblings, Loren Warren, Jean Royer, David Warren, Pam Lindsey and Debbie Pumphery.

Mr. Warren was preceded in death by his parents; grandchild, Devin Cruthis; and sister, Rose Fones.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.basspattondeanfh.com.

John K. Rasmussen, 90

Accountant

John Keith Rasmussen, 90, of Springfield, died on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020.

Burial was held at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield on Monday, Dec. 21, with military honors conducted by the Interveteran's Burial Detail of Sangamon County. Bisch Funeral Home in Springfield assisted the family.

Mr. Rasmussen was born Nov. 7, 1930, at home in Owanecco, to John C. and Thelma E. (Sigley) Rasmussen. He married Ellen Kaye, and she preceded him in death.

He was just two years old when his mother passed away in 1933, therefore, he and his sister were raised by their maternal grandparents, John Logan and Mary Elsie (O'Connor) Sigley, and their mother's younger sister, Mary A. (Sigley) Burke.

Mr. Rasmussen attended elementary school in Waggoner and graduated from Waggoner Community High School in 1948. He then served three-and-a-half years in the U.S. Air Force during the period of the Korean police action. After his discharge in 1954, he attended Springfield Junior College for one year, then graduated from Bradley University in 1958.

He retired from the state of Illinois on Dec. 31, 1991, after 30 years of service as an accountant with the depart-



ments of Personnel and Central Management Services.

Mr. Rasmussen was a life member of the Disabled American Veteran's Hall Hagler Chapter #15, AF and AM, serving as the past master of Rochester Lodge 635. He was also a life member of Scottish Rite Valley in Springfield and Ansar Shrine, as well as a member of the Abe Lincoln High Twelve Club Number 38 and American Legion Post 701 in Waggoner. Additionally, he was a member of the now defunct Waggoner Methodist Church.

He is survived by his sister, M. Kathryn McGown of Springfield; four stepchildren, Deborah K. Grman and Joyce L. Fry, both of Springfield, Nancy L. Rice of Pleasant Plains and John R. (Lynette) Fry of Petersburg; and five stepgrandchildren, Mollie Beth (Chris) Easley, Annie Rice, Luke (Audrey) Rice, Matthew Grman and Tiffany Fry.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rasmussen was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Russell McGown.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Illinois Masonic Charities Fund or to the DAV Hall Hagler Chapter #15.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.bischfuneralhomewest.com.

Thomas E. Marvel, 83

Retired From SPD

Thomas Edward Marvel, 83, of Springfield, died on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at 4:15 p.m. at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Private graveside services will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield with the Rev. Meredith Manning Brown officiating. Burial will follow, next to his wife. Bisch and Son Funeral Home in Springfield is assisting the family.

Mr. Marvel was born Jan. 12, 1937, in Taylorville, to Amos and Marjorie (Bowen) Marvel. He married Barbara Jean Jones in 1959, in Springfield, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 2016.

He graduated from Springfield High School with the class of 1957. He proudly served his country first in the U.S. Air Force, then with the U.S. Army. After his active service, he remained in the reserves until he was called back to active duty on Dec. 20, 1990, during Operating Desert Storm. He was honorably discharged on Aug. 6, 1991.

Mr. Marvel retired from the Springfield Police Department after 20 years of service. He last served in the detective bureau. He was



proud of his many accomplishments, notably, earning a master's degree in criminal justice from Sangamon State University, serving as the last director of the city jail, working for the Sangamon County Sheriff's office as a juvenile officer and teaching others at the academy.

He was an avid collector of police memorabilia and was known for his knowledge of police history and collectibles. He was a lifetime member of Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church and was a proud member of the Masonic Lodge and Ansar Shrine.

Mr. Marvel is survived by his son, Stephen Edward (wife Janice Kay) Marvel of Waggoner; and two grandsons, Julian Alexander (fiancee Madison Lynn Leek) Marvel and Ian James Marvel, both of Waggoner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, 57 Country Place, Springfield, IL 62703.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com.



Kyle D. Mitchusson, 26

Litchfield Graduate

Kyle Damian Mitchusson, 26, of Virden, died on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, in Virden.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Curry Funeral Home in Pawnee is assisting the family.

Mr. Mitchusson was born Nov. 9, 1994, in Fletcher, NC, to Jimmy W. and Tracy L. (Kellenberger) Mitchusson.

He attended elementary school and high school in Litchfield, and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Mr. Mitchusson is survived by his mother of Virden; grandmother, Marsha Kellenberger of Chuckey, TN; twin daughters, Aria and Avery Crabtree of Litchfield; three brothers, Jimmy L. Mitchusson of Texas, Daniel



D. Mitchusson of North Carolina and Michael T. (wife Kendra) Mitchusson of Virden; two sisters, Krystal (companion Jason St. John) Roller of Carlinville and Tiffany (companion Tyler Cole) Mitchusson of Girard; four uncles, Rusty (wife Nikki) Tolly of Virden, Harold Tolly of North Carolina, Kenneth Hannah of Virden and Raymond Smith of North Carolina; two aunts, Freda Mitchusson of Forth Worth, TX, and Bobbie (husband Nolan) Jaynes of Chuckey, TN; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorials may be directed to the family to assist with funeral expenses at P.O. Box 407, Pawnee, IL 62558. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.curryfh.com.

Janie S. Kaduk, 64

Employed At Maverick

Janie Sue (Gerdes) Kaduk, 64, of Mt. Olive, died Thursday, Dec. 17, in her home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Olive with Pastor James Ritter officiating. Burial was held in Chapman Cemetery in Mt. Olive. Becker and Son Funeral Home in Mt. Olive was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kaduk was born Aug. 18, 1956, in Livingston, to the late Henry (Hank) L. and Betty June (Jones) Gerdes. She married Jeff Kaduk on July 13, 1974, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Olive, and she survives.

She attended Mt. Olive schools. She enjoyed the food service industry, and was employed by Maverick



restaurant in Litchfield, where she loved working with people. She also had a love for the outdoors and enjoyed gardening and fishing, but her greatest love was her family.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by son, Phillip (Megan) Kaduk; daughter, Paula (Jimmy) Cox; and five grandchildren, Kaylee, Joie and Addison Cox, and Eve and Dez Kaduk, all of Gillespie.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Robert Gerdes, and a nephew, Christopher Davis.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left at www.beckerandson.com.

Doretha J. 'Dee' Jones, 73

Child Care Provider

Doretha "Dee" Jane (Siefert) Jones, 73, of Vandalia, died on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at 3:30 a.m. at SBL Fayette County Hospital in Vandalia.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Fairlawn Cemetery in Vandalia with the Rev. Pete LeDuc officiating. Hohlt and File Funeral Home in Vandalia assisted the family.

Mrs. Jones was born Jan. 2, 1947, in Nokomis, to Ray and Lola (Blades) Siefert. She married Louis Wayne Jones on Dec. 18, 1964, and they shared 28 years of marriage before his passing on March 14, 1993.

During her career, she worked in the healthcare



field and was also an in-home child care provider.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her daughters, Michelle Logsdon and Melinda Jones; grandchildren, Kimberly (fiance Dustin Tish) Logsdon, Kristina (boyfriend Tanner Opfer) Logsdon, Lehel Jones and Rylie Jones; brother, Melvin (wife Ollie) Blades; and sister, Linda Halsey.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; son, Matt Allen Jones; five brothers; and four sisters.

Memorials may be directed to the family to help with funeral expenses. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.hohltandfilefh.com.

Carolyn S. 'Susie' Beck, 79

Homemaker, Loved Flowers

Carolyn Sue "Susie" Beck, 79, of Augsburg, died on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, at 12:33 p.m. at her home.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Dec. 19, at Crown Point Church in rural Vandalia with the Rev. Pete LeDuc officiating.

Ms. Beck was born Feb. 22, 1941, in Fayette County, to Fleming and Dorothy (Bolyard) Beck.

She was a homemaker, and an amazing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

A member of the Orchard Society, Ms. Beck loved her flowers. She enjoyed baseball, football and horseracing, but



mostly, she loved spending time with family.

She is survived by her daughters, Tammy Finley of Vandalia, Debbie (Bruce) White of Augsburg and Lisa Beck of St. Elmo; sons, Max Beck and Mike Beck, both of Augsburg, and Daron (Bobbie Sue) Beck and Chris Beck, both of Vandalia; sister, Linda Ricke of Fillmore; brother, Danny (Paula) Beck of Vandalia; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Ms. Beck was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; and three brothers.

Memorials may be directed to Crown Point Church in rural Vandalia or the donor's choice.

Jerry M. Madden, 82

Coal Miner, Custodian

Jerry Michael Madden, 82, of Gillespie, died on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, at 11 a.m. in Litchfield.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Madden was born Sept. 29, 1938, in Litchfield, to Thomas E. and Charlotte (Thomas) Madden, Sr. He married Joyce Ellen (Abel) Madden on April 29, 1961, in Litchfield, and she survives.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he worked as a coal miner at the Coffeen Mine and was a custodian for Community Unit School District 7.

Mr. Madden was a member



of the Knights of Columbus and SS Simon and Jude Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Michael E. (Taunya) Madden of Springfield and Melissa Ann Gould of Taylor Springs; grandchildren, Timothy, Madeline, Megan and Isaac; great-grandchildren, Audrey and Calvin; and siblings, Eugene Madden of Rockford and Jo Ella Alderson of Gillespie.

Mr. Madden was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Thomas and James Madden; and son-in-law, William Kenneth Gould.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.kravanyafuneral.com.

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Litchfield Moose Ladies Donate To Operation ELF

The Ladies of the Moose in Litchfield donated \$500 to Operation ELF to help purchase toys for children this Christmas. The ladies group held several fundraisers throughout the months of November and December to raise the money. They also donated toys to the group. Shown presenting the check, from the left are Jo Horn, Eva Jones, Diane Carnduff, Operation ELF representative Sara Zumwalt and Sandy Bishop. While this is the first year for Operation ELF, the Ladies of the Moose have been generous donors to the previous program, Project Santa, for many years.



Anderson, Sies Win Ugly Sweater Contest

To keep spirits bright this holiday season, Hillsboro High School hosted an ugly sweater contest on Wednesday, Dec. 16. Pictured above are winners Owen Anderson and Carl Sies. They each won gift certificates and the chance to represent HHS in the grand champion ugly sweater contest with Hillsboro Junior High School.

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Local Students Graduate From SIUE On Dec. 18

Local students graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) in virtual 2020 fall commencement exercises on Friday, Dec. 18. Students with two asterisks denote Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.75-3.89).
Farmersville: Robert Johnson, BS in nursing (RN)**
Raymond: Victoria Bloome, BS in business administration
Sorento: Jarrett Borrowman, BS in computer management and info systems, Casey Melton, BS in nursing
The 2020 fall virtual commencement ceremonies are available at <https://www.siue.edu/commencement/>.

Students Named To Dean's List At Iowa Wesleyan

Juleighan Klein of Raymond and Abigail Roberts of Litchfield were named to the fall 2020 Dean's List at Iowa Wesleyan University in Mt. Pleasant, IA. To be on the Dean's List, a student must be taking 12 or more hours per semester with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

Kyle Tipword On Dean's List At State Tech

Kyle Tipword of Sorento was named to the Dean's List at State Technical College of Missouri in Linn, MO. To be named to the Dean's List, students must be full-time with a semester grade-point average of 3.5 and 4.0.



Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like 1) a pink pony, 2) Rudolf's bell, 3) Christmas clothes, 4) elf hat.
I promise I have been very good. I have a new baby sister. Could you bring her a new tiny elf hat to match me?
Love, Marlee Wrachford



Sorento Holds Santa Drive-Up Event

The village of Sorento held a Santa Claus drive-up event on Saturday, Dec. 19, on Main Street. Santa kept all the girls and boys safe by visiting with them while they waited inside their parents' cars. In addition to the event, the kids were also encouraged to drop off their Santa letters with Santa. Pictured above is Santa Claus, assisted by Dwayne Varner, visiting with Lily Schuette and her mom, Vonda Schuette.

Photo Courtesy of Susan Wall



Pictured above, from the left are Pastor Matt Ferguson of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Pastor Randy Sands of the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church, Teresa Luck, Wilberta Webb, Connie Harling, Pastor Stefan Munker of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melanie Sherer and Cindy Duncil.

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Churches Help Seniors This Holiday

"This time of year I'm reminded how incredibly blessed we are to live in this town that always steps up," said Teresa Luck. "No matter what the cause, they come together, and I feel blessed to be part of the community." Four years ago, Luck and her "Framily" ladies from water aerobics decided to get together and make the holidays a little brighter for nursing home residents in the area. Twenty ladies collected 500 pairs of socks and wrote Christmas cards to the residents. They continue the Christmas card ministry every year.

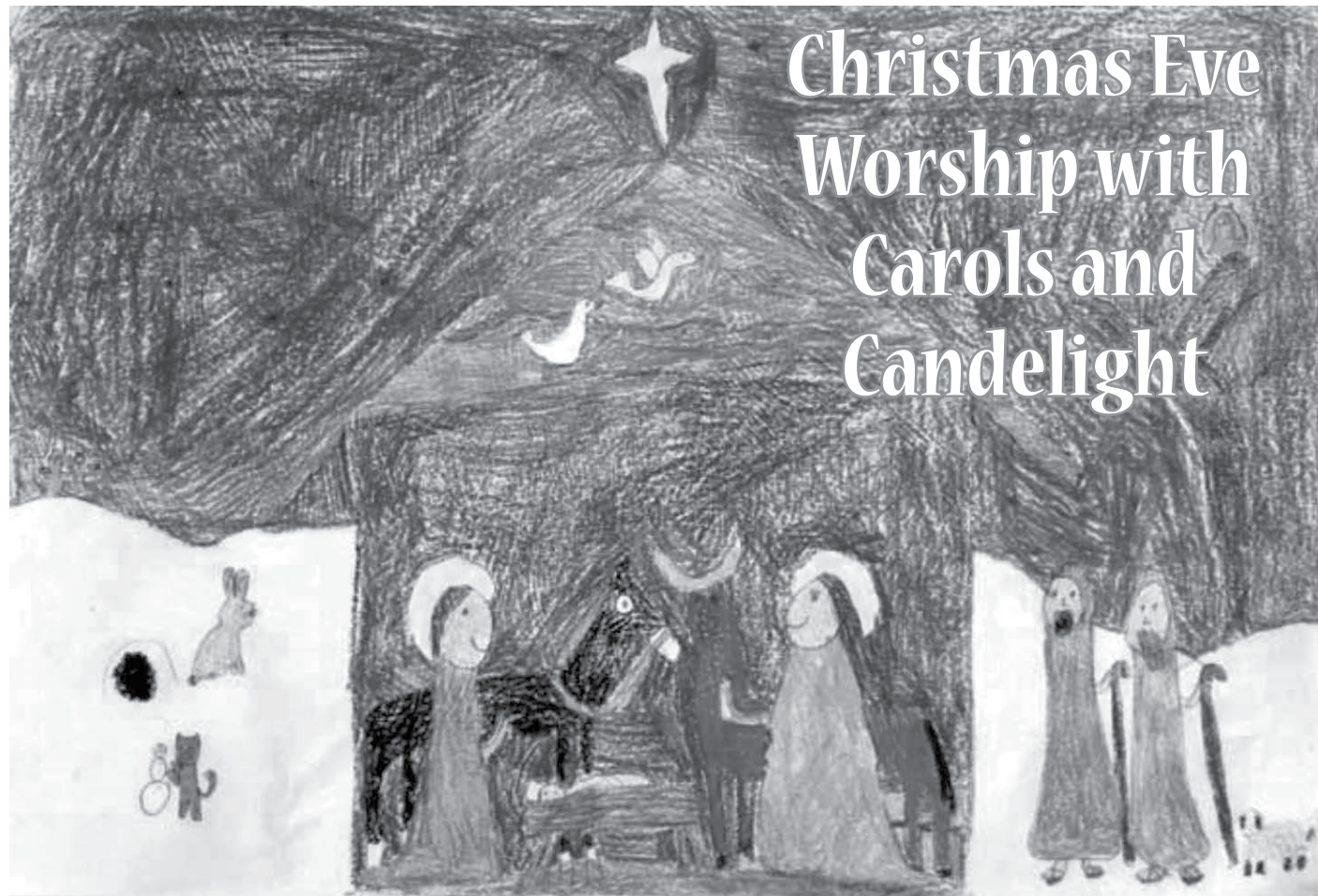
Last year, Luck discovered the nursing homes were in need of blankets, especially lap blankets for residents, and her home church, the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church, stepped up by collecting 250 blankets and 250 pairs of socks. This year, the church asked other local churches to help with the ministry and brightening the spirits of nursing home residents. Together, the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church, the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church collected 300

blankets, including some handmade quilts, 1,200 pairs of socks, 300 devotionals and 300 bags of suckers for employees. Volunteers distributed the items to Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs, Hillsboro Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Tremont Ridge and the Meals on Wheels program on Monday, Dec. 21. Luck said the facilities planned to distribute them so all residents had a present on Christmas morning. "Thank you to everyone in the community who helped make this possible," Luck said.

Sorento School Announces First Quarter Honor Roll

Sorento Elementary School has announced the names of students on first quarter honor roll and high honor roll.
Honor Roll
Tyler Bone, Landon Bowers, Ella Hudson, Bryleigh Smith, Kenzi Stefanisin, Joel Storm, Ava Lagermann, Jackson Joiner, Emree Joiner, Gabriella Hahs, Collen Belles, Ryelynn Howard, Xavier

Vasquez, Easton Cox, Aaliyah Cox, Abby Davidson, Shelby Lindley, Jessica Moss, Karissa Tucker, Garrett Young.
High Honor Roll
Leo Scarborough, Ethan Stevens, Ronan Goymerac, Carys Goymerac, Oscar Scarborough, Jadis Kane, Allison Stevens, Megan Ridens, Aubrey Wall.



Thursday, December 24th, 5 p.m.
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Santa Makes Special Trip To Panama

The COVID-19 pandemic didn't stop Santa Claus (assisted by Roger Welzbacher) from visiting the children of Panama on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19. Kent Priddle acted as chauffeur, driving Santa throughout the village in a truck provided by the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District. The festive parade was sponsored by Nu-Way Deli of Panama. Representing the local deli Laura Kampmann drove behind the truck and handed out goodie bags to all the boys and girls. Above, from the left, are Christopher, Zayden and Gideon Cruthis.

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In place of their annual holiday party, the TASC group held a drive-thru Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 12. Above, Santa Claus (aided by Fred Roach) distributes special holiday packages to the (Leroy) Binks family.

Journal-News/Tori O'Dell

TASC Group Spreads Holiday Cheer

TASC (The Autism Support Connection) held a special Christmas event on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12, at the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro. Santa Claus (assisted by Fred Roach) and members of the TASC Board of Directors were on site to help distribute holiday gift bags during the drive-thru style event.

"We haven't been able to meet for most of this year and it's been really hard not to see our TASC families," said board member and co-founder of the local organization Lynn Sellers. "In a normal year, we host monthly support group meetings and various events for our families. This was a safe way we could spread some holiday cheer to our TASC families and remind them that they aren't alone."

Families affected by autism, sensory processing disorders and other neurological differences aren't able to easily engage in the community due to lack of accommodations and understanding. This often leaves these families isolated and without avenues to engage in bonding activities, such as going to a movie, visiting a public pool, eating at restaurants or even making a simple trip to the grocery store together. The TASC group tries to ease some of these hardships by hosting inclusive events such as pool parties, bowling parties and monthly sensory-friendly movies. They also hold monthly support group meetings where families can



Reagan Voyles (left) and Owen Draper (right) prepare holiday packages prior to TASC's drive-thru Christmas event.

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offer each other advice and encouragement, as well as hear from guest speakers about a variety of locally available programs, therapies and transitional supports.

"Our local businesses have always been very supportive of our events, even going the extra mile to learn how to best accommodate our families and ensure that everyone leaves with a good experience," Sellers went on to explain. "We know that our local business owners have been struggling under the weight of trying to keep their businesses afloat throughout the pandemic and we wanted to offer them our support in gratitude for everything they have done for us over the years."

With the majority of their

events cancelled this year the TASC board had some extra funds in their accounts to purchase gifts for their TASC families. Each gift bag contained a bag of specialty popcorn and a movie pass from the Orpheum Theater, Christmas Cookies from Sweet Addictions, fidget toys, a hot cocoa package, candy, and TASC brochures printed at *The Journal-News*.

While unable to meet in person, TASC is currently holding their monthly support meetings online, via Zoom, at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Those interested are instructed to contact Lynn Sellers at 217-556-9535 or Kim Draper at 217-710-3598, or email tascillinois1@gmail.com.

Health Care Workers Receive Vaccine

by Mary (Galer) Herschelmann

As Montgomery County begins to receive its first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, frontline health care workers will be the first in line to be vaccinated.

Montgomery County Health Department Administrator Hugh Satterlee said the first 500 allotted doses arrived in Montgomery County the week of Christmas, and will be split between Hillsboro Area Hospital and HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Long-term care facilities are next on the list, and they are signed up to participate in a federal program, administered through CVS and Walgreens. Satterlee said it could begin in Montgomery County as early as Dec. 28.

And while Montgomery County wasn't part of the first round of COVID-19 vaccines, some residents were able to take part in other counties.

"This vaccine is a big deal," said Megan Tuetken of Irving. "It's history-making, and I feel privileged to be a part of it, even though I hate the reason. I'm proud to be one of the first people to get it."

Tuetken has been an ICU (intensive care unit) nurse at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield for the past 12 years, and received the first dose of her COVID-19 vaccine on Dec. 17.

Although she did not work directly with many COVID patients during the first few months of the pandemic, her ICU was transformed into a COVID unit as positive cases started to climb in November.

"It was really hard to see all



Megan Tuetken of Irving, an ICU nurse for Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, received the first dose of her COVID-19 vaccine on Dec. 17.

these people," Tuetken said. "Every shift for a couple of weeks, people were dying. It's just really hard to see that."

