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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2015

Lena Winslow elementary students share the true meaning of Christmas

Tony Carton
Shopper's Guide Editor

LENA — Dozens of pairs of little hands were busy crafting in the Lena-Winslow elementary school library Friday. The children were making a variety of gifts from scrap papers, cloth swatches and pieces of foam for the residents of a nearby nursing home.

"We are doing a community service project for the Lena Living Center and we are having our first through third graders make a card or decorate and print a 'Little Hand' Christmas tree or make a decorative craft to be displayed at the center for the residents," said Lena-Winslow elementary teacher Barb Copus.

The children obviously loved the project. They were totally focused on the tasks, but still talked and laughed and compared their finished products.

"We have nine different classrooms that come in and we have different craft projects for them to complete," said Copus. "It takes us all day and when we are finally finished we will have all kinds of things to share with the residents at the center."

She said the project is based on one of a series of books distributed by Monarch Publications. They are award winning books for younger children that deliver a positive message.

"This month's book is called, 'Scraps' where the author made a whole bunch of different pictures and projects through the use of scrap paper and fabric and buttons, and that kind of stuff," Copus said.

"A lot of our books are based on more of a reading activity, but this one is our community service project, so it is a little bit different," she said.



Photo by Tony Carton

Members of the LeWin first grade were busy cutting traced images of their hands from construction paper for the table decorations they would be sending to the Lena Living Center

Joanne Gallagher who, with Copus, teaches Title 1 Reading at LenaWinslow said their classes do Fun Fridays regularly and in December they traditionally do a service project.

"Last year we made blankets for Project Linus," she said "We wanted to do a local project this year so we are making table decorations for the nursing home."

Mason was working on a tree and doing very well.

"It's going to be nice when I finish," he said. "I'm using yellow and green paper and glue."

Mason said he doesn't know anyone at the Lena Living Center, but he hopes they will

like his handiwork.

Shaylen was making a "Little Hand" tree.

"We put our hand on the paper and we trace around it," she said. "Then we cut it out with scissors and we write our name on the hand and glue it to the tree."

She was one of about 10 first graders that had traced and cut the designs from construction paper and were busy gluing them to the tree. She had several stations to work at during

her time in the library.

"Over there we made cards and wrote letters to the nursing home," Shaylen said. "It's fun to make things for the nursing home. I hope they like what we do. I know if I lived at the nursing home I would like it if someone would make something pretty for me."

Jace and Jesus were making greeting cards at the station. They said first you take paper and draw a picture, then you write on it and then write

your name. They had thoughts about what a nursing home is.

"It's like a house and they have breakfast there," Jace said. "My grandma Jean lived at one. It was a nice place, but she isn't there anymore. She lives at home now."

Zachary Thomas was working with Adalyne. They were making a snowman.

"When we are finished they take them somewhere else, so the people will be happy," said Adalyne.

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Kid crafts

Tony Carton photos

Mrs Copus keeps a watchful eye on the card makers in the Lena-Winslow Elementary School library during Friday's community service project.



Adalyne and Zachary completed the snowman part of their crafting project and are ready to move over to the greeting card station for their next endeavor.



Children packed the Lena-Winslow Elementary School library Friday to make crafting projects for the residents of the Lena Living Center.

(Right) "We put our hand on the paper and we trace around it, then we cut it out with scissors and we write our name on the paper hand and glue it to the tree."

What a nice surprise Saturday morning a knock on my door 3 jolly men with smiles on their faces had a plate of delicious looking cookies and a tray full of good looking fruit. That's your Lions Club & Lena Area Church Co Operative. Making everything brighter for us here at the Lena retreat.

- Lil Schumacher

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L.A.S.E.R. Group to Host WINTERFEST

LENA — With enthusiasm, Lena Area Special Event Runners (L.A.S.E.R.) is proud to announce they will host Winterfest, a Lena community holiday event beginning January 23 and culminating on January 31, 2016.

On Saturday January 23, Coach's Golf & Grill will kick off the fun filled week by hosting a concert featuring Nashville Recording Artist and Lena Area favorite, Corey Cox (coreycoxmusic.com). During the 8 p.m. – midnight show, a

new tradition will be featured. In celebration of reviving this event from years' past, an inaugural king and queen will be crowned. The king and queen will reign over the Winterfest Activities and be of service until next year's event, where a new king and queen will be named.

Various Area businesses will be running specials throughout the Winterfest week. For more information on those businesses wanting to participate, please contact Jaime Heddinger @ Jaime@lenabrewing.com or 815-275-0714.

This week is a fun filled family time that celebrates life in a small town during the coldest of days. "We are reviving a long time tradition by agreeing to host Winterfest. We look forward to many people having fun in Lena, coming together as a community and letting off a little steam during the chilly days of winter," said Ross Vehmeier, President of L.A.S.E.R.

"When our small, get-it-done group of board members agreed to do this, I had a big smile on my face. Being a life-long Lena resident, I have fond memories of Bed Races on Main Street, Tricycle Races at the Iron Horse Tap and of course the crazy scavenger hunt that provided some serious competition with a lot of laughs. It is my anticipation that bringing back these events, along with the new ones we have in store will help bring Lena folks closer together and give us some

much needed stress relief. And, quite possibly, enjoy some beers."

The Friday, January 29 events include: Scavenger Hunt beginning at 7 p.m. at the Lena Brewing Company and the Tricycle Races at 9 p.m. at the Iron Horse Tap.

The Saturday, January 30, Events include: Kids games at Lions Park from 10 a.m.-noon. Volleyball tournament from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Winter War Games (bed races, tug-o-war, tricycle jousting) from Noon until 3 p.m. "Uptown", Blizzard Jousting. Also a Spaghetti Dinner beginning at 6 p.m. – hosted by the Lena Fire Department and a Blizzard Ball at the Lena Community Center.

The Sunday, January 31, events include: Family Day from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lake Le-Aqua-Na which is sledding and a 2.2 Run/Walk. Also, there will be Snowmobile Rodeo/Races at the Rafters from 1-3 p.m.

The weekend will end with the burning of discarded Christmas trees. The Winterfest

celebration truly has something for the whole family.

Jaime Heddinger, secretary of the L.A.S.E.R., once again shared the group's vision statement. "L.A.S.E.R. is a positive, dynamic and progressive organization focused on promoting Lena area events for the benefits of regional residents, businesses, deserving groups and overall community enrichment. That's our motto. We had a fabulous time putting together the Lena Shake-down (a mega-event held in late summer) and on the heels of that success, we decided to band together and have some fun during the winter. We are hoping for great attendance and support from the community as well as to provide a platform of fellowship for those brave enough to join us."

Please mark this week on your calendars and watch for future announcement. If you would like to be a part of Winterfest –please contact Jaime Heddinger @ Jaime@lenabrewing.com or 815-275-0714

WRESTLING RESULTS

Lena-Winslow/Stockton vs. Oregon - 12-8-15

- 145 R Valentine LWS f :50 K Wilson O
- 152 K Memmen O ff
- 160 E Rowe LWS f 2:53 N Clarke O
- 170 T Page f 2:56 B Gobeli LWS
- 182 J Ghibellini O ff
- 195 M Stevens f 4:35 C Davis LWS
- 220 I Kuehl LWS f 4:36 A Marchetti O
- 285 M Crandall O f 4:48 I Lawson LWS
- 106 dbl ff
- 113 S Nicholas LWS ff
- 120 A Vincent LWS ff
- 126 H Luke LWS md 5-1 C Clark O
- 132 J Hermann LWS ff
- 138 C Dvorak LWS md 8-2 S Carlson O
- 42 Lena-Winslow/Stockton – Oregon 30
- Varsity Team Record 6-0

Lena-Winslow/Stockton vs. Byron - 12-17-15

- 113 S triplet B f 1:01 M Stampfli LWS
- 120 A Vincent LWS Md 9-0 E Walters B
- 126 B Wilsie B f 1:39 H Luke LWS
- 132 J Hermann LWS f 2:16 B Stonesipher B
- 138 N Baker B f 1:35 P Keefer LWS
- 145 R Valentine LWS md 7-4 T McKay B
- 152 K kalkbrenner LWS f 1:56 R Mesling B
- 160 J Martinez B md 3-2 E Rowe LWS
- 170 B Elsbury B f 1:00 B Gobeli LWS
- 182 D Coyne B ff
- 195 J Elsbury B f 1:37 A Guy LWS
- 220 I Kuehl LWS md 5-0 M Ziel B
- 285 K Oltmans B f 1:22 I Lawson LWS
- 106 A Whaley B f :43 S Nicholas LWS
- 22 Lena-Winslow/Stockton – Byron 51
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"Thank You" seems so small compared to all the acts of kindness shown to our family since the tragic death of Nick. The many phone calls, visits, food, flowers, thoughts and prayers have helped us get through a very traumatic time. "Special Thanks" to Pastor Bader for his wonderful words of encouragement. As time goes on, we can reflect on the wonderful memories of our loved one and the wonderful friends and family that were with us to help. May God be with all of us and give us His peace and understanding.

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VIEWPOINT

SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

Dec. 14-18

SPRINGFIELD — The Governor and legislative leaders — minus the House Speaker — continued negotiations during the week regarding the state's ongoing budget impasse and while a compromise wasn't reached, it was described as a good meeting.

Meanwhile, a recent report shows Illinois' unfunded pension liability continues to grow, now at \$111 billion.

The state received good news during the week regarding high school graduation rates and the overall health and well-being of its citizens.

Madigan doesn't attend latest budget meeting

Democrat House Speaker Michael Madigan did not attend the latest budget meeting with legislative leaders and Gov. Bruce Rauner Dec. 17 in Chicago.

In a meeting that was described as good, the other three legislative leaders and the Governor also touched on public pension reform, workers' compensation reform, redistricting reform, term limits for lawmakers, and the school funding formula.

Both the Senate and House of Representatives are scheduled to return to Springfield Jan. 13.

A little levity to lighten your day

What does Santa say when he's stuck upside down in the chimney? "OH, OH, OH!"

Illinois' unfunded pension liability grows

A recent report from the General Assembly's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shows Illinois' unfunded pension liability has now reached \$111 billion. The newest figure is up from about \$105 billion in 2014 and about \$98 billion in 2013. The Illinois Teachers' Retirement System alone accounts for \$62 billion of the overall unfunded liability.

This report continues to highlight the need for pension reform that is fair to employees and taxpayers, and that helps Illinois regain its financial footing.

Earlier this year, the Illinois Supreme Court struck down a pension reform law.

To see more: <http://cgfa.ilga.gov/Upload/1115%20SPECIAL%20PENSION%20BRIEFING.pdf>

Higher rate of Illinois high school students receiving their diplomas

Illinois schools are performing better than 30 other states when it comes to high school students receiving a diploma. A report from the U.S. Department of Education says Illinois ranks 20th in the country in its high school graduation rate at 86 percent — four percentage points higher than the national average at 82 percent.

While the national average is the highest on record since the U.S. Department of Education started using a new, uniform measure in 2010, nearly one in

five high school students still are not receiving a diploma.

Iowa recorded the best high school graduation rate at 90.5 percent.

To see more: <http://blog.ed.gov/2015/12/u-s-high-school-graduation-rate-hits-new-record-high/>

Report: Illinois' health and well-being improving

Illinois is trending in the

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

FREEPORT — The second to last column for the year is at hand, and with the holiday season upon us I've been reflecting over the past year in Springfield and the 89th District. Many happy memories come to mind, yet I am plagued by the worst that came out of Springfield; maybe, I should have said what didn't pass out of Springfield. The State budget shenanigans and the general process in Springfield are not even close to good government. You've sent me to Springfield to be your voice, and I've seen how the proverbial sausage is made or not made for that matter. It is not acceptable to me or the citizens of Illinois. There are a few who relish in the quagmire of Springfield, but I will assure you there are well over 100 House members (118 of us total) that are bewildered by how the General Assembly has kept thousands of Illinois' families, units of government, and non-profit organizations languishing and awaiting services or funding from the State.

Good bills, good legislation never receives a fair up or down vote on the floor because of the political gamesmanship. This is not the amateurs, this is professional politicking the likes of which Illinois has seen for decades. It's disheartening and disenfranchising that our next generation of leaders hasn't been instilled with the same sense of public service, duty, and commitment that appears stronger in older generations.

Not all is bad, however. I have finished out my Legislative Luncheon's for the year and received great feedback from all that attended. These meetings are extremely beneficial as I hear from local leaders in education, agribusiness, public safety, small business, economic development and local elected officials. From the ground up, I believe the people who deal with laws and regulations know how they impact their organizations and businesses in a more intimate way.

For example, a local School Superintendent Bill Faller of Pecatonica informed me this



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

year of an interesting law. The Automatic Contract Renewal Act states that a person providing services to the federal government, the State of Illinois or another State, a unit of local government, or a school district does not have to give notice when a contract is about to expire. Using that law through the scope of real-world experience, Superintendent Faller is wrangling a service contract, signed under a different Superintendent and different School Board, to assist in controlling district spending. Much to the chagrin of Superintendents everywhere, this archaic law just feels like an unethical business practice, and to include local school districts seems silly. I'm sure there are valid reasons for the law, and some industry lobbyists would be happy to inform me, but instead I can rely on the input of people whom I trust in the 89th District to help determine what's best for us in Northwest Illinois. Thank you, Superintendent Faller.

I'd like to end with a diatribe alluded to above, it is part of a lecture to a broad range of ages on what I perceive are a lack of fulfilled duties. First, to the older generation — go find someone to mentor. Your experiences in life and knowledge guide you every day, but those without practice and familiarity are unprepared for life's challenges. It is your duty to mentor, guide, and teach those in your community. To the younger generation, some of you are egotistical, instant-gratification cry babies; yes, life is hard and full of challenges. The School of Hard-Knocks, of which I am a graduate, can be an unpleasant one, but it can also be highly rewarding. You don't know everything, and you'll have

questions that even the experienced generation can't answer. However, you have to be involved to begin asking those questions. You must abide by your civic duty and give back to your community. You must sacrifice for the betterment of our community. I know many of you don't like hearing that. In today's world of all about "Me, Me, Me," I say, "Duty, Sacrifice, Tomorrow."

We have a duty to leave behind a better community. This will mean a shared sacrifice for us all, one that our leaders don't call for anymore. My generation and those generations before me heard the calls for service and sacrifice; we need to echo those for our children and grandchildren — not just once, but at least once a week.

With Christmas this week, I'd like to remind everyone that reads this that the spirit of Christmas is not in how many gifts you receive, but in how many lives you touch with those gifts. It should not be about one day, but about a celebration of giving, sacrifice, and love for our neighbors. Yes, younger generation, even that old man that yells to you to get off his lawn (be respectful of others, you hooligans).

To all whom worship, in whatever capacity or religion, be thankful for your freedom of faith. It is a luxury not everyone in the world enjoys. As I call for sacrifice for the betterment of our community and country, I am reminded of a quote from a Sermon given in Westminster Abbey by Frederick Lewis Donaldson, "The Seven Social Sins are: Wealth without work; Pleasure without conscience; Knowledge without character; Commerce without morality; Science without humanity; Worship without sacrifice; Politics without principle."

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ON THE RECORD

OBITUARY

Lorraine Ellen Haas

ELIZABETH — Lorraine Ellen Haas, age 90, of Elizabeth, Illinois passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, Sunday, December 13, 2015 at the Elizabeth Nursing Home. A funeral service was held Saturday, December 19, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elizabeth. Burial took place in the Woodbine Cemetery, Woodbine, Illinois. Visitation was held December 18, at the church. A second visitation was held prior to the service on Saturday, at the church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the church in Lorraine's memory. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Lorraine was born July 20, 1925, the daughter of Phillip and Lorena May (Simmons) Townsend in Freeport, Illinois. She attended Hononegah High School in Rockton, Illinois and graduated with the Class of 1944. Lorraine married John Haas on February 8, 1948 in Elizabeth, Illinois. They celebrated 60 years together until John's death in 2008.

Lorraine taught Elementary and Middle School, grades 1-8 at Roberts School in Woodbine, Illinois. She was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elizabeth where she participated in the church choir, taught Saturday and Sunday school, and was a member of the Ladies Guild. She enjoyed beauty products, entertaining at her home, gardening, cook-



LORRAINE ELLEN HAAS

ing, baking and spending time outdoors hunting and fishing. She loved to watch her grandchildren play sports, and had a special fondness for beagles and cats.

Lorraine will be dearly missed by her two daughters, Nancy Haas of Stockton, Illinois, and Cindy (Gene) Eichmeier of Freeport; three sons, Lloyd (Lisa) Haas of Elizabeth, Greg (Jeneile) Haas of Elizabeth, and James (Ann) Haas of Byron, Illinois; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one sister, Sandra (Vic) Pemberton of Shelton, Washington; and a sister-in-law, Jean Townsend of Overguard, Arizona and numerous nieces and nephews. Lorraine is preceded in death by her husband, John, and three brothers, Dale, Melvin, and her twin Duane Townsend. The family would like to thank Elizabeth Nursing Home and Dr. Crist and FHN Hospice for their loving care and support.

