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## Holy Cross opens its arms and hearts to Pine Ridge Reservation

By Reverend Michael Morrissey  
PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

This past August I was going to ride my motorcycle out to the Black Hills and spend three days touring the area. The trip was to take me through the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation located in the southwestern part of the State of South Dakota. I was aware of some of the poverty and lack of economic opportunity facing the people of Pine Ridge. It would be this awareness that began to gnaw at me and prompt my conscience to look into ways I could respond and help the people of Pine Ridge Reservation.

I decided to cancel the trip on the motorcycle and begin to set things in motion that would enable some response, at least on my part, to the needs and conditions the people of Pine Ridge were dealing with day in and day out. I was mindful of the words of Jesus, "What so ever you do for the least, you do for me." How could I ride past these people and not do something?!

I spoke at our Masses one weekend in late October and invited parishioners to join me in extending a helping hand. At that moment, I had no idea where all this was going or what the response would be. I had shared with our parishioners some statistics about Pine Ridge that only begin to give a glimpse of the reality the people there face. The people of Pine Ridge have been

left behind in the wake of a terrible absence of resources and economic opportunity and advancement on the Reservation. Left feeling absolutely broken, hopeless, unimportant and completely forgotten, they are tested daily by despair, depression and hopelessness, seeing little but darkness on the horizon for themselves and for their children.

Over 30,000 Lakota Sioux live in the poorest place in the United States with statistics worse than Afghanistan and Somalia. The average life expectancy for men is 47 years of age, and for women 52 years of age. The infant mortality rate is 18% which is 300% higher than the national average. Teen suicide is rampant with more than 900 youth suicidal last year. 70% of youth never finish High School. With annual incomes of only \$3,500.00, 97% of Lakota Sioux live far below the poverty line. 30% of their homes have no running water or electricity, and 60% of the homes are infested with black mold. These are worse conditions than found in many third-world countries.

The days that followed my initial presentation I was quickly finding myself, not overwhelmed, but rather in awe of the generosity, concern and compassion of the parishioners and others. Our parish hall was quickly filling with clothes, blankets, food, Christmas toys, and other necessities. We would make our first trip

out to Pine Ridge early in the morning on November 12. We arrived with a 28 foot trailer filled, as well as, two other trucks and a car full of things needed by the people of Pine Ridge. We arrived at 6:00 P.M. and unloaded everything for a grateful people. By 11:00 A.M. the next morning, the more than 124 loaves of bread we brought were gone to feed the people sandwiches. The need is great and we quickly came home to prepare for our next trip on

December 17.

Our hope is to help the local people so they can take more control of their own lives and live with greater dignity. Each time we go, we strive to enter their land with a reverence for them and a listening heart. They are a gifted and culturally wealthy people with much to share with us. We are striving to do what we can to support education, food sourcing, housing development, employment, recreation and arts, medical assis-

tance, counseling for alcoholism and domestic violence, as well as, opportunities for the Lakota Sioux to share and enrich our lives.

I often think of what all has happened because I didn't take a trip on the motorcycle in August...God has a plan and through us to help His children on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. I am grateful to God and to all the fine people of our parish and community who do unto others as they would for Jesus.

## Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will be celebrating the Fourth Sunday in Advent [Love] Dec. 23, during 10:45 worship service.

Dec. 24: A candle light service will take place at 7 p.m.

Dec. 25: Community Christmas Dinner at Calvary U.M.C. at Noon.

Regular Sunday Worship service is 10:45 and Sunday School is 9:30.

Sanctuary is open each Wednesday 4-6 for quiet time of prayer. All are welcome to come and spend as little or long a time as you like.

Adult Bible study is each Wednesday at 6:30

Please feel welcome to join us at any time. Our doors are always open to anyone that wishes to enter and be welcomed.

We are located at the corner of Benton and Hudson Streets and handicap accessible.

For information please call Pastor Chuck at 815-947 2541 or check out our website stocktonwumc.org or Facebook by searching Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church.



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## Stockton Christmas Walk

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# Letters To Santa

## Mrs. Byrne's First Grade class

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a real 4-wheeler and a real phone? Have a safe flight! Love, Vincent Pinch Age: 6

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a wiener dog. I would like a dirt bike. Happy Holidays! I would also like a real computer. Love, Gage Smith Age: 6

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer doing? How do you make presents? Please can I have a tablet? Love, Leighton Wurster Age: 6

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves? I would like the LOL doll house and I would like the LOL doll outfit of the day thing. And thank you Santa. Happy New Year! Love, Jazmine Zito Age: 7

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like LOL dolls and regular dolls. I would also like LOL doll houses. Have a good ride!  
Love, Alaina Parisi Age: 6

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves? I would like a real phone. I would also like a real 4-wheeler. Love, Adam Gross Age: 7

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves? I would like a LOL doll and some slime. I would also like a real phone. Love, Kilee Wand Age: 6

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a train

and tracks. I would also like a real phone. How is Rudolph? Hope you stay warm? Love, Camden Gonzalez Age: 6

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? May I help you wrap presents? Please may I have a tablet? Santa can we make cookies? Have a Happy New Year! Love, Tristen Ransom Age: 7

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves? I would like a LOL doll and slime, too. Love, Baylee Morrison Age: 6

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like earrings and slime. I would also like a LOL doll and a real phone. Have a Happy New Year! Love, Mia Meiners Age: 7

Dear Santa,  
Hello There! I would like a LOL Pet House. I also would like slime and earrings. How are your reindeer? Merry Christmas! Love, Averie Karberg Age: 6

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I would like a LOL doll house and a LOL doll. I would also like a real phone. Love, Aniah Havens Age: 7

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I would like LOL dolls. I would also like a LOL house. Have a Merry Christmas! Love, Skye McLane Age: 7

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I'd like Squishes. I would also like a tablet. Love, Gabby Polizzi Age: 6

Dear Santa,

How are your elves? I would like an elf and a Nintendo Switch. I would also like a real dirt bike. Merry Christmas! Love, Rylan Nicolin Age: 6

## Mrs. Steele's River Ridge First Grade class

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas Santa! How many cookies do you want? I want a LOL doll four Christmas! Your Friend, Adelyn Tuttle

Dear Santa,  
I want 13 toy horses. I want a dominus rex. Love, Raylan Albrecht

Dear Santa,  
Santa Claus how do you make dinosaur presents? I would like a toy robots. Love, Aaron Gross

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a robot and more elves? I love Santa so much. I want lots of stuffed animals.  
Love, Ryker Hartman

Dear Santa,  
Meery Christmas. Mrs. Claus and Santa I hope Rudolph likes the reindeer food that I made at school. For Christmas I would like a Big hachamels and big squoshes. from, Summer Goebel

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Thank you for the elf. For Christmas I want a LOL pet. Love, Gabbie Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph going to pull your sled when it is Christmas Eve? I want for Christmas a LOL doll. Love, Lemma Bird

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. I want to see Rudolph. For Christmas I would like a Santa water bottle. Love, Justice Murray

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? Can I have a toy car? Love, Chayton Bourrette

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a plushy Robot and a Nintendo switch and a box of slime and a Toy dinosaurs and remote crys and books with lots of

green lights.  
Sincerely, Kendall Ruiz-Leon

Dear Santa,  
I want the toy cloosll mosasaurs and the cloosll t-rex and a plush Indomnis rex. Cloosll mens big. How are you doing? How are your elfse doing? Merry Christmas Santa and the slime.

Love, Alasdair Terry

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas to you Santa! I would like toys for Christmas and cookies. I will leave cookies for you. Love, Ava Huett

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas Santa. What kind of cookies do you want? For Christmas I want 2 pomzies! and a cute kitten! I have some reindeer food for your reindeer. Is Rudolph really real? I love you and Mrs. Claus. Love, Mesa Whitmer

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I wold like a LOL big surprise. Merry Christmas Santa. and my mom wold like a new car.