Tuetken added that she didn't just jump on the vaccine bandwagon, she did a lot of her own research, talking to doctors and other medical professionals.

"The risk is pretty low," Tuetken said, noting she did not have any side effects after the vaccine was administered. "This is not a brand new thing. It's been studied for a

long time."

And though the first doses of the vaccine were administered in Montgomery County on Dec. 23, Satterlee expects it will be early spring before COVID-19 vaccinations are available to the public.

Tuetken encourages residents to stay informed and ask questions from reputable medical sources.

"This isn't going to work if we don't all do it," she said. "I firmly believe all of us working together can make it happen."



Special Visitors Make Stop At Bank And Trust

"You better watch out. You better not cry. You better not pout, I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town." The bearded man made a quick stop at Bank and Trust Company in downtown Farmersville on Saturday, Dec. 12. Santa and Mrs. Claus were stationed behind the glass in the drive-up window, allowing children to safely stop by in time for Christmas. Pictured above, from the left, are Westyn and Peyton Elvidge, children of Kendal and Katie Elvidge of Farmersville.

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 - It is very difficult at times to find an available hospital to transfer critically ill patients. In some cases we may have to call up to 30 hospitals to find an available bed. This all takes time and verifies that COVID-19 is overwhelming the healthcare system. Even non-COVID transfers are difficult.
 - We understand that everyone is stressed related to the changes COVID-19 has caused, but please, be kind to our employees; they are working long hard hours in very difficult circumstances.

Thank you for helping us provide the safest care possible to our community.

News Briefs

Presbyterian Church To Hold Service Thursday

Hillsboro Presbyterian Church will hold a special Christmas Eve Worship service with carols and candlelight on Thursday, Dec. 24, at the church, located at 506 South Main Street in Hillsboro.

"If you don't have a church family where you can celebrate Jesus' birth, you are invited to celebrate with us," said Pastor Matt Ferguson."

Calvary Baptist Will Meet On Sunday, Dec. 27

Calvary Baptist Church, 1001 Rountree Street, will hold an in-person service this Sunday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. The service will also be streamed on the Calvary Baptist Church Facebook page.

Due to the pandemic, everyone should wear masks. Masks will be available at the doors for those who do not have one.

Three File For Two Library Board Seats

Three candidates are running for two six-year terms as trustee of the Litchfield Public Library District in the April consolidated election.

Barbara Ellis, Chris Dahler, and Mark York have filed for the two available seats, the first contested race since the first library district election in 2008.



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Two new commemorative benches now welcome patrons of Doyle Public Library in Raymond. The library began fundraising earlier this year to help honor the late Kim Hopper, who served as the library board's secretary for six years, and reached their goal of \$700 in September.

Journal-News/Bethany Martin

Doyle 'Lights The Light of Learning'

"During this holiday season, let us all light the fires of learning in the eyes of our community members," said Doyle Library Director Deb Young. "Our libraries, especially here in Illinois, with more than 20 million titles available through the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS), feed those lights of learning in the eyes of our children, friends and our families."

While most libraries throughout the state are closed to the public due to the ongoing pandemic, they remain committed to serving their communities, including Doyle Library in Raymond.

"Our patrons, as well as decision-makers, need to know we are bigger than our buildings," said Young.

Illinois Library Association's Bigger Than A Building campaign is designed to help the library community quickly convey information to its constituencies during the Illinois Stay at Home executive order, to help retain and improve existing community and school services.

Resources are growing within the 524 member libraries of IHLS with a count of more than 15 million titles within their services to patrons of Doyle Library. The state of Illinois and IHLS are providing more and more e-resources to support, bolster and build student learning infrastructure within our communities.

Additionally, Illinois Secretary of State and Illinois State Library have awarded IHLS \$125,000 for the purchase

of e-resources for members, which includes Doyle.

Despite the challenges, the library continues working with the community to provide necessary material. Doyle is partnering with the Panhandle School District to provide real world information via children's and young adults' non-fiction resources, building and expanding young (and older) individuals' levels of skill with computers and digital devices, as well as custom-ordering of current, bestselling novels.

According to Young, the partnership was established by the late Kim Hopper, who served as the library board's secretary for six years, as well as her family.

"Our community is very grateful to the many individuals who have donated their time, money and expertise to finance and install our beautiful commemorative benches on our library front porch, dedicated to Kim Hopper and her contributions to our library and school," said Young.

Members of the library began fundraising earlier this year to help honor Hopper's endeavors with benches, which were recently installed.

"In another Doyle Library initiative, which is close to my heart and training as college professor for many decades," said Young, "I have worked with several Panhandle students on their research projects for Judy Best's classes this semester. Most notably, I am proud to report on Tim Ensley's successful research project surveying, methodologically, students from

randomized lists to accurately analyze student reading preferences."

According to Young, Ensley performed college-level work that will help other patrons with their efforts.

"His research findings will be available to the public, if you are interested in Tim's highly advanced research methods and conclusions. Bravo and congratulations Tim," Young added.

As part of their dedication to youth, Doyle offers Reading Rewards, STEM and STEM-related rewards, including magic tricks, building and flying airplanes, geological and other scientific and engineering-related prizes for children in the Raymond community.

"We have a plethora of reading logs for all ages, including young adults and adults, if you would like to keep track of your reading preferences," said Young.

A patron of the library, Nicole Cox, maintains reading logs for her children, Grace and Nathan, which has helped her children read hundreds of books from Doyle. Thanks to a very generous donation from Dollar General Manager Barb, the library provided two plush reading chairs as reading rewards for Cox's children.

"A great big thank you to Barb and Dollar General from all our patrons at Doyle Library," said Young.

For more information about Doyle Public Library and its services, call 217-229-4471, email doylepublic@gmail.com or visit the website at www.doylepubliclibrary.org.

Newspaper Will Close Litchfield Office Dec. 31

As of Dec. 31, *The Journal-News* will be temporarily closing its Litchfield office, due to the effects COVID-19 has had on many businesses. The newspaper's Litchfield office is currently located at 510 N. State Street in downtown Litchfield.

News items and advertisements may be sent to the Hillsboro office at P.O. Box 100 in Hillsboro, faxed to 217-532-3632 or emailed to thejournal-news@consolidated.net. The Litchfield phone

number (217-324-6604) will still be operational and calls will be forwarded to the office in Hillsboro.

The newspaper may still be picked up in a variety of locations around the Litchfield community, including Tobacco for Less, Amstar, UJ's Convenience Store, both Casey's locations, Walgreens and Sullivan's Drug Store. There are also newspaper vending machines in front of Route 66 Cafe, Walmart and Jumpin' Jimmy's.

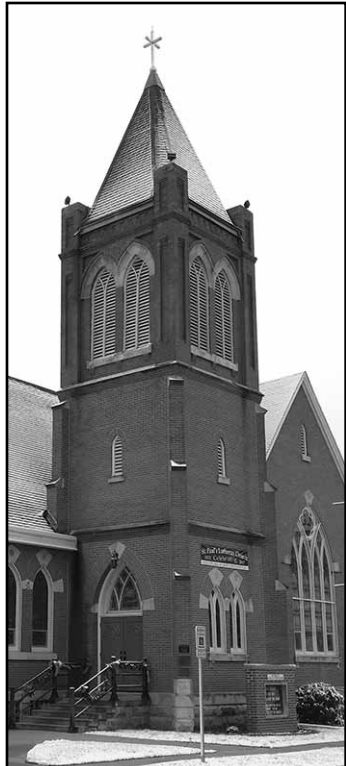
St. Paul's Lutheran Carillon Will Play On Christmas Eve

Everyone is invited to St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. to hear Christmas carols played on the carillon bells in the church tower at 103 N. Main Street in downtown Hillsboro, just north of the Historic Courthouse.

The concert will be approximately 15 minutes long and will include "Joy to the World", "The First Noel", "Silent Night", along with other favorites. Visitors may take a walk or sit in their car to enjoy the sights and sounds.

The congregation will hold a recorded Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols for everyone to watch on YouTube. Pastor Munker will share a message about "Preparing a Place for Christ."

In addition to the concert, a nativity scene may be viewed on the west side of the church. Luminary candle lights will be set up along the sidewalk around the church building during the evening as a sign for the gift of hope through the



birth of Jesus as the "Light of the World."

For more information, visit www.stpaulshillsboro.net.



HHS Driver's Ed Students Have Tire Demonstration

Students in the classroom driver's training classes at Hillsboro High School got a real-world lesson on Friday, Dec. 4. Transportation Director Adam Gregg gave a demonstration on how to change a tire to students as part of this year's program.



St. Paul's And Thrivent Help Local Food Pantry

On Monday, Dec. 7, several members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church purchased food for the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry in Hillsboro, with a donation from Thrivent Financial. The Harvest of Hope Food Pantry will continue to help those in need throughout the community this holiday season. Pictured above, from the left are Carolyn Meier, Paula Keeper, Shawn Huber of Harvest of Hope Food Pantry and Earl Meier.



Above, Cassie Wyatt, activity director for Heritage Health in Litchfield, accepts donations of inspirational pictures and a fleece blanket from students in the work study program at Litchfield High School.

Litchfield Students Show Appreciation For Seniors

The work study students at Litchfield High School (LHS) recently presented a sentimental donation, a fleece blanket and inspirational framed pictures, to the residents of Heritage Health in Litchfield.

Heritage Health has supported the LHS work program for many years by allowing students to volunteer to assist with resident activities. Due to COVID-19 the student workers have been completing activities in the school setting but still wanted to make



Litchfield High School's work study students presented gifts (above) to the residents of Heritage Health.

items for the residents as a thank you for their continued support.



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Weller, Lercher Are Quarantine Royalty

Lincolnwood High School seniors Emme Weller and Drake Lercher were crowned the 2020-2021 Quarantine Homecoming royalty during a special court ceremony on Monday, Dec. 14. Instead of a traditional homecoming court, the Panhandle School District chose to honor the upcoming graduating class by having a senior court this year. While there was no homecoming dance for students due to the pandemic, they still participated in a fun-filled spirit week.

The senior court, pictured above, from the left, is Maggie McClelland, Courtney Meyer, Queen Emme Weller, King Drake Lercher and John Speeks. Not pictured is Michael Jones, who was also nominated.



HHS Helps Christmas Basket Program

In lieu of collecting canned goods this year, the Hillsboro High School Interact Club collected monetary donations for the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas Basket program. Throughout the week, they raised \$145.12, which will be used to purchase food for families in need this holiday season. Pictured above, from the left are Sarah Huber, Vanessa Compton, Chris Sherer of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department, Bri Guinn and Madison Brown.



Hillsboro Sertoma Club and St. Paul's Lutheran Church's Thrivent Financial Action Team presented a large donation to Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department's Christmas Basket program on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Above, from the left, are Earl Meier, representing the Thrivent Action Team, Sertoma Club President Jack Evans, Hillsboro Firefighter Chris Sherer, and Sertoma Club members Russell Greenwood and Bob Fuehne.

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Sertoma Club Partners With Thrivent

Hillsboro Sertoma Club and St. Paul's Lutheran Church's Thrivent Financial Action Team partnered to make a generous donation to Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department's Christmas Basket program.

For every dollar that the Thrivent Action Team donated to the holiday outreach program the Sertoma Club made a matching \$2 donation, raising a cumulative total of \$750 - \$250

from Thrivent and \$500 from the Sertoma Club. The Sertoma Club raised their portion of the funding from their annual Poinsetta sales.

"The Sertoma Club is dedicated to the betterment of the community. We invest every dime we raise back into the community," explained long-time club member Earl Meier.

Part of the donation was used to help purchase the pal-

lets of food items (above) from Capri IGA in Hillsboro.

This is the 63rd year for the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas Basket Program, and they were forced to make some temporary changes to operate within the COVID-19 pandemic. The program was limited to accepting only monetary donations this year, in place of their usual community-wide food drive.

Litchfield Family Practice Makes Change

Starting Monday, Dec. 28, the waiting room at Litchfield Family Practice Center will be closed so that it can be transformed into an indoor sick clinic for COVID swabbing. This area will replace the clinic's tent during the winter months and will allow them to accommodate more visits at a time.

Those with scheduled visits or labs, that are not experiencing COVID-like symptoms or exposure, are asked to park in the current employee parking

lot, beginning Monday, Dec. 28. The "well-patient" entrance will be located on the East side of the building. Following these protocols will allow Litchfield Family Practice Center to maintain separate entrances for sick and well/pregnant patients.

Since there is no waiting room on the ground level, they ask that "well-patients" notify their provider's nursing staff when they arrive by calling the provider's direct number. The clinic's staff will call the

patient back when they have a room ready. Registration will be moved so that patients may safely register when they enter the building and then be immediately taken to an exam room.

Patients without access to a cell phone are instructed to let the nursing staff know at the time of their appointment so that arrangements can be made. More information may be found online at www.lfpc.net or on the Litchfield Family Practice Center page on Facebook.

THURSDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC The Greatest Showman (17, PG) ★★½	CBS Young	NBC It's a Wonderful Life (47, NR) ★★★★★	FOX The Resident (TV14)	ION (6:00) A Christmas (19)	7:00 Prep	7:30 FBI: "Little Egypt"	8:00 Local	8:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live	9:00 Nightline
CABLE	A&E (6:00) Back to the Future (85, PG)	AMC National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (89)	ANIMAL Cruike! It's the Irwins	BET Nutty Professor II (00)	BRAVO (15) Last Holiday (06, PG-13) ★★½	CARTOON We Bare Bears (20)	CMT Man	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront	COMEDY The Office	DISCOVERY BattleBots
DISNEY	(6:00) Disney Channel Epic	E! (6:00) E! News	ESPN SC Presents	ESPN2 Detail	FOOD Beat Bobby	FREEFORM Frosty	FX Dr. Seuss' The Grinch (18, PG)	HGTV Flip/Flop	HISTORY Band of Brothers	LIFETIME Merry Little Christmas Wedding (20)
MTV	(6:00) Bad Santa (13)	NICK SpongeBob	PARMT Grown Ups 2 (13, PG-13) ★★	SYFY Death Hallows 1 (10)	TBS A Christmas Story (83, PG) ★★★★★	TCM The Bishop's Wife (47, NR) ★★½	TLC Untold ER (TVPG)	TNT Bones (TV14)	TRAVEL Yuletide Yeti (TVPG)	TV LAND Loves Ray
USA	(6:00) Chrisley	VH1 (6:00) Beverly Hills Cop (84, R) ★★	WGN NewsNation	HBO Last Christmas (19, PG-13) ★★½	MAX The Fighting Temptations (03, PG-13) ★★½	SHOW (5:30) Apollo 13 (95)	7:00 (6:00) Back to the Future Part II (89, PG) ★★★★★	7:30 Four Christmases (08, PG-13) Vince Vaughn.	8:00 Cruike! It's the Irwins	8:30 Meet the Browns (08, PG-13) ½
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CABLE	A&E (6:00) Court Cam	AMC Elf (03, PG) ★★½	ANIMAL (01) The Zoo (TVPG)	BET Movie	BRAVO (6:04) Shrek (01, PG)	CARTOON (6:00) Paddington (14)	CMT Gone in 60	CNN The Windors: Inside	COMEDY Jeff Dunham (TV14)	DISCOVERY Gold Rush (TVPG)
DISNEY	Disney	E! (6:00) E! News	ESPN NBA Basketball: Dallas vs Los Angeles (Live)	ESPN2 ESPN Original Document	FOOD Diners	FREEFORM Home (90)	FX (6:00) Dr. Seuss (18)	HGTV My Lottery	HISTORY The Food That Built America	LIFETIME My Sweet Holiday (20)
MTV	Ridiculous	NICK Danger	PARMT (6:00) Sweet Home Alabama (02)	SYFY Letters to Satan Claus (20)	TBS Wonder (20)	TCM Sabrina (54, NR) ★★	TLC Dr. Pimple Popper	TNT A Christmas Story (83)	TRAVEL Osbournes (TV14)	TV LAND Loves Ray
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SATURDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC To Tell the Truth	CBS NCIS: New Orleans	NBC Games: "Burning Ring"	FOX PBC Fight Night: "David Morrell" (Live)	ION SVU: "Sheltered"	7:00 Prep	7:30 FBI: "Little Egypt"	8:00 Local	8:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live	9:00 Nightline
CABLE	A&E Most Daring (TV14)	AMC National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (89)	ANIMAL Pit Bulls & Parolees: Biggest Rescues (N)	BET To Be Announced	BRAVO Overboard (145) Overboard (18, PG-13) ★★½	CARTOON (6:00) Smallfoot (18)	CMT The Replacements (00, PG-13) Keanu Reeves.	CNN CNN Newsroom (N)	COMEDY (6:00) Step Brothers (08, R) ★★	DISCOVERY Deadliest Catch (TV14)
DISNEY	Big City	E! To Be Announced	ESPN (6:00) College Football: "2020 Radiance" (Live)	ESPN2 (6:00) UFC Reloaded	FOOD Diners	FREEFORM Inside Out (15, PG) ★★	FX Spider-Man: Homecoming (17, PG-13) ★★½	HGTV Escape to the Chateau	HISTORY (6:00) History's (TVPG)	LIFETIME The Bodyguard (92, R) ★★½
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USA	Phoenix	VH1 (6:00) Ace Ventura (94)	WGN NewsNation	HBO Independence Day (96, PG-13) ★★	MAX The Watch (12, R) ★★½	SHOW 1917 (20, R) ★★	7:00 (6:00) Back to the Future Part II (89, PG) ★★★★★	7:30 Four Christmases (08, PG-13) Vince Vaughn.	8:00 Cruike! It's the Irwins	8:30 Meet the Browns (08, PG-13) ½
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SUNDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC Home Videos (TVPG)	CBS NCIS: Los Angeles	NBC Games: "Past, Present"	FOX The Masked Dancer	ION Chicago P.D.: "Snitch"	7:00 Prep	7:30 FBI: "Little Egypt"	8:00 Local	8:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live	9:00 Nightline
CABLE	A&E Olympos Has Fallen (13, R) ★★	AMC (15) National Lampoon's Vacation (83, R) ★★	ANIMAL North Woods Law (N)	BET Movie	BRAVO Real Housewives (N)	CARTOON Monsters Aliens (09)	CMT (5:45) Bee Movie (07, PG) ★★½	CNN CNN Newsroom (N)	COMEDY (6:30) We're the Millers (13, R) ★★	DISCOVERY Alaska: Last (TVPG)
DISNEY	Cinderella (15, PG) ★★	E! To Be Announced	ESPN Sports	ESPN2 (6:00) UFC Reloaded	FOOD (6:55) Zootopia (16, PG) Idris Elba.	FREEFORM Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (17, PG-13) ★★	FX Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (17, PG-13) ★★	HGTV Bryan Inc. (TVPG)	HISTORY The Men Who Built America	LIFETIME Mean Girls (04, PG-13) ★★
MTV	Ridiculous	NICK To Be Announced	PARMT Yellowstone (TVMA)	SYFY Goonies	TBS Crazy Rich Asians (18, PG-13) ★★	TCM Ocean's Eleven (60, PG) ★★½	TLC 90 Day Fiancé	TNT Beauty and the Beast (17, PG) ★★½	TRAVEL The Yeti Lives (TVPG)	TV LAND Men
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DECEMBER 27, 2020



Santa Claus Takes Cruise Around Litchfield Dec. 20

Since this year's Christmas looks a little different than most years, Santa Claus made a special trip to Litchfield on Saturday, Dec. 20, to greet youngsters throughout the community. Sponsored by the Litchfield Knights of Columbus #699, Santa cruised around the community waving to children before heading back to the North Pole for the big holiday.

County Tax Info Now Available On Website

A new website makes property tax information just a click away, according to Montgomery County Treasurer Nikki Lohman.

Users can access the website by going to montgomeryil.devnetwedge.com or by clicking on the "new tax information webpage" on the county website, montgomeryco.com.

A collaborative effort between the county treasurer, County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser, and Supervisor of Assessments Ray Durston, the new website contains tax payment information, tax bills, property information, and redemption information—all now available 24 hours a day without coming to the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

Lohman, whose office budget financed the project, said the website fulfills one of her priorities when taking office.

"It was one of my goals to get Montgomery County tax information online," the treasurer said, "and that's especially important in a pandemic year. It's also information that is really useful for title companies and accountants to be able to access remotely."

Of course, the treasurer's office, county clerk's office, and supervisor of assessments' office will still be happy to provide information in person or by telephone during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday except on holidays.



Litchfield Employees Donate To Food Pantry

The Litchfield School District employees from the custodial, grounds and bus driver teams along with their supervisor, decided to make a change this year to their annual gift giving. Instead of the supervisor to employee and employee to supervisor exchange, they decided to take up a donation to give to the Litchfield Food Pantry, and collected \$420. Pictured above, from the left are bus driver Renee Kulick, custodian Darla Jubelt, Dorothy Ernst of the Litchfield Food Pantry and Supervisor Bob Witter.

"This has been a tough year for everyone and it is hoped that this money will make a difference for those in our community who are struggling," said Building and Grounds Director Bob Witter.



Junior High Builders Club Makes Donation

Hillsboro Junior High School's Builders Club presented \$367 to Hillsboro Fire Department on Wednesday morning, Dec. 16. The club solicited donations for the junior high school's student body to help aid the local fire department's annual Christmas basket food program. Above, from the left, are Mitchell Cunningham (eighth grade), Firefighter Chris Sherer, Claire Matthews (seventh grade) and Roberto Quirozgarcia (sixth grade).

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Santa Feature

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Whitlow began helping Santa Claus over 29 years ago when he was asked to represent Santa Claus for the City of Hillsboro's yearly festivities. Approximately ten years after putting on his red suit, Whitlow's wife, Barb, found herself putting on a red dress to appear by his side. Like Mrs. Claus, she takes care of Whitlow and ensures that each of his tiny guests leave with their own memories of Christmas magic.

In a normal year, the couple is extremely busy making appearances at homes, day cares, parties and festivals throughout the holiday season. Mrs. Whitlow estimates that they generally attend anywhere from 45 to 50 events between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year has been different. With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing its spread and social distancing precautions tightening once-again, the couple has only made half-a-dozen or so appearances. Each of these appearances have required the Whitlows to navigate new territory and incorporate modifications to keep both themselves and their tiny charges safe.

