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Panthers faces snares in Forreton Invitational

By Chris Johnson
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Lena-Winslow faced a familiar face in the opening round of the Forreton Boys' Basketball Holiday Classic. The Panthers were issued the 13-seed out of the 16 available to receive. They faced the four-seed Polo Marcos and stayed within reach after the first period of play. Polo jumped ahead 18-12 but couldn't keep the Panthers from causing them problems.

The defense was more successful in the second period as the Panthers worked through the period. The Polo offense was slowed slightly, but the edge built in the first period was added upon. At the half it was Polo 32 and Lena-Winslow 20.

The four-seed Marcos outscored Lena-Winslow 14-5 in the third period and carried a comfortable 46-25 advantage into the final period. Additional players got time on the floor as the Panthers won the period 13-7 but couldn't overcome the third quarter deficit, losing 53-38.

The loss pushed the Panthers into the consolation bracket and set up a night two meeting with five-seed Byron. The Tigers ran into their own problems in the opening round game when they were stunned by twelve-seed Orangeville, losing 67-57.

Byron found a comfortable rhythm in the Consolation Championship semi-final and pulled away from the panthers, 48-30. Byron moved on to face Forreton as Lena-Winslow dropped down to face Dakota.

The pairing seemed fair on paper as the Indians have worked through their own questions during the first half of the season. After the opening period was in the books, the parity showed as the Panthers held the three-point edge, 11-8.

In the second quarter Dakota found a pace that they preferred more and held the Panthers to just five points in the period. The Indians' scoring total helped the roles reverse at the half as they put nine through. Entering the third period, Dakota was in front 17-16.

The Indians won the third period

7-5 as both teams struggled to find offense. The Panthers trailed 24-21 after three periods.

A comeback was required and Lena-Winslow nearly completed the task. With free throw shooting taking its toll the Panthers worked back to a 36-all tie forcing an extra period.

In overtime the Indians held back the Panthers just enough and won 45-43. The loss sent Lena-Winslow into a meeting with the Stillman Valley Cardinals and the tournament's final game. Lena-Winslow exited Forreton with an 0-4 mark after they fell 41-35.

The Panthers returned to the season at hand and a scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 20 meeting with the Dakota Indians before the Christmas recess.

NUIC matches against Warren, Galena, Durand and Scales Mound wait for Lena-Winslow when they tip-off the 2017 portion of their winter sports season on Jan. 5.

The 2016 Girls Class 1A State Basketball Regionals begin the week of Feb. 21. Lena-Winslow closes the regular season facing a couple teams they may be battling for position, Scales Mound and River Ridge, in the days before the IHSA Selection Committee determines how high the Panthers will be seeded when the playoffs begin later in February.



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The true spirit of the season

Mary Gerbode, Gina DeVoe, Leah Goebel, Bonnie Broge gathered at Lena Winslow school to do the paperwork on this year's Thanksgiving and Giving Tree and Angel projects. This year, 35 Baskets were given to families feeding a total of 158 folks in the different families, and between the Angel and Giving Tree projects, 54 families were affected totaling 184 family members. Zoe Bardell was a helper, but was unavailable for photo.

Broncos break bracket in Forreton Tournament

By Chris Johnson
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There are certain advantages to being a lower seed. There is a feeling that upsets could happen on any given night. The Orangeville Broncos seemed to understand that and have been pulling off a lot of upsets recently. On Friday, Dec. 16 they claimed fourth place in the annual 16-team Forreton Boys' Basketball Christmas Classic. They pulled off some big upsets to get there.

Action commenced on Saturday, Dec. 10 and the Broncos were issued the twelve seed. They knew they would face the five-seed Byron Tigers in the opening round.

In many tournaments featuring a

16-team lay-out, fans can see how a twelve-seed has the potential to surprise and take out the higher seed. Orangeville proved it and powered past the Tigers 67-57 to move to round two in the Championship Bracket.

The win put Orangeville in the path of another team, fully-expected to win. The Polo Marcos were given the four-seed. They dispatched Lena-Winslow by 15 points in their opening round game. The Broncos didn't seem

concerned and went with the hot hand and captured their second consecutive upset win.

Orangeville approached the game with the right attack. They got the ball into the hands of sharpshooter Austin Guy. His 37 points helped lead the team as his teammates found holes in the Polo defense. The 82-66 win shipped Orangeville off to the semi-final round and a meeting with the top-seed and defending tournament

champion Winnebago Indians.

Orangeville didn't have the firepower to stay with Winnebago in the early minutes and quickly fell behind by scores of 20-9 and 45-22. Winnebago won 75-50 and moved on to the Championship Game to face Sterling Newman.

Guy would eventually be named to the Forreton Christmas Classic First-

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Registration for the Driftless Region Beef Conference makes great gift

Do you have a hard-to-buy-for farmer in your life? A unique holiday gift is registration to the Driftless Region Beef Conference. What could be better than the gift of education? The conference for beef producers from four states will be held Jan. 26-27, 2017, at the Grand River Conference Center in Dubuque, Iowa.

The focus of the fifth-annual conference is efficient and economic beef and forage production in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The afternoon program on Jan. 26, which begins at 1 p.m., will concentrate on production and marketing risk management. An evening discussion on intensively managing cows will feature a producer and veterinarian panel. The Jan. 27 morning agenda features the Michelle Miller, the 'Farm Babe', six breakout sessions for feedlot operations and cow-calf producers followed by a market outlook. The conference ends at 11:45 a.m.

Key speakers include Miller; Carl Babler and Karen Voights from Atten Babler in Galena, Illinois; Doug

Bear, Iowa Beef Industry Council; Tyler Dohman, Lee Schulz and Patrick Gunn, Iowa State University; Gene Schriefer, University of Wisconsin; Nicole Rambo and Alfredo DiCostanzo, University of Minnesota; Jay Solomon, Cliff Shipley and Travis Meter, University of Illinois; and Mary Drewnoski, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The early registration fee is \$85 per person and must be received prior to midnight, Jan. 13. The price increases to \$115 after that date. More information on topics, speakers and lodging is available at www.aep.iastate.edu/beef/. Registration with links for online and mail forms are available on the conference website.

The Driftless Region Beef Conference is sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach, University of Illinois Extension, University of Minnesota Extension, and University of Wisconsin Extension. For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Jay Solomon, Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator, University of Illinois Extension, (815) 235-4125.

Freeport Art Museum grants available for arts projects

The Illinois Arts Council Agency has awarded the Freeport Art Museum \$4365 through the Community Arts Access re-granting program. These funds will be made available to individuals and organizations in Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Carroll, Ogle and Lee counties planning and coordinating arts programs in their communities. After the FAM adds a cash match to the award, the amount available for grants will total \$5020.

Community Arts Access grants are available for visual, musical, performing, literary and inter-disciplinary arts projects that provide community-based programming. Projects that employ artists from the northwest Illinois area are given priority. Individuals and organizations can apply for up to \$1,500. Projects or programs must make an effort to serve diverse and underserved audiences. All eligible grant propos-

als are reviewed by a peer panel comprised of representatives from each of the five counties. Eligible projects are those taking place between Dec. 5, 2016 and Aug. 30, 2017.

For assistance with completing a grant application, please contact the Freeport Art Museum and ask for Director Jessica J. Modica. Assistance is available to all who need it. Grant applications and guidelines are available for download from the Freeport Art Museum website at www.freeportartmuseum.org or can be requested by calling the museum at (815) 235-9755. The deadline for the first round of grants is 5 p.m. on Dec. 16.

Recent grant recipients include the Galena Arts Center, Winneshiek Players, Mt. Carroll Public Library; Palisades Art League in Savanna; Galena-Jo Daviess Historical Society; and Timberlake Playhouse



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Award winning Lena Winslow / Orangeville Speech Team members Justin Malone, Adisyn Hoff, Mollee Brumfield, and Alec Aurand celebrate their victories.

Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team finds tournament success

The Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team, while still feeling the effects of a short-handed team due to various reasons, seems to have gotten back on track by earning three varsity and one novice award at the Rochelle Township High School Speech Tournament December 10.

Orangeville High School sophomore Justin Malone recorded the team's first "top six" varsity win in Radio Speaking with a fifth place trophy. Next-In awards were given to Le-Win seniors Adisyn Hoff and Alec Aurand for Poetry Reading and Extemporaneous Speaking respectively. Next-Ins are given to those who finish in places seven through twelve beyond the top six Varsity awards. And Le-Win freshman Mollee Brumfield, featured in last week's Shoppers Guide speech team article, continued her winning ways with a fourth place novice ribbon in Dramatic Interpretation.

"Apparently, high school speech is getting to be more popular, es-

pecially in the Chicago suburbs, because our last two tournaments (DeKalb and Rochelle) were much bigger than they used to be," said Le-Win/Orangeville head coach Tom Fore. "We're seeing many, many more competitors from the bigger schools entering tournaments that were typically populated with just students from our area. But, our attitude is when you see better competition, you'll get better. The award

count for our team may drop at these bigger tournaments, but that is totally beside the point. It may seem as if the competitive system is unfair to smaller schools, but, as they say, 'it is what it is.' Justin, for instance, finished better than 36 other competitors with his fifth place finish, and many were from schools bigger than Le-Win and Orangeville combined. Talent and ability will win out every time, regardless of where the competitors or judges are from."

Next week, the Shoppers Guide will report on the results of the December 17 Byron Speech Tournament. On Saturday, January 7, Lena-Winslow High School will host their Tenth Annual Speech Tournament featuring 15 teams from all over Northern Illinois. In coming weeks, the Le-Win/Orangeville team will travel to River Ridge, Aurora, Downers Grove South, and Rockford Jefferson. The IHSA State Series begins with Speech Regionals at Freeport High School in early February.

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Team, representing Orangeville along with Kennell Jones and Ty Waller from Winnebago as well as Eli Leffelman and Kyle Schmitt from the Tournament-Champion Central Catholic Comets.

Orangeville ended the Forreston Christmas Classic with a 2-2 mark and a fourth-place finish. Sterling Newman finished in first, followed by Winnebago and Freeport Aquin.

NUIC games fill the schedule for Orangeville as 2017 arrives. Matches at Milledgeville on Jan. 5 are followed by home meetings with the Dakota Lady Indians on Jan. 10 and the Aquin Bulldogs on Jan. 13.

A long road swing begins in Durand on Jan. 19 and runs through Pecatonica on Jan. 21 before turning to Warren on Jan. 25. A meeting at Dakota on Jan. 27 will be followed by the January closer at Pearl City.

Pearl City American Legion to host free Christmas dinner

The Pearl City American Legion will hold a free community Christmas day meal at the Pearl City American Legion. Serving is from 12- 2 p.m. for a ride or carry outs in town call (815) 443-2739

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-The family of Patrick J. Costello
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Thanks!

On behalf of the Lena Food Pantry, serving the Lena-Winslow and Orangeville School Districts, we wish to thank everyone who generously donated funds to buy food and personal items. Thank you also to the many food drives from the Churches, organizations and our schools.

Also, the loyal volunteers from the churches in Lena, and Elroy who staff the pantry on Saturdays.

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Illinois Sheriffs' Association issues fraud warning

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association is advising all Illinois county residents that there is currently underway a phone campaign fraudulently using the name "Disabled Police and Sheriffs Foundation" in their solicitation. Although the number appears to resonate with an Illinois company that is not the case. Charities often solicit donors under multiple names. It is also listed as one of the "Top 50 Worst Charities." CharityWatch is aware of this charity soliciting donors using the following names:

American Police & Sheriffs Association
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Police Officers Safety Association

This group is not registered with the Illinois Attorney General's Office according to the Charitable Da-

tabase maintained by General Madigan's Office. They are also not associated with any Illinois Sheriff or legitimate police organization in Illinois.

Telemarketing fraud costs billions of dollars each year. Phone solicitors who want you to "act immediately" or are offering a "too good to be true" opportunity are most likely fraudulent. Remember that if you have any doubts, or are highly pressured - Just Hang Up.

You have the right to ask for the following information:

- 1) The name, address and phone number of the organization for which they are soliciting.
- 2) The name, address and phone number of the telemarketing firm.

3) The percentage of every dollar paid to the telemarketing firm.

4) Insist on something in writing prior to making a pledge or commitment.

If you cannot get the answers to these questions, do not hesitate to hang up the phone. After all, it is your money.

Although, there are some legitimate organizations that use telemarketers for their fundraising efforts the Sheriffs of Illinois, through the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, are adamantly opposed to police groups and associations using telemarketers in their fundraising efforts. Again, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association never solicits by phone. Should you receive

a call from someone saying they represent your local sheriff or the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and are asking for donations contact the Sheriff's Office immediately or gather as much information as you can from the caller and report it to the Illinois Sheriffs' Association at ISA@ilsheriff.org

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association never solicits by phone but does conduct a direct mail campaign throughout the state of Illinois endorsed by the individual Sheriffs across Illinois.

Remember these telemarketing tips:

- Offers too good to be true usually are. Ask to receive the "unbelievable deal" or the "amazing prize

offer" in writing so you can read it carefully before making a commitment.

- Never give out your personal information over the phone or Internet unless you have initiated the contact. Legitimate business callers will never ask you for this information over the phone.

- If a caller asks you to pay for an offer in advance or asks for your credit card number or Social Security number, tell the person you don't give out personal information over the telephone and hang up.

- Remember that legitimate telemarketers won't be turned off if you use these techniques. They will appreciate dealing with an educated consumer. It's not rude - it's shrewd

Millie's quote of the week

"You must ask God to give you power to fight against the sin of pride which is your greatest enemy - the root of all that is evil, and the failure of all that is good. For God resists the proud."

St. Vincent de Paul

Early bird discount Nebraska wildlife/historical bus tour

Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Dir. of the Eagle Nature Foundation (ENF) has just announced that ENF is offering a 10 % discount for their 4-day Wildlife/Historical Bus Tour, March 13-16, 2017, to anyone who registers for this tour before Jan. 1, 2017. This discount applies to all rates, including the ENF membership rate and the group rate for 4 or more people.

This year's tour is the earliest in the season it has ever been scheduled. Because of this, the chances of seeing hundreds of thousands of snow geese migrating north, which have stopped in the area on their Northern migration, is greatly increased. During some past tours we have seen lakes that were solid white with snow geese, seen huge flocks of snow geese flying overhead, and one year participants were able to witness a flock of snow geese high in the sky that stretched from horizon to horizon. All of these sights, as well as seeing the hundreds of thousands of sandhill cranes, which stop in the area to fatten up for the last leg of their Northward migration, and

Officials with the Illinois State Police (ISP) announce the conviction of Tracy Long, age 32, of Pekin, Illinois, for Unlawful Acquisition of a Controlled Substance, a Class 4 Felony. Long plead guilty to the offense on Nov. 30 in Woodford County.

During August and September of 2015 Long was working as a nurse

seeing prairie dog colonies as the pioneers saw them, may be seen by participants during these 4 days of exciting stops. Each person can have his or her own window for viewing and two seats for sitting. Join the tour for good food and making some great friends.

All of these great nature views are combined with fantastic historical sites, such as: Fort Kearney, the first fort on the Oregon Trail; a pioneer village; Stuhr Pioneer Museum; the 1865 Steamboat, Bertrand; a World War II German Prisoner of War Museum, and much more.

Until the web page is up-dated a person will need a brochure to register for this trip. To get a brochure, call ENF's office (815) 594-2306 and leave your name and address, or write: Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001.

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001 Phone (815) 594-2306

at Maple Lawn Healthcare in Eureka, Illinois. Long reported that she administered Alprazolam and Hydrocodone to residents of Maple Lawn on Sept. 4, 2015. A review of surveillance video revealed that Long had not entered the rooms of the residents for several hours before or after the time she claimed to have administered the medication. When confronted by ISP Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau (MFCB) investigators about the reporting inaccuracies, Long admitted to falsifying the reports and that she stole the narcotics for personal use.

"The misuse of opioid based prescription drugs is a serious national problem," stated ISP Director Leo P. Schmitz. "Educational initiatives and aggressive law enforcement ef-

forts combined with sentences which mandate substance abuse evaluation and treatment are necessary for fighting this growing epidemic," he continued.

Investigators from the MFCB routinely provide presentations to Administrators and Directors of Nursing (DON) at long term care facilities where drug diversion cases can be prevalent. These presentations give the DONs tips on how to properly secure, account for, and monitor those who have access to the variety of narcotics utilized daily at any given facility.

"More Americans today die from drug overdoses than from car accidents or incidents involving fire arms," said Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. "It is critical that we

continue law enforcement efforts to police the availability of opioid drugs in our communities and provide treatment to those fighting addiction."

Long was sentenced to 24 months of probation, 30 hours of community service, and was ordered to pay for fees associated with the case. Long was also ordered to undergo a substance abuse evaluation and treatment program and was further ordered not to work in any position that gives her access to controlled substances.

This conviction is the culmination of an ISP MFCB investigation. Once the investigation was completed, the case was referred to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Bureau for prosecution.

Free vein screenings available Dec. 20 at FHN Vein Center

Painful legs can be a sign of venous disease, which can lead to varicose veins, leg sores and even serious circulation problems like blood clots. The experts at the FHN Vein Center can help.

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The FHN Vein Center offers free screenings for leg vein issues each month at FHN Memorial Hospital.