Love, Kali Crandall

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph going to pull your sleigh again Santa? Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus. Can I have a remote control dog, Santa? Love, Jayla Smith

Dear Santa,  
What kind of cookies do you like? Merry Christmas Mrs. Claus and Santa. I would like a LOL doll for Christmas. I would like a cat! I love you! Love, Lily Engle

Dear Santa,  
I would like a LOL big surprise for Christmas! Do you like the color red? My mom would like a new car! My sister would like a new toy! Sincerely, Brogann Peugh



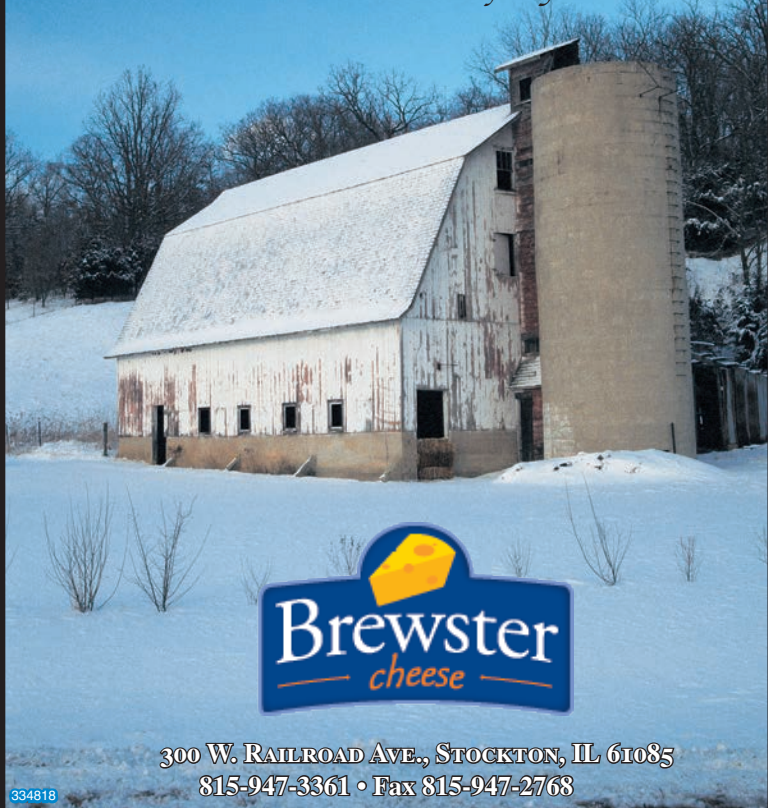
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## Christmas in the Village

Mrs. Santa is ready to begin story time and the children are anxious to hear her read during the annual Christmas in the Village celebration in Elizabeth.

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# Letters To Santa

## Mrs. Kelzer's River Ridge Kindergarten class

Dear Santa,  
What do you feed Rudolph? I would like some presents for Christmas. I would like some toys.

Merry Christmas, Tyra Banks  
Dear Santa,  
I miss Rudolph. I miss you. I would like a decoration camper for Christmas. I would also like a toy house.

I love you. Merry Christmas, Leah Bird

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have an LOL doll for Christmas? I miss Rudolph. How does Rudolph's nose glow so bright at Christmas? I would also like a real reindeer for Christmas. See you at Christmas, Anna Dittmar

Dear Santa,  
I like your toys. I would like road blocks for Christmas. What kind of cookies do you like? I like chocolate. Can I leave you chocolate cookies? Merry Christmas, Jay Fitzgerald

Dear Santa,  
I like Rudolph. He is my favorite reindeer. I would like a toy airplane. Do you have a lot of elves in the North Pole? I hope you are doing great at the North Pole. Be safe on Christmas, Brayden Garcea

Dear Santa,  
I like your toys. I wish I could see Mrs. Claus because I wonder what she looks like. I would like a toy castle. I like your suit. I have chocolate chip donuts for you. Love, Julia Gerlich

Dear Santa,  
I like your decorations. I like Rudolph. I want to ride on your sleigh. I want some presents for Christmas. I love you Santa, Matthew Ornatek

Dear Santa,  
I want a special toy for Christmas. I want it to be a surprise. How far is the North Pole? What do you feed Comet because I played Comet in gym class. The game in gym is called Reindeer Tag I think. Be warm on Christmas, Piper Havens

Dear Santa,  
I would like make-up and a diary. I want to go see you at the North Pole. I want to see the elves. How do you make the reindeer fly? Be safe on Christmas, Aaliyah Easter

Dear Santa,  
I want Minecraft for Christmas. Thank you for all the presents you are going to give me. I hope you have a great time making all the toys. I hope it makes you feel happy because you make me happy. Merry Christmas. I love you, Brigson Grube

Dear Santa,  
I hope you bring me a lot of presents. I will leave some cookies and milk out for you. I hope you like them. I hope you have a good time at the North Pole. Be safe Santa, Lila Ritchie

Dear Santa,  
I would like an emerald pick axe and the Z was Zapped Book. I also would like a blue diamond and an Xbox with mind craft on it. Zandrey Carnahan

## Ms. Wurster's River Ridge Kindergarten class

Dear Santa,  
How do you make toys? I would like a unicorn blankie. I will leave you cookies. Merry Christmas! Love, Abby Davis

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the present last year. What kind of cookies do you like? This year I would like handcuffs for Christmas. That's all. And I want a key to go with them. And maybe a 4-wheeler that doesn't run on batteries. I like the reindeer. Love, Liam Boop

Dear Santa,  
How did you get Rudolph? He is really cool! We will make you nice cookies. I would like soldiers and

a knight castle. Please let the elf on the shelf come. Merry Christmas! Love, Brody Shellenberger

Dear Santa,  
I like Rudolph. How are you doing? I would like a singing Rudolph. I would like legos. Merry Christmas! Love, Emmett Patterson

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a fuzzy blanket for Christmas. I also want a fuzzy carpet for my room. Have fun delivering presents! Love, Dixi Palas

Dear Santa,  
I love you and I will leave a gift for you. I love you! I hope that you have a good day. I would like a lost kitty for Christmas. Merry Christmas! Love, Brynn Newman



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## Christmas in the Village

Hugs and smiles are a big part of any visit with Santa and this year's Christmas in the Village saw no shortage of warm exchanges.

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Dear Santa,  
I have never been to the North Pole. I would like Shopkins for Christmas and a Barbie. Merry Christmas! Love, Rylee Hendrickson

Dear Santa,  
Is it breezy in the North Pole? How cold is it? I have been a good boy this year. I would like some more cars for Christmas and trucks. I would like more trains. Merry Christmas! Love, Joshua David Radick

Dear Santa,  
I am wondering how you make presents. How are the elves? I would like a balloon for Christmas. I like balloons. I think just one. Have a good flight! Love, Layna Kretchmer

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing? I would like a robot for Christmas. My little brother is funny. He accidentally fell on the floor. Maybe you can get him a little board game so he can play with it. He also loves Legos. Merry Christmas! I like your elves. They are kind of fun! Love, Ayden Chambers

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like Cosmo for Christmas. It is a robot. Merry Christmas! Love, Matthew Butcher

Dear Santa,  
I like the elves. I want a micro- phone that is a circle and it has buttons on it. I want a Barbie pizza maker. Merry Christmas! Love, Megan Bradt



The weather cooperated, and large crowds turned out to celebrate the annual Christmas in the Village celebration in Elizabeth.



The gingerbread house table is a busy place throughout the Christmas celebration in Elizabeth.

During this season of giving, the family of Gary L. Walters would like to thank each and every one of you who gave of your time to send a card, call, gave memorials or just being there for us during Gary's illness and passing. Everything you did was very much appreciated and did not go unnoticed.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Eunice Walters  
David, Dena, Taylor & Connor Brown  
Ron & Jan Walters



# Letters To Santa

## Mrs. Hartman's River Ridge Second Grade

Dear Santa,  
Merry christmas. How are your raindeer? How are you? for christmas I would Like three things vegetable transforming sooter, a skateboard, and I wish my dad worked closer to my house.

Love, Luke Holcomb  
Dear Santa,  
Are you doing well? I hope everyone is doing well in the north pole. Can you please get me a cotten candy machiene. May I have a Santa cam please. Can I a Elf on the self please. May I have a sqaise please.

Love, Morgan Kloss  
Dear Santa,  
I think it is cool you go to every house in the world. Does your elves like any food? Can I please a Santa cam so you can watch us? Can I please have a jar of candy canes? Can I please have a fry squishy?

Love, Abby Frey  
Dear Santa,  
How are your raindeer I hope they are doing good. We will leave out cookies and milk for you. And we will clean out are chimmy for you to come down it. For Christmas I would like a star wars lego ship the force awakens and I would like a motecontrolled monste truck and I would like a advengers figure Hawkeye. Thank you.

Love, Samuel Cobine  
Dear Santa,  
Santa I think it was nice of you to

give Kids gifts. How do you git stuff that cost so much money. For Christmas I would like a natando switch.

Love, Damian  
On New Year's Eve a family tradition is a powdered sugar dip with strawberrys on the side. I love that dip and strawberrys. They are so good!

Gabriella Angell-Dongus  
Dear Santa,  
Santa I know you have been passing out presents to kids in Elizibith and that is nice. Could you please get the whole polar Express please and thank you. Could you please get me a hot wheels Gardege please and thank you.