"It is not very busy this year, but we have made a few home visits. I had special masks made for in-person visits and we do require them to wear a mask until it is time for photos. We arrange everyone, and once they are no longer facing Santa, and spaced a bit apart, they can briefly lower their masks for a photo. A lot are requesting that masks go back on so that they can get a COVID-19 picture," Mrs. Whitlow explained. "Unlike typical years, our large events have all been distanced. The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce arranged for us to set up inside the storefront window of Cislser and Associates Real Estate, Inc., during their Christmas event, the weekend following Thanksgiving. Santa was on display to greet the kids and take photos through the window."

The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce also hosted drive-thru events, each weekend of December prior to Christmas. CNB Bank, Bank and Trust and Litchfield National Bank, all of Litchfield, allowed Santa and Mrs. Claus to use their drive-thru facilities to safely visit with local children.

"Once we were in our position, inside of the bank, we could safely take off our masks and use the microphone at the drive-thru to speak with the children through the teller



Santa and Mrs. Claus (assisted by Sam and Barb Whitlow) make an early Christmas delivery to Mary Rikli (above) on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

window," Whitlow explained. "The kids were able to get out of their car and stand in front of the window to have their picture taken with Santa. I am sure they are not the best pictures, because the window creates a glare, but it was a semblance of normalcy in a year that has been full of uncertainty."

The Whitlows were still able to hold Santa hours at their personal Santa House in Schram City this year, with some precautions in place. Safety precautions have been a key element in keeping both Santa and the community safe, while still maintaining much-loved holiday traditions.

"We are keeping a low profile this year and no one is sitting on Santa's lap. I can't see a lot of the people that I normally see. It makes me sad and hurts a little bit, but hopefully next year," said Roach. "My daughter (Melanie Tysko) didn't want me to do anything this year. She is really cautious and felt like it was too risky but I just couldn't say no."

Normally, Roach's holiday season is jam-packed with visits to local schools, retirement centers and large events. While the majority of his usual events were cancelled because of the ongoing pandemic, he has still

made several appearances with modifications in place for safety.

"I thought Imagine Hillsboro's Reverse Parade was pretty neat. It was inspiring to watch all the cars go by. I couldn't be with the kids but I could get six feet from their vehicles to talk to them," said Roach. "Toys for Tots is a program that means a lot to me and I was still able to visit them this year. I had to be separated from the families, but I got to wave and let them know that Santa's still here, even amid so much change."

Roach held special Santa hours as part of Imagine Hillsboro's Saturdays on the Square events in downtown Hillsboro. Organizers modified a Christmas scene with plexi glass to allow Santa to safely visit and take photos with families, and sent children off with individually wrapped cookies, made locally by Sweet Addictions in Hillsboro. He also assisted the TASC (The Autism Support Connection) group to hand out holiday packages and greet families during their drive-thru Christmas event. A new avenue has opened up as well. Roach spent much of his COVID-caused downtime this season assisting local photographer Ashley Christ with Christmas mini-shoots.

Thinking on their feet is

nothing new to Santa's assistants. Both Whitlow and Roach have had to learn to be ready for anything and to have a ready answer at hand to satisfy the most skeptical of believers.

Roach even attended and graduated from the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School in Midland, MI - the oldest Santa school in the United States. Founded by one of Santa's original helpers, Charles Howard (the original Macy's Santa), the school tutors Santa's assistants from all over the country. Students learn about the history of Santa and the North Pole, how to answer difficult questions, elves and reindeer, as well as receiving hair and makeup lessons and sign language tutorials. However, nothing in the school's curriculum prepared the special assistants for operating within a global pandemic.

"It is a risk for both Sam and I, physically, but we both felt that it was especially important for us to help Santa this year," said Whitlow. "Everything is so topsy-turvy for the kids right now. School is not like it used to be, they have been kept out of activities and away from their friends and family members. Not only are they being put through the prolonged strain of isolation, they are witnessing an unprecedented level of discord surrounding the virus. We wanted to make sure that they still had Santa. We wanted at least this one aspect of Christmas to be as close to normal as possible for them."

Mrs. Whitlow was quick to remind that visits from Santa Claus bolster the spirit of Christmas in more than just the young.

"In a normal year, we visit a lot of different nursing homes and the residents' response is just tremendous," said Mrs. Whitlow with a reminiscent smile. "On one nursing home visit, several years back, we walked in and Santa greeted the residents with his big, bellowing 'Ho, Ho, Ho.' There was a little old lady present that had not spoken for over a year. The lady turned, looked right at him and said 'Santa.' The nurse that was with us, and the lady's family member that was with her, both started crying because it was the first time anyone had heard her speak in over a year. It is moments like that, that really enter our hearts and remind us why we do this. That's the most important thing to us. Trying to bring a little cheer to the lives of the people around us."



Sleigh Bells Ring . . Are You Listening?

Santa's sleigh bells could be heard dashing through the streets of Raymond on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, as the bearded man himself paid a special visit to local families. While Mr. Claus usually stops by the home of Tony and Ashley (Millburg) Walch of Raymond to greet their children and friends every year, due to the ongoing pandemic the couple coordinated the event for the community to help spread some holiday cheer. "Everyone involved loved it!" said Ashley Walch.

Mahnke Sleigh and Carriage Co. of Pana provided the sleigh and horse, while Luke and Heather McLeod of Taylorville assisted Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Pictured above, from the left, are Braden Myers, Amber Millburg, Brooklyn Gardner, Savannah Brune, Ayden Walch, Ashley Walch and Amelya Walch. Pictured at right, from the left, are Dominic, Zoey and Charlotte Robinson.



AFSCME Meets Virtually In December

by Joyce Shelton

The AFSCME Sub-Chapter #87 Retirees met via Zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 8. President David Spinner welcomed everyone to the meeting. Spinner introduced guest speaker, Joanna Webb-Gavin, the legislative director for AFSCME. Gavin works very diligently to protect all senior retirees.

Gavin stated that with the defeat of the "Fair Tax" there will be amendments proposed and cuts on the budget. The retirement pensions could be in jeopardy and any changes to the constitution will affect retirement income. Gavin told the group that the fall veto session was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She expects that the legislature will come back in January and continue to deal with non-COVID-19 issues, pharmaceutical issues and programs that are going to expire at the end of the year.

"Illinois has cut the budget for years and there are basically no more areas to cut in state government," Gavin told them.

She said that retirees will have to wait and see about financial assistance in the federal package to state and local government. There is a possibility that cuts in education and property taxes could be affected. The loss of income tax, revenue and services during this time of COVID-19 have taken a huge hit.

Gavin stated that pharmaceutical issues will be brought up during session and they would like to create an Accountability Prescription

Board. The board would use the top 200 most prescribed drugs and limit the amount regulated by insurance programs of the State of Illinois. Drug companies could not change the amount set for prescription drugs through the Accountability Prescription Board.

President Spinner thanked Gavin for her presentation and keeping everyone informed. Spinner told the group that Senator Andy Manar has been a great leader for AFSCME retirees on the prescription campaign. He has voted 100 percent for AFSCME issues and especially on the drug prescriptions and affordable drug issues.

Spinner then introduced Sheriff Tony Brown of Macon County. Brown has 30 years of experience in law enforcement in the Macon County Sheriff's Office and a lifetime of experience growing up and living in Macon County. He has been active in the community throughout his adult life, serving on several boards and committees and considers himself a community guy. He thanked the union for leading the way with the benefits they have acquired.

Brown brought up several scams that are currently going on in the area. Numerous phone scams such as wanting residents to buy a certain product, getting them to fall for it and it isn't valid. Some charities are asking for donations and residents need to check locally with a representative for exact clarification.

Brown stated that the IRS will never call you. There

are social and medical scams where everyone is asking for money for family issues such as grandkids are in trouble and need help. Computer scams which are an easy access for someone to actually take advantage of local residents and download your private information. Then they will hold you ransom to get your data resources back. Time Shares are a scam which estimates 17 million people fall for every year.

Spinner asked for a moment of silence for Celestine Taylor who passed away after a long battle with cancer. She worked at DCFS with some of her sub-chapter members. Her sister, Virginia Cooper and brother-in-law Dennis Cooper, thanked everyone for their prayers during this time of loss. Spinner asked what the designated charity was for Taylor, and they responded the Training Unit Department of the Church of the Living God located at 1003 W. Macon Street, Decatur, IL 62522.

The AFSCME Retiree Sub-Chapter 87 will not meet in January or February. The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, at 1 p.m.

The group is always open to new members or any retired senior who wants to stay informed on current state and federal issues. To register and participate in the next AFSCME Retiree Sub-Chapter Zoom meeting, contact President David Spinner at Bspinner@consolidated.net or call 217-324-2018.



Pence Couple Spread Christmas Cheer

Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia. Christ the Savior is born!

David and Patricia Pence of Hillsboro made spirits a little more bright as they visited a few local businesses and residents on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23, to perform beautiful Christmas numbers. The couple performed Peace On Earth, Goodwill To Man; Silent Night; and a beautiful composition of the two in German. "We're visiting some folks we love," said Patricia. "People have been so gracious to us." Pictured above, from the left, are Patricia and David Pence, and John Galer, Barb Boston and Mary Jo Hemken of *The Journal-News*.

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Joe And Kim McCario Win Contest

The winners of Panama's second (almost annual) Christmas Decorating Contest were announced on Saturday, Dec. 19.

The first place prize of \$200 and a \$75 Rural King gift certificate went to Joe and Kim McCario. The second place prize of \$150 went to Patsy Moore and the third place prize of \$100 went to John and Kim Pakovich. The People's Choice PNN (Panama News Network) award (\$100) went to Robbie and Kim Benson, and was selected by the number of likes each photo received on Facebook. All participants were entered into a special drawing. The drawing winners were Bonnie Eaton, Judy Clemons, Mary Jo Bone and Cheyenne Pruitt; each received \$25.

Sponsors of the holiday decorating contest were CNB Bank and Trust of Hillsboro, IGA of Greenville, The Iron Horse (owners, Dave and



Joey and Kim McCario's home (above) was awarded first place in Panama's Christmas Decorating Contest on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Dawn Tracy), J G and Associates (owner, Janice Griffiths), K and R Carwash (owners, Scot Kampmann and "Tractor" Robinson), Laughlin Electric (owner, Trent Laughlin), McCario Family Livestock (owners, Stevie and Ruth McCario), Nu-Way Deli (owners, Scot and Stephanie

Kampmann), Panama Hair Salon (owner, Ana McCario), Panama VFW Post #6628 (Commander Randy Thacker), Panama News Network, R.P. Lumber (Chuck Durbin, manager), Share the Soap (owner, Tori Tilton) and the Village of Panama.



HUMC Preschool Gets Visit From Santa

The afternoon class of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church Preschool program had an unexpected visitor from the North Pole on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Students in both the morning and afternoon classes have been celebrating the Christmas season with dress-up days, songs and Christmas-themed projects.



St. Omer Donates To Local Charities

St. Omer #30 Commandry Unit of Hillsboro, located at Mt. Moriah #51 Lodge in Hillsboro, donated \$250 each to local area charities. Charities included the Coffeen Food Pantry, the Coffeen School Angel tree and the Hillsboro Fire Department for the Food Basket program. Pictured above, from left to right are Commander Mark Osborn, Kendra McSperritt and Marci Gutierrez and Senior Warden Michael Walters.



Another \$250 donation from St. Omer #30 Commandry was made to the Coffeen Food Pantry. Pictured above, Senior Warden Michael Walters donates a check to Donna Summers.



Pictured above, Commander Mark Osborn, left, presents a check to Tim Page of the Hillsboro Fire Department for the Food Basket program.



Lily Pad Celebrates Fifth Birthday

It's a celebration five years in the making, as Lily Pad Learning Center in Litchfield celebrated its fifth birthday in the community on Monday, Dec. 7. Each classroom of children enjoyed special treats throughout the day, including cupcakes to mark the special occasion. Lily Pad Learning Center offers quality service programs to the youngest community members. The center is located at 202 W. Water Street in Litchfield.

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Fire Calls
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Twelve firefighters from the Hillsboro Fire Department responded to a call at 8:34 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23. No injuries were reported. They cleared the scene and were back in service at 8:50 a.m.

Barn Fire

On Monday, Dec. 21, at 9:30 a.m. Shoal Creek Fire Department responded to a barn fire on Old Nebow Road in Greenville. Seven firefighters were on scene, as well as mutual aid from Greenville and Pocahontas. Upon arrival, personnel found six bales, a garden tractor and more on fire. The fire was extinguished and they were back in service at 12 p.m.

IL Agriculture Offers Educational Field Trips

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom is inviting people to take free educational field trips from the warmth of their own homes this winter. The virtual tours include traveling to a Christmas tree farm, checking out a corn harvest and listening to a story from a cranberry bog.

The free virtual educational field trips may be accessed online at <https://beyondthebarn-door.wordpress.com>. Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom has been sharing virtual field trips since summer with people of all ages. Some other trips included an apple orchard, pumpkin farm, soybean harvest, popcorn harvest and a pork farm.

Past "Everyday Agriculture" activities take viewers on a journey to each state to learn a little more about agriculture around the country.

They have had visits with authors, shared lesson plans and offered teacher trainings.

In January, Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom will take virtual trips to a dairy farm and the Pro Football Hall of Fame to illuminate how agriculture, history and football all connect. Other future themes include Illinois history, soils, specialty crops, soybeans, Earth Day, beef, flowers and more.

Those interested may follow Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom on Facebook for the latest releases, including family engagement challenges and family cooking challenges. Other features of the social media site include a daily ag-cyclopedia post about the meaning of agricultural terms and reliable resources (a dig deeper book) for those that wish to delve further into a topic.

Red Cross Shares Tips To Prevent Cooking Fires

Members of the Red Cross share some tips to prevent cooking fires this holiday season. While the coronavirus may have changed many of our holiday gatherings, the need to protect ourselves from cooking fires continues.

Typically, Christmas is one of the peak days for cooking fires, which is the top cause of home fires in the U.S. Most often, these emergencies are caused by unattended cooking — a common behavior shared by nearly 70 percent of us, as shown in a national American Red Cross survey earlier this year.

1. Keep an eye on the fryer and never leave cooking food unattended. If one must leave the kitchen, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

2. Move items that can burn away from the stove. This includes dish towels, bags, boxes, paper and curtains. Also keep children and pets at least three feet away.

3. Avoid wearing loose clothing while cooking.

4. When frying food, turn the burner off if smoke is visible or if the grease starts to boil. Carefully remove the pan from the burner.

5. Keep a pan lid or a cookie sheet nearby. Use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire. This will put out the fire. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

It takes two minutes to escape a fire. Families are encouraged to test their smoke alarms monthly and practice a home fire escape plan until everyone can get out in less than two minutes—the amount of time one may have to get out of a burning home before it's too late.

Visit www.redcross.org/fire for more information, including an escape plan to practice with family. The public may also download the free Red Cross Emergency app (search "American Red Cross" in app stores).

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Nokomis FFA Students Earn 13th In State Contest

A team of students from Nokomis High School FFA recently completed in the state agronomy contest, where they placed 13th overall. Pictured above, from the left are Ethan Knodle, Ty Knodle, Alden Knodle and Kolin Reynolds.

Police

Litchfield Police

• Eric S. Hentry, 35, of Litchfield, was jailed for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance at 2:12 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Jackson and Tyler.

• Katelin D. McCoy, 21, of Staunton, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 7:35 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18.

• Latondra B. Wilmot, 50, of Springfield, was jailed for possession of drug paraphernalia, burglary, obstructing identification, for a Sangamon County warrant and for driving while license revoked at 8:25 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Walmart.

• Anthony W. Burrows, 60, of Springfield, was jailed for burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia at 8:25 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Walmart.

• Jeremy W. Steele, 41, of Clever, MO, was cited for a violation of license classification, for no valid registration on a trailer and for no valid registration on a truck at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Rt. 16 and Ohren.

• Shelia K. Lyons, 63, of Phoenix, AZ, was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 3:18 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the I-55 exit ramp and Rt. 16.

• Emily E. Miller, 37, of Panama, was cited for having only one red tail light and for operating an uninsured vehicle at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at McKinley and Old Quarry Trail.

• David E. Jones, 49, of Pana, was cited for improper use of registration, driving

while license revoked and for operating an uninsured vehicle at 8:56 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Rt. 16 and Ohren.

• Carmen S. Carlock, 28, of Stonington, was jailed for a Shelby County warrant, a Christian County warrant, for possession of methamphetamine and for possession of a hypodermic needle at 8:56 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Rt. 16 and Ohren.

• Michael S. Haycraft, 33, of Litchfield, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 5:44 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at the 700 block of South State.

• Zachary R. Miller, 26, of Litchfield, was cited for driving under the influence at 7:13 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Rt. 16 and Corvette.

• Christian A. Perkins, 22, of Litchfield, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 9:53 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Monroe and Tyler.

• Barbara A. Mills, 30, of Litchfield, was cited for no valid license and for unlawful possession of cannabis in a motor vehicle by a driver at 12:31 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Jackson and Corwin.

• Breann H. Schaff, 25, of Litchfield, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 7:02 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at State and Water.

• Lucas A. Diesselhorst, 39, of Litchfield, was cited for a Montgomery County warrant at 7:46 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the 800 block of South Jackson.

• Joseph A. Sharp, 35, of Peoria, was cited for driving while license revoked and for a Peoria County warrant at 10:02 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Corvette and Rt. 16.

• Alex M. Brown, 34, of Litchfield, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 11:19 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at State and Tyler.

• Ashtyn J. Mogged, 23, of Riverton, was cited for driving while license suspended and operating vehicle registration suspended at 1:07 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Rt. 16 and four-lane Rt. 66.

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Court

• Ryan J. Dale, 31, of Taylor Springs, faces a felony charge of violation of the sex offender registry on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

• Lael D. Zeigler, 35, of Decatur, was charged with obstructing identification and possession of drug paraphernalia on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

• Charges from December 2019 of possession of drug paraphernalia against Thomas J. Perkins, 21, of Litchfield, were dismissed on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

• Rockelle J. Atwater, 21, of Decatur, faces a felony charge of unlawful posses-

sion of a firearm by a felon on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

• Tyler J. Fudge, 22, of Greenville, pleaded guilty to resisting a peace officer on Wednesday, Dec. 9, and was sentenced to 30 days in jail with a credit of 15 days served, fined \$75, plus court costs. An additional misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct was dismissed.

• Darin S. Utley, 29, of Champaign, faces felony charge of armed violence and possession of or selling a stolen vehicle on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

• John J. Paoli, 53, of Roch-

ester, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct on Thursday, Dec. 10, and was sentenced to 18 months of supervision, fined \$100, plus court costs. A misdemeanor of resisting a peace officer was dismissed.

• Braiden T. Becker, 18, of Nokomis, pleaded guilty to theft on Thursday, Dec. 10, and was sentenced to 12 months of supervision, fined \$100, plus court costs.

• John R. Hargis, 30, of Springfield, pleaded guilty to a felony of possession of meth on Thursday, Dec. 10, and was sentenced to 24 months of probation, 60 days in jail with

a credit of two days served, fined \$100, plus court costs.

• Randy T. Rolland, 31, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to criminal trespass to state land on Thursday, Dec. 10, and was sentenced to two days in jail with a credit of one day served, fined \$75, plus court costs.

• Boyd C. Shafer, 64, of Girard, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Friday, Dec. 11.

• Angela C. Wiser, 40, of Virden, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Friday, Dec. 11.



Pana Fire Claims Three Downtown Buildings

Montgomery County volunteer firefighters were called to assist Pana Fire Department in a large structure fire that eventually claimed three downtown buildings on Tuesday morning, Dec. 22. Members of the Pana Fire Department were paged at 10:01 a.m. to 132 East 2nd Street, where they found three unoccupied buildings heavily involved. The cause of the blaze is under investigation by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal. Six personnel from Nokomis Fire Department responded for mutual aid at 10:20 a.m. and were back in service at 3 p.m. Two members of the Hillsboro Fire Department responded—with 13 waiting at the station—at 11:03 a.m. and were back at 2:42 p.m. The Witt Fire Department was also on scene.

Traffic Court

• Jason L. Rhodes, 46, of Nokomis, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Madelyn M. Rupert, 17, of Butler, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.

• Alan W.D. Satterlee, 23, of Hillsboro, driving on a suspended license.

• Michael C. Scroggins, 48, of Hillsboro, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.

• Brandi J. Smiddy, 45, of Nokomis, driving on a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Pamela K. Smith, 43, of Nokomis, operating an unin-

sured motor vehicle, improper turn signal, unlicensed.

• Melissa L. Snow, 37, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Grant C. Thrasher, 18, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, expired registration.

• Danielle N. Vincent, 33, of Witt, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

• Samantha S. Weinstein, 29, of Nokomis, disregarding a stop sign.

• Andrea S. Weller, 37, of Hillsboro, failure to reduce speed.

Accidents

Deer Accident

Adrienne T. Wright, 30, of Donnellson, was westbound on Mt. Moriah Avenue, just west of Short Road in East Fork Township at 6:46 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, when a deer entered the roadway and caused a collision.

Her vehicle sustained front end damage.

Failure To Reduce Speed

Two vehicles were involved in an accident at 3:18 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the exit ramp to I-55 and Rt. 16 in Litchfield.

Penny S. Estes, of Divernon, was stopped on the exit ramp in a 2014 Ford F150 at the stop sign, when she began to turn right, before stopping to look for oncoming traffic. Estes' vehicle was then struck from behind by a 2020 Ford

F250, driven by Shelia K. Lyons, of Phoenix, AZ. Lyons told Litchfield Police that she saw Estes begin to pull forward, but did not realize she had paused again for traffic.

The collision damaged the right rear bumper of Estes' vehicle and the front bumper of Lyons' vehicle. Lyons was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on December 7, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: TAYLOR KAY ART GALLERY located at 419 S. MAIN ST. in the city of HILLSBORO and state of IL.