BIRTHS

Evalene Kay Drake

LENA — Dylan Drake & Brittany Goebel of Lena, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Evalene Kay Drake born Sunday, December 6, 2015 at Monroe Clinic Hospital, Monroe Wi. Evalene has a brother: Blaine Drake. Grandparents are Lisa and Tim Drake of Lena, Brenda Goebel of Lena, Angie and Matt Goebel of Gratiot. Great grandparents are Ginny & Jack Drake of Monroe, Evalene & Marvin Weide (deceased), Sandy & Marvin Wiemken of Lena, Marlea & Stan Goebel of Lena, Jane & Bob Slampe of Cape Coral FL, and Lorraine & Gary Broge of Lena

Charlotte Teena Alfred Kurt Schilling

LENA — Jason and Theresa Schilling of Aurora, IL are the parents of twins: a daughter, Charlotte Teena and a son, Alfred Kurt born Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Rush-Copley Medical Group, Aurora, IL. They both weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Charlotte Teena and Alfred Kurt have a sister Margaret, 21 months.

Grandparents are Harold and Marge Visser of Winfield, IL and Kurt and Charlotte Schilling of Orangeville. Great-grandparents are Bart and Therese Burke of Pompano Beach, Florida; Teena and the late Jan Visser of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Marjorie and the late Dale Fryer of Freeport; and Doris and the late Alfred Schilling of Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Tyler's Justice Center for Children receives donation from Illinois State Police District 16

STOCKTON — Tyler's Justice Center for Children received a \$2,412 cash donation from the Illinois State Police District 16's Annual Christmas Party and No Shave November. The headquarters also donated office supplies to the center. The Illinois State Police District 16 serves Winnebago, JoDaviess, Stephenson and Boone counties.

Tyler's Justice Center for Children is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit Child Advocacy Cen-

ter, which provides services to child victims of sexual and serious physical abuse. The Center also provides crisis counseling, intervention and education, follow-up advocacy services, referrals for specialized sexual exams and licensed therapy. All services are provided at no cost. The Center serves Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson Counties and is a recipient of the Northwest Illinois Chapter of United Way.

Turn up the anticipation just a notch with the official NORAD Santa Tracker

STATELINE — Are your kids talking non-stop about the big day? Why not turn up the anticipation just a notch with the official NORAD Santa Tracker website where your kids can view the countdown, listen to some holiday tunes, play games, and so much more! Visit the Santa Tracker online at <http://bit.ly/1Q5X42T>

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right direction when it comes to the overall health and well-being of the state's citizens, compared to the rest of the country. The 2015 America's Health Rankings report shows Illinois jumped two spots to 28th place.

The good news for Illinois, according to the report, is the state has seen a 30 percent decrease in violent crime over the last 10 years. The state's infant mortality rate has also dropped consider-

ably — 48 percent since 1990. In the past 10 years, premature deaths have decreased 13 percent as well.

The last time Illinois ranked this well was in 2007, when it also ranked 28.

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*You left us beautiful memories,
 your love is still our guide,
 And though we cannot see you,
 you are always by our side.
 Our family chain is broken.
 And nothing seems the same,
 But as God call us one by one,
 The chain will link again.*

*Loving you always,
 Wife Bonnie,
 Children & grandchildren*

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — Are you ready for the big weekend? Because Christmas falls on Friday, there are many opportunities for celebrating the holiday. For those of you who have multiple family Christmas celebrations to attend, this three day weekend is great. I am gearing up for a big group early this week, and then will slide down easy all the way to Christmas. I have two batches of candy to whip up and a few presents to buy, so I guess you can say I am ready to go. This week features some great Christmas dishes—next week we will do some serious appetizer research. I hope you enjoy these Christmas recipes. Let me know which ham glaze you picked!

The first recipe is for some warm Christmas punch. This

drink is easy to make because all you do is dump. You can add some “kick” to it by placing some red wine in the mixture if that is your preference (my wine drinking friends say they would never ruin good wine by putting it with anything!). Enjoy this punch all day at your celebration because it stays warm in the crock pot.

Slow Cooker Christmas Punch

- 4 C. unsweetened pineapple juice
- 4 C. cranberry juice
- 1/3 C. Red Hots candy
- 2 cinnamon sticks, 3 inches long

In a 3-4 quart slow cooker, cook all ingredients, covered, on low 3-4 hours or until heated through and candies are melted. Discard cinnamon sticks. Serve warm.

Because cranberries are in season, they are great to use in all kinds of things. This appetizer has a little zip to it with the jalapeno peppers. Be careful when you are seeding and cutting them up to not touch your face—you will not like it. This appetizer makes for a pretty addition to an hors d'oeuvres table. Serve it on

a red plate, and it will be a hit. This recipe comes from the St. Ann's Catholic Church Cookbook.

Christine's Cranberry-Jalapeno Cream Cheese Dip

- 12 oz. fresh cranberries
- 4-5 green onions, chopped
- 1/4 C. chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely diced
- 1 C. sugar
- 1/2 t. cumin
- 2 T. fresh lemon juice
- 1/8 t. salt
- 1 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened

Pulse the cranberries in a food processor or blender until coarsely chopped. Add the green onions, cilantro, sugar, cumin, lemon juice and salt and pulse until the ingredients are well combined and finely chopped. Transfer the mixture to a covered bowl and refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight so the flavors have time to develop and the cranberries lose a bit of their tartness.

When ready to serve, spread the cream cheese in an even layer on a serving plate or in a 9-inch pie dish. Top with the

cranberry-jalapeno mixture, spreading evenly over the top of the cream cheese. Refrigerate up to an hour before serving. Serve with crackers or tortilla chips.

This next salad recipe is also from St. Ann's cookbook. It continues the cranberry Christmas theme. This salad can be made in a nice glass serving bowl, or put into a ring mold for a special presentation. You will like the mixture of the cranberry sauce, the pineapple, and the crunchiness of the apple. Enjoy this extra special Christmas salad.

Teri's Cranberry-Pineapple Salad

- 1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 small or 1 large pkg. raspberry flavored Jell-O
- 1 can (16 oz.) whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1 medium Granny Smith apple, chopped
- 2/3 C. chopped walnuts or pecans

Drain the pineapple, reserving the liquid in a 1-quart liquid measuring cup. Remove 1 tablespoon pineapple and set aside for garnish. Add enough cold water to reserved liquid to measure 3 cups; pour into large saucepan. Bring this to a boil and remove from heat.

Add gelatin and stir at least 2 minutes until gelatin is completely dissolved. Add cranberry sauce and stir until blended (mixture will not be smooth). Pour into large bowl. Refrigerate 1 1/2 hours or until slightly thickened (it should be the consistency of unbeaten egg whites).

Stir in remaining pineapple,

apples, and nuts and stir gently until well blended. Pour into a glass serving bowl or a ring mold. Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm. Remove from mold if needed. Top with reserved crushed pineapple just before serving.

What goes with ham? Scalloped potatoes of course! This recipe is easy and delicious and will go great with the ham recipe that follows. You will be so surprised when your dinner guests like this rather unconventional scalloped potato recipe.

Quick and Easy au Gratin Potatoes

- 2 C. sour cream
- 1 can cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1 pkg. (30 oz.) frozen shredded has brown potatoes, thawed
- 2 C. (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese

1 small onion, chopped
2 C. crushed cornflakes
1/4 C. butter, melted
Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, mix sour cream, soup, salt and pepper; stir in potatoes, cheese and onion. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. In a small bowl, mix the crushed cornflakes and melted butter; sprinkle over the potato mixture. Bake, uncovered, 50-60 minutes or until golden brown.

A great side with ham is carrots, and this recipe is easy to make in the slow cooker. You can put it together the day before your dinner, turn it on,

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LENA LIBRARY NEWS

By Dixie Althoff/Director
LENA — Only a few more days before Christmas. Is everyone done with their shopping?

According to my daughters, I need to be done. I'm not sure what they are trying to tell me! Everyone here at the library would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the time with your families. Remember we will be closed December 24 and December 25. We will be open regular hours December 26.

After school and story hours have had a couple of busy weeks. Last week the After school group finished up their ornaments made from old Christmas cards.

They also made Christmas

trees for a contest. The trees were judged this week.

The winner was Max Duncan. Great job, Max!

This week they also made their own snack. This week's snack was A Christmas Reindeer mini donut and an oreo reindeer cookie. They were very cute and I am sure all of the kids enjoyed eating them. Bingo was also played this week and some very nice prizes were awarded. All the children went home with a treat bag from the library. A nice way to wind down for the holiday break.

The preschoolers did a gingerbread/cocoa mug ornament last week. It was so cute! Christmas stories were read and Christmas songs were sung.

This week they had Christmas parties. Santa was with us on Tuesday and Wednesday morning 10-11 a.m. The kids could all talk to Santa before going down to class. It was a very exciting time! During class, they made scratch off candy canes to take home and hang on the tree. There were snacks and each child got to choose a gift from under the story hour Christmas tree. There were lots of smiling faces when they left.

Story hour and after school will be on break until after the holidays. Story Hour will resume on January 5 and the after school group will meet on January 11. Have fun with your kids while they are off. We look forward to seeing them all again in 2016.

There are no new fiction or non-fiction this time. Lots of books in October and November, but not so for right now. In a couple of weeks that should all change.

There are still plenty of books to choose from, so don't let the no new books this week stop you from coming in.

Kids, we have tons of new books for you! Too many titles to mention. There are board books, picture books and chap-

ter books. Something for every age group.

Stop in over break and check some out.

There are a couple more closed dates we want you to remember. We will be closed December 31 and January 1. We will be open regular hours January 2.

Watch the Shopper's Guide for future events.

Happy New Year to you all from the Lena Library.

Stockton FFA competes in Illinois State Meats Career Development Event

STOCKTON — Three members of the Stockton FFA competed in the State Meats CDE held December 5, at the Meat Science lab of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While there, the students had to identify 30 retail cuts of meat, quality and yield

grade carcasses, judge hams, ribs, and pork carcasses. The Stockton team placed ninth out of 24 teams. Hannah Brudi placed twenty-third, Heather Musser placed forty-second, and Olivia Kepner placed forty-fifth individually out of 99 total competitors.

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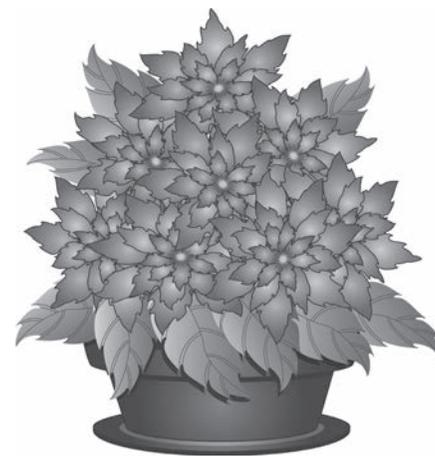


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and forget about it until you are ready to serve. What can be easier than that?

Orange Spice Carrots

2 lbs. baby carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
 ½ C. packed brown sugar

½ C. orange juice
 2 T. butter
 ¾ t. cinnamon
 ½ t. salt
 ¼ t. ground nutmeg
 4 t. cornstarch
 ¼ C. cold water

In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine, the carrots, brown sugar, orange juice, butter, cinnamon, salt, and nutmeg. Cook covered on low 4-5 hours or until carrots are tender

In a small bowl, mix cornstarch and water until smooth, gradually stir into carrot mixture until sauce is thickened. Cook for 10 minutes more.

Some people do beef, some do turkey, and some like ham. If you go the ham route, you can jazz your ham up with a glaze. This basic glazed ham recipe is one you will like to keep around. There are several glazes that you have to choose from. Some are sweeter and some are more savory. You pick the one that your family would like the best. Enjoy cooking ham this year—you can get really good ones at A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats.

Basic Glazed Ham

1 fully cooked bone-in half ham, shank or butt portion

Mustard Glaze

Halved orange slices
 ¾ C. light brown sugar
 ½ C. Dijon mustard
 2 oranges, juiced

Pineapple Rum Glaze

Pineapple slices secured with cloves

2 C. pineapple juice
 1 C. pineapple preserves
 ¼ C. dark rum
 1 t. dry mustard
 ½ t. ground cloves
 ½ t. all spice
 ½ t. coriander

Cranberry Maple Glaze

2 C. cranberries
 1 C. cranberry juice
 ¼ C. pure maple syrup
 4 thyme sprigs
 1 cinnamon stick
 1 T. chopped thyme

Rosemary Honey Mustard Glaze

4 rosemary sprigs
 ½ C. whole-grain mustard
 ½ C. honey
 ½ C. dry white wine
 1 T. chopped rosemary

Let the ham sit at room temperature for 1 hour

Position an oven rack in the lowest position; preheat to 350. Trim off any skin from the ham, leaving a ½-inch layer of fat. Score the fat with a sharp knife in a 1-inch cross-hatch pattern without cutting through to the meat. Place the ham, fat-side up, on a rack in a large roasting pan.

Pour 2 cups of water into the pan; tent the pan with foil. Bake until a thermometer

inserted into the ham registers 110, about 2 to 2½ hours, adding another 1 cup water to the pan if the liquid evaporates. Remove from the oven and uncover.

While the ham is baking, prepare the glaze. Brush the ham with about half of the glaze. Return to the oven and continue baking, brushing with the glaze twice more, until the glaze is caramelized, and the thermometer registers 140 about 1½ to 2 more hours.

Transfer the ham to a cutting board or platter; let rest 15-20 minutes. Strain the remaining pan juices into a saucepan and boil until slightly syrupy. Spoon the reduced pan juices over the ham. Serve with any remaining glaze.

Mustard Orange Glaze

Before baking, arrange halved orange slices all over the ham, securing with cloves. In a separate bowl, whisk the brown sugar, Dijon mustard and orange juice together. Proceed according to cooking directions above.

Pineapple Rum Glaze

Before baking, arrange thinly sliced pineapple all over the ham, securing with cloves. In a saucepan, simmer the pineapple juice over medium heat until syrupy, about 7-8 minutes. Whisk in preserves, rum, dry mustard, and spices. Proceed according to cooking directions above.

Cranberry Maple

In a saucepan, boil, the cranberries, cranberry juice and maple syrup with thyme sprigs and cinnamon stick over medium heat until syrupy, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in chopped thyme.

Rosemary Honey Mustard

Before baking, add 4 rosemary sprigs to the water in the roasting pan. In a saucepan, boil the mustard, honey, and wine over medium heat until syrupy, about 3-4 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in 1 tablespoon of chopped rosemary.

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"All 'I Want' For Christmas..."

By Pastor Rick Bader
St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

LENA — What did you get in the mail today? Among the Christmas cards, there are flyers and sale ads from just about every retailer imaginable. The problem is that they create an "I want" mentality. I remember as a kid waiting for the Montgomery Ward or Sears catalogue to come in the mail. I would turn the pages of the toy section and circle everything I wanted, then dog-ear the pages to make sure my parents would see it. Problem was, we were poor and though I wanted it, I knew I wasn't going to get it. It became more of a wish book than a shopping catalogue.

Today, I still page through those flyers and sale ads and I am keenly aware of all the things that promise to make my life better, nicer, easier, and more comfortable. At times I hear that kid inside of me saying, "I want! I want!"

The fact is we are created to want. As Christmas approaches, I can get caught up in the lights, decorations, gifts, meals, and overlook the One who is to be the object of my desire or want, the One to whom I should be singing praises, the One whom I should be celebrating at Christmas.

As intentional as I am about keeping Jesus the center of my Christmas season, our culture has created a Christmas celebration of "I want"—stuff wrapped in fancy paper that masks the greatest GIFT we've ever received.

I love giving and receiving gifts, I enjoy all the festive extras, and crave all the special treats that come with the season—but often lose sight of the One who should be the focus of all this activity—Jesus Christ, our Savior. In fact, I know that the festivities of the season often replace our worship of God's Son, our Savior. We try to fit worship in amongst all the Christmas "things" we have going on and attend if it's convenient—when we should plan all of our festivities around worship and make worship of the Christ our real priority.

Jesus only says "I want" one time in the Bible. Just one time. Do you know how He spends His "I want"? He spends that "I want" on you

and me. Jesus prays:

"Father, I want those You have given to Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world." (John 17:24)

Jesus has everything He could ever want or need in the whole universe. He has all of God's glory. He has all of creation in His hands. But His "want" is to have us with Him! Jesus has a perfect relationship with His Father and with the Holy Spirit, and yet He wants our companionship. He left the comfort and glory of heaven to come and get us! He wants us with Him and was willing to pay the price of suffering and death to accomplish that want, that desire. That Babe of Bethlehem became the Christ of Calvary for that very purpose.

Better than getting all the presents in that marked and dog-eared catalogue is knowing that we are Jesus' gift from the Father and that we are wanted. (John 17:6) When all the festivities, celebrations, meals, and gift-opening are done and the last visitor walks out the door—leaving you tired and frazzled with a mess of dishes to wash and a house to put back together—remember you are wanted.

When you didn't live up to everyone's expectations—didn't buy the right gifts, didn't make their favorite dish, couldn't possibly make all the rounds, and didn't get the annual Christmas letter out on time—remember you are wanted.

When loneliness overwhelms you because everyone has gone home, you're back to the "same old, same old" routine—remember you are wanted.

Reserve your "I want" for Jesus. Let's not squeeze Him in between the busyness of this season. Let's take advantage of the real and only lasting joy of the season—Jesus, our Savior.