The next screening date is Tuesday, Dec. 20; appointments are available from 4 - 7 p.m. by calling (815) 599-VEIN (8346).

The FHN Vein Center offers two approaches to venous disease treatment. The first line of treatment, for mild or early cases, involves fitting the patient with compression hose to help the leg veins do their work.

For more advanced cases, outpatient surgical treatment can relieve pain and provide a long-term solution to venous disease. The FHN Vein Center offers a number of outpatient procedures featuring rapid recovery. Non-cosmetic treatment options are covered by most commercial health insurance carriers,

including Medicare.

For more information on venous disease and the FHN Vein Center, visit www.fhn.org or call (815) 599-VEIN (8346).

Kryder Thank You

A huge "Thank You" to our many friends and neighbors over the past several months, for the food brought in - a Thanksgiving dinner, Operation Good Fellow for the goodies, but most of all for supporting us with your prayers. You were there when we needed to be driven to doctor appointments - from Rockford to UW, to Chicago, Monroe and back to Van Mathe Rehab in Rockford. God is an awesome God and he was beside us every day. The PT's were great and I can now walk with the walker or a cane. Again thanks to many people along the way.

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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of Illinois State Representative Brian W. Stewart

Christmas is without a doubt my favorite time of the year. I'm not quite sure how to explain it exactly, but during the two weeks leading up to Christmas, everyone just appears to be happier, and it couldn't come at a better time considering we are suffering through a cold spell in the dead of winter.

We all enjoy the little things about the holidays: whether it be the decorations, the lights, the music, the presents, or the Christmas movies. And then there's the glimmering hope of the New Year; the idea that everything bad that happened in 2016 will be in the past. The year 2017 will be a blank slate and a fresh start. This is certainly the most wonderful time of the year.

Over the past several months you've heard me week after week lamenting the current state of the state. By now you know that we have more than our share of challenges in the coming New Year, but we also have a grand opportunity: we can start the New Year fresh. Of course, the issues

that have plagued our state will still exist 2017, but that doesn't mean that the partisan conflicts need to continue.

Perhaps I'm being a hopeless optimist, but I see a sliver of hope for Illinois. The task ahead is daunting and the road is long, but as I've said before there isn't a reason why we can't meet somewhere in the middle. Just this morning I read that the other side of the aisle is considering backing away from an adversarial role. If true, that would be welcoming news to just about all of us.

There is also a report out from Chicago Tonight that House Democrats may be considering an early retirement for the longtime Speaker of the House. Just maybe, for the first time in decades, bi-partisan compromise is within grasp. Perhaps my friends on the other side of the aisle will seek a thawing of relations for the good of the state. As far as I'm concerned, that would be the ultimate Christmas gift.

I mentioned Christmas movies earlier in the column, and right now

there's one that comes to mind when we talk about putting aside our differences to meet in the middle. There's a foreign World War I film (I know, not your traditional Christmas movie) called Joyeux Noel. To give you a brief synopsis: Allied and German soldiers reach an unofficial truce on the Western Front in 1914, and both sides cross into no-mans land and spend the night singing Christmas carols. The premise sounds ridiculous right? Well believe it or not the movie was inspired by actual events.

My point is this: if Allied and German soldiers could come together at Christmas, then maybe it's not too farfetched to believe that there's hope for us in Illinois. We aren't enemies facing off on a battlefield; we are political opponents who just see things differently. I hope and pray that we can find a way to leave our trenches and meet in the middle.

I would be remiss if I didn't make mention of all the local charities that need all of our help at this time of year. There are too many to mention, but all

of them do great work for Northwest Illinois. Amidst the hustle and bustle of Holiday shopping and gift giving, please remember to give a gift to those in need. I truly believe that you reap what you sow, so why not go into the New Year sowing good seeds throughout our community. Whether it's a red kettle, a toy drive, or a donation to a food pantry - please consider investing in our community.

I'll leave you with the profound

words of Winston Churchill who said: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." May we all take stock of this simple truth as we go about the Holiday Season? And from the bottom of my heart to all of you, I wish you a Merry Christmas!

As always, you can reach me on Sally at 815/232-0774 or e-mail us at repstewart@gmail.com. You can also visit my website at www.repbrianstewart.com or on Facebook.

Want to volunteer? The Senior Resource Center needs your help

The Senior Resource Center in Hanover is seeking volunteers to assist primarily with general office and receptionist duties. These individuals would answer phones and greet those who visit the office. Other volunteers could help with activities as needed.

According to Sue Lambert, center executive director, hours are flexible. "We adjust schedules to meet the needs of our volunteers. We rec-

ognize that people are available at different times, and we are happy to have them help when they can."

Prospective volunteers need to complete a short application, which can be mailed to them, or picked up at the Hanover office, 500 Fillmore St.

For more information, please call the Senior Resource Center at (815) 777-1316.

Senate Week in Review

Little progress was made during the week on crafting a full-year state budget with economic reforms for Illinois, even as the clock continues to run on the current compromise stop-gap budget. The state's spending authority for a number of programs ends Jan. 1.

Also during the week, Senate and House legislators questioned Illinois Department of Human Services officials about abuse and neglect charges against a group home company.

No progress on budget

Gov. Bruce Rauner and legislative leaders did not meet this week to discuss a full-year spending plan and necessary economic reforms. It

also appears that little was accomplished during recent meetings of working groups trying to find agreement on workers' compensation reform and mandate relief for local governments.

"Every day we don't fix the budget it gets worse, and we need real reforms that'll put us on a sound fiscal path," said Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno of Lemont. "Getting a balanced budget should be our top priority, and I'm ready to meet at any time."

Legislative leaders and the Governor had been meeting regularly for several weeks, but House Speaker Michael Madigan has appeared to be using stall tactics and refusing

to engage in meaningful good-faith negotiations, in order to pass yet another stopgap measure that will lead to an even bigger tax hike without reforms. In response, Gov. Rauner announced Dec. 7 that budget meetings would be suspended until Democrat legislative leaders submitted their own budget proposal.

Years of irresponsible tax-and-spend policies by the two prior administrations have left state government teetering on the edge of a fiscal cliff. Republican lawmakers will continue to work for a complete and constitutional state budget - in which spending matches revenue - and essential economic reforms that will keep businesses and jobs from leaving Illinois.

The following programs are endangered if there is no budget agreement on Jan. 1:

- MAP grants for students relaying on state assistance
- Community Care Program for moderate-income seniors to keep them in their homes instead of nursing homes (just the non-Medicaid portion would be affected. Medicaid portion is covered by court order)
- Community-based addiction treatment
- Community Mental Health
- Prostate Cancer programs at Department of Public Health
- Bullying Prevention

New law to reduce recidivism

A new law signed this week will ensure that any person being released from the Department of Corrections (DOC) or Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has a valid state identification card upon release, a commonsense act that will help low-level offenders secure employment, housing and establish fi-

nancial stability.

Senate Bill 3368 requires the Secretary of State to issue a standard Illinois ID card, at the time of their release, to any person being released from the DOC or DJJ who present their birth certificate, Social Security card, or other documents authorized by the Secretary, and two proofs of address. For individuals without these documents, the Secretary of State will issue a limited-term, 90-day ID to released individuals who present a verified document from DOC/DJJ with their name, birth date, Social Security number, and proof of address. They then have 90 days to present this ID at the Secretary of State to receive a standard issue ID.

The new law is a recommendation by the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform convened by the Governor to reduce the state's current prison population 25 percent by 2025.

Lawmakers question abuse and neglect of disabled residents

On Dec. 13, a Cook County judge ordered Disability Services of Illinois, a group home company whose state license was revoked in November after media reports of abuse and neglect, to release 18 resident adults with disabilities from the company's care.

Lawmakers in a joint Senate-House hearing questioned Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) officials on Dec. 13 about a Chicago Tribune report of hundreds of cases in which abuse and neglect charges were investigated and cleared by group home employees.

Senate Republican members of the Senate Human Services Committee, noted that the Chicago Tri-

bune's investigation made clear that the problem occurred almost entirely during the administration of former Gov. Pat Quinn. The Senators had requested that former DHS Secretaries Carol Adams and Michelle Saddler be asked to present testimony during the hearing. Neither Adams nor Saddler attended the meeting.

At the hearing, current DHS Secretary Jim Dimas outlined the steps the department has taken in the last two years to prevent tragic deaths like those detailed by the Chicago Tribune in November. According to Dimas, who was appointed by Gov. Rauner in May 2015, DHS has instituted more than a dozen reform measures to ensure proper care of 12,000 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Perhaps one of the most important reforms Dimas discussed is one which would provide the public with some access to previously sealed investigative files. According to Dimas, DHS is working with the office of the Illinois Attorney General to provide more information to families and guardians of those in DHS care.

Cold weather safety tips

With a wave of bitterly cold temperatures sweeping through Illinois, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) reminds people of the health dangers of extreme low temperatures, such as frostbite and hypothermia, and provides tips about how to stay warm as well as information about heating safety.

Weathering Winter information can be found on the IDPH website, and additional safety information is available on the state's Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

EVELYN A. FOSTER

Evelyn Ann Brudi Foster, age 81, a long time resident of Yorba Linda, California, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 27, 2016, after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was with her husband and loving family.



Evelyn Ann was born to Carl and Lois (Winter) Brudi, on the family farm, in Woodbine, IL, July 13, 1935. Evelyn was confirmed in 1949 from Christ Lutheran Church, Stockton, IL. She was a graduate of Stockton High School, class of 1953, with additional college courses.

She moved to Long Beach, California in 1955 where she met her husband Jack. They married Sept. 3, 1955. She loved sewing, with many beautiful projects completed. As a member of the American Sewing Guild, she sewed chemo hats for those afflicted with cancer.

Evelyn retired from Hughes Aircraft, after 15 years, where she was a Planning Supervisor. She was generous, kind, and adored by those who knew her.

Evelyn is survived by her husband, Jack Foster, son, Walter, three daughters, Valerie Foster-Young, Linda Foster, and Carol Foster; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; sisters, Carol (Wayne) Westaby, Lena IL; Beulah (Paul) Klaus, Freeport, IL; brothers Armin (Jolene) Brudi, Rock Grove, IL; and George (Mary) Brudi, Mannette, WI.

She was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Lois Brudi; and grandson Joshua Stephenson.

Funeral Services were held on Dec. 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 4101 E. Nohl Ranch Rd., Anaheim, California.

MURNICE DITTMAR

Murnice Dittmar, age 90, of Elizabeth, Illinois, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2016, at the Elizabeth Nursing Home. Visitation was held Dec. 15, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Elizabeth. A funeral service was held Dec. 16, at the First United Methodist Church in Elizabeth. Burial took place in the Elizabeth Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to share in Murnice's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.



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Twenty 4-H members from across the state were honored for their lifetime 4-H achievements. The Illinois 4-H Award recognizes exemplary work in five major areas, including communications, community service, leadership, personal growth and project mastery. The winners were recognized during a ceremony held Nov. 19 in Champaign. Pictured (front, left to right) Erin Stichter, Grace Skelton, Shelby Ledbetter, and Parker Karrick; (middle) Eli Tobin, Courtney Wiedenmann, Alyssa Garner, Isabella Warmack, Clayton Skelton, Kaley Rouse, and James Martin; and (back) Devin Koester, Josephine Hubele, Clare VanSpeybroeck, David Kloppe, Zachary Perkins, and William Short. Not pictured are Kaitlyn Ball, Austin Brockmann, and Julia Taraszewski.

State's highest award presented to local 4-H members

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munity service, leadership, personal growth and project mastery. The winners were recognized during a ceremony held Nov. 19 in Champaign.

Winners received either a trip to National 4-H Congress, \$1,000 toward the cost of another national 4-H event, or a \$1,000 college scholarship as their prize. The award is supported through gifts to the Illinois 4-H Foundation by donors, including the Illinois Farm Bureau, Durbin Veterinary Clinic, Ruthann Bauroth, Jennifer Cowser, Peter Johnson, Susan Moore, Donna Mueller, Keith Parr, Phyllis Ruwe, Ryan Ruwe, Elizabeth Schnitzler, James Shinn, Kenneth Smith, Rod Stoll, and Gerald Theile. Illinois 4-H Foundation Board Members Barbara Clark and Jan Sibley made the presentations of prizes to the winners.

Award recipients recognized at this ceremony included three area 4-Hers; Drew Groezinger, Kyle Hubb, and Devin Koester.

Winners in the Personal Growth area included Devin Koester of Jo Daviess County. Devin is the 16-year-old son of Karen Koester of Elizabeth. He is a 9-year member of the Top Notchers 4-H Club where his project work focused on the Health project.

Previous winners who continue to excel in their previous award area were presented 4-H Blue Awards. Winners included Drew Groezinger of Jo Daviess County. Drew is the 18-year-old son of Pennie and Daryl Groezinger of Stockton. He is entering his 11th year as a member of the Chelsea Busy Bees 4-H Club. He was a member of the Illinois 4-H Poultry Judging Team.

The 4-H Key Award winners were

also recognized during this event. This award was given to members for their achievements in leadership, community service, and mentoring. Winners included Drew Groezinger of Jo Daviess County and Kyle Hubb of Jo Daviess County. Kyle Hubb is the 19-year-old son of Larry and Leisa Hubb of Stockton. He just completed his 11 year membership in Jo Daviess County 4-H and is eager to begin his 4-H career as an adult volunteer.

Births

CHARLOTTE MAURER

Hannah and Zach Maurer of Shannon, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Charlotte Michelle Maurer born Saturday Dec. 10, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Michelle Boyer of Mt. Carroll, Ill., Randy and Lori Boyer of Kent, Ill. and Tim and Julie Maurer of Pearl City, Ill.

HUDSON WARD

Shawn and Jessica Ward of Orangeville, Ill. are the parents of a son Hudson Albert Ward born Tuesday Dec. 13, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Hudson joins a sister, Kinley, 4. Grandparents are Pam and Rodney Vautsmeier and Steve Ward all of Freeport and Brian and Julie Markel of Orangeville. Great grandparents are Jane Lindeman of Freeport, Rosemary Ward of Boca Raton, Fla., Carson Ward of Cape Coral, Fla. and Bev Markel and Eleanor Willhite both of Orangeville.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN

Well, we certainly got the cold weather of winter. We didn't just slide into it; it dropped on us like a ton of bricks. I am happy my little house stands up to the weather, and I am warm inside. It will warm up,

and then it will snow—are we going to see a pattern here? As one of my friends always says—weather, what are going to do about it? Nothing—I guess it is good to know that man cannot control all things even though he tries. We have some good holiday recipes this week. There is an eggnog mix, several soups for the cold weather, and two more Christmas dessert recipes. Happy cooking for Christmas!

The first recipe is for an eggnog mix. You make it with dry ingredients, so it stays for many months. It is great to have on hand for unexpected company. You will like it because it is easy, and you don't have to make a batch and throw half of it away!

Holiday Eggnog Mix

6 2/3 C. nonfat dry milk powder
2 pkgs. (3.3 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix
1 C. buttermilk blend powder
1 T. nutmeg

In a food processor, combine the nonfat dry milk powder, instant pudding, buttermilk powder and nutmeg; blend. Store in an airtight container in a cool dry place for up to 6 months. To serve, place 1/3 cup mix in a glass. Stir in 3/4 C. cold whole milk.

The next three recipes are for some good soups to make. You can make them ahead—I always think soup tastes better when it sits a day or two. The first one is for a beef recipe. It reminds me of the Cheeseburger pizza that is popular at Coach's. You can get the Montreal seasoning at most grocery stores. I like to use the seasoning on hamburgers and other beef cuts. The second one you can use your leftover ham from Christmas. The third recipe is for when you are tired of meat and want a good and different vegetarian soup. Enjoy these soups all through the winter.

Bacon

Cheeseburger Soup

1/2 lb. thick-cut bacon, chopped
1 lb. ground beef
1 small yellow onion, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 1/2 t. Montreal steak seasoning
1/2 C. flour
2 C. chicken broth
2 C. whole milk
1 can (14.5 oz.) can diced tomatoes, drained
2 C shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1/4 C. dill pickle relish
2 T. Worcestershire sauce



The not so skinny cook

Garnish with chopped green onion

In a medium Dutch oven, cook bacon over medium-high heat until crisp. Remove bacon using a slotted spoon, and let drain on paper towels, reserving the drippings in a pot.

Add ground chuck, onion, garlic, and steak seasoning; cook, stirring frequently, until browned and crumbly, about 8 minutes. Remove beef mixture using a slotted spoon, and let drain on paper towels, reserving 1/2 C drippings in pot.

Stir flour into the drippings in the pot, and cook until bubbling, 2-3 minutes. Gradually whisk in broth until smooth. Stir in the beef mixture, milk, tomatoes, cheese, relish, and Worcestershire, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat, and simmer for 15 minutes. Stir in bacon and cook just until heated through; about 5 minutes. Garnish with green onion if desired.

Ham and Cheese Chowder

3 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
1/4 t. baking soda
3 T. butter
1 small onion, finely chopped
3 T. flour
2 1/2 C. whole milk
1 C. Velveeta, cubed
1/2 C. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 1/2 C. cubed cooked ham
Minced fresh chives
Pepper to taste

Place potatoes and baking soda in a large saucepan. Add water to cover; bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and cook, uncovered, until tender, 6-8 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/2 C. potato water.