Dated December 7, 2020
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
60-3T*

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA J. JOHNSON, DECEASED.

No. 2020P76 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of PATRICIA J. JOHNSON of Raymond, Montgomery County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 30, 2020 to GERALD L. JOHNSON, 189 North Meadowbrook Rd., Springfield, IL 62711 and FLOYD A. JOHNSON, 151 Johnson Lane, Raymond, IL 62019, as Co-Executors, whose attorney is HANTLA & HANTLA, LTD., 413 N. State Street, P.O. Box 69, Litchfield, Illinois 62056.

Claims against the estate

may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated December 15, 2020.
GERALD L. JOHNSON,
Legal Representative
FLOYD A. JOHNSON,
Legal Representative
HANTLA & HANTLA, LTD.,
his attorneys
HANTLA & HANTLA, LTD. Attorneys at Law
413 N. State Street
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 30, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **KIRBY VINYL** located at **512 PARK STREET** in the city of **TAYLOR SPRINGS** and state of **IL**.

Dated November 30, 2020
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

WITHDRAWAL NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Monday, December 14, 2020, a supplementary certificate for withdrawal was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the name or names and post-office address or addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **JAI RE-NEE HANDMADE** located at **631 FAIRMONT PLACE, HILLSBORO, IL 62049**.

Dated Monday, December 14, 2020
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County Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF LITCHFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

The City of Litchfield, Illinois Planning Commission does hereby give notice of a Public Hearing on the following:

1. Zoning change from C-2 Commercial to S-1 Residential for the purpose of constructing a public school building.
2. Street vacation of West St. John St. starting at State St. to Jefferson St. for the purpose of constructing a public school building.
3. Setback variances of: ± seven (7) ft., ± sixteen (16) ft. and ± one and a half (1-1/2) ft. for the

purpose of constructing a public school building

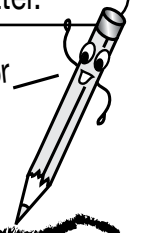
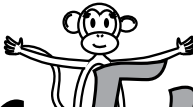
The time of the Public Hearing shall be 6:00 p.m. on January 11, 2021 at Litchfield City Hall located at 12 East Ryder Street in Litchfield, IL.

In light of the current COVID-19 public health emergency, this public hearing / meeting will be held remotely. Public can access at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85415790526> Meeting ID: 854 1579 0526 or call the following to participate 1-312-626-6799.

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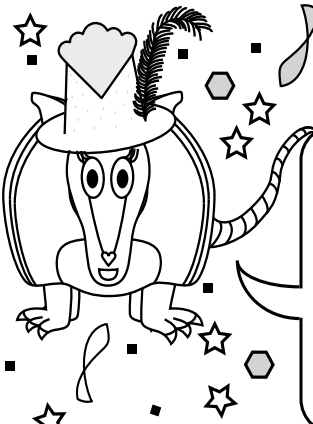
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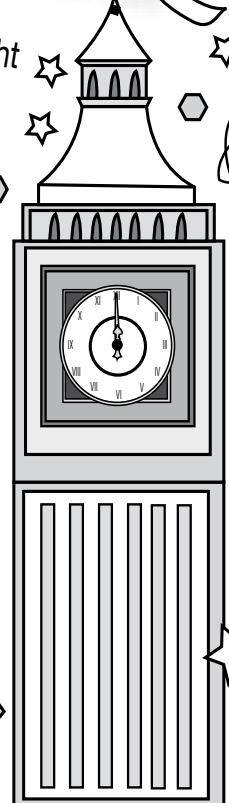
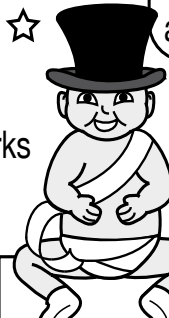
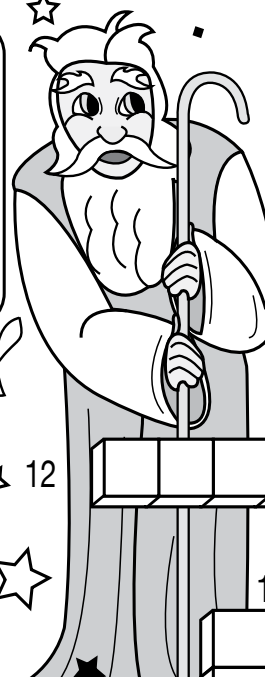
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Kids: color stuff in!



I **really** like the New Year celebration. It comes around and gives me a new chance **every** year to do a little better or start doing something in a new way. What do you know about the celebration of the new year? **Read these clues to help you fill in this New Year puzzle:**

Out With the Old Year,
In With the New!



1. in Ancient Rome, the new year started in _____ because the month of January did not exist yet

2. to represent the birth of a New Year we use a newborn _____ dressed in a top hat and a sash

3. by the end of the year the child grows into a wrinkled _____

4. _____ time is used to represent the passage of years; he usually carries an hourglass

5. to celebrate the new year many people gather to eat, drink and dance at a _____; the biggest is in New York City in Times Square

6. _____ light up the sky in celebration; they can be seen behind the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower and the Forbidden City in China

7. the new year officially begins when the clock strikes _____

8. everyone's favorite New Year's _____ is "Auld Lang Syne," which means 'old long since'

9. after the parties of New Year's eve, many people relax by watching the big _____ game, "The Rose Bowl"

10. after the game people line the streets to watch the "Rose _____," which takes place in California

11. friends wish each other a happy, _____ New Year

12. people use the start of a new year as a way to better themselves through New Year's _____

baby

Father

fireworks

healthy

song

party

midnight

old man

resolutions

football

parade

I promise to...



What's a New Year's Resolution?

Have you ever heard of a **New Year's resolution**? It is a promise you make to yourself to change something or add something to your life. My New Year's resolution is to do my chores without being reminded by my Mom. What will be **your** New Year's resolution?

This 2-part puzzle has ideas that **you** might like to try. **First, read the clues and fill in the crossword puzzle. Next, match each resolution to its 2nd part that would "kick it up" a bit.**

1. get more fresh air and _____

2. finish all your _____

3. spend less time talking on the _____

4. try out a new _____ or sport

5. clean your _____

6. watch less _____

7. develop a new, special _____ (singing, dancing, juggling)

8. feed your _____

9. think about how to make yourself healthy _____

10. do your _____ well before it is due

11. save up your _____

12. get to _____ on time

A. and invite friends and family over instead

B. and help your brother and sister with theirs

C. and put on a show for your family to enjoy

D. and take on a few extra little jobs without being asked

E. and choose an exciting book to read instead

F. and spend it on someone else

G. and make a chart of your progress

H. with clean clothes and a clean you!

I. and help your parents shop and pick out fruits you like

J. and help with the rest of the house too

K. and play with it every day, and keep it clean too

L. and become the best you can at it

exercise

school

chores

homework

room

hobby

pet

talent

television

telephone

snacks

allowance

Forecast for a New Year!

Circle "yes" if you think an item could happen in the new year and "no" if it is just silly:

1. Small drones will be delivering pizzas and packages.

2. We will build a colony on the moon and live there.

3. Art shown on computer displays as well as canvases.

4. Cars will travel on the roads with no one driving them.

5. An entire meal will fit into one tiny pill.

yes no

yes no

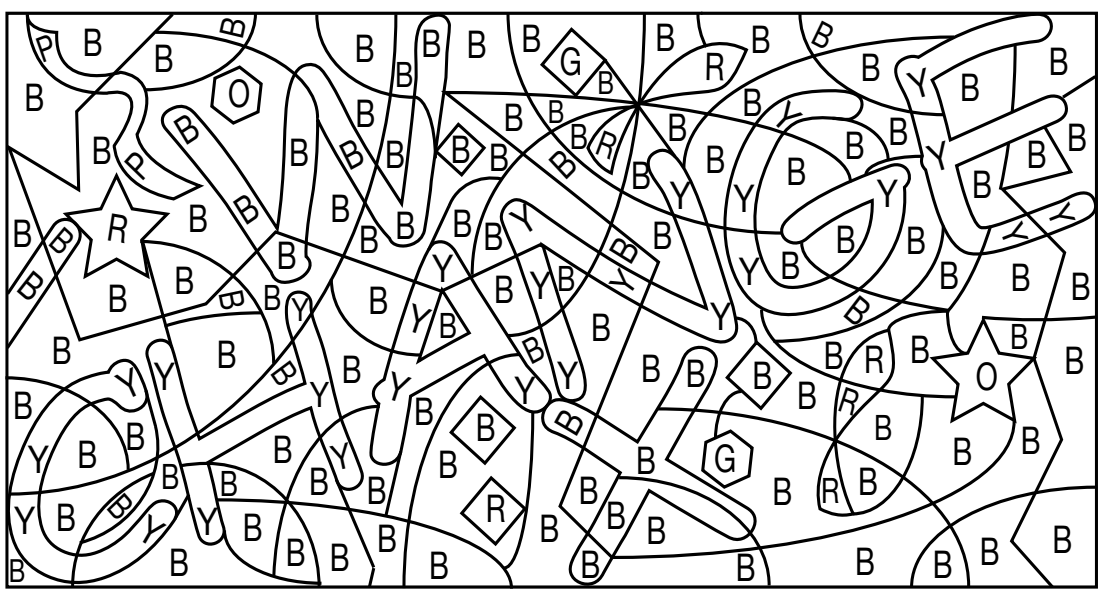
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yes no

yes no

Follow the color key to see one thing you can count on next year:

Color Key: B = Blue R = Red O = Orange Y = Yellow P = Pink G = Green



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Donations Rolling In For Nokomis Pool

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the Nokomis Memorial Pool project received a big boost from a fixture of the Nokomis business community. Five days later, they got even more good news.

State Farm Insurance agent Tim Huber, along with his wife Liz, donated \$1,000 to the project, which will go toward the Nokomis Park District's share of the project.

In January 2020, the park district received a \$350,000 matching grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and has been raising the other portion of the funds since that time.

The project will completely renovate the pool, which was losing six to eight inches of water a day during the 2019 season due to several leaks.

In addition to fixing the leak issue, the new pool will also have several new features, including a slide with a plunge area, a splash pad and a zero-entry area that makes the pool more accessible.

The other big news of the week is that an anonymous couple has pledged to match



State Farm insurance agent Tim and Liz Huber of Nokomis presented a \$1,000 donation to the Nokomis Memorial Park Pool project on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Above, from the left, are Tim Huber and Tyler Batty, fundraising coordinator for the pool project.

donations to the project for the remainder of 2020 up to \$10,000.

"The couple wish to remain anonymous but thought this would be a great way to raise even more than just their donation," said Ros O'Malley, who has been assisting in

some of the fundraising efforts.

For those who would like to donate to the project, donations can be mailed to the Nokomis Memorial Park Pool, P.O. Box 153, Nokomis, IL, 62075.



Beckemeyer Students Give Back

The kindergarten through fifth grade students at Beckemeyer Elementary School have been hard at work raising money for the Hillsboro Fire Department's Christmas Basket program. The little learners presented a generous donation to the department on Wednesday, Dec. 16. Above, from the left, are Parker Page, firefighter Chris Sherer, Marisa Shipman, Jack Zimmerman, Liam Wolf, Easton Page and Chloe Sherer, a substitute teachers aid/para professional at the elementary school.

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COVID Vaccine

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“I am so grateful that our caregivers who have been serving on the front line of this pandemic are receiving the first vaccines here at St. Francis,” said HSHS St. Francis Hospital President and CEO Jim Timpe. “I am so thankful for everything our colleagues have done this year and the vaccine’s arrival represents hope at our hospital and for our community.”

All of the vaccines were administered smoothly and safely.

The doses, which arrived Wednesday morning, were administered to colleagues providing patient care, all of whom voluntarily consented to receive the vaccine. At this time, Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) is not requiring its colleagues to receive the vaccination, although they are recommending colleagues

receive the vaccine when it is available to them.

HSHS St. Francis Hospital will be following the CDC guidelines to determine during which phases their colleagues will receive the vaccine. Locally, they will work closely with the Montgomery County Health Department as they continue to receive additional doses.

“This is an exciting step to be able to provide an additional level of protection for our colleagues who continue to provide exceptional and compassionate patient care in the midst of this pandemic,” said Timpe.

Local hospitals still encourage people to do their part to decrease the number of COVID cases in the area by being diligent with proper hand washing, social distancing, wearing masks and staying home when we are ill.



Winning Grand Champion honors were Eric and Stacy Lamb and family. Pictured above, from the left, are Cisler Real Estate Marketing Coordinator Cassie Beesley, Cecily Lamb and David Cisler.



This year's runner-up was Jared and Samantha Smith and family. Pictured above, from the left, are Nate Jackson, Samantha Smith, Berkley Smith, Jared Smith and Cisler Real Estate Marketing Coordinator Cassie Beesley.

Litchfield Chamber Hosts Decorating Contest

Members of the Litchfield community were encouraged to participate in the first annual Litchfield Home for the Holidays Decorating Contest during the month of December.

The event was sponsored by the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce, Cisler and Associates Real Estate, Inc. and Festive Citizens of Litchfield.

“We have a great first year organizing the contest,” said Cisler Marketing Coordinator Cassie Beesley. “It was amazing to work with everyone, to watch the response come in

through the website, and to see all the homes participate in a very successful way.”

Participants were asked to submit photos of their lit homes, which were uploaded to litchfieldhomefortheholidays.com. The public was then invited to vote on their favorite home online.

The grand champion of this year's contest, with over 22 percent of the vote, is Eric and Stacy Lamb, located at 4311 Beach House Trail in Litchfield. They were awarded \$200 of Litchfield chamber dollars and an official 2020 yard sign declaring them the winner.

Winning runner-up honors

was the home owned by Jared and Samantha Smith, located at 609 West Columbia Street. The couple won \$100 of Litchfield chamber dollars and also a sign with their designation.

The chamber, as well as Cisler and Associates Real Estate, give special thanks to those who participated and made the event possible.

“It was an awesome first year event with many businesses handing out flyers, sharing posts on social media and helping with the event,” said Managing Broker Dave Cisler. “We hope to be a part of the second annual contest in 2021.”

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COVID Update

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Montgomery County Health Department Administrator Hugh Satterlee said that the quarantine period has been shortened in some cases, but said compliance with the health department is still of the utmost importance.

Adults who show no signs or symptoms of COVID-19 may be released from their quarantine in ten days with no COVID test, as long as they continue to show no signs or symptoms and check in with the health department by text, email or phone call.

There is the possibility of release from quarantine after seven days with a negative test result. Satterlee said the rapid tests are not accepted, only a PCR test. And again, individuals must show no signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

“If the results of their COVID test come back negative, they could go back to work, as long as they continue to speak with health department officials,” Satterlee said. “We will continue to monitor them for a full 14 days.”

Satterlee added that they have had a case where an

adult tested positive for the virus after ten days, but that it's not the norm.

“We aren't saying it can't happen, but the chances are a lot lower,” Satterlee said. “The CDC is trying to make it so people are more willing to stay in quarantine for at least seven days.”

However, while these guidelines will work for adults, they do not apply to any children, up to age 18 at this time. Satterlee said he has been in contact with all four county school districts about that.

“The reason behind that is that we have seen an uptick in cases of younger people,” Satterlee said. “Kids are becoming more prevalent in testing positive. At this time, we have not had any known linkage of spread within any of the schools, and we'd like to keep it that way. Why try to fix what's already working?”

Satterlee said that he's very proud of county school districts for maintaining in-person learning and keeping students and staff as safe as possible throughout the pandemic.

School Board

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In the Panhandle School District, only two candidates filed for three seats: Gabe Pope from Raymond Township and Scott Cowdrey from Pitman Township.

In addition to school board elections, the April 6 consolidated election will also elect

officers in municipalities, townships, park districts, library districts, educational service regions, community college districts, and fire protection districts. Those candidates' filing period also ended on Monday, Dec. 17, and those petitions were filed with each district's local election official.

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Hillsboro United Methodist Preschool Morning Class

Dear Santa,
I would like some Elsa and Anna toys. My sister Zada would like some dinosaurs. My brother Jake would like some toy cars. Bradon would like a dinosaur backpack, He is my cousin. Nora, my cousin, would like toy makeup. Bring Mommy some teacher stuff for work and Daddy more cameras for deer hunting. I've been a good girl and so has Zada and my cousins have been so good too.

Love,
Ava Beeler, Age 3

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby that walks. My brother Archer would like a teddy bear and my sister, Adisyn would like a choo choo train. Mommy would like flowers and Daddy some tools for the house. I have been a good girl, we have all been good.

Love,
Audrey Evans, Age 3

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll, a real one. I wants some blocks to share with my sister Ava. Ava would like some of blocks too, to share with me. Mommy needs a new coffee cup for her coffee. She loves coffee. Daddy needs a shooting thing to shoot deer with when he goes hunting. My dog needs a dog toy. I have been good and so has my sister Ava.

Love,
Rylee Fath, Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want some Baymax toys, some that are big and little. I want some Iron man toys. Kylee would like a dolly, she likes those and some games to play. MaKinley would like some Barbies and some Barbie clothes because all her barbies are naked. Mommy needs another ring like the plastic one she has already. Daddy needs two Ax for throwing so he can throw them at the barn wall. Santa, are you at the North Pole making my toys? I have been a good boy and my sisters have been good too.

Love,
Jake Furness, Age 3

Dear Santa,
I would like some Superman toys. My Mom would like toy cars to play with me. Daddy would like a car. I have been good.

Love,
Ryker Loskot, Age 3

Dear Santa,
I would like some super wings. Izzy wants some girl stuff and Henry would like a train. Mommy would like Dizzy the helicopter from Doc McStuffin. Daddy wants a Donnie toy. I have been good.

Love,
James McLaughlin, Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur that poops out a car. It's like a track thing. I want a little blue tractor and some hot wheels. Waylon would like a toy bear and we both want big trucks



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to play with. Mommy wants some new clothes and Daddy needs some new shirts and boots. I have been a good boy and so has Waylon.

Love,
Wrigley Reincke, Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want some toys, just some toys. Mommy wants a doll house and Barbies...a big one like at the preschool with five stories. Daddy wants a work bench with tools. I have been naughty this year, but good too

Love,
Landon Saathoff, Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a toy horse and a toy dragon. My sister, Temperance, wants some Paw Patrol toys. My brother, Seeley, wants some superman stuff. My

Momma needs supergirl toys and my Dadda needs superman toys so he can play with Seeley. We have all been good!

Love,
Emmersyn Snyder, Age 4

Dear Santa,
I would like Chase, Marshall, Rocky, Rubble, Sky and Ryder Paw Parols toys. Also, I would like some dinosaurs and toy cars. Emmy would like Barbie and Chelsea and a doll house. My brother, Seeley, would like some dinosaurs. My Mommy needs clothes, she likes them. Daddy needs some shoes and clothes. We have all been good!

Love,
Temperance Snyder, Age 4

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy trac-

tor with a wagon, claw and a bucket. Kolton would like some baby toys, he is still little. I have no idea what Mommy wants, but she has been good. Daddy needs a new hammer, his other one is broke. We have been good!

Love,
Liam Traylor, Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a guy with a motorcycle and truck. Colby wants a car and a truck and a guy and a motorcycle. Casen would like a police lego set and a fire lego set and a shield. Sissy wants nothing. Her has been good but she wants nothing. Mommy needs a new key to start the big car, not a new car just a new key. Daddy needs a key chain that say Dad on it, with mom, Dad and all my

family on it. I have been good!

Love,
Ledger Wilkinson, Age 3

Hillsboro United Methodist Preschool Afternoon Class

Dear Santa,
I would like present pets and a Barbie. Mommy would like some dinosaurs and Daddy would like some hunting stuff. I have been really good!

Love,
Mabry Bondurant, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me Barbies and some Princesses and some chocolate kisses. Emma would like some chocolate too, I think so anyway. Lilly wants some Barbies. Mom wants some coffee, like the McDon-

ald's kind with lots of sugar in it. Dad would like soda, he likes the pepper one, I think it is called Dr. Pepper. Mamaw would like some chocolate out of a candy bowl. I've been a good girl!

Love,
Nora Carlock, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy Nerf gun, and a bat, ball and baseball glove. I also need a new fishing pole and some bait. Mommy needs a new phone to call somebody on. Daddy needs some tools for wood, he sometimes makes things and he needs a new pair of gloves to work on the fence. I've been really good this year!

Love,
Coen Guinn, Age 5



Dear Santa,
I would like a huge Teddy Bear and a puppy, a real one, with a cage and food to feed it! Peyton needs a new softball glove, a green one. Bailey would like some books because she likes to read and she wants a real puppy too. Momma wants a blanket that is a rainbow and warm. And talk to her about a puppy, I've been wanting one for a long time. I'll take care of it and so with Peyton and Bailey. Dad needs a new semi to haul grain. I've been good, but Bailey has been mean to me a little bit, but forgive her for that. Peyton has been really good too!

Love,
Sawyer Chappellear, Age 4

Dear Santa,
I would like a mandalorian from Star Wars and a black hover board. Also I need a new pair of blue rain boots. Micah would like a pink hover board and some new Polly Pockets. Mom needs some new summer clothes so she can get a tan. Dad needs a new phone because his phone is a little bit broken, it has a little bit of a crack on it, but it still works, he just needs a new one. The new baby needs a flamingo teething toy for when the new baby gets here. I have been a little bit bad, but a lot good and Micah has been a little bit of both too.

Love,
Ryker Holtschulte, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll Dream House and some Barbies of course. I have also been wishing for a picture of you and your elves. I would like a real baby doll that pees and eats. Hallie needs toy race track for us to share and our new baby, Sawyer, needs a bassinet. Whatever Mommy and Daddy wish for, I would like you to bring that to them. We have been good girls because we always listen to our Mommy and Daddy!