Whether the Christmas tree looks perfect or the cat has crawled up in the tree and broken off 3 artificial branches, whether the turkey came out of the oven like a picture on the front of a cooking magazine or just tastes better than it looks, whether all the family could join you for Christmas or they ended up at the in-laws for Christmas—Christmas is about the joy and love of Christ and the fact that He wants you!

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of Elizabeth announces Christmas worship

ELIZABETH — Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of Elizabeth will offer a traditional service with Sunday School student and youth involvement based on the words of the Christmas Carol, "Mary, Did you Know?" and the adult choir will provide special music on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 at 7 p.m.

The Christmas Day service on Friday, December 25 at 9:30 a.m. features Song Service with Pastor's Christmas Story - "The

First UMC of Pearl City schedules Christmas Eve Service

PEARL CITY — The First United Methodist Church of Pearl City is offering a special Candle Light Service at 6 p.m. There will be scripture readings in celebration of the Savior's birth and special Christmas music by the regular church choir and guest artists.

First United Methodist Church of Pearl City is located at 411 South Main Street, Pearl City, for more information, please call: 815-443-2177.

Annual Meeting" based on the prophecy found in Isaiah 9:6. Adult choir will provide special music.

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January 14, Estate Planning Seminar by Attorney Anthony Coon. At 2 p.m. at Lena Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena, IL

January 20, Community supper at Lena Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena, IL. From 5-6 p.m. No cost, No obligation, just good food and good fellowship!

January 28, Community Bingo Day. Lena Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena, IL. Lunch at 12:30 Bingo at 1

Upcoming:

Members begin planning what you would like to give away for our upcoming Valentine's Giveaway Promotion! The item can be Valentine-related, an advertising gift that you have for your business, or a gift certificate.

Also "Save the Date" Highland Community College is holding a "Card Making Class" at the Doll Apts. 1008 S Logan, Lena, IL. 1-3 p.m. There is a fee and registration through HCC. Call Joan Miller at 815.599.3403 for more info.



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Citizens State Bank donates to Lena pantry

Fritz Kuhlmeier, representing the Citizens State Bank presents a check to Larry Buchenau, for the Lena Food Pantry.



Citizens State Bank donates to Stockton pantry

Mike Mammoser and Brock Musser, representing the Citizens State Bank presents a check to Darlene Steffes for the Stockton Food Pantry.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at Kent United Methodist Church

KENT — Christmas Candle Light Service Dec. 24 (Thurs eve) at Kent UMC at 5:00 p.m. All are invited and welcome. Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL.



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The SPOTS and Fifth Quarter youth groups will have their Christmas parties and a movie day on Wednesday, December 30, upstairs in the Youth and Family Center. A huge thank you to all those who participated and helped with the Sunday School Christmas Pageant, "A Mouse's Tale." The Pageant was fantastic. With special appreciation to each child who took the time to practice, learn lines and songs and to have the desire to be part of great pageant. A special thank you to Deb Bremmer and Claire Brinkmeier for directing the Pageant. They held numerous practices, had try-outs, created the set, made costumes and showed their patience and persistence to have a great Pageant. Many individuals helped with the Pageant and the Brunch. Special thanks to the Chancel Choir for singing at the Christmas Family Festival. Thank you to Pastor Ekstrand for directing and Sandy Scott, pianist. Bible Studies will resume after the holidays on January 4.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

WILLOW/KENT — Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Dec 27 at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. This is the Sunday after Christmas Day. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and all are invited and welcome; also to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the lessons in the devotional "The Upper Room" using the Holy Bible for all references. All are invited and welcome to this time too. Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd. For more info, call 815-601-6742.

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National FFA Organization honors Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter member

LENA — Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. The American FFA Degree is one of the highest honors the National FFA Organization can bestow upon its members. Kenzie Kaiser, a member of the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter was awarded the American Degree at the "National FFA Convention and Expo October 28-31 in Louisville, Kentucky. Kaiser is the first female from the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter to earn the FFA American Degree. She hopes that other young women like her will pursue careers in the agricultural industry and other related fields. Kaiser will be graduating from Highland Community College in May and is transferring to Northern Illinois University to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. In order to be eligible for the honor, Kaiser had 4 years of financial and operation records on her



Courtesy photo

Kenzie Kaiser, a member of the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter was awarded the American Degree at the "National FFA Convention and Expo in Louisville, Kentucky.

supervised agricultural experience program in beef entrepreneurship. She also had to have completed community service, productively invested money into her program, and demonstrated outstanding lead-

ership abilities and civic involvement within her community. Each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key, certificate, and matted frame after being recognized on stage.



ACL Bass Club donates to Stockton pantry

Dick Reifsteck, representing the Apple Canyon Bass Club donates the sum of \$500 to Darlene Stefes, of the Stockton Food Pantry. The Bass Club donates \$1,500 per year to the local food pantries. A percentage of every tournament entry fee goes to the Food Pantry Fund.



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Freeport Community Foundation awards grant for music and arts

FREEPORT — The Freeport Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Ian Murphy-Mitchard Fund for Music & Arts to the Boys and Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County at a grant reception on December 4 at the Boys and Girls Club Campus.

This fund was established by Ian's mother Marilee Murphy Odendahl and step-father Ted Odendahl. Ian passionately believed in supporting artists and this fund was established in his memory by his friends and family. This fund supports non-profit organizations located in Stephenson County that encourage artistic expression. Any individual or group can donate to the Ian

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I will leave you cookies and milk!
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Dear Santa Claus,
I love you! Are the Reindeer being good? Could you bring my friend Jayelle some Barbies? She has been good this year. I would like a lot of Stuffedies; they are little stuffed animals that are comfy. I would also like some new pencils. I also would like a new pillow and blanket. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Merry Christmas Santa!
Hannah

Dear Santa,
How are your Reindeer doing? Could you bring my mom a zebra pillow? My dad would like some new tools. I would like stuffed dog.

I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Thank you, Colton

Dear Santa,
I will make some chocolate chip cookies for you, do you like them? I will also leave you some hot chocolate. Could you bring my dad some Star Wars Legos? Mommy would like a big huge pillow. Evelyn would love some fake tattoos. Could you bring me some Star Wars Legos too?

Merry Christmas!
Anthony

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! How are your Reindeer doing? I have been a good boy all year! Will you bring my friend's some new toys? I would like a tablet and a track. I would also like a new video game. Santa, you can pick the rest to surprise me!

Thank you!
Conner

Dear Santa,
How are the Elves doing? Are they busy? Can you bring a bigger crock pot for mom that plugs in? I really don't know what I want so you can surprise me! I have been good all year!

Merry Christmas,
Brogan

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the Elves? Can you bring Jack a plane? Gigi would like Lego Barbies. I would like Mind Craft Legos and Transformers.

Merry Christmas!
Sam

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Please bring my mom a new purse. Dad would like a big John Deere toy. Jase wants basketball socks. Levi wants arrow for his bow and arrow. Please bring me a little bow and arrow and Minion stuffed animal. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Wade

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite kind of cookie? Please bring my mom bow and arrow. I would like Lego robots. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Caelen

Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies do you like? Please bring Elena Minnie Mouse. Zxandyr wants a new Hot Wheels set. Billy wants new movies. Chrystal would like some new books. My mom wants a new

computer and Dad wants a new bow and arrow. Please bring me a bow and arrow too. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Your friend, George

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Please bring my mom perfume. My dad wants video games. Ryan wants Hot Wheel cars. Uncle John wants a bow and arrow set. Grandma and Grandpa want new games. Please bring me some Barbie dolls with shoes and dresses. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Bridget

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Please bring my mom a new laptop computer. Dad would like some tools. Josh wants video games for his computer. Caitlyn wants a new movie. Treydon wants a new Transformer robot. Please bring me toy earrings that clip on my ears and a new Barbie with clothes and shoes. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Hailey

Dear Santa,
Do you like candy cane cookies? Could you please bring my

mom a new computer and a new phone for my dad? My sister Sky-lar a phone and Kylie would like a computer. Could you please bring phone and a computer for me? Thank you Santa, have a Merry Christmas! Your friend, Morgan

Dear Santa,
Do you like cookies? Could you please bring new slippers for my mom and a Star Wars pillow for my dad? My sister Adeline would like a phone and I would like it if you could bring me a pair of high heels boots and chocolate pen. Thank you Santa, Merry Christmas! Your friend, Camdyn

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Could you please bring my mom a new big purse and a stuffed animal puppy for my dad? My brother Xander would like a phone and I would like a new stocking and a phone. Thank you Santa, have a Merry Christmas! Your friend, Porter

Dear Santa,
Can I leave carrots for the reindeer? Could you please bring my mom some slippers and a new phone for my dad? My brother Jackson would a new computer and I would like a phone and a computer. Thank you Santa, Merry Christmas! Your friend, Miles

Dear Santa,
What is Mrs. Claus's name? Please bring my mom tickets to a movie, my dad cartoons, Sandy and Elsie Barbie and Kip some Legos.

I would like a movie and Legos. Thank You, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Dustin

Dear Santa,
Why does Rudolph's nose light up? Please bring my mom a movie, my dad hunting gear, and Alex some Legos. I would like a pretend hamster and girl Legos. Thank you, Santa.

Have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Jayelle

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? Please bring my mom a new car, my dad a new football, Lucas a little farm rake, Addie a book, and Ava girl Legos. I would like a new little farm rake and boy Legos.

Thank you, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Jayden

Dear Santa,
Can I pet your reindeer? Please bring my mom a new skirt, and my dad a new tractor.

I would like a unicorn and a pretend kitten in a rainbow. Thank you, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Gemma

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Your friend, Marlee

Mr Matt Blakely's Le-Win Kindergarten

Ireland Barret
I have been a good girl and I would like A American Girl Doll and her little puppy with the bows.

Caleb Amborn
I have been a good boy and I would like a toy Boa Constrictor. I would also like to have books to read with my brother.

Daniel Beltran
I have been a good boy and I would like to have games to play and a cops and robbers Lego set.

Nathan Crain
I have been a good boy and I would like to have an IPAD. I would also like to have a big Lego set.

Colton Paulsen
I have been a good boy and I would like lots and lots of Lego's and a remote control boat that drives in water.

Jaxon Musialek
I have been a good boy and I would like to have my own remote control monster truck and all the Lego's at Walmart

Alex Reed
I have been a good boy and I would like a remote control car that goes really fast, and video games.

Stephanie Decker
I have been a good girl and I would like to have brand new Barbie. I would also like a sled that goes super-fast in the snow.

Brennan England
I have been a good girl and I would like a Puppy in My Pocket and some Monster High Dolls to play with my sister.

Breelynn Fields
I have been a really good girl. For Christmas, I would like beautiful flying unicorn and a "Zoomer Kitty".

Harper Hastings
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a American girl doll with hair styling accessories and a sewing machine.

Zach Taylor
I have been a good boy and I would like a X-Box with a WWE wrestling game and a boxing game. I also want some Superman Legos.

Connor Toves
I have been a super good boy this year. I would like some dragons and whole bunch of dinosaurs.

Addison Holtz
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a fast sled to go in the snow with. I would also like a little pony with her momma horse.

Jayda Petig
I have been a really good girl this year. I would like a "Zoomer Puppy" and a IPAD to play games on.

Max Wickler
I have been a good boy and I would like Batman and Robin Clothes. I would also like to have Batman and Robin toys and the Lego sets.

Aivia Scheid
I have been a really good girl this year. I would like a baby puppy to play with and some Barbie Lego's

Mrs. Hanson's Kindergarten - Orangeville Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I would like an Easy Bake oven for Christmas.
I have been a good boy.
Love, Jonah

Dear Santa,
I want a new My Life doll. I would like more Barbie clothes.
Love, Kaytlyn

Dear Santa,
I want a steamroller. I would also like a Case skid loader, a log truck and a tractor. I was wondering, how do your reindeer fly? Do your elves wear shoes? I remember when you went to my Grandma's house.
Love, Brody

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. I would like a four wheeler for Christmas. I would also like a dirt bike that is blue. Could you also bring me a computer?
Love, Tony

Dear Santa,
I like you and I have two elves at home. One's name is Rainbow and one's name is Alvin.
I really do like your elves because they are so pretty. One is a boy and one is a girl. I want a Butterscotch horse and an iPhone

6. I would also like my own robot dog and a real dog, too.

I would like a real horse. It would be so awesome. I would like a Nerf gun and I want my own baby snake. I have been a good girl and I want a pet dog and cat.
Love, Briahna

Dear Santa,
I want wrestlers for Christmas. I would like the Undertaker wrestler.

I have been good. It is my brother's first Christmas. Please bring him a hat and some Christmas clothes. My family is feeling better. My mom would like a collection of princesses.

My dad would like a Playstation 5.
Love, Peyton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new bike. I would like it to be red. I would also like a helmet.

Please bring me a 4 wheeler. I would also like a combine and a motorcycle. I have been a good boy this year. I would like a big bouncy ball.
Love, Alex

Dear Santa,
I want dollies and make up. Please bring my sister some pretty dresses.
Love, Zoey

Dear Santa,
How is it going in the country? I love you. Please bring me a remote control robot.
Please bring my sister a Barbie doll. Please bring my baby sister a Twilight Sparkles.
Love, Connor

Dear Santa,
I want a Dodo bird book. I would also like a Titanic book.
Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,
I want an Elsa Frozen bike and a stuffed Olaf. I have been a good girl.
Love, Finley

Dear Santa,
I think your suit is cool. You are the best. You bring the best presents.
Please bring me a snowmobile.

I would like a black one. How old are you?

I love you.
Love, Jaymeson

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed animal cat and an Elsa Barbie doll. I would also like a Anna Barbie doll. I was a good girl.
Love, Elle

Mrs. Tiesman's Kindergarten, Lena-Winslow

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy! I would like a bat cave. I would like a bat mobile too!
Your Friend,
Tevor Dawson

Dear Santa,
I have been eating all of my supper because you told me I had to eat all of my supper to get my presents. I would like a red monster truck. I would like a red remote controlled car to match my monster truck. I would like a red monster motorcycle.
Love, Aston Dorsey

Dear Santa,
This year I was a very good girl. I want like a flat screen t.v. for my bedroom!
Love, Avri Edler

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want Shopkins. Can you please bring me some books? I will leave a campfire

for you!
Love, Dakota Esser

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you some chocolate chip cookies. Could you please bring me a Jasmine Barbie? I would also like a book.
Your Friend, Evelyn Gabel

Dear Santa,
I want a farm set with some cows and a couple tractors and a couple trailers. I would also like a F.S service truck. And that is all!
Your Friend, Will Groezinger

Dear Santa,
I want Shopkins broom set from you. I want a baby doll to play with and sleep with at night. And I want a comfy pillow to sleep on in my bed. I want to have a little SpongeBob toy where he is holding a candy cane. Bye-bye!
Your Friend, Brooklynn Kaiser

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring my Olaf toys!
Your Friend, Tayler Kaiser

Dear Santa,
I would like Batman toys. I would like Pokeman cards. I would also like a Triceratops. I would like a Nintendo 3DX. I like you because you are my friend!
Your Friend,
Noah Kepner

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I like when you bring me presents. Could you please bring me Shopkins?
Love, Lydia Lessman

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like Lego's firefighter. I would like John Deere legos.
Your Friend, Franklin Leverton

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego Batman Wii 3 game. I would like a Lego Avenger game. And a train twister. Can you please make Brody and Miles good boys?
Love, Merrik Mahon

Dear Santa,
I would like Shopkins for Christmas. I would love to have some toy horses. I would like pink and purple Legos.
Love, Avery Peight

Dear Santa,
I want a batman dinosaur with Joker!! I would like you to get my brother some work stuff! I am going to leave you some milk and cookies!
Love, Hudson Raders

Dear Santa,
I want a red toy tractor that comes with a semi. Also, I want a tractor. I want Santa to bring me a toy. For my brother, he likes an airplane with a semi.

Your Friend, Braxton Reed

Dear Santa,
I would like a giant soft unicorn! I would like an American Girl doll hair cut shop. I would also like a Doc Mobile.
Love, Isabelle Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a stuffed animal horse for Christmas.
Your Friend, Taylor Youtzy

Mrs. Werhane's Pearl City Kindergarten Santa letters

Dear Santa,
How are Rudolf and the reindeer doing? Could you please bring dad a new gun, mom a new shirt, Kendra an American girl doll, and grandma a new sewing machine? I would like a real monster truck. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Your Friend, Karsen

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing and are they ready for Christmas Eve? For Christmas, my dad would like a real tractor, mom wants a new car, Addie would like new colored pencils, and Ava wants an American Girl doll. I would like a John Deere tractor. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Your Friend, Lucas

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Could I visit the North Pole? This Christmas my dad would like a new

gun, mom wants a new necklace, Myles wants a fast sled. I would like a go cart. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Your Friend, Porter

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I was wondering what the reindeer like to eat? This Christmas, my dad would like a trophy, mom wants some new clothes, Nathan and I would like a Bunch-O-Balloons set. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Your Friend, Krista

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf doing? This Christmas, dad would a new blue truck, mom wants glass vase with pink flowers, Bubba wants a new blue bike. I want a remote control truck. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Your Friend, Carlito

Dear Santa,
How cold is it at the North Pole? Please bring my daddy new pliers. Mom would like a new winter coat. Khloe wants a little fairy toy. Please bring me a fairy toy, a princess toy and a kitty toy. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Cassidy

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? Please bring Brea a new pair of shoes. Drake would like lots of new posters. Mom would like a baking pan and mixer. Dad wants new dance jeans. Please bring me some new clothes and a Barbie house with Barbie dolls. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Charlotte

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Please bring Grandma some new pajamas. Tammy would like a word ring. Mommy would like a sparkly ring. Please bring me an orange semi truck and a gray semi truck. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Mauricio

Dear Santa,
How does Rudolph's nose light up? Please bring Natalie a baby doll. Maddie wants a light for her wall. Mommy wants a nice ring.