Love, Brock Turner  
Dear Santa  
Santa how us the elf going? Santa plau can you get me a cat for Christmas. Santa can you get me a waech?

Love, Daly Niccum  
Dear Santa  
I wot yoww to Bren a horse Brnu For Crismif hot a Big tooy Brh.

Love, Shauna Carroll  
Dear, Santa.  
Are your little Evse doing good. Santa pease can I have a viline and a fone and a fingerling to and everyone gets along.

Love, Aliya Reichling  
Dear santa,  
how are you doing. your really nice to the kids. Can I please have a shark figmarine. Can I also have a toy boat, person figmarine, and cage for the boat.

Love, Ben Schoenfeld

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing. And how are the roinder doing. Can I please have a light bulb that changeis colr. can I please haave a alaxe for my room.

Love, Lucas Wurster  
Dear Santa,  
I like Santa. Santa nice. Can I have toys for Christmas? Big toys and little toys. I like toy cars.

Love, Cameron Banks  
Dear Santa,  
how are you doing? Are your raindeer going well? How is Mrs. Klaus going? Can I pleas have a bunk bed. Can I plese have an LOL doll surprise. Can I plese have more books. Mary Crismas!

Love, Sophia Martinez

## Mrs. Lawson's River Ridge Second Grade students

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and I have a great christmas. How are youelfs? I wander if icoud be a elf. I relee want a shork that is a baby with three brothers. Sincerely yours, Justice Easter

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a new raindeer? Can I have 3 new LOLs. And a baby live. Your friend, Francie Howard

Dear Santa,  
I have a queshten why do you never show? Can I pleas have the LOL manchin and the bigger supris. Santa I think that you got me a good elf. your friend, Violet Golden

Dear Santa,  
Do you really have raindeer because I want coment for crismas. Thanks for my last crismas. Love, Cruz Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
I want some transformer toys and transformes the last knight movie and Ralph breaks the internet movie. Are you going to come down my chimney or through my door? Your Friend, Christian Morhardt

Dear Santa,  
How is Mis. Claus feeling? For christmas can we have a carockemachen, doll house and a LOL under rap. Love, Natalie Haas

Dear Santa Class,  
Last Christmas was a wonderful time. I have a queshtin, is there such thing as Mrs. Class. All I want for Christmas is a Nintendo Switch. I hope you have a great Christmas. your friend, Brogan Grube

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all off the stuff you have been giving me my brother my dad and my mom. I hope that you give them all the stuff they want or need. I have a lot of stuff on my christmas list but it's ok if I dont get evrything but at least can you get me a smart sketcher? Sincerey yours, Kyla Atutis

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents the past years. And all I wunt for Christmas is shos with weels on the bake of the shos Pleas. Do you Acchuly sayHoHo Ho? your Friend, Leo Boris

Dear Santa Claus,  
All I want for Christmas is.....a Bow Bow head phones. Next I want a LOL Suprise bigger Suprise. And finally I want a Mussicly sweatshirt.

plz hope you bring me the stuff. And Santa how old are you? XOXO, Lyla Rae Brotherton

Dear Santa,  
For christmas can I please have a Obicesquoshe. Santa how do eves make presents? Also can I have 6 new slimes. I want to get somthing for my mom. She wants a new desck. I want a big candy. Sinerely, Madylynn Folks

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a new sled and country cast to open before christmas again? Hope you have a Jolly Christmas Santa. And the reason I want it to open is because my dad got a 1,000 dollar bonus for christmas. sincerely, Dylan

Rampson  
Dear Santa,  
Do you realy have a slay? Can I have a Nintendo Switch. I want a drone. I want a sled. I want two race cars. I want a tranpoulen. I want a new tablet. I want a fake snake. I want a race track. Love, Aidan Garcea

Dear Santa,  
How menyelfs are there? I bet there are alot. I wood like a poopsqishes. And sum slime. And a JoJobowse. Love, Ashley Melvin



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## Christmas in the Fort

Christmas is a timeless celebration as evidenced by the folks at the Apple River Fort in Elizabeth.



The fur buyer is at the Apple River Fort for the Christmas season and the trappers are arriving.



Someone is staying very focused while sharing his Christmas wishes with the jolly old elf.

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# ON THE RECORD

## Obituary

### MARCUS GABRIEL

Marcus Gabriel, age 90, of Hanover, Illinois, passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 in Arizona. Visitation and funeral services were held Dec. 15, at



St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hanover. Burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery, Hanover. Memorials may be given to the family in Marcus' memory. Family and friends are invited to share in Marcus' life at [www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com).

Marcus was born April 25, 1928, in Hillsview, South Dakota, the son of Frank and Veronica (Stoppler) Gabriel. On Nov. 22, 1948, Marcus married Dorothy Grischkowsky. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Marcus worked as a truck driver and in mechanical maintenance until 1985. He also worked at the Savanna Army Depot for 37 years. Although he took an early retirement from the Depot in the spring of 1985, by no means was he officially retired as he became self-employed as an overall handyman and remodeled many homes in and around Hanover. His proudest remodeling project was converting the interior of a barn into a museum-like atmosphere. He was a member of the Savanna Moose and the Hanover VFW. Marcus and Dorothy also had plenty of time to do what they enjoyed most—polka dancing. They spent many winter months staying with their son, Bob in Arizona and attended polka dances which were abundant in Arizona. As a husband, Marcus was very devoted and caring. After an automobile accident left Dorothy comatose for 19 months, he visited with her every day for hours and cared for her as best as he could. She passed away on May 20, 1995.

After her death, he continued to spend winter months in Arizona and eventually resumed polka dancing where he met his second wife, Emily, who was from Canada, but also a winter snowbird. They were married in Saskatoon, SASK on April 26, 1997 and Marcus now had an extended family with Emily's two daughters (Diane and Elaine) and two sons, (Gerry and Garry), their spouses, children, and grandchildren.

Marcus was very fortunate to have many good neighbors and friends in the village of Hanover who gave him support during a difficult time and shared his sorrows and joys. He will be missed here on earth, but know he will be welcomed by many others who have passed before him.

Marcus will be dearly missed by his wife Emily and her family; daughter Bonnie (Brad) Beyer of Stockton, Illinois; son Robert

Gabriel of Apache Junction, Arizona; grandson Michael (Merri Lin) Foht; great grandchildren Hannah, Christopher, Michaela, Joshua, Katherine, Margaret, Annie and William; and one sister Tillie Roth of Lead, South Dakota. Marcus is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Veronica; sisters Christine Strobel, Liz Roesler and Ludvina Brandneert; brothers Joe, Karl, George and Tony; wife Dorothy; daughter and son-in-law Patricia and Matthew Williams.

## Birth

### Cadence Pickard

Ethan and Madison Pickard of Cedarville, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Cadence Jane Pickard born Wednesday Dec. 12, 2018 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Dwight and Julie Pickard of Pearl City and Jeff and the late Jane Parks of Lena, Ill. Great grandparents are Joe and Jewel Maurer of Pearl City and Stan and Sylvia Bomgarden and Lila Parks all of Freeport.



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## Parkinson-Ganzer

On June 30, 2018 Lauren Ann Parkinson was united in marriage with Mitchell John Ganzer at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, Ill. with Pastor Rick Bader officiating. Lauren is the daughter of Mike and Anita Parkinson of Lena. Mitchell is the son of Lori Millwright Ganzer and Brian Ganzer both of Iowa. The couple was attended by maids of honor Lindsey and Lana Parkinson, sisters of the bride, and bridesmaids Stefani Ganzer, sister of the groom and Jillian Koos, friend of the couple. The flower girl was Ruby Hamel. The best man was Garrett Grosskruger, friend of the couple. Groomsmen were Will Cornelius, JC Cornelius and Kyler Calow, friends of the couple. Ring bearers were Calahan Cornelius and Logan Cornelius. The bride wore structured silk Essence of Australia. The high neckline Matte Mikado gown flares out into a dramatic full skirt and train. A Diamante beaded belt highlights the waist and coordinates perfectly with a unique Diamante beaded double strap back. Silk buttons accent down the back of the dress to the end of the train. The bride also wore a fingertip, floor length veil. Her bouquet was a mix of lilies and roses. A reception and dance followed the ceremony. The newlyweds reside in Dubuque, Iowa.

# Let chiropractic help relieve your holiday stress

By Dr. Mike Wampfler DC  
PREMIER CHIROPRACTIC

A recent study published by the Gallup poll shows that a overwhelming number of Americans (79%) feel stress sometimes or frequently throughout each day. The anticipation and expectation of stress impacts people just as much as the stress itself. Stress also plays a significant role in chronic disease. Stress serves as the single largest determining factor in heart disease and heart attacks. Stress manifests throughout the year through multiple avenues and individual health requires that people maintain a plan to remove, minimize, and cope with stress, especially during the holiday season. Many proven options help reduce or remove stress. Rhythmic breathing, consistent exercise, and good nutrition offer excellent choices to help counteract the impact of stress. One of the greatest stress-relieving tools a person can utilize to deal with the weight of stress comes from utilizing Chiropractic spinal adjustments.

The spine maintains a unique and intimate relationship with the central nervous system. The central nervous system filters stress and determines whether or not stressors will cause harm. Some people possess the ca-

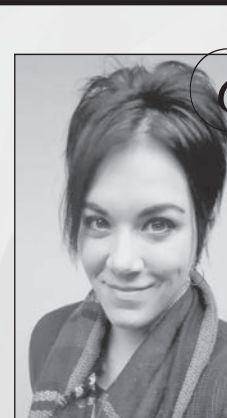
pability to withstand high amounts of stress without experiencing any significant health challenges or symptoms. Other people encounter lower amounts of stress but exhibit greater levels of symptoms, dysfunction, and disease. The filter which screens all stress lives in the central nervous system. The intimate connection between the spine and central nervous system results in stress-relief being one of the greatest benefits achieved through Chiropractic spinal adjustments. According to the American Institute of Stress, 44% of Americans feel more stressed than they did just five years ago. Many professions focus on changing a person's environment to suit the weakened body, but Chiropractors concentrate on strengthening the body to suit the environment. Nervous system capability weakens as the spine loses function in both alignment and movement. Operating below maximum potential causes the body to reduce efficiency when it comes to filtering out the effects of stress. Chiropractic focuses on helping a person's body better adapt and maintain resiliency against stress by restoring spinal alignment to the least stressful positions. Research from 2014 proved a direct link between a spinal adjustment and the reduction

of stress hormones. Chiropractic reduces unwanted stress build up in the spine and nervous system, thus balancing hormones and restoring optimal function to the entire body.

Four specific strategies to become more resilient to stressors over the holiday season:

- Regular Chiropractic Adjustments
- 7-8 Hours of Sleep
- More Vegetables (anti-oxidants)
- Increased Heart Rate 3-5x/week (exercise or brisk walk)

The holidays come hand in hand with the most potent stress of the year. Consistent Chiropractic care throughout this time of year equips the entire family with the capability to combat stress and enjoy festivities and time together. The benefits of Chiropractic care come in many forms ranging from improved sleep, immunity (think about all the relatives sharing their germs), digestion (if you're like me and you take that second plate of food and maybe a few too many Christmas cookies), mobility (sitting around talking and eating way more than normal), and whole-body health. No holiday gift means more than time well spent in good health and good cheer. Chiropractic helps the whole family better adapt to the stress of the season.



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If interested or have further questions, please contact Stockton Ambulance Service at 113 E. Queen Ave., Stockton, IL 61085.

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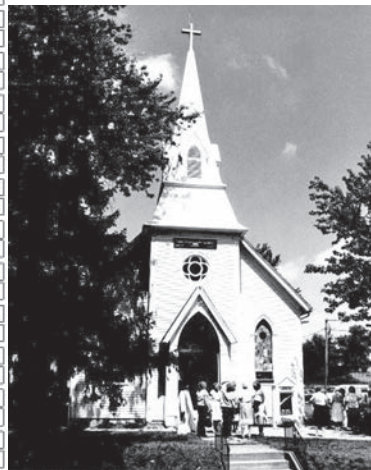
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# CHURCH NEWS

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather on this Fourth Sunday of Advent for worship service with Holy Communion on Dec. 23, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. Following worship, there will be a time for fellowship with coffee and sweets.

On Monday at 5 p.m., all are invited to Family Christmas Eve Service. Come and hear the puppets tell a Christmas story, the service will end with the singing of Silent Night and candlelight., at 7:30 p.m. we will have Candlelight Service worship with Holy Communion, special music and beloved Christmas hymns.

On Tuesday, Christmas Day, we will celebrate worship service at 9:30 a.m. Come join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with carols from around the world.

On Wednesday Dec. 26, at 8 a.m.

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We are having a SOCK DRIVE for the Le-Win Elementary school. Bring new and comfortable socks to the church during the Christmas season.

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

## St. John's (Pearl City) celebrate Christmas

You're invited to join us at St. John's for worship on Sunday, Dec. 23 for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Enjoy the beautiful poinsettia garden during worship. Sunday School will be held on Dec. 23 after worship. Plan on celebrating the Christmas Season at St. John's. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be held at 5 and 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Day worship will be at 9 a.m. The service of Carols and Readings will be at 9 a.m. on Dec. 30.

The Advent Book Study is focusing on the book, "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado and is meeting after worship on Sundays. Come study the season of Advent as we move from Hope, Peace, and Joy to love that has to offer, as we explore the child in the cradle.

Congratulations to Twila Simler, Pearl City, IL, for winning the the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on

Dec. 12.

Need a place to hold an event in Pearl City? The main hall at St. John's is available for rent. Call the church for more information and availability.

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

## Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

The Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches will worship together Sunday, Dec. 23, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will bring the message celebrating the Fourth Sunday in Advent (Love). All are invited and welcome to stay for fellowship. Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m., studying from the Upper Room. All are invited and welcome to this time too.

Dec. 24 is our Candle Light Service, at 5 p.m. at the Willow Church.

Kent Church is located in beautiful downtown Kent, IL For more information, please call Pastor Chuck at 815-947-2541

## Millie's Quote of the Week

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# Letters To Santa

## Mrs. Libberton's Stockton Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cowen Zuck. How do you like to eat? I have been good. I want a new pickup truck and trailer with a gator on it, Mag-natiles, and a new semi with flatbed trailer and excavator. Thank you, Cowen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lily Ebbings. How are you, Santa? How can the rein-

deer fly? How can the elves make presents? I have been nice this year. I want a toy barbie doll, a toy house, and pretend food. Merry Christmas! From Lily

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brayden Jacobs. How can the reindeer fly? How can they pull the sled? I have been nice. I want a dump truck, garbage truck, and a jeep that pulls a boat. Merry Christmas! From Brayden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mason Larson. Where do you live? How do the reindeer pull the sled? I am nice. I want a backhoe, a semi, and a lego set with a fire truck. You are really nice. Merry Christmas! From Mason

Dear Santa,  
My name is Clayton Lancaster. How can you wrap all the presents up? I have been good. I want a dirt bike, a helmet, knee pads, and el-

bow pads. Merry Christmas! From Clayton

Dear Santa,  
My name is Harper Elle. How can the reindeer fly with magic? How do the elves make toys? I think I have been good. I would like an ABC coloring book, playdough, and Mr. Potato Head toys. I also want some puzzles. I think you're really special. Merry Christmas! From Harper

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aubrey Haas. What do you like to eat? Where do you live? How do you make the toys? I have been nice. I want LOL dolls, LOL ambulance, and LOL doll-house. Merry Christmas! From Aubrey

Dear Santa,  
My name is Landyn Shockey. How can your reindeer fly? How can the sleigh fly? I have been nice. I want a dump truck, a robot vacuum cleaner, and a drum. Merry Christmas! From Landyn



Linda and Natasha are busy at Hartig Drug and ready to help with your Christmas gift shopping while fitting in with this year's theme of Christmas around the World.



The Stockton Boy Scouts serve bowls of chili and soup to warm the cockles of revelers hearts during the annual Stockton Christmas walk.



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## Merry Christmas

Santa and Mrs. Claus congratulate the 2018 Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost, Piper Sandell and Brayden Downs while revelers shower them with snow.

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## By Michelle Haas' Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Rowan Blair. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. What do you eat? I would like an American boy doll, blue phone case, and a blue fuzzy popsocket for Christmas. Love, Rowan

Dear Santa,  
My name is Blaze Detwiler. I am 5 years old. I have been ok this year. Could I pet your reindeer? I would like a body pillow, a shark, and toys for Christmas. Love, Blaze

Dear Santa,  
My name is Romel Glass. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like a new game, a new

xbox, and a big crocodile toy for Christmas. Love, Romel

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jasiah Herring. I am 5 years old. I have been ok this year. Do you really like milk and cookies? I would like a black tablet, a real motorcycle, and remote control tractor with a trailer for Christmas. Love, Jasiah

Dear Santa,  
My name is Emma Kurth. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. What do the reindeer eat? I would like an American girl doll, a doll house, and an LOL big surprise for Christmas. Love, Emma

Dear Santa,  
My name is Landrie McPeck. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. Does Rudolph's nose really light up? I would like a

bath bomb maker, an American girl Ice Cream truck, and an American girl doll for Christmas. Love, Landrie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Marek Paisley. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. Are the reindeer ok? I would like an xbox, and a fitbit for Christmas. Love, Marek

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kasyn Pierce. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like an xbox, a big farm set, and a big tractor that I can ride for Christmas. Love, Kasyn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tiffani Portner. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. How does Rudolph's nose light up? I would like a big LOL

surprise for Christmas. Love, Tiffani

Dear Santa,  
My name is Janika Schubert. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. Do you want milk and cookies? I would like LOL's and a squishy for Christmas? Love, Janika

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kelten Steen. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. How are the reindeer doing? I would like Robodog and a remote control car for Christmas. Love, Kelten

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aubrey VanBeek. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. I like you Santa. I would like an underwrap LOL, a watermelon squishy, and a fuzzy bunny with a house and a car that the doors can open. Love, Aubrey



Wa Tan Ya had a table set up selling candy and nuts at the Stockton Heritage Museum.



Stockton Township and the Stockton Fire Department were on hand, allowing folks to explore the vehicles and experiment with the horns.



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**Merry Christmas**

Ann Coppernoll is with the tree her son decorated, it fit with the Christmas around the world theme. This one represents Scandinavia.

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# Letters To Santa

## By Mrs. Arnold's First Grade Class

Dear Santa,  
I like school. My name is Adam and I live in Stockton. For Christmas I want a trampoline, a PS4 remote and a Packers' football. How did you get your reindeer? Why do you get cookies? Please give my mom a seashell jar. Love, Adam Barrett

Dear Santa,  
I like football and Minecraft. I like to help people. How do you give everyone presents in one night? Please bring me a Bears colored football, a Broncos football and a paint set. Please give my mom and dad new phones. Love, Keaton Townsend

Dear Santa,  
My name is Piper. I have one brother. I like to read Captain Underpants books. How do you make reindeer fly? Why don't you wake up people at night when you give the presents? For Christmas, I want Squishies, a paint set and canvases. Please bring my mom a necklace. Love, Piper Sandell

Dear Santa,  
I'm a good boy. I like school. My last name is Robinson. For Christmas, I would like Legos, a white-mask and a toy Fortnite Boogie Bomb. How do you get all the toys? How do you not wake us up while you are giving us toys? Please

## Set up 'salad bar' at home

Set out small bowls of broccoli, shredded carrots, diced cucumbers, raisins, and more for kids to create their own masterpiece.

bring my dad a Star Wars Lego set. Love, Jason Robinson

Dear Santa,  
I have 2 cats. I have one sister. I have a mom and a dad. Please bring me Hatchimals, a Barbie and a drone. How do you make presents? How did you get hired? Please get my dad a watergun. Merry Christmas, Alannah Edwards

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mason. I have a dog and a cat. I like helping my friends spell words. How do you make your reindeer fly? Why do you live at the North Pole? Please bring me a mini trampoline and a Madden 19 and Zoom Tube track. Please bring my mom chocolate. Merry Christmas, Mason Larson

Dear Santa,  
I am 6 years old. I will help you Santa. I have six cats. How can you make your reindeer fly? How can you see everywhere? Please bring

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me a remote control track, a paint set and a huge trampoline. Please bring my dad a pet dog. Have a great day, Bryar Offenheiser

Dear Santa,  
I like my friends. I like my mom and dad. My name is Katelynn. How do you make the reindeer fly? How do you sneak into houses? For Christmas I would like Hatchimals, a paint set and a volleyball. Please get my brother a truck. Love, Katelynn Kline

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this week. I like cookies. I love my parents. Why do you like cookies with milk? Why do you put Christmas presents under the tree?

For Christmas I would like a Mermaid tail, a Genie Mermaid, and a Mermaid. Please bring my brother a Ben 10 watch. Love you dear Santa! Alyssa Noller

Dear Santa,  
I am 6 years old. I live in Stockton. I love cookies. What is your favorite color? How do the elves make presents? For Christmas, I want a Tablet, a toy dinosaur and a toy Spiderman. Please bring my grandpa some gloves. Merry Christmas, Julianne Rock

Dear Santa,  
I love cats. I've been a good girl. For Christmas, I would like Slime and a pet dog and Hatchimals. Why do you make the elves do all the work? Where do you get the gifts? Please give my sister Ellie a book.

Merry Christmas, Emily Kleckner

Dear Santa,  
I like playing football. I have 2 cousins and I play with them. How do you get down the chimney when there are lines (in the chimney)? How do you make the toys? For Christmas, I want a Broncos football, a remote control truck and a mini trampoline. My cousin would like a big trampoline. Love, JJ Dittmar

Dear Santa,  
I like PS4. I am a "You-Tuber". How do you make presents? Why do you make the reindeer and the elves do all the work? Please bring me a remote control car, a BeamNG Drive game and a phone. Please bring an R.C. car for my dad. Merry Christmas, Devin Bartell

Dear Santa,  
I love dogs. I am kind. My name is Maddison. How do you make reindeer fly? Why do you live at the North Pole? Please bring me Hatchimals and Little Live pet puppy Legos. Please bring my cousin a Little Live pet cat. Love, Maddison Andrews

Dear Santa,  
My name is Blake. I like Xbox and I like cars. How do you get to everyone's house in one night? Why do you put Christmas presents under the tree? For Christmas, I would like a WWE video game, a remote control car and a Packers jersey. Please bring my mom heart earrings. Love, Blake Bennett

Dear Santa,  
I am six. I like school. I love to help. Please bring me Slime, a trampoline and a paint set. How do you make the reindeer fly? Why do you like cookies with milk? Please give my mom a hot tub. Have a great day, Emma Offenheiser

Dear Santa,  
My name is Noah. I am a nice. How do you make toys? How do you make the reindeer fly? For Christmas, I want a red truck. Also, I would like a fire engine and a rescue truck. Please bring my mom a hot tub. Merry Christmas, Noah Glass

Dear Santa,  
I have red hair and I have blue eyes. I have four cats. How old are you? How do you sneak inside houses? For Christmas, I want a Minecraft Lego set, an Xbox One and a Harry Potter Lego set. Please bring my sister a Little Live pet squirrel. Love, Jacob Craft

Dear Santa,  
My name is Pyizon. I like school. I like helping people. Why do you make presents? How are you so quiet? For Christmas, please bring me a drone, a Nintendo Switch and a gold watch. Please bring my auntie a heart necklace. Merry Christmas, Pyizon Blair

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Dear Santa,  
Do you need help? I hope you are good! Can you please get my mom some stuff? I know what you can get my mom. P.S. Sidra. I will ask you if you put the Santa cam in my class. Please write me back because I am writing you back. Please get my dog a bone and don't forget to hi to Mrs. Claus for me. I am Sidra. Hi Santa. From, Sidra

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Can I get a game for my Xbox 360 and an Alexa? I helped my mom do dishes! I will leave you cookies and milk. Have a safe trip and dress warm. From, Kayden  
Dear Santa,  
Do you like cookies and milk? I do because they are good for you. I've been good for my mommy this month. For Christmas I would like a

puppy and a kitty. Also I would like Junie B Jones books and a big teddy bear. I love you Santa. From, Jada  
Dear Santa,  
How are you elves doing today? I was nice to my brother today. I want cozmo robot. It is a robot that I can play with. I also want transformers, blue slime, and Junie B Jones books. I can't wait to see you so I like you too. From, Javier  
Dear Santa,  
I hope your elves are having fun making presents. I hope you are having fun Santa. I would like a wrestling toy and a Xbox 3. Also I would like lots of squishies and lots of football stuff. Last I would like a fotot. Do you like to eat cookies? I hope you have a safe trip. From, Palmer  
Dear Santa,  
I can't see you but I want to help you on the big night. I want to help you pack the sleigh! But I can't ride the sleigh because I have a cold. I am wishing for a Xbox 360. I am wishing for a Jurassic World playset. I want to get you cookies for your big night. What is your favorite kind of cookies? From, Liam  
Dear Santa,  
Are your little reindeer practicing to fly? Are you eating cookies with milk? Thank you for the white cozmo last year. This year I would like to go to Legoland. I want a black and yellow kitten too. From, Tyler  
Dear Santa,  
Are you ready for your big day? Are your reindeer having fun? I would like a Loldoll and Hatchimals. I have been a good girl this year Santa. Do you want milk and cookies? I hope you like the milk and cookies I leave out for you! From, Maisie  
Dear Santa,  
Do you like the cookies we make? How is Rudolph doing? I am a big

helper. Can I have a Nintendo switch and skateboard? Also I want a Xbox one. Can you give mom and dad and Riley good stuff please? I hope you have a good trip. From, Calvin  
Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing great at the North Pole. I really want a real Dalmatian puppy with brown spots. I am a very very good girl. I hope you are packing your sleigh. Thank you for my bike. I love you Santa. I hope the elves are making toys, My elf Cutie is a good hider. Do you like cookies with milk? From, Grace  
Dear Santa,  
How are the elves doing on toys? Are the reindeer doing good? Thank you for the toys last year. Can I please have a newborn baby girl and some JoJo bows? I have been a good girl this year. I hope you have a safe trip. From, Emma  
Dear Santa,  
Are you and your reindeer ready for Christmas? I was so excited to decorate the tree this year! It was fun! I have been practicing making cookies for you too! This year I would love a jump rope, a balance beam, and a box of swiss cake rolls. Enjoy the cookies I leave out. Have a safe trip. From, Hannah  
Dear Santa,  
How old are you Santa? I wish for a Nintendo Switch and Hatchimals. Also LOLdolls and Barbie set too! I wish that I could have a dog. I have been a good girl Santa. How have you been this year Santa? From, Abby  
Dear Santa,  
What kind of cookies do you like the most? I really want a Nintendo Switch and Junie B. Jones books. Can you get Ollie and Lake cat toys? I hope Tinsel does not get hurt. I love you Santa. From, J.T.



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## Merry Christmas

Stockton's most interesting reindeer becomes very friendly as Hannah Blair enjoys petting her.

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# Letters To Santa

## By Mrs. Dobernecker's Warren First Grade Class

Dear Santa,  
Are your elves making good toys? I would like an Xbox 360. Can I please have a Lego Dinosaur World? Can I please have a baby Husky? Can I glow up slim? Am I on the good list? I hope you have a great trip. What kind of cookies do you like? From, Cole

Dear Santa,  
Do you have fun delivering presents? How are the reindeer? I am wishing for a Pixel 3 games for my Xbox. I want an Xbox one poster. How are the elves doing? Do you like sugar cookies? Which reindeer do you like? Am I on the naughty or nice list? I hope your trip is good! From, Aiden

Dear Santa,  
Do your reindeer like celery? Do you like chocolate milk? I have been a good girl. Can I please have mascara and hair dye too? I also would like a little more make-up please. I hope you like delivering presents. From, Kelsey

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves doing? May I please have a Lego Boost and a Nintendo game? I have been a good boy

because I feed my dog. I say please. I have set the table. Which cookies do you like? How are the reindeer doing? Have a good trip. From, Sage  
Dear Santa,

Are your reindeer having fun? I have been good for my big brother. Do you like cookies and milk? May I please have a big pink unicorn? Also a pup that is named snuggles? I hope you have a safe trip. I can't wait to see what I get. Be safe on your trip. From, Kynlee

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves doing? How is my elf on the shelf? I have been good this year. I am wishing for a Xbox. May I have army guys? They are fun and there are a lot of them. I hope you have a good trip. From, Piper

Dear Santa,  
Do you have fun bringing the presents? Could I please have a full game of toy soldiers and an Xbox live. I hope you have a good flight on the sled. I have been good. I helped my mom put away pillows. I helped dad do work. I fed my dog. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I hope the elves are doing good! From, Thatcher

Dear Santa,  
What kind of cookies do you like?

Do you like milk with your cookies? I have been good this year. I have been good at school. Santa may I have Power Ranger books and a kitchen that is white? Are your reindeer having fun? I wish I could see you Santa. I love, love, love, love you! I hope you have a good trip. Be safe on your big trip. From, Maya

Dear Santa,  
How are you feeling? I would like a blue Kinze Planter for Christmas. I have been a good boy. I helped Grandpa wash his truck. I will leave you cookies and water. Have a safe trip with your reindeer. From, Hayden

Dear Santa,  
I am very excited for Christmas this year! I love your red suit. Red is my favorite color. So anything red from jello to balloons will do for me. I also love to watch Paw Patrol and Puppy Dog Pals. I hope your reindeer enjoy the treats that I will leave out. Also, I hope you will enjoy the

cookies and milk that I will leave out for you. From, Bella

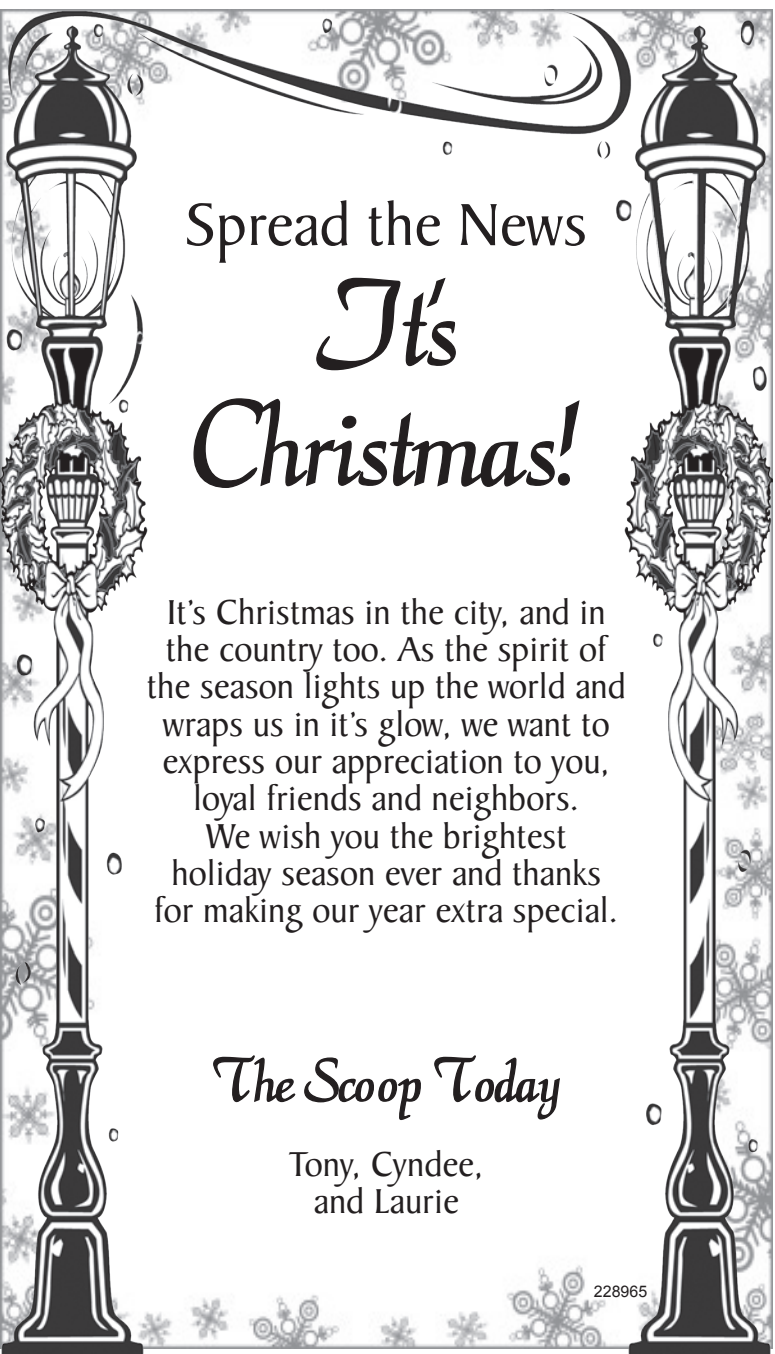
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What kind of cookies do you like? Am I on the good list? I hope you have a safe trip. Can I please have nine Bts tickets for my friends and family? Can I please have Jurassic World Toys? I can't wait until Christmas. From, Leighton

Dear Santa,  
Do you like milk and cookies? Do you have a house? Please can I have some putty? I also would like a skating rink and skating shoes. I have been a very good girl this year.

I hope you have a good trip! From, Lily

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I wish I could see you. Can I please have a Peppa Pig House. I have been a good girl. I take care of my dog, Maya. Also can I please have a pink toy car. I will leave you some cookies and milk. From, Sam

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# Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager Annette Eggers

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau! I hope you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and New Year! As a reminder, our office will be closed on December 25th and January 1st to celebrate the holidays.

So what would Christmas be like without our country's strong agricultural base? The first thought that

comes to mind is all of the great food that we celebrate holidays with, but without agriculture, Christmas would be different in many ways. Agricultural products touch our daily lives in every way. And that's never more evident than Christmas. Most of us don't have a place to cut out our own Christmas tree. The Christmas tree, if you have a traditional Christ-

mas tree, goes back to a Christmas tree farmer. It's a little easier to connect the dots between agriculture and the great food that we enjoy during the holidays. You get a ham or a turkey, it goes back to the farmer raising the turkeys or the hogs. When you decide to bake, whether it be bread or cookies, whatever you decide to bake, whatever you use has an agri-

cultural base, and had to come from a farmer. Ag producers deserve a lot of credit for many of the gifts we give and receive at Christmas. That belt that you get as a gift, or boots, or shoes goes back to the leather of a beef farmer. Shirts that you get, pants, dresses, goes back to the farmer that raises cotton. Even some toys have roots in agriculture. So wheth-

er it's that Christmas day turkey your family is enjoying or those wonderful leftovers, or the gifts we share with one another during this special time, while you're giving thanks, put in a good word for our farmers. It all related back to agriculture.

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau offering \$250 towards R.O.P.S. Purchase. The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau would like to offer funds to reimburse farmers for purchasing ROPS (Rollover Protective Structures.) Fifty-five percent of farm tractors in Illinois do not have a cab or ROPS (Rollover Protection Structure.) Only 1 in 5 victims will survive a tractor rollover accident. The leading cause of farm related deaths in Illinois is tractor rollover accidents. They account for more than 30% of farm related deaths. ROPS help protect farmers and family members from being crushed in the event of a tractor turnover or rollover. Safety Chairman, Dan Robbe, states that "Safety is a priority of the farm bureau, and we would like to encourage our members to install ROPS on their tractors". Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members who purchase a ROPS could receive a reimbursement of \$250 towards the purchase of a ROPS (Six rebates are available). To receive the \$250, members would need to bring in their paid invoice to the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth. Customers would be responsible for the cost, freight, and installation which are available through the dealer. If you have been thinking about putting a ROPS on one of your tractors - now is the time! For more information about this program, or to become a member of our organization, contact the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office at 815-858-2235 or email [jdcbmgr@blkhawk.net](mailto:jdcbmgr@blkhawk.net).

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# Letters To Santa

## Mrs. Barker's Warren Kindergarten Students

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping friends pick up toys and help my mom clean the house. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Barbie house. I would like a Paw Patrol book I could read. I really need snow pants. I would like a princess Anna dress to wear. The number one wish on my list is a Paw Patrol set.

Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Madison  
Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my friend with math and my brother draw a jellyfish. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Barbie. I would like a Turtleman book that I could read. I really need new socks. I would like a Ninja Turtle sweatshirt to wear. The number one wish on my list is roller skates. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Braylyn

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my mom clean up the kitchen and help my dad cut wood. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a toy snake. I would like a John Deere book to read. I really need a warm sweatshirt. I would like a Bears sweatshirt to wear. The number one wish on my list is a toy barn or little tractors. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Randy

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my dad work on the deck and help my mom fold clothes. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a tree house. I would like an Emoji book to read. I really need a new plow for my truck. I would like a plain winter scarf. The number one wish on my list is an air hockey table. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Tanner

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my dad make a fire and Danielle clean the house. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a moped. I would like a Pete the Cat book that I could read. I would like new blue and orange Nike shoes to wear. The number one wish on my list is a remote control car. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Gabe

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my mom go grocery shopping and I helped my sister pick up toys. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a doctor playset. I would like a unicorn book I could read. I really need a new pair of socks. I would like a pair of sparkly rainbow shoes to wear. The number one wish on my list is a big fluffy unicorn. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Journee

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my friends pick up and helped my mom do laundry. If you are not

too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a calendar. I would like a book about animals. I really need a shirt. I would like a new pair of Paw Patrol shoes to wear. The number one wish on my list is a new night light. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Elizabeth  
Dear Santa,

This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were playing nice with my brother and helping my mom calm down when the dog was missing. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a new pink chair. I would like a Barbie book I could read. I really need a

new fluffy pig. I would like a sparkly scarf to wear. The number one wish on my list is a calendar. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Genevieve  
Dear Santa,

This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my sister pick up toys and helped my mom with dishes. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love some new bells. I would like a Paw Patrol book I could read. I really need new pencils. I would like new Batman shoes to wear. The number one wish on my list is a Lego Volcano set. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Easton  
Dear Santa,

This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my sister clean her room and helped my dad clean his truck. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a robot dog. I would like a John Deere book that I could read. I really need a scarf. I would like a durable sweatshirt to wear. The number one wish on my list is a toy barn for tractors. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Blaine  
Dear Santa,

This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my dad chop trees down and reel in a fish. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a remote control plane. I would like a Ninja Turtle book to read. I really need a scarf and mittens. I would like a Green Bay Packers sweatshirt to wear.

The number one wish on my list is a remote control robot. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Asher  
Dear Santa,

This year I have been really nice. A thing I did that was nice was helped my baby sister and brother clean up the house. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a new dog. I would like a Paw Patrol book I could read. I really need a new coat. I would like a blue sparkly dress to wear. The number one wish on my list is slime play set. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Isabel  
Dear Santa,

This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were play with all my friends and help dad get firewood. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a tablet. I would like the Wild Kratt book. I really need new tennis shoes. I would like socks with sharks on them. The number one wish on my list is a remote control Star Wars car. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Daymi-on  
Dear Santa,

This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my dad clean the house and grandma buy food. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love doctor toys. I would like a Clifford book to read. I really need new pants. I would like a new pink bow to wear. The number one wish on my list is a Barbie Jeep. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Chyanne



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# Letters To Santa

## Mrs. Freese' Warren Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aubrie. I am 7 years old. I live in Nora. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is slime because I always wanted it for my birthday. If your elves are not too busy I would also like an iPhone 8 because my mom said she would buy me one. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Aubrie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Koralyn. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is slime because I have never had slime. If your elves are not too busy I would also like an iPhone X because all of my electronics broke. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Koralyn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Trista. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is an iPod because I always use my mom's phone. If your elves are not too busy I would also like cowgirl boots because I love playing farmers with my sister. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Trista

Dear Santa,  
My name is Addelyn. I am 8 years old. I live in Apple River. This year I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a big box of makeup because my other one got ruined. If your elves are not too busy I would also like an iPhone because I can play games. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Addelyn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mady. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a cute puppy because I would cuddle with it. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a computer because I would play on it with my dog Max. I will leave reindeer food for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Mady

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bentley. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a Lego Infinity War Thanos Ultimate Battle because I love the Infinity War. If your elves are not too busy I would also like these Lego animals that you build because I love animals and I love Legos. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Bentley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Thomas. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is Nerf guns because I would have Nerf wars with my brother. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a remote control car because I would crash into my brother with it. I will leave some cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Thomas

Dear Santa,  
My name is Zachary. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a computer because my mom can't buy it and it's too expensive. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a printer because I can't buy it. I will leave some cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Zachary

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hailey. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a hoverboard because my cousin has a pink hoverboard and it is shiny and very big, too. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a newborn baby because they look like a real baby. I will leave some chocolate milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Hailey

Dear Santa,  
My name is Levi. I am 7 years old. I live in Apple River. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a computer because I can play games on it. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Playstation 4 because I can play on it at bedtime. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Levi

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alex. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is lots of Christmas clothes because I don't have a lot. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a PS 4 because my house is kind of boring. I will leave some gingerbread cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Alex

Dear Santa,  
My name is Corbin. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a Lego Technic stunt truck because it is blue and really cool. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Beyblade Burst Genesis Valtreyk because it is cool. I will leave some cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Corbin

## Mrs. Janecke's Warren Second Grade class

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kayden. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. I have been very good this year. What I would most like for Christmas this year is

a Nintendo Switch so my brother could have my D.S. If your elves are not too busy I would also like the Lego Incredibles game for the Nintendo Switch because I always play with my cousin's Nintendo Switch. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies for you on Christmas Eve! I will also leave carrots for the reindeer, too. Merry Christmas! From Your Friend, Kayden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tristyn. I am 8 years old. I live in Nora. I have been good this year. What I would most like for Christmas is a hoverboard because I'm jealous that my brother Kaden has one. If your elves have time I would also like a game called Black Ops 4. I will leave you Chocolate Chips Ahoy cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Tristyn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hailie. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a LOL Surprise Capsule Doll because I gave my cousin one for her birthday and I wanted one. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a hoverboard because my cousin Maddie has one and I like to ride it. I will leave some sugar cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Hailie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sadie. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a Vampirina house because I watch the show all the time. If your elves are not too busy I would also like board games because I only have two board games now. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Sadie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaley. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a black lab puppy because they are so cuddly. If your elves are not too busy I would also like the movie Jumanji because I like animals. I will leave some milk and cookies for you on Christmas

Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Kaley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kinsley. I am 7 years old. I live in Nora. This year I have been very good. What I would most like this year is an Ashton Drake doll (Marissa May) because I wish I had a real baby but my mom said she is too old. If your elves are not too busy I would also like JoJo Siwa merchandise because I love her warm sweatshirts. I will leave some milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Kinsley

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kyle. I am 8 years old. I live in Apple River. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is Fortnite because I like to play it at my friend's house. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a PS4 because that is how you get to play Fortnite. I will leave some cookies with frosting for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Kyle

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kyron. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is NBA2K19 for a PS4, please. I want this because my friend said it is fun. If your elves are not too busy I would also like Fortnite because my brother plays it with me. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Kyron

Dear Santa,  
My name is Donald. I am 7 years old. I live in Apple River. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is V Bucks for Fortnite because I could get new skins in the item shop. If your elves are not too busy I would also like another dog because my two dogs could play with it. I will leave some cookies and eggnog for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas From your Friend, Donald

Dear Santa,  
My name is Addey. I am 8 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a soft mermaid blanket because I can sleep with it at night. If your elves are not too busy I would also like Lego Friends because I can build one a day. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Addey

Dear Santa,  
My name is Aleigha. I am 7 years old. I live in Warren. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is an Avatar Baby because I like alien babies. If your elves are not too busy I would want a Hatchimal because I wanted one last year. I will leave some sugar cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve! Merry Christmas! From your Friend, Aleigha

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# Letters To Santa

## Mrs. Leverton's Warren Kindergarten class

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my dad fix a wheel and helped my grandma put a puzzle together. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a remote control truck. A Peppa Pig book that I could read. I really need new socks. I would like a monster truck shirt that I could wear. The number one wish on my list is slime. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Owen

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I have done that were nice were helping my grandpa farm and feed cows. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a bow and arrow. A hunting book I could read. I really need new school shoes. I would like a camouflage sweatshirt to wear. The number one wish on my list is a ps4. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Gavin

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A thing I did that was nice was picked up my room when I was done playing. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love some slime. A Christmas book that I could read. I really need new socks and a sweatshirt. I would like Paw Patrol clothes to wear. The number one wish on my list is toy cars. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Zechariah

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my sister get dressed and go potty. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a bear stuffed animal. A Peppa Pig book that I could read. I really need a new coat. I would like a pink butterfly gymnastic outfit to wear. The number one wish on my list is slime. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Jazmyn

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my dad make the bed and helped him sweep the floor. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love some slime. A Peppa Pig book I could read. I really need Peppa Pig shoes. I would like a Peppa Pig dress I could wear. The number one wish on my list is a fluffy toy horse. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things that I did that were nice were sharing my toys with my best friend and I have been nice to my elf on the shelf. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a remote control tractor. A tractor book that I could read. I really need new snow boots. A tractor sweatshirt that I could wear. The number one wish on my list is a little dog. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Max

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my mom find the in-

gredients that she needed and helped my brother not be scared. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a slinky. I would like the book called My First Book of Why. I really need a new coat. I would like Maui shoes to wear. The number one wish on my list is more toys. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Alyssa

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my mom do laundry and cook lunch. If you are not too busy here is my list. I'd love a Barbie. A princess book that I could read. I really need a new hat. I would like new tie shoes to wear. The number one wish on my list is a duck stuffed animal. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Leyla

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my dad on the farm and cleaned my room with mom. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a yellow tractor. A Christmas book that I could read. I really need new gloves. I would like Star Wars pants to wear. The number one

wish on my list is an Ipod. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Augie

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping feed my dog and cleaned my room. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love some slime. A Gingerbread Girl book to read. I really need a new coat. I would love a unicorn shirt to wear. The number one wish on my list is a tablet. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Lakota

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my dad carry in groceries and helped my grandpa not be scared of swimming. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a toy train. A Santa book that I could read. I really need new slippers. I would like a new scarf to wear. My number one wish on my list is a doggy pillow. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Arianna

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A thing I did that was nice was helped my dad build a bird feeder. If you are not too busy here is my

wish list. I'd love a chu chu train. I would like a Dinosaur book to read. I really need new gloves. I would like a new vest to wear. The number one wish on my list is a toy tractor. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Noah

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were helping my mom put up the tree and helped my sister get on the potty. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a baby stroller. I would like a race car book that I could read. I really need new snow pants and snow boots. I need more

clothes to wear. The number one wish on my list is a baby alive that drinks. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Braelyn

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really nice. A few things I did that were nice were giving my mom some tea and shared toys with my brother. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a garbage truck. I would like a Peppa Pig book I could read. I really need new tractor boots. I would like new shoes to wear. The number one wish on my list is a toy dump truck. Drink lots of hot chocolate! Your friend, Camden

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



*The not so skinny cook*

It's beginning to look like Christmas—yes, it is everywhere we go. I went shopping, and I have been baking too. I found the Christmas music station on the radio—103. 1, and I am getting ready for next week. Since this column will come out as the last one before Christmas, there are some good recipes—an appetizer, a salad, a good side, a main dish, and two elegant desserts.

These mushrooms are listed as the best stuffed mushrooms ever—if you look at the recipe, it has bacon, cream cheese, Parmesan and mushrooms. You really can't get better than that because mushrooms take on the flavor of everything else. Use these for a Christmas appetizer, or you can save them for New Year's Eve too.

## Stuffed Mushrooms

3 slices bacon  
4 oz. cream cheese, softened  
4 T. Parmesan cheese, divided  
½ t. Worcestershire sauce  
½ t. pepper

1 lb. button mushroom caps  
Preheat the oven to 350. Cook the bacon in a large skillet, turning occasionally, until crisp and evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain on paper towels; crumble when cooled. Stir the bacon into the cream cheese, adding 2 tablespoons of parmesan cheese, Worcestershire sauce, and pepper in a large bowl. Spoon filling into the mushroom caps, using about 1 teaspoon filling per cap. Place in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining parmesan. Bake until mushrooms are tender and filling is golden brown, about 25 to 30 minutes.

This salad has a lot of fruits in it. It is a little more than just the cranberry relish. I like the crunch of apples

(my favorites are Gala, Fuji, or Granny Smith). I can't have bananas, so I leave them out. There is only a little preparation involved. Enjoy this refreshing fruit salad at your Christmas dinner.

## Festive Cranberry Fruit Salad

1 lb. (12 oz.) fresh or frozen cranberries  
¼ C. water  
½ C. sugar  
5 medium apples, diced  
2 medium firm bananas, sliced  
1½ C. fresh or frozen blueberries, thawed  
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, undrained  
1 C. fresh or frozen raspberries, thawed  
¼ C. strawberries, halved

In a large saucepan, combine the cranberries, water, and sugar. Cook and stir over medium heat until berries pop, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly.

In a bowl combine the remaining ingredients. Add cranberry mixture and stir gently. Refrigerate until serving.

Are you looking for a great side for Christmas dinner? This sweet potato and squash recipe is really tasty. The use of evaporated milk, butter, brown sugar and the pumpkin pie spice makes for an interesting "dressing" or sauce for special occasion vegetables. If you are not a nut lover, omit the pecans.

## Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash Casserole

3 medium sweet potatoes, halved lengthwise  
1 small butternut squash, halved lengthwise and seeded  
¼ C. plus 2 T. firmly packed light brown sugar, divided  
½ C. evaporated milk  
5 T. butter, melted and divided  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 T. lemon juice  
¼ t. pumpkin pie spice  
¼ t. salt  
1 C. pecans

Preheat the oven to 425. Spray a large rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray. Place sweet potatoes

and squash cut side down, on prepared pan. Bake until a sharp knife can be easily inserted in center, about 45 minutes. Let stand at room temperature until cool enough to handle. Reduce oven temperature to 350.

Scoop pulp from sweet potato and squash and place in a large bowl. Add ¼ C. brown sugar, evaporated milk, 4 tablespoons melted butter, eggs, lemon juice, pie spice and salt. Beat with a mixer at medium speed until smooth.

Spray a shallow 2 quart baking dish with cooking spray. Spoon the mixture into the dish and bake for 20 minutes. In a small bowl, toss together the pecans, 2 tablespoons of brown sugar, and 1 tablespoon melted butter. Sprinkle over casserole. And bake until the mixture is set, about 20 minutes more.

What I like about serving ham balls for Christmas dinner is that you can make them several days ahead of time or even put them in the freezer. (I put the glaze on after taking them and thawing from the freezer.) You have an easy couple of days before Christmas without having to do the main dish prep the day of the big event. You get to enjoy family and guests by planning ahead. Use the sweet potato casserole and you can do most preparation way ahead of time.

## Ham Balls with Brown Sugar Glaze

1 lb fully cooked ground ham  
1 lb. ground pork  
1 C. milk  
1 C. crushed cