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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

Christmas Eve worship at St. Paul's in Kent

At 4:30 p.m., on Dec. 24, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1334 N. Sunnyside Road, in Kent will hold their annual Christmas Eve Service, weather permitting. We will light the fourth Advent Candle and then proceed to our Christmas Eve Worship. Taylor Broshous will be our lector. Deb Winning will provide organ music. "O Holy Night" will be sung by Pastor Carole Andres. Holy Communion will be celebrated. An antiphonal reading of Old Testament prophecy and selections from the first chapter of John will be read, emphasizing the relationship of prophecy to the birth of Christ. The lights will slowly go out until the sanctuary is bathed in candlelight. "Silent Night" will be sung, and we will return to our homes to wait for the coming of the Christ Child. There will be no Christmas Day Worship. All are welcome at the little church with the big heart. Come join us in the suburbs of Kent. For more information, please call 232-4010.



TONY CARTON PHOTO *The Scoop Today*

Stockton Music Department

The Stockton Fifth Grade Band made its debut performance Dec. 6, at the Middle School Winter Concert.

Lady Blackhawks stare down Regional Champion

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Stockton is strong and stands near the front of the pack with area rival Pearl City, as the NUIC-West gets an early picture of which teams are going to be even tougher in the second half. Eastland is perfect in the West. They are in front at the turn and so far have collected a double-digit wins on their journey.

The season started the week before Thanksgiving. The Lady Cougars are 10-1 and 6-0 in the West with a week to go before Christmas. They have already taken down some of the areas best teams, including East Dubuque, Galena and Pearl City. But, they have had trouble with Stockton.

On Nov. 21 the Lady Blackhawks beat Eastland in an out-of-conference affair. The Lady Cougars collected their only loss of the season on that late November day. It was by four

points, 52-48. They redeemed themselves a little over a week later as they took down Stockton 60-50. The second win is what separates the Lady Cougars with the rest of the West. It gave Stockton its only conference loss.

The Lady Blackhawks will have to handle business through the Christmas break and well into January, to compete for the West Title. They will have to win on the road at East Dubuque on Jan. 5 and follow it up four days later with another jaunt west, to Galena, for a Jan. 9 meeting. They will get home once, before they have to deal with Eastland, Pearl City and Lena-Winslow, as well as a handful of others trying to track down the NUIC-Crown.

Their home visit comes with River Ridge/Scales Mound being extended an offer to play.

Lady Wildcats look to get stron-

ger
The Lady Wildcats are champions already this year, but they have struggled lately. They won the Dakota Turkey Tourney and that included matches against NUIC-contender Freeport Aquin and the two-time defending State Champion Byron. River Ridge/Scales Mound is 2-2 in the West this year. They, like many other NUIC-familiars, have an above .500 season mark. They entered play with a 6-4 tally this week, but are coming off a three-game losing streak. Dakota started the unfriendly tactics last Saturday, Dec. 9, in a 41-32 decision.

Pearl City won its match in its own Holiday Classic Invitational over the Lady Wildcats, but were held well below their season offensive-point total. They won by four points, 29-25. East Dubuque took the Dec. 13 tournament meeting in the Holiday Classic on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 46-23.

The Lady Wildcats will work through holiday schedules, like many other West contenders and will have to find a way to get even stronger in areas of their game. Other teams in the West will be doing that. A lot of great teams sit with River Ridge/Scales Mound chasing Eastland. The top five teams

in the west have a collective 49-15 season going. It doesn't include Galena, which sits with Lena-Winslow, two losses behind the front-runner.

This week's games began for the Lady Wildcatss with a Tuesday night visit to Freeport for a showdown with the runner-up in the Dakota Turkey Tourney, Aquin.

The Lady Bulldogs started this week's games with a 6-0 record in the NUIC-North. They, like Eastland, also carried a season record of 10-1. They have a one-loss lead over the Pecatonica Lady Indians and are two games ahead of Dakota in the North.



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Warren Servant leaders host blood drive

The Warren High School Servant Leadership chapter hosted a successful blood drive as one of their community service projects.

Card Shower for Mickey Vanderheyden who will be turning 90 on Sunday, December 24, 2017
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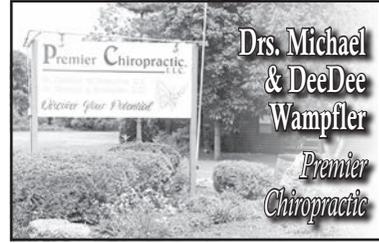
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An important method of offsetting negative effects of high calorie digestive system overload

The holiday season ushers in good times, family, and cheer. Good family time usually goes hand in hand with a special quality and quantity of food. The six-week holiday season from Thanksgiving through the New Year makes it easy for most people to put on a few extra pounds. From turkey and pumpkin pie to prime rib and stuffing, food plays a significant role in the November and December holiday celebrations. An important method of offsetting the negative effects of high calorie, digestive system overload begins with Chiropractic care.

Chiropractic spinal adjustments improve digestive function by reducing interference from the central nervous system. Science and research proves the connection between the spine and digestion. When spinal bones move appropriately and in proper alignment, a balance occurs in the central nervous system that normalizes digestion. Digestion often slows or becomes imbalanced when postural distortions cause vertebrae to shift or the spine suffers from a lack of movement.

The vertebral shifting, bending or twisting, called a subluxation, pro-



duces stress in the nervous system that decreases blood flow to vital digestive organs, and reduces normal bowel motility. This process leads to a build-up of undigested food and bloating that contribute to weight gain. Digestive imbalances always produce a negative long-term impact on overall health. The holidays tend to make people especially susceptible to indulgences and bowel discomfort that harm a healthy body composition.

Research from a 2009 medical journal showed that 71% of patients with digestive problems who received spinal adjustments experienced an improvement in their symptoms. 45% of the patients suffering with digestive complaints also reduced or eliminated their digestion medication. People often wonder how Chiropractic en-

ters the health picture when suffering from symptoms that appear distant from the function of the spine. Chiropractic adjustments focus on eliminating interference from the nervous system by improving alignment and movement in the spine and vertebra. All organs communicate through the spinal column and nervous system. A healthy spine translates into healthier organs and systems within the body.

Chiropractors apply gentle adjustments directly to the spine but the impact translates into health benefits that radiate throughout the entire body. Computers and phones possess a wealth of functional capabilities that extend far beyond simply utilizing the camera or calculator features.

Chiropractic care provides a similar scope of capability that does so much more than simply relieving back and neck pain. Chiropractic care ensures that children and adults of all ages ranging from infancy to advanced years achieve results for conditions and symptoms seemingly unrelated to spinal health. The spine houses anatomy, physiology, and neurology that directly benefit improved communication and function that only happen when the spine moves and functions optimally.

Everyone benefits from a spine and nervous system cared for by a highly skilled Chiropractor. Spinal subluxations operate like cavities and high blood pressure. They form and escalate without any pain or symptoms until they ultimately compromise the body's health and function.

Infants, children, and adults experience proactive improvement to all body function, including digestive health, by improving spinal health.

The holiday season invites many welcome indulgences. Let Chiropractic care be an indulgence that continues to provide health benefits long after the festivities come to a close.

European Journal of Gastroenterology & Hepatology 2009

"Chiropractic manual intervention in chronic adult dyspepsia." MF Young,

PW McCarthy, S King

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child for the year 2017 was held the week of Nov. 13-21. Area communities collected 1,213 boxes. Drop-off site was at the Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton, IL where workers loaded 68 cartons into a trailer taken to Rockford and loaded on a semi going to a Minneapolis, MN. warehouse to be sorted by volunteers and shipped all over the world, with a gift for children that never receive a gift at Christmas time, a book inside each one telling about the birth of Jesus, plus the items you put in the boxes. NWIL collected 14,300 boxes. God bless each one of you who helped in any way.

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Obituaries

DORIS ESHLEMAN

Doris Eshleman, 86, of Freeport and formerly of Stockton, IL, passed away on Dec. 9, 2017 at Liberty Village. She was born on Nov. 28, 1931 in Piper City, IL to George and Helen (Bishop) Cook. She received her Associate Degree in Nursing from the Mennonite School of Nursing in Bloomington, IL. She married Duane Eshleman on Oct. 18, 1952 in Piper City, IL. She was an RN, EMT, and a homemaker. She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL, as well as a Charter Member of Stockton Community Ambulance.

Survivors include her Daughters: Valrahe (Steve) Nott, of Freeport, IL; Jan (John) Kitazaki of Stockton, IL; Marci (Barry) Brandt, of Milton, WI; and Teri (Kelly) White, of Des Moines, IA; Sons: Mark (Michelle Rupiper) of Memphis, TN; Brock (Marianne) of Rockton, IL; Cole (Trish) of Freeport, IL; Chad (Angie Pebworth) of Stockton, IL; and Matt (Patti) of Rockford, IL; 20 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and Sister-in-law: Betty Cook. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother Ronald Cook, and sister Charlene Crist.

Visitation and funeral services were held Dec. 17, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL, with Father Michael Morrissey officiating. Inurnment was at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Stockton Community Ambulance. Online condolences may be shared at www.schwarzfh.com. There was always room at the dinner table for Doris' nine kids and whomever they brought home.

DEAN E. WRIGHT

Dean E. Wright, age 78 of Stockton, IL passed away at home on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on Nov. 14, 1939 in Stockton to the late Wilbur and Genevieve (Morgan) Wright. Dean was a 1957 graduate of Stockton High School

where he set the state scoring record in football. He married Ruth Dittmar on Sept. 25, 1960.

Dean was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Stockton. He retired from Atwood Manufacturing after 31 years. He also farmed, drove truck for Wright-Away Trucking with his sons, was a Lions Club member for 40+ years and enjoyed cooking chicken in the Stockton Township Memorial Park each 4th of July. Dean was an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. He enjoyed video poker, euchre, scratch off tickets, logging with his step-dad, Warren, ice fishing, fast pitch softball and a good cigar. He truly enjoyed his family, which included watching his five sons play football in his footsteps, and three of his sons racing motocross.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ruth of Stockton; his sons, Tom (Lorie) of Stockton, Russell (Kristin) of Lexington, SC, Mark (Marcie) of Geneva, IL, Troy (Kris) of Dubuque, IA; his daughters, who were his amazing caregivers, Kim (Bill) Heid of Thomson and Paula (Jason) Haas of Stockton; his 27 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, son Jim, infant brother, two grandsons and a great grandson.

There was a celebration of life on Sunday, Dec. 17, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Condolences may be shared with Dean's family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sunday Dec. 24, as we gather for worship on this Fourth Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion at, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. At 7:30 p.m. we will gather for Christmas Eve Candle Light Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion.

On Monday Dec. 25, Christmas Day Good Shepherd will gather to worship at 9:30 a.m. all are invited to worship with us as we reflect a Christmas story through Martin Luther's hymn, "From Heaven Above"

On Sunday Dec. 31, all are invited to Worship service as we worship with Christmas Music & Stories and Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call the church at 815-369-5552.

St. John's Lutheran Church

You're invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent worship service on Dec. 24. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the Poinsettia Garden.

Make plans now to celebrate the Christmas season at St. John's. Candlelight Christmas Eve services will be held at 5 and 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Finally, a Christmas Day worship will be held on Dec. 25, at 9 a.m. The Christmas season will conclude with a service of Carols and Readings on Dec. 31, at 9 a.m.

It's not too late!!! St. John's is selling 2018 calendars.

St. John's Lutheran Church is at 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, Illinois. The office phone number is 815-443-2215 (mornings). All are invited to our weekly worship services and youth to our Sunday School and youth ministries. You may also email at prshadmin@gmail.com.

Willow/Kent/Wesley United Methodist Church

Willow/Kent/Wesley United Methodist Churches will worship at "Wesley UMC Sunday, Dec 24, at 10 a.m." This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent; Pastor Chuck Wolbers will bring the message "LOVE"; all are invited and welcome.

Wesley UMC is located on the corner of Benton/Stockton in Stockton, IL

CHRISTMAS EVE "Candlelight" Service is at Kent UMC at 5 p.m. All are invited and welcome. All are welcome and invited to this Special Time.

Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL. For more info; call Pastor at 262-308-2379.

Don't be a Grinch! Christmas Family Movie Night

Friday, Dec. 22, at McConnell United Methodist Church, 211 N. Hulbert Rd., McConnell, IL. Doors Open at 6 p.m.

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, How are you? Hows Mrs. Claus? Santa, what do you do after Christmas is over? I want a slime kit and gymnastics mats. Love, Bria

Dear Santa, How are you? Can I please have a mincraft creeper stuffed animal? Can I also please have pac man squisies? I have one more thing. Can I please have orbies crush? Love, Evalynn

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa and the rander too? For crismas can I have a pack av gloves? Can I have a hachams? Can I have a Barbee and a big doll hause and a pupey? Love, Lexus

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! How are you doing today? Can I please have a stres ball? Love, Alexa

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Could I please have a gymnastics bar and a couple more things? Can I please have sum squishys and a slime kit? Can I please have shopkins and orbeas? Love, Trinity

Dear Santa, How have you been? How is Mrs. Clause? I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want Shopkins, and a Barbie doll with a mermaid tail. Love, Cheyenne

Dear Santa, How are you and misses cross doing? May I please have a fit bit? May I have a teddy rus? May I have a kooking set? Love, Ashlyn

Dear Santa, How are your randeer Santa? Please can I have a vending mersheen? Please can I have a snow flake maker? Please can I have a snow ball maker? Please can I have a snow cone masheen? Please can I have a snow loncher? Love, Lane

Dear Santa, Can I please have a phone tablet PSP? I love you! Happy Holidays! Can I please have a m and m mudsman? Crismis is the best. Love, Ayden

Dear Santa, I wish you culd giv me a choker. How are your raindeer? Love, Addison

Dear Santa, How are you doing today? Pless can I have xbox liv? Can I pleas have a real boleing set? Can I pleas have a snow ball maker with snow cons and a loncher? Love, Dalton

Dear Santa, May I please have bee bee blits? May I please have a big droen? May I please have a xbox 360? How are you? Love, Michael

Dear Santa, May I have a iphone? I like your hat. May I have a dirtbike? Love, Gavin

Dear Santa, I hope the elfs are good. Can I please have a phfone? Can I please have a robot dog? Can I please have a pok'mom? Love, Bryce

Dear Santa, How are the rain deer? Are they sick? Please can I have a spy dron? I would also like a pokemon card EX pack please and pokemon

card sgerle. Love, Russell
Dear Santa, How are you? I am good. Can I please have a nerf gun and a fairy tail poster? May I have a fairy tail bed set? Love, Clyde

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? Can I please have a hole seson of the Pirates of the cariben? Can I please have a guitar? Love, Hayden

Dear Santa, Ples can I have a xbox set with grnd thift ato? Can I have a drone and a bat and ball and football? Love, Kovan

Mrs. Reese, River Ridge Third Grader's

Dear Santa, Thanks for all the presents. They were fun.

This year I want an iPod, a laptop, and lots of money. I want an iPod because I can't fit my tablet in my pocket. I want a laptop because I can't play all the games I like on my tablet. I want lots of money so I can buy lots of toys.

This year my family will have pink stuff a.k.a ham. A tradition that my family does is that my mom or dad usually hides a pickle ornament in the Christmas tree, then my sister and I try to find it. The one that finds it gets to open the first present. Another tradition is that my sister and I open one present on the night before Christmas day.

Would you like sugar cookies or chocolate chip cookies? Would you prefer white or chocolate milk?

Merry Christmas, Hamish Boden
Dear Santa, Thank you for all the presents you got me over the years. My favorite is the rainbow cat. And I still play with it.

This year I want some chapter books because I love to read. I need some clothes because my clothes are getting small. Also, I would like some

Kitty Kitchen Petkins because I love playing with them. May I please have an art set because I love coloring and drawing?

My family has rainbow Jell-O for Christmas. First you buy all the colors of the rainbow Jell-O mixes. Second, you mix them up in a mixer. Third, you put them in the fridge overnight. Fourth, you may eat but I am not sure that is how you make the rainbow Jell-O. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your friend, Faith Morhardt

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the gifts you gave me. You are one of my favorite things about Christmas. Do you like hot cocoa cookies? I would really, really, really like the BIGGEST L.O.L doll ball in the world. It would be very nice if you gave me a Shoppies doll. I would really really really really like a BIG Hatchimal. I want the big L.O.L ball because I am really into L.O.L dolls. I want the Shoppies doll because she is pretty, remember I want the one with the makeup set. I want the Hatchimal because they look fun. I really hope you give me all of it. This year we got the pickle ornament but instead of us trying to find it you have to find it! Hope you have a merry Christmas! P.S No magic trying to find the pickle ornament.

Your friend, Piper Golden

Dear Santa, Thank you for the flat screen T.V. that I got 2 years ago, I think. Of course I still love all the other presents. I do love to read. Can I have some Pokémon books like Aloha Regain and other Pokémon books because I like Pokémon, thank you. I have been a good boy this year.

Can I have a hover board because I want it to play Pokémon Go? Can I also have a drone so I can hatch

my eggs in Pokémon GO? What kind of cookies do you like? Do you prefer white milk or chocolate milk? How are the reindeer? Would they like some carrots? How are you yourself? Can I have a lot of candy in my stocking? Can I have some fidget spinners because I want to have fidget spinner battles?

Sincerely, Sully Elias Bower
Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents. I love them all. I don't have a favorite. They are the best toys ever!

I have been really good this year! Can I have a stuffed kitten and a stuffed dog and an Apple watch? I want a stuffed kitten because they are so cute. I want a stuffed dog because it is so fluffy. I want an Apple watch because I can have an iPad everywhere I go. I'm going to go to my grandma's and my grandpa's. We eat pizza and then we open presents. Happy Christmas and I hope you have a great year!

Your friend, Kenley Patterson
Dear Santa,

I appreciate what you made me. My favorite toy is my truck. How are your reindeer? How are you doing, Santa? I would like a football. Thank you for my toys. May I have a phone? Can I have a tablet please? Can I have a scooter? I need a phone and a tablet to play games. I would like the scooter to ride to the skate park and back.

How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? How are the toys coming? How cold is it? My sister been bad this year. I been good this year. Jala has been good this year.

Your friend, Andrew

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents you gave me in the past. I still play with the Furreal Friend cat and the magnets. How are the reindeer? What kind of cookies do you like? I would like a big LOL surprise. I would like this because I like LOL dolls and I can play with them. I would like stuffed animals and slime. I would like stuffed animals because I like animals. I want slime because I like to play with it. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Gracie Allen

Dear Santa, Thank you for the trucks. My Mother gets her taxes and I am going to get a PS4. I already have an Xbox, but I don't have a lot of games. I want four-wheeler games. And I would like four-wheeler gear because when I go to my Grandma's and grandpa's I ride my four-wheeler there. I want a new phone and a hover board and Traxxas RC truck because I would play on it but not the RC truck I would play with it. Or you can just get one from the store. I want a vlog camera but get a waterproof case for it because I might be a vlogger when I grow up. May I have some weights because I want to get strong? May I have a music player and an iPad that fits in your pocket because when I go for a run I like to listen to music? I also want a pro scooter because I like to go to the skate park. How are the elves and the reindeer? How are you and Mrs. Clause? What kinda cookies do you want? Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Connor Bourette



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PIPP applications will be taken until December 31, 2017. LIHEAP applications will be taken until May 31, 2018 or until funding is exhausted.

Effective December 1, 2017 all income eligible households may schedule an appointment to apply for assistance with their heating utilities.

Eligible households may call 800-883-1111 or 815-232-3141 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance at one of the following locations.

- NICAA Main Office- Freeport • Stockton Banking Center
- Warren Township Library • Hanover Village Hall
- Citizens State Bank of Lena • East Dubuque Library
- Illinois Bank & Trust- Galena Downtown
- German-American State Bank – German Valley

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**** The following documents will be required to apply for assistance ****

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income.
- Current heat and electric bills issued.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services.
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt.
- Proof of homeownership, tax bill or title (for mobile home), is required for weatherization assistance.

PY 18 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

An Emergency Furnace Assistance Program is available for LIHEAP households who are **homeowners** and whose **existing** heating systems are not functioning or have been red-tagged by their utility.

The purpose of the LIHEAP Furnace program is to restore heat to the household and is available from October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 or until funds have been exhausted.

Starting December 1, 2017 all low-income eligible households may apply.

To qualify for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program, the household must first apply for and be approved for LIHEAP assistance.

The household must have active service with both primary and secondary heating utilities. Households with disconnected utilities are not eligible for this assistance.

In addition to LIHEAP documents, the following documentation to show proof of home ownership is required:

- Copy of real estate tax bill
Or
- Copy of warranty deed, contract for deed, or quit claim deed (all of these must be stamped and registered with the county clerk.
Or
- If a mobile home, must have a copy of the mobile home title.

Please call 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to make an appointment for assistance.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, Thank you for the Nerf gun and all of the other presents. Thank you for the big race track. You are so cool! How are you doing?

This year can I have a hover board? Can I have a drone, too? Can I have a lot of chocolate? May I have a phone please to ride my scooter around town? I want a hover board because I can ride it around the house.

I want a lot of chocolate because I love it. I wanna drone to fly it around town. Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Ashton

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the presents and gifts that you gave me. I love Shopkins because I love playing Shopkins in my room with my sister. Do you remember that time that me and my friends saw you? Santa are you real? If you are real, how can you get down the chimney? It looks so hard to get down.

For Christmas I would like some Shopkins and fidget cube. I would also like a Wii game that is called Animal Crossing, but don't bring it if it makes you annoying, ok? Oops I almost forgot, can you bring a phone for Christmas please. I want a phone

because I can text my mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, uncle and my cousin

My Christmas dinner is cookies, broccoli, chicken, brown beans and green beans. Do you have a family tradition? If you have a family tradition, what do you do at your family tradition? Are your reindeer ok? If your reindeer are ok, I will leave carrots for your reindeer, ok?

Love, your friend,
Madilynn

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the gifts. I play with them with my friend.

I've been a good girl this year.

May I have poop emoji, please? Why? Because I really, really LOVE poop emoji. May I have a Descendants doll? Why? Because I love Descendants. May I have a BIG Hatchimal? Why? I know I have one but it needs a friend.

How are the reindeer? How old are the reindeer?

Merry Christmas!
LOVE, Adrianna

Dear Santa, Thank you for the stuffed puppy with the baby puppies

and that was my favorite present. I still like the presents you got me in the past.

This year I have been a good girl. This year I want a huge Mal doll because the character is from my favorite movie, Descendants 2. You can decorate the doll and you can wear the belt as a bracelet and it comes with her book bag.

Hey Santa, how's your reindeer? hope they are doing fine. What type of cookies do you like? Santa, what do you do for Christmas? Do you know how I celebrate Christmas? I eat turkey and Jell-O for Christmas. And we do a game, it's where someone makes a gingerbread house. If someone makes the best gingerbread house he/she gets to open a present. So Santa do you play games on Christmas? How does the reindeer fly? How is your wife?

Santa, have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Your friend, Maddison

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the gifts in the past. I really appreciate it. My favorite toy was the tablet, I still play with it.

I only want 2 things. May I have a smartphone because I can call mom? May I have an iPod please, so I can download a math game.

Do you have a family tradition? If you do who do you spend it with? What foods do you have? How are the reindeer?

Merry Christmas!
Love, Isabella Wasmund

Dear Santa, Thank you for giving me a Baby Alive doll. May I please have a phone? I want a phone because I can video chat, text, and call my dad.

Do you like sugar cookies, chocolate chip cookies, or gingerbreads? What milk do you like? What do your reindeer like to eat? For Christmas dinner I would like to eat ham,

Jell-O, cake, and cinnamon rolls. Do you like cinnamon rolls? What do you do at the North Pole? I am in River Ridge third grade.

Love, Keira



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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, Thank you for the new game you got me. I am good this year. What I want for Christmas is a Dream Tent and a LOL doll and a Sim 3 game and that is it. The Dream Tent is so, so, so, so cool! I like Sim 3 because it is fun and I like LOL dolls because I like them.

How did you get your powers? On Christmas we have a special meal and we open the presents. I love Christmas! Merry Christmas!!
Your friend, Sydnie

Mrs. Schafer River Ridge third grade

Dear Santa, My name is Allie. I live on Chicago Street. How is Bubbles doing? How are the reindeer doing? How are the presents going? How are you doing? Thank you for the games you got me last year. Also thank you for the Barbie camper you gave me last year. I play with it a lot.

I would like another pet this year. Also I would like a new pie face game because the one you gave me broke. Also I would like more Shopkins and a magic kit. Thank you, Santa! Love, Allie

Dear Santa, Hi I'm Cainan. I live in Elizabeth Illinois. Thank you for my Beats. Would you like brownies and ice cream and milk? How is Tom and all the reindeer? Are they being good?

Please can I have a remote control and a JBL? I want a remote car because I want to bring it mudding. I also want a new tv in my room. I also want a iPhone 8 and a new fish. Love, Cainan

Dear Santa, My name is Kaden. I go to River Ridge school. Thank you for my big Dark Vader. Thank you Santa for my favorite toy in Star Wars.

How are all the elves? How's Rudolph been doing?

Please Santa can you get me more of the star Wars toys? Please! I want to add more of them to my collection. Can you please get me a new football because all of mine are flat. Can you please get me a Jango fett please so it goes with his son Boba fett. Can you please get me candy canes because it is one my favorite candies. Love, Kaden

Dear Santa, Hi, I'm Nick Cobine. I'm in Mrs.Schafer's class. I live in Elizabeth Illinois. Thank you for the presents I had in the past years. Is Rudolph all grown up? Is my Elf Chippy going to the North Pole? I hope he is.

For Christmas can I please have a Titanic puzzle and a Polar Express puzzle? May I please have a toy Polar Express and a Slinky? Can I please have a Polar Express poster? I would like the puzzles because then I can get excited. I would like the toys for my excitement. Thank you Santa!

Thank you so, so much! I'm doing the Santa Dash this Christmas! I will be leaving you some chocolate chip cookies and milk! Love, Nick Cobine

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Aiden Michel Cormier. I live in the country in Elizabeth, Illinois. I am 8 years old. Thank you for all of the presents back in Florida. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Do you want vanilla or chocolate cookies? How clean are all of the reindeer? Can I please have a DS because when it gets hot outside I can play inside. Can I please have a phone so I can call my dad. Can I please have some easy books for my brothers Aaron and Adam?

Love, Aiden

Dear Santa, Hi this is Cooper Douvikas. Thank you for coming to my house every year. Thank you for all the presents you brought me. How are Rudolph and the other reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus?

I would like a hoverboard because I like it and it will be so fun. I would like a computer so I can play some games. It will be awesome. May I have a remote control truck because I like it and it will be so fun. May I have another fourwheeler so I can ride in my backyard. May I have another dirt bike so I can ride. Love, Cooper Douvikas

Dear Santa, My name is Vivienne. I go to River Ridge School. How is Mrs. Claus doing? What kind of cookies do you want? Do you want chocolate or vanilla milk?

May I have an MC Squared science kit because my old one is broken. May I have an animal jams for Christmas because I have none. May I have a phone for Christmas because I want to call my mom and dad. May I have a MC squared fingerprint kit so I can find out who steals my stuff. Love, Vivienne

Dear Santa, My name is Braden Melvin and I am in Mrs. Schafer's class at River Ridge. Thank you for the toys in the past. I really appreciate it!! How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus doing and the elves? Do you want chocolate milk for a change?

I would like a computer because I would like to try out mods from Minecraft. I would also want little Minecraft figures because I want a big collection of them! I would like phone so if I'm lost I can call my mom and dad. I would also some flip a zoos!!

Love, Braden

Dear Santa, Hi this is Aubree Niccum. I live on Main Street in Elizabeth IL. Thank you for the monster high doll house. It doesn't fit in my little playhouse under my bed, but my mom and dad took the roof off where the gargoyles sit. It still looks fine. How is Rudolph the red nosed reindeer? Does Dancer actually dance? What does your sled run on? Does it make you mad that people make movies of kids seeing you?

May I please have an Evie doll. I want to put on my costume and compare her and me. May I have a new winter dress with cats on it so I can wear it to school. May I also have a flip a zoo. I want to have another stuffed animal. I am very excited for you to come!

P.S. Warning cookies and milk are waiting for you! Love, Aubree Niccum

Dear Santa, I am Damien Page and these are the things about me. I live in the middle of nowhere. My school is River Ridge. My favorite color is green. I am 8 years old. Thank you for the Killoren lightsaber. I look like Killoren with my Darth Vader mask on. The lightsaber is cool. Sabrina gets scared when she sees me with it on. I love it. Would you like some milk or chocolate milk? Do you have a phone? If you do hurray!

I would like a DS charger because I lost my DS charger. My DS is on one bar left. I would also like a Santa hat. I don't have a lot of hats. I would also like an ipad because my other ipad doesn't work. I would also like A Freddy head. Because I only have one costume that is Nightmare foxy.

To Santa from Damien Page

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Halee. I was wondering how everybody is at the North Pole. How is Rudolph? Is his nose still red?

I wanted you to know I loved everything you brought me last year. I had lots of fun playing with all of it.

This year, I would like the Emogi Movie. I would also like a new bike, an electric guitar, a new bed set, and a new scooter.

Love, Halee Tate
Dear Santa,Hi, I'm Anna, and my school is River Ridge. I want to thank you for all the presents you brought me in the past. Also, how are your reindeer doing? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are your elves doing? Anyway, I really appreciate all the presents.

Some of the things I want are milk duds because they're my favorite candy. I also want a new because my other one is too small. Another thing I want is a new I Spy book because I read all the ones I own. The last thing I want is a Shopkin stuffed animal because I love stuffed animals and Shopkins. Thank you for all you do! Love, Anna Wachter

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Tami. I live in Hanover Illinois. Thank you for all the presents that you have given me in the past. How do you get all around the world in one night?

May I please have the new Barbie Dream House. Also can I please have Orbiez. Finally can I have Barbies. I want the new Barbie Dream House because I want to play house with my sisters, Adelyn and Keira. I want Orbiez for an Orbiez pool. I want Barbies for the Barbie house.Love, Tami Ware

Dear Santa, My name is Makena. Thank you for bringing me the balance beam and the mat. Also thank you for bringing me the car that you me got me last year. How are the reindeer? How is Mr. Claus? Is she making cookies?

GET FITEAM CHALLENGE

Happy New Year! Is your New Year's resolution fitness-related?



The challenge kicks off on January 14, with baseline screens* being held at FHN Burchard Hills Facility Lower Level on:

January 10, 2018	January 11, 2018	January 13, 2018
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Letters To Santa

May I have a new tablet this year because mine does not work. Also I would like a computer for my mom's house because I do not have one. May I have a new speaker because I do not want to listen to music in the basement. Also, I would like Shopkins stuff because I need more. Love, Makenna Wurster

Dear Santa, My name is Kameran. Thank you for all the stuff you gave me. How big is your bag? How fast

can your sleigh go? Do you have a dog?

Can I please have a remote control boat because I like to drive stuff around. Can I please have a wubble bubble ball because I like to kick stuff around. Can I please have a tablet because I want to play games on the bus. Can I please have slime because it is gooey. Can I please have a computer because I want to do Gmail. Love, Kameran Young

Mrs. Steele's River Ridge first grader's

Dear Santa, I have been nice. How are you? Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Can I have an antique car? My sister wants a trick scooter. Love, Brock Turner

Dear Santa, My house has Christmas lights. My house has candy cane lights. My house has reindeer lights. Merry Christmas! How are you? For Christmas I want a Super Mario Gamer. Love, Aiden Garcea

Dear Santa, Can I please have a Polar Express toy and slime in a dish please? Can I have a Titanic puzzle please? Is Rudolf doing good because if he is then that is good. Santa, have I been good or not? Love, Samuel Cobine

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? How are the elves? Merry Christmas! Have a Happy New Year! I have been a good little boy. I want a Nutcracker and a stuffed toy cat. Love, Christian Morhardt

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I wish you a Happy New Year! How are the elves? I have been nice and good this year. How are the reindeer? How is Rudolf being? I think he is being good. I want 17 Fidget Spinners and creatures. Merry Christmas! Love, Luke Wurster

Dear Santa, I was nice. How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? I have lights everywhere on my house in Elizabeth. I love you and Mrs. Claus. I want a Flipazoo and Xbox Live. I hope you

and Mrs. Claus have a good Christmas! Love, Morgan Kloss

Dear Santa, I try to be good. How is Mrs. Claus doing? She is so nice. Is she being nice to the elves? I hope she is because the elves are so cute and nice. I want a Fidget Cube. Love, Daly Niccum

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been very nice! How is Junafurt? I want a Hatchimal. How can you go so fast to get all over the world in one night? How many elves are by you? Merry Christmas! Love, Abby Frey

Dear Santa, Do you have a house? Do you have a Christmas tree? How are your elves? How do you get the toys? For Christmas, can I have a Flipazoo? Love, Francie Howard

Dear Santa, How are you? I want a Skip It. I have been good. Have a jolly Christmas! My Mom wants a glass owl. I want 15 more Fidget Spinners. I want a four wheeler. Love, Madylynn Folks

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! I have been nice. How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are you? How are the reindeer doing? How are the elves doing? My sister would like Calico Critters and a food set. Mommy would like a pretty feet scratcher. Daddy would like a new coffee machine. I want 3 more Fidget Spinners. Love, Natalie Haas

Mrs. Wurster' River Ridge kindergarten

Dear Santa, What kind of cookies do you like? I would like my own Christmas tree. A little one. I need

something special. You can pick because you are really good at that. Love, Ava

Dear Santa, I like you! Do you like chocolate chip cookies? I would like a newborn baby (pretend). I will need clothes for my newborn. I would like a baby hat for my newborn.