Love,
Layla Jewell, Age 4

Dear Santa,
I would like a big choo choo train that everyone can ride in like the long one on my preschool wall, but a real one. I also want a new transformer, I need Megatron, I don't have him yet. I want Bumblebee that transforms into a dinosaurs. Violet wants a big Barbie house, she has one, but would like two and a new Barbie that can go underwater like a mermaid. She also wants a karaoke machine. I want my sissy to have a pink choo choo train! Mommy wants a new tv because our tv is not working. Dada wants a new camera to take pictures and I want him to have a black choo choo train and a car that can fly. We have all been good!

Love,
Ellis Limbaugh, Age 5

Dear Santa,
We have had fun with Jingle Bells! Thank you for letting her come to our house. I would really like a unicorn on a leash that walks by itself. Jingle Bells is the best elf I could ask for and I'm happy Lilly has an elf this year! I would like a hatchimal crystal flyer. Please bring my brother, Dominic a Mickey that does the flossing dance so that he can learn it and teach me and please bring Dahlia a hatchimal crystal flyer too. Also, can you tell my Daddy thank you for going to work really hard and doing his job and tell him that I really miss him! Thank you for working hard Santa.

Love,
Demi Maass, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a horse that has a Barbie with it. A talking flamingo that says "Hello there." I think Brady would like a baby toy called starbely dream light for his bedroom so he will quit messing with mine. Mommy needs a pink sweater with butterflies and flowers on it. It will be so comfortable, maybe some yellow and white on the sweater too. Daddy wants a really really cool computer and it has to have trucks on it that boys like, like a race track, I think that would be cool. You need to put a tag on it that says "This is from Santa and I love you very very much." I have been good.

Love,
Mya McBrain, Age 5

Dear Santa,
My mom said I could only have clothes. She won't let me get a game controller but I'm going to get a tv at my house. My dad has a game controller at his house. We want a boxing game and a gas 4-Wheeler. I want Mom to have new clothes and a mower for the yard. Dad needs a new controller for his game. Kenny needs a new phone. Whitney, I want her to have a toy. Legos and she is a grown up Calvin wants a Nerf gun for no reason. Madeleine wants some boots and pretty shoes. Landon wants a Nintendo Switch. I want Lucas to get a 4-Wheeler because his Landon has one.

love,
Crosby Michaelis, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a baby cat, but my mom won't let me, so if you will get it for me, I will keep it a secret that way her doesn't know. Mommy wants new carpet, she really wants that. Dad wants his side by side because it is being worked on. Jackson needs a new go-cart. I've been good!

Love,
Gannon Niehaus, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a bouncy house and a Star Bright Star Bright and a mermaid that changes colors. I want Garrett to get a smaller tractor. My mom would like a flower. Dad needs a tractor home. He likes green ones. I want a cannon that shoots out gum balls! I've been a really good girl!

Love,
Tessa White, Age 4

St. Agnes Preschool Class

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a new dirt bike, a semi toy, a trailor and backhoe toy and a new Peppa Pig house.

Love,
Huntley, Age 4

Dear Santa,
I live in Hillsboro and have been very nice this year. I really want a nerf gun and hatchables. Can I also have baby toys for my one-year old brother and sister. I drew you a picture.

Love,
Jaron, Age 4

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. The nicest thing I did was go four-wheeler riding with my dad. I hope you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeers have been well. I wish I could

have a four wheeler, and a train with a train track for Christmas. Can I also have a four-wheeler for my dad?

Love,
Wyatt, Age 4

Dear Santa,
I have been extra nice this year. Can you please bring me a toy reindeer with a sleigh and a snow globe? I would also like a stuffed cat and a stuffed dog.

Love,
Haven, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been very, very good this year. I even help my dad with chores. I want a toy block truck with a boat and a trailor to carry things. I think you are good.

Love,
Hunter, Age 4

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice this year and only a little naughty. I really want Mario legos, a truck transformer action figure and a jack-o-lantern pumpkin sheet for my bed. Can my mom have a new doll and a new Christmas tree and ornaments.

Love,
Archer, Age 5

**HCCDC
Ms. Maddie Ms. Kassidy
Ms. Kaitlin
Two Year Old Room**

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me dog and cars.

Love,
Connor

Dear Santa,
I have been bad this year. I want you to bring me a horse, a bubble.

Love,
Karsyn

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me cars, baby dolls, and toys.

Love,
Se'Rinity

Dear Santa I have been good this year. I want you to bring me baby dolls.

Love,
Madalynn

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me colors and baby dolls.

Love,
Presley

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me dinosaurs, trucks and cars.

Love,
Leo

Dear Santa,
I have been bad this year. I want you to bring me candy and 2 presents.

Love,
Madyxx

Dear Santa,
I have been bad this year. I want you to bring me more planes, paw patrol planes, zebras, presents.

Love,
Noah

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me presents, baby dolls.

Love,
Ahnna

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me bikes, cheese, blanket.

Love,
Weston

Dear Santa,
I have been bad and good this year. I want you to bring me Blue Monster trucks "Monster trucks, Monster trucks, Monster trucks"

Love,
Fletcher

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me trucks, tractors, trains, boots.

Love,
Bo

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me Blue toys, presents.

Love,
Emi

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me dinosaurs and cars.

Love,
Ware

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me Mickey Mouse and babies.

Love,
Aislee

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me Books and little people.

Love,
Lainey

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Dear Santa,
My name is Rory and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are help my friend and his mom and dad move into a new house. This year for Christmas I would like something with wheels. I love 4 wheelers. I would also like all the Paw Patrol toys and a lookout tower. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!

Love,
Rory

Dear Santa,
My name is Riley and I am 3 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty. A few things that I did that were nice are I peed on the potty today! This year for Christmas I would like donuts. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!

Love,
Riley

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryer and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are helping take care of my baby sister Rowen. This year for Christmas I would like Hulk Smash! Captain America and Iron Man. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!

Love,
Bryer

Dear Santa,
My name is Amelia and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are helped Mom clean. This year for Christmas I would like Fiesty pet, Barbie, horse stuff, Princess Amelia, Yohan, Morning Star. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!

Love,
Amelia

Dear Santa,
My name is Merritt and I am 3 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that

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were nice are play with my friends, peepee on potty. This year for Christmas I would like Santa Claus to come to my home. A car and dinosaurs. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Merriitt

Dear Santa,
My name is Silas J. and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are I picked up toys at my house. This year for Christmas I would like presents! A car, a Spiderman and slime. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Silas

Dear Santa,
My name is Kamryn and I am 5 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things that I did that were nice are playing with Amelia, cheering somebody up and playing with my cousins. This year for Christmas I would like A Barbie dream-house, a crystal flyer, more work tools for Daddy, make-up for Mommy and a pirate ships for my brother Owen. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Kamryn

Dear Santa,
My name is Paisley and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are my sister Brooklyn fell off my railing slide and I ran inside to get my Mom so she could help her because she was hurt. This year for Christmas I would like purple scooter, a real live cat, and a real life dog, and a real life

pony, and my own kitchen area, and a bowl so I can eat in bed and have ramen noodles. They are my favorite! I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Paisley

Dear Santa,
My name is Fallon and I am 3 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been crazy and good. A few things I did that were nice are I played with my family and I picked up a little toys Keaton and Hayden have been crazy! This year for Christmas I would like Moana doll for Hayden and a fire truck man for Keaton I want another Elsa doll to be 4 Elsa dolls! Some big blocks! I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Fallon

Dear Santa,
My name is Keegan and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are I cleaned up my toys, I laid down in my bed and wasn't talking or anything to go to sleep. This year for Christmas I would like a Big T-Rex toy Indominus Rex. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Keegan

Dear Santa,
My name is Landry and I am 3 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very naughty. A few things I did that were nice are be nice to my brother and I was petting my Maggie dog. This year for Christmas I would like Hulk Smash hands and a Hulk egg with candy and toys in it. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Landry

Dear Santa,
My name is Carter and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that

were nice are Me and Griffin and Izzy played a ball game together and we were nice to each other. I cleaned up my toys. This year for Christmas I would like Thomas Train set, a basketball you can hook up to the wall outside, and a animal train city, and then I want a train, motorcycle, and a combine. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Carter

Dear Santa,
My name is Lucy and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are I shared with my brother. I play with Carter. This year for Christmas I would like Mira detective set, a baby and a computer. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Lucy

Dear Santa,
My name is Alanna and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are being nice to my Mom, and I played with my friend Fal-lon. This year for Christmas I would like a Pixie flyer and lots and lots of toys. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Alanna

Dear Santa,
My name is Blake and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are I give my puppy toys and I play with Levi. This year for Christmas I would like RC Lazer, RC Monster Truck and an RC rock growler! I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Blake

Dear Santa,
My name is Sonny and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are I cleaned up all my toys at my

house when my brothers were at school. I helped my Mom make breakfast pizza and I put the cheese on. This year for Christmas I would like an Excavator and a new dinosaur sheet for my bed. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Sonny

Dear Santa,
My name is Jackson and I am 3 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are I shared my magna-tiles and I helped Daddy cook brownies. This year for Christ-mas I would like a Bumble Bee transformer a ninja turtle skateboard that you can roll around, a spiderman shooter that you put on your wrist and will launch spider webs. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Jackson

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things that I did that were nice are I play with my friends and I brush my teeth. This year for Christmas I would like a fart gun and a magnify glass. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Michael

Dear Santa,
My name is Ella and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are giving mommy some snuggles and hugs and I said "Hey Mama could you read me a book." This year for Christmas I would like a pooping flamingo that poops in a little white toy potty, and a white toy girl dragon and it has all colors on it, and new ornaments. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Ella

Dear Santa,
My name is Thea and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are playing with my brother and play with my cousins. This year for Christmas I would like dolls that are very expensive and lots of rainbow slime! I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Thea

Dear Santa,
My name is Knoxx and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are I clean up toys and I put my mask on. This year for Christmas I would like RC metal car and RC cars and a shot gun. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Knoxx

Dear Santa,
My name is Heidi and I am 3 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are I shared with Ian, I helped Mom cook, and I come when Mommy calls for me. Sometimes I am naughty when I take toys from Ian. This year for Christmas I would like purple unicorn stick horsey so I can ride it and one for Ian so he can ride too, and some playdough, and a guitar. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Heidi

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryce and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice-Happy. A few things I did that were nice are I did something with a friend-I played with them! I make special notes for my friends. This year for Christ-mas I would like a slide, a lazer

gun, a lot of toys and cards to write to people. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Bryce

Dear Santa,
My name is Aideen and I am 3 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are I promised Mom and Dad I would be good. I help Mom cook. I set up the table for breakfast and dinner. Sometimes I take toys from Aimes! This year for Christ-mas I would like a rocking horse, a ball with stripes a phone, a wallet, a purse, and a piggy bank. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Aideen

Dear Santa,
My name is Lucca and I am 3 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice are play with my friends and I help my mom. This year for Christmas I would like a T-Rex dinosaur (a smaller one), a triceratops, a stegasaurus, and a guitar, and a Christmas tree. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Lucca

Dear Santa,
My name is Silas W. and I am 5 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are I have been nice to my friends. I ask my Mom and Dad first. I let the dog outside and inside. This year for Christmas I would like Eagle boomerang, Christmas Train and a toy tree, "Chomp the bears." I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
Silas

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Dear Santa,
MynameisMcKenzie and I am 4 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are gave hugs to Mommy and I picked up my toys. This year for Christmas I would like Ariel vanity, Ariel stool, Ariel mermaid doll that talks, Ariel mask. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love,
McKenzie

**Coffeen Early Childhood Center
Ms. Mandy Armbruster
AM Pre-K Class**

Dear Santa,
My name is Delilah and I am 4 years old. I live in Donnellson. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a big flower, a big farm and a big turkey for Thanksgiving. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Delilah

Dear Santa,
My name is Tymber and I am 4 years old. I live in Coffeen. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me some dinosaur toys and lots of toys. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Tymber

Dear Santa,
My name is Kinzlee and I am 3 years old. I live in Litchfield. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me Minnie Mouse toys because I really like Minnie Mouse. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kinzlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooklyn and I am 3 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me some silver presents. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Jolena and I am 4 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a jelly bath, slime, and arts and crafts. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jolena

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeffery and I am 3 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me some cars, tractors and presents. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jeffrey

Dear Santa,
My name is Izik and I am 3 years old. I live in Irving. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me some paint, cars and trucks. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Izik

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaxen and I am 3 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me Mickey Mouse toys, dinosaurs and cars. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jaxen

Dear Santa,
My name is Lucas and I am 4 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a new hat, a monster truck and Blaze toys. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love Lucas

Dear Santa,
My name is Aubrey and I am 3 years old. I live in Taylor Springs. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me Barbie toys, a Barbie car and new boots. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Aubrey

Dear Santa,
My name is Henley and I am 4 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a Christmas tree, a candy cane and pink presents. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love, Henley

Dear Santa,
My name is Heidi and I am 4 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really sweet. I would really like it if you could bring me LOL surprise doll, a pretend horse and a dolly. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Heidi

**Coffeen Early Childhood Center
Ms. Mandy Armbruster
PM Pre-K Class**

Dear Santa,
My name is Abbygael and I am 3 years old. I live in Donnellson. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a car, Barney and Barbies. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Abbygael

Dear Santa,
My name is Brylee and I am 4 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a phone, a Hover board and LOL's. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brylee

Dear Santa,
My name is Jasper and I am 3 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a real car, a phone and a Hover board. Thank you and Merry

Christmas!
Love,
Jasper

Dear Santa,
My name is Ella and I am 4 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me LOL's and Barbie's. Also, I would like a pretend watermelon with other fruit inside it. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Ella

Dear Santa,
My name is Remington and I am 3 years old. I live in Hillsboro. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a smash Hulk and Batman toys. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Remington

Dear Santa,
My name is Grayson and I am 4 years old. I live in Panama. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a monster truck, gun and a Batman toy. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Grayson

Dear Santa,
MynameisAustin and I am 3 years old. I live in Witt. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me some dinosaur toys and cars. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Austin

Dear Santa,
My name is Oaklyn and I am 4 years old. I live in Irving. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me a castle playhouse, a piano and some baby dolls with bottles. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Oaklyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Dominik and I am 4 years old. I live in Witt. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me a real dinosaur to ride on, a train

and a toy bath shark. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Dominik

**Coffeen Elementary
Ms. Mallory and Ms. Cait
AM Pre-K**

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy, a dinosaur and a picture. I have been good
From Gabriel

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur for Christmas.
From Talon

Dear Santa,
I would like a bow and arrows. I've been good..
From Amasa King

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and a tractor for Christmas.
From, ??

Dear Santa,
I would like a siren head action figure and the game Among Us.
From, Eli

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a crane, a fire truck, a garbage truck and a cement mixer.
From, Ross

Dear Santa,
Blocks
From, Blayze

Dear Santa,
I would like a monster truck, a Monster Jam track with truck. I also want a bell off your sleigh.
From,
Wyatt S.

Dear Santa,
I want Hulk Smash with green on it and that goes fast. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies.
From, Chance

Dear Santa,
I would like prizes. I want a toy Siren Head. I also want toy food. I want toy birthday parties.
From, Aubrielle

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa Clause. You are the best. I want Queen Barb toys and play-doh. I want goldfish crackers.
From, Cheyenne

Dear Santa,
I want a blue car. I want paint. I also want paper and stickers. I want a gold fish.
From, Hayli

Dear Santa,
I want a Santa Claus toy and a Christmas tree to play with. I want a snow globe. I love you, Santa.
From, Raelynn

**Coffeen Elementary
Ms. Mallory and Ms. Cait
PM Pre-K**

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, LOL doll that is a grown up. I will leave reindeer a snack and milk and cookies for you.
From, Aligno

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gingerbread and a toy Santa. I want some blocks. I want some new crayons and pink slime. I want a play Christmas tree with big holes in it with big ornaments to stick them through. I want some Mr. Potato Heads because they are funny,
From, Parker

Dear Santa,
I want blue slime. I want an orange and blue crab. I want play-doh. I want toys.
From, Luka

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas tree and Mommy and Clinton and Landon and candy and Payge and toys for Christmas.
From Payge

Dear Santa,
I want a drum set and a music box and a toy train to put in the music box and a candy and a toy Santa.
From, Alyas

Dear Santa,
My elf threw sparkles on my mom. This year I want an RC boat and a 4 wheeler and RC cars.
From, Jaxynn

Dear Santa,
I want a darington motorcycle.
From, Silas

Dear Santa,
I would like a new doll set, Barbie doll and a bike.
From, Amdlla

Dear Santa,
I would like Hotwheels cars, monster trucks, a new air plane and a new bike.
From, Johnathon

Dear Santa,
I want race cars, trains, my mommy.
From, Vincent

**St. Louis Catholic School
Mrs. VandenBergh
Pre-K Class**

Dear Santa,
I would like the Happy Napper, a unicorn piggy bank, COVID to be over and a healthy baby brother.
Hazel G.

Dear Santa,
I would like santa to bring me a drumset like my dad's and a new combine.
Hayden J.

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Dear Santa,
I'm going to leave you chocolate chip cookies. I want Disney Barbie dolls. Can you bring me Elsa and Anna? They are my favorites. I want a doctor set so I can make my baby dolls feel better. I'm going to get you a cup of milk.

Love,
Mila

Dear Santa,
I'm going to leave you a salad and rootbeer. I would like a Mickey Mouse Choo Choo train. My brother and I both want rootbeer.

Love,
Garrett

Dear Santa,
I would like a Frozen Ice Palace. I also want a bouncy house. I've been good.

Love,
Huxlee

Dear Santa,
I would like motorcycle toys. I also like Roblox. I'm going to leave you popcorn.

Love,
Easton

Dear Santa,
How do you fly? I would like you to bring me a Dinotrux vehicle—one that crushes the dirt.

Love,
Tyrion

Dear Santa,
I want a Monster Truck.

Love,
Elijah

Dear Santa,
I would like a big zebra and a big orange tiger. I'm going to leave you strawberry cookies.

Love,
Jentry

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me Paw Patrol toys? I also like trains. I'll leave you cookies.

Love,
Gaige

Dear Santa,
I want a real bunny please. I also want a baby doll. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Thalia

Dear Santa,
I would like a Play-Doh candy kitchen. I'm going to bake you cookies—a gingerbread and Christmas tree one.

Love,
Iris

Dear Santa,
I would like Spiderman toys with webs. I'm going to leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Ezra

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cry Baby and a kitty Happy Napper. I'm going to leave you cookies and a popsicle.

Love,
Renna

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cozy Coupe and a Happy Napper and a keyboard. I'll leave you some cookies.

Love,
Camden

Dear Santa,
I would like a pink puppy because that's my favorite color. I'll leave you cookies.

Love,
Stella

Dear Santa,
I would like a Cry Baby, a pink puppy and an unicorn. I'll leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Love,
Millie

Dear Santa,
I have an Elf at my mom's house. His name is Leo. I would like Monster Trucks and cars. I know you like milk and cookies. I will leave you some.

Love,
Tysen

Dear Santa,
I really really want the new mermaid LOL doll and a real bunny. I'll leave you milk, cookies and pie.

Love,
Sophia

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a LOL winter chalet? I want to pull on your beard because it's fluffy. I'll leave cookies.

Love,
Emberlie

Dear Santa,
I would like Hello Kitty. I'm going to give you milk. Can I have more shoes because the babies (2 of them) knock them over?

Love,
Korra

Dear Santa,
I want binoculars and a real camera.

Love,
Kayleigh

Dear Santa,
I want a purple horse for Christmas because they are so cute! Also, can you bring a lot of toys? I'll leave your deer carrots and milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Spencer

Dear Santa,
I want a 4-wheeler that I can push the pedal and race. I want a tractor too! I'm going to leave milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Mikey

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman and cars and ghost toys to scare with and Batman.

Love,
Layne

Dear Santa,
Can I have Legos for Christmas? I'll leave cookies.

Love,
Zeke

Dear Santa,
I want an ice cream maker and it's pink. And I want a dollhouse for my dolls so they have a place to go potty. Also, Chutes and Ladders game but with puppies. And I think that's it!

Love,
Zoey

P.S. I hope you can find my house! It's the one that's all white.

Dear Santa,
Hi! I hope you have a good Christmas. I would like a 4-wheeler—not a Power Wheel but a real one. I'm going to leave you chocolate chip cookies.

Love,
Mac

**St. Louis Catholic School
Mrs. VandenBergh
Pre-K Class**

Dear Santa,
I would like the Happy Napper, a unicorn piggy bank, COVID to be over and a healthy baby brother.

Hazel G.

Dear Santa,
I would like santa to bring me a drumset like my dad's and a new combine.

Hayden J.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Could Santa please bring me a new box of crayons with the color teal. I would also like a Sponge Bob stretchy toy. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Paul J.

Dear Santa,
Santa I have been very good this year. I would like you to bring me a Barbie Dream House and a Barbie Camper. I would also like some new Barbie dolls to play in the house. I will leave you some milk and cookies. The reindeer will have some carrots to eat too.

Quincy T.

Dear Santa,
I hope Santa brings me presents. I would like a new toy truck.

Ezekiel W.

**St. Louis Catholic School
Mrs. Harston
Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,
How are you? May I please have a unicorn and guinea pig. I will give you gingerbread cookies and milk.

Love,
Grace Williams

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me my toys. Please Santa bring me a lego car and two pet turtles. I am going to have cookies ready for you.

Your friend,
Carter Johannsen

Dear Santa,
Please try not to be late. Can you please bring me a massive big balloon for outside and a whole box with a giant trampoline. I will give you a present.

Love,
Theodore Shalter

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole and your reindeer? Please will you bring me a 100 feet Anaconda, pizza oven with a pizza cutter, more action figures and a new coloring book. I will write you a note and leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Brody Wright

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa! Will you please bring me a train table with track and trains. I will have a drink, cookies and carrots for you and the reindeer. Bye Santa!

Love,
Carl Koger

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Santa please bring me barbies, an ipod, more clothes for my baby dolls, and a new mask. I love you and I will give you cookies when you come. ps. I really want my elf to come.

Love,
Gentry Bertolino

Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeer is good. Please bring me a realistic doll, clothes for her and furniture for my American Girl doll. I will leave you cookies and milk. ps. I will leave you a present on the front porch.