Daddy wants work clothes. Please bring me a bunk bed and a semi with a trailer and ramps. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Spencer

Dear Santa,
How do your elves make toys so fast?
Please bring my mom new boots, my dad some movies and Brynn a book. I would like a stuffed cat and dog. Thank you, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Kennedy

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? Please bring my mom a book, and Dylan a book, too. I would like a Superman cape and a Batman cape. Thank you, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Jesse

Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph really have a red nose? Please bring my mom some jewelry, my dad a movie and Cade a new phone. I would like a new Christmas tree and a pink sparkly shirt. Thank you, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Elley

How is your sleigh working? Please bring my step-dad some tools, my mom some new pajamas, Margaret some Barbies and Zoie some jewelry. I would like a snowboard and snowboard gear. Thank you, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Easton

Dear Santa,
How do the elves have powers? Please bring my mom a new necklace and earrings, my dad new shirts and pants, Dustin a new costume and Kip a fake key. I would like an Easy Bake Oven and new clip earrings and a necklace. Thank you, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Sandy

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? Please bring my mom a new movie, my dad a T.V. show, my sister a cartoon and my brother Legos. I would like Nintendo games. Thank you, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Alan

Dear Santa,
How do the elves work so fast? Could you please bring my mom some pajamas and a helmet for my dad? My brother Rylen would like a bike and I would like a brand new tractor. Thank you Santa, I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Deaken

Dear Santa,
How far does Rudolph's nose light? Could you please bring my dad a pair of winter boots, and my mom would like a pair of flip flops. I would like an Xbox and a pair of socks please. Thank you Santa, have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Brodie

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Could you please my mom a pair of Nike shoes and some new work clothes for my dad? Joely would like an Anna dress and Lexi would like earrings. Could you also bring an Elsa dress and a braid wig for me? Thank you Santa, I hope you have Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Brianna

Dear Santa,
How are all of your reindeer? Could you please bring my mom a new car and my dad some new work clothes? My brother Baba would like a new winter coat. I would like Elsa shoes and an Elsa dress and wig. Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Braylen

Dear Santa,
What do your reindeer eat? Could you please my dad glasses that can plug his nose and some new socks for my mom? Audra would like a phone and an iPod for Lane. I would like a hunting vest. Thank you Santa, have a Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Colt

Ms. Noller Kindergarten Lena-Winslow

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a surprise present from you. I would also like Shopkinz french fries and Disney Infinity characters. Please and thank you Santa!
Your friend, Riley Durling

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like a new shirt, a train, and a snowboard this year please. Thank you Santa!
Your friend, Johnny Schoger

Dear Santa,
I would like a choo-choo train, a potty timer, and a Disney Infinity please. Thank you!
Your friend, Roran Schulz

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a Bi-nacle and some Legos please. Thank you Santa!
Your friend, Myles Johnson



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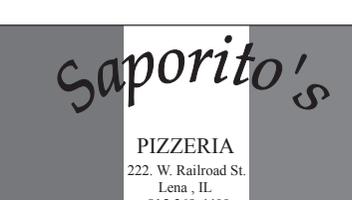
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Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are you? This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a surprise present? I would also like a Barbie and a new vacuum for my mommy. Thank you Santa! You're the best.
Your friend, Ashlyn Schubert

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? For Christmas, could you please bring me a TV, a pony, and a surprise present? Thank you Santa!
Your friend, Emma Smith

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! Could you please bring me some new pants, a cat, and an ornament for Christmas this year? I have been a very good girl. Thank you Santa!
Your friend, Sienna Hastings

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? Could you please bring me an Ariel Barbie, a Eugene Barbie, and a Barbie House for Christmas? Thank you Santa!
Your friend, Addison Tiesman

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like a Barbie and Shopkinz French fries please. Thank you Santa!
Your friend, Daniela Beltran

Dear Santa,
Hi there Santa! How are your reindeer? I would like a nerf gun for Christmas. Thank you!
Your friend,
Graham Koch

Dear Santa,
Hello! Could you please bring me a dungeon and a real diamond this year? Thank you Santa!
Your friend, Cooper Knoup

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I hope you are good. I would like a Barbie house, a TV, and a surprise present from you please. Thank you Santa!

Your friend, Evelyn Dittmar

Dear Santa,
Hi! Could you please bring me two hockey nets, four pucks, and two hockey sticks? I would also like Legos or a remote control helicopter. I have been a good boy this year! Thank you!
Your friend, Brogan Kuhlmeier

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. Could you please bring me a shirt and a mystery gift? I would like to be surprised. Thank you Santa!
Your friend, Angela Curtis

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I would like a mystery present, a Nintendo DS, and Beado Gems please. I have been a very good boy this year! Thank you Santa!
Your friend,
Zaydan Schoonhoven-Hussain

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? Could you please bring me a Barbie, Shopkinz fries? I would love to get a mystery present too! Thank you Santa,
Your friend,
Colbie Roberts

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are you? I would like a Barbie, a real dog, and a mystery present for Christmas this year. I have been such a good girl! Thank you Santa!
Your friend,
Olivia Wanek

Mrs. Lawler's Pearl City first grade

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? What is your favorite cookie? Santa could you please bring Hudson a John Deere tractor, a necklace for my mom, a Bears shirt for my dad and an American Girl doll for Lucy? I would like a snowboard and log trailer. Thank you, Santa. Merry Christmas!
Your friend, Lincoln

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? How does Rudolph's nose stay on all night? Tomiya wants a frozen necklace, Jenee wants a stuffed Olaf, Anika wants a pretty necklace. Mom wants jewelry, dad wants a new shirt. I want a duck named Yellow and dominos and a ball. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you Santa.
Your friend, Nevaeh

Dear Santa Claus,
How do your elves make toys? What is your favorite cookie? Olivia wants a big eyed unicorn. Ella wants more duct tape. Dad needs new tools to the fix the ranger. Mom wants more jewelry. I want a big eyed camouflage owl and razor scooter and a little camouflaged owl. I have tried to be good all year.
Your friend, Sawyer

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How do you get in and out of houses without chimneys? How does Rudolph's nose stay on all night? Mom wants some new candles. Dad wants work tools and tape. I would like a big eyed beanie boo penguin and a little penguin too. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, Scarlett

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? How do you get in and out of the houses without chimneys? Jayden wants poker chips, Kameron wants a big eyed penguin. Dad wants a new lawn mower. Mom wants jewelry. I want a police simulator, a big eyed penguin and a Charlie brown. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, Clayton

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? What is your favorite cookie? Please bring my dad a video game. Mom would like new slippers. My sister wants Baby Alive diapers. Please bring me a new Hello Kitty watch. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, Donna

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer? How are you, Santa? Please bring my nana a diamond necklace and Papa an electrical two player football table. I would like a huge Lego set, new shiny cars and animals. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, Braxton

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? What is your favorite cookie? How do your reindeer fly? Could you bring dad a Bears shirt, some flowers for my mom, a Cubs shirt for Ben and a trampoline for Ethan? I would like a log trailer and a tractor with a blade on it. Thank you, Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Eli

Dear Santa Claus,
How do your reindeer fly? How does Rudolph's nose stay on all night? Please bring my mommy and daddy a surprise gift. I would like a Zoomer Kitty. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, Mackenzie

Dear Santa Claus,
What is your favorite cookie? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring my daddy a deer snow globe. Mom would like new towels. My sister Kady wants a new I Pod. Oakley wants a new book. Please bring me another American Girl doll. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Santa
Your friend, Mya

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Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? What is your favorite cookie? Could you please bring my mom a necklace and a Cowboy's pen for my dad and shoes for Brianna? I would like an American Girl doll. Thank you, Santa. Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Danica

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you get in and out of houses without chimneys? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring my mommy jewelry and my daddy a new game. I would like a big Lego set and Marvel action figures. I have tried to be good all year!
Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, Brian

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Thank you, Santa.
Your friend, Tristan

Mrs. Cahoon's first grade class at Orangeville Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! When Bri is my babysitter, I help her do the dishes. I help my mom do the laundry. For Christmas I want a keyboard and clothes from Justice and a whiteboard. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.
Love, Brynlee

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have helped my dad. I helped my dad set the tree up. I helped set up my tree and help decorate it. For Christmas I would like an Elsa power, a pet turtle, and a pony. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!
Love, Emily

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I help take care of my pet. I help my mom. I feed the fish for my mom. For Christmas I would like an easy bake oven, hats and gloves, and new coats for winter. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.
Love, Rylee

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year! I have done these nice things: I have been good to my mom. I have been well behaved. I have been getting along with my brother. For Christmas I want a saxophone and a drumset and also a trumpet. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.
Love, Brock

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I help people up. I have made good choices. I have been good to my Elf on the Shelf. For Christmas I would like an iPod, a skateboard, and a computer. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.
Love, Beau

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I have been helping Mrs. Cahoon. I want a toy semi, a toy combine, and dominoes. I hope you enjoy the warm milk and cookies. You are nice!
Love, Tristan

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I help my mom and I helped my mom with the tree and I help my mom with the laundry. I want a fish gun and a cotton candy maker and the gummy maker. I hope you enjoy the cookies and the milk!
Love, Ayden

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have been good at lunch. I have been good at recess. I help my friends. I want a Kindle. I want a farm set. I want a computer. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.
Love, Amery

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I go get the duck eggs in the morning. I help my mom make supper. I help mom and dad put the Christmas tree up. For Christmas I would like a new bike, and a DS. I want a tv in my room.
Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have been working good. I have been helping my family. I have

been a good boy. I want an iPod touch. I want a teddy bear. I would love to have a DS.
Love, Cade

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have helped people, gave my mom a hug, and I have been nice to my family. I would like Shopkins, earmuffs, and a tiny computer. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.
Love, Aubrey

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I helped bake cookies, I helped my mom feel better, and I helped Keralyn feel better. For Christmas I would like shoes for my mom, some toys for my brother, and a marshmallow stuffer.
Love, Ashlynn

Mrs. Maurer's Orangeville Elementary First Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have helped someone. I have been good at school and gotten on blue. But I have not gotten on yellow this year! I have done the dishes for my grandma. My Christmas wishes are: I want to have an American doll. I hope you enjoy the cookie and milk! I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love, Alexis

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things as help my grandpa down the stairs, do chores, and got blue two times in a row. My Christmas wishes are...a four wheeler, for the Bissells to be rich, new 3Ds video games, whip cream, airhog, and star fitter. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.
Love, Oskar

Dear Santa,
I have been kind of good this year. I have done some nice things. I held the door, I used my manners, and I hugged my mom! My Christmas wishes are to get some hot wheels, John Deer tractors, and a big Lego grain tractor. I hope the reindeer enjoy the carrots and Santa I hope you like the cookies and milk.
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things at school. Like held a door open, I helped my mommy, I did the dishes at home, and I did chores with my dad. My Christmas wishes are a collectible doll, a phone, you Santa, and a Taylor Swift CD. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Anna

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things... fed the dog, helped someone, and said good manners. My Christmas wishes are Legos, hot wheels, truck, a new tooth brush, and a new book. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk and I hope your reindeer like my carrots.
Love, Payton

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some things as doing the dishes, helped someone, and I did my chores. I have been outstanding at school! My Christmas wishes are Jordan stuff, a helicopter, Dallas Cowboy stuff, a Boxing Buddy, and an Xbox. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!
Love, Hayden

Dear Santa,
I have used good manners. I have made new friends and I have been very good this year. I did the dishes, and held a door open for someone. A remote control, games, and candy is what I wish for Christmas. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love, Garrett

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some very nice things as held a door for another class, helped someone, make new friends, and said good manners. My Christmas wishes are an American doll of sports, money, Dove candy, and a cat bank. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Abigail

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I made a picture for my grandma and said Hi to my friends. My Christmas wishes are a toy, a robot, and a train. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Merry Christmas!
Love, Aidain

Dear Santa,
I helped my dad with the dishes in the kitchen. I have been good this year. I had a new dog. My Christmas wishes are... I want a new toy Barbie with a dream house with Ken. I want a toy girl dog, and a horse. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk! Santa have a very Merry Christmas.
Love, Kelsey



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I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things as helped someone and said good manners. I wish for a Jack-in-the-box, Legos that are cool, and candy. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!
Love, Ivy

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things as helped open doors, someone, and helped do the dishes. My Christmas wishes are a clock like Mrs. Maurer's, a remote Barbie car, and big vowel cards like Mrs. Maurer's. I also want a real piano and a real cordless microphone.
Love, Kara

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things.... held a door open, helped people, and made a picture for my teacher. My wishes are....the real Ghostbusters set, sky rover voice command, wubble bubble ball, and a Batman plush. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and look for good old Chris Cringle your brother.
Sincerely, Elwyn

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things. I helped my grandpa, and do dishes. I wish for the Mousetrap game, Ghostbuster song, treasure truck, some hot wheels with a track, a train set, and a kindle. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Xavier

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things at school like using good manners and sharing. My Christmas wishes are a Frozen story playset, Sesame Street plush pals, and a Baby Alive doll. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!
Love, Jilly

**Mrs. Robinson First Grade
Pearl City**

Dear Santa,
How do you go so fast? How do you know all the kids' names? Please bring my mom a big spatula. Dad wants another video game. Ryker wants a tractor and wagon. Kylee wants Zhu Zhu pets. Please bring me a Star Wars alarm clock. I also want Star Wars action figures and Far Cry 3. I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Eli

Dear Santa,
How do you make presents? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring Eriberto a big toy truck. Anahi wants Monster High dolls. Efrain wants Wii U. Mom wants a new book. Dad wants new boots. Please bring me an American Girl doll. I would also like a tablet and chapstick. I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Sherlyn

Dear Santa,
How do you make presents? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring Marlee horses. Dad would like a basketball. Mom wants a mixer. Please bring me a real kitten. I would also like a Wii game and a stuffed animal kitten. I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Brynlee

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you go down the chimney? Please bring my dad a basketball. Mom wants a keychain. Charlie wants a baby doll. Shy wants colors of duct tape. Please bring me a cotton candy machine. I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Laney

Dear Santa Claus,
What do your reindeer eat? Are there polar bears at the North Pole? Please bring my mom a pair of boots and Dad some special tools. Josh would like a key chain. My sis would like the book Dork Diary. My little sis would like Baby Alive doll. I would like a Minecraft Xbox 360. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Santa!
Your friend, Treydon
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Dear Santa Claus,
How are you so quiet when you come into my house? How do you fly? Please bring my mommy a new puppy and Jon a new hat. Margaret would like a princess Lego set. I would like a Zoomer Kitty, a dragon Lego set, and Alive Pet. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Santa!
Your friend, Zoie

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you so quiet when you come into my house? What makes your reindeer fly? Please bring Mommy and Daddy a surprise gift. Madelyne would like baby chew toys and Aubrey wants dolls. I would like an X-box One and a tablet. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Santa!
Your friend, Parker

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How do you fly? Could you please bring a new hat for my mom, tools for Dad, a tv for Ethan,

a phone for Oliver, and a toy for my dog Chester? I would like an iPad Mini with a charger and a new puppy. Thank you, Santa! Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Leo

Dear Santa Claus,
Why do you wear a red coat? What are your favorite cookies? Please bring my mom jewelry, country music cd's for my dad, and a Rescue Robot for John. I would like a Zhu Zhu pet, books, and a Barbie Doll. Thank you, Santa! Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Caroline

Dear Santa Claus,
What are your favorite cookies? How do you fly so fast? Could you please bring Madden Mobile for my dad and a hat for my mom? I would like an iPod with a charger and a Batman Transformer. Thank you, Santa. Merry Christmas! I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Braylon

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you so quiet when you come into my house? How do you fly? Please bring my mom a new iPad. Dad really wants \$10,000. Please bring my dog a bone and a squeaky ball. Please bring me a phone, iPad, and a Peek-A-Boo. I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Jocelynn

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you fly? How do you send out your elves on shelves? My dad likes a Packer helmet for his snowmobile. Please bring my mom a new case for her phone. Addison wants a new iPad. Diesel and Sophie would like their own bones. Please bring my cats snuggle blankets. Please bring me an iPad and a unicorn ball pet. I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Emma

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you make presents? How are you so quiet when you come into my home? Brody would like football gloves. Brynlee would like a baby. Dad wants a new phone. Mom would like a new iPad. Brooklyn wants a plain baby. Briella would like a

sippy cup. Please bring me a new Kindle, a big ball, and a new bike. I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Brycen

Dear Santa Claus,
Where do you go on vacations with Mrs. Claus? How tiny are your elves? Can my dad get a back massager? Can my mom get a pen that says MOM on it? Laiken would like a guitar. Logan would like a charger for his phone. Please bring Aiden a big ball. Please bring my dog Lexi a bone. Ethan wants a sippy cup and a candy cane. Please bring me an iPod, Shopkins, and curtains and basket for my clothes. I have tried to be good all year!
Your friend, Sydney

**Mrs. Becky Anderson
Le-Win Elementary
second grade**

Dear Santa,
Who is your favorite reindeer? I have been good this year. I would like a Zoomer Kitty for Christmas because I think kitties are cute. I would also like a Kindle so I can play apps. Thank you for doing your best. I will leave carrots for your reindeer and I'll give you cookies and egg

nog to drink.
Love, Evie Karnatz

Dear Santa,
What would you like for Christmas? I would like G I Joe Battle Ship for Christmas. I would like an X-box for Christmas and Mine Kraft. My brother wants a car for Christmas. I want a Bouncy House for Christmas.
Love, Brady White

Dear Santa,
I have been half good. I would like a bunch of Legos, please, and a bunch of video games. Dad wants a new camo- both of us want that. Thanks for everything.
Love, Jaden Schubert

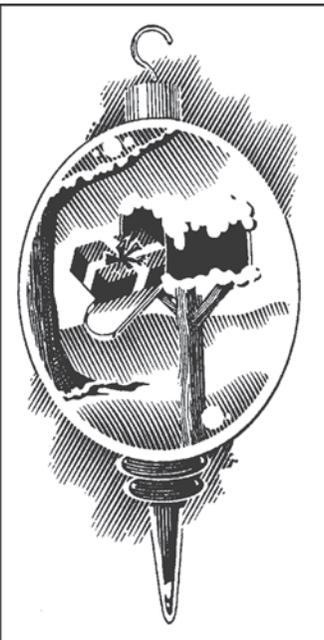
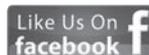
Dear Santa,
How is your ride on the sleigh? I have been really nice this year. I would like an American Girl doll, please. I would like an I-phone 6 please, and a baby sister. My brother wants an X-box. Thank you for everything. I will leave cookies for you and apples for your reindeer.
Love, Landrie Spidah

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Dear Santa,
Do you like reindeer? I have been nice. I want a flat screen T.V. because my brother has one. My baby sister would like a turtle. Merry Christmas!
Love, Alonnah Sutter

Dear Santa,
Who's your favorite reindeer? Santa, I was really nice at school. I would like to have a remote control car, please. Please, Santa, can you bring candy for my brother? Thank you for everything, Santa.
Love, Jesus Espinosa

Dear Santa,
Who is your favorite elf? Have

I been good for you? I hope. Thank you so much! Can you get me a Barbie? Thank you so much!
Love, Carma Miskimon

Dear Santa,
What are your favorite reindeer? I have been nice at school. I want an X-box, please. Merry, merry Christmas.
Love, Olivia Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How many presents do you get every Christmas? I have been naughtyish niceish. I would like for Christmas a big bag of m&m's, because I like candy. Also, I would like a picture of my friends. Thank you for everything. Say hi to the rein-

deer for me.
Love, Addison Ackerman

Dear Santa,
Do you have a cat? I have been nice. I want an I-pod touch to play games and a baby pop to eat. You are fun.
Love, Duncan Nevel

Dear Santa,
Who is your coolest elf? I don't know how I have acted this year. I want a stuffed animal so I can hug him. My Elf on the Shelf made a snow angel with flour.
Love, Leah Wickler

Dear Santa,
I hope you will bring me a present and a Fooseball table and a wild pet. I will leave you cookies.
Love, Jayce Reed

Dear Santa,
Could you get Hudson a bat for Christmas? Please get some earrings for Camdyn and an I-pod for me.
Love, Alec Schlichting

Dear Santa,
When are you gonna give me my Elf on the Shelf? I have been nice at school. I would like a T.V. because I want to watch NFL on it, please. I would like Bears stickers

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because I like the Bears. Could you give Grayson a train because he likes trains. Merry Christmas.
Love, Khayne Albright

Dear Santa,
I would love to know who is your favorite reindeer? I have been good. I would love an American Girl doll, please. I would also like a bike. I love you. You are the best man in the world.
Love, Brenda Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Are you fake or real? I've been good and bad at the same time. I want an X-box 1 because my dad and I are going to play Madden 16 and Minecraft. I will give you cookies! Also, Santa, could you get me Minecraft and Madden 16, please?
Love, Kasch Lessman

Dear Santa,
Who is your favorite elf? I have been good and bad. I would like to meet you! I would like a drum in my room. Thank you!
Love, Lillian Schoger

Dear Santa,
Who's your favorite reindeer? I've been really nice this year. I would like an I-pad, because you can play on it. I would also like a show stick, because I want to show cattle. My brother would like a football, so we can play together. Thank you for everything.
Love, Koby Kearns

Dear Santa,
How do you drive your sled? I have been nice this year. I want a T.V. in my room, please. I want a brother, please. Thank you.
Love, Jesse Ellis

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I have been good so far. I want Crazy Art stuff. I want a baby sister. My brother wants Bounce Off

game. Merry Christmas!!!
Love, Quinn Krzeminski

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I have been very nice this year. I would like a helicopter because I like helicopters. I would like a new coat because I need one. My brother would like a Wii 6 so he can play games. Thank You.
Love, Dean Heiler

Dear Santa,
I would really like a toy disco ball to be able to have a dance party. It would be a lot of fun.
Love, Adalyne Lawrence

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I wonder why I can't see the real you and your reindeer. This year I would like a lot of Pokemon so I can play with my brother. I would also like wrestlers because they are cool. My dad wants an enclosed trailer for his business. Happy Christmas Santa and everyone else. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Zach Scace

Mrs. Meador 2nd Grade Le-Win

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? My mom wants a new heater please. Can I have Minecraft Story Mode and Crazy Craft? My Dad wants a new laptop. We will leave hot cocoa and cookies for you.
Love, Ashton Gerber

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. My mom would like Harry Potter books. I want a Zebra Scent-sy and an iPod and a girl puppy. I hope you have a safe flight! I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and a cup of hot chocolate. I'll leave a glass of milk too!
Love, Bailey Pontnack

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph one of your rein-

deer? Can you please get Tim a fishing pole? My mom would like some new jewelry. Can you bring my dad some tractor stuff? I would like earrings and a jewelry box and a Taylor Swift C.D. please. I hope I'm on the good list.
Love, Chloe Bicker

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like: a red or blue tractor, a calculator, a semi-truck and Bad Kitty Very Very Bad boxed set or Bad Kitty School Daze. We would like a new ornament and a Christmas pickle. I will bring you cookies the night before Christmas. Happy Christmas!
Love, Casey Roenneburg

Dear Santa,
How do you deliver all of those presents? Can you get my sister a halter for her horse? My mom would like a new camera. Can you get me a copy of Star Wars the Force Awakens please? Your holiday is the best!!!! Is living in the North Pole hard? Do you like peppermint candy canes? Say hi to Mrs. Claus!
Love, Aiden Foley

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? My dad would maybe like a couple music DVDs. I would like a couple train cars. More train tracks would be nice too. We will leave cookies out too.
Love, Zachary McCool

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are you too Mrs. Claus? I hope you are doing good. My mom and dad want to spend more time together. Santa can you get me Shopkins like a heart and an ice cream? Are you ok? I hope you are ok Santa Claus. In our readers I heater I am playing the part of Mrs. Claus. I am leaving hot chocolate and cookies for you. Have a safe trip! Ho, ho, ho!
Love, Toriana Davis

Dear Santa,
How are you? My mom wants a new phone. Can you get me a bike, Nerf guns, a new four wheel-er, and last of all, a remote control car? Maybe a few more things, like Hot Wheel Cars. Please and thank you! I tried to be good this year!
Love, Luke Madigan

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you give my mom a real back rose and my dad a new bike and my brother a Duck Dynasty truck? Can you bring my pets chew toys? Can you give me cleats and U.S.A. toys and tanks? How do Mrs. Claus' cookies taste?
Love, Britton Reed

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you please bring my dad some pocket knives? For my mom please bring her a cook book. For my brother bring baseball cards. I would like a blue bike and an owl stuffed animal. But, also I want a monkey stuffed animal. Have I been good?
Love, Aubrey Rodebaugh

Dear Santa,
Santa Claus how are you? I am fine. Santa you are nice. Santa is Rudolph real? Santa my mom would like new frying pans. Mrs. Claus is nice too. For Christmas I would like you to come to my house. Santa please put in the red and white stocking food and toys for the cat and dog. Am I on the nice list or the naughty list? My

sister would like babies.
Love, Brooke Bunker

Dear Santa,
Does Mrs. Claus bake cookies? My mom would like a fake snow-man and my dad would like some socks. I would like a boy fake preemie baby. We will leave lots of cookies and Doritos and milk. Am I on the naughty or nice list?
Love, Scarlett Sager

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would love it if you tell Foodle the elf that he is kind of funny! Is Mrs. Claus baking cookies? I would like if you could get me a My Life Doll. Please!!! My mom would like some new earrings. I hope you bring my brother some video games. My dad would like some new tools. Merry Christmas!
Love, Zoey Freytag

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? My family is good. Me and my sister want a Kindle. I do too for Christmas. I hope I have been good enough to get a Kindle.
Love, Addison Potter

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? My brother wants a Battlefield 4. Have I been good or bad? I want a computer. Maybe you could bring me a Nerf Shotgun. Could I also have a Nerf scope, a Minecraft

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Love, Hunter Reynolds

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. Can you find a baby toy for Caleb? Please can you get me an American Girl Doll and a Little Live Pets and a moving cat? I have been good. Can you get my mom some flowers and my dad a flashlight that says number one dad? Olivia wants a toy bird. I hope I have been on the good list!

Love, Peyton Murphy

Dear Santa,
Are you magical? My mom wants a new coffee and tea maker. My sister Natalie would like some Poke man cards. I would like some Poke man cards too. I would also like a Zoomer Dino real animal and dinosaur books stickers, and an iPod. Please bring my sister Gabi some new pants. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love, Hayden McNutt

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Can I have an iPhone? Can I have three sleds? I have an XBOX 1? Can I have 2 go-carts? We will leave chocolate chip cookies for you Santa. Can I have 2 laser tag sets? Can I have a Feather with the Bears sign?

Love, Max Knoup

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. Can you get my toddler brother Imaginix Sponge Bob toys? My mom would like makeup. My dad would like Disney cards. Hey Saint Nick can you freeze time? I would like for Christmas a mini tree and a DS.

Is it true that our Elf on the Shelf comes alive on Christmas?

Love, Sally Monigold

Dear Santa,
How is it going at the North Pole? I think my mom would like a new makeup set. My baby brother needs a new coat. The one we bought him does not fit. It is too big. I really, really, really, really want an XBOX Pac Man game. I especially want for Christmas an XBOX 360 game. I have been trying to get the game for so long. I've wanted it ever since I saw it.

Love, Rogan Dykstra

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and Mrs. Claus? Can I have a cotton candy maker please? Then some monster trucks would be great too. Can I have an XBOX One? I will share it with my brothers. I am trying to be good. You can bring my dad a big Snickers candy bar. My mom wants a bracelet and necklace. Am I on the good list or the bad list?

Love, Dane Zellweger

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I think my mom would like a bouquet of flowers. I want Call of Duty Black Ops Three please. I want Star Wars the Force Awakens Lego set please. Can I have Minecraft story mode also? I want Qixels please. That is all I want.

Love, Jesse Rowley

Nick Werhane Lena-Winslow second grade

Dear Santa,
Do you like candy? Does Mrs. Claus help you make toys? My dogs want bones. Can they have them, please? My mom wants a hair dryer. Can she have it, please?

Can I have a Saints cap please? Can I have a Saints backpack, please? I will leave your reindeer oats and grains.

Your Friend, Trenton Aurand

Dear Santa,
Do the reindeers like milk and cookies? My mom would like a new phone and Cam would like an Xbox 1. I want an Xbox 1 and a wii, please. Thank you for the cool gifts.

Love, Morgann Britton

Dear Santa,
How will you get in my house without a chimney? I want my dad to get a new house and it should be a country house. For Christmas I would like a new Xbox 360 remote. I hope you have a good Christmas and a safe trip. HO HO HO!

Love, Tyler Musialek

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing this year? My mom would like some movies. Payton wants a toy pony. This year I want an easy bake oven. MY y mom and I baked Christmas cookies for you. I will leav some on the table.

Love, Maddie Goebel

Dear Santa,
How do you have magic? My mom would like a new phone. My sister would like a new phone too. Can you please give me a semi and a muscle car?

Love, Jackson Panos

Dear Santa,
How can your deer fly? For Christmas can my dad have a wood cutter? My mom wants a automatic door. Can I have an Xbox 360? I will leave you cook-

ies.
Love, Tyree Davis

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? My mom would like a blender. My brother, Gavin, would like a new toy tractor. Could I have a new nerf gun and new hot wheels, please? I tried to be good.

Love, Drake Flaminio

Dear Santa,
How old are you and your wife? How old are all of your elves? For Christmas my mom wants a healthy babysitter. My brother, Noah, wants a batman toy, Pokémon cards, and a Nintendo 3D for Christmas. I want nummie yum-mies and a Nintendo 3D. This year the Kepner family has a new address. It is 12128 West Mound Road. I promise to leave milk and cookies.

Love, Mackenzie Kepner

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? My mom would like a new necklace, my brother would like a new bike, my sister would like a new computer, and my dad would like football cards. I would like a tiny puppy and a my life doll. I will make cookies and milk for you.

Love, Emma Esser

Dear Santa,
I have been very good and also have tried my best to earn these toys: a my password journal, one of the little elves you hand out, a tablet, a vetch kid zoomer (in pink), and a TV for my room. Plus, shoppkins. That's all for me. My cousins and brother want stuff. Taylor wants a rip stick. Plus, Jesse wants a Ninja Turtle. I will make you milk and cinnamon rolls.

Love, Mallory Sheppard

Dear Santa,
How many raindeer do you have? My sister wants a Barbie house with an elevator. My dad might want a new video game.

Can I have a Darth Vader suit and his life saber? I will leave milk and cookies and food for your raindeer.

Your friend, Josiah Randecker

Dear Santa,
What are your reindeer's names? I forgot. My grandma would like some money and my sister would like some Shopkins. I would like these things: a microphone, headphones, a camera, and Minecraft P.C. I have been struggling to be good this year but I've been better.

Love, Ava Bird

Dear Santa,
What are your reindeer's names? Carter would like to have a toy train. Grandma would like to have a Nutri Ninja. I want a American Girl Doll. I want a chubby puppy too. I've been very good this year.

Love, Elaina Diestelmeier

Dear Santa,
Why do you only come on Christmas? Dom would like video games. Mom would like red plates. I would like a kitten and a T.V. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love, Alexa Albright

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? How old are you? Daddy would like a nice light for the family room. Mommy would like a vacume. Please I want my stocking stuffed with Shoppkins. I would like the shoppkin ice cream truck and a shoppkin fridge. How many cookies do you want? I will set them out: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 any of these?

Love, Ayla Brinkmeier

Dear Santa,
Do you like candy? I want a fast car and a smooch ball. My dad wants a new hunting hat and mom wants a new camera.

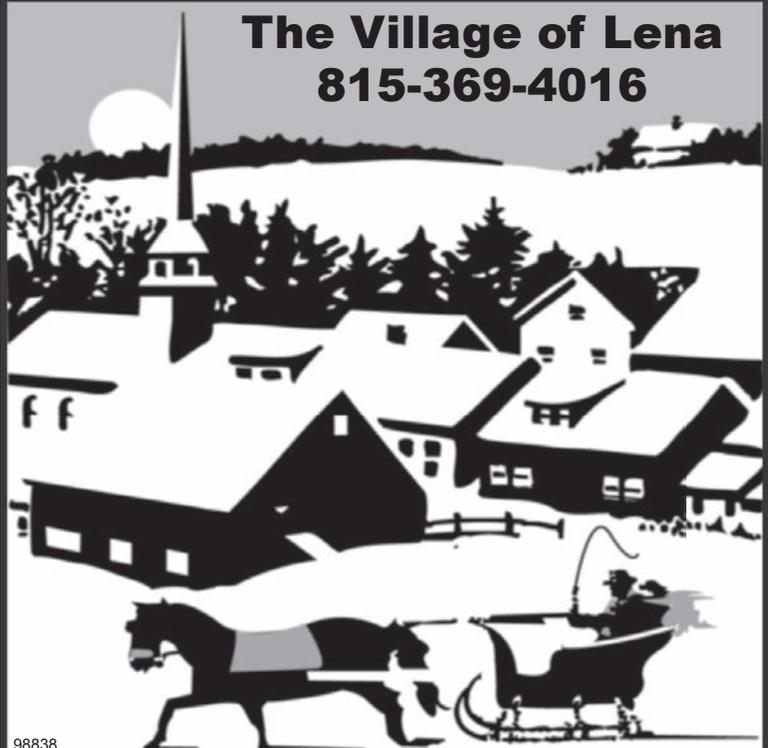
Love, Brandon White

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Merry Christmas from all of us



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Season's Greetings To All

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Dear Santa,
Do you like candy? I would like a camo pump bb gun and a bass fishing pole. Also, could I have a frog lure please and thank you. This year can I have my birthday because last year it got canceled because of the snow storm.
Your friend, Miles Mahon

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have working for you? Kyle would like an I phone. Kelsey would like baby dolls. Please can I have a My Life doll? I would also like shopkins. I will also leave out milk and cookies for you.
Love, Ellie Bardell

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? My sisters want a Elsa doll. I would like Kung Fu Panda 3. Also I would like bird bedding. I have been trying to be good this year.
Your friend, Max Duncan

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I have tried to be very good. Please can I have a flat ball it turns into a frizbie and back into a ball. Also can I have a Nintendo because my brother broke my button and I have to press hard and it hurts my thumb. Lysander would like a Mickey Mouse toy. Nikolai wants a wii u. Also can I have a dart gun? How many elves do you have? I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Nakoah Cornwell

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? My dad wants an ipad and I want a dog and Legos. I will leave cookies for you.
Love, Maddox Johnson

Dear Santa,
How old are you? My dad would like a bobcat skid loader. My brother would like real football gear. I would like a real elf and a toy truck. I have tried to be

good this year.
Love, Cooper Gilbertson

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? Bennett wanted a imaginext truck. My dad would like an extra bin for toys. Santa can I have a Xbox 360? Can I have a computer? I hope you never lost any reindeer.
Love, Grady Winter

Nicole Trampel' Orangeville second grade

Dear Santa,
I want Minion stuff like the Minions Movie!! I also want other Minion movies, a swing, and a pet kitten, but my mom does not let me have one. And.....A Science project!
Love, Anthony
P.S. I want an Elf on the shelf next year.

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good. I told Snowy my elf. Now I will tell you. I want a play mobile barn with silo, play mobile tractor with trailer, and farming simulator X-box 360.
Love, Blake

Dear Santa,
I have been being good and I always say my prayers. How is Rudolph? Gumdrop is doing good, but is a little funny. So how are you doing? So what I want is an Elsa doll that sings, the whole series of Puppy Place books, two animal coloring books, a big kitchen set with the food and dishes, seven dog stuffed animals, four cat stuffed animals, the whole set of Princess books, a tablet, Sorry and fake money.
Love, Shae

Dear Santa,
I have been good, but my brother likes to fight me and I don't. I would like Wii U games like Mario Kart 8, Madden, and Just Dance 2015-2016. I would also like a lap top, all Goosebumps books like the Horror Lands, Hall of Horrors, most wanted and original series. I would like football jerseys of Cam Newton, OBJ, Antonio Brown, Marshawn Lynch, Richard Sherman, Doug Baldwin, Victor Gruz, Jimmy Graham, Jamal Charles, and Adrain Peterson. I would also like fatheads same players as my jerseys. I also want big ones.
Love, Drew

Dear Santa,
I mostly have been good. For Christmas I would like American Flyer Polar Express train, remote Polar Express g-gauge train, ice school bus toy with two stop signs, Siku school bus toy, screaming banshee, clothes size XXL, look out, Rocky truck, Marshall truck, Day light, and a Mega Deluxe 22 cars pack.
Love, Oxtin

Dear Santa,
I want a X-box 360 and I want a Wii U. I've been good this year, Santa. I want a remote control helicopter and a remote control car. I want a remote control Tony Hawk skateboard. I want an air soft gun.
Love, Teigan

Dear Santa,
I would like some Shopkins and some American Girl doll stuff for Christmas. I would like some Shopkins because I can pretend people are at a store. I would like American Girl doll stuff because I can pretend that my

American Girl doll can shop and buy stuff. And if you are wondering if my room is clean, it is! That is all I would like for Christmas. Thank you for Gumdrop. Merry Christmas!
Love, Nadalee

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wish I had another new X-box 360 and a lot of Minecraft toys like every single Minecraft toy. I have been behaving well. I can't think of anything else to say so that is my letter for you Santa.
Love, Jadya

Ms. Shanon Duncan's Second grade class from Pearl City School

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a great year. First, I was nice this year. I helped my mom with the baby. I also helped my grandpa get up. I helped my dad bake. Next, my family wants gifts. Give mom a diamond neck-

lace. Give dad a Bears work shirt. Give Uncle Chuck a Steelers hat. Then, I would like some presents, too. I would like a remote control monster truck. I also want Madden 16 for PS4. I would also like to have an Xbox 1. Last, how many reindeer do you have? How many elves do you have? Have you ever been sick before? Thank you for the presents.
Your Buddy, Brayson

Dear Santa,
Do you want to know if I've been good or bad this year? I've been good this year. I helped my mom with dishes, folding laundry, and decorating the Christmas tree. Also, my family wants presents, too. My mom wants a necklace, my dad wants fishing things, and my brother would like Star Wars legos. Third, I would also like presents. I would like a bow and a Gulp for fishing. Last, is your

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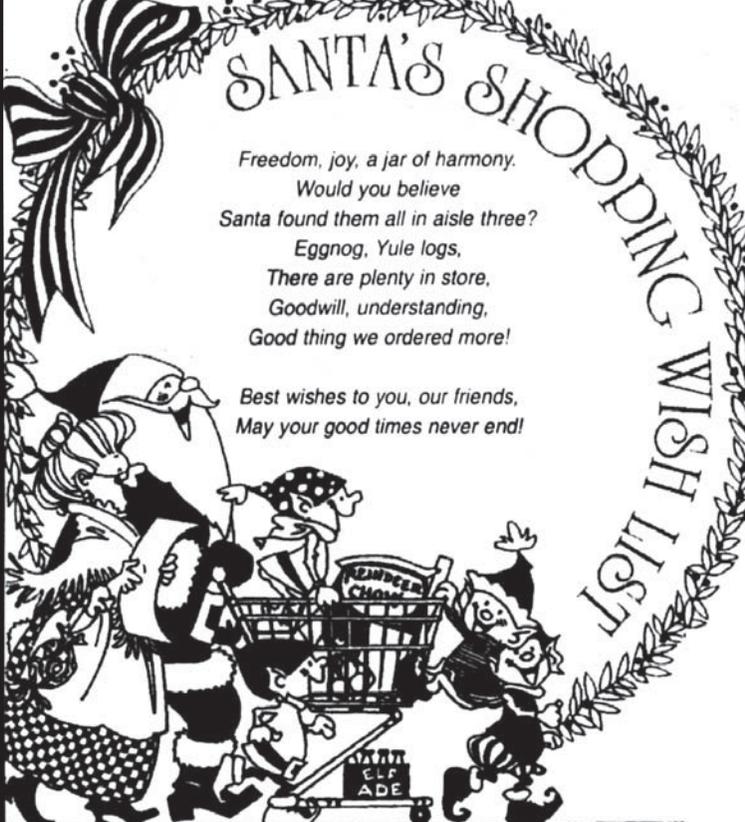


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favorite cookie still peanut butter ball? Do you get presents often? Thanks for the things.

From, Xander

Dear Santa,
Did you have a good time this year? First, I have been nice this year. I helped my brother get books from the shelf. I helped my baby sister on handwriting. I help my other brother on writing his name. Second, my family would like gifts. My family would like Monopoly Jr. My mom would like a new tv stand. My brother would like a puppy. My pets all want their own beds. Third, I only want one gift this year. I would like Optimus Prime Combined Wars. Finally, would it hurt going down the chimney. Thank you for all the gifts you give me every year.

Love, Dravin

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my gifts. First, I was very nice this year. I opened the door for my mom. I put my clothes away for mom. I even sleep very good for mom. Next, I would like you to bring my family some clothes. Also, they would like some candy. My family even would like some warm blankets. Last, I would like you to bring me some things like candy. I really want some glittery clothes. I want a warm fluffy and cuddly blanket. Finally, can you get my family and me all this stuff. Thank you for all of our presents.

Love, Savannah

Dear Santa,
I know how to make a Christmas roll. Do you? To begin with, I was nice this year. I helped my brothers and sisters by teaching them new things. I helped my mom when I watched my sisters outside. Next, my family wants you to bring them gifts for Christ-

mas. My mom wants a thermometer. My brother wants football gloves. My sisters want a new baby. Also, I want gifts for Christmas. I would like football gloves and an underarmour shirt. I would like a Nerf gun that catches fish. Thank you for bringing gifts for my family and me.

From, Brody

Dear Santa,
Santa, I was being nice this year. First, I cheered up my sister. I helped my mom clean the house. Next, Santa, can you bring presents for my family. My dad wants a Bluetooth speaker. Can you give my sister a kids' tablet? Can you give my mom a new coffee maker? Please bring our family an X-Box 1. Then I would like some gifts. I want you to bring me a tablet. I also want a puppy from you. I want you to bring me a D.S. and gel pens. Finally, did you want to be Santa for your job? What are the reindeers' names? I hope you have a fun time traveling to people's houses to give them presents. Thank you for bringing some presents on Christmas night.

Love, Gracie

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Am I on the naughty or nice list? I was nice by helping my friends. I gave them skating tips. I helped Lane by saying watch out on tag. Next, bring my family some gifts, too. My dad wants a big bag of chips. My mom wants new snow globe. My sister wants an American girl doll. Can you bring me some presents, too? I would like the Skate 3 game. I would like avenger sheets and pillow covers. I would like Iron man for Disney Infinity for my X-Box. Finally, how many cookies do you eat in one night? How do you get all around the world in one night? How are the reindeer this year?

From, Brandon

Dear Santa,
To begin with, I have been naughty and nice this year. First, I hit my brother and told him to shut up. But I'm nice when I use my manners at church. Meanwhile my family would like some presents. My brother would like legos. My mom would like a new car.

My dad would like a new trailer. Last, I would like to have some presents, too. I would like a four wheeler with gas. I also want an elf to keep, so I can have him build anything. I want a pug and a cell phone. Can I have a candy cane? As you can see, I want a lot for Christmas. Am I on the nice list? Thanks for any presents you give me.

From your Buddy, Max

Dear Santa Claus,
To begin with, I was nice this year. For example, I helped my dad feed the calf. Then I helped mom mow the lawn. Last, I helped my brother pick up the toy room and the animals. Also, can you bring my family some gifts? My dad would like to get a scope for his gun. My mom would like a pair of new shoes. My sister wants a Smart phone. My brother would like Mario Brothers for the Wii. Then I would like some presents, too. I would like a 20.2 gun, Legos, Madden 13 for the Wii, and Train Twister. I would really like these gifts. Last, I am going to ask you a few questions. First, how are the reindeer doing and the elves? Can you say hi to Rudolph? Thank you for the presents last year.

From, Lane

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas because I get presents. First, I think I am on the nice list. I help my dad on the farm. I protect my brother. Next, Santa, this is what my family wants. My mom would like necklaces. My dad would like a high powered riffle. My brother would like a new Super Mario Brothers. Then, I want a couple things for Christmas this year. I would like Mario Karts 7 on my Nintendo. I want a Wii U with Mario Kart 8. Last, how many presents do you make? How old are you? How many elves do you have? Thanks for the gifts.

Love, William

Dear Santa,
Do you know if I was on the nice list? First, I was nice this year. I helped my brother tie his shoe. I helped my dad set the table up. I use good manners. Second, my family wants some

gifts. My little sister would like a Snackey Tackey. It carries food and water. My brother would like a toy dino. My mom would like jewelry, and my dad would like a fishing rod. Next, I would like some gifts, too. I would like an X-Box and Disney Infinity. Also, I would like a bat. Last, did you have a good Christmas this year? Thank you for the great presents.

From, Kip

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. First, I was nice this year. I read my brother a story I help my mom clean the house. Next, I would like you to bring presents for my family. My dad would like a game for Xbox one. My brother would like Mario games. My mom would like new couches. Then, I would like some presents. I would like an Icee Machine. I would like a real cop car. Last, how old are you, Santa? How many houses do you go to Santa? I wish you have a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for the wonderful presents.

Love, Kayden

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. It's a good holiday. First, I was nice this year. I was nice to my family by cleaning the house and my bedroom. I helped my friends clean up. I was nice to my teachers by being quiet in class. Next, my family wants toys. My sister Emma wants a crocheting set. My brother Brady wants a mega Nerf gun. My sister Sophia wants a baby doll. Finally, I want gifts, too. I want a nail polish remover that is grape flavored. I also want a lip balm set. I also want a Sew Cool set for Christmas. Last, I have a couple questions for you. Can your reindeer actually fly? Can your elves actually fly? Watch out for our cats and dogs. Thank you for giving us toys.

Love, Maya B.

Dear Santa,
You are nice to bring presents to us with Rudolph. To begin with, I was nice this year. I was nice to my mom by not being snotty at her. I was nice to my grandpa by helping him clean his living room. I was nice to my Uncle Adam by helping him teach Koda to behave. Next, my family wants gifts. They want a brand new tablet for Christmas. My family wants a new laundry room. Then, I want gifts. I want a cell phone and a tablet. I want a Barbie home. Last, I like gifts from Santa because he is nice. Thank you for giving me my presents.

From your friend, Maya Y.

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. First, I was nice this year because I helped my brother Jayden with his Indian report. Next, my family wants presents. Jayden would like a Bobcat. Clayton would like an Xbox 1 of his own. My mom would like

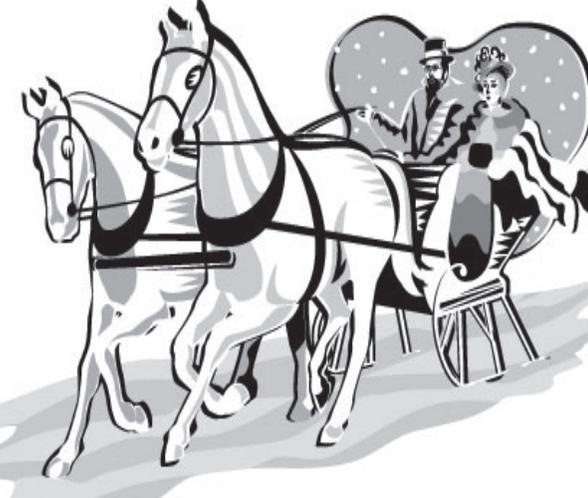


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a new phone. My dad would like a pointer for school. Then I would like gifts for Christmas. I want a Kindle. Also, I want a Buzz, Woody, and Jessie made out of plastic. I would like the American Girl doll named Grace. Last, I will leave out carrots for the reindeer. How do you get the reindeer to follow you? Thank you for the gifts and my brothers thank you, too.
Love, Kameron

Dear Santa,
What does Mrs. Claus do when you are out delivering Christmas presents? First, I was nice this year. I read to my sister, Ivy. Then I helped my mom decorate the Christmas tree. Next, my family would like some stuff for Christmas. My mom would like a sparkly watch. Also, Ivy would like a teething toy. Andrew would like his chair back and have it recovered by Christmas. Then, what I want for Christmas is for you to let Ivy have the best Christmas this year, Santa. Also, I want my family to have a good Christmas. Last, watch out for Jinx, the dog. He's nice but he barks at people. Nana is nice too, but she barks and nibbles on people. How do the reindeer not get tired through the night? Thank you for the presents.
Love, Eden

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas, because Santa likes to put candy canes in my stocking. First, I was nice, Santa. I helped my brother open his presents. I helped my brother set up the monster truck. Next, my family wants gifts. My mom wants to have a little TV. My dad wants a big TV. My brother wants two elves. Then, I want a lot of Barbies, so I can play with them. I would also like a Barbie Ken. Can you also bring me a My Life Doll? Last, Santa, do you have any girl elves? Thank you for bringing us presents.
Love, Lily

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Dear Santa,
I put up a Christmas tree this year. First, I was nice this year. I helped people pick up crayons and markers. Second, Santa, bring my family gifts. My mom wants a new car. My dad wants a new coffee pot. Then, I want gifts, too. I want an X-Box 360 and a cell phone. I want a new tablet. Last, are you going to bring me gifts? I am good all the time. I am thankful for you, Santa.
From, Parker

Kelli Pieper's Lena-Winslow third graders

Dear Santa,
I have been very responsible this year. I would love to get Disney Infinity 3.0 and a WiiU. You would be very proud of me because I have been helpful with my dad. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Jingles has been watching me very close too. He's been naughty and he made a mess today. I would love to get a laptop and nerf stuff. You would be very proud of me because I am nice.
Love, Raeger

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would love to get a Zoomer kitty and orbeez crush. You would be proud of me because I have been helpful.
Love, Paige

Dear Santa,
I have been very loving, brilliant and good. I would love to get an I phone or an I pod and books. You would be proud of me because I help my parents take

care of my siblings.
Love, Mya

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would love to get an Elf on the Shelf and science stuff. You would be proud of me because I help my sister and brother. Merry Christmas!
Love, Mika

Dear Santa,
I have been very respectful this year. I would love to have an expensive Lego Set. I would LOVE a tree house. You would be proud of me because I believe in you.
Sincerely, Lucas

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice this year. I would love to get 'Monster High' and a Frozen doll. You would be proud of me because I am nice to people by making them pictures. I hope you like the cookies!
Love, Lacie

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice. I would love to get brown, blue, gold, and yellow clay and Optimus Prime. You would be proud of me because I have been good at home. Merry Christmas!
Love, Jaiden

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would love a I phone with a cheetah print case. You would be proud of me because i have improved on math.
Love, Jaden

Dear Santa,
I have been very helpful washing tables. I would love to get Pom Pom Puppies and some cali-

co critters. You would be proud of me because I got on the respectful board 4 times.
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like a ipad for Christmas. You would be proud of me because I help people.
Love, Gavin

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would love to get a bear named Peef and a kindle. You would be proud of me because I have been respectful to my family and teacher
Love your nice girl, Eden

Dear Santa,
I have been very nice, I would love to get books and tablet. You would be proud of me because I cheer people up.
Love, Devon

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good. I would love to get WWE 2k16 and madden 16. You would be proud of me because I get good grades.
Love, Cohen

Dear Santa,
I am very helpful I would like world peace and happiness you will be proud because I am also very nice. you are my friend,
Cienna

Dear Santa,
I have been very respectful. I would love to get the dairy of a wimpy kid series and something to make my uncle to stay alive. You would be proud of me because I want every buddy to be happy
Love, Benjamin

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would love to have a new book and a easy bake oven. You would be proud of me because I help clean the lunchroom after lunch.
Love, Audrey Marie

Dear Santa,
I have been very kind. I would love to get a Polaroid camera and a new karaoke machine that shows the words on the screen. I bet you would be proud of me because I have been very respectful and have been getting good grades.
Love, Alyssa Irene

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would love to get a real hours and a talking teddy bear. You will be proud of me because I always wash the tables at school.
Love, Alexis Renee

Mrs Bratley's Orangeville third grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been pretty good this year and can you get a german shepard or a black lab. I really want a dog or rc cars please. Thank you. P.S. I want a football field.
Love, Michael Mowery

Dear Santa,
I am going to ask my mom and dad if I can make Christmas eve dinner. I will make turkey, sweet potatoes, and a sailed. I'll make my mass a smoothy. I will tell you how to make it. Strabarys, bananis, youget, jush, sherger, then blend it then stop it quik then put ice in it then start it again 1 minute and then it will be done.
Love, Bailey Lynn Jordan

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Dear Santa,
I have bean an angle all year and I saved up all year and I saved up all year for my sisters present. Has Jingle gave you good reports? This year can you try to get my sister the Barbie dolls of Elsa and Anna. Because last year you just gave her cook stuff. This year I want a sewing machine and fabric. Can you get my sister a tea set with glasses. Can you tell my uncle I want a Jracic World lego set. Can I get a citen too. That is the thing I want the most. That is all I want this year. Also a hand scan.
Love, Alex Schmidt

Dear Santa Claus,
My list is a tool box, snap on tools, okleys, rc car, a nekles, a big joe, and an I fone 6.
Love, Paxton Bastian

Dear Santa,
I would like a kitten, and a puppy, and a bunny. How many elves do you have? Can you sent me an elf on Christmas? I have been really nice so I think I am on the nice list. But my brother is still calling me names like "buttface" and "idiot" and "buttbrain".

I don't like it. That is all. I love you sooooo much!

Love, Tiegana Danae Anderson

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes for my Amarican girl doll. I have been good this year. I would also like a hand schaner. I also would like some ruber banbs for braslets. I also want earings.

Sincerely, Ella Kraft

Dear Santa,
I want a hand scan for Christmas and a little live pet. Please don't give me clothes I have to much infact you can stele some of my clothes. I really want a fitbit and a phone please please please with a cherry on top. That is what I really want for Christmas.

Love, Alyse Cahoon

Dear Santa,
I ben good this week. I rely looking forward to getting a tablit, some dinosaur toys that open their moth, and a lego Jrassic world viteo game for Christmas because I lost one of my viteo game and my brother crush on of my other viteo games. I was mad so I told on him and his name is Gray.

From, Wyatt Miller

Dear Santa,
What is your favoret Christmas dinner? Mine is turkey and gravy. I have ben good all year. Oh and I have met a nuther Elf of yours.

Love, Jordan Doescher

Dear Santa,
You are the best! Christmas is the best haloday ever! Thank you for the elf he is always on time. Tell him that I said he is the best elf ever and awesome. Hoffly I am on the good list? I think I saw your foot. I like what you give me every year and I think I'm giving your raindeer some cairits. This is what I want for Christmas. Tool-box, helicopter, droan, dirt bike, hand sckan, santa hat, new bicke.

Ho, ho, ho mary x-mas!
Cash O'Connor

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Your elvs are cool. How is Mrs. Claus doing? It really doesn't matter what I get for Christmas. But I would apre-shyate sports stuff. Do you like chocolate chip cookies, and do your raindeer like carrots and cel-larey? Do you like milk? Do you go down my chimney or go threw my door? Are your raindeer always hangrey? You must have a lot of horsepower in the sleigh!
Your friend, Boden Gustafson

Dear Santa,
Have I been good this year? For Christmas I would like a hand scan, pretty clothes including dresses. And next year for Christmas I want an elf on the shelf. What is your favorite cookie? What time do you come deliver my presents? What is your favorite color? I bet it is red. How many cookies would you like at my house? Also, how many cookies do you

eat every night on Christmas? I bet your stomach aches after all them cookies. My favorite reindeer is Rudolph.

P.S. Have a fun time delivering presents to all the kids.
Love, Alaina Dinderman

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like two real elves that don't loose their magic when I touch them. One of my elves is a girl and the other one a boy. Can there names be ginger and buddy? Could the girl were a dress? I have to go now.

Love, Lily Blakely

**Mrs. Nimt' Lena-Winslow
third grade class**

Dear Santa,
I have been respectful this year. I would like a new tablet. I would also like new American girl doll clothes. You would be proud of me because I am genourse.

Sincerely, Shayleigh Albright

Dear Santa
I have adventuring a lot this year. I would like a NBA basketball and a new bed spread. A basketball hoop would be good for my basketball. You would be proud of me because I will put a lot of cookies and carrots.

sincerely, Ryan Pieper

Dear Santa
I have been terrific this year. I would like a toy Imaginext dinosaur. And an Imaginext batcave that transforms. You would be proud of me because I have done my best for every thing

Sinceraly, R.J. Schulz

Dear Santa,
I have been helpful this year. I

would like more dolls. I also want more books. My favorite book is The hat. You would be proud of me because I have been giving to another.

Sincerely, Rhianna England

Dear santa I have been helpful this year iwould like a competer. I would also like new watch.

Raul

Dear Santa,
I have been giving this year. I would like a tutu for Christmas. I would like a crazy cart too. You would be proud of me because I am helpful.

sincerely, Paige

Dear Santa,
I have benn sweet this year. I would like a Ice Skates. Another gift I would like is more books. You would be proud of me because sometimes I am nice to my brothers.

From, McKenna Leverton

Dear Santa,
I have been loving this year. I would like to have a curling iron and a American Girl living room set. You would be proud of me because I feel bad for kids who starve.

love, Madeline Chiles

Dear Santa,
I have been terrific this year. I would like a remote control car that can go in the hard places. I would also want some spiderwick books. You would be proud of me because I have been helpful.

Sincerely, Landon Grindey

Dear SANTA,
I have been very good this year. I really really want a playstation 3, remote control car, phone and a computer.

-Kale Buss

Dear SANTA I am happy about Crhrist. I ley something on table for you, I help you like it. I have make it for to days now I am finch. I like a America doll and a lot of shopp kins. Crhrist is cool.

-Kailea Knight

dear Santa Clause, For Christmas I want I computer a really good graphics card a phone a I phone to be right. The reasons why I want these things is because I have been brave brilliant calm awesome athletic polite sneaky thankful and wild. those are what I want for Christmas and why.

sincerely Jaylen Rakowska

Dear Santa,
I have been joyful this year. I would like a new pig. I would also like Jaylen. you would be proud of me because I am friendly.

sincerely, Jaxson Swift

Dear Santa,
I have been magnificent this year. I would like WWE 2K 16. I would like madden 2K16. You



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would be proud of me because, I'm loyal.

Sincerely, Jakobe Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I have been helpful this year. I would like a drone. And a college football league list. Because I really like college football. You would be proud of me because I'm very helpful.

Sincerely, Jackson Barrett

Dear Santa,
I have been joyful this year. I would like stuffed reindeer. Also, I would like roller skates please. You would be proud of me because I do a lot of chores without being told to!

Sincerely, Ella Kerr

Dear Santa,
I want a cool paper air plane and a new Christmas shirt. I feel joyful.

from ben ils

Dear Santa,
I have been loving this year. I would like an American Girl Doll bed. Another thing I want is American Girl Doll clothes. You would be proud of me because I don't like that people starve.

Sincerely Allie Oxley

Dear Santa,
I have been joyful this year. I would like a Minosaur. Another gift I would like a big puzzle so me and my grandma can work on it. You would be proud of me because, I took care of my one year old cousin Willow.

Sincerely, Alaina Knoll

**Peggy Eiders Third grade
Le-Win 48**

Dear Santa,
I like you. I am 9 year old. I want a Bubule mushyn that gos on a bike. I got a good tikit..

Love, Summer

Dear Santa,
I'm a pretty good athlete if you ask me yourself. Also can I please have a henna kit if you can get me one. You probably should be proud of me because last quarter I got all A's. Hope you have a happy Christmas.

Love, Rachael

Dear Santa,
I like reading because you can lean new words from book. I want a new game for my Xbox 360 for Christmas. Santa proud of doing my chores.

Love, Preston

Dear Santa,
I'm a very awesome person so I want some very awesome things.

The first thing I want is the movies Grease and Grease 2 the 2nd thing

I want is a full length mirror the 3rd thing I want is another elf on the shelf

The next thing I want is a real flower that you can keep in your

house
Santa you would be proud of me because I worked REALLY HARD on a Art project.

Love, Molly

Dear Santa,
I really like to read at home and school. For Christmas I would like the MINECRAFT LEGO set the MINE and MINECRAFT foam sword. You will be proud of me because I got good grades this year.

Love, Mike

Dear Santa,
I'm a very smart person .For Christmas I want a real puppy ,American girl doll accessories, and my own wii. Also some games I would want are just dance , and Mario. These are some things I think you'll be proud of me for. One thing is my mom taught me how do the laundry and I've been doing a lot of it. Next I also put my close away. And last I've made my bed and cleaned my room almost every single day.

Love, Mckenzie

Dear Santa ,
I love art and learning. If it is possible I want inside out dolls. Would you please give my brother a wrench set. You should be proud of me for not asking for money. I love how you give kids toys . How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus ? I will put out cookies and milk .

Love, Madi

Dear Santa,
I like to go to the beach with my family .This year I would like a new Petshop house with a few petshops if it is okay. You would be proud of me because I have good grades on my report card ONLY ONE C . I would like you to get my brothers a new door with a lock on the outside . I would love if you would make my mom some new summer clothes with a hat .Paul is looking forward to getting one things for Xmas .A new tablet. have a good Christmas.

Ps my little brother also needs some new undees.

Love, Layla

Dear Santa,
I like to learn something new every single day. I even like to color in art class when I have extra time. Even like school I like reading and I like doing everything at school that we have to do. This year I want for Christmas is a play set full with fake make-up. Santa you are proud of me for going to school every single day . And you are proud of me for helping my mom dad brothers sister and doing all my chores .

Love, Kimberly

Dear Santa,
I think I'm really smart. For Christmas I want some Lego sets and some Bateries for my Mip. My mom would be proud of me because I clean my room.

Love, Keegan

Dear Santa,
I am really good at football . And I'm really good at drawing .I would like a Samsung galaxy and a tube of henna, ear peace and camra's to put in my room. And some spy stuf for Christmas . I think you would be proud of I am on Q in math . And I getting better at handwriting .And I am getting better at mulpcation.

Love jilly

Dear Santa,
You will be very proud of me because I got an A is social studies. I would like some of these items for Christmas a tablet, a big stuffed bear, hamster, a big ham, fried chicken, earrings, cameras, spy equipment, a real laser stun hand gun, laser earrings, and a dove.

Love, Jessica

Dear Santa,
I like football. I like 500 solar system. I like read for I would like for LEGO minecraft sets I am proud of doing chores.

LOVE, JAMES

Dear Santa,
I like green. I would like a book for Christmas because they get us smart. I would like a ps4 with a book and a disk I would also like some Nintendo games. I am proud of learning. I am proud of my friends.

Love, Jadden

Dear Santa,
I am really good at playing video games I am. I want a Xbox 1 with GTA 5, Flatscreen TV, Legos.

You are probably proud of how good I'm doing in school.

Love IZAIHA

Dear Santa,
I like doing jymnastics. And I like doing crafts. What I would like for Christmas is three things I would like craft stuff, some stuff animals they can be any kind and I would like some jymnastics stuff to.

You should get me this stuff because I have worked hard in school.

Love, Emily

Dear Santa,
I like to read books to learn things like math social studies, science, language arts. A copal of gifts I would like would be the How to train your dragon watch-tower Lego toy. You should be proud of me because I help my mom clean every day.

Because she is in Highland Community College to graduate to become a nurse.

My mom wants are dog to be a nursing dog to make people happy.

LOVE, ELI

Dear Santa
I saw you past month and I help my mom with cleaning our room and when I am sick I do not help my mom but I still listen to

her what drink to be helping my tummy but I use to talk and laugh but I don't do it any more I on mind I want to be a better student and not like my friend someday he will get tired of making funny stuff.

Love David

Dear Santa,
I like sports and my favorite sport is football. Is it possible if you can give me beyblades, overdrive cars ,carrier twister, zoomer chompoling, Adomanisrex zoomer dino , mip, and call of duty ghost-wii game and that is all I want for Christmas. You are proud of me for cleaning my room and helping doing chores.

Love, Cobryn

Dear Santa,
I like dinosaurs and dragons. I am a good girl. I would like a Cinderella Lego Castle and car-age set.

I would also like a remote control triceratops from Animal Planet for Christmas, too. You would be proud of me cleaning my room.

Love, Cheyanna

Dear Santa,
I am very good at math. For Christmas I want a ps4 and lego dimensions. I think you would be proud of me because I work hard at school.

Love, Brody

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Letters To Santa

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**Mr. Kubat's Warren
Elementary third grade**

Dear Santa,
I want a new phone and a new doll to feed and I want new clothes and I want new art and new notebooks and I want a doc muffstuffs notebooks. I want my dad to have a new truck. You are nice! I want new jeans and a new iphone and a new Kindle.
Sayd

Dear Santa,
I want so many things. I feel selfish. I promise I won't say all of the things I want. I want a new iphone, new Barbie dolls, and a Ken, more shells, chocolate

candy, a book of The Blues , a paper you sign so people believe in you and candy. I have so many things that's only some of them. I have a lot more than that. Thank you for the things you gave me last year. I played with the Barbie Castle. I gave it to my sister because she had barbies and nothing to play in like a castle or a house. Thanks for reading my list.
Kyla

Dear Santa,
This is what I want from my mom's house for Christmas this year; Xbox 1 with 2k16 and Mad-den 16. I also want 2 controllers so I can play 2 players. The last thing I want is a Gta 5 for Xbox

360 for my dad's house.
Treyton

Dear Santa,
How have you been? If you're not too busy I would like an electric scooter and an airplane with a controller. I would also like to have leggings and makeup and if you are not that busy I want to have an activity book because I like to do word searches. And if I can't have that, I want a computer and a Galaxy 6 iphone.
Haley

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a new board game called Candyland because I like to play with my family and I usually win against my sister and sometimes my brother. I also want a drone with a camera on it.
Brett

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Hover Board for Christmas. The reason I want a hover board is because it would be fun to ride around and go up curbs. I also want Call of Duty Black Ops 3 for PS3. The other thing I want is a filming camera set. The other thing I want is a Boosted Board because it could probably go as fast as a car. The last thing I want is a motorized airsoft gun.
Jackson

Dear Santa,
I would want for Christmas is a dirt bike and a real .22 pistol. I could also like a four wheeler to ride in the yard because when it snows it can pull a sled on it.
Eli

Dear Santa,
I want a Madden 15 football game. And I want a WWE United States Championship at my dad's house and a WWE World Heavy Weight Championship from my mom. I want a WWE2k16 at my mom's house and I want WWE cards at my dad's and mom's house. I want an Elf on the Shelf for my dad's house.
Your friend Layton

Dear Santa,
I want an Ipad, a PS4 with Minecraft, a phone, a kitten to be a nice friend. I want a small TV. I want a doll house in the back of the house. I want a computer and a behavior chart. I want a Gta5. Thank you Santa. Merry Christmas.
From Bailey

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is My Little Pony stuff and Mine-craft stuff because they are really fun toys because you can make up stuff from games and shows and making up stuff is fun with friends and my friends like making up stuff because it's fun.
By Evelyn

Dear Santa,
I please want an Xbox360 and a new powerful nerf gun and Gta5.

Dear Santa,
What I always wanted for Christmas is a My Little Pony Castle and the whole group of My Little Pony Friends. I also want accessories. I also want some toys for my cat. And a Hello Kitty camping kit too. I also want a locket heart birthstone necklace.
Sarah

Dear Santa,
Can I have a nice nerf gun? It comes with dart balls.
By Alex

Dear Santa,
I hope you give me a golden Playstation 3 for Christmas. And also a golden Playstation 4. And if you can't, it's alright. Also if you can, can you get me a new puppy. I will take care of it. I promise. And I also want a new PS4 controller. I want a camo controller.
By Bentley

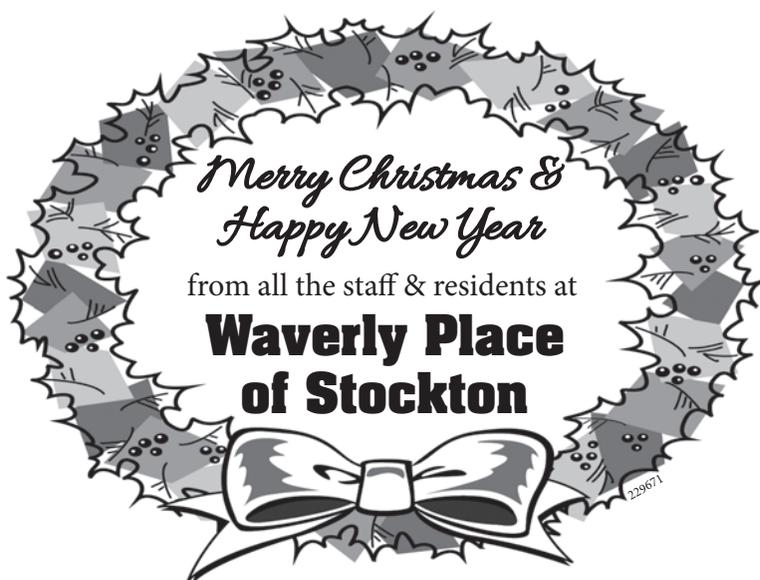
Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, iphone 6, candy. I would like a backpack because my old one is not looking nice. I would like a shirt and jeans and an Elf on the Shelf.
By Brittney

Dear Santa,
I want an Ipod 5, an Xbox 3, and a tablet too. I want a kitten to because a kitten is cuddly. You are the nicest person ever. I love my elves too. Their names are Elfs and Stan. When I go to bed my elves move.
By Zoey

Dear Santa,
I want a Playstation 4. I want a new bike and I want it blue. I want a big TV because I never get a TV. I want a new BB gun. And finally I want a new tractor.
By Shane

Dear Santa,
I want a phone and a Pokemon Card Booster Pack. I hope you get me these. I'm not trying to be greedy.
Ethan

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Hyperspeed Hangtime set. I have seen a lot of LEGOS and they do not MOVE like this one. I have a bunch of remote control cars that go on land but none that fly. So I would like Air Hogs Star Wars Remote control Millennium Falcon. Last, I would like a Hot Wheels Terrain Twister. Merry Christmas!!!!!!!!!!!!!! By the way does Mrs.Claus get you presents?
Your friend, Damon Dittmar

Dear Santa
Thank you for General Zod. Can I have the movie Star Wars The Forces of Awakens? Can I have a Dwayne Johnson toy because I watch boxing?
You rock!
Your friend, Haedyn Dewees

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents that you got me last year. I liked the art stuff you got me. They were

amazing! Did you know I love arts and crafts? You don't have to get me toys this year because most of the time I don't even play with them because I have other things to worry about. I have a few questions for you. My first question is is Dasher Rudolph's dad? Yes or No? My second question is does Clarice really like Rudolph or not? Yes or No?. My third question is how are the reindeer doing? Good or bad? I hope they are doing very, very good. I also hope you are doing very, very good because you are the one who gives us our joy. I wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

Here are the things I might want this year for Christmas. I would please like the game Minecraft and an Xbox 4 for the game Minecraft. I like the game Minecraft because you can build colorful blocks and you can build houses. I like building things and then drawing the houses I built. May I

please have a gigantic bag of arts and crafts? May I please have a Chocolate Pen? I like Chocolate Pen because you can write stuff and you can color stuff and you can pick up the stuff you made, and it won't even break or crumble into little pieces. May I please have Quixels because Quixels can be put into little figures and you can play with the little figures? May I please have the movie Pixels? May I please have the book about Pixels because if I want the movie of something I usually want the book to see if they are the same or not? I wish you a merry Christmas Santa Claus!

Sincerely, Kayla Ann Diehl

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the kindle you gave me. Can I please have a baby husky (that is real), Pink Cleverkeet, and Starlily from Furreal Friends? Is Rudolph real? How are your reindeer? I hope you have an awesome Christmas!

Your Friend, Laiken Haas

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents from last year. Thank you for those new pairs of shoes that you got me for Christmas. Thank you for the awesome toy that you got me for Christmas.

Thank you for the boom box now I get to hear a lot. Thank you for the new clothes. I really like them and they are really cute.

I want to get a new Lego for Christmas. I want to get some books for Christmas. I want a new kitten for Christmas. I want to get a new computer for Christmas. I want a new basketball for Christmas

Your friend, Kiara Zito

Mrs. Powell's Stockton Third Grade

Christmas is a special time of year. Christmas is special to me because I get to have a family day. I get to see my dad and I get to go to my grandma's house and open presents. The first reason Christmas is special is because I have a family day. Me and my family watch movies we play games we read books. Christmas is special to me because I get to see my dad. We play

video games. We watch TV and we play with our BB guns. Christmas is special to me because I get to go to my grandma's house and open presents. I watch TV I play board games and then I open presents. By Daniel

Christmas is a special time of year. This is why Christmas is special to me. Christmas is special to me because all of my friends and family come over and we spend time with each other on Christmas. We help each other do stuff and we make things. During Christmas we open presents read notes Santos sends then we read them out loud to each other. Also, I go to my dads for a little bit and opened presents that Santa gave me there most of the time I love the presents. When we are there we mostly do what we do at my real house. It is awesome and fun. I will never forget these days. That is why Christmas is special to me Aydyn

Christmas is a special time of year. Christmas is special to me because I get to spend time with my family. we have special traditions. We get to open presents. I get to spend time with my family. we play games. we go in my basement. we do handshakes. Second we have special traditions. One of our traditions are that my grandma stay the night at my house. Last, we open presents on Christmas Day. sometimes when we really like our presents we play with them right away. that is why Christmas is special to me. Katelyn

Christmas is a special time of year. Christmas is a special time of year because it is Jesus's birthday. We get to spend time with our family and we get presents. Jesus birthday is special to me because he died for us.. Spending time with my family is special to me because I don't get to see them a lot.. Presents are special to me because you get them for free. That is why Christmas is special for me. Keegan

Christmas is a special time of the year. This is why Christmas is special to me. I like to spend time with

my family. I like to play games and watch football , movies or Xbox. The game I like to play is a dirt bike game. I like to play with it a lot. Sometimes I play tag. My favorite football team I like watch the Bears and Packers. I like the games a lot. I like when the Bears win. Love Dillon.

Christmas is a special time of year. This is why Christmas is special to me because I get to spend time with my family play with my brothers and play games. During Christmas I get to spend time with my family. We go to my grandmas when it snows and sing Christmas songs. At Christmas time I also play with my brothers. we play with the stuffed animals eat carrots and help decorate the Christmas tree. finally, at Christmas I play games with my family. We play Monopoly, Chutes and Ladders and card games. Christmas is a special time of year. Veyah

Christmas is special to me because Christ was born on Christmas. I spend time with my family and I get gifts from Santa. The first reason Christmas is special is Christ was born on Christmas in Christ help the world a lot. The second reason Christmas is special is that I spend time with my family I never get to spend time with my family not even on my birthday. The last reason Christmas is special is because I get gifts from Santa. He just comes without me knowing. That is why Christmas is special to me. Peter

Christmas is a special time of year. This is why Christmas is special to me. I get to spend time with my family. I get you have a nice dinner with my family. I also get to open presents with my mom dad brother and sisters. I get to spend time with my family. It is nice because we go places together. I also get to have a nice dinner. My favorite is the homemade pudding. I also get to open presents in the living room by the tree. After I open my pres-

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Many changes have happened in this past year at Waverly Place, and I wanted to recap and bring you up to speed with all that is happening. As you know, we have been under new management for the past year. It has been an exciting and very positive change. We have done so many improvements, we invite you to come and see them if you haven't recently visited.
Currently, we have remodeled our therapy room! We also have increased our staffing, added a full time wound care RN, beefed up our activities, started having outings (last month out to Stella's Cafe, this month Walmart in Galena Christmas shopping), worked with local churches to provide entertainment (choir, Xmas activities), invented a Facebook page with daily postings, and went to 12 hour shifts for CNA's. 12 hr. shifts allow us to give your family member consistent care throughout the day, with less change.
Waverly Place of Stockton is on its way to being a 5 star facility. We recently had an inspection with no deficiencies cited. The staff is working very hard together as a unified team and this trickles down to getting excellent care for your loved one.
As a special gift to our residents this year, we are having Prime Rib for Christmas. We invite you to join us, and there is a sign in sheet at reception, or you may call in to get on the list.
We look forward to the new year ahead! Merry Christmas.
Sincerely, Gina Miller, Administrator and entire staff of Waverly Place.

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Lena Lions host annual awards night and Christmas party

LENA — The Lena Lions held their dinner meeting on December 9. This night is when we have our Christmas party. This is a spouse night as well; this is the night when we have our visit with the District Governor Gary Meyers and the 1st lady Marcia Meyer. Our club presented many awards including perfect attendance pins, Foundation Fellows and Melvin Jones. Our club also donated \$1000 dollars to the Center for Sight and Hearing impaired, \$500 dollars to the Lena Area Church Cooperative, \$100 dollars to the Lena Fire Department for Santa Clause and \$200 dollars to the LeWin JR High School for the art department. We also held our Operation Good fellow which we delivered 175 fruit and cookie plates and 35 boxes of groceries for a cost of \$3,500 dollars. The high light of the night was when our club inducted eight new members.

A little levity to lighten your day

Santa was at the cafe for breakfast and when the waitress came by he ordered his favorite dish, Eggs Benedict. When the waitress came back with his order it was served on a shiny hub cap! Santa said, "The Eggs Benedict look delicious but why the hub cap? What's up with that?" To which the waitress replied, "There's no plate like chrome for the Hollandaise."

Pearl City Community Dinner. "We've been doing this for about eight years," said community Christmas Dinner organizer Roger Jacobs. "You read in the papers that Christmas is a really rough time to be alone and my wife and I decided to do something about that."

Jacobs and wife and a group of volunteers serve free Christ-

mas dinner to anyone on Christmas Day, whether alone, less fortunate or hungry – and their guests. This year, the meal will include turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salads, beverages, desserts and all the trimmings.

The dinner is organized by the Jacobs family and is able to continue thanks to the gen-

erosity of folks in Pearl City that know the true meaning of the day. Last year's Christmas meal drew dozens of diners and a host of volunteers and this year's celebration looks to be even bigger.

Jacobs said folks who cannot arrange transportation to the Pearl City American Legion only need call for a free ride

in advance or on the day of the event. The telephone number is (815) 443-2739.

"We do rides or we will deliver in the town of Pearl City," said Jacobs. "Single dinner carry outs are available and donations are appreciated, but not required. This is about sharing and celebrating a Merry Christmas."

LEGALS

15-007372
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR SPRINGLEAF MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2013-2

Plaintiff,
vs.
RICHARD WARNER; BARBARA K. WARNER
Defendants,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
PLAINTIFF

VS
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; LAW OFFICES OF DARIN R. DOAK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANNA PENNISTON A/K/A ANNA M. PENNISTON, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; KEITH PENNISTON A/K/A KEITH D. PENNISTON; TODD PENNISTON A/K/A TODD W. PENNISTON; LAURIE MUELLER A/K/A LAURIE A. MUEL-

LER; DEAN A. JORDAN A/K/A DEAN ADAM JORDAN A/K/A DEAN JORDAN; ROGER JORDAN JR A/K/A ROGER JORDAN A/K/A ROGER L. JORDAN A/K/A ROGER LAVERN JORDAN; JULI GEMPLER A/K/A JULI A. GEMPLER; PENI SMITH A/K/A PENI JORDAN A/K/A PENI L. SMITH A/K/A PENI LYNN JORDAN; WENDI MOORMAN A/K/A WENDI S. MOORMAN A/K/A WENDI SUE MOORMAN A/K/A WENDI JORDAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID L. PENNISTON A/K/A DAVID PENNISTON A/K/A DAVE L. PENNISTON, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GENE A. JORDAN A/K/A GENE ALAN JORDAN, IF ANY; SHERRY ZACK, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR, DAVID L. PENNISTON A/K/A DAVID PENNISTON A/K/A DAVE L. PENNISTON DEFENDANTS

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669 NORTH GREENFIELD DRIVE
FREEPORT, IL 61032

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANNA PENNISTON A/K/A ANNA M. PENNISTON, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; WENDI MOORMAN A/K/A WENDI S. MOORMAN A/K/A WENDI SUE MOORMAN A/K/A WENDI JORDAN ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID L. PENNISTON A/K/A DAVID PENNISTON A/K/A DAVE L. PENNISTON, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GENE A. JORDAN A/K/A GENE ALAN JORDAN, IF ANY;

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclo-

sure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 27 CHEROKEE HILLS SUBDIVISION PLAT 1 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 13, 1976 IN BOOK H OF PLATS, AT PAGE 69 SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 669 NORTH GREENFIELD DRIVE

FREEPORT, IL 61032

and which said Mortgage was made by,

DAVID L. PENNISTON A/K/A DAVID PENNISTON A/K/A DAVE L. PENNISTON; ANNA PENNISTON A/K/A ANNA M. PENNISTON (DECEASED);

Mortgagor (s), to M.E.R.S., INC. AS NOMINEE FOR PRINCIPAL RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC.

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of STEPHENSON County, Illinois, as Document No. 0200032486; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County,

Bonnie K. Curran
15 N. Galena
Clerk of the Court
Freeport, Illinois 61032

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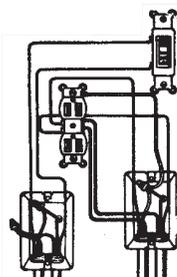
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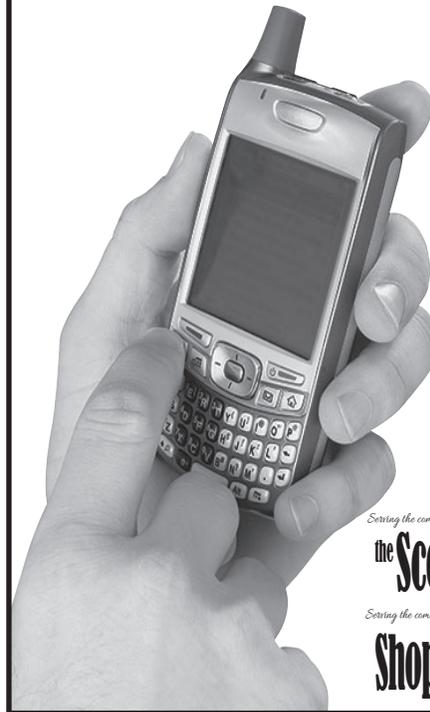
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Santa visits the Village of Pearl City

PEARL CITY — On Monday, December 7, the residents of and anyone travelling through the Village of Pearl City were treated to the sight of Santa Claus arriving to the Pearl City American Legion Hall by one of Pearl City Fire Department's bright red fire engines.

Inside the Legion Hall the atmosphere was all a buzz with the excitement of the children awaiting the arrival of that "Jolly Old Soul". Children were accompanied by their parents and a few grandparents for their annual visit with Santa.

Santa entered the hall with shouts of joy from the kids getting their first look of Santa. Once Santa was settled in his special seat by the Christmas tree, the crowd was treated with the reading of "Pete the Cat Saves Christmas" by James Dean. Janelle Hartman from the Northwest Illinois Reading Council was very entertaining with her reading of the story and even had the audience join in the telling of the story with some audience participation.

With the storytelling over, the children had the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and share their wishes for Christmas. After their visit with Santa, each child received an apple, a candy cane, a free book and bookmark, and



Xander Krolow, listens attentively as Santa asks if he has been a good boy this year. Of course we know the answer is a resounding, yes.

cookies. Children also chose a picture they were to take home to decorate and return to the Pearl City Public Library to be entered in the "Christmas Picture Coloring Contest".

Thank you to the children (approximately 96 kids visited with Santa) and their families that took the time from their busy holiday schedules to make this year's "Santa's Visit" a great success. A thank you also goes to the following organizations and business

for their support of "Santa's Visit to Pearl City": Northwest Illinois Reading Council, Pearl City American Legion & Auxiliary, Pearl City Fire Department, Pearl City Public Library District, and State Bank of Pearl City.

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15-007372
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF STEPHENSON -
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR
SPRINGLEAF MORTGAGE LOAN
TRUST 2013-2

Plaintiff,
vs.
RICHARD WARNER; BARBARA K.
WARNER
Defendants,

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the office of Security First Title Company, 205 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 2697 North Unity Road, Lena, IL 61048.

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Courtesy photos

Porter Krolow bashfully shares with Santa what he would like for Christmas during the jolly old elf's stopover in Pearl City.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!



Pearl City - 2-3 (one non-conforming) bedroom ranch home with gorgeous kitchen cabinetry, 2 family room areas! Quiet location. Close to school, park district. Just \$99,900!



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