In the same pan, sauté the onion in butter until tender, 2-4 minutes. Stir in flour until blended; cook and stir 2 minutes. Gradually stir in milk and reserved potato water. Bring to a simmer, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, 1-2 minutes.

Stir in cheese until melted. Stir in ham and potatoes; heat through. If you desire, top with chives and pepper.

Mushroom Bisque

1/2 stick butter
2 lbs. sliced fresh mushrooms
1/4 t. salt
1 medium onion, diced
1 1/2 T. flour
6 sprigs of fresh thyme
2 garlic cloves, peeled
4 C. chicken broth
1 C. water
1 C. whipping cream
1/4 t. pepper

Melt the butter in a large pot over medium-high heat. Cook mushrooms with 1/4 t. salt, stirring until the mushrooms give off their juices, 3-4 minutes. Reduce the heat to low and continue to cook, stirring frequently, until the juices evaporate and mushrooms are golden brown, about 15 minutes. Set aside a few attractive mushroom slices for garnish. Add onion and cook, stirring, until the onion is soft and translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the flour and cook, stirring frequently, 2 minutes. Tie thyme sprigs into a small bundle with kitchen strings and add to mushroom mixture along with garlic, broth, and water. Bring to a simmer, partially cover, and cook 1 hour.

Remove thyme bundle. Working in small batches, puree soup in a blender until smooth. Return the soup to the pot and stir in cream. Warm through over low heat. (If the mixture is too thick, thin with chicken broth.) Add remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper. Divide among the bowls and garnish with reserved mushroom slices.

The next two recipes are for some great holiday desserts. The first one is for Crème de Menthe cupcakes. They are pretty and taste great at the end of a meal. The cookie recipe is easy because you make Santa hats from disks of dough. If you don't want to decorate them, just frost them in two parts, and they will taste just as good.

Crème de Menthe Cupcakes

3/4 C. butter softened
1 C. sugar
2 large eggs, room temperature
1/2 t. mint extract
1 1/2 C. cake flour
1 1/2 t. baking powder

See KITCHEN, Page 10



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- Retirement Planning - Designing an enjoyable and productive time in life.

Local professionals and Extension staff will teach the sessions on business, estate, retirement and succession planning. Besides brief presentations, there will be discussions based on participant

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Annie's Project: Managing for

Today and Tomorrow will be held locally at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL. The program will be comprised of six sessions: Jan. 17, 19, 24, 26, and 31 and Feb. 2 as a snow date. The sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch may be provided some of these sessions.

Pre-registration is required to attend Annie's Project: Managing for Today and Tomorrow. Registration cost is \$50. Registration can be completed by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 858-2273, (815) 235-4125, or on line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw.

A little levity to lighten your day

A man buys a parrot, not knowing that it previously belonged to a foul-mouthed longshoreman. One day, after several weeks of trying to teach the bird not to curse constantly, the man and parrot get into a screaming match. In frustration, the man tosses the parrot into the kitchen freezer and slams the door. After several seconds of terrible swearing there is dead silence. Horrified that he may have killed the bird, the man opens the freezer door. The parrot calmly walks out, perches on the man's shoulder and says, "Please accept my sincere apology for my past behavior. You may be assured that I will never again use offensive or inappropriate language." The man is dumbfounded. He is about to ask the parrot about his change of attitude, when the parrot continues, "If I may ask, what did the chicken do?"

2017 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference Slated for March 3

The 2017 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2017 in Stockton, IL. "Raising Forages & Livestock, but not Weeds" will be the theme this year; focusing on improving pastures and animal management to reduce weed pressure. Plan to join the University of Illinois Extension for this annual conference from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 223 E Front Ave, Stockton, IL.

Presenters at the event will include Denise Schwab, ISU Extension Beef Field Specialist, Russel Higgins, U of I Extension Commercial Ag Educator, Gene Schriefer, U W-Extension Agricultural Agent, Jay

Solomon, U of I Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator, and Matt Bunker NRCS Grasslands Specialist. The day will conclude with a roundtable discussion including all of the presenters.

To register for the 2017 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference, call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 858-2273 or register on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration fee is \$20 before Feb. 24, \$25 after Feb. 24, or \$30 the day of the conference.

Please stay tuned for more detailed information to follow on this as the conference date gets closer.

Travel safely with pets this holiday season

According to the American Pet Products Association there are 78 million dogs in the U.S. and each year, more and more pets are traveling with their owners to pet parks, restaurants and pet-friendly destinations, especially during the holidays and winter months. The problem is, the vast majority of owners are traveling with their pets unrestrained. Many people just don't realize that an unrestrained dog or cat riding in a vehicle can be a serious distraction.

The dangers of unrestrained pets when traveling

A dog sitting in the front seat can risk fatal injury from an airbag, even in a minor collision. Just as bad, a dog is also at risk

of flying through the windshield when sitting co-pilot. In the backseat they could be thrown like a projectile with enough force to seriously injure the human passengers and small children are most susceptible to serious injury. If a collision is bad enough that emergency crews are required, an unsecured animal could run from the scene into oncoming traffic, get hit or even cause another accident. The animal could also create a situation where a firefighter or paramedic is not able to get to you safely. Or even worse, a scared pet could pose a threat to a paramedic or firefighter and they may have to put the animal down in order to save human life. James R. Speiser, DVM, DABVP, CCRT, founder of IndyVet, a 24-hour specialty practice comprised of emergency, internal medicine, surgery, ophthalmology, and rehabilitation services, has seen cases over his 37 years of practice. "Our team of emergency doctors has

seen animals that have been injured while traveling in vehicles that have been involved in accidents," states Dr. Speiser. "As more people travel to pet friendly places, having pets secured in the vehicle increases the safety factor for both the driver and all the passengers," Speiser adds. More states are passing pet restraint laws

Arizona, Connecticut and Maine - distracted-driving laws can be used to charge drivers with pets on their laps.

Hawaii - explicitly forbids drivers from holding a pet on their lap.

New Jersey - a NJSPCA officer can stop a driver they believe is improperly transporting an animal. Tickets range from \$250 to \$1,000 per offense, and a driver can face a disorderly person's offense under animal-cruelty laws.

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(Above Right) Citizens State Bank Customer Service Representative Annette Wichman presents a check to Dean Wright Freeport Area Church Cooperative.

(Right) Brock Musser and Mike Mammoser present a check from Citizens State Bank to Darlene Steffes of the Stockton Food Pantry



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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship Dec. 25, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Christmas Day Service with lessons, carols and Holy Communion.

Following the service the congregation will gather for conversation, sharing, coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall.

On Monday Dec. 26, the church office will be closed.

On Wednesday Dec. 28, at 8:00 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

St. John's

St. John's will host Christmas Eve Candlelight worship services at 5 and 9 p.m. on Dec. 24. The services will include special music and the Chancel Choir will sing at the 9 p.m. service. A Christmas Day worship service will be at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25.

St. John's will have a service of carols and readings on Sunday, Jan. 1, titled, "The Five Gifts of Christmas." All are welcome to join us to celebrate the Christmas season.

Anyone is interested in walking for exercise is welcome to walk at St. John's on Monday Dec. 19, and Thursday, Dec. 22, at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Level. Everyone is welcome to join the walk (members and non-members are welcome)! No walking the week of Dec. 26, but will resume on Jan. 2.

The St. John's office will be closed on Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 2, 2017. However, all voice-mail messages and email messages regarding pastoral care will be addressed. Merry Christmas!

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Come to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Elizabeth on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. for our annual Children's Christmas Eve Program! The children will be answering the question, "What is Christmas?" Familiar hymns will be sung throughout the program, and it will conclude with a candlelight singing of "Silent Night". Join us as we remember the real reason of the Christmas season. We will also hold a Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. Questions? Please call the office at (815) 858-3334.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Sat., Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. at Willow UMC. All are invited and welcome to this service. Come celebrate the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ, and look forward to celebrating His birthday the next morning. All are invited and wel-

come.

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd.

Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ together

at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be bringing the Christmas message. All are invited and welcome.

Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL. For more information, please call (815) 601-6742.



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Thank you for your support

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois would like to thank the communities in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Carroll Counties for your generous support of our "Holiday Evergreen Fundraiser". Because of you, there were 56 cases of evergreens delivered to our office the Monday after Thanksgiving. Our office was filled with the winter smell of Christmas pine and our elves became very busy sorting, bagging, labeling and making sure all who ordered received them.

The money raised through this fundraiser will be used to equip us with a few much needed items that will keep our office efficient and organized and able to fill the needs of those we serve.

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WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 5:30 pm

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NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP
WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 9:30 am

REGULAR WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Worship: Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday Children's Ministry &
Adult Bible Classes 9:15 m

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Rev. Rick Bader, Pastor
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•Kitchen (Continued from page 6)

1/4 t. salt
2/3 C. milk
2 T. white crème de menthe
Green food coloring
Frosting:
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1/3 C. heavy whipping cream
1/4 C. powdered sugar
4 t. white cream de menthe
Green food coloring
Preheat the oven to 350. Cream butter and sugar together until light

and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add mint extract. In another bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder and salt; add to crème de menthe, beating well after each addition. Transfer two cups of batter to a separate bowl. Mix the food coloring into the remaining batter.
Cut a small hole in the tip of a pastry bag or in a corner of a food safe plastic bag. Insert a #12 round tip. Spoon the batters alternately

into bag. Pipe batter into 12 paper lined muffin cups until three-fourths full. Bake until a toothpick comes out clean, 15-20 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pan to a wire rack to cool completely.
Frosting: stir the cream cheese and whipping cream together until smooth. Add the powdered sugar and cream de menthe; stir until blended. Transfer half of the frosting to a separate bowl and mix food coloring into remaining frosting.

Stir each portion vigorously until stiff peaks form (do not over mix). Cut a small hole in the tip of a pastry bag or in a corner of a food-safe pastry bag, insert the #12 round tip. Spoon the frostings alternately into the bag. Pipe frosting onto cupcakes.
Santa Sugar Cookies
2 C. flour
1 t. baking soda
3/4 C. butter, softened
3/4 C. sugar

1 pkg. (3.3 oz.) Jell-O white chocolate flavor instant pudding
1 egg
1 lb. powdered sugar
1/3 C. water
1 t. red food coloring
96 miniature candy-coated chocolate pieces
Preheat the oven to 350. In a separate bowl, combine the flour and baking soda. Beat butter and sugar in a large bowl with a mixer until light and fluffy. Blend in dry pudding mix and egg. Gradually add the flour mixture, mixing well after each addition. Divide the dough into 4 pieces, shape into a ball. Flatten slightly into disks.
Roll out 1 disk into 6-inch round on lightly floured surface; cut into 8 wedges. Place wedges 2 inches apart, on parchment covered baking sheet. Repeat with remaining dough, using second baking sheet, if necessary.
Bake 10-12 minutes or until the edges are lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets for 1 minute. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.
Mix powdered sugar and water until blended. Pour half into a separate bowl; stir in food coloring. You should have a red bowl and a white bowl. Brush cookies with glazes—red for a background and a triangle of white frosting for a beard, and decorate with candy-coated chocolate pieces to resemble Santa faces.
We have been gearing up for Christmas for a long time, and it is finally here. Next week I hope I will have some great New Year's appetizers for you. In leaving our time together today, I would share with you my traditional Christmas message that I received many years ago from a dear friend. It has certainly been true this year for our family. Remember that—"Every time a hand reaches out to help another...that is Christmas. Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding...that is Christmas. Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other...that is Christmas. May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding, closer to the blessing of peace." May the blessings of Christmas be on all of you as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and the promise of eternal life. Merry Christmas from Lena's Kitchen and the not so skinny cook.



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Ms. Duncan's Second Grade class in Pearl City

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Dear Santa,

Are you ready for Christmas? I'm ready for Christmas. First, I have been sort of good and sort of bad. I have been fighting with my sister. But I do my chores and help get out my dad's car supplies. Next, please bring my family gifts. My sister wants down a doll house. My other sister wants a toy. My brother wants a squishy toy. Finally, please bring me gifts. I want a Segway and a 150 magic kit. I want a kid-sized motorcycle. As you can see, I have been good. I will be good again next year. Love, Parker

Dear Santa Claus,

Are you ready for Christmas? I am not ready. I've been really good. I take care of my cat Tom and I feed him food. I help my mom cook. Second, please bring my family presents. Dad wants country music. Mom loves new slippers. John wants a rescue robot. Finally, please bring me gifts. I want a Monster High girl. I love Zhu Zhu Pets. I want my own phone. Have a Merry Christmas, Santa, and a Happy New Year. Love, Caroline

Dear Santa,

Are you ready for Christmas? I'm always ready! First, I've been a good boy. I've been helping my mom. I help my dad with work. And I feed my bunny. Next, please bring my family presents. My mom wants new shoes. And my dad wants new work boots. Then, I want a Kindle and a Pie Face Showdown. And I want Simon air. Last, please bring my family presents. Merry Christmas. Love, Braylon

Dear Santa,

Are you ready for Christmas? I am ready. First, I have been good. I always help my baby brother by changing his pants. Next, please bring my family gifts. My sisters want baby clothes for my brother. My dad wants tools. Santa, will you bring my mom necklaces? Finally, please bring me

gifts. I want a new 4 wheeler because mine is almost broken. Can you please bring me a sled? As you can see, I am so ready for Christmas. Merry Christmas to you and your wife. Love, Brian

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is not sick. First of all, I want to tell you about my behavior. I have been okay, I guess. I help my friends. Next, please bring my family presents. Bring Hudson A semi-truck. Bring Lucy and American Doll clothes. Mom wants a necklace. Dad wants a bear's shirt. Finally, I really want Nike shoes, red beats, Windows XP computer, Farming Simulator 2017. And you can see, I am ready for Christmas. Love, Lincoln

Santa Claus,

Are you ready for Christmas? No, I am not ready. To begin with, I've been good but I have been a little bit mean, since I have yelled at my sister a lot. I'll do better. Next, please bring my family presents. I have 3 people in my family. My sister wants a real horse. My mom wants a new microwave. My dad wants a tool planer. Finally, please bring me gifts. I want a new bed and a security camera. So I've been nice. Please don't forget us. Merry Christmas. Love, Brynlee

Dear Santa,

Are your reindeer ready for Christmas? I bet they are. First, I want to tell you I have been good. I do my chores. I do the laundry with my mom. Next, please bring my family gifts. My mom wants a diamond necklace. Please bring my dad a football table. Finally, please bring me gifts. Please bring me Hot Wheel cars. Please bring me a Hot Wheel track. Please bring me a toy batmobile. As you can see, I've been good. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and I wish you one too. Love, Braxton

Dear Santa,

Are you ready for Christmas? I am ready for Christmas. First, I have been good. I take care of the puppies. Next, please bring my family presents. Please bring my dad a deer snow globe. Bring my sister I hatch-a-mole. My mom wants clothes. My brother wants a story. Finally, please bring me gifts. I would like a hatch-a-mole and an American Girl doll. I would like a phone. Last, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for the gifts. Love, Mya
Dear Santa,

Are you ready for Christmas? I am ready for Christmas. First, I want to tell you I have been good because I am quiet when others are talking. I always listen to my teachers. Next, please bring my family presents. My mom loves Jack stuff so can you bring her some Jack stuff. My dad wants some tools. Finally, I can tell you what I want! So let's get started! Well, I would love a remote control airplane and a stuffed animal bird. As you can see, I've been good this year, and I love Christmas. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Love, Scarlett

Dear Santa,

How was your Thanksgiving? My Thanksgiving was very good. First, I've been okay. I will tell you something good that I have done. I am taking care of my sister since she is hurt. Next, please bring my family presents. Please bring my mom a cross necklace. My sister would love an iPhone. My dad wants a Cowboys pen. Doug wants me with him. Finally, what I really want for Christmas is a gymnastics mat with bars. I would love to have some more books and some security cameras. I would like a big fold up mat. As you can see, I have been okay. Please don't forget us. Love, Danica

Dear Santa,

I love you. First, are you ready for Christmas? I am getting ready. I been good today. I helped my dad mow the grass. Mom wants a pair of zebra slippers and dad wants a new pair of socks. I would like some things too. I want a new bike and kids dirt bike and a skateboard. As you can see I been good. Did you

have a good Thanksgiving? Love, Xavier

Dear Santa Claus,

Are you ready for Christmas or not? I am almost ready for Christmas. To begin with, I have been pretty good. I help my dad on the farm. I also feed calves at night. Next, please bring my family presents. Ethan would like a new excavator for his little farm. Dad would like some socks. Mom wants her class to be done. Finally, please bring me gifts. I would like a Kinze corn planter for my little farm and on 8420 for my little farm. Have a good Christmas and I will too. Love Eli

Dear Santa,

Are you ready for Christmas? I am ready. First, I am sort of good because I help around the house. However, I fight with my sister and my brother. Next, please bring my family presents. My sister wants really expen-

sive makeup for Christmas. Ethan wants Magic tracks. Aiden wants a real hamster. Logan wants a wallet. Finally, I really want Leggings not the winter ones and make them tight. I will send you what size in the mail. As you can see, I sort of have been good. Merry Christmas. Love, Sydney

Dear Santa,

How many elves do yo have? I think you have about 100. First, I've been good. I've been careful with my new kitten. Next, please bring my family presents. My dad wants yard tools. My mom would like a new pillow. My sister wants a phone. Finally, I would like some gifts. I want Pie Face Show Down please. I would also like a little Abby and Emma doll please. As you can see, I've been good. So don't forget my gifts. I love Jingles. Love, Emma



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Chelsea Shellhouse
Orangeville 3rd Grade

*Orangeville third grader's
talk about their perfect
Christmas dinner.*

Dear Santa,
I would make cookies. Also
some milk and eggs. Also we eat
cake. We can eat mashed potatoes.

Love, Aiden Wild

Dear Santa,
This year I get to help with
Christmas dinner on the menu I
put ham, mashed potatoes, gravy,
cranberry relish, biscuits and other
magical holiday treats. First, I set

the table, I set out napkins, forks,
spoons, knives, plates, and a cup to
each and every body. Then, I cook
the food, I take the ham out of the
crockpot, I make mashed potatoes,
I pour gravy in a jar. Finally, I take
the bisuits out of the oven and
chop up the cranberries to put in

the relish. Then I set all the food
out on the table, then my guests
arrive and we eat. That's how my
family does Christmas dinner.
Love, Shaelynn Blum

Dear Santa,
I don't get to help make Christ-
mas dinner because it is all actu-
ally done on the stove. I don't want
to because I'm just not ready yet.
I'm ready for cookies but not a
big meal. I only like helping with
the seasoning. I also like making
cookies. I love Christmas dinners
though.

Your friend, Jadyn

Dear Santa,
This year I might make the
menu for Christmas dinner. I'll
have vegetables, dessert, meat, and
fruit. I'll have it at my house. Sin-
cerely, Blake

Dear Santa,
I wish the Christmas dinner
was turkey and bagels with but-

ter, some pies, rice and ham. I love
to help out on Christmas dinner.
From, Jada

Dear Santa,
I get to help prepare the dinner
for Christmas. I am going to cook
ham with masheD potatoes. Then I
will wash the dishes. Your friend,
Kabian

Dear Santa,
This year I get to make the
Christmas dinner and I made
cheeseburgers, hamburgers, french
fries, turkey, french toast, Cheetos,
spaghetti, cookies and cinnamon
rolls. I would like to make the
whole Christmas dinner and set up
the plates, clean the table, clean
the plates ad set up the house.

Sincerely, Johan

Dear Santa,
This year I want to plan the
menu. I would put chicken, cran-
berries, applesauce, and potatoes.
First, I would go to the store and
buy a chicken, then I would put it
in the oven. While it was cooking
I would buy cranberries and put
sugar on it and put it in the bowl.
Then I would pick apples smash
them put it in the bowl with cin-
namon. Next, I would get potatoes

and smash them and put butter on
them. Finally, I would get the tur-
key out of the oven and put it on
the table. Love, Mia

Dear Santa,
I'm going to make the menu.
For the appetizers there will be
pumpkin pie. For the main course
there will be turkey, pie, mashed
potatoes, gravy, cookies, fruit
cake, and milk. Love, Teigan

Dear Santa,
I get to set up the Christmas
stuff on the menu. It will be cook-
ies with Santa on it and brownies
with reindeer on them. Chicken
with little elf hats on it and white
cheese with frosty the snowman on
it.

Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa,
This year I get to help with
Christmas dinner. Our Christmas
dinner is going to be asparagus.
We put a lot of butter on it. It's
different every year, I don't know
why. We might have corn. It is a
god Christmas dinner, I love it.

Your friend, Khloe

Dear Santa,
I wish I could help with the
Christmas dinner. I have never

done it before. It looks very fun to
do it because I am a good cooker. I
did it when I was a baby but I can't
remember that. I really want to do
it. I hope I can this year.

Your awesome friend, Drew

Dear Santa,
If I had a choice to pick Christ-
mas dinner I would pick cookies
with snowman heads on them.
Then, I would pick a Santa cake.
After that is gone I would ask my
mom if we could get Pizza Hut.
Then we would get the ice cream
out and the chocolate syrup. Then I
would get some Cheetos and Dori-
tos out. I would make some cup-
cakes and get pop out. Then candy
and cinnamon rolls. Love, Kayden

Dear Santa,
If I was in charge of Christmas
dinner there would be a lot of things
I would do. First, I would invite
everybody in my family. Then, set
out all the plates, cups and silver-
ware. On my menu there would be
to drink juice, pop and water. For
food I would have chicken , pizza,
corn, mashed potatoes, rolls, chips
and dip. For dessert I would have
jello, cookies, cake, cupcakes,
jello salad, candy and marshmal-
lows. That is my Christmas dinner.
Love, Nadalee

Dear Santa,
This year I am helping and we
are having Christmas like always.
We are having spaghetti, deer
meat, meatballs, and cheese. Then
for dessert we could have brown-
ies. Love, Jayse

Dear Santa,
I think that I will get to help
cook the Christmas dinner because
every food that I make is super
good. I think I am going to have
ham, maybe I am having rolls. In
the morning I am probably going
to have cinnamon rolls for break-
fast. If I get to choose the menu I
would pick ham, rolls, mashed po-
tatoes and for dessert I would have
fruit. If I got to cook it would be a
total disaster. I like to cook but I
can only cook specific things.

Your friend, Makenzie

Dear Santa,
We don't get Christmas dinner. I
don't know why but I wish we did.
If we did, I would want to make
the menu. I would put on mashed
potatoes with gravy, chicken, corn,
corn dogs, pizza, bread, water,
rootbeer, and hamburgers with
fries. For dessert I would have
pumpkin pie, gingerbread and oreo
pie. That's what I would do if I
could have Christmas dinner.

Your good friend, Oxtin

Dear Santa,
If I had to make a menu for
Christmas dinner I would pick
spaghetti and meatballs. For sides
I would pick corn and fruit salad.
Drinks on the menu are water,
juice and hot chocolate. For des-
sert I would have cupcakes that are
chocolate and vanilla. The frost-
ing color would be green and red.
There would be cake that is also
the flavor of chocolate and vanilla.
The frosting would also be green
and red. Love, Lily



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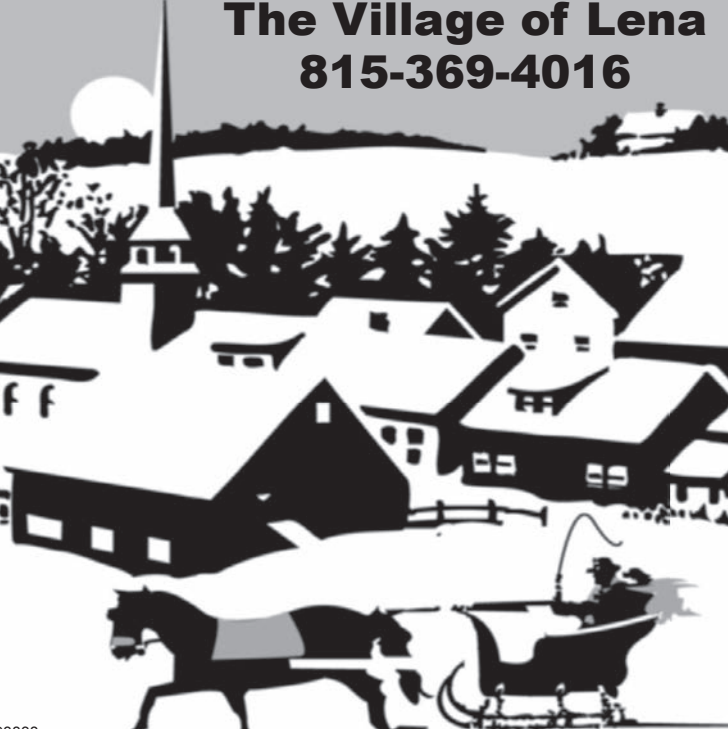
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Mr. Blakely's Kindergarten Class

Allie Pontnack
I have been a good girl and I would like Elsa Doll and toy unicorn with rainbow colored hair.
Jonah Ackerman

I have been a good boy and I would like a lot of family time. I would also like to have lots of happiness.

Layton Albright
I have been a good boy and I would like to have a nerf gun that shoots fast and a drill to help work with my daddy, when he works on houses.

Noah Colvin
I have been a good boy and I would like to have remote controlled car that goes really fast and a remote controlled airplane that will go really high.

Mason Coulthard
I have been a good boy and I would like lots and lots of Star Wars Lego's and a remote control airplane.

Easton Hauch
I have been a good boy and I would like to have my own a little gumball machine and a mini dirt bike that is real.

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

Sami Brookman
I have been a good girl and I would like to have brand new Kindle. I would also like a Nintendo DS.

Payton Goebel
I have been a good girl and I would like little baby doll and some American Dolls to play with.

Maci Graves
I have been a really good girl. For Christmas, I would like an Elsa doll and the new movie "Trolls".

Taylor Nevel
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Shopkins and I would really like to have football cards to trade with my brothers.

Jordan Lopez
I have been a good boy and I would like my own cell phone. I also want some money for my tablet.

Brody Ortiz
I have been a super good boy this year. I would like some Santa Claus snow globe. I would also like to have a box of Mr. Blakely's toy cubes.

Ava Wagner
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Jasmine dress. I would also like some Barbie's to play with.

Braxten Schultz
I have been a good boy and I would like a Wisconsin Badger football. I would also like to have NFL football uniform with shoulder pads.

Alex White
I have been a super good boy this year. I would like a new iPhone. I would also like to have a dirt bike that is painted in camouflage.

Korbin Winter
I have been a super good boy this year. I would like a new iPhone. I would also like to have a dirt bike that is painted in camouflage.

Mrs. Blakely's First Grade Class, Lena Winslow Elementary School

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I am doing good. Can I please have trolls? I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Sienna
Dear Santa,
How do you do in the North Pole? I am doing my work. Can I please have three front teeth? I hope you have a safe trip.

Your Friend, Johnafen
Dear Santa,
How are you doing, Santa? How are your reindeer, Santa? I'm doing good. Can I please have a phone and a pack of Pokémon cards? I really hope that you have a safe trip.

Love, Ashlyn
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I am being good! Can I please have trolls and an Elsa microphone? I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Breelynn
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I'm doing good and I'm being good. Can I please have a dirt bike? Love, Will

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I am helping my mom. Can I please have a Barbie? I hope you have a great Christmas!

Love, Izzy
Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your reindeer? I am ready for Christmas. I am good. I would like a life size Barbie, a Hatchimal, and a flower cup like Ashlyn's. I hope your reindeer don't get you lost.

Love, Addison
Dear Santa,
How do you make toys, Santa? How did you find the elves? I am being good, Santa. I would like a dirt bike. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Colton P.
Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I'm doing good and we are getting ready for you. I want a dirt bike helmet and a gas 4 wheeler and a tablet and a elf dog. I hope the cookies and milk are good.

Love, Brody
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer, Santa? I am good. I am helping at home. Can I please have an IPAD? Can I

have a troll doll? I hope you have a good night.

Love, Evelyn D.
Dear Santa,
How much reindeer do you have? I have been very good. Can I please have Shopkins and a Num Nom. And can I please have a diary? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Riley
Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer? I am being good at school. Can I have a pack of Pokémon cards? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Hudson
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I am doing good things. Can I please have a Pokémon? I would like a four-wheeler or a dirt bike. I hope you like my cookies.

From, Caleb

Dear Santa,
Santa, you are the best. Santa, are your reindeer being good? I want Pokémon cards. Your reindeer are good.

Love, Jaxon
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are your elves doing? Please I want a choo-choo train. Please can I have candy? Santa you can have cookies.

Love, Ashton
Dear Santa,
How was your day? Santa, how is Rudolph? I help my mom with sweeping. Can I have a Mulan, Pocahontas, and a Barbie slide? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Brooklynn
Dear Santa,
How was your reindeer? How was your day? I am nice to my family. I want a stuffed animal. Merry Christmas.

Love, Zach



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Letters To Santa

Miss Hasselman's Lena-Winslow First Grade Class

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a drone because I want to spy on my brother." – Braxton

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a new binder and cases for baseball cards. I want to make a collection with them." – Myles

"Dear Santa, Please bring me Pass the Pen and an American Girl doll because they are fun." – Lydia

"Dear Santa, Please bring me 100 Hatchimals because they are cute, so cute!" – Addison

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a Zoomer Kitty because they are fun." – Olivia

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a 3D pen so I can make my sisters a hat." – Colbie

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a new elf because I want a new elf." – Avri

"Dear Santa, I really want a drag-

on Furreal Friend because it breathes fire." – Katerina

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a new game because I need something to play with." – Nathan

"Dear Santa, I want a snowmobile because I want to race my brother, Abel." – Franklin

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a real kitten because my kitten is lonely and she has stitches." – Brennan

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a tablet because I want to play with it." – Daniel

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a Brain Saw because I don't have one." – Trevor

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a guitar because I need one." – Cooper

"Dear Santa, I want you to get me Pokemon cards because we can battle. And legos." – Noah

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a drum because I like to play music." – Stephanie

"Dear Santa, Please bring me a new real puppy because they are nice. I don't care, any puppy." – Ireland

Nick Werhane's Le-Win Elementary Second Grade

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I was trying to be nice this year. May I have a puppy because it's fun to have a friend? Also, can I have some elf shoes because they match my pajamas? My brother wants a Swagtron. He won't stop talking about it! I'm going nuts! Love, Emily Engel

Dear Santa,
Are you a human? I've tried to be a good boy. Can I please have a laptop to share with my family? My mom would like a new phone to use in the car. Also, can I please have the movie Dr. Strange because it's cool? Love, Edgar Ayala-Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How are Rudolph and Blitzen and all of the other reindeer doing? I have tried so hard to be a good brother. For Christmas I would like a remote control car please with snow tires. I would also like an Xbox One S please because I really want one. Can you please get my sister a Barbie dream house because she really wants one? Love, Jeremiah Youtzy

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am trying to be good. I want a Jack in the Box because they make me laugh. Can I please have a clown? I like clowns.

Aiden would like matchbox cars because he plays with mine. Love, Jakeb Daschner

Dear Santa,
How do you make the toys? I have been very good this year. I would like an iPad so I can play games on it. Also a PS4 so I can play with my siblings. My brother would like \$100 so he can buy all the Olafs he wants. Love, Gavin Kaiser

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I have tried to be nice. I would like a dirt bike please so I can ride around the house. Also, could I have a phone so I could call my mom and dad? My dad would like some tools so he can work on stuff. Love, Hudson Winter

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I am trying to be nice this year. I would like a girl elf because I have a boy elf so I want a girl elf to go with him. This year I would also like a toy Mrs. Claus and Santa please because I have an elf and some reindeer. My mom would like a tablet because hers is getting old. Love, Adelynn Anderson

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have working? I have been nice to my brother and sister. This year I would like a Fitbit so I can count my steps. Also, could I please have an American Girl Leah because she is pretty? My mom would like a coffee maker because she loves coffee.

Love, Ella Hauch

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer lift off? I've tried to be nice this year. This year I would like an American Girl

Doll Salon because I have an American Girl Doll and I want to give her a salon. Also, can I please have a keyboard so I can play some music and sing a song? My brother would like a guitar because I think he would like to sing a song. Merry Christmas! Love, Baylee Reed

Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing? I tried to be a good brother this year. I would like a PS4 this year so I can play my friend. Also, can I please have a new charger for my iPad because all of my chargers at my house are broken? My mom and dad want a free house for sale so they can have more room for the new baby.

Love, Payton Matherson

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I tried my best to listen so I can get toys. I would want an iPod touch 5 to play games on it. Also, can I have a basketball hoop because I love to play basketball? My dad wants some tools to work on his truck. Love,

Race Meile

Dear Santa,
How's your reindeer? I have been working super hard to be nice. This year, I would like a toy red fire truck that has sirens and a hose and a ladder. Also, can I have a brown robot with a remote control? Mommy would like new boots because she likes to wear boots. Love, Jackson Noller

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been trying to be nice this year. I would like a PlayStation this year because I have no electronics. Also, could I please have an iPad? My mom would like a new car because her other car is old. Love, Ian Geiseman

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been trying my best to be as nice as I can. This year I would like a 60 MPH remote control car so I can have a faster car. Also, I really want a guitar because I want to sing for mom. My dad would want Snap-On tools so he could have nice tools. Love, Jaxon Korte

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing and also how are you doing? I tried my best to be nice. This year I would like a snowboard because my friend and I can play together. Also, I would like football gear so my brother and I can play together. My brother would like a remote control car so we can drive it down the sidewalk. Love, Kady Goeke

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I have been trying to be good. This year I would like a pet bird from a parrot movie please. Also, could I please have a 2DS? My brothers Rogan and Ash have one. My brother Rogan would like a pet dog please

Love, Persephone Dykstra

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph going to lead the reindeer this year? I have tried to be nice. This year I would like a Fur Real Friends dragon because it has a marshmallow and the dragon breathes fire. Also, I would like an Aqua Beads Beginner's Studio because you can make Frozen characters. I think my mom would like a necklace because she likes to look pretty. Love, Brianna Edler

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Dear Santa Claus,
Are you magic? How long is your beard? Could you please bring my brother a new Nerf gun and Barbies for my sister? My mom and dad would like new clothes. Could you bring me a drone with a camera and Nerf guns? Thank you Santa! I have tried to be good this year!

Your friend, Colton
Dear Santa Claus,
How can you stop time? What is your favorite cookie? My sister wants a coloring book. My dad would like new tools. My mom would like new clothes. Could you please bring me a soft pillow and a set of colored pencils? Thank you Santa! I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Marlee
Dear Santa Claus,
What is your favorite cookie? How are your elves doing? Please bring my mom a butterfly ring and a game for my dad. Could you please bring a unicorn Pillow and a puppy for me? Thank you Santa! I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Gemma
Dear Santa Claus,
How do you travel to everyone in one night? How many toys can you carry? Can you please bring my brother a water bottle? My mom and dad would like a new little TV. Could you please bring me a new dress and a Pie in the Face Game. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Krista
Dear Santa Claus,
Can you reindeer really fly? How can you stop time? Please bring mom a new ornament. Dad would like a new fan. Elizabeth wants a tablet. John and Jared would like Legos. Please bring me easy books to read and an American Girl doll. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Hannah
Dear Santa Claus,
How do you stop time? Are you really alive? Please bring Angelina a baby book. William would like a new tablet. Mom and dad want a new room. Please bring me a new sled. I would also like a tablet. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Alan
Dear Santa Claus,
How do your reindeer fly? Are you magic? My daddy wants a new hat. My Mommy wants a new coat. My sister wants a new Hedgehog. I want a stuffed Hedgehog and a Barbie Dreamhouse. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Kennedy
Dear Santa Claus,
Are you really alive? Are you magic? My daddy wants a new car. My Mommy wants a crock pot. My brother wants a new phone. I want a new tablet and a baby sister. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Braylen
Dear Santa Claus,
Are you really alive? How long is your beard? My dad wants a new truck. My mom wants clothes. My sister wants a new phone. My brother wants an X-box. I would like a PlayStation and games. I have tried

to be good all year!
Your friend, Colt
Dear Santa Claus,
Are you magic? What is your favorite cookie? My dad wants a four-wheeler. My mom wants more kittens. My sister wants a baby sister. I would like an electric dirt bike. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Karsen
Dear Santa Claus,
How do you travel to everyone in one night? What is your favorite cookie? My mom wants pajamas. My dad wants a new truck. My brother wants a toy bike. I would like to have an electric scooter and touch my Elf on a Shelf. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Deaken
Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph doing? Are you magic? Please bring my mom and dad Cubs stuff. Alex would like Thomas the Train things. Duke wants a squeaky pheasant. I would like a glow drone and a Wii controller. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you Santa!

Your friend, Jayelle
Dear Santa Claus,
How does Rudolph's nose glow? Are you magic? Please bring my

mom a calendar and my dad headphones. Jackson would like a tablet. Everly wants a baby doll. I would like a 3DS and a Mario Kart disc. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you Santa!

Your friend, Miles
Dear Santa Claus,
How do your reindeer carry your sled? Is Rudolph really real? Please bring my mom and dad Cubs stuff. Kip would like a spying robot and Sandy wants a cute fire breathing dragon. I would like a fighting robot and flying robot. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you Santa!

Your friend, Dustin
Dear Santa Claus,
Are you really alive? How long is your beard? Please bring my mom a Christmas cactus and my dad a 4020 model tractor. Hayden and Addison would like a drone. I would like a pulling tractor. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you Santa!

Your friend, Brogan
Dear Santa Claus,
How big is your bag? Is Rudolph real? Can you bring my brother a fold-down rake for a little farm? Can you bring my mom and dad a new TV? Ava would like more Barbies and Addie would like a horse.

Could you please bring me little farm tractors and a big combine for little farm. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Jayden
Dear Santa Claus,
Can reindeer really fly? Are you magic? My dad wants a tractor. My mom wants a pig. Maddie wants a doll. Natalie wants a baby bed. I want a Nerf gun. I tried to be good this year~

Your friend, Spencer
Dear Santa Claus,
How long is your sleigh? Are you alive? Please bring Mom and Dad a computer. Josh would like a new Xbox. Treydon wants a DS. Caitlyn wants posters. Please bring me posters too. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Hailey
Dear Santa Claus,
Are you really alive? How many elves do you have? Please bring

mom a new bed. Dad wants a new Xbox. Xander wants a new TV. Crystal wants a doll. Billy would like tools. Please bring me a big RC tractor and a RC boat. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, George
Dear Santa Claus,
Do the bells on the harness make the reindeer fly? What is your favorite cookie? Please bring Dad new tools. Mom wants a new watch. Please bring me an electric scooter, and a whiteboard with markers and eraser. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Carlito
Dear Santa Claus,
Do you show yourself? How do your elves make toys? My mom wants a cooking oven. Mimi wants some clothes. I would like a Batman Lego 1 game. I tried to be good all year.

Your friend, Nathan



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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Maurer first grade Orangeville

Dear Santa,
My favorite color is pink and blue! Santa, what do YOU want for Christmas? I want an Elsa that changes with a snowflake and a Flip-a-zoo. I also want a furry kitten and a furry puppy.

Your friend,
Finley

Dear Santa,
I like to color with black. I really, really like Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer! What is your favorite job? I want a real kitten with a leash and a collar, and a Zoomer Kitty.

Your friend,
Lilliona

Dear Santa,
I like real cats! My favorite color is pink. Do you actually have Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer? Can you bring me the toy trolls? Can

you bring me a Zoomer Kitty? I would like a stuffed cat too.

Your friend,
Aaliyah

Dear Santa,
My favorite color is black. How do you deliver presents to all those houses? I would like an Xbox and a Nintendo 3 D.

Your friend,
Jonah

Dear Santa,
My favorite thing to do is play with my mom! My favorite color is purple! How do the elves make the presents? I would like some boots and a blanket and a cat.

Your friend
Azalynn

Dear Santa,
My favorite color is pink! How do you make presents? I want an American Girl Doll. I want a Hello Kitty and I want a cat.

Your friend,
Kylee

Dear Santa,
My favorite thing to do is ride my bike without training wheels. What do YOU want for Christmas? Can I please have a real sword and a real knife? Can I please have a new bow and arrow?

Your friend,
Connor

Dear Santa,
My favorite thing is science! Are you real, Santa? I would like a real sword, and Wampanoag Indian, and a bow and arrow for hunting!

Your friend,

Mrs. Becky Anderson Le-win Elementary Second Grade

Dear Santa, I hope you have a good Christmas. I have been nice. I would like a tablet. I would like a computer. I love you Santa.

Love, Grace Bastendorff

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I have tried my best to be nice. I want a dirt bike with a helmet and a suit because I have a big yard. I also want a lap-top if it is not much. My mom wants a crib. Happy Christmas!!!

Love, Mason Kempel

Dear Santa, Who's your favorite reindeer? I am nice. I want a dry erase board. I want a phone because I want to play with it. I want a book because Leah needs a book to read. Merry Christmas! Love, Emily Goebel

Dear Santa, What reindeer do you like best? I've been nice this year. I would like Legos and an I-pod, please because I like to build Legos. My brother Lucas wants Legos too, because he likes to build them and play with them. Merry Christmas Santa. Thank you for toys.

Love, Brianna Fye

Dear Santa, Hey Santa, I have a question for you. Have I been naughty or nice? Please tell me at Christmas. I was nice this year. I would like a big doll house, please. I would like a smart watch and a smart phone, please. My brother, Landon, wants an X-box, please. Merry Christmas. Love, Lila Grindey

Dear Santa, Do you like Christmas? I am a nice kid. I want the Millenium Falcon and Legos be-

cause they're fun to put together. My sister wants a ring from Ryan. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Dane Rose

Dear Santa, Am I being nice this year? I would like a phone this year because I want to play on it. I want a horse because I want to ride a horse at my house. My sister Alex wants a baby duck. Have a Happy New Year. Love, Madelyn Bauer

Dear Santa,
How do you leave a house so fast? I have been good this year. I would like an X-box One because I have problems. I would like a security camera, because I can see who is at my door. My mom would like a snowman pillow because she likes snowmen. Have a good day!

Love, Mikey Wise

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I am nice to people. I want a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles toy because I like Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I want the Troll movie when it comes out and a movie for my family. OK, Santa Clause, see you.

Love, Chace Krzeminski

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite reindeer name? My favorite reindeer name is Blitzen. I have been naughty. For Christmas I want a phone please. Another thing I want is my elf Harmony to talk to me. My brother wants a Lego set. Thank you for all the presents. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Taylynn Havens

Dear Santa, Santa, how are you doing? I have been nice. I want a drum for Christmas and five pairs of jeans please. My brother wants Paw Patrol and Mickey please. I will give you cookies.

Love, Preston Shultz

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! Are you being good? I have been nice. I want a crossbow, because I want to do target practice. My brother wants a cross bow. Merry Christmas!

Love, Jack Jordan

Dear Santa, How old are you? I've been nice! I want a Yokai Watch Bland bags because I'm a big fan of Yokai. I also want a Blazon figure! My brother wants a bat-robot because he's been wanting that for a long time. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Nate Taylor

Dear Santa, Do you like Halloween? I have been naughty and nice but mostly nice. I would like the best nerf gun you have please, nice person!!! I also want blow up punching gloves so if I punch Gage in the face it won't hurt please! Gage would like a Barbie doll please. I love you!

Love, Gannon Dunker

Dear Santa, How do you go to all those houses in one night? I have been nice this year. I would like a pottery wheel for beginners because I like pottery and art. I also want some new earrings that are real metal, because the other ones hurt my ears. My brother, Maisen wants a tablet because I got a tablet. I will leave out reindeer food and some food for you. Have a very Merry Christmas. I believe in you!

Love, Shaylen Smith

Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? I have been nice. I would like a crossbow and a tablet because I love hunting. I want a bb gun because I like shooting at targets. Logan wants crutches because he has a scab and he wants a cast. I love you Santa.

Love, Dalton Fogel



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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Judy Robinson Pearl City Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I've been very good. How is Mrs. Claus doing? How many reindeer pull the sleigh? My dad wants a video game, my mom wants a rug, and my cat wants a catnip toy. I want a Kindle and a PS4.

Your friend, Tristan
Dear Santa,
I have been very, very, very, very, very good. How many cookies do you eat in a night? How many elves do you have? Ryker wants everything Paw Patrol. And my mom wants kitchen supplies. Dad wants us to keep the house clean. Kylee wants a volleyball. I want a lizard and a snake.

Your friend, Eli
Dear Santa,
I tried not to fight with my sister. Are you really an elf? How cold is the North Pole? My dad wants a little picture of you, my mom wants jewelry, Natalie wants an iPod, and Sam and Tiger want new chew toys. I want a MCA H2O car and a kitten.

Your friend, Mackenzie
Dear Santa,
I have tried to be very good this year. Do you ever get sleep? How many cookies do you eat every year? Josh would like hair gel. Caitlyn wants a Dork Diary. Hai-ley wants a robot dog. Mom wants a new phone. Dad wants a computer. I want a drone with an HD camera and HD TV.

Your friend, Treydon
Dear Santa,
I was very good so can I have some presents? How many elves do you have? How many houses do you go to in one night? My mom would like a smelly thing.

My dad would like a mug. Brody would like football gloves. Bryn-lee would like a horse. Brooklyn would like a baby. I want a go-cart.

Your friend, Brycen
Dear Santa,
I was really good this year. How many elves do you have? Is your sled big or small? My mom would like a puppy. My dad would like a foot massager. My sister would like a cat. I would like a pair of shoes and a book.

Your friend, Donna
Dear Santa,
I want to know if I've been good. Hey, Santa. How can you eat a lot of cookies in one night? How are you magic? My dad would like a tool box. My sister Olivia would like a pet bunny. My sister Ella would like jewelry. My mom would like new shoes. My dog would like a lot of chew toys. I would like an ATV and an iPod.

Your friend, Sawyer

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be very good this year. I help my dad work. What does the North Pole look like? How is Mrs. Claus? My brother Ethan wants a dirt bike. Oliver wants a big lump of coal. My dad wants a trap gun. My mom wants a TV. I want a dog and a TV.

Your friend, Leo
Dear Santa,
I have been being good in school. Where do you live Santa? Do you have elves? My mommy wants a new phone. Daddy wants a new gun. It is not safe, but I am letting him have it. I want a laptop and Mommy's phone. She said, "Maybe". I said, "OK Mommy". I love you so much Mommy.

Your friend, Jocelynn
Dear Santa,
I have tried to give you some cookies. How do you tie the bows for the presents? How do your elves get the pretty papers? My mom wants a shirt for work. My

dad can have a pair of shoes. My sister can have nail polish. I would like a dolly and a coat.

Your friend, Sherlyn
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How do your elves make toys? Do you have any girl reindeer? Mom wants a trumpet. John wants a guitar. Margaret wants a friend for Baby Thomas. Sylvester wants a cat sleeping bag. Hazel wants a cat toy. Peanut wants a big dragon stuffed animal zebra. I want a toy kitten.

Your friend, Zoie
Dear Santa,
I tried to be very good this year. How is Mrs. Claus? What house

do you go to first? My mom would like to have jewelry. Dad would like to have a Star Wars shirt. An-icka would like a sock monkey. Jenee would like to have more American Girl doll clothes. I want to have a Flutterby and a flute.

Your friend, Nevaeh
Dear Santa,
I have tried to be very good this year. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Do your elves do all the work or do the Yetis? My mom would like a new oven. Shy would like a vol-leyball. My dad would like a four wheeler. I would like a tumbling mat.

Your friend, Laney

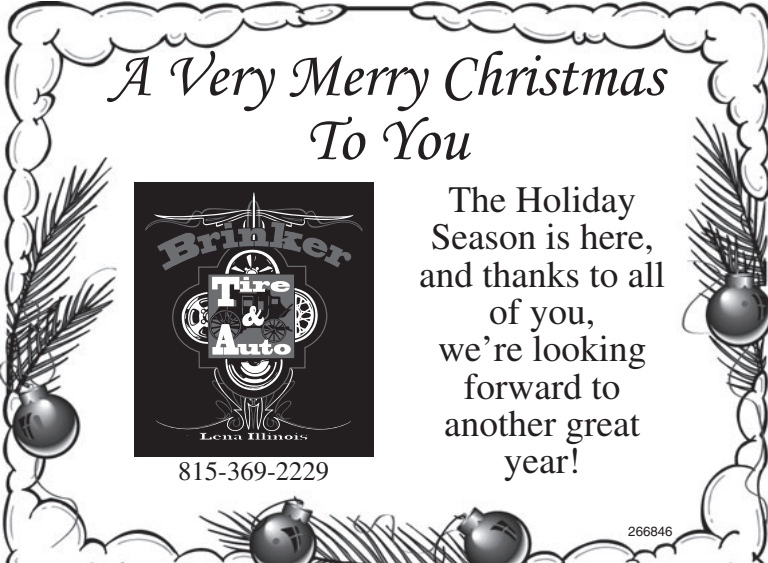


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Mrs. Trampel's Orangeville Elementary School second graders

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer good? What do the elves look like? Is it cold like winter? Is Rudolph real? What do you do? Do you like cookies? I will tell you more.

I should be on the nice list. I have been good because if you do not give me a present I would be crushed. I have been good. I know you are real.

We eat steak on Christmas Day. I help. First we defrost it. Then we cook it. Then it is ready, and then we set the table. Then we eat.

I would like American doll food. I would like American doll bunk beds, tables and chairs. I would like a kitten, a real kitten. They are so cute!

Love, Abigail
Dear Santa,
How would Santa get the sleigh off the ground? I want to know if I

am on the nice list. I want to know if I am on the bad list. I want to know if I am on the nice list or the bad list.

I like potatoes. The butter and the potatoes cook for one minute. My uncle racks the wine. He has a pipe that pumps it through it. He is good at it. My uncle has two dogs. They run away.

I want a racecar. I want a toolbox.
Love, Ethan

Dear Santa Why do you wear a red suit? Why do you like cookies?

I am on the nice list because I help my mom sometimes. I work hard for hockey.

I do not say mean things to people. We have meat, Cowboy potatoes, squash and rice. We have different kinds of rice. We have different kinds of meat. We have different kinds of Cowboy potatoes.

I want I-tunes Operation Genesis, an iPod, and a case.

Love, Beau

Dear Santa,

Are the elves small or huge? Mrs. Claus, is Santa being good? I will make my own nice list and bad list. Do you have Rudolph with his red nose so that Santa can see how to go the way he wants to go to deliver the presents to the children?

We make pancakes and we all eat them. They are very good. We have some people over to eat it. They like it. We get to stay up late. I like to stay up late and spend time with my family. We open presents and see who got presents and we have a great time.

I am on the good list because I get good grades on my spelling test sometimes. I get only some of my math test wrong. I get on good colors and I am kind to others. I want a big bear, clothes for my American girl doll, and a chapter book.

Love, Lexi

Dear Santa,
How many reindeers do you have? How many elves do you have? Do the reindeer and elves like snow? Are reindeers out skating?

I think I am on the good list because I am sometimes good. My mom and dad said that I am on the good list.

We have chicken, green beans, and mashed potatoes on Christmas Day. My grandma makes chicken. She gets it from Aldis and she put it in the oven and cuts it up. This is how you make green beans. You put it on the stove and you have to wait

for when it is done cooking. I think I know how to make mashed potatoes. You buy it at a store and your mom or dad peels it.

I want an Easy Bake Oven, lots of nice clothes for my Dad's house, socks, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and lots of nice shirts. I also want a Sluggie that you cover up with and an American girl doll that looks like me.

Love, Brynlee

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly? How much toys are there? Is the North Pole cold?

I think I am on the nice list. I try to be nice to everyone. I help people get away from bullies.

Can I please have Snuggles the puppy? He is cute. I want cool headphones for Christmas.

Love, Ivy
Dear Santa,

What do you make your toys out of? How many reindeer do you have? Are you reindeer nice? I think I am on the nice list because when I see someone fall down I will go and help them up.

On Christmas night we eat Chili. In our Chili we put beans, meat, green peppers and water. On that night we also have beans, cake, ice cream, jello, pie and cookies. We prepare it because we make everything.

I would like an American girl doll, Monster High doll, clothes, Moogy purse, ornament, books, sheets of

paper, crayon boxes, glue sticks, runny glue, markers, scissors, and a whole bunch of stickers.

Love, Kelsey

Dear Santa,

Are elves tinier than a mouse? How many people are on the nice list so far? How many reindeer do you have? Am I on the nice list? How many people are on the naughty list? What kind of cookies do you get the most of on Christmas?

I think I should be on the nice list because I get good grades in school, and I don't fight with my brother that much. Also, because I am nice to my mom and dad. I have ham for Christmas. I prepare by setting the table. I help make dinner. I also help by cleaning dishes. I do lots of things to help.

I want a Doodle Bug for Christmas. Doodle Bug is a mini motorcycle. I want another snowmobile. I also want a saxophone.

Your friend, Brock

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolph real? Do your elves fly? What does your sleigh look like?

We have ham, pie, and cheesy potatoes on Christmas Day. I put the spices on the ham! We cook it for 30 minutes. I mashed the potatoes. I cut the ham. I love the food!!

I think I am on the nice list because I am a loving boy. I am a hard worker.

I would like Legos for Christmas, a snowmobile, and orange snowboard skis. Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,

Do you have a red suit? How is Rudolph? What is he eating for food and the other reindeer? How shiny is your sleigh? You're the best!

We have cheesy potatoes for Christmas. We have salad. We have fruit salad. We have cucumbers. We have chicken, raspberry Jell-O, marshmallows, and applesauce.

I am on the nice list because I help people. I want a big combine and a big semi.

Love, Tristan



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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have?
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How many toys do you have to make?
I have turkey on Christmas Day. I also have green beans. I prepare the green beans in a small pot, but I cook the turkey in a big pot. I love our Christmas dinner.
I am probably on the nice list. I am nice at school and I am nice at home. Our elf Charlie usually comes.
I would like a bell from your sleigh. I would also like a bell bracelet and an ever after high doll.
Sincerely, Aubrey

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Used to laugh and call him names;
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games.
Then one foggy Christmas Eve,
Santa came to say:
Rudolph with your nose so bright,
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,
You'll go down in history."

Dear Santa,
Are the elves being good like Oliver? Is Rudolph real? Is my elf having fun?
I eat bread for Christmas and my mom buys it. We eat Jell-O and my mom buys Jell-O. We have ham. My grandma cooks it. We buy fruit punch and for dessert we get a lot of cookies. There are chocolate cooki I think I am on the nice list because I help my family. I do chores to help my family.

I want a big stuffed animal, a stuffed hippo, a stuffed reindeer, a toy Nerf gun, a stuffed fish, stuffed fox, stuffed octopus, and a stuffed giraffe. I also want a stuffed goat, a stuffed cow, stuffed zebra, stuffed monkey, a stuffed snake, and a stuffed unicorn.
Love, Matt
Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? What color is your sleigh? What game do your reindeer play?
We eat ham, turkey, Jell-O, mashed potatoes, and apple pie for Christmas food. Mom cooks the mashed potatoes. Dad cooks the turkey. Mom cooks the apple pie. We have everything.
I am on the nice list. I like to help my mom with chores. I help my mom clean the living room.
I would like a Lego set and a train track for Christmas. I want a Bible, too. I want a hot rod set
Love, Aidan

Dear Santa,
Have you been late before? Do you star at night?
We have ham on Christmas Day with beans, potatoes, and cookies for dessert.
I think I am on the nice list because I am nice. I help my mom with laundry and her room.
I would like a little bed for a kid that comes with a pillow and a little blanket for Christmas.
Love, Ayden
Dear Santa,
Do you have a reindeer named Rudolph? How do the reindeer fly? What are their names?
On Christmas I eat chili, Jell-O, applesauce, green beans and mashed potatoes. My mom uses black beans for the chili. My mom uses peas for the green beans. My mom mixes the mashed potatoes.

I think I am on the nice list. I think that I am on the nice list because I do good in school. Also, I am good to others.
For Christmas I want a ginormous Lego set. I also want a golf cart. I want five Chocolate Lab puppies. I also want another Lego set, five Boxer puppies, and five Golden Retriever puppies. Love, Payton
Dear Santa,
what we want for Christmas? How do you make toys?
I have ham, corn, green beans, salad, and Christmas cookie for dessert on Christmas.
I think I am on the good list be-

cause I do not bully my friends.
I want an iPod and a case for it. I want an I pad and a case for it. I want a gumball machine. I want some Shopkins. I want a teacher Michael Heggerty book. I want makeup, two touch screen laptops for me and my brother, all of the Magic Tree House books, and a teacher job chart. I also want a day of the week chart, today weather chart, and a day of the month chart. I also want an erase board, 12 Jolly Phonics books, and the answer book.
Love, Katie
Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? Do you have a wife? Santa's Elves are you real? What do you make

your toys out of? Is it cold in the North Pole? Do you have a child?
We have ham on Christmas Day. My mom buys the ham from the store. Then my mom preheats the oven and puts the ham in the oven. Then my mom takes the ham out of the oven and leaves the ham out to cool until it is good enough to eat. So that is how I think you make ham.
I think I am on the nice list because I am a good helper. I am a good friend.
For Christmas I would like a phone. I would also like an elephant. Another thing that I want is a tablet.
Love, Oskar

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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Lorig's Pearl City First Grade

Dear Santa Claus, How many elves do you have? How do you get all the way around the world? My dad would like new pliers please. I would like a fungus-a-mungus toxic chamber and a dress with a pink shirt, a blue skirt, and a pink and blue cape. I have tried to be good all year. Your friend, Cassidy

Dear Santa Claus, How do the reindeer fly? How many parts are in your toy machine? My dad would like a hammer, please. I would like a gas four-wheeler and a new train set please. I have tried to be good all year. Your friend, Brodie

Dear Santa Claus, How do the reindeer fly? What size are your elves? My cousin would like a dinosaur toy please. I have tried to be good all year. I would like a fungus-a-mungus yuck truck toy and the toxic chamber, a mini-dirt bike, and an electric scooter. Thank you, Easton

Dear Santa Claus, What size are your elves? How are the reindeer? My brother would like a train table please. I would like a Barbie camper with a jug of water, please. I have tried to be good. Your friend, Bridget

Dear Santa Claus, How do your elves make toys? How do you get all the way around the world? My mom would like a snowglobe for Christmas

please. I would like a stuffed Pokemon animal named Pikachu, Pokemon cards, and an Anna doll please. I have tried to be good all year. Your friend, Brianna

Dear Santa Claus, How do the reindeer fly? How many elves do you have? Would you please bring my mom some beautiful necklaces? My dad would like Star Wars pajamas. Adeline wants some markers and coloring books. I would like Little Life pet mice, Project Dancing Square, spy kit, and a makeup set. I have tried to be good all year. Thank you, Santa. Your friend, Camdyn

Dear Santa Claus, How do the elves make the toys? How do you do all that magic? Please bring my mom some earrings. My dad would like some shoes and Dusty and Kip want robots. I would like Torch and Orbeez and Hatchimos. I have been good all year. Thank you. Your friend, Sandy

Dear Santa Claus, How many parts

are in your toy machine? How do you do all that magic in one night? Can you please bring my mom a pair of running shoes and my dad would like a new phone case and Xander wants a Phlat ball. Yoshi wants a kennel. I would like Pokemon cards and Pie-face showdown. I have tried to be good all year. Thank you, Santa. Your friend, Porter

Dear Santa Claus, How do the elves make the toys? How do you get all the way around the world? Please bring my mom a scratching carpet for the cat. Dylan would like new books and Spaz wants a chew toy. I would like some Pokemon cards. I have tried to be good all year. Thank you, Santa. Your friend, Jesse (JJ)

Dear Santa Claus, How many Santa suits do you have? How do all the toys fit in your bag? Please bring my mom a couple of rings. My dad would like some new guitar picks. Makayla wants Pokemon games and Miles

wants some Pete the Cat books. I would like snuggles, some books, and a cat. I have tried to be good all year. Thank you, Santa. Your friend, Nola

Dear Santa Claus, How do the reindeer fly? How do you do all that magic? Could you please bring Cade a new video game? My mom would like jewelry and my dad would like a new phone. Could you please bring me a giant stuffed bear with a red bow and an iPod? Thank you, Santa. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Elley

Dear Santa Claus, How do the elves make the toys? How do you do all that magic? Mom wants a bracelet. Luke wants a baby toy. Jack wants a police car. Gigi wants Hello Kitty. Could you bring me a Peppa Pig and Pie Face Showdown? Thank you, Santa. I have tried to be good all year. Your friend, Sam

Dear Santa Claus, How many Santa suits do you have? How do the elves make the toys? Could you please bring my baby brother an Everest toy? Skylar would like new clothes, Kylie would like a purse, Mom wants a necklace, and Dad wants new tools. Please bring me a computer and a giant Chase. Thank you, Santa! I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Morgan

Dear Santa Claus, How do your reindeer fly? How do your elves make toys? Please bring Jayden a little farm toy. Ava wants a smiley face emoji and Addie would like a stuffed horse. Please bring mom a necklace and dad a 3 wheel tractor lamp. I would like a big farm 3 wheel tractor and a fold up rake. Thank you, Santa! I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Lucas

Dear Santa Claus, How do you do all that magic? How do the elves make the toys? Could you please bring Kyleigh a stuffed toy owl? Please bring my mom a new necklace and my dad a new coffee machine. Please bring me a race track and a ninja turtle. Thank you Santa! I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Conner

Dear Santa, How are you? Could you please bring me some toys. I have tried to be good all year. Thank you. Your friend, Skylar

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy robot with a controller. I would also like a race car with a controller. I would like a helicopter with a controller.

Love, Brody
Dear Santa,
I want a dolly and a baby. Please bring Mason a doggie.

Love, Michelle
Dear Santa,
I want a fake turkey to cuddle with. I have been a good girl. Please bring me some books to read. I would also like some colored pencils, scissors and glue sticks.

Love, Vyvian
Dear Santa,
I want a Five Nights of Freddie plushy and I like the red one with the eye patch. Thank you for giving me presents. I like to see presents in my stocking. Thank you for making toys.

Love, Grey
Dear Santa,
I would like a turtle for Christmas. I would like a swimming pool for my whole family. I would also like some baby goats. I would like a doll. Also, some baby sheep. I would like a spider to keep as a pet. I would like a baby worm. I would like a picture of a baby goat. I have been a good boy.

Love, Braxton
Dear Santa,
I would like a 4 wheeler and a dirt bike. I would like a bouncy ball. I would like a remote control car.

Love, Tony
Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas my very own art room and a wubble bubble ball. I would also like a glowing ball. I would like my very own list. I would like my very own play set.

Love, Allie
Dear Santa,
I want a Ninja Turtle Iphone pad. I wish I could have a turtle shell.

Love, JaiLynn
Dear Santa,
I drew you a picture. I want Snuggles the puppy and those kitties with one dot eye. I would like an Easy Bake Oven to make good recipes with.

Love, Xander
Dear Santa,
I would like a cute bat stuffed animal. I would really, really like Dog Alive and Cat Alive. If I got a Cat Alive, I would name her Flower.

Love, Makena
Dear Santa,
I would like scissors so I can make things for my family. I would also like some American Girl doll clothes. Lastly, I would like a sprinkler to run through during the summer.

Love, Maggie
Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll with some extra clothes so I can change her outfits. I would also like a big Barbie house for her to live in. I would also like a tablet to play games on.

Love, Becca
Dear Santa,
I would like a toy dog with a blue leash so I can walk him. I would like

a blue collar for him, too. I would like a doggie bed and food bowls for him.

Love, Ian
Dear Santa,
I would like a new Lego set to build a train with. I would like a new book about animals. Dinosaurs are my favorite. I would like blocks to build a house with.

Love, Hayden
Dear Santa,
I would like a great big swimming pool for in the summer. I would also like some new board games to play with my family.

Love, Grady
Dear Santa,
I would like a small trampoline that only I can go on. I would also like a bear stuffed animal that is as big as me. I would also like some new building blocks.

Love, Aneena
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bird toy because I love birds. Please bring Kenzie baby dolls. I would also like a toy helicopter. Kenzie wants a bird game for her tablet.

Love, Mason
Dear Santa,
I love you. The Elves are great! I would like a 3DS, some dice, and some Paw Patrol things. I would really like Marshall's pup pack.

Love, Liam
Dear Santa,
I want hunting gear, a compass, and a harpoon. I would also like a Nerf gun, an Elf and a harness for my horse.

I would also like a lead rope. Please bring milkers for our cows.
Love, Jaymeson

Mrs. Pieper Lena Winslow Elementary Third Grade

Dear Santa,
How can you get in peoples houses that fast.

I want you to get me Morio kart for my nitendo ds anda xbox one and playstation4.

Hope you have a jolly Christmas
From jayce
Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo 3ds I like Nintendo 3ds and my cozen lets me play Nintendo 3ds .

And how are you doing.
From: Jesus
Dear Santa,

How can you go into houses so quick? I love the presents you give me! How are the elves? How do your elves make so many toys? Can you send me another message? PLEASE.

Love, Mackenzie

Dear Santa

I wish you a merry Christmas. Also how many toys do you exactly deliver? How many elves do you have in all? My elf was in my brother's stocking. Yesterday my elf was on top of my shelf in my living room.

From, khayne

Dear Santa

How are you doing? I am great. My elf was silly today because he was on ceiling fan. This is what I won't for Christmas I won't a Red heeler puppy ,a bb gun and all of the Diary of a Wimpy kid. Do you like Oreos cookies and milk.

From koby

Dear santa,

I would like 4 things a hole pack of my mini micksa quos and shopkins season 6 and doll house and a doll car thank you merry christmas.

Love, Laina

Dear, Santa

How are the elves? For this year for christmas I want MW2. I want a xbox 1 s. I want a ps4 pro. I want Battle Field 1.I want a Drone that you can hook up your phone too.

Love, Max

Dear, Santa

Do you know what I want? I want a American girl doll. I want a Shopkin house. I want cloths'. I want Catty Norrie. I want shopkins.

I want holuhup.I want some dove chocolate.

Love your friend, scarlett

Dear Santa

How are the elves doing? I hope you now what I want for Christmas.

I want a xbox one a playstaion4 and that is all I want for Christmas. I hope you have a marry Christmas. that is all I want for Christmas.

From Tyree

Dear Santa,

I would like a lot of things. First, I would like an IPod . I know you know what an IPod is because you gave one to Brady.

Second, I want a Lime Green IPod case and a Dark Green IPod charger. P.S. I will feed your reindeer again this year.

From :
Your friend, Trenton

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing. Can I have some shopkins for Christmas. How are the elves doing? Can I have some orbies for Christmas. Can I have a puppy too. I will leave some cookies out for you.

Sincerely, Adalyne

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am great. How are you're elves doing? Are

you exited for Christmas? I am excited...correction I am very excited.
Love Addie

Dear Santa, Hi Santa how are doing? How is carol? I am fine! I Love candy canes. I love the stripes. Love, Aiden

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am good. I have been ok this year. Is Mrs. Claus doing well? I would like some new stuffed animals, an elf on the shelf, shopkins, and a Nintendo 3DS. Have a very merry Christmas. Love, Aubrey

Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm fine. What do you want for Christmas? I want a phone, nom noms, an elf on the shelf, a cat, a parrot, a new house, etc. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she's doing well. That's all I wanted to say. Bye! Sincerely, Ava

Dear, Santa Claus ,

What I really want for Christmas is shopkins!! There are other things but I love shopkins!! I really want to get up to 400 shopkins!! I have 362 shopkins

I kinda want Num Noms to but I want shopkins!!!! I want the shopkin shapie girls to! You'll be getting me a lot of shopkin things this year!!!! HINT HINT!!!!

I REALLY hope that you have a very merry Christmas!!!! Love the CREATIVE Ayla

Dear Santa How are you? I'm doing fine can you get me a iPhone. Can you get me a neckless can you get me a band a loop. Can you get me two bags of blow pops can you get me a phone case that says my name. can I have some makeup to . From' bailey

Dear, Santa

May I please have Barbie's and Barbie cars and a Barbie house?Also,Can I have the American girl doll lea Clark? Next can I have a iPod Touch? How are you doing? How is your wife? How are your reindeer?I Only want 5 things. From Chloe bicker

Dear Santa,

I want a snowmobile. I also I want air soft guns. Also want raser From cooper

Dear Santa,

How have you been? I have been good. Can I have Nerf guns. Can I have Legos? Can I have an Elf on a Shelf? Can I have Skylanders? Can I have the game Plants vs Zombies Garden Warfare 2? Love, Drake

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a pol- oroid camra. Also a kitten because kittens are my favorite animal. I really like what you gave me last year. Is snowflake being a good elf? I do.

Please write back! Sincirily, Emma

Dear Santa Claus

How are you and Mrs.Claus? I'm doing good. How are your elves? Do you like sugar cookies and milk? Do you like to watch movies? Sincerely, Grady Winter

Dear Santa,

Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a lot of Drag- ons and some animals. I also want pokemon and pokemon figures.

I also want some books, legos, a bin, a shelf, and a Nintendo 3 DS. That is what I want for Christmas.

Love, Hayden

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Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? How are the elves doing making the toys? I have been nice this year to my sister and brother. I would like a portable D.V.D. player. The color I want it to be is teal. I would like a smart watch because it counts your steps. My brother wants football cards because he likes them. Jack our elf is a good hider at our house. He is very funny.

Love, Addison Pieper
Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Are you guys on track? I have been nice this year Santa Claus, I would like an electric guitar for Christmas because it will be fun to get one, I would like good days every single day for the rest of my life. I will be happy. I would like a good day for my mom because it would be a good thing for my mom. Thank you for your time. I should let you guys get back to work.

Love, Christopher Rohdy
Dear Santa,
How is your life going? I've been naughty this year but I've

been naughty at my house but not at school. I want a Ps4 so my dad has his own and so I can play on mine. I want a computer and a RC Car because it is fun and the computer has games. My dad would like a new phone because he can have his own. I will build a new workshop for you someday.

Love, Dayne Busser
How are you doing Santa? I have been nice this year because I didn't fight with my brother. I really want tractors and attachments to my play farm. I would like real tools to build things. I want you to give my brother toy dirt cars. Thank you for the toys you've given me.

Love, Kaydan Yount
Dear Santa,
How do you deliver all the presents before morning? I have been nice. I helped my mom pick up the house. I want two American Girl Dolls because they are pretty. I also want two American Horse Dolls so the dolls can ride the horses. My brother would like Five Nights at Freddie's Legos. My family wishes you a Merry Christmas.

Love, Jessa Loomis
Dear Santa,
Have I been naughty or nice? I

have no idea if I have been nice or naughty. I want Plants vs Zombies Garden Warfare 2 because it looks fun. I also want RBI Baseball because it looks fun. My younger sisters want a Puppy Surprise and a Kitty Surprise. I hope you like my milk and cookies I leave you.

Love, Ryder Schulz
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and your elves and your reindeer in the workshop? I have been nice this year. I have been nice to my sister and cousins. I would like tractors because there are different kinds of tractors that I want. I would like some Nerf guns because I only have five Nerf guns in total. My cousin Alton and Emmerson want Xbox 360 for their room and some games. Can I please have all the presents I asked for on this paper? And I don't care about what kind of Nerf guns you get me.

Love, Vander. Knoll
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I have been nice. I was on the respect chart at school for being respectful. I want the game Skylanders because mine is broken. I also want a Nintendo DS because it is broken too. Also my brother James wants the movie Men In Black. I also hope you have a good trip this year.

Love, Cristiano Hernandez
Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? Are your elves working? Yes, I have been good and nice this year. I always help my mom and dad. I would like a doll for Christmas, please Santa because I don't have very many dolls. Santa, I would like a new mountain bike. The gears are broken on my old bike. My brothers want a snowmobile for Christmas. Thank you Santa for all the gifts you have given me.

Love, Samantha Borman
Dear Santa,
How do your elves make our toys? I've been nice this year. I've been helping out and I clean with-

out being told to. I really want an American Girl Doll. I do not have one yet. I really want a Baby Alive Doll too. I don't have one yet.

Love, Kaylie Potter
Dear Santa,
What does Mrs. Claus do while your elves and you work? I have been nice this year because I played with my sister a lot. I want a Smart Watch because it can count your steps, take pictures and you can text with it. I want the twin for my Bitty Baby I got at the American Girl Doll sale. But, I don't want it without hair. It has blond pig tales. I want that because I have a Dolly + Me outfit and it came with pony tales for a Pigtail Bitty Baby. I also want it so I can play with it. I also want a bunny for Christmas because they are so cute and playful. My mom wants a Dyson vacuum cleaner. Her old vacuum cleaner makes weird noises. I hope you send Zoey this year because she is so much fun!

Love, Lillian Werhane
Dear Santa,
How are you doing and where do you live? I've been nice in this year. Plants vs Zombies and videogames are what I want for Christmas because I like to play with them. I also want Five Nights At Freddy's the video game. It is creepy but I know I would like it. My sister wants a Barbie to play with, Santa. I will give you cookies and milk.

Love, Brian Lagunas-Alvarez
Dear Santa,
Who makes the toys? How do you make the toys? I have been okay this year. I would like a scooter with two wheels but all you have to do is step on it because my friend has one. I would like an Elf on the Shelf because I have never got one before. My mom would like a can opener because ours is broken. Santa Claus I will have cookies ready for you and I will make reindeer food for your reindeer.

Love, Annabelle Wise

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I have been okay this year. I have been in fights with my brother Ben and I have been respectful at my sleepovers. I would like Little Live Pets so me and my cats can play with them. I would like a Baby Alive so I can practice playing with babies. Please can you get my brother some cars because he likes cars? Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Peyton Heitkam
Dear Santa,
Do you like delivering presents to all the kids? I have been nice this year because I get stuff ready for my family. I would like Lego Dimensions because I've seen videos of it and I like it! I would also like Skylanders Imaginators because I know that I can make my own characters! My brother Nakoah would like more episodes of the Minecraft story mode because we're stuck on a level and we can just skip the level if we have one other episode. I hope Rudolph lights the way to all the kids' houses!

Love, Nikolai Cornwell
Dear Santa,
How is my elf doing at the North Pole? I want Cowboy's gear to play football with. I have been naughty but I'm working hard to get better. I want a mini snowmobile so I can go up North with my dad. A trampoline would be good for my brother so we can bounce on it. I hope that Rudolph can guide your sleigh.

Love, Brendyn Smith
Dear Santa,
How does Rudolph's nose glow in the dark? I have been really good this year. I think I should get something. I want a PS4 for Christmas because mom has a game that she wants. I want an Xbox because my neighbor has it and it is cool. My mom wants a Xbox 360 because our family really likes games. I will make sure I get you cookies and milk.

Love, Phoenix Johnson

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It's
Christmas!

It's Christmas in the city, and in the country too. As the spirit of the season lights up the world and wraps us in it's glow, we want to express our appreciation to you, loyal friends and neighbors.

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The Shopper's Guide

Tony, Cyndee,
and Laurie

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Lena Lions celebrate Christmas

During the Lena Lions Club December meeting Immediate Past District Governor Gary Meyer presented Lion Kirk Polhill with a Melvin Jones which is the highest award that a Lion can receive.



At the Lena Lions Club December meeting Lion Richard Holmes presented Linda Vories the Art Teacher at Lena Winslow Junior High School a check for \$100.



Foundation Fellow awards were presented at the December Lena Lions meeting; Foundation recipients Dennis Roe and Marcia Meyers are shown with Immediate Past District Governor Gary Meyers.



The Lena Lions Club held new member induction ceremonies at their December meeting. Pictured are Sponsor Lion Marcia Meyer, new member Bonnie Curran, Sponsor Jerry Curran and new members Nancy and Rich Jogerst.



Day of Celebration

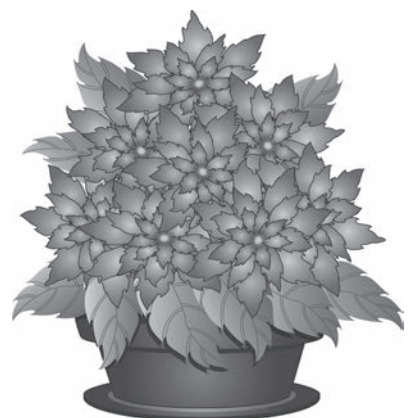


In words and in actions

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**May you celebrate the meaning
Of this Christmas Day**

*Wishing
you a
Merry
Christmas*



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remain with you throughout
the New Year!

Merry, Merry Christmas!



Letters To Santa

Emily White Third Grade Lena Winslow

Dear Santa,
I'm so excited for Christmas this year. I want a little club t shirt . I want a xbox 360. I want a computer. I want a toy from Monster High. Also, I want dolls. How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you have a very merry Christmas!!!

Love,
Alonnah Sutter
Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I want HALO 6,5,4,3,2,1 and PS4 with Watch Dogs. I also would like a blow up shark and GTA 6. I really like the things you give me. How are you doing? I'm fine. I'm going to make good cookies for you and I hope I can get carrots for the reindeer. Can you give me a Dead Pool costume?

Love,
Britton
Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would want a chocolate pen. First, I want orbies massage machine. Then, I also want an American Girl doll. Next can you get me a play dog. Finally, I really want glow up shoes. How

is Mrs. Claus doing? Oooh, I want a Rudolph.

LOVE Carma Miskimon.

Dear Santa,
I can't wait to celebrate Christmas. This year, I would like to get a new pair of slippers. I also would like you to bring me a new curling iron so my hair looks nice every day for school. Emily

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, I want a Small Flat Screen TV. I want it because I have one but it won't really turn on well. Thank you for coming to my house each year. It is fun to receive presents from you. I also want a small flat screen TV because I like to watch TV. Also I want it for my room. I hope you are having a good time. You make everyone smile on Christmas day and Christmas Eve! Tell Mrs. Claus I said HI. You are so very kind and I like that about you.

Your friend,
Evie Karnatz
Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I want a Xbox 360 and the complete set of call of duty including call of duty infinite warfare. Also I want a remote control car and watch dog 2

for play station. I really like the presents you give me I really do. Next, I want grand theft auto 5 for my play station3. Then, I want pokemon cards. Last, tell your elves I said Hi!

Love
Hunter Reyno
P.S. give me a Ipod please
Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, i a new form set and a semi .

And I wat a toy car .i will play for a log time

And a collectible car .i will play for a iogl time

Jackson
Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a car. And I want a mocing truck. And a d.s. And a p.s. And a xbox. How are you. How is Rudolph.

Love Jesse
Dear Santa

For Christmas this year I want Madden 17.And I want a Lego table and a tv I want the tv .Because my mom said I could get one but she still did not give me one. And I would like sports stuff. I want a basketball hoop because I want to practice basketball skills .And I want a ipod because my sister has one .P.S How are you doing? Is Rudolph your favorite reindeer? My sister wants a stuffed animal

Your friend kasch.
Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you? How are the reindeer? For Christmas I want lots of stuffed animals and a new vanity. I also would like a new My Life doll. Do you remember that time I saw you on the Polar Express. You gave me a silver bell. This is my favorite time of the year. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Leah Wickler
Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I want a hover board, orby mosh moshing, a book about Christmas, a phone, a computer, a desk, a nerf gun so I can shoot my brothers, sisters, dog, mom and dad. I also want a turtle.

Will you tell all the reindeer I said hi? Also tell Mrs. Claus I said hi! I also want scarf. Last I want earrings/key chains you will get cookies and milk.

Thank you You give me the best presents

Sincerely Lillian Wendy Scho-ger!

p.s I want a elf on the shelf. you are awesome!

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas, I want xbox1. and a whole bunch of legos and a flat screen tv for the man-cave. and I want a cunfy chair. and i want a playstation4. And I want a remote-control-car. I also want all of the Indiana jones books.I am going to lay out cookies. By santa.

YOUR FRIEND,LUKE
Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, Shopkins T-shirts and Leagings and hi-hels.

And dance of and a now boirbe house and I hop my Teachr has a

Good Christmes to. How are you doing are your raindeer doing

Dear Santa,

I'm so excited for Christmas this year! I want to give you a letter right now, so get ready! First, I want any kind of pet except I don't want a guinea pig. Second, I want a hover board with pink and blue zebra strikes. Third, I want a tablet of my own. Fourth, I want a ring for my mom and dad a little present from me SHHHH! Fifth, I want an elf pet. Sixth, I want a picture of you and your sleigh left on the kitchen table on Christmas morning.

Merry Christmas, Mallory Sheppard

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I want a bird book that shows all the Birds of South America.

Also, I want a peregrine falcon feather from it's wing. Here is another thing I want, a real painting painted by John James Audubon. Next I want a new tablet because

my mom scratched mine up. Last I want a book called Fossil Man. I want a couple other books to.

Love, Max
Dear Santa,

I want a science kit.I also want a camera. Plus, all of the Goose-bumps book series. Also I would like a ball pit. I also want a selfie stick. Plus I would like an I phone, and a lot of pokemon cards. Oh, and an eevee plush. It would be cool if you got me an elf on the shelf and can his name be Ruban.

Love Morgann

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I want some Crayola Art. I want science equipment. Because I really want to keep learning over Christmas Break. So now you know why I want those things . I'm going to be honest here I haven't been the best but I hope I still get some present. But if I where only to get one present I would like to have a Drone with a camra to spy on my brothers. Between you and me I think Max and Chace are being bad.Well I hope you and Mrs.Claus are doing fine. Merry Christmas!!!

Your good friend Quinn

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year,I want Beados, Chocolate Pen, Project MC2 lab kit, Georgy,2 Packs of gum.Socking Your friend, Tyler

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I would like a tablet and a mind craft, zombie, stuffed animal and a foxy and mangel, golden freddy, bonni plushy, five nights at freddys pillow, a cat pillow, toy food, toy cart and a clifford stuffed animal. And a mermaid tall and the top and legos and the toot game and ps3 with gta.

Your friend, Yasmeen

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I want a Magic track set, a new Bright Mega Blast Truck, S.O.S Station. And a gray Chevy Police Corvette. Also can I have a lambourgheny car. Also a Ferari car. And a Crash Set. ZACHARY MCCOOL



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this Holiday Season!

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CLOSED Monday, January 2nd to observe New Year's



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Thanks,
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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Tiesman Kindergarten Lena-Winslow Elementary School

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a color chart, like what I have at school so if I am naughty at home me and my parents can move my clip down. I would also like an American Doll Barbie and a princess book.

Your Friend,
Hailey Koehler
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would for you to bring me a princess Elsa book, a bus, and a color chart like I have at school.

Your Friend,
Aubrey Miller
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a black book, a princess book, and a Trolls brand chap stick.

Your Friend,
Rayvin Peterson
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would love to have the rest of the Team Umizoomies, snow, and please bring me a remote controlled robot!

Your Friend,
Jordan Mills
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a shirt that has button, a remote controlled robot, and a pair of blue, orange, and red cowboy boots!

Your Friend,
Blake Kearns
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like an X-box, a snowmobile, and a pair of orange and red cowboy boots.

Your Friend,
Gage Johnson
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would really like

for you to bring me a purple remote controlled jeep, a bouncy house, and a coloring book!

Your Friend,
Evelin Fluegel
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like you to bring me a snowmobile, an X-box, and snow so I can ride my snowmobile!

Your Friend,
Landon Repa
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would love to have a brand new blue snowmobile, an X-box 4, and a robot!

Your Friend,

Bennett Winter
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a desk, a desk, and a desk!! Do you think you can make that happen for me?

Your Friend,
Jackson Becker
Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me an American blanket and an American pillow.

Your Friend,
Maddox McGinnis
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would really to have a book, a Frozen blanket, and

legos.

Your Friend,
Alison Meeker
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a light bright that goes inside your phone, a robot, and a snow game that you try to throw balls and hit big snowballs downs.

Your Friend,
Jesse Shepard
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like you to bring me a brand new shirt, a car, and a family book.

Your Friend,
Serena Gunday

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a semi, a jail cell, and a bad guy to put into the jail cell.

Your Friend,
Carter Diestlemeier
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I really want Star Wars! They are my favorite toy to play with!

Your Friend,
Brennan Tyrell
Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me Fungus and Mungus, they are little creatures that stick to stuff. I would also like a PS4 and new iPad because mine and my brothers does not work!

Your Friend,
Evan Matherson

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
QUICKEN LOANS, INC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
TIPTON J. GILLEY (DE-
CEASED), et al
Defendants

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale entered in the above cause
on September 20, 2016, the
Sheriff of Stephenson County
will at 9:30 AM on January 19,
2017, at the Stephenson County
Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave.,
(West Door), FREEPORT, IL
61032, sell at public auction to
the highest bidder for cash, as
set forth below, the following
described real estate:

ALL OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 OF
MELITA LEETS ADDITION
TO THE TOWN OF LENA;
SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE
OF LENA IN THE COUNTY
OF STEPHENSON IN THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 112
CAMP STREET, Lena, IL
61048 Property Index No. 11-
07-33-177-001 The real estate
is improved with a single fam-
ily residence. The judgment
amount was \$71,337.57. Sale
terms: 10% down of the high-
est bid by certified funds at the
close of the auction; the bal-
ance, including the Judicial sale
fee for Abandoned Residential
Property Municipality Relief
Fund, which is calculated on
residential real estate at the rate
of \$1 for each \$1,000 or frac-
tion thereof of the amount paid
by the purchaser not to exceed
\$300, in certified funds, is due
within twenty-four (24) hours.

The subject property is subject
to general real estate taxes, spe-
cial assessments, or special tax-
es levied against said real estate
and is offered for sale without
any representation as to quality
or quantity of title and without
recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS
IS" condition. The sale is fur-
ther subject to confirmation by
the court. Upon payment in full
of the amount bid, the purchaser
will receive a Certificate of Sale
that will entitle the purchaser
to a deed to the real estate af-
ter confirmation of the sale The
property will NOT be open for
inspection and plaintiff makes
no representation as to the con-
dition of the property. Prospec-
tive bidders are admonished to
check the court file to verify all

information. If this property is a
condominium unit, the purchas-
er of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than a mortgagee
shall pay the assessments and
the legal fees required by The
Condominium Property Act, 765
ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)
(4). If this property is a condo-
minium unit which is part of a
common interest community,
the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a
mortgagee shall pay the assess-
ments required by The Condo-
minium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT ILLINOIS
Illinois Housing Development
Authority
Plaintiff,
vs.
Jeremy A. Harnish; Unknown
Owners and Non-Record
Claimants
Defendants.

2016CH 39

410 West Garfield Street,
Freeport, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby
given that pursuant to a Judg-
ment of Foreclosure and Sale
entered in the above entitled
cause on October 18, 2016,
the Stephenson County Sher-
iff's Office will on January 19,
2017, at the hour of 9:30 AM
at the Stephenson County Sher-
iff's Office, Stephenson County
Courthouse, 15 North Galena
Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032,
sell to the highest bidder for
cash, the following described
mortgaged real estate:

Lot Number Twenty (20) in
Block "E" in Pattison's Subdivi-
sion of part of the South Half of

the Northwest Quarter of Sec-
tion Number Six (6) in Town-
ship Number Twenty-six (26)
North of Range Number Eight
(8) East of the Fourth Principal
Meridian; situated in the City of
Freeport, Stephenson County in
the State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 410
West Garfield Street, Freeport,
IL 61032

Parcel Number(s): 18-19-06-
177-018

The real estate is improved
with a Single Family Residence.
Sale terms: Bidders must
present, at the time of sale,
a cashier's or certified check
for 10% of the successful bid
amount. The balance of the suc-
cessful bid shall be paid within
24 hours, by similar funds. The
subject property is offered for
sale without any representation
as to quality or quantity of title
and without recourse to Plain-
tiff and in "AS IS" condition.
The sale is further subject to
confirmation by the Court. The
property will NOT be open for
inspection.

If this property is a condo-
minium unit, the purchaser of
the unit at the foreclosure sale,
other than the mortgagee shall
pay the assessments and the leg-
al fees required by the Condo-
minium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT ILLINOIS
Illinois Housing Development
Authority
Plaintiff,
vs.
Joshua L. Wishard; Alysca A.
Niedermeier, FKA Alysca A.
Wishard; The State of Illinois;
Citizens State Bank; Unknown

Owners and Non-Record
Claimants
Defendants.

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321 West Main Street,
Dakota, IL 61018

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Courthouse, 15 North Galena
Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032,
sell to the highest bidder for
cash, the following described
mortgaged real estate:

Lots 4 and 5 in Block 1 of
Brown's Addition to the Town,
Now Village of Dakota, Ste-
phenson County, Illinois; Ac-
cording to the Plat thereof re-
corded August 11, 1870 in Book
A of Plats, Page 121.

Commonly known as 321
West Main Street, Dakota, IL
61018

Parcel Number(s): 14-09-36-
127-001

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with a Single Family Residence.

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present, at the time of sale,
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for 10% of the successful bid
amount. The balance of the suc-
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST
TO BANK OF AMERICA,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE, SUCCE-
SOR BY MERGER TO LA-
SALLE BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUST-
EE FOR BEAR STEARNS
ASSET BACKED SECURI-
TIES I TRUST 2006-HE7,
ASSET-BACKED CERTIFI-
CATES, SERIES 2006-HE7,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.

NANETTE MAHER; RAY-
MOND MAHER,
DEFENDANTS.

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1316 SOUTH BURCHARD
AVENUE
FREEPORT, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT
OF FORECLOSURE UNDER
ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale entered by the Court in
the above entitled cause on
October 18, 2016, Sheriff of
Stephenson County will on
January 19, 2017, in Stephen-
son County Courthouse 15 N.
Galena Ave (West Door), Free-
port, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell
at public auction and sale to
the highest bidder for cash, all
and singular, the following de-
scribed real estate mentioned in
said Judgment, situated in the
County of Stephenson, State of
Illinois, or so much thereof as
shall be sufficient to satisfy said
Judgment:

LOT 3 IN BLOCK 3 OF WEL-
TY HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION.
SITUATED IN THE CITY OF
FREEPORT, STEPHENSON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 18-18-01-204-006
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
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Warriors push past Pearl City in pre-Christmas play

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

For many high school sports fans the winter season leading up to the Christmas break is one of the best times of the year, supporting what seasonal popular marketing attempts to sing to you daily. With the many basketball tournaments appearing across the area over the two week period leading up to the holiday, figuring out where to go next is half the fun.

The Pearl City Lady Wolves are pushing past the 2016 portion of the

winter sports season and preparing to apply a lot more pressure to the conference leaders in the NUIC as they work through the early-tournament portion of their season schedule.

A little over a week ago the Lady Wolves fell to the Lady Warriors of East Dubuque, 54-50. Since then they have found ways to add wins and put together moderate win streaks.

On Dec. 6 during a visit from the Pecatonica Lady Indians, Pearl City discovered how solid they could be.

Many predict Pecatonica will be a conference-champion chaser soon, perhaps as early as this season. The 63-36 win highlighted some of the Lady Wolves hidden talents.

A match against Warren on Dec. 8 ended with similar results. The Lady Wolves won by 21 and prepared to head back into tournament play. A Dec. 10 win over Pecatonica closed the early win streak for Pearl City, 51-21 as they set themselves up for a showdown with Sterling Newman. The Lady Comets won by nine, 57-48 and managed to accomplish the task by winning the periods.

Newman Central Catholic was up by four after one, 16-12. They added two to the lead total by the half and entered the third in front 33-27. Another two-point scoring edge in the third quarter was followed by a single-point scoring advantage in the final frame as the Lady Comets moved on with the 57-48 win. Pearl City faced Milledgeville next and found the offensive going a little more challenging. The Lady Missiles pulled out the win 47-38.

The 2016 portion of the winter season closes for the Christmas Holiday for Pearl City. They enter 2017 with the hope of reappearing less than a month later as a team to be dealt with before anyone becomes any form of conference champion.

Games beginning with Scales Mound on Jan. 5 and ending on Jan. 30 in a meeting with the Orangeville Lady Broncos, will place a heavy

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Frosty the Snow Man

Frosty the Snow Man came to town one bright, cold winter's day. The first real snow of the winter had fallen the night before. In the morning, out came the children, and they started to roll snowballs. Round and round the snowy yard they rolled the snowballs. Soon they had two fine big ones. Round and round the yard again-there was a little snowball just the right size for a snow man's head. Billy ran home and brought two bits of coal to use for the snow man's eyes. Sally have him a button nose and a funny corn-cob pipe. Tommy brought floppy galoshes and a scarf for the snow man. And Joe brought him a pair of old red mittens to wear.

"Now we need a hat," said Sally and Joe. So they all began to look around. Sally found an old cap. But it didn't look just right. Billy found a battered felt hat. But it still didn't seem right. Just then, down the street came the whistling wind. And it blew to their feet a shiny top hat. "Just what we need!" cried Sally and Joe. "It's like magic!" said Billy and Tommy.

It was Tommy who picked up the shiny top hat and put it on the snow man's head. Zing! Tommy's hand sprang back with a shock. "It's magic!" gasped Tommy. "So it is," said a voice, a deep, chuckly voice they had never heard before. "And a pleasant sort of magic, if I do say so myself." "It's the snow man!" whispered Sally. And so it was. "Frosty the Snow Man, at your service," said he. That's how Frosty the Snow Man came alive.

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One morning he said, "Let's go shopping today. I've never seen a store, you know." So they all joined hands and away they skipped, off towards town where the shops stood in rows. It was fun showing Frosty around! For he thought every window was wonderful. All around the town they led Frosty that day, while the warm wintry sun shone down. Soon

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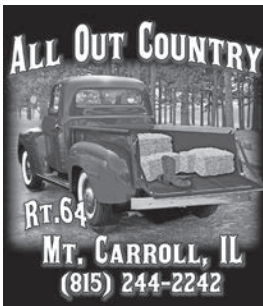
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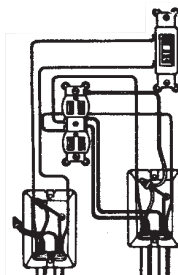
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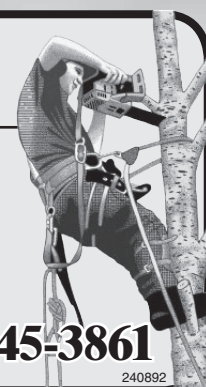
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Madigan announces \$19.5 million settlement with drug maker for deceptive marketing of Abilify

Attorney General Lisa Madigan, along with 42 other Attorneys General, today announced a \$19.5 million settlement with Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (BMS) over unfair and deceptive marketing of its drug Abilify for unapproved uses in older patients.

Madigan and the attorneys general alleged that BMS marketed Abilify, which is used to treat schizophrenia, to older patients with symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, which were not approved uses by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In a complaint filed today along with the settlement, the attorneys general alleged that in 2006, Abilify received a FDA warning stating that older patients with dementia-related psychosis who were treated with antipsychotic drugs, such as Abilify, have an increased risk of death. The complaint alleged that BMS minimized and misrepresented the risks of using Abilify for these unapproved uses. The complaint also alleges BMS overstated the findings of scientific studies in favor of increased use of Abilify.

"This is another example of a big pharmaceutical company ignoring serious health concerns to boost its profits," Madigan said. "BMS' practices potentially harmed older patients in order to increase the company's bottom line."

Under the settlement, BMS' marketing of any drugs containing aripiprazole will be restricted. BMS will be prohibited from making false or misleading claims about Abilify, including its safety or efficacy in comparison with other drugs and the implications of clinical studies relating to the drug. The settlement will also limit BMS financial incentives to sales representatives and health care providers and the dissemination of information that may promote off-label use of Abilify and other practices affecting off-label promotion. Illinois will receive more than \$500,000 from the settlement.

In addition to Illinois, the following states and the District of Columbia joined the settlement: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The settlement was handled by Assistant Attorney General Paige Boggs in Madigan's Consumer Protection Bureau.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
QUICKEN LOANS, INC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
TIPTON J. GILLEY (DECEASED), et al
Defendants

15 CH 121

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 20, 2016, the Sheriff of Stephenson County will at 9:30 AM on January 19, 2017, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave., (West Door), FREEPORT, IL 61032, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 112 CAMP STREET, Lena, IL 61048 Property Index No. 11-07-33-177-001 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$71,337.57. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)(1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number C15-31620. E-Mail: ilpleadings@potesivolaw.com 1709453

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT ILLINOIS

Illinois Housing Development Authority
Plaintiff,
vs.

Jeremy A. Harnish; Unknown Owners and

Non-Record Claimants
Defendants.

2016CH 39

410 West Garfield Street,
Freeport, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 18, 2016, the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office will on January 19, 2017, at the hour of 9:30 AM at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 410 West Garfield Street, Freeport, IL 61032

Parcel Number(s): 18-19-06-177-018

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 16-008484.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT ILLINOIS

Illinois Housing Development Authority
Plaintiff,

vs.

Joshua L. Wishard; Alyssa A. Niedermeier, FKA Alyssa A. Wishard; The State of Illinois; Citizens State Bank; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants.

15CH 83

321 West Main Street, Dakota, IL 61018

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 20, 2016, the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office will on January 19, 2017, at the hour of 9:30 AM at the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 321 West Main Street, Dakota, IL 61018

Parcel Number(s): 14-09-36-127-001

The real estate is improved with a Sin-

gle Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 15-025611.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST
TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUC-
CESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE
BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STEARNS AS-
SET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST
2006-HE7, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFI-
CATES, SERIES 2006-HE7,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.

NANETTE MAHER; RAYMOND MAHER,
DEFENDANTS.

15 CH 91

1316 SOUTH BURCHARD AVENUE
FREEPORT, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO
JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 18, 2016, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on January 19, 2017, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 18-18-01-204-006

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1316 SOUTH BURCHARD AVENUE
FREEPORT, IL 61032

Description of Improvements: WHITE, VINYL SIDING, SINGLE FAMILY, TWO CAR DETACHED GARAGE

The Judgment amount was \$86,790.32.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Rayermer Pierce LLC., Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 8525

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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Illinois State Police to watch for distracted drivers in work zones

Officials with the Illinois State Police (ISP) announce that additional officers will be patrolling work zones as the construction season comes to an end. Although officers will be enforcing all traffic laws, they will primarily focus on motorists who are violating distracted driving laws.

"The purpose of the additional patrols is to ensure the safety of both the workers and the motorists traveling through the work zone," stated ISP Director Leo P. Schmitz. "As the construction season comes to an end, we want to do what we can to keep work zone related injuries from occurring. You can do your part by

remembering to drop it and drive."

Unless it is an emergency, you must be age 19 and older and use hands-free technology to use a cell-phone while operating a motor vehicle in Illinois. The use of hand-held cellphones, texting, or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited by law in Illinois. The ISP encourages motorists to also limit other distractions that may be occurring while driving through a work zone. Please refrain from eating or drinking, using navigation systems, adjusting your music devices, or anything else that may take your eyes away from the

road.

"Work zones can pose many challenges for drivers and require your undivided attention," said Priscilla Tobias, director of the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Office of Program Development. "Studies have shown that drivers engaged in activities other than driving are up to four times more likely to be involved in a crash. Please avoid distractions at all times and pay extra attention as well to first responders and maintenance vehicles working to keep our roads safe for everyone."

Distracted driving is one of the common factors related to fatal traffic

crashes. The other three most common factors are speeding, driving under the influence, and not wearing a seatbelt. Together, they make up the "Fatal Four" violations related to fatal

traffic crashes.

The initiative is funded by IDOT. The ISP and IDOT worked jointly to identify the locations best suited for the additional patrols.

2017 Regional Transportation Committee meeting notice dates – Region 1

The Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) – Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) - Transportation Committee Meetings for 2017 will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 26, at Stephenson County Senior Resource Center; March 23, at

Freeport Public Library; May 25, at Jo Daviess County Transit; July 27, at Freeport Public Library; Sept. 28, at Malcolm Eaton Enterprises; and Nov. 16, at Freeport Public Library. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend as well as anyone that is interested in public transit.

The Regional Transportation Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has formed a partnership with North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) for the purposes of preparing, implementing, and updating the plans for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) and Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam Counties). For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Kim Zimmerman at (815) 433-5830.

A little levity to lighten your day

A little boy was waiting in line at the shopping mall to visit Santa Claus. When he finally got to sit on Santa's lap, Santa asked him, "Have you been a good little boy?" The boy replied, "Define good."

• Play

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load on the Lady Wolves as they attempt to identify their weaknesses and improve upon them, before the post-season begins just weeks later.

The Lady Wolves schedule is filled with matches against Milledgeville, Aquin, River Ridge and Galena as they try to find all the answers they need before the final buzzer sounds in mid-February, kicking off the Class 1A State Basketball Playoffs.

Happy Holidays!



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2012 Chevy Sonic LT Summit white, 1.8L 4 cyl., auto, 32k miles.
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2001 Ford Mustang Base Black clearcoat, 3.8L 6 cyl., manual, 64k miles.
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2012 Chevy Equinox LT Gold mist metallic, 2.4L 4 cyl., auto, 109k miles.
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2008 Buick Lucerne CXL Platinum metallic, 3.8L 6 cyl., auto, 81k miles.
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Stock #6350
2011 Chevy Malibu LS w/1LS Imperial blue metallic, 2.4L 4 cyl., auto, 82k miles.
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2007 Chevy Monte Carlo Dark silver metallic, 3.5L 6 cyl., auto, 45k miles.
\$9,741



Stock #265412
2008 Chevy Equinox LS Black, 3.4L 6 cyl., auto, 98k miles.
\$7,368



Stock #361453
2008 Chevy Equinox Sport Black, 3.6L 6 cyl., auto, 146k miles.
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Stock #262582
2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser Limited Taupe frost metallic, 2.4L 4 cyl., Auto, 51k miles.
\$4,070



Stock #271071
2003 Ford Focus SE Gray, 2.0L 4 cyl., auto, 75k miles.
\$3,975



Stock #26059A
1996 GMC Sierra 1500 SL Wideside Silver, 5.7L 8 cyl., 134k miles.
\$3,495



Stock #261702
2002 Pontiac Sunfire SE Silver, 2.2L 4 cyl., auto, 94k miles.
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Stock #27067A
2001 Ford Escort Zx2 Black clearcoat, 2.0L 4 cyl., auto, 68k miles.
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