Your Friend,
Gwynn Engelman

Dear Santa,
Please can you get a new racing car with a remote control. Thank you Santa. I love you!

Love,
Kal Mousseau

Dear Santa,
May I have a toy fish. I love you. I will get you a gift.

Love,
Lilith Mousseau

**St. Louis Catholic School
Mrs. Grundy
First Grade**

Dear Santa,
Do you have a favorite reindeer? My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. I would like lol house and lol boys for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
Lydia Jensen

Dear Santa,
Do you have a favorite reindeer? My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. I would like a vr for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and Coca-Cola.

Love your friend,
Carter Bertolino

Dear Santa,
Do you have a favorite reindeer? My favorite reindeer is Rudolph because his nose shine bright. I would like a lol doll and a lol puppy for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk and some carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
Kinley Hand

**St. Louis Catholic School
Mrs. Grundy
Second Grade**

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I'm good and I hope they are good too! I would like a pomsey, Zerena from Disney's The Pirate Fairy, and a Frozen II pop-up adventures with Elsa and Leave the rest a surprise for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk and oats for the reindeer too!

Your friend,
Clara Williams

Dear Santa,
What do you do for fun after Christmas? MY favorite fun to do is play. I would like a t-rex toy for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Gunner Chenoweth

Dear Santa,
Do you have a favorite reindeer? Mine is Dasher. I would like a vr for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and Coca-Cola. I will leave carrots for the reindeer.

yours truly,
Gavin Braye

Dear Santa,
How do reindeer fly? I want a dude perfect bow, nerf gun, and shoes. I'll give you chocolate chip cookies and for your reindeer chocolate carrots.

Love,
Evan Bauer

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Morford
Kindergarten**

I've been good this year. For Christmas this year, I want the Minecraft video game. I also want a computer and Star Wars: The Complete Saga. I'm wondering how the reindeer are able to fly up in the air? Why do you eat cookies and drink milk at everyone's houses?

Love,
Lincoln Jenkins

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. This Christmas I want a car toy. I really want a puppy dog that I can name Peanut. I am going to make you chocolate chip cookies and leave you some white milk, too. How do the reindeer fly and how do you get to the North Pole?

Love,
Kali Taylor

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. This year I really want a monster truck set that vrooms in the sand. Can you also put things in our stockings? I really like you, Santa.

Love,
Archer Borgic

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. What do you do when you're not delivering presents? I want an LOL doll this year and an OMG doll, too. It would be awesome to get an iPad and iPhone 11 so that I can watch Youtube and play games. I'm also wondering what Mrs. Claus does at the North Pole?

Love,
Makayla Altevogt

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would really like a Bluey toy house and all the dolls to go with it -- that's my favorite show! I would also like a little stuffed animal elephant. Santa, where do you live? When you fly with the reindeer, which airport do you land at?

Love,
Dalani Thomas

Dear Santa,
I am wondering how Rudolph got a red nose. I would love a sleeping bag and a unicorn tent. My brother, Eli, loves trucks. Katie loves to play on her computer. She would be so happy if she got a kitty blanket and a kitten cover. Mommy would like to go on vacation. Daddy would like a Christmas hat.

Love,
Emma Boliard

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Dear Santa,
This year I would like some books for when I learn to read. I also want some new JoJo Siwa shoes and a GIANT LOL doll. Can you tell me all the reindeers names? I know that you live in the North Pole. You must need one thousand coats to stay warm.
Love,
Aaliyah Haynie

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I would like a Sonic toy and a Nerf gun. It would be cool if you brought me a phone, too. Can you also bring my Dad a new phone and Grandma a new TV?
Love,
Cullen Cline

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I love you and want you to know you bring awesome presents. This year I am fine with whatever you bring! My brother might want a remote control car. Mom and Dad like Jack in the Box so maybe they would like to eat there.
Love,
Ben Imel

Dear Santa,
I hope you are going to have a good year. Could I please have a Nintendo Switch? I really want to surprise Mom and Dad. Dad really likes to go hunting. I think he needs something to help him carry his bow or shotgun if his hands get tired. Mom really likes calm stuff. Exercise is good so maybe she needs an iPad that can show videos to help her exercise.
Love,
August Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
My name is Maddox and I've been good this year. For Christmas, I really want a toy train. My dog would like a dog toy if you can bring him one. I

wanted to know how you get elves? I have an elf named Trappy. He flew up into a bowl in our fridge and drank the water in it. That was silly!
Love,
Maddox Parnell

Dear Santa,
I was super good this year. For Christmas, I want Barbie clothes and a Baby Alive that looks like a real baby. It comes with lots of diapers, clothes and bottles. I even want a Bend Barbie and a BIG slime container with pink slime. I really want to know how the reindeer fly. I love you, Santa!
Love,
Myra Noyes

Dear Santa,
I have been nice today. I want a toy motorbike, a toy monster truck and a big toy truck. My big brother wants a PC. My big sister wants a tiger that moves. Mom wants a ring. Dad wants a Playstation. My dogs would love some bones.
Love,
Edward Raffety

Dear Santa,
My name is Hendrix. This year, I want a toy robot that rolls on tracks. Can you bring my mom a dragon toy that flaps its wings and flies? I really like the HypnoGizmo toy Mrs. Morford has -- can you bring that, too? My favorite cookie is gingerbread. What is yours?
Love,
Hendrix Parnell

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. This year, I want a yellow RC car and a stuffed bear that makes sounds. I think it would be cool to have a real elf all year to play with! Comet is my favorite reindeer. I really like you, Santa!
Love,
Fisher Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have lots of Legos, so I really want a Lego table to put them in so I don't lose them. I also want a Hot Wheels set and a HypnoGizmo toy like Mrs. Morford's. I remember

getting to see you and sitting on your lap to tell you what I wanted. I like doing that!
Love,
Gavyn Cooper

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like you to bring me some JoJo shoes. I think I might be a size 13. My big sister probably wants some new electronics. My little brother wants some green tractors. Mom might want a bag of coffee. Dad might like a new cooler.
Love,
Kambrie Ellis

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good boy. Can you bring me a Lego Ninjago set? I loved my dinosaur you brought last year that shoots bullets. Nathan wants a new gaming set. Roy loves Spiderman. I also would love some Nerf guns.
Love,
Emmit Sellers

Dear Santa,
I have been good and helpful this year. I help pick up sticks outside and help Grandma with her dishes. I would like a kid laser gun and stretchy Goo Jit Zu. My dad says he thinks he will just get coal but I don't know why. Elaina wants slime and Emma wants a new phone.
Love,
Isaac Kenny

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would love to have a fish. It is a toy. It is pink and it comes with a bottle. I want a pooping flamingo, too. You have to feed it special food. I have no idea what my sister wants. Maybe an OMG doll.
Love,
Emberly Stines

Dear Santa,
I've been good because I've been listening. Can you bring me a Baby Alive that can eat food? I had fun getting my picture taken with you yesterday! My brother wants a Nintendo Switch and I kind of want one, too. Mom and Dad want to go on a vacation.
Love,
Zoey Arthur

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want Peppa Pig toys. My brother Andrew would like more dinosaurs. Merry Christmas! I will leave you cookies.
Love,
Johnathan Cearlock

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Dear Santa,
My name is Glenn. Merry Christmas! I would like more game time with Mom and Dad. I would also like to get to swim in Grandma Felicia's hot tub. I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer.
Love,
Glenn O'Dell

Dear Santa,
My name is Rheys. Why do you always have to put a tree up when it's Christmas? I would like a doll with a stroller that lets me put puppies in it with bones and bowls. Rhett, my brother, would like combines and tractors. Rhenly would like baby toys, mommy likes a flower pot with flowers in it and Daddy would like new tools. I will leave you one cupcake and five cookies!
Love,
Rheys Carlock

Dear Santa,
My name is Bobby. Please give me a Burping Bobby toy and a dinosaur coloring book. My mom I want to give a Love card and my sister would like hair dye because she likes to dye her hair! Thank you, Santa, for giving all of this stuff to my family!
Love, Bobby Pollard

Dear Santa,
My name is Xander. Do you fly your reindeer at night? Merry Christmas! I would like a big, black remote control car and a calendar that you can draw on. Mommy would like candy and Daddy, candy, too.
Love, Xander Dille

Dear Santa,
My name is Pax. I want a T-Rex dinosaur and a RC car. My brother, Emmett, would like a Minion, my sister a doll, my mommy flowers and my Daddy a new video game. I will leave you sugar cookies and chocolate chip cookies and normal milk.
Love,
Pax Stewart

Dear Santa,
My name is Cashlyn. How do you ride in the sled without any gas? I want an I-phone. I think my brother, Callen, would like a new X-box and my step-brother a new gun. I would like you to get my Dad a new work tool and my step-mother a new high chair and crib. I want my mom to have

a new dog and two dog houses because my dog, Lily, doesn't have one. Merry Christmas! I will leave you milk and Christmas cookies!
Love,
Cashlyn Hanger

Dear Santa,
My name is Quintyn. I want a remote control car and a toy dinosaur. My brother wants a Nerf gun and my sisters want a toy dog and a coffee table. I will leave you a note.
Love,
Quintyn Hagler

Dear Santa,
My name is Graham. I want new Mario video games, and a remote control car. My Daddy wants a new video game, my sister wants a surprise doll, my brother a Paw Patrol truck and my mom wants a new vacuum cleaner. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and regular milk.
Love,
Graham Dyas

Dear Santa,
My name is Karsyn. How do you ride in the sleigh? I have a Christmas book with a lot of toys that Mommy bought. I want a princess kitchen and a flamingo that sits on a potty. My mom wants jewelry and make-up and Daddy lots of boy stuff! My sister wants lots of Barbie and American Girl stuff! I will leave the reindeer some carrots and milk and chocolate chip cookies for Santa!
Love,
Karsyn Jones

Dear Santa,
My name is Charlotte. How did the virus happen? I would like a Barbie Dream closet. I want, Connor, a baby toy, John, a Batman cave, and Mommy and Daddy don't need anything. I will leave you Aunt Di Di's cookies because she makes the best and last time you really loved them! I will also leave some milk.
Love Charlotte Reams

Dear Santa,
My name is Josh. I love you! I would like a dump truck, a fire truck and some Legos. My mommy would like a unicorn, Daddy a balloon and maybe a monster truck for Grandma. I will leave you macaroni and cheese and cookies.
Love,
Josh Haseley

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabby. How do you fly your sleigh? I want Barbie things for my Barbie house. A tea pot for my Mom to make tea and Daddy wants a new work outfit for his work. I will leave you sugar cookies and milk.
Love,
Gabby Estes

Dear Santa,
My name is Ema. I want one teeny LOL doll and one big one. I also want a big big doll that was in a magazine. My Mommy would like a picture for the black wall we just painted. Daddy likes to work out a lot so he would like a stretchy rope. I want my Kitty, Moxie, to get tuna fish.
Love,
Ema Kaculi

Dear Santa,
My name is Jensyn. What does Rudolph look like? I want you to make Mommy a cooking pot and Daddy a new bow. Dayton would like a new cow and Zayne really likes shark stuff. I really want a toy gun and a motorcycle with protection. I am going to give you some cookies and the reindeer some carrots.
Love,
Jensyn Lipe

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaden. I want a remote control car and another electric scooter. My family wants a new ornament. We need a new case of glue for home and I would like a new book. I will leave you vanilla cookies and a cup of milk.
Love,
Kaden McDonald

Dear Santa,
My name is Briella. I want a Barbie doll, a toy reindeer and some markers. My Mommy would like perfume and cologne for my Daddy. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk.
Love,
Briella Osborn

Dear Santa,
My name is Piper. I'd like brown warm boots, some new toys, a unicorn toy and rainbow shoes. My Dad wants a new hat and my Mom wants a new dress. How do you come to people's houses? If you want to eat breakfast, you can eat pancakes or cereal.
Love,
Piper Rigney

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Dear Santa,
My name is Dexter. Hi! I would like a Nintendo and a toy dinosaur. For my Dad, definitely a new video game, my Mommy wants flowers, and Bendy the Ink Machine for my brothers, dollhouse for one sister and clothes for my big sister. I will leave you cookies!
Love,
Dexter Swoboda

Dear Santa,
My name is Abram. I want an electric scooter and I already have other stuff at home. Daddy likes video game, Mommy would like perfume and a LOL doll for my sister. I will leave you cookies and milk and a picture for the reindeer.
Love,
Abram Wessell

Dear Santa,
My name is Abi. Merry Christmas, Santa! I want a toy elf family and LOL Surprise dolls. Mommy would like a necklace, my Daddy a real bow and arrow, my sister a doll that's pink and while and my brother a tractor and vines. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Abi Young

Dear Santa,
My name is Lucas. I would like a green car and cookies. My Dad and my Mom likes clothes, my sister, Janey, wants a big doll house, and an Army doll for my brother. I will leave you star cookies and pink milk.
Love,
Lucas Youtz

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Gorowski
Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,
My name is Zeppelin. I am 5 years old. I would like playstation or a Romeo lab for Christmas. I wish Covid would go away for everyone.
Merry Christmas,
Love, Zeppelin

Dear Santa,
My name is Easton. I am 5 years old. I would like a tractor, an electric scooter, a Nintendo Switch, and a tablet for Christmas. I think my Mom would like a little rainbow for make-up.
Merry Christmas,
Love, Easton

Dear Santa,
My name is Marlee. I am 6 years old. I would like a pink unicorn pony because I'm obsessed with unicorns. I think my baby sister would like a pink teddy bear.
Merry Christmas,
Love, Marlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Mattie. I am 5 years old. I would like a tablet and a phone for Christmas. I think my mommy would like a new phone.
Thank you,
Your friend, Mattie

Dear Santa,
My name is Walter. I am 5 years old. I would like a flamingo and a real life elf for Christmas. I think my dad would like a new gun.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend, Walter

Dear Santa,
My name is Melanie. I am 5 years old. I would like a new tablet for Christmas. I think my grandpa would like some tools.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend, Melanie

Dear Santa,
My name is Atticus. I am 6 years old. I would like a robox and toys for Christmas. I think my mom would like a new shirt.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend, Atticus

Dear Santa,
My name is Jazmin. I am 5 years old. I would like Frozen toys for Christmas. I think my Mommy would like a necklace.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend, Jazmin

Dear Santa,
My name is Wren. I am 5 years old. I would like a lot of hugs!! I think my mom would like me to have a good time.
Merry Christmas,
Love, Wren

Dear Santa,
My name is Blaise. I am 5 years old. I would like nerf guns, a truck and dollars for Christmas. I think my Mommy would like a comfy pillow.
Your friend, Blaise

Dear Santa,
My name is Leo. I am 5 years old. I would like a bunch of toys for Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend, Leo

Dear Santa,
My name is Liam M. I am 5 years old. I would like a drum for Christmas. I think my sister would like a phone.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend, Liam M.

Dear Santa,
My name is August. I am 5 years old. I would like a letter chart for Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend, August.

Dear Santa,
My name is Liam T. I am 6 years old. I would like a race track for Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend, Liam T.

Dear Santa,
My name is Marshall. I am 5 years old. I would like lots of surprise presents for Christmas. I think my dad would like many presents.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Marshall

Dear Santa,
My name is Hadley. I am 5 years old. I would like a lot of presents for Christmas. I think my mom would like something shiny.
Merry Christmas,
Love, Hadley

Dear Santa,
My name is Stella. I am 5 years old. I would like a present pet and a Chippy Elf toy for Christmas. I think my Mommy would like fizzies for the bathtub.
Merry Christmas
Love, Stella

Dear Santa,
My name is Brayleigh. I am 5 years old. I would like a Grow-up doll for Christmas. I think my Mom would like jewelry.
Merry Christmas,
Love, Brayleigh

Dear Santa,
My name is Sophia. I am 5 years old. I would like a little cooking set that is real and a surprise egg for Christmas. I think my Mommy would like to go on a beach vacation!
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Your friend, Sophia

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Kindernay
Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,
My name is Mazie. I am 5 years old. Please bring me an OMG doll. Could you bring my baby sister new baby clothes? How many reindeer do you have?
Love, Mazie

Dear Santa,
My name is Nora. I am 5 years old. Will you bring me a hoverboard? I love the color pink, so a pink hoverboard please. My little sister loves purple. Could you bring her a little purple stuffed bear? Thank you for the presents, Santa!
Love, Nora

Dear Santa,
My name is Landon. I am 5 years old. Please bring me a toy fire truck for Christmas. Can you bring my baby brother a baby toy and a toy dinosaur? Do the elves help you make toys?
Love, Landon

Dear Santa,
My name is Killian. I am 6. I want 55 toys and maybe give my mom 56 things and Dad 24 things and my sister 89 things! I have one question. How do reindeer fly? Is it because they are mythical creatures or do you have magic powder that makes stuff fly?
Love, Killian

Dear Santa,
My name is Brecken. I am 6. Can you bring me dinosaurs and a whale for W? Can you get mommy something blue?
Love, Brecken

Dear Santa,
My name is Aria. I am 5 years old. Could you bring me a Barbie camper please? Could you also bring my Daddy a green table? How do your elves make the toys?
Love, Aria

Dear Santa,
My name is Maisyn. I am 5 years old. I would like a Barbie Dream House for Christmas. Could you bring my sister a real life parrot? Can I pet your reindeer?
Love, Maisyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Kenton. I am 5 years old. Can you bring me a Nintendo Switch for Christmas? Also, can yo bring my Grandma oven spray stuff? How do you deliver presents in 30 minutes?
Love, Kenton

Dear Santa,
My name is Carsynn, I am 5 years old. Can yo bring me a kitchen set with food? Santa, can you bring my mommy a necklace? She really likes necklaces. How do you make toys, Santa?
Love, Carsynn

Dear Santa,
My name is Bayleigh. I am 5 years old. I would really like Barbie cars and LOL's please. Could you bring mommy a pretty dress. Do the reindeer live in the sky?
Love, Bayleigh

Dear Santa,
My name is Colson. I am 5 years old. I want a Nerf gun with zombies for Christmas, please. Could you bring my mom and grandma a fan to cool them off? How do you make all the toys for Christmas?
Love, Colson

Dear Santa,
My name is Lana. I am 6 years old. Santa, can I please have a Barbie for Christmas? Could you bring Barbie stuff for my sister, too? How do you live at the North Pole? It's freezing!
Love, Lana

Dear Santa,
My name is Zeplenn. I am 5 years old. I really want a hoverboard, a choo-choo train set and a PS4, please. Can you bring Olivia a Barbie and a document camera? Chase wants marbles. How does your sled work?
Love, Zeplenn

Dear Santa,
My name is Bode. I am 5 years old. Can you bring me a Christmas sign and a Halloween puzzle. I want Daddy to get more fence. My brother wants more candy corn. How do you build all those toys? Where do all those elves come from?
Love, Bode

Dear Santa,
My name is Koen. I am 5. Will you bring my cat a dead mouse? My dog needs a BIG bone. I want a really big toy! How do the reindeer live outside at the North Pole? It's TOO COLD!
Love, Koen

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason. I am 5 I want the Captain America car and a new Batman house, because my other one has parts that don't work anymore. Could you bring a bone that squeaks and has gingerbread men it for my new puppy?
Love, Mason

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Rogers
Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,
My name is Aaroh. I have a question? Do you come down the chimney or use your magic to come inside? I want a shark remote control monster truck and a Grave Digger monster truck. My baby sister would like a snuggly. My dad would like a new watch. My dog wants a toy. My mom might like a new phone.
Love, Aaroh Joyce

Dear Santa,
I lover you! I want a dirt bike. I would also like a big helmet for my so I can work with Brandon. That's all I want. I am 5.
Love, Wayne Armbruster

Dear Santa,
I really like your reindeer! I want a PS4. It's a game with one people. I also want a puppy. Jax wants a baby stuffed toy. My mommy wants make up. I really hope you get me a puppy. I really like your hat.
Love, Adalynn Potter

Dear Santa,
I love you! I I want a Lego set. I also want a new 4-wheeler and a new board game. Please bring Jackson a dirt bike and a baby doll for Everly. Bring Dad some new weights and earbuds for mommy. Oh, bring Lulu some new dog toys. Thank you!
Love, Casen Walther

Dear Santa,
My name is Kalayah. I want a JoJo watch. It has some games in it. I also want a JoJo chair and shelf. You can bring perfume for mom and a pencil for Dad. Merry Christmas!
Love, Kalayah Thompson

Dear Santa,
My name is JJ. I want a Spiderman bike, a Spiderman car, and a scooter. I'm gonna share. Merry Christmas.
Love, JJ Wilson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving presents. You always get what we want. I really want a school set sand, one of t hose outside playgrounds, and a toy teacher. My daddy needs new work tools and a BB gun. Mommy probably needs a baby set for Jack. Also, thank you for God, too.
Love, Liam Hainie

Dear Santa,
I am Aspen. I want a bunny. I also want a play castle and slippers that say "Cutie Pie". I want mom to have exercising weights and daddy needs slippers that say "Daddy Bear". Thank you!
Love, Aspen Lemons

Dear Santa,
I like your elves and you have a super reindeer! I want, for my daddy, new Rick and Morty keys. What I want is a toy kitty cat and a toy reindeer. Also, I want you to get my mom a brand new car. You really are the coolest guy.
Love, Marley Jo Flowers

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My name is Troy and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I wish I had a toy train and a train set. I also want a army man. My mommy would probably want a cash register and my dad wants a toolbox. Tori like boy toys. Santa, I love you.
Love, Troy Schmollinger.

Dear Santa,
I am Afton. I want a bunny, a Polly Pocket unicorn and a princess castle. My mom really wants a resting neck thing. Daddy wants slippers. Thank you!
Love, Afton Lemons

Dear Santa,
My name is Ruger. I hope you come to my house. I want a motorcycle and a deer gun. My mom wants a cat and trash bag. Dad wants a wolf costume.
Love, Ruger Sherman

Dear Santa,
My name is Holden. I like Christmas cuz its really fun when he gives me presents. I want everything from last year and a huge gumball machine. My dad would like some silly string. I'm happy you are here to give us presents! My mom would like a new phone.
Love, Holden Wright

Dear Santa,
My name is Abbie. Santa is nice and kind. I want an Elsa head and Shopkins and all the toys in the whole world. My dad wants money and my mommie wants glass. My brother wants a gamer!
Love, Abbie Sturgeon

Dear Santa,
My name is Clara. I love you! You're nice! Your elf is nice! I wold like a hoverboard and some candy. My mom would like to go to a hotel with dad. And dad would like a picnic with mom.
Love, Clara Beckett

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryder. I can't believe you can remember everything! For Christmas, I want a Lamborghini remote

control car. I also would like Preston merchandise. I love my mom and dad. I want to know if Rudolph is real!
Love, Ryder Eddington

Dear Santa,
My name is Henry! I want a hopperball for Christmas. I also want a train and a PJ mask. Daddy wants a sand table. Mom wants a train. Thank you.
Love, Henry McLaughlin

Dear Santa,
My name is Layden. I like your hat! And I like your elf! I want a zombie toy. I want a Nerf gun. I want a robot toy. My dad wants a lighter. My stepmom wants a statue. I like your reindeers. I would like one of your reindeers for me.
Love, Layden Lemay

**Bemeyer Elementary
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First Grade**

Dear Santa,
How are the randr? I ben nise to my sister. I would like hatchimals for Christmas. My bufr wants a tv. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Jessy L.

Dear Santa,
Do you like Jurassic Park? I listen and play my Jurassic Park Lego game. I would like Jurassic Park trex, pterodactyl, and indominus rex for Christmas. Nane would like Jurassic Park glasses. Papa would like a Jurassic Park drill. Izenn wants sonic toys. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Korbin Q.

Dear Santa,
Do you like cookies? I have been super good. I help mommy with dishes. I want LOL Bubbly Surprise Bombs. I want 100 of the them. I want a boy and a girl one. Mommy touched the elf and she doesn't get any presents. Daddy wants some tape. Grandpa wants a toothbrush and toothpaste. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Rena M.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good. I help my mom clen. I want a PS5 and a police lego set. My sister wants makeup. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Ethan C.

Dear Santa,
Do you like cokes? I have bin shiring and I have bin building showboxis. I want a happy napr. Afton wuts pole-pocits. Aspen wuts nalshot. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Brylynn L.

Dear Santa,
Wat have Misis Clas do in sumer? I have bin god. I want brrbes and stuff emilles. My dad wib lic a bulldgo. I am thankfll for Sata Clos.
Love,
Kennady D.

Dear Santa,
Hal abo you go t in the hazi? I have been good. I hala lcen my bjrom. I want a fish. I want you to hala the desh day Santa. Mom and dad want a massager. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Vivien K.

Dear Santa,
How aer you. I have been good. I want LOL OMG dols for Christmas. Jaidyn will like LOL dols. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Ryleigha K.

Dear Santa,
De you like kookez. I have been good. I kourt clean up. I want a fire truck. I want a race car and race track. My sister would like LOL dolls. My mom wants more pots and pans. My dad wants a dolphin jersey. My brother wants dinosaurs. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Griffin M.

Dear Santa,
Do you like cookies. I helpt cleen diskes. I wood like for chismis is LOL's and a big barbie doll. Mom wants a cofme maker. Dad wants a neck pillow. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Melody B.

Dear Santa,
Do you like cues? I share toys with my sister. I wut for chisms is a big barbie doll. I also want a LOL doll house and a little washer and dryer. My mom wants buffalo pants and shirt. My brother wants a PS4. My dad wants blues PJ's. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Emily K.

Dear Santa,
How is the noth pull? I have helpte my mom clyne the dishis. I want LOL's and hapey naprs and brby dream

howe's and stuff anmll's. Mom wants a noow phon casi's and a good day. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Charlotte J.

Dear Santa,
Do you leik mom? I told Cindy Jo Thank you for what she gave me. I wud like barbie dolls and my mom wud like a pielo. Dad wud like a fishing pole. Sutton wants a baby swing. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Nora A.

Dear Santa,
I like cookies. I hav bin good. I like a spider man suit and a venom costume. Mom wants new dishes. Sam wants a chansaw. Kamie wants barbies and LOL dolls. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Kashton E.

Dear Santa,
I like you. I mack my bed. I want a pupy and robucks gift card. My mom wants clots. Brother wants a soth pushey. Thank you Sant four the toys.
Love,
Preston W.

Dear Santa,
Doo you like cookies? I have helptit my mom with dishis. I want a PS5 and a drone. I want a RC car. My mom wants a necklace with a diamond on it. My brother wants a drone. Dad wants a Cubs hat. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Garrett M.

Dear Santa,
Haw Har the reindeer bin? I hav plad with my brother. I want a toy houssey. I want a doll house. My dad wants a tool box. Mom wants some tape and glue. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Isabella A.

Dear Santa,
Haw arn the randers. I cleyne my room. I cleyne the dishis. I want LOL OMG doll's. My mom whats a watch. My dad wants a phone case. My brother wants a spider man doll. Thank you Santa! I love you!
Love,
Jovee C.

Dear Santa,
Do you like cookies? I have been good. I help my mom. I want a puppy dog and dino-saurs. My brother wants new games and a watch. My mom

wants a necklace and a watch so she not late for work. My dad wants a watch. I want a watch. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Wyatt P.

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I have been good. I have been helping with the dishes. I would like a John Deer combine, Kubota tractor, and an electric scooter. My sister wants an electric scooter. My dad wants a hat and my mom wants boots. Thank you Santa!
Love,
Elias Y.

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Harbert
First Grade**

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Eli. I have been good this year. I want Bendy for Christmas toys.
Love,
Eli

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa Claus I wut for Christmas is a Huv-vbord and a chokbord and a LoL dols.
Love,
Kourtney

Dear Santa,
I have bin a good boy we all love you santa i wish i get good presnt
Love,
Lucas

Dear Santa, Are you bud-dies with penawens? Can I have the lizard that walks on windows, please? Is your house made of canty?
Love,
Dagny Thornton

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? My name is Aleeha I have been good this year. I want ceinc sand.
Love,
Aleeha

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. I want hatchi-mals.
Love,
Saleena

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is Rudolph fin? My name is Hunter Lin Atkinson. How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year. You are The best! I want a nerfgun.
Love,
Hunter

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a bendy plush.
Love,
My name is Skyler.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How is The elfs? I wut a Ulexi drtbtick.
Love,
Sebastian

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you get me brbie's?
Love,
Adelynn

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Godzil and suf liak it and king kone and suf il alk it and transformers and sufliak it.
Love,
Charlie

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Addie. I want a unicorn back-pack and a Lunch box and a Whttr bottol that matchis.
Love,
Addie

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I woodd like a truk I woodd lik a car I woodd like a tractor trailer.
Love,
Noah

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs Claus? I want for crissmiss a real horse and a hoverboard and a lixrick scodtr.
Love,
Lillith Stratton

Dear Santa,
How are The reindeer? and How are you? Santa can you et dis for me? I wut a fon for cismis Thanc you!
Love,
Macy

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus? I have been good this year. I want a i Pad for Christmas. and Knetisan for Christmas.
Love,
Alayna

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I have been good this year. I want a phone for Christmas.
Love,
Olivia

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Graysie. I want a LOL doll.
Love,
Graysie

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Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I want
a Thor and a venom groot and
no a venom Thor.
Love,
Dimitri Brent

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is
Luke I have been good this
year I want apple woch for
Christmas. How is Mrs Claus?
Love,
Luke

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs.
Claus? I wut a Bendy plush
in a Boris the Dog plus in a
Alis Angl plush.
Love,
Guy Branham

Dear Santa,
I want you to get me a
walking, talking doll that
poops and pees. I hope you
have a Merry Christmas. Your
elves are really awesome and
I love them.
Love,
Ivyanna

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Lessman
First Grade
Remote Learners**

Dear Santa,
My name is Jonah White
and I am 6 years old. This
year I have been very nice.
For Christmas, please bring
me Paw Patrol Toys, PJ Mask
toys, and books to read.
With Love,
Jonah

Dear Santa,
I want a toy unicorn please.
I want a Stacey doll please.
I want a New Spirit horse
please.
Thank you,
Kacey Harrell

Dear Santa,
I want 1.) Hyrule warriors
Age of Calamity real version
2.) Nerf Fort Nite rocket
launcher and 3.) Minecraft
on my tablet. Please
From,
Camden Dever

Dear Santa, The things I
would like for Christmas are
a Chelsea Barbie doll camper
set, some new clothes, and a
Barbie suitcase. I got a new-
born doll that I would like
to have a pink pacifier for. I
also would like some barbie
slippers. I think I have been
good. Santa we have 2 of your
elves here that move around
and watch us so you know
I'm being good. Thank you
for sending them. I am very
grateful for Christmas.

Love,
Kyleigh Dean

Dear Santa,
This is Journey Tincher.
How are you? I have been good
this year. I would like to ask
for 3 things for Christmas: 1.
Nintendo Switch, 2. Honeyli-
cious Doll and 3. Big Barbie
Dollhouse. Can you please
bring a Nintendo Switch for
my sister too? I love you, Santa
I will leave you some milk
and cookies. I hope you have
a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Journey Tincher

Dear Santa,
I would like a horse, LOLs,
a new kitty, and more Ameri-
can Girl Dolls.
Love,
Kaitlyn Bell

**Mrs. Lessman
First Grade
In-Class Learners**

Dear Santa,
I like when I want some
Hatchimal pixie flowers. I like
some calico critters.
Love,
Karsyn Trent

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For
Christmas I want a lego pi-
raite ship for Christmas! I
want to know what you are
doing?"
Love,
Caleb

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer
doing? I will leave you sum
cookies and milk How are
elfs doing? I would like a toy
dinosaur.
Love,
Joshua Davis

Dear Santa,
I been a good kid this yer.
I am going to leave carrots

for your reindeer. I cant wait
for you to come to my house
oon Christmas. I would like a
video camera. Please I would
make a video every day.

Love,
Danica Longwell

Dear Santa,
I would like a little Christ-
mas tree for my room and a
dirt bike.
Love,
Jaxx Gray

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christ-
mas is having fun. I want
everybody to have fun. I'm
going to leave out snacks for
the reindeer. Can you give
everybody fun times?

Love,
Tyler Crabtree

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how
are your reindeer doing?? I
would leave carrots for your
reindeer. I would like a lol
please.
Love,
Olivia Aguilar

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like
an iphone. I like a baby by dog
and LOLs and a baby and lots
and lots fo animals. I will give
you milk and cookies.

Love,
Adalin Lemaster

Dear Santa,
I want an iphone will you
make me some new pants?
Love,
Kinsley Altevogt

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I will
put out milk and cookies. I
will put out carrots for your
reindeer. I would like a drum
set and 5 LOL pets and 5
LOL dolls.
Love,
Keelie Hilt

Dear Santa,
I will leave you milk and
cookies. I will want some Lols.
I will want some dolls. I will
want puppy dog cage.
Love,
Mackenzie Smith

Dear Santa,
I love that you bring us
presents. I don't just want
presnts. I want a god proof
coon trap.
Love,
Jasper McNeill

Dear Santa,
I will leave you some cook-
ies and milk. I will decorate
my Christmas tree. I would
like sqeaky the Balloon Dog.
My sister would like a hover-
board, me and Cadence would
like new craft supplies.
Love,
Sophia Daugherty

Dear Santa,
I want Christmas decora-
tions and a tree too. I want

2 lol dolls—a pet one and a
baby one too. I would like a lol
new clothes. I will leave you
chocolate milk and cookies.

Love,
Alissa Brown

Dear Santa,
How are your riendeer do-
ing I have been a good boy this
year I want a phone.
Luve,
Brayden Seward

Dear Santa,
I want a iPhone 12 and
I want a hot wheels caars
and I want a Nerf gun and I
want a dirtbike. Have a good
Christmas!
Love,
Calvin Michaelis

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Holderread
First Grade**

Dear Santa,
How do you throw the
chimne? I ahve ben good at
skol and I have ben good to
my sistr. Please will you get
me a pet unicorn? My mom
wants a purs. My dad wants
a new hat. My sistr wants a
legow set. Thank you santa
for the presints.

Love,
Hadley Duncan

Dear Santa,
How do you get to all thos
homms? I've ben helpng my
bruthr. I wud like a amarkin
gerl doll ples. My mom wud
like a neklis. Thank you santa.

Love,
McKenzie Spellious

Dear Santa,
How can you get thruw our
chimmis? I have ben saying
hi to Brayden Laughlin. My
I have fifi the booty shaking
sloth. Brayden Laughlin
wude lik a rmot control car.
Thank you. I love you.

Love,
Avery Laughlin

Dear Santa,
How do the Artik foxes
tals glow? I lisin to my techr.
I sleep by myself. Can you
please give me a pet koala?
Mymom wuld want a blanket.
Love,
Kaylin Morgan

Dear Santa,
How do you make the radeer
fli? Ive bin nis too my 3 bruthrs.
Plez can I have a noo bike?
My mom wants a noo nekles!
My dogs want squek toys! My
grandma wants a noo book!

Love,
Gatlyn Scott

Dear Santa,
How are you so qwiet? I am
good to my brother. I would
like a pink hare amarian
gierrl doll please. My dog
would like a choo toy please.
Thank you.

Love,
Micah Holtschulte

Dear Santa,
How do your randeer fli? I
lisen to my mom. Please bring
me a toy bird. May I have a
family I pad at my moms?
Thank you for all the presits.

Love,
Abigail Staff

Dear Santa,
How do elves make toys?
I have bin good. Please bring
presit pets. My dad would like
a camoflogue hat. Thank you.'

Love,
Aiden Degg

Dear Santa,
How do you fli? I help my
mom do longre. Ples giv me a
eltrik skudr. My dad wuts a
huntnng dog. My mom wuts a
new dresr. My kusin wuts a
skudr. My sistr wuts a LOL.

Love,
Braxtin Morris

Dear Santa,
How do ur rander fli in the
cold? I help my dad with his
wrk! Can I please have lagos?
My bruthr wunts a pup. Thank
you Santa for bringing presits
for other kids.

Love,
Ryder Beeler

Dear Santa,
How do you fly? I have been
good to my cozen Karsyn to-
day. Can you please bring me
a iphone 11? My mom would
like a dress and heels with a
ring with neclis and braslit.
Thank you!

Love,
Elsa Slepicka

Dear Santa,
How do you get to ore
homes so fast? I lisin to my
techr. Please bring me a hot
weels. My bruthr wuld like a
fortnit gun. My sistr wud like
a barbey dol. Thank four the
toys Santa. I love you Santa.

Love,
Wayde Noyes

Dear Santa,
How do you get the pres-
ents delliverd in one night? Iv
been nise to Matthew. Please
can I have a tool belt and
real tools? Can my dad have
a hat please? Thank you for
the present.

Love,
Keaton Pachesa

Dear Santa,
How do you make the radeer
fli? Ive bin nis too my 3 bruthrs.
Plez can I have a noo bike?
My mom wants a noo nekles!
My dogs want squek toys! My
grandma wants a noo book!

Love,
Gatlyn Scott

Dear Santa,
How are you so qwiet? I am
good to my brother. I would
like a pink hare amarian
gierrl doll please. My dog
would like a choo toy please.
Thank you.

Love,
Micah Holtschulte

Dear Santa,
How did you git the slay?
Iv bin nic to my frends. Please
can I git a rmot cuntrlld car?
Please my bruthr wunts a
PS5. Thank you for giving us
presits.

Love,
Nash Summers

Dear Santa,
How do you fly? I have ben
good by lisenng at p.e. class
and at home and at school. I
would like a colts calendar, a
toy race car, a toy gun and a toy
house. My brother Harrison
would like a race car. Thank
you Santa for the toys.

Love,
Sloan Tuetken

Dear Santa,
How can you fit in the chim-
ney? I have been lisening. Can
you please give me a crew neck
sweet shirt? My sister wants a
eletrick scooter. Thank you for
the presents.

Love,
Connor Billington

Dear Santa,
I have a question. How do
you get to steer randeer. I hug
Dady and Mommy and Keaton
and Fallon. Maye I please have
a pink gitar? Fallon wants a
reel purple pupy. Thank you
for the presents.

Love,
Hayden Pachesa

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I
help my broter clen up. Please
bring me a Lamborghini remote
controlled car. My brother
would like some Minecraft
legos. Thanks Santa!

Love,
Cason Martincic

Dear Santa,
How do reideer fly? I have
ben nis to my bruthr. Can I
please have some legos. Cason
wants some Minecraft legos.
Thank you Santa!

Love,
Cohen Martincic

Dear Santa,
How do you delivr presis?
Ples can I have a rell robot
and a spas helmet? My mom
wunts a new pikshr of Luk
Skiwokr. Thank you.
Love,
Copelynn Valentine

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How do you delvr presents so quietle? I hol my sistr and take kare of her. Can you bring me a Jurassic Park toy?
Love,
Matthew Haines

Dear Santa,
Can I chew bublgum? Yes or no. I hekp pawpaw. Can I please hav 7 LOLs? Can I please hav a puppy? Can I please have 4 cats?
Love,
Scarlet VanDoren

Dear Santa,
How do you get down the chimney? I listen to my mom I want a barbie dolphin magic. Gabby wants a rockstar barbie. Thank you!
Love,
Annika Schmollinger

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Millburg
First Grade**

Dear Santa,
Where is Mrs. Claus? Yes, I've been good. I want a nintendo swith. Please bring my dad tyools.
Love,
Easton Wright

Dear Santa,
How do you make magic? I have been good and bad. I would like a cat. Please get dad a new bike and tools. My mom would like a bunch of money.
Love,
Alyx Moore

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hep my mommy with my baby bruthr and my mama. I want a cry baby. I want a toy dog. Please bring my brother a car.
Love,
Janey Youtz

Dear Santa,
How do you fly? I kleen up my room and my bruthrs room. I want a poneyey kasl! My bruthr would like a megchron.
Love,
Violet Limbaugh

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have bin good this yer. I woull like a Baby Yoda Toy and a LOL doll. My sistr would like a LOL doll.
Love,
Aubree Newingham

Dear Santa,
Whats your favrit culr? I have been good this year. Ive dun lots of stuff. I want a baby

doll. My mom would like a owl.
Love,
Clair Clevenger

Dear Santa,
Are you niser then anyone? I have clend my living room/ I want LOL doll's. My dad would like new tools.
Love,
Andi Cady

Dear Santa,
What do your elves look like? I helpt my frens. I would like a hot wheels car. My dad would like toys.
Love,
Robbie Hilt

Dear Santa,
How does your sleigh fly? I have bin doing chores. I want a skatebord. My sister would like slime.
Love,
Westin Greenwood

Dear Santa,
Wut is your fafrit color? I have helped my mom. I want a dog. My mom would like blankets.
Love,
Jack Zimmerman

Dear Santa,
Wut is your frit color? I have clend my bruthrs room. I want slime and markrs. My mommy would like a camera.
Love,
Sophia Odle

Dear Santa,
Why do you drive with reindeer? I have did the dishes. I would want a nrfegun. Please bring my dog a bone and a toy.
Love,
Wes Luckett

Dear Santa,
Win is Christmas? I hav bin nis. I want a box webon baebay. Please bring Asher A dino car.
Love,
Ariah Rolen

Dear Santa,
Do you hove a Miss Clooz? I help my bruther. I want a LOL doll. I want my sister git a nitendo switch.
Love,
Makinley Furness

Dear Santa,
How do you maky the toys? I have not push no bode. I want a LOL doll. Please bring my dad a big toolbox.
Love,
Kaylee Kershaw

Dear Santa,
Is tha yetiss? I have been helpig my grama. I would like a LOL doll and a doll. Please bring my Dad a gun.
Love,
Josie Wittenmyer

Dear Santa,
You are good! Im good at ask. I want a RC truck. Ali will like a barbie house.
Love,
Cody Rice

Dear Santa,
How do you make toys. Yes I have been good. I want a dinosar. Please bring my sister a barbie doll.
Love,
Jase Lipe

Dear Santa,
Are your raindeer doing good? I did londry. I want a gutar. A skateboard for my brothder.
Love,
Garret Spratt

Dear Santa,
Did any of your elves or reindeer get sick? I tried to be good. I did my school work, chores, and cleaned my room. I would like a bouncy castle, everybody to not be sick, and some new books. My dad would like a new toolbox. Grandpa wants some tools. Thank you! Wear your mask!
Love,
Zeaton Payne

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a real dirtbike. Please bring my sister an electric scooter.
Love,
Jackson Radcliff

Dear Santa,
How do you give everyone presents? I have done all my school work. Please bring me a hamster and what they need. Also a blue snowglobe.
Love,
Jacqueline Forester

Dear Santa,
I would like a lol doll. My mom would like perfume.
Love,
Kashlyn Jernigan

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Hoehn
Second Grade**

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing in the North Pole? I have been good ! I want an iPhone 11. My dad needs a sweater. I hope you have good day on Christmas.
From,
Cecillia

Dear Santa,
Santa, can you change into different colors? I haven't been that good. I am trying. I want a NinjaBot. My sister wants a unicorn. My dad wants to have camo boots. I wish for my mom to never get sick.
Love,
Carsyn

Dear Santa,
Are you OK? I have been good. I would like a slash. My dog wants another toy. I hope you are OK.
Love,
Carlin

Dear Santa,
How is Rudophoff? I have been very good! I hope I get a cage! My little brother wants a marble gun. I hope the elves are good.
Love,
Addie Dyas

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I've been good this year. I really want a hoverboard and the hoverboard seat and the 4 in 1 plane for LOL dolls and the 4 remix LOLs. I would like for my dad to have more grills so he can cook more. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a holly jolly Christmas!
Your friend,
Zian E.

Dear Santa,
What are you doing? I am good. My dad wants a bear foot lite swich cover. I hope you get the presents to everybody.
From,
Tyson

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I have been nice to people. I would really love a power wheels moped and iphone 12 pro max. My sister really wants a Nike hoodie. My other sister really wants an iPhone 11 pro. I hope you have a really nice day!
Love,
Justice

Dear Santa,
How do your toy machines work? I have been a good girl because I haven't opened my presents under the tree yet. I would really like a vet clinic at Rural King and a Mia and me toy. Can you bring my mom a Yoda and my sister a pretty necklace that says sisters. I hope you do not run into a chimney with your sleigh.
Love,
Shay

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I would like a LOL surprise. I want my dog to get toys. How is Rudolph?
Your friend,
Creedence

Dear Santa,
How have you and Rudolph been doing? I have been doing good. I am excited to go back to school. I have been cleaning the house with my mom and sister. I would like some make up and make up brushes. I would like a sweater for my dog. I hope you and Mrs. Clause have a happy holiday.
Love, Taryn

Dear Santa,
Have the elves been working hard? I have been good and bad. Can I have an elf? Can my brother have a PS5? I wish for a Barbie house and 5 Barbies and a Barbie car and fake food for Barbie.
Love,
Zoie

Dear Santa,
Are you excited for Christmas? My reading is getting better all the time. Could I please have chapter books? I like scary chapter books. I would like for my dad to have a break from work. I wish you a healthy happy Christmas.
Love,
Abbey K.

Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have been good. Can I have 200 Legos? Zoie wants 200 Barbies. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Jaxen

Dear Santa,
Santa is it cold in the North Pole? I help my mom clean. I have been good for my mom and now it is my turn to be good for you. I want you to get me the new PS5 and a Nintendo swich. I want you to get my mom a necklace with an emerald. I wish you a merry Christmas.
From,
Edward

Dear Santa,
Are you excited for Christmas? How is Rudolph? I have been good. I would like a skateboard, lasso and a one wheel and a scooter. I want a scarf for my mom. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Sincerely by your friend,
Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,
How is the North Pole? Can you bring my sister an instrument like a tuba because I love her? I hope you stay warm tonight.
Love,
Hannah

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you get me a hover board for Christmas? Thank you. How is the reindeer doing?
Love,
Nevaeh

Dear Santa,
Can you believe it's already December? I have been good. I would like to see my old friends from Mt. Olive. I would like for my friends to have a good Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Maddy P.

Dear Santa,
What do yo do in the summer? I have been good this year. I would like some Sonic the Hedgehog video games. Kirn W. likes candy. Will you bring him some? I hope you get a lot of cookies!
Sincerely,
Drew S.

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I have been nice to Cameron. I will like aniphone and a new bike. I want a blanket for my mom and a new phone and a new real necklace. I hope your dogs are nice.
From,
Carson

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I have been helping Daddy stack the firewood. Can you please bring me a horse? Can you bring my brother a toy dirt bike with a trailer? I hope you have a safe ride around the world!
Love your friend,
Kamrynn

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good. I want a new phone. My mom will like a new sweater. I hope you have a good day.
Love,
Morgan

Dear Santa, How are your elves? Please bring my sisters heated blankets. I would like a PJ mask tower. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Hayden

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I am good. Candy is something I want. I want my mom to get love!!! I hope Santa gets to my home.
From,
KJ

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Coleman
Second Grade**

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I have been helping my Dad. I would like to have Godzilla toys. My Dad wants a New gas grill I hope you make lots of boys and girls happy!
Your Friend,
Emmett

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. I miss you and I hope I'm on the good list. May I have slime, hoverboard, and a guinea pig My mom's class would like some Books. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
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Love,
Adaley

Dear Santa,
Have the elves made lots of toys. I have been good. Can I please have a phone, cat and airpods? For Mrs. Coleman can she have a Christmas hoodie? I wish you a great Christmas Santa! I love you Santa!
Your friend,
Mackenzzy Hagler

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been listening to my parents. I would really like airpods and if you can't bring me that then maybe a hover board my brother would really like airpods case I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I Love you Santa
Love,
Riley

Dear Santa,
Have you made the toys? I have been good. Can I have a Nerf Gun pleas? Can my dog have a new chew toy? I hope you like peanut butter!
Your Friend,
Owen

Dear Santa,
How are you this Christ-mas? I have been so good this year. Please bring me a pet turtle. My brother would like Dinsinoes. I hope you have a good Christmas!
Love,
Vincent

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph my sister and I have been good. Could you please bring me dogs, skate Board and a LOL my sister would like a new LOL doll for Christmas too. I Hope you have a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Olivia

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I have been excited for Christmas. Can you please bring me an ipad. My sister would like a new phone. I hope you have a good Christmas?
Love,
Ella

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs Claus? I have been very excited for Christmas. I would like a little dog, camera, and a naughty elf. I would like to give Sid a guinea pig. I hope you and Mrs Claus have a happy healthy Christmas.
Love,
Makenzie

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves? I am doing good in math. I would like if you got me a new phone. My brother would like a gaming head set. I hope you stay safe this wild Chritmas!
Love,
Anna

Dear Mr. Claus,
How are the elves doing Will you get my dog a bone because I lost the 3rd one? Can i have a PC? I hope you have a good Christmas.
love,
Marshall

Dear Santa,
How have you been. I have been really good. I would like some money my sister would like out of college my mom would like a cat. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Eli

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I am good at Reading. Can I please have a toy cheetah that purrs? Can my mom Have a new Hoodie? i wish my mom can Have a day off.
Love,
Emmie

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have been very Good! I would like a dirt bike! Would you thing about Getting my dog Molty a toy hedge hog? I hope you Get lots of Cookies!
Sincerely,
Sonney

Dear Santa,
Are you excited for Christ-mas? I have been doing good in math. I would like if you could Pleas bring me a Nintendo Switch Ps4/airpods. My mom would like a popsoket and my brother wood like a PS4.
Love,
Silas

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the elves? I Have been amazing! I would like two LOL dolls. My sister Maddy would like a camera. I hope you have a safe trip.
Your Friend,
Taelyn

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Ive been good. Could you please get me military toys and a Halo commder costume. My brother Keaton would like Pokman cards. I hope you have a safe trip Christmas Ev.
Your friend,
Steven

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. I would like a toy car. Can my dad have a real car? I hope your doweg good.
Love,
Blakely

Dear Santa,
Do you have magic? I have been saying please and thank you Can I please have LED lights for my room? Also, and LOL doll for my sis? I hope you have a Jolly ride.
Love,
Braedon Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? Can you bring Thomas a tablet because I love him? I would like an Alexa. I hope you get a lot of cookies!
Love
Allan

Dear M.r Claus,
How is Scout doing? Can you please bring Grandma a zero-turn mower? I would like Hot rod. I hope you have a great time.
Love,
Denton

Dear Santa,
How are you Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? I have been a good boy this year. Can I please have bouncing shoes, Legos, a nerf gun holder, and sonic toys? Can my mom have a new spatula? I hope you have a happy healthy Christmas!
Sincerely,
Colton C.

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Brown
Second Grade**

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. I have been good! I would like an orange bike and some Pokemon Cards please and thak you. My brother, Nolan Will also like some Pokemon Cards. I hope you are not sick,
Love you Santa,
Tobyn Adams

Dear Santa,
Aer you real? I have been very good. I would like 13,500 bucks. My brother would like call of Duty cold war I hope Rudolph is ok. Your friend,
Parker

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? I have been trying my best in school. I want a really fast RC car, and a PS5. My dad wants a dog and my brother wants pop patrol. My mom wants slippers. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Mason

Dear Santa Claus
How are you doing and How are the elves? Can you bring mom a iphone be cause she needs a new phone. I want a iphone and a Hover board and the Fostest RC Car. I hope you dont get sick.
Love,
Isaiah Brent

Dear Santa,
What cookies do you like. I have been a good kid. I would like a new book. My mom would like a new mask. I hope you get cookies.
Love,
Hope Leeann Cerutti

Dear Santa,
How long is it to drive? I have been good! I would like a stuffed animal Rudolph, a Ryan mystery play date toy. My Papa would like a new hat. I will leave cookies and milk.
Love,
Rocci

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? My brothers and I have tried really hard to be good. I really want an X box one, a hover board, and a horse. My brothers wold like new sunglasses. I wish a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kate

Dear Santa,
How are you? I've been very good. I would love a Omg doll. My sister would love a LOL doll. I hope you are feeling good.
Love,
Sophia

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I have been good! I would really like a Nintendo switch. Mom would like a new sink. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Zayne Lippe

Dear Santa,
I would like all my family home for Christmas this year, but I know that's not possible. I want so badly for things to get back to normal. I miss all my friends and family. It's not the same. But if I have to ask for one thing it's to bring back joy to the world. Everybody is so sad and I hope that you put smiles on everybody's faces. Bring those in need there christmas miracles. For myself, I want a white Christmas with lots of snow!
Arianna Mckinney

Dear Santa,
Do you want cookies? I have been good. I am good in math. May I have slime and a hoverboard. My sister will want a puppy and slime and a pink bike. I wish Santa has a good Christmas.
Love,
Jaelyn

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Santa I have been good. Santa I want slime, hoverbaord, Addy and Maddie xoo toys. Santa can you get my sister a Gocrow? Santa I hope you Are doing good.
Love,
Josselyn

Dear Santa,
Is your reindeer ready for the big flight? I've been good. How about you? Can I please have a Rudolph stuffed animal and a Santa sutffed animal and sleigh! Could you please bring dinosaurs for Timberly, Ponies for Aariah, cars for Sawyer. I wish you have a wonderful Christmas.
Love,
Kaylee

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Will you bring Mom a heart Pillow because I love her. I would like a RYAN egg. I hope you have fun.
Love
Eithan

Dear Santa,
Are you dooing ok Santa? Santa I am trying to be the best I can but it is hard. and I would like more action figures and a nitendo switch. My brother would like halo guys and a hover board. Santa I will put cookies in the midl for you.
Love,
Jensen

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I Have been good this year. I would like Luigi3 and Granney and Hello Neighbor. My mom would like a new basketball hoop inside of a ball. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Connor

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I have been good on math at school. I would like a Ps5 and a cross-bow. My mom would like a new ring. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a great Christmas and a great trip!
Love
Dax Spangler

Dear Santa,
What do you do in the Summer besides make toys? I've been a little good and a little bad. Can I pretty please have Tobi please and that messages. My mom would like a phone that has a clear camera. My Dad would like a big gray smart watch. I hope you have a good trip!
Love,
Skylynn

Dear Santa,
How are you and Ms. Claus doing? I have been doing my best to stay good. I would like a dirt bike please. My dog would like a new ball. I hope I get a lot of presents from you. You and Ms. Claus have a good Christmas.
Love,
Brecken

Dear Santa,
Are you feeling good? I have been good. Could I please have some barbies? I would also like new nintendo games. Could you bring my dad a Blues things? Could you also bring mom two things a new cup and a new mask? I wish

you a happy Christmas and take care of the reindeer and Mrs. Claus!
Love,
Josey

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a teddy bear and toys. Can you give my mom a new Ipad cause her old one broke in 2014? I hope you have a good time.
Love,
Kate Wheeler

**Beckemeyer Elementary
Mrs. Cady
Second Grade**

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I have been good and healthy. Could I please have a watch? My sister would really love a new phone! I hope you have an awesome Christmas!
Love,
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have been a good boy. I would like a book, the new playstation five, a four wheeler, dirt bike/ guinie and an iphone. My teacher needs a new laptop. I hope for a giant apple.
Love,
Carter Kitchens, cck.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I've been good. Can I have a Pocket knife? My friend Grayson wants a PS5. I hope you're healthy.
Love,
Henry Klump

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I've been good. Will you bring me a Nintendo Switch? I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Xyler

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a good girl this year. I love math. How is Mrs. Claus? and I love Pe. My dad needs a tv really bad. My mom needs a break. I really want a puppy! Please and thank you!
I hope you feel good,
Maddysyn Lynn Petty

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been Good. Can I have a bed and 1,000,000 Roblox please? Can my mom have a new roko TV remote? I hope you have a safe ride.
Love,
Liam Sellers

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph, Santa? I have been healthy this year and I have been a good girl. Santa please give happiness to my family and please give me a skateboard. Please give my brother James grandalbert and Jet and, please give my brother Henry a toy train! I wish you have a Merry Christmas. Love you Santa,
Isabel Jo McLaughlin

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Dear Santa,
How or the reindere? I have bin a good boy. Can I please have a toy car? Can Cat have a Barbie and a new sleigh for you? I hope you have a good Christmas. Love, Ira Richmond

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I have been doing good at reading. I would like a remote control monster truck and a nerf gun. Can you get my dad a new Jack? I hope you have a good Christmas. Love, Jackson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good. Could I please have a magic 8 ball? My mom would like some coffee mugs. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Love, Zebadiah Wells

Dear Santa,
How are you? My reading is getting better all the time. Could I please have a dirtbike and a helmet? Could you bring my sister a doll house for her doll? I hope you stay healthy and you and Mrs. Claus have a great Christmas. Sincerely, Liam Wilson

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph the Reindeer? I have been good this year and I am a girl. Could I please have a dog collar and cat collar please? Could Edward have a Husky please? I hope you are healthy this Christmas. Love, Alexis Young

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a stuffed animal. It doesn't really matter what kind but what I really want is a fake elf please? And a stuffed dog. that's it. thank you. Sincerely, Casey Lake

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? Will you bring my cats a present because they Need a play toy please. I would like an Alexa. I hope you have a merry Christmas. Love, Elliemae

Dear Santa Claus,
How is the North Pole? Can my Dad get a new car that is a different color? May I have a Lego set and a Batman set. I hope nothing happens to the reindeer. Love, Bently

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I have been really good and helping my mom with cleaning the house I would really love to have LOL dolls and a new Christmas book this year. My cousin Harliegh would really like some new make-up and to also see her family. We miss her. I wish you a Merry Christmas please stay safe the holiday season. Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing great! I would love to get headphones and one-piece pajamas for Christmas. My brother would like to get a tablet and my mom would like an air-fryer. My dad would like new socks. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Love, Lyv

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves at the north pole? You stay safe. I have been good. I want an elf on a shelf. Can I please get an art kit? Can my brother Antonio please get the Lego set that builds a rubix cube? I wish you a Merry Christmas! Your Friend, Catalaya Baxin

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I have been a good boy. Could you please have one of the elves make me airpods? Could I also have a sweatshirt and some pants? I hope you have fun with Rudolph! Love, Grayson Brewer

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been A good boy. Could I have A phone? And my mom needs new slippers. Dear Santa I hope you have A good Christmas. Grant

Dear Santa,
How have you been feeling? I am good. I would like a flamingo watch and a 4-wheeler and a magic 8 ball. I would like a B.B. Gun and flamingo and emoji underwear for my brother. Love, Lauren Cullison
I hope you will have a lot of cookies!

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Dear Santa,
Can I have a choo-choo train? That all! We made reindeer food for the reindeer. What's your best cookie you like? Love, Easton

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a make up table. Daddy wants a new big tractor. Mommy needs a snowflake necklace. Connor is a bad boy. He don't get presents. Love, Brynn

Dear Santa,
I want a new video game, Nintendo. Also, a new Sonic video game and a phone. Can Dad have a unicorn to trick him? Can Mom have a cat? Nana wants a Sonic action figure. Bring Mrs. Coulter a new present. Love, Carly

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur toy. I also want a Spiderman flying toy. That's all I want! My family would like cookies to eat everyday. Love, Quin

Dear Santa,
I have an idea. I want a bicycle. Mommy wants a new bottle of blue dish soap. Daddy wants a toy for me! Love, Korey Ann

Dear Santa,
Can I have a new dog? Mommy wants a new dog too. Daddy wants a new four wheeler. We made food for the reindeer. Love, Dean

Dear Santa,
When is Christmas? I want a horse. Maci needs purple lipstick. Mommy wants purple lipstick too. Ok, bring Mrs. Coulter lipstick too. She will like it a lot! Love, Madi

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Can I have a Nerf gun? Bring Mommy a unicorn and a little care for the baby. Can Dad have a new bow and arrow because his broke? I love you. Love, Corbin

Individual Letters

Dear Santa:
My name is Rayln White and I am 3 yrs old. I would like more hair ties for my hair. I want big gloves for my hands when I get bigger. Also I would like a snowman. I also need battery for my toothsavr so they can run it. I also would like to fly. I would like a cry baby also. I really sunglass pink for sure. For the candy I would like a candy cane, a scare crow, christmas tree, phone book when I get bigger. Thank you Rayln White

Dear Santa,
I would really like a real piggy, a cozie dozy and a chocolate pen for Christmas. Love, Sophia Madisyn-Ellen, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I think I have been pretty good this year. I hope I get an LED hoverboard, PlayStation 4, and some gaming accessories. I am in 1st grade (Mrs. Fenton's class) this year. I will leave you cookies and milk. We will also sprinkle reindeer food in our yard. Bentley Cox 6 years old boy

Dear Santa,
I love how this holiday brings joy to every body but please don't forget my brothers. I would like a pingols snake and that robot that can squirt water and punch things. My two year old brother would like a leap frog bear my other brother could have the same thing. I will leave milk and cookies. Love Christian Young

Dear Santa,
my name is Lauren Cruthis and I am 6 years old. I have been a very good girl this year and would like a Barbie camper, a boy Barbie, and a Lego jungle set. Merry Christmas, Love, Lauren (First Grader) Madison Park Elementary

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me an Ipad and Optimus Prime toys? I live in Galatia next door to Bill. Jill will be in the laundry room. Tank will be in Ady's room. They might bark. Maybe a dirt bike would be nice, too. And an X-box 360. Love, BoJack Ervin Galatia, IL age 7 (almost)

Dear Santa,
I'll be nine on January 23. I want a Minecraft Lego set or two, a helthey kids cook book, and a lirae camra. Can you get mommy a tropical vacation? Can you get Daddy a giant ninja turtle plushie and can you get it to be a Mikey one? Can you get Demi a pink elf? Can you get elsa a mediun sized squeakey toy. Can you get Nono Which is Italian for grandpa a big book of recipes? Nonni which is Italian far grandma needs a massage and a break from the Maass family. Love, Dahlia age 8 1/2

How are you? Santa. How is Mrs Claus Love, Olivia Douglas

Dear Santa,
I will buy you a new sleigh if yours has a hole. I will put itty bitty flashlights on my mailbox so you can read it. Please bring me Ariel toys and Ursula toys. Ursula is mean and she fights. I like her. I will leave you cookies and white milk. My special milk in case regular milk hurts your tummy. Love, Letty Ervin Galatia IL Age 4

Dear Santa,
I love you. You are the best. You always bring me what I want. This year I would like Madden 21 and Baseball 21. I would also like a football jersey and a new nerf football. Love, Kaleb (Age 9)

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a nerf gun, nerf war headphones, and green nerf war glasses. Love, Foster (Age 4)

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a mic stand, pura vida bracelets, a portable DVD player, perfume, and an airfort. Could you also bring me string to make bracelets with it. Love, Kinlee (Age 9)

Dear Santa,
Happy Merry Christmas Santa. For Christmas I want a tennis shoes-pink ones, a hairbrush, and two horses. My sister would like a card and my brother wants tennis shoes too. Kipley, age 3

Dear Santa,
This year I would like to get a Barbie Camper and a Barbie Closet. I would like books too. Thank you for the gifts last year. Love Mikaela Komor

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me an Elsa doll and paper and markers because I love to color, my mommy and daddy said I have been a really good girl this year. Thank you Santa. Love, Hadleigh Briar Millburg, age 2



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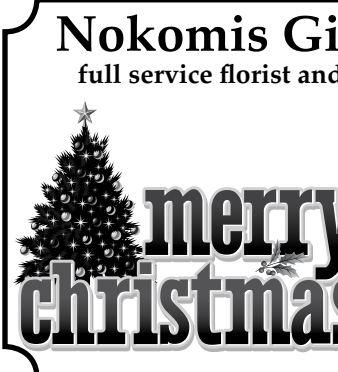
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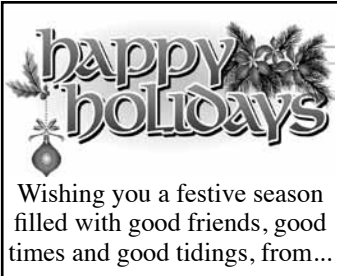
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Your friend, Parker

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new puppy and a bb gun for Christmas thank you
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Dear Santa,
I have been really good this month, the other months I've been a little mean to my sister. Thank you for the gifts that you brought us last year. I want you to bring me a wonder garden and a camera with a video. And I want a pic of your house and a kids four wheeler, the one that has gas in it. And I want posters of Michael Jackson. I'll leave you two chocolate chip cookies and sugar cookies for your reindeer. I want to give your elves a little bitty cupcake from my easy bake oven. And tell Mrs. Clause that I love her.
Love,
Nova, age 7

Dear Santa,
I love you, and I want to see you when I wake up in the morning. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I want a cry baby doll, a pink dog (not a real dog but a toy dog), and I want a unicorn. I also want another face mask. I will leave you some cookies and milk and some cake and chocolate milk for your reindeers.
Love, Millie, age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Charley, and I would like Disney princesses as big as my house this year for Christmas. I am three years old, and have been a very good girl.

Please remember my big sister, Grace. She would like some Disney princesses too, and my mom and dad. I will leave milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Charlotte Herschelman
Age 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Grace, and I turned nine years old this year. I am always a very good girl, and I would like a new Minnie Mouse for Christmas this year.

Please bring something special for my mom and dad and also my little sister, Charley. She's really good to me. We will leave you a special treat on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Grace Herschelman
Age 9

Dear Santa,
I am Luke Savage and I am 7 years old and I want a PS5 please. Merry Christmas Santa!

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a peppa pig, a bike and a dinosaur for Christmas. P.S. Please don't break our roof with your sled this year. And don't burn your bottom coming down the chimney.

Love,
Spencer Snowe, Age 2

Dear Santa,
I would like Another Nintendo so we all can Play on it Another game for my nintendo And some new clothing.
Andrew Stewart, age 6

Dear Santa,
My name is Zach and Im 7 years old, I would like a hoverboard, rc car, and an electric scooter. Thank you Santa.
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Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary

as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore 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. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

(Luke 2: 1-20)

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