I will give you a pop! Love, Leighton

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Clause feeling? She had the flu and had to send two elves. Grandma Candy gave me new boots and they rub my heels, so I need a new pair. I want a pillow with a castle in the back-ground and a unicorn on it. I would also like a huge tiger stuffed animal to snuggle.

I promise I will give you chocolate chip cookies. Have a good Christmas! Love, Lily

Dear Santa, How many elves are at the North Pole? What are the names of the elves? Do you have a favorite elf? For Christmas I want a Baby Alive Sarah. I want a little couch that you turn into a bed. Like Leighton's. I need new laces for my shoes. The other ones are broken.

Thank you Santa! You are the best! Love, Mesa

Dear Santa, Do the reindeer have magic jingle bells to fly? I want a remote control boat. I need new gloves because I don't have any. I will leave cookies out for you. Love, Raylan

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a robot with a controller. I need to know my words. That's all! Love, Kendall



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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, How does Rudolf's nose glow? My sister put a booger on my toothbrush, so I need a new one. You can surprise me with the rest. I will leave you milk and cookies! Love, Vann

Dear Santa, The North Pole is cool! I wish I could visit! For Christmas can you bring me a new tablet? I need a new coloring book. I filled up the other one. I will leave you gingerbread cookies because you love that kind. Love, Ryker

Dear Santa, I want to know how you can see us when we are sleeping? I love you! I like LOL dolls. They are little sister and big sister dolls. And you can get pet ones. I also like Barbies. I need a water bottle because the one I have right now is not that pretty. And I need some nightgowns.

I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies with M & M's and milk. Love, Jazmine

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Clause? I would like a new Barbie for Christmas? I need new socks because I am running out of socks. I don't know where they all go! Merry Christmas! Love, Aniah

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer fly? How do they carry your heavy sleigh? I would like a golden Hatchimal for Christmas. I really am running out of clothes. I need some new ones.

I am going to leave you a picture of me for you from picture day. Love, Alaina

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? How do they fly? I think it is Christmas Spirit.

I need a new lunchbox. I would like it to have sharks on it. I want a toy Optimus Prime. It turns into a robot and a semi. Merry Christmas! Love, Chayton

Dear Santa, What kind of cookies do you like? I like chocolate chip. I will probably give you chocolate chip because my dad is going to Walmart to get some. I ate all of them.

I need new shoes because I have to wear the old shoes and I hate them. I want new earrings. I like earrings with butterflies. I have to take the others ones out soon.

Stay warm! Love, Lemma
Dear Santa, I think that you are the best I ever saw! I would like a little Batman and Spiderman toy. I need a new phone so I can play games. I love you when you give everyone presents. Love, Javea

Dear Santa, How do you get down the chimney? I want Shopkins for Christmas. I need clothes. I need new shirts. I like the Shimmer and Shine ones. Merry Christmas! Love, Gabby

Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? Are they good? I think they are tired. I would like a real turtle for Christmas. I need some new shoes. I don't have that many of them.

I like you Santa! We made cookies for you with frosting on them. Love, Vincent

Dear Santa, I will be good the rest of the night. Always. Are your reindeer being good? I want a Santa remote control robot. You can make it. All I have to do is put batteries in it. Aaron has one but I can't touch

it. I need a chalk board. I am making a map that is going around to find things.

I am going to give you milk and chocolate cookies. Love, Adam

Dear Santa, I wonder how the reindeer fly in the sky? How do elves fly? I would like a dirt bike for Christmas this year. I need new gloves, hat, snowpants and face warmers because I don't have a bunch of these things. I am going to give you cookies on Christmas Eve. What are your favorite cookies? Love, Takoda

Mrs. Montgomery, Scales Mound second grader's

Dear Santa, Is Rudolph a real reindeer? Oh, by the way, I have been very good this year, I think. Some presents would be really nice for Christmas. I would like a Hoverboard, Imaginext, a Nerf gun, and a Mini Arcade game. I like the old fashion games the best. I promise I will leave you cookies. From Your Crazy Friend, Brady Bass

Dear Santa, Does Rudolph really have a red glowing nose? I have been a good boy because I met my A.R. goal at school. I would like two things for Christmas. Please bring me a Spy Drone, and a Lego Creative Toolbox. I love to build things. Please don't put a hole in my house with your reindeer. Thank you. Sincerely, Graham Koehler

Dear Santa, Do you know Dewey the Elf? Let me tell you one way I have been good. I helped take care of my grandma when she got a new hip. A few things that I would like are a Luva Bella doll, Aqua Beads beginner set, Kitty Surprise, and a Noodle Baby Alive. I am so excited for Christmas! Have fun! From, Laney VanRaalte

Dear Santa, Is it really cold in the North Pole? I have not been fighting with my brother this year. Since I have been good, I would like a few things for Christmas. Please bring me an Xbox, a Pogo ball, a Hoverboard, and a Laundry Hoop. I am ready for Christmas. I hope you like our tree. From, Parker Duerr

Dear Santa, How is the weather in the North Pole? I have worked hard to feed and take care of my dog. So, since I have been good, can I please have arts and crafts and new pajamas for Christmas? I would also like new leggings and Crazy Gels. I am excited for Christmas and for you to come to my house. From, Anna Weis

Dear Santa, I am in second grade. How are things in the North Pole? How are the reindeer? I have done a great job on my Ninja math facts at school! For Christmas, I would like a Laundry Hoop, socks, and a huge toy truck. We will leave cookies and milk for you, and carrots for your reindeer. From, Khai Ellsworth

Dear Santa, How have Mrs. Claus and the reindeer been? I have been a good boy this year. Our school library has an elf named Dewey. He hides and we get to find him each day. Can you bring me a remote control airplane, a remote control car, a big teddy bear, and a tractor? I'm excited for you to come to my house! Your Friend, Levi Distler

Dear Santa, I am in second grade. Do you like the Packers or the Bears? Also, do you know Dewey the elf? How is Rudolph? We will leave some cookies and milk out for you when you come to my house. I am doing a good job at school. Also, could you bring a few presents for Christmas? Sincerely, Kaylee Reese

Dear Santa, Is Rudolph and the other reindeer being good? I like math and gym class. Also, I do my homework. So, could you and the elves please bring me Imaginex Battle Arena and guys, Roblox guys, all the Ninja Turtle bad guys, and some Lion King toys. Have a safe flight Santa. From, Zaiden Tage Furlong

Dear Santa, Is Rudolph going to guide your sleigh on Christmas night? I have met my A.R. goal at school. Also, I play very well with others at school. For Christmas, I would like Legos and one Barbie. Please put candy in my stocking. Have a safe trip and Merry Christmas. From, Annalee Anderson

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph doing? He is my favorite reindeer. For Christmas, I want a drone, a red guitar, the Dragon and Garmadons Big Robot sets. If you have time, can I have a drum set too? I hope you have a safe trip. Sincerely, Hunter Heselbacher

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause? Can you please bring me an Emoji pillow, My Life Doll, a Lava lamp, and a Luva Bella Doll? I hope you have a great ride back to the North Pole. Also, I decorated cookies for you and I will put milk out for you too.

Sincerely, Taytym Travis
Dear Santa, Are you busy in the North Pole? I am a good listener and a good reader in school. Can I see Rudolph please? I would like a big Nerf gun, a Lego City set, and a Spy Kit. It would also be cool to get a real tree house! I will leave you cookies and milk. Be careful!

Love, Landon Werner
Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I am trying to be good at school and

at home. Can I have a baby brother please? I would like a Lego City Set and more games. Also, I would like to have one new iPod and a Bumper Ball play set. I hope you have a good Christmas Eve.

Love, Eli Molitor

Dear Santa, How is the weather in the North Pole? I have been good by putting the dishes away. Can I please have a laptop, Beats, a gaming chair, and a T.V.? I hope you are ready for Christmas, I am! From, Collin Ellis

Dear Santa, Will you bring Rudolph in my house? You can come in the front door since we don't have a chimney. I am helpful at home. I helped my dad! For Christmas, I would like Legos, a DVD player, a drone, and an Electronic Football table. I love Christmas! My favorite part is when we go to my grandma's house. Love, Jaxon Joseph McCartney

Dear Santa, I hope I've been good this year. I am seven years old with long black hair. Santa, do you get sick? I hope not! Do you like the Bears or Packers? What are the elves doing now? On my Christmas list I have, Baby Alive, Fairy door, American Girl doll, and Calico Critter of Cats. Do you think Rudolph will make it to my house? Have a great flight! Your Friend, Mya Arroyo

Mrs. Arnold, Stockton first grade

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Jaycie. I have blond hair. I have two brothers and two sisters. What are your favorite cookies? Is Rudolph's nose still shining? Are your reindeer well fed? Can you please get me Silly Putty and a bag of small Santa erasers? Also, could

you bring my little brother balloons and my little sister small jewelry. Thanks for reading my letter. Bye. Love your friend, Jaycie Ernst

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Alex. I like sports and the Bears. I live in Stockton and I'm in first grade. How are your reindeer? Is Rudolph's nose still shining? What are your favorite kind of cookies? I was wondering if you could build me a golf set with all of the woods and a basketball hoop. Also, could you bring a little car for Curtis and a little Barbie house for Lily? Thanks for reading my letter, bye! Love, Alex Jordan

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? My name is Trinity. I like soccer. I live in Stockton and I'm in first grade. How are the elves doing Santa? Is Rudolph's nose still shiny? Can you please get me a toy pony? Can you please get me an iPhone, not a fake phone? My mom likes green so please bring her a green shirt. Goodbye and thank you. Love, Trinity Bertucci

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Danika. I live in Stockton and I am in first grade. Is Rudolph's nose still shining? Are the elves working hard? Please get me a hover board. Please get me a nail polish set with a nail dryer. Can you please bring a purple, pink, black and white scarf for my Grandma? Have a great Christmas! Love, Danika Bergman

Dear Santa, my name is Ember. I am 6 years old and I live in Stockton. Can I please have a Barbie dream house and a Kindle? Please bring my mom a tablet. Are you still working on the toys? Do you eat cookies off the plate and chew them up? I hope I see you in the store! Love, Ember Detwiler



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Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Izaak. My hair color is blond. I like the Bears football team and I live in Stockton. Is Rudolph's nose still shiny? Are you elves still working? What are your favorite kind of cookies? What is your favorite football team? I was wondering if you could get me the Minecraft game please. One more thing I want is my own tablet. Please bring a Hatchable for my sister Emma. Goodbye and have a great Christmas! Izaak Kurth

Dear Santa, How are you doing? My name is Brycen. I like the Panthers and the color green. I live in Stockton. How are your reindeer doing? How are the elves doing? Which is your favorite reindeer? Can you please get me Minecraft figures and the new Lego Avengers game? Daxton wants the new Madden 18 game. Goodbye and thank you for reading my letter. Merry Christmas! Love, Brycen Drane

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Allison and I live in Stockton. I'm in first grade. I like soccer and shrimp. Santa, which is your favorite reindeer? Is Rudolph's nose still shining? Can you please get me a computer, an iPhone, a t.v. and the movie Coco? For my sister, she would like a pink camera and a Hatchable twin with a zebra. Have a merry Christmas! Have a great day! Happy New Year! Goodbye and thank you! Love, Allison Kline

Dear Santa, How are you doing? My name is Brooklynn. I have brown hair. I love pizza! Are the elves still working? Where are you? Can you please bring me a Barbie house? Could I please have some new clothes? Also, could you please bring Madalynn some new crayons? Merry Christmas! Love, Brooklynn Perry

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Vanessa. I live in Stockton and I like pizza. How are the elves doing? What cookies do you like? When are you delivering presents? Can you please get me putty for Christmas? Please bring my sister a stuffed animal. Thank you for reading my letter. Love, Vanessa

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Dear Santa, Hi, how are you? My name is Michael. I like you! My favorite thing at school is P.E. Is the reindeer's nose still red and shiny? How old are you? Please get me a Christmas tree. Please get me a robot. Please bring my mom a cat. Goodbye and thank you. Love, Michael Hendrickson

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Eli. I live in Stockton. I like the Bears. How are your elves? How are the reindeer? Can you please get me some action figures? Can you get my mom a scarf? Merry Christmas! Love, your friend, Eli Henderson

Dear Santa, How are you doing? My name is Brier. I live in Stockton and I am in first grade. I like the Bears. Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? What does your sleigh look like? I like cookies too. Can you please get me Batman Battle Bot? Santa, can you give me a Paddington Bear? Please bring my mom a vase. Thank you have a Happy New Year! Love, Brier McPeck

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Dominick. I like the Bears for a football team. Is Rudolph's nose still shining? Are the elves working? Can you please get me a mini DS and please get me a Kindle? Please bring Shopkins for my little sister. Goodbye and have a great day! Love, Dominick Laino

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Delilah. I live in Stockton and I'm in first grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Arnold. Does Rudolph still have a shiny nose? When do you go to sleep? Please may I have a vanity and new clothes? Please bring my sister a crown. See you some other time. Love, Delilah Hess

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Zach. I live in Stockton. When are you coming to Stockton? Are your elves still working? Please can I have Rogue One Legos and police Legos? Also, I would like a container of Army men. Mason would maybe like fire truck Legos. Dad might like a Madden football game for his Xbox 1. Maybe get mom

some Christmas lights for next year. Maybe Gavin would like a Black Ops 1 game. Bryce might like a little toy that sings to him. Goodbye and Merry Christmas! Love, Zach Larson

Dear Santa, How are you? My name is Zoey. I live in Stockton. I am in first grade. Is Rudolph's nose still shining? Please may I have a Jojo bow maker and may I please have a bucket of slime? My brother wants an iPhone 8 and my mom wants jewelry. Goodbye and thank you. I hope I can see you riding your sleigh. Merry Christmas! Love, Zoey Gardner

Dear Santa, How are you? One of my favorite foods to eat is Ramen Noodles. One of my favorite things to do is go to the park to play. I was wondering how you can see everywhere. What do you do in the summer? I would like a cotton candy machine and Shopkins for Christmas. Can you bring a tractor for Kasyn? Thank you Santa! Love, Adaleigh Pierce

Mrs. Cassens Stockton second grader's

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Slayten Shockey and I am 7 years old. How many cookies do you eat on Christmas? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I took the trash down, I cleaned the dishes for mom, and I helped Landyn with his words. I have a few Christmas wishes. I want a drone and I want Blueberry. I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you some cookies. Your pal, Slayten

Dear Santa, My name is Cohen Wampfler and I am 8 years old. How many elves do you have in you workshop? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I helped build a shelf for my mom and I got my mom a present for Christmas. I have a few Christmas wishes. Please bring me a Nintendo Switch. Can I please have Cosmo the Robot? I will leave you a plate of cookies. Your pal, Cohen

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Kyli Kness and I am 7 years old. How did

you get the elves? I have been trying to get on your nice list. I cleaned my room all by myself, and I did the dishes all by myself. I have a few Christmas wishes. I want an iPhone 6. Also can I please have a Fitbit? I am very excited about your visit. I wish you a merry Christmas. Your pal, Kyli

Dear Santa, My name is Anthony Laino and I am 8 years old. How long ago did you start Christmas? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I clean the house and I do whatever my mom tells me to do. I have a special Christmas wish. Can I please have a drone? I am very excited about your visit. Merry Christmas Santa! Your pal, Anthony

Dear Santa, My name is Roni Drane and I am 8 years old. Why does Rudolph's nose glow? I have been trying to get on your nice list. I help my mom and dad put dishes away, I help by cleaning my room with my sister, and I help by not trying to find my Grandma's presents. I have a few special Christmas wishes. I want an American Girl Doll sets and I want a Hatchamil for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk. Your pal, Roni

Dear Santa, My name is Jarrett Johnson and I am 7 years old. How do your reindeer fly? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I help my brother by picking up his toys and I help my dad for chop the trees off. I have a few special Christmas wishes. I want Blueberry the walk and talk robot and a Spiderman Web Shooter. I am very excited about your visit. Merry Christmas Santa and have a happy new year! Your pal, Jarrett

Dear Santa, My name is Boston Keleher and I am 8 years old. How old are you Santa? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I do the dishes, I help Timmy with his homework, and I clean my room. I have a few special wishes. I want a hover board and new Christmas lights. I am very excited about your visit. I wish you a merry Christmas! Your pal, Boston

Dear Santa, My name is Mason Henderson and I am 7 years old. Why do you like cookies so much? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I helped my mom take out the dogs and I brushed my teeth in the morning and at night. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Please bring me a basketball. Can I please have a Nintendo Switch? I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Your pal, Mason

Dear Santa, My name is Weston Haas and I am 7 years old. How do you get your magic? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I help my mom do her work and I have good sportsmanship. I have a few special Christmas wishes. I want an onkey over drive and a remote control boat. I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you extra cookies. Your pal, Weston

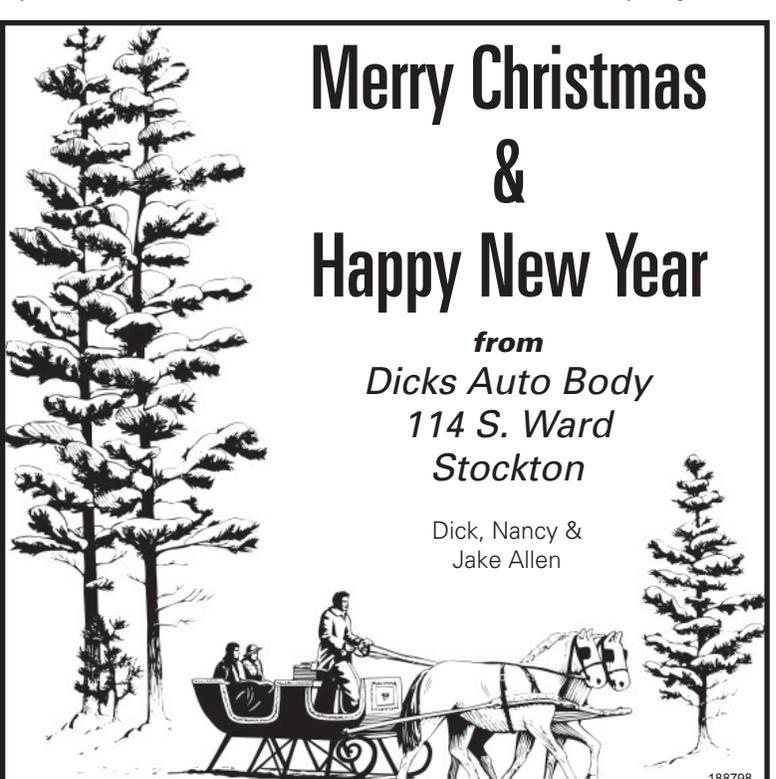
Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Payton Raisbeck and I am 7 years old. How did you get your elves? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I help my sister Sophia put her coat on, I clean my room for my mom, and I got my clip moved up for being good. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Can I please have a bed set and a Hatchamil? I am very excited about your visit. I will give you milk and cookies. Your pal, Payton

Dear Santa, My name is Max Schuldt and I am 7 years old. Where do you get your Christmas tree? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I have good sportsmanship and I fixed the guest bed. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Can I please have a Nintendo Switch and a Super Mario Odyssey? I am very excited about your visit. I wish you a merry Christmas. Your pal, Max

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Evelyn Craft and I am 7 years old. How do your reindeer fly? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I helped my mother get her lunch. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Can I please have a Zoomer Show Pony and a Hatchamil Surprise? I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you a surprise. Your pal, Evelyn

Dear Santa, My name is Emma Haas and I am 7 years old. Do your reindeer talk? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I have good sportsmanship at PE and tumbling. I am a good friend to others. I cleaned my room with my sister. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Can I have some Legos and some room decorations please? I am very excited about your visit. I hope you have a merry Christmas. Your pal, Emma

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Adam Haas and I am 7 years old. How are you today? I have been trying to get on your nice list this year. I helped my mom clean dishes, I did my homework, and I sang a song to Santa at music class. I have a special Christmas wish. Can I please have a stuffed animal? I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you a surprise. Your pal, Adam



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Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Emelia Steien and I am 8 years old. How many cookies do you eat on Christmas? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I stock the refrigerator after school, I feed my dogs in the morning, and I help classmates with work. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Can I please have a Lego set and a game please? I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you a plate of cookies by the tree. Your pal, Emelia

Dear Santa, My name is Aiden Larson and I am 8 years old. How many cookies do you want to eat on Christmas? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I helped clean the hamster cage and I shared the Xbox with my brothers when they want to play it. I have a special Christmas wish. I want an Xbox One. I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you a plate of cookies and milk. Your pal, Aiden

Dear Santa, My name is Madelyn Libberton and I am 7 years old. When is your birthday? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I cleaned my room with my sister and I did the dishes with my sister. I have a few special Christmas wishes. I want a drone and a Hatchimal Surprise. I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you a plate of cookies and a carrot for Rudolph. Your pal, Madelyn

Dear Santa, My name is Natalee Sullivan and I am 7 years old. How do you get your magic? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I got my clip moved up and got a Little Blackhawk. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Please bring me a basketball. Can I please have a Hatchimal? I am very excited about your visit. I will set cookies and milk out for you. Your pal, Natalee

Dear Santa, My name is Stella McGovern and I am 8 years old. What kind of cookies do you like?

I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I help my elves, I learn at school, and I will make cookies for you. I have a few special Christmas wishes. I would like a Hover Board and a L.O.L. Surprise Dolls. I am very excited about your visit. I wish my elf would come back. Your pal, Stella

Mrs. Curtiss Stockton second grader's

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Gabby Montalvo and I am 8 years old. Do you have a daughter? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are that I helped make food with grandma, I moved stuff, and I helped decorate. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are seeing you and I would like a blue camera. I am very excited about your visit. I hope you have a very happy Christmas and a safe flight. Your pal, Gabby Montalvo

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Sawyer and I am 7 years old. How do you get around with your reindeer so fast? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are cleaning my room, watering the trees,

and giving water to the dogs. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are an Alpha Hawk Nerf Gun and a Rino Strike Nerf Gun. I am very excited about your visit. I hope you have a safe flight. Your pal, Sawyer McPeck

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Delanee and I am 7 years old. How many elves do you have? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are cleaning my room, helping my mom and dad, and helping my sister and brother. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a phone and an I-Pad. I am very excited about your visit. I maybe will put some cookies and milk out for you. Your pal, Delanee Adleman

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Makai Thoman and I am 7 years old. Do you like M & M cookies? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are washing the dishes, watering the plants, and cleaning my room. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are money and a phone. I am very excited about your visit. I will give you cookies. Your pal, Makai Thoman

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Maggie and I am 7 years old. Santa can I have your phone number? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are helping out, being kind, and respectful. I have also listened. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a piano and a cool maker sewing kit. I am very excited about your visit. Santa, I want you to come to my birthday party. It is May 5, 2018. Your pal, Maggie LaLond

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Cooper and I am 8 year old. How many presents do you give to kids? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are cleaning my room, helping my mom, and helping my sister. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are jeep tires and Build a Bear. I am very excited about your visit. I want you to have a good trip. Your pal, Cooper Raab

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Bencho and I am 7 years old. How are you, Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, and the elves doing? I have been trying really hard to be on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are cleaning my room, cleaning the table, and cleaning the living room. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a paw patrol and I'd like my family to be healthy. I am very excited about your

visit. I hope you have a good year. Your pal, Bencho Montalvo

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Daxton and I am 7 years old. How did Rudolph's nose get bright? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are helping people nicely, playing with people kindly, and being helpful. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a new iPhone Google Pixel 2 and Madden 18. I am very excited about your visit. I will have cookies for you. Your pal, Daxton Drane

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Emma and I am 8 years old. How many elves do you have? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are feeding my fish and dogs, helping mom clean, and doing my homework. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a pony and a cupcake maker. I am very excited about your visit. I will leave a couple of cookies for you. Your pal, Emma Eisfeller

Hi! My name is Alice and I am 8 years old. How many elves do you have? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are cleaning my room, making cookies, and washing the dishes. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are an American Girl Doll and squishies. I am very excited about your visit. I will make you cookies and milk. Your pal, McGovern

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Grai-syn and I am 8 years old. What are my presents going to be? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are being helpful for my mom, helping my friends, and doing my homework. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a Play Station 4 and the internet. I am very excited about your visit. I will have cookies for you. Your pal, Grai-syn D'Antonio

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Maliani and I am 7 years old. How many Santa's do you know? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are being good at school, not talking when the teacher is talking, and I do something when the teacher asks. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are Hatchimals and Jordan shoes. I am very excited about your visit. I hope I will meet the real Santa. Your pal, Maliani Munoz

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Wesley and I am 8 years old. Can I be one of your elves when I am older?

I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are staying out of the cookie jar, sharing stuff with my friends, and helping my brother play football. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a Nintendo Switch and Skylanders. I am very excited about your visit. I will make Santa shaped cookies for you. Your pal, Wesley Gile

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Sadie and I am 7 years old. When you come to houses, how do you not get stuck in the skinny chimney? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are giving my brother Jarrett a lollypop, playing with my brother Bennett, and picking up my baby brother's toys. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are Little Life Pets and an iPod. I am very excited about your visit. I hope that you don't get dirty going down the chimney and having to be more magical. Your pal, Sadie Johnson

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Payne and I am 8 years old. How do your reindeer fly in the sky? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are helping out at school, helping Mrs. Fox, and cleaning the whole entire house. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are an electric scooter and an iPod. I am very excited about your visit. I am going to leave cookies out for you. Your pal, Payne Mercer

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Maddalyn and I am 7 years old. How did you find your reindeer? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are taking care of my brother, taking care of

my mom, and I've been studying for my spelling tests. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are for my mom to get better and I want a new brother or sister. I am very excited about your visit. I am going to put a stocking with a note and a surprise inside for you. Your pal, Maddalyn Nowvioc

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Deacon and I am 7 years old. Santa, what is your real name? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are being a good friend, helping my family, and having my school clip moved up. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are an iPhone and an orange Chromebook. I am very excited about your visit. I want to meet your reindeer and you!! Your pal, Deacon Zink

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Sam and I am 8 years old. What is your favorite color? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are being respectful, responsible, and pleasant. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a toy Nerf Rival and a lego set. I am very excited about your visit. I hope your ride is safe. Your pal, Sam Sikora

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Khannon and I am 7 years old. Does Rudolph really have a red nose? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are helping people, washing the dishes, and making cookies. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are toys and an X-box 1. I am very excited about your visit. I love you Santa very much. Your pal, Khannon Jones

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Alyssa and I am 7 years old. Can I put someone on the nice list for you? I have been trying really hard to get on the "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are cleaning my room, doing the dishes, and not peaking at the Christmas presents. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a lap top and jojo siwa bows and shoes. I am very excited about your visit. Have a merry Christmas eating cookies with Mrs. Clause. Your pal, Alyssa Reed

Mrs. Gray, Stockton first grader's

Dear Santa, I am in first grade. I am

in Miss Gray's class. I like music because we get to play our kazoos at our Christmas concert! For Christmas, I want an electric gator, a 4-wheeler, and the movie Boss Baby. I have 2 questions for you. Who do you like to visit on Christmas Eve? Do you know my elf's name? I want my uncle DJ to have a new dirt bike so I can ride with him and it can be his favorite color! Merry Christmas, Karah Arnold

Dear Santa, Hi! I am a first grader. I like first grade because we play math games. For Christmas, I want Play-doh, math games, and new DVDs. I was wondering, how cold is it in the North Pole? How many elves do you have? I want my friend Keller to have a Lego Ghostbusters Set because he

likes playing with Legos. Your friend, River Brenner

Dear Santa, Hey! I am in Miss Gray's class. I like P. E. because we play fun games. I like recess because we get to have fun and run around. For Christmas, I want a new Xbox 1, a new Madden Game, and a movie. What do you have at the North Pole? Do you have an elf on the shelf? I want Hunter to have a new book because we like to read together. Love, Jameson Brown

Dear Santa, My name is Jaeden! I like first grade because my friends are fun. For Christmas, I want an Xbox, a toy farm, and a book. I have a couple questions. Do you like cookies? Do you like candy canes? I want my friend River to have a PS4 so we can play Minecraft. Merry Christmas, Jaeden Gomez

Hello Santa, I am a first grader in Miss Gray's class. I like P.E. because we play games and they are fun. For Christmas, I want a new bell, some Shopkins, and some math games. How cold is it up in the North Pole? How many elves do you have that help you? I want my cousin to have a new sweater so my cousin can wear it when it is colder outside. Love, Emma Groezinger

Dear Santa, My name is Alayna. I like first grade because I like playing games in P.E. I really like my teacher. For Christmas, I want some slime, a toy puppy, and a sequence blanket. I have some questions. How many elves do you have? Do you have children? I want my mom to have a new toy because she doesn't have any toys. Merry Christmas, Alayna Haas

Dear Santa, My name is Mayci. I am a first grader. I like first grade because I like lunch and playing games in P.E. For Christmas, I want a phone, a pop socket, and a Christmas vacation. How does the snow stay on the ground? How big is the North Pole? I want Emma to have a new puppy because she is my friend. Your Friend, Mayci Humphrey

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Lauren and I am in first grade. I like first grade because I like my teacher. I like

P.E. because we get to play games. For Christmas, I want a Flipzee Girl, an Elf on the Shelf book, and Calico Critters. I was wondering, how many elves do you have? What are your elves' names? I want my friend Alayna to have a Walky Talky because then I can have one too and we can talk to each other. Merry Christmas, Lauren Johnson

Dear Santa, I am a first grader. I like P.E. because we play fun games. I like recess because we get to run around and have fun. For Christmas, I want a hover board, the Emoji Movie, and a fish. How many kids do you have? How many reindeer to you have? I want my dog to have a new bone because he chewed his all up. Love, Timmy Keleher

Dear Santa, I am in Miss Gray's class. I like first grade because I have an awesome teacher and she helps us learn. For Christmas, I want a new stuffed animal, the movie Boss Baby, and some Fly Guy books. How many elves do you have? How cold is it in the North Pole? I want my friend Gracie to get some Shopkins because she loves them. Merry Christmas, Cadence Krueger

Dear Santa, My name is Gracie. I am in first grade. I like first grade because we play games in P.E. For Christmas, I want a new baby doll, a carriage for my baby doll, and a princess nutcracker. How cold is it in the North Pole? Do you have penguins? I want my friend Cadence to have a new necklace because it will be pretty on her. Love, Gracie Kruse

Dear Santa, My name is Andria. I like first grade because I get to have fun in P.E. and Art. For Christmas, I want a new baby doll, Play-doh, and a new Fingerling. How many reindeer do you have? Do you have a son? I want my mom to have a new necklace so she can have more jewelry. Merry Christmas, Andria Lancaster

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Keller. In first grade I like doing math. I like Miss Gray because she gives us homework. For Christmas, I want a Minecraft book and the Captain Underpants Movie. What do you like

about your job? What is your favorite thing to eat? I want Jaeden to have a million dollars so he can have a new dirt bike. Love, Keller Otto

Dear Santa, I am in Miss Gray's class. I like first grade because I like my teacher. I like P.E. because we play games. For Christmas, I want a new Barbie Doll Dream House, an American Girl traveling set, and an Elf on the Shelf. How many elves do you have? When is your birthday? I want my friend Kerstin to have a necklace because she is a really good friend. Merry Christmas, Whytnei Paxson

Dear Santa, My name is Aaron. I like first grade because we play games in P.E. For Christmas, I want a Nintendo Switch, a drone, and a puppy. How do you make the toys? How many elves do you have? I want my mom to have a new light up snow globe because she needs a new one. Love, Aaron Pieper

Dear Santa, I'm Landon and I'm in first grade. I like first grade because I like my teacher. I like when we do Christmas projects. I would like some RC cars. I want those little trucks, like Jeeps, that kids can drive. I want my own little Christmas with Miss Gray. How many toys do you make at the workshop? How many reindeer do you have? I want my friends to have a new toy because they should have new ones. Merry Christmas, Landon Portner

Dear Santa, My name is Erick and I am in first grade. In first grade, I like math because I like to play games and the math drawings we make. For Christmas, I want Play-doh, new toys, and movies. How many elves do you have? How big is the North Pole? I want my dad to have a new truck because he needs a new one. Your Friend, Erick Schreiner

Dear Santa, I love my teacher. I like first grade because I like lunch. I like learning. For Christmas I want a bell, the Emoji Movie, and a fishing net. How many reindeer do you have? What are your reindeers' names? I want my teacher to have a new car because I like her and she teaches me things. Love, Hunter Snyder

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, I am in Miss Gray's class. I like first grade because we play a lot of math games. I like music because I get to play the kazoo. For Christmas, I want a drone, a cowbell, and new shoes. How many elves do you have? How long does it take your elves to make all of the presents? I want my brothers and sister to have a picture of me because then they won't forget me. Merry Christmas, Kullen Steen

Dear Santa, I am a first grader in Miss Gray's class. I like first grade because I get to make slime and learn new things. For Christmas, I want a dog, makeup, and a Barbie. Do you have a son? Do you have a big house? I want my mom to have an ornament because she loves them. Love, Elizabeth Vanderheyden

Dear Santa, I am a first grader. I like first grade because I play math games and I play with my friends. For Christmas, I want a cool marker, a real dog, and a hover board. When is my elf coming? Do you have a Christmas tree? I want Miss Gray to have a million dollars because she needs it for books. Thanks Santa, Maranda Volling

Dear Santa, I am in Miss Gray's class. I like first grade because I get to do crafts. I like P.E. because we exercise. For Christmas, I want a ball, the new Homecoming Spiderman Movie, and some money. How long does it take to make a present? What are the different buildings at your workshop? I want you to have a phone because then I can call you whenever I want. Merry Christmas, Peyton Wiepert

Mrs. Haas' Stockton kindergarten

Dear Santa I am Jeremy Salazar. I have been good this year. Do you like cookies? I would like a toy horse and a toy dog that walks. Love Jeremy

Dear Santa, I am Noah Glass. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. How cold is the North Pole? I want a fire truck with opening doors

and a construction crane and candy. Love Noah

Dear Santa, I am Brayden Downs and I am 6 years old. How are the elves? I want a computer and a yo-yo for Christmas. Love Brayden

Dear Santa, I am Chase Headlee. I am 6 years old. Do you like cookies? I want a farm set and a semi tanker with remote control. Love Chase

Dear Santa, I am Leah Chumbler and I am 5 years old. Do you like carrot cake? I want monster high dolls and I lost my building blocks in the fire so I would like to have them back. Love Leah

Dear Santa, I am Maddison Andrews and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. What do you feed the reindeer? I would like a belt, toy santa, and a toy elf. Love Maddison

Dear Santa, I am Adam Barrett and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. How do the reindeer fly? I would like an elf and a toy dog. Love Adam

Dear Santa I am Blake Bennett and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. Why do you wear red? I would like a hot wheel and a book. Love Blake

Dear Santa I am Pyizon Blair and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. Do you like cookies? I would like a whistle, a flute, and an invisible suit. Love Pyizon

Dear Santa, I am Jacob Craft and I am 6 years old. I have been pretty good this year. How do the reindeer fly? I want a robot dog and 2 transformer toys. Love Jacob

Dear Santa, I am Alannah Edwards and I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. Do you like

gingerbread? I would like a Christmas book, a Christmas stocking, and Christmas gingerbread boy. Love Alannah

Dear Santa, I am Hannah Groez-

inger and I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. How did you get my letter? I would like scooter, guitar, and microphone. Love Hannah

Dear Santa, I am Mason Larson and I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. Is the sleigh heavy? I would like paw patrol track and an iTunes card. Love Mason



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Christmas in the Village

The Turner children were among the several hundred little people that stopped by the Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum to visit with Santa during Saturday's Christmas Walk in Elizabeth.

Save the Date: Apple Tree Pruning 2.0

Plan now to attend the next apple tree pruning course this winter. The class will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Elizabeth. If you are interested in registering look for the registration page and more information to come in the next couple of weeks. Please call us at 815-858-2273 with any questions you may have.

"We've seen a lot of success and interest in pruning older and neglected apple trees this past year in Jo Daviess County. Many residents have apple trees that they have started getting back into shape," states Grant McCarty, Local Foods and Small Farms Educator. "Because it is a three year pruning process, we are planning a second year course."

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go into grafting. "Grafting is a method where you take a cutting of a tree and then graft it onto a different rootstock. The rootstock might be dwarf or semi-dwarf with disease resistance. Home growers that have unique varieties may look at grafting as it would allow them to have the variety they like but on a smaller rootstock."

Attendees who are interested in grafting should go ahead and order their rootstock now as rootstocks will be delivered in March. You should order a rootstock that is winter hardy, dwarf/semi-dwarf, and disease resistance. A list of rootstock companies can be found at this address: <http://articles.extension.org/pages/60345/us-fruit-tree-rootstock-nurseries>.



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Warren Christmas Walk

Seven and a half year old Larken Gurdak asked Santa for "One of those cars you can drive" before retiring to a couch to admire the entries in the Warren Christmas Tree competition.

Welcome Christmas Home

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Dear Santa, I am Aftyn Mager and I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. When is it Christmas and is it cold at the North Pole? I would like snuggles my dream kitten, unicorn flipazoo, and would really like walkie-talkie to talk to Mason. Love Aftyn

Dear Santa, I am Bryar Offenheiser and I am 5 years old. I have been really good this year. Have you been good this year? I would like a snowplow, a crane, and a car. Love Bryar

Dear Santa I am Devin Lyons and I am 6 years old. I have been really good this year. Do like anyone? I would like a new phone, a sled, and a Big Movers book. Love Devin

Dear Santa, I am Tiffani Portner. I am 5 years old. I have been really good this year. I want new snow boots and a new doll. Love Tiffani

Dear Santa, I am Ricki Raisbeck. I am 5 years old. I want to know if you like cookies and do you like flying all over the world? I want a remote con-

trol race car and Ninja Turtle set and some candy. Love Rickie

Dear Santa I am Jillian Siedenburg. I am 5 years old. I want to know if you are ready for Christmas.

I want a flute for Christmas. I want a sparkling shirt and a toy kitten. Love Jillian

Dear Santa, I am Katelynn Kline. I am 5 years old. Is it really cold up in the North Pole? I would like a flipazoo, a hatchimal, and Doc McStuffin baby crib. Love Katelynn

Mrs. Libberton, Stockton kindergarten

Dear Santa, My name is Lilly Jordan. I am 5 years old. I was good this year. Do you have real reindeer? This year, I want a stuffed Poppy from Trolls and an Ariel blanket. Thank you, Santa. Love, Lilly

Dear Santa, My name is Piper Sandell and I am 6 years old. I am good. What is it like in the North Pole? For

Christmas, I want a Hoverboard, a Gabby Douglas doll, and a bouncy ball kit. Love, Piper

Dear Santa, My name is Mason Kloepping. I am 5 years old. I have been good. What are your favorite cookies? I have chocolate chip for you. I want a toy dinosaur, dragon, and toy frog for Christmas. Love, Mason

Dear Santa, My name is Jason Robinson. I am 5 years old. I am good. How do you deliver all of the stuff to people? This year, I want 6 million dollars and a real ninja sword. For once, I just want to feel coal because I have never felt it. Thank you, Jason

Dear Santa, My name is Klayton Kampmeier and I am 5 years old. I am good at school. How do you pass all the presents out? For Christmas, I want a tablet with games on it. Your friend, Klayton

Dear Santa, My name is Brynn Wackerlin. I am 5 years old. I have been good. What do you and the elves do? What does Mrs. Claus do? This year, I want a bunch of necklaces and earrings. Love, Brynn

Dear Santa, My name is Keaton Townsend and I am 5 years old. I am good. How do your reindeer fly? For Christmas, I want dinosaurs, zombie juice, and Power Rangers. Love, Keaton

Dear Santa, My name is Olivia Howe and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I want to know how the reindeer fly. How do the elves make toys? For Christmas, I would like an apron, a baby doll, and roller skates. I like you. Love, Olivia

Dear Santa, My name is Luke Demeter and I am 5 years old. I like your reindeer. How do they fly? I would like a skateboard, scooter, and roller skates for Christmas. Love, Luke

Dear Santa, My name is Breyen Mercer and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. How do your reindeer fly? I want an electric scooter, a sled, and action figures for Christmas. How do you make the presents? Love, Breyen

Dear Santa, My name is Devin Bartell. I am 5 years old. I have been

a little bit good this year. Are there elves in the North Pole? This year, I want Call of Duty, a farm set, and trucks for Christmas. Love, Devin

Dear Santa, My name is Ben Morhardt and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I want animals, a Jeep, and Legos for Christmas. Love, Ben

Dear Santa, My name is Stephanie Farrey and I am 5 years old. I have been good. How is Mrs. Claus? I want to see her. For Christmas, I want a camera, a barbie, and a new Christmas tree. Where do you get all the presents? Do you like cookies and milk? Love, Stephanie

Dear Santa, My name is Torin McPeek. I am 6 years old. I have been nice. How do your elves transport to the North Pole? How do your reindeer fly? I want Ninja stuff, a robot, and a fake sword. I like you. Love, Torin

Dear Santa, My name is Sarah McPeek and I am 5 years old. I have been helpful and respectful this year. And I have been nice and kind. How do your reindeer fly? How do the reindeer get magic from their jingling bells? For Christmas, I want a hair thing, a sewing machine, and a craft kit. Love, Sarah

Mrs. Rillie's, Stockton third grade

Dear Santa, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas. Does Rudolph really have a red nose? How soft are your reindeer? How cold is it in the North Pole? How do you deliver all the children presents in one night? Does Mrs. Claus bake you cookies too? Do you enjoy it at the North Pole? I hope my cookies, that I will set out for you, taste yummy. Where do you go first to deliver presents and why? Sincerely, Alexis Bennett

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I'm fine, but I'm asking you how are your reindeer? Is it cold in the North Pole? I don't know what I want for Christmas yet, but I do want to know what your favorite color is. I'm very excited for Christmas, although I'm not so sure where I will be. I will probably be at my grandma's. Is

your real name St. Nick? I don't know how you get in my house at night. By: Dannyn Broshous

Dear Santa, How are you? I'm surprised we don't have snow on the ground yet. Does Rudolph really have a red nose? I want an airstop, M1911, Colt, and a M16 with Sniper Scope and a computer, Black ops one (Xbox one), Xbox one golden controller, controlled (RC) glider, and finally, Simple Planes - for Xbox one. From: Deryn Broshous

Dear Santa, How are you, Santa? What I want for Christmas is a PS4. A game that is for the PS4 is Ghost Recon. How you have a great day! Sincerely, Huntlee Burris

Dear Santa, Does red nose the reindeer have a red nose? How is the North Pole? How is Vixer and Dancer and Blitzen, Rudolph, and Donner. I want a Kermit puppet for Christmas. Can your reindeer talk? Love, Isaiah Carter

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great time for Christmas. All I want for Christmas is my family to be happy and together. How is Miss Claus? Is she doing good? Are your reindeer ready to fly? I will leave you good yummy cookies when you come. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas this year. Love, Raiyn Dauphin

Dear Santa, I'm excited for Christmas. Is it cold in the North Pole? Is Rudolph's nose actually shining red? Can I get a laptop? Can I also have a bee gun? Sincerely, Lucas Dreyer

Dear Santa, How is it at the North Pole? Are the reindeer good or bad? I would like to have gymnastics stuff for Christmas. I don't care which one I get. Saint Nick didn't give me any coal. Does Rudolph actually have a red nose? You are probably really busy at the North Pole because Christmas is only in 20 days. Is Mrs. Claus busy too? I might leave you some yummy cookies. I'm so excited! What is your favorite color? My favorite color is blue. Do you like going down chimneys at night on Christmas? I love when you give me presents because they are what I want and wish for. You are so nice to me. Sincerely, Payton Goswick

Dear Santa, How are you? I'm great. I have a question... does Rudolph have a red nose? I think he does, but I have one more question... how do you deliver presents to all the kids around the world? Is it fun going around the world? Well, I sure would like a laundry set for my life doll for Christmas. Enjoy your Christmas! Sincerely, Taylor Haas

Dear Santa Claus, Another magical Christmas is not far away... 20 days. Santa, is Rudolph real because I don't know. 20 Days. For Christmas, I know you are a hard worker so I have a surprise for you and Rudolph. The only thing I want this year is a Nintendo Switch. Happy Christmas Eve! Love, Gage Hazelwood

Dear Santa, On Christmas Eve night, may I please get a Lego set and surprise me with other stuff? How are your elves doing and you, of course? And, please, get me what I want. I hope you do. Have a great Christmas! Love, Isaac Hullinger



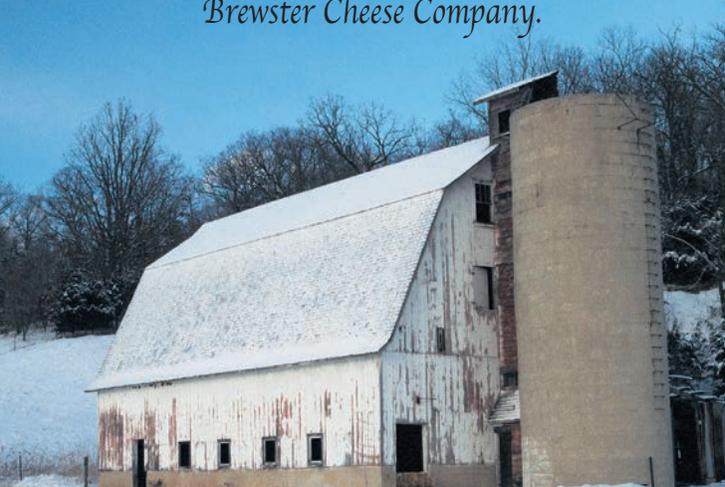
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From the Residents and Staff at Lena Living Center

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, How are you? How are the reindeer? Are you excited for Christmas? How is Mrs. Claus? What is it like at the North Pole? Do you like it in the workshop? How are the elves doing so far? What I want for Christmas is a marble maze. Love, Hanna Leitzen

Dear Santa, How are you? If you could give me a gymnastics bar, I would be happy. Does Rudolph actually have a red shiny nose? One more thing... if you could give me gymnastics stuff, I would be very happy. Your friend, Ireland Mensendike

Dear Santa, How is it at the North Pole? Do you get cold a lot? Do you have Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer as one of your reindeer? This is what I came up with for Christmas... I would like an IPOD with a case. It can be whatever case you want... surprise me. How is Mrs. Claus doing and how are you doing? I would also like an American Girl Doll feel better kit with an American Girl Doll wheelchair. Oh ya, St. Nick hasn't come to my house yet. Where is he? I hope you write back soon. Thank you for all the work you have been doing getting ready for Christmas. Sincerely, Evelyn Noller

Dear Santa, How are you doing in the North Pole? Is it cold up there? How many reindeer do you have? Do your elves work every day? I am really excited for Christmas. This is what I want for Christmas: PS4, Madden 18 for PS4, and NBA 2K18 for PS4. I hope you have a good year. Love, Walker Olson

Dear Santa, I already sent you a letter when I was at home, but we are at school and I have a lot more to ask you. How is Rudolph? I have a pony on my farm, named Cupid. I have a small Christmas list this year. I want a 3D printer, a golden lab, a hatchimal, and an American Girl Doll house. How is Mrs. Claus? We are having a Christmas concert, but I am not going to be here because I am going to Georgia. Last year, we stayed, but most of the time, we

don't. I don't talk at school. Other kids, especially Taylor, try to get me to talk. But, I don't want to talk and they can't make me. For Christmas, I am going to my grandma's house. All of my family is going to be there. My sister and my aunts. I don't think my grandpa is coming though. I hope you have a great Christmas... as good as mine! Sincerely, Autumn Perez

Dear Santa, How is it in the North Pole? Is it very cold or just plain cold? This year, I would like a hatchimal or a new phone. Is it true that your elves make all of the kids' toys? Do the reindeer get cold when they deliver the toys to our houses? Tell Mrs. Claus that I said, "Hi!" Have a Happy Christmas! Love, Zada Preston

Dear Santa, How is it going at the North Pole? Here is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a gymnastics mat and I would also like a Lego set, too. That is what I would like for Christmas from you, Santa. One question... how old are you, Santa? Bye, Santa, have a great Christmas! By: Caitlynn Robledo

Dear Santa, Santa, is Rudolph's nose really red? Do you like it in the North Pole? Do you have more reindeer? One of the things on my list is a Barbie Dream House. What do you want for Christmas? Are you excited for Christmas? How many presents do you deliver? I hope you have a wonderful Christmas! Love, Lola Rose

Dear Santa, Where is your toy factory? Where do you live? How many hours does it take to deliver all of the presents? I would like 100 Legos, a drone, and a fuzzy blanket. Thank you, Cullen Schubert

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I want WWE toys and a Jumanji game. P.S.: I'm excited for Christmas to come, because it's my favorite holiday. Love, Owen Stich

Dear Santa, How is it going at the North Pole? If I had one present, it would be a trampoline. I wanted that since a long time. And, I would

want gymnastics stuff. I bet you are really busy. How is Mrs. Claus doing? What does your reindeer eat? And, there is only 20 more days until Christmas. What is your favorite color? How are your reindeer doing? By: Kaydra Wright

Mrs. Calow, Warren first grader's

Dear Santa, How do you get your reindeer to fly? Are you real? Do you ever get tired of eating cookies? I would like an Ipad, fake crutches, and stuffed Beanie Boos. I would like the Ipad because you can get more games. The crutches are fun to play doctor with. I like the Beanie Boos, they have big eyes. Safe flying and have a merry Christmas! Love, Kinsley

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. I want nesting dolls. I want them to be cats. I also want the Baby Go Bye Bye because it crawls. Santa are you making toys for me? The last thing I want is Shopkins so I can have the collection. Have a great time delivering toys. Love, Paisley

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the toys last year. I like the monster truck. This year I want a stadium for my monster trucks and can it be red? Can I have nesting dolls? Can I have sea nesting dolls? I want a trampoline for Christmas. Be safe on your trip. Love, Alex

Dear Santa, Thank you for my nesting dolls from last year. The first thing I want is some panda nesting dolls and a Lego Super Hero set. The last toy I want is one more set of nesting dolls. I want the forest ones. Are making toys right now? Have a safe trip. Love, Bentley

Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys last year. I want a tire swing and

swingset. So if I get bored I can jump on my trampoline and I can swing on the swingset. I want the PeppaPig nesting dolls. Love, Madyson

Dear Santa, Thank you for getting my family an elf. I want a guitar for Christmas and a Hatchimal and it can be pink. The Hatchimal can come with Twinsies. Are you making toys? The last toy I want is a doll. I want it to be a Baby Alive Doll. Love, Hailley

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents every year. Last year you gave me snuggle the puppy. This year I want nesting dolls. I would like the woodland creatures. Do you have over 100? My little brother wants two scooters this year. Does Mrs. Claus cook for you and the elves? Love, Kaley

Dear Santa, I want a Playstation 4 and some games. One of them is a football game and one is Gt5. I also want a nerf gun because they are fun. Thank you Santa for the toys last

year. Do your elves help you make toys? Merry Christmas .Love, Kyrone

Dear Santa, Thank you for the footballs and the 100 Hot Wheels and my two favorite Hot Wheels. Are you being good? Are you making the footballs and the two Hot Wheels? I would love the 100 Hot Wheels and the footballs again this year. Look for the two best Hot Wheels. My dog likes to play in a football game. Love, Levi

Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing me toys last year. This year I want a firetruck that makes noises. Are you busy making toys? Are the elves helping you? I also want warm gloves and long socks. Love, Bentley E.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. I want Anklover-drive. I want the starter kit Hexbug Battlebots. They are with tombstones and with Doctor Little Tykes bumper cars. Hope you have a safe trip. Love, Corbin



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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, Thank you for coming to my house and bringing me presents. What I want is an Elsa doll because I like to play with dolls. I would also like Disney princess dolls. I would also like a Disney collection. I hope you like our Christmas tree. Merry Christmas, I will leave you some cookies. Love, Sadie

Mrs. Dobernecker's Warren first grade

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. This year I would like to have a blue electric truck. Are your elves tired? Also, I would like a remote control semi. Merry Christmas! Your friend, Santiago

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. I like that you gave me an Ipad. I like it because it had my favorite games. This year I want a hatchimal because I have a collectible hatchimal and my sister likes to play with them. We want a blue one. I also want a LaLaLoopsy doll. Love, Trista

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. I really liked the kitchen. This year I want a hatchimal that is purple and yellow and a twin hatchimal. I also want a remote control car and it has to glow. I want some Lu-LaRoe pants. I hope you have a great trip! Love, Addey

Dear Santa, I love the presents you gave me and my brother last year. This year I want a drum set because I broke my other one. I also want a hatchimal that is the twin and a lego box. You can get him whatever lego box. I hope you have a good trip to my house. Love, Kyle

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. This year I would like a hatchimal for Christmas because I want a hatchimal. I hope I get a hatchimal for Christmas. I would like the pink and purple hatchimal. I would like

my own kitchen too. Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa, I want a real life baby doll because I can feed them food. I want a twin hatchimal because I can give one to my little sister. I want a kitchen because I can pretend I can cook. I loved my dragons you gave me last year. Are your elves tired? Are you tired from delivering presents? Love, Koraly

Dear Santa, I like all of the toys you gave me. Thank you for the car and I want a nerf gun. I want a new camouflage truck and a Santa Claus Sled because I can play with it. I want a tablet too. Love, Tommy

Dear Santa, I love the hatchimal you gave me last year because I wanted a yellow and a pink hatchimal. Thank you! Also I want the hatchimal that is green and purple. I also want three more green and purple hatchimals. I also want a new barbie dreamhouse. Love, Hailie

Dear Santa, I really want the twin hatchimal because I really wanted it last year. I want a LaLaLoopsy mermaid doll. I want a LaLaLoopsy doll dream house too. Love, Aleigha

Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys you gave me last/this year. I really want a phone (a real phone). Thank you Santa Claus. I want an Ipad for Christmas. Thank you Santa. Love, Zachary

Dear Santa, I love the football that you gave me last year because it is nerf. Thank you for the hot wheels track that you gave me last year because I got cars with it. I want a fast car because I can bring it for show n' tell. Love, Donald

Dear Santa, I love the presents that you gave me last year. This year I want the twin pink and blue hatchimal so I can play with my brother to play mommy and baby. Please I want this alive tiger with a rubber duckie. I also want some jewelry. Love, Addelyn

Mrs. Freese, Warren second grader's

Dear Santa, My name is Collin. I am 8 years old. I live in Apple River. This year I have been very good. I have some questions for you. Do you like seeing everyone? How did you train our elf? Do you like Christmas? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year if a big drone that is white because I want to fly it high in the sky. If your elves are not too busy I would also like new cowboy boots. I need boots really bad because my old boots don't fit me. I don't like black. I want cowboy boots that are blue. I will leave some candy and cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Collin

Dear Santa, My name is Luke. I am 7 years old. I live in Apple River. This year I have been good. Santa, I have some questions for you. How are the elves doing? How are you doing? How old are you? What I would most like for Christmas this year is some Minecraft people because I like to play with them. If your elves are not too busy I would also like Lego Star Wars because I like them. I will leave you some notes for your on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Luke

Dear Santa, My name is Trista. I am 7 years old. I live in Apple River. This year I have been very good. Santa, I have some questions for you. How are your reindeer? How are your elves? Are you doing good with the presents? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a Harry Potter robe because I usually play Harry Potter at my house. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Zoomer Unicorn because I like unicorns and I can feed it when it's good. I will leave some sugar cookies with milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your

friend, Trista

Dear Santa, My name is Jayde. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. Santa, I have some questions for you. How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are your elves doing good? Are you ready for Christmas? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a red and blue punching bag. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a little Santa and eight reindeer so my mom, dad, and I can play with it. I will leave some milk and cookies and probably food for your reindeer too! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Jayde

Dear Santa, My name is Camdyn. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. I have some questions for you. Are you smiling this year? How is Mrs. Claus? Are your reindeer fine? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a Nerf Strike Blaster because I like the scope and the colors. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Nerf Zombie Revolver because it has three bullet spots. I will leave some milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Camdyn

Dear Santa, My name is Kaylee. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. I have some questions for you. How many elves do you have there? How many presents do you have to wrap each year? How did you get your job? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is shopping gift cards for Justice and Children's Place because I like to shop at the mall. If our elves are not too busy I would also like clothes and shoes because I like to play dress up with my friend. I will leave some milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Kaylee

Dear Santa, My name is Emma. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. I have some questions for you. How are your reindeer? How is your wife? Do you have a pet? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a small TV to go on my bookshelf because I would be

able to go to sleep faster. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a doll called Betty Baby because I would play with it all the time. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Emma

Dear Santa, My name is Gaige. I am 7 years old. I live in Apple River. This year I have been very good. Santa, I have some questions for you. Are your elves always busy? How is your favorite elf? Do you eat all the cookies in the world? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a foosball table because I can beat my sister in it. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a dart board so I can play with my dad. I will leave some milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Gaige

Dear Santa, My name is Lizzy. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. Santa, I have some questions for you. Do you have to train your reindeer before you go out for Christmas? Do you help your elves wrap and make presents for all of us? Where did you get your elves? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is an air hockey table because I could play downstairs with my cousins. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a window sticker kit because I could put them on my window for decorations. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Lizzy

Dear Santa, My name is Ezri. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. Santa, I have some questions for you. Do you only have magic on Christmas Eve? Do you have to train your reindeer every day? How do you get your magic? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a TV that would fit on my bookshelf because I would like to watch TV at night in my room. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a pool. When it is summer I can swim with my family and friends. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Ezri



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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is William. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. Santa, I have some questions for you. What are your elves' names? Are you comfy in your suit? Are you ready for Christmas? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a Nintendo Switch because I can play Mario Cart 3 with my mom. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Nintendo 3DS because I can play Mario Cart 2 with my dad. I will leave some cookies and reindeer food for you on your reindeer on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, William

Dear Santa, My name is Carsyn. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. I have some questions for you. How are you? How are your elves? How are your reindeer? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a black remote control truck because I want to drive it outside. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Playstation so I can play basketball games. I will leave some cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Carsyn.

Dear Santa, My name is Stetson. I am 8 years old. I live in Stockton. This year I have been very good. I have some questions for you. What kind of cookies do you like? How is your wife? How are you elves? What I would MOST like for Christmas this year are Twisted X cowboy boots because they would last a long time. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Hoverboard because I could ride it when I am at the cattle shows. They are really strong! I will leave some cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Stetson

Dear Santa, My name is Harper. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a Zoomer cat because I am lonely in my room. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a sea turtle and a baby sea turtle. I will leave some cookies and reindeer food for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your friend, Harper

Mrs. Janecke, Warren second grader's

Dear Santa, My name is Larken. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. Are you going to bring me the NFL football? Are you going to bring Mom lots of presents? What I would most like for Christmas is an NFL football because I can play with my friends. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Bible about God because God is special. I will leave some milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas! Your Friend, Larken

Dear Santa, My name is Marley. I am 8 years old. I live in Apple River. This year I have been very good. I have some questions. How many elves work for you? How many cookies do you eat on Christmas? What I would most like for Christmas this year is some pink glowing slime because I can make bubbles and stretch it out. If your elves are not too busy I

would also like makeup because I like to wear makeup to look sparkly. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas!

From your Friend, Marley
Dear Santa, My name is Merrick. I live in Stockton. This year I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a Nerf Rhino Fire Blaster with bullets because I can have Nerf gun fights with my brothers. If your elves are not too busy I would also like Goosebumps books such as, Attack of the Mutant, My Hairiest Adventure, The Girl Who Cried Monster and the Haunted Mask. I have a lot of questions for you. Are the elves busy? How is Cutey doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? What kind of cookies do you like? What do the reindeer eat? I will leave some chocolate chip cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Merrick

Dear Santa, My name is Caden. I am 8 this year. I have been good. How are you? What is your favorite food? What I would most like for Christmas this year is a Nerf ball because it is very cool and it's red. If your elves are not too busy, I would also like an Xbox game because it's cool. I like it. I will leave some cookies for you on Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Caden

Dear Santa, My name is Winter. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. Have you seen a lot of people come see you from the Christmas walk downtown in Warren? Are you busy yet? What I would most like for Christmas this year is a Baby Born because my sister has one. I have been jealous of it. If I had one I would play with it a lot. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a stack of Goosebumps by R.L. Stine. I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve!

Merry Christmas! From your friend, Winter

Dear Santa, My name is Logan. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. How are the reindeer? Are the elves busy? What I would most like for Christmas this year is a brown NFL football because I can play football with my dad. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Mega Blue Nerf Sniper because my brother and I really want to do a Nerf war with our cousins. I will leave

some milk, cookies and carrots for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Logan

Dear Santa, My name is Mitchell. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. How is Mrs. Claus doing at the North Pole? Are the elves busy at the North Pole? Do you have any kittens at the North Pole? What I most like for Christmas this year is a monster skate board because I could ride it to my friend's house. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Nintendo Switch because Will can come over and play with me. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Mitchell

Dear Santa, My name is Gavin. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What do your reindeer do when it's not Christmas? What do the elves do on Christmas? What I would most like for Christmas this year is an Xbox 1 because I can play with my friend Caden. We will enjoy the games. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a dirt bike. It would help me with chores. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Gavin

Dear Santa, My name is Brooklyn. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. How are your reindeer? What are all of your reindeer names? How old are you? What I would most like for Christmas this year is a drone so I can scare my sister because if she does know I have it she will think it is a bee. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a crystal necklace because it will look nice. I would like it to be dark blue. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Brooklyn

Dear Santa, my name is Isabel. I am 7 years old. This year I have been good. Are you real? What do your reindeer eat? Do you like cookies? What are your favorite cookies? What I would most like for Christmas this year is a drone so I can fly it wherever I go. It will scare off bullies. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Lego Castle because I can put all my Lego girls inside and play with it. I will leave some candy canes for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Isabel

Dear Santa, My name is Anna. I am

7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. Do you have puppies? Do you have cats? How are your reindeer? What I would most like for Christmas this year is a puppy. I want it to be a German Shepherd puppy. I want it because I want to play with it. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a toy drone so I can watch my mom all day long. I will leave some cookies for you and your reindeer on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Anna

Dear Santa, My name is Alexa. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a drone that is teal because I can scare my dog Milo. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Cher Lloyd doll because she is my favorite singer. I have some questions for you! How are your reindeers magic? Do you have any pets? How is my elf Tinsel doing? I will leave you some milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Alexa

Dear Santa, My name is Alek. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. How are you? What do reindeer do when Santa is making presents? What I would most like for Christmas this year is a pair of cowboy boats because they are very comfy. I will need the size that are fives. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a book that teaches about horses because I really really like horses. I will leave some cookies and milk and reindeer food for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Alek

Dear Santa, My name is Isabella. I am 8 years old. This year I have been very good. How do the elves fly? How do you make the toys? Do the elves help? What I would most like

for Christmas this year is a Hatchimal that has two in it because I want to watch them hatch. If your elves are not too busy I would also like books. I would like Mama Llama books. I will have some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Isabella

Mr. Kubat's Warren third grader's

Dear Santa, My name is Bryce. I have been good. I have been good to my Mom and Dad. I want a truck racer and a car racer with the number 4. I want a semi with the number 4 to haul my truck and car. How many elves do you have? How are the elves doing? How do you have magic its cool? Love: Bryce

Dear Santa, My name is Madissen. I have been very good because I let the dog out when my mom says to. I want interactive goggles; I want those so I can see things that are not really there. A Whoopee cushion so I can trick people when they walk by. I want a slime kit because I want to make slime because I love slime. How are you and Mrs. Klaus doing? How many elves do you have? How many kids are in the world? Hope you make it to my house safely. Love: Madissen

Dear Santa, My name is Mayci. I have been good this year because I am nice to my sisters. I would like Lego Friends Legos, I want it because I like building Legos. Another thing I want is a sled, I want a sled because I could ride it all around my house. The last thing I want is basketball shorts, I want them because I play basketball with a team. Santa, how many elves do you have? How many toys do you make in one year? What is your favorite thing to do on Christmas? I can't wait until Christmas comes! Love: Mayci

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, My name is Isaiah. I have been good this year. I have been listening in school. I would like a fingerling for Christmas. A black one with blue hair. Are you ready for Christmas? I hope you like my cookies and milk. Love: Isaiah

Dear Santa, My name is Beau. I have been good. I have been good because I have been doing my homework. The first thing I want for Christmas is games for my Xbox. I want army games. I want army games because I like Army. I would also like Patriots jerseys because the Patriots are my favorite football team. The last think I want is Legos. I want Legos because I like to build with them. One question is how many elves do you have? Another question is how many kids do you give toys to? My last question is how are you doing? I can't wait for Christmas. Love: Beau Dear Santa,

My name is Nikolaus. How have you been? I have been great this year. I have been sick but now I am feeling good. Christmas is right around the corner. For Christmas I want a RC F1 remote control car. It goes really fast. Next I want something to annoy my parents for example a Nerf gun that is made like a minigun. Also I have a question for you, how did you find Rudolph? I hope you like my cookies and milk or you can have a coke a cola. Love: Nikolaus

Dear Santa, My name is Emily. I have been very good this year because I did my chores. I want a new tablet case because my old one is broken. Also I would want an American Girl doll because my sister has one and I want one, I want a very pretty one with a dress with sparkles. Third, I would like a Green Bay Packer shirt because I don't have one but I like the Green Bay Packers. How many toys do you make in a year? How many elves do you have? I hope you give me toys that I want. Love: Emily

Dear Santa, My name is Wyatt. I have been good because I did chores. I would like a football jersey for the New York Giants and #13. I would also like the football helmet for the same number with a sun visor. I would also like a pink mouth guard. Are the reindeer doing good today? Are you doing good today? Are you ready for Christmas? I love Christmas. Love: Wyatt

Dear Santa, My name is Josie. How are you Santa? How are your reindeer? Make sure you give the reindeer lots of treats so when you deliver presents they have a lot of magic. For Christmas I want a new iPhone and apple watch. I also want interactive goggles. I hope you can get me all the presents. I have been really good. Love: Josie

Dear Santa, My name is Aidin. How are you Santa? How are your elves? I almost forgot I have been good. I want a Nerf Sniper and a Lego ninja set and a drum set please Santa. I want the Nerf Sniper to play Nerf Battle with my friends, and the Lego set to play Legos and the drum set to play the drums because I am good at it. How many elves do you have? How is Rudolph? How is the Tooth Fairy and Easter Bunny? Love: Aidin

Dear Santa, My name is Darin and I have been good this year so far. I've been good this year by helping my dad and my mom by working or by watching my little sister in the house. I want a DS for Christmas because there are cool games that you can buy and my Uncle has one. I want a lot of Transformers because I love them, they are big robots and I like the movies too. My last thing I want is toy tractors because my dad likes them so much and I do too. How many elves do you have? Is Rudolph real and does he have a red nose? Do you have any people there? I hope you give me what I want for Christmas. Love: Darin

Dear Santa, My name is Levi. I have been good. I really want a Xbox because you get a lot of games for it. I also want matchbox cars because they are fun to play with. How many elves do you have? Will you give me my note back to me? I hope I get my presents this year. Love: Levi

Dear Santa, My name is Jonathan. I was wondering how the reindeer are doing? The first thing I want is a big toy grain cart. The next thing is a 4 track John Deere and the last thing is a Bluetooth fidget spinner. Are you ready for Christmas? Love: Jonathan

Mrs. Leverton's and Mrs. Barker's Warren kindergarten

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I shared with my friends and played nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Hello Kitty. A book to read: My Little Pony. I really need a soft blanket. Something to wear: monkey slippers. The #1 wish on my list is the Paw Patrol movie.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Jada

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I checked on my friend that was sad and I played with them. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Hatchimal. A book to read: Trolls. I really need lipstick. Something to wear: a christmas dress. The #1 wish on my list is a FurReal Roaring Tiger.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Kynlee

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my mom do dishes and my dad with chores. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Kindle. A book to read: Pete the Cat. I really need pajamas. Something to wear: Batman shoes. The #1 wish on my list is a remote control race car.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Calvin

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my grandma wash dishes last night. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Baby Alive. A book to read: books about cats. I really need new shirts. Something to wear: new shoes. The #1 wish on my list is a Puppy Alive. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Maisey

Dear Santa, This year I have been

really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped clean up the toy room. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Hatchimal. A book to read: Christmas Tree Book. I really need new socks. Something to wear: new snow pants. The #1 wish on my list is a snowboard.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Hayden

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I share my towys with my sister. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Hatchimal. A book to read: Trolls. I really need chapstick. Something to wear: dress. The #1 wish on my list is a baby that poops. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Livi

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my mom and dad with groceries. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a new tianna costume. A book to read: Elsa. I really need a christmas dress. Something to wear: a new hat. The #1 wish on my list is a blue and black bike. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Grace

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I was helpful to our new student and made her feel happy. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a new baby doll. A book to read: Tinkerbell. I really need chapstick. Something to wear: Christmas pajamas. The #1 wish on my list is a Hatchimal.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Maren

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my dad do the dishes and mow the grass. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love window stickers. A book to read: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I really need something to wear: turtle slippers. The #1 wish on my list is an air hockey table.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Zane

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I played musical chairs with my brother. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love toy trolls. A book to read: Fairies. I really need a new stuffed animal. Something to wear: santa pajamas. The #1 wish on my list is an Ever After High doll.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Sidra

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I said thank you and pick up papers. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love anything Paw Patrol. A book to read: Paw Patrol. I really need socks. Something to wear: comfy pants. The #1 wish on my list is my size lookout tower. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Bella

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I gave Liam my pillow and blanket when he was taking a nap. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a tumbling mat. A book to read: kitten books. I really need gloves. Something to wear: new pants. The #1 wish on my list is to have a happy family.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Lily Ann

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my mom clean up a big mess. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a tablet. A book to read: Transformers. I really need christmas pajamas. Something to wear: Santa socks. The #1 wish on my list is dinosaurs.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Kayden

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my sister find her stuffed animal. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a book to read: Monster High. I really need lipstick. Something to wear: hat and gloves. The #1 wish on my list is a Hatchimal. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Abigail

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my mom cook and I set the table. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love the game Pie Face. A book to read: Facts About Turtles. I really need new crayons. Something to wear: Christmas gloves and hat. The #1 wish on my list is 2 bobble heads.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Leighton

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my teacher clean up. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love legos. A book to read: an army book. I really need a coat. Some-

thing to wear: Gentleman clothes.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Thatcher

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I shared the tablet with my brother. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love real makeup. A book to read: Emoji book. I really need a toothbrush. Something to wear: Moana nightgown. The #1 wish on my list is a baby born doll that cries. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Kelsey

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I held the door for my friends. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a big Hatchimal. A book to read: Batman book. I really need snow boots. Something to wear: Batman footies. The #1 wish on my list is a kitten. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Emma

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I always give my dad hugs and kisses before school. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Ben Ten watch. A book to read: Creatures of the Deep. I really need a desk. Something to wear: Pokemon belt. The #1 wish on my list is a Lego Ninjago Fire Mech. Drink lots of hot chocolate. Your friend, Sage

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped mom bake cookies. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love and Xbox 3. A book to read: Cat in the Hat. I really need snow pants. Something to wear: skeleton costume. The #1 wish on my list is Pokemon cards. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Piper

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my little sister take her coat off. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love Fuller House toys. A book to read: Fuller House. I really need a desk and chair. Something to wear: Superman pajamas. The #1 wish on my list is a cooking set. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Maya

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I cleaned up the gems for my sisters. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a new video game. A book to read: Splat the Cat. I really need a coat. Something to wear: Pokemon Robe. The #1 wish on my list is a Lego City police officer city. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Liam

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped mom take out the garbage. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love Pokemon cards. A book to read: Polar Express. I really need shoes. Something to wear: Pokemon footies. The #1 wish on my list is a puppy. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Palmer

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped grandpa fix the apartment. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a small Hatchimal. A book to read: The Very Hungry Caterpillar. I really need a toothbrush. Something to wear: Pikachu shirt. The #1 wish on my list is pokemon cards.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Aiden

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped mom carry things. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a hatchimal. A book to read: Bears Noreson. I really need shoes. Something to wear: Paw Patrol shirt. The #1 wish on my list is a Barbie. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Sam

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I shared a book with JT. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love makeup. A book to read: one about princesses. I really need snow pants. Something to wear: fancy shoes. The #1 wish on my list is a pony. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Elly

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped mom cook. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Lego PS4 game. A book to read: A Batman book. I really need a coat. Something to wear: Spiderman shirt. The #1 wish on my list is a co-zmo robot. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Tyler

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my dad paint. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love Pokemon cards. A book to read: Pete the Cat. I really need a snow coat. Something to wear: a skeleton costume. The #1 wish on my list is a puppy. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, JT

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped dad put the wall back together. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Pokemon video game. A book to read: Rudolph. I really need snow boots. Something to wear: a scarf. The #1 wish on my list is a Transformer set.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Cole

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice: I helped my friends, gave my friends hugs, and played with my friends. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love water paints. A book to read about the moon and stars. I really need fidget toys. Something fun to wear: fun socks. The number one wish on my list is art supplies. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Hannah

Mr Kubat's Warren third grader's favorite Christmas dinners and how to make them

*At Christmas dinner my grandma and I make candles to eat. The candle stick is banana, the wax is whip cream, and the fire is candy oranges and cherries. We roll fondant and add the first letter in their name with licorice. We eat chicken, mashed potatoes, corn casserole and green beans. Aunt Katie and I make cute napkins and add a cinnamon shape on it. As an appetizer we put out my favorite butter and rolls. We say our special grace and after we eat. It is fun because my whole family comes and we tell funny jokes. Our almost cousins come two hours early. I love Christmas! By: Natalie

*Every Christmas I help my mom cook stuff and clean up. Mom and I make mashed potatoes, I have to peel them and mom washes them and cooks them. My grandma and Aunts make pies (cherry and apple). I have to clean off the table and chairs. My dad cooks ham and mom makes more stuff. When the table and chairs are done, Mom gets the masher and mashes the potatoes. I get to try them. When people get there we talk and then we eat. Have a Merry Christmas. Love: Lillian

* What I have for Christmas dinner is ham. I help put the juice on the ham so the ham is juicy. We all drink eggnog with metal straws. Then the chicken's ready we cool it down in the fridge. We get sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, peas, and mashed potatoes. Then I help cut the chicken. I pour the eggnog in all the cups. I also make a beef juice with grease and seasonings with salt, garlic, and pepper. We put the juice on the rice. Then we have dessert. We cut co-

conut pie and then I cut a piece for myself of course I take a big piece. After that my mom cuts watermelon in a long piece like a long rectangle. We put some stuff in the fridge and microwave. We put the pie in the freezer, and then we say good night to each other and wish a Merry Christmas to all. By: Alina

Mrs. Sigafus, Warren third grader's Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, My name is Kaitlin. I have been good this year. I want some slime because I love to play with slime. I also want a little robot to help me with my homework so my parents don't have to help me. I also want a girl dog because I have a boy dog right now and I want it to have babies and I want it to be a teddy bear because they are so cute. They are so cute when they are born. How many elves do you have? Can you bring me a boy elf to visit? I can not wait to see you on Saturday morning to have breakfast with you and drinks. It is going to be so fun. I am so happy you gave Sophie back for this Christmas. This is the best Christmas ever. This is going to be a cold Christmas. Make sure you are ready.

Dear Santa, My name is Landon. I have been good. I helped my mom, dad, and friends. I would like a Xbox 360 so I can play SSX. It is a skiing game. I also want a battleship loaded with planes because I like to play Army with my friends. Also I would like an elf on the shelf because it's crazy when they have magic to move around. Why do you have elves to help you? Do the reindeer have magic? Do you like Christmas? I wish you a Merry Christmas. Your friend, Landon

Dear Santa, My name is Chase. My elf on the shelf named Stripes has a naughty/nice meter and I'm on the extra nice. I want Skylanders and Magaginary and a light magica item in skylanders trap team. This game will give me more crystals. Next, I would like an ocelot stuffed animal cat. Would be fun too. Is Rudolph red? What is Christmas magic made of? Do elves have computers? I can't wait for Christmas. Merry Christmas, Chase

Dear Santa,

My name is Wyatt. I am good this

year. I want a electric train set. I want one because I want one so bad. Next, I want a xbox one because I want to play games on it. Finally, I want lego star wars figures on the legos. Is your reindeer fed? So how you get the gifts in one night? What's your favorite color? I hope I get to see you on Christmas.

Dear Santa, My name is Madison. I have been very good this year. What I want for Christmas is a guitar. I want a guitar because I want to make music with my sister Chloe. The next thing I want for Christmas is a microphone. I want a microphone because my sister and I need a microphone so we can make music together. The last thing I want for Christmas is pusheens. I want pusheens because I want to collect the whole season. I wanted to know if my elf will ever move to the Christmas tree. I also want to know if you actually make the toys or buy them? How long does it take you to deliver the presents until morning? I can not wait until Christmas morning. Love, Madisyn

Dear Santa, How have you and Mrs. Claus been? Do your elves actually make the toys or do you buy some of them? How do you train your reindeer to fly? I have been very good this year. I would really love an Ipad. I have always wanted my own. I would also love the game Pictionary. We played it at my friend's house and I thought it was super fun! I also saw a snow bike that looked really neat. We have a big hill at our house that would work so great for that!! I hope you have a very Merry Christmas!! Love, Jaren

Dear Santa, My name is Camden. I have been nice in school and helpful. I want to have a semi hauling simulator because it looks like a cool game to play. Next I want to have an elf on the shelf because its magic and my friends have it too. The last thing I would like is a big gorrilla stuffed animal so I can cuddle with it. I want to ask you some questions. How many elves do you have? Who

polishes your sleigh? I will leave you some sugar cookies and milk. I can't wait until Christmas! Your friend, Camden

Dear Santa,

My name is Rylan. I have been very good this year. I have been following directions. I helped my dad picking corn. I drove the 7120 and had the grain cart on back. I followed my cousin around the field and my cousin was in the combine. I want a game called Sniper 3 for my xbox. I want it because I went to my friend Camden's house and we played Sniper 3 and I really liked it. I would like a fast and furious video game. Camden had it and we played it for awhile. I would really like a big drone with a camera and a big remote. Are you ready for the big night, Santa? I will have cookies sitting out and milk. Love, Rylan

Dear Santa, My name is Eden. I have been good this year. My first thing I want for Christmas is a pet mouse in my room. I think I can clean its cage. I want a girl mouse and a boy mouse so they can have babies. I want to name them Peanut and Dora. Finally I want basketball shorts. I want basketball shorts because I just started basketball. I have some questions for you. Do your elves help you make the presents? Does Mrs. Claus ride in your sleigh with you? I hope you have a safe trip with maybe your elves and maybe Mrs. Claus. I will leave you milk and chocolate chip cookies. I will wake up very early. Love, Eden

Dear Santa, My name is Cohen. I have been good this year. I want a xbox one, Santa. I want a xbox because I want to play games on my xbox. I want a lego power ranger Christmas set. I want a lego power ranger Christmas set because I like to build lego sets. I also want the blue NAO. I want the blue NAO because I want my NAO to dab. How do you get around the whole world? How do you make elves? Am I on the nice list? Merry Christmas!!! You are the best! Love, Cohen

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Highland Gallery announces call for entries for first exhibit of Spring 2018 academic semester

Highland Community College has a call for entries for the 49th District Juried Art Exhibit to be held Feb. 15 – March 8, 2018.

This exhibition is designed to recognize local artists in the Freeport district and to celebrate their visual contribution to the community. Submission of works of art is open to all artists, 18 years of age and older residing in the Highland Community College district, as well as all currently enrolled HCC students.

This exhibit is open to original two-dimensional and three-dimensional works of art in any medium completed in the last two years and not previously exhibited in Highland Gallery. Two-dimensional work may not exceed five (5) feet in any dimension. Work does not have to be framed, but must be suitably wired and ready for hanging. All mounting and/or matting must be done in white or off-white materials only. Due to space limitations, three-dimensional works must not exceed 100 pounds and must be able to fit through a standard doorway entrance.

Artists may submit up to three (3) separate works of art with a nonrefundable fee of \$3 per work. Entry form and entrance fee are due upon delivery of work. Delivery of work, entry form and fee are due on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, Highland Gallery, located in the west wing of the Ferguson Fine Arts Center.

This is a juried exhibition, and as such, all submissions will be viewed and accepted or rejected into the exhibit based on meeting the following criteria outlined in the exhibition prospectus: Eligibility, Rules of Entry, and Limitations. Additionally, submitted work will be accepted or rejected based on overall visual excellence de-

termined by components such as compositional resolve, concept, content, and manipulation of media.

Submissions are composed of the actual work of art and supporting the identification of work properly documented in the prospectus entry form. Officially accepted submissions will then be viewed to determine award placement. This will be done in two phases:

Phase I: Acceptance and Non-acceptance

Each submission, including documentation provided on the entry form, will be reviewed to ensure compliance with exhibition rules and overall excellence. Officially accepted work, as identified by the Juror(s) and Gallery Director, becomes an official part of the exhibition. Non-accepted work, as identified by the Juror(s) and Gallery Director, is omitted from the exhibition.

Phase II: Award Placement

Officially accepted work is viewed a second time to determine award standings. A selection of awards, including but not limited to Best of Show, First, Second and Third place, as well as Honorable Mention, are determined at the discretion of the juror based on overall excellence. Best of Show, First, Second and Third place all carry a cash award, in part based on fees generated from the exhibition submissions.

Artists will be notified of non-accepted work by email and also if they received an award placing. An Opening Reception and Award Ceremony will take place on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, from 4:30-6 p.m. with awards announced at 5:30 p.m.

For additional information contact Highland Gallery at highlandgallery@highland.edu or Bill Buehler, fine arts department assistant: 815-599-3490.

Volunteers needed for 2018 Bald Eagle Count

The Eagle Nature Foundation (ENF) is seeking volunteers to help with its 58th Annual Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count to be conducted on Jan. 27 and 28, 2018. This annual bald eagle count is being conducted throughout the Midwest from Northern Minnesota to Louisiana. To eliminate duplication the count is actually a three hour count on Saturday, with Sunday being used only if weather, or health, does not allow a person or organization to count the bald eagles in their own locality on the official count day. At least 90% of the eagles will be counted before 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 27. Each year some counters start the day by counting the bald eagles that can be seen leaving their nighttime roosts, while it is still so dark that the birds are only silhouettes flying overhead. Some conservation organizations use teams to count the bald eagles as a project for their club. Counters have used cars, boats and airplanes to count the bald eagles during past counts.

This annual count was started and coordinated for 20 years by the late Elton Fawks from Moline, IL. Terrence Ingram, President of ENF, from Apple River, has been the coordinator of the count for the past 37 years. Mr. Ingram states, "This count has been the most important bald eagle count in the nation for many, many years. It was the results of this count in the early 1960's that truly documented the decline of the bald eagle in the nation. Now this count is the only accurate record of how our eagles are reproducing in the Midwest. Since the USFW removed the

bald eagle from the Endangered Species List in 2007, there has been no funding for agencies to be involved in monitoring the bald eagle's reproduction. Most all of their reproduction records are just estimates, or extrapolations, of how many young have been raised. This count helps document what percentage of these young birds have survived."

The last few years have documented a low percentage of immatures being seen during this count. This is actually lower than the same low percentage that the count had recorded in the mid to late 1960's. In fact, the 5-year average of immatures in the late 1960's was 28.5%, while the last 5-year average was only 25.5%. The cause for this low percentage of documented immatures on this count is unknown and any suggestions about a cause have been purely speculative. It could be that the immatures are living somewhere else, or something could actually be affecting their survival: such as starvation; poisoning by chemicals, such as Roundup or Neonitcinoids; or a

disease, such as West Nile Virus; or many of the young may be getting killed by vehicle collisions or wind turbines.

Organizations and volunteers for this count are needed all across the Midwest. ENF would like to document the bald eagles that may be found all along the Mississippi River, from Minnesota to Louisiana, as well as along the Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Rock, Pecatonica, Iowa, Maquoketa and Wisconsin Rivers, as well as many of the historic inland wintering areas, which the bald eagle still uses.

Anyone interested in helping with this research to document our changing bald eagle population by counting the bald eagles in their own area on Jan. 27 or 28, should contact Mr. Ingram at ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001 or phone 815-594-2306 to get the necessary count forms and to receive their area assignment. Contacting Mr. Ingram and getting your area assigned must be done in advance of the count date, Jan. 27.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, My name is Ethan. I have been a goon cleaner upper. I want my own xbox one. I would like it because I like to play games. I also want a computer so I don't have to play grandma's. Finally, I want a phone. I would like a phone because I can also play games and talk to my friends. I have a couple questions for you. Do you get presents? How do you do it in one night? How many elves do you have? Please eat my cookies and milk. Have a nice flight. Your friend, Ethan

Dear Santa, My name is Kyra. I have been very, very good. I want a very big tiger stuffed animal because they are really fluffy. I also want a new bike. I want a bike because my other one is rusty and old. My final thing I want is a skateboard because I do not have one, and they look really cool. I have some questions for you Santa. My first question is how long do you deliver all the toys in one night? My second question is how do you stay warm in the North Pole? The third question is how do the elves make toys? I can't wait until Christmas comes! Love, Kyra!

Dear Santa, My name is Brody. I have been good this year. I want a NAO, because I want to program it. I saw it at the big gym and I want the big, blue one. The second thing I want for Christmas is a Thomas train station set. I want it because I want to put my

trains on it. Finally, I want a lego set. I want a lego set because I like to build things with them. I have three questions for you. The first question I want to ask you is how do you get to all the houses in one night? The second question is how do you get all of the presents in the sleigh? The final question is how old are you? I hope you can make it to all of the houses that night. Sincerely, Brody

Dear Santa, My name is Charlie. I have been good this year. I am kind to my friends. I really want a game called Doggie Dad. It will be a funny and silly game. Another game that would be fun to play is Greedy Granny. Lastly, I want Pete the Cat books. Do you have any other animals at the North Pole? How do your reindeer fly? I am also wondering what your favorite cookie is! I will go to bed early on Christmas Eve. Love, Charlie

Dear Santa, My name is Erik. I've been good because I cleaned up the living room 5 times and the toy room 5 times and the shoe area 3 times. I want a dirt bike because I can race with Ethan. Second, I want a four wheeler because I can go to Gavin's house. Last I want a puppy. What is it like at the North Pole? How do you stay warm? What do you do once Christmas is over? Have a nice trip. Love, Erik

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Dakota drives into River Ridge/Scales Mound

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER
Dakota is going to be a very good team in the NUIC-North this year. They have hardware mounted on extended walls of honors, from successes through seasons of holiday battles They took down River Ridge/Scales Mound in the Holiday Classic in Pearl City on Saturday, Dec. 9, 41-32, as an example of how good they are, already this year.

The Lady Wildcats wanted the win and looked stronger in the first quarter than Dakota did. They took advantage of a few good looks and a couple extra chances. After one it was 10-7, River Ridge/Scales Mound in front.

The Lady Indians responded in the second and turned their one-shot deficit into a two-point lead by the break. Their speed to the glass and second-chance successes

helped paved the way to a 20-18 lead.

Dakota added a little more pressure in the third. They found ways to limit the looks at the rim. River Ridge/Scales Mound was held to six points in the period. Dakota didn't run away though. With a period to play, the Lady Indians led by five, 29-24. They handled the Lady Wildcats' press.

Down the stretch, the teams that play a little better against the defensive pressure are going to have a lot more success as a result. The shot lanes might close, but the ball movement away from the glass will bring attention and the occasional

accompanying fouls will give free throw opportunities new chances to impact the ultimate outcome.

Dakota scored twelve points in the final period and took the game away from the Lady Wildcats, 41-32. It was River Ridge/Scales Mound's second loss in the past three games.

Lena-Winslow fell to River Ridge/Scales Mound in the opener in the Pearl City Invitational, 39-33. The Lady Wildcats gave up four points to the Lady Panthers in the entire first quarter and had built a 17-12 lead by the half. The third quarter opened with the Lady Wildcats offense hitting its highest point

of the night. They scored 14 points and held Lena-Winslow to seven. After three the Lady Panthers were down, 31-19.

With a few extra faces getting a little extended time in the Pearl City Holiday opener, the Lady Panthers out-scored River Ridge/Scales Mound by a nearly two-to-one margin over the final five min-

utes of play. They scored 14, but it would be short of the mark they needed. The Lady Wildcats moved to 8-3 with the win. They opened the 2017-2018 winter sports season winning five straight, before falling to Class 2A two-time defending State Champion Byron in the Dakota Turkey Tourney earlier this season.

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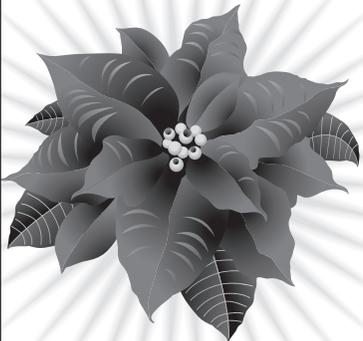
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Registration open for University of Illinois Extension's Small Farm Winter Webinar Series

Fields and gardens may soon be snowed over, but winter is the perfect time to develop new skills in small farming and local food production, whether it's expanding to include new specialty crops or learning the art of high tunnel production.

University of Illinois Extension will once again be hosting the Small Farms Winter Webinar Series, featuring practical lunch-hour presentations on small farm enterprises and strategies. Participants can tune in right from their desk or laptop every Thursday at noon from Jan. 18 through March 29, 2018.

The 12-part series will include presentations on soil contamination, organic certification, community food systems, and native pollinators. A complete list of topics and free registration are available online at <http://go.aces.illinois.edu/WinterWebinars>.

"Many of these webinars provide an introduction to a new growing practice, crop, or method," states Grant McCarty, Local Foods and Small Farms Extension Educator. "Each presentation is designed to give you an overview on everything you need to consider when it comes to making decisions to improve your

farm."

Presentations will be led by an Extension educator or University of Illinois faculty member, and made available online for later viewing. The award-winning series has been around since 2011, and its online archives (available since 2015) have received over 60,000 views and over 12,000 hours of view time.

Registration is free and participants will receive a webinar reminder, log in instructions, and instructions to access the archived recording. Those who do not have broadband internet capable of streaming video are encouraged to contact their local Extension office to see if they offer live viewing. Individuals who need to request a reasonable accommodation to participate can also contact their local Extension office.

Jan. 18 - **Less Common Fruit Bearing Plants**, Elizabeth Wahle, University of Illinois Extension

Commercial Ag Educator (Fruits and Vegetables)

Jan. 25 - **Updated High Tunnel Concepts**, Zachary Grant, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Feb. 1 - **Introduction to Certified Organic Production**, Grant McCarty, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Feb. 8 - **Christmas Tree Production and Business Considerations**, Dave Shiley, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Feb. 15 - **An Update on the Grand Prairie Grain Guild: Developing Staple Crop Varieties and Associated Regional Food Grade Markets**, Bill Davison, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Feb. 22 - **Creating Community Food Production Systems**, Laurie

George, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Mar. 1 - **Heavy Metals in Soils: Identifying and Acting on Contamination**, Dr. Andrew Margenot, University of Illinois Department of Crop Sciences, College of ACES

Mar. 8 - **Native Pollinators on Your Farm**, Doug Gucker, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Mar. 15 - **Small Acres Pastured Poultry**, James Theuri, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Mar. 22 - **Growing Ginger, Turmeric, and Other Unique Crops**, Chris Enroth, University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator

Mar. 29 - **Tips for Modifying and Building Sprayers for Specialty Crops**, Nathan Johanning, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS - GALENA, ILLINOIS PINGORA LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,

vs. ANDREW J. REYNOLDS AKA ANDREW REYNOLDS; COBBLESTONE CROSSING TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION N/K/A COBBLESTONE CROSSING HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants,

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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 17, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

UNIT 106A IN BLOCK 2 BEING A PART OF COBBLESTONE CROSSING AT GALENA, CITY OF GALENA, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11 AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JO DAVIESS COUNTY ILLINOIS; ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON OCTOBER 21, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NO. 315483 IN PLAN HOLD D OF PLATS, NO. 317, SAID PART BEING BOUNDED BY A LINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST COR-

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22nd Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference announced for Rockford

Area fruit and vegetable growers will be able to hear about seasonal crop and pest updates this February at the 22nd Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference in Rockford.

"Our regional fruit and vegetable farms depend on campus resources and information to make the right decision in preparing for their upcoming season. University of Illinois Extension specialists will join us yet again this year to provide valuable updates on diseases, insects, and production practices", states Grant McCarty, Local Foods and Small Farms Extension Educator. "We'll also be joined by Dr. Christelle Guedot from University of Wisconsin - Madison who will provide an update on Spotted Wing Drosophila, which is an invasive insect on fruits." Dr. Guedot is the Fruit Crop Entomologist and

Extension Specialist who focuses on integrated pollinator and pest management in fruit crops.

The 22nd Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference will be held on Monday, Feb. 5, from 9-2 p.m. at Midway Village (6799 Guilford Road, Rockford, Illinois). The registration fee is \$40 per person, \$30 for additional employees of the same farm. This includes a keynote, choice of three breakouts, lunch, and handouts. An early-bird discount of \$5/person for all participants who register before Jan. 16th is available.

For more information or to register, please visit go.illinois.edu/StatelineGrowers2018 or call 815-986-4357.

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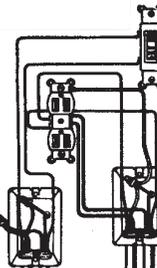
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"The Entrepreneurial Scholarship is a natural extension of our Build it • Grow it business program, which has shown positive results for mi-

cro-businesses since its inception. Teaching young people how to be self-employed is increasingly important," explains Lisa McCarthy, TCEDA Executive Director. According to the National Small Business Association, 70% of small businesses in the U.S. are owned and operated by a single person.

"As the gig economy grows, the traditional economic development metrics will change. Important metrics will become gig workers' productivity and impact on the local economy.

The communities that support their entrepreneurs will position themselves as attractive locations to do business," according to Janet Ady, Ady Advantage, a site selection and economic development company located in Madison, WI.

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Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office is arresting drunk drivers this holiday season

Remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

This holiday season, the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office will work around the clock to keep drivers and passengers safe as they search for alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers. From Dec. 18 through the early morning hours of Jan. 2, the Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois in a year-end Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement.

"Now through New Year's Day, motorists will notice increased enforcement watching closely for anyone who is driving impaired," said Lt. Tim Wand. "It is vital that we

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Officers also will be looking for, and ticketing, individuals who aren't buckled up. It is the law in Illinois to wear your seat belt, no matter where you are seated in the vehicle.

The holidays are a special time, full of excitement and endless festivities. Too often, these celebrations bring higher numbers of impaired drivers to the roads, endangering other motorists. Drunk and drug-impaired driving is deadly. Last year, 37,461 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United States. Of those killed, 28 percent (10,497) died in crashes in which a

driver had a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) over the limit of 0.08.

"We are committed to doing whatever it takes to help save lives by keeping impaired drivers off the road," said Lt. Tim Wand.

Impaired driving offenders often serve jail time, lose their driver's license, are charged higher insurance rates and pay unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing, repairs and lost wages. The ultimate cost of impaired driving is causing a traffic crash that injures or kills.

The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement effort is made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.



The Stockton Heritage Museum would like to thank the following contractors and volunteers who helped in our addition and renovation process for the 2017 season. The Stockton Heritage Board of Directors sincerely thanks the following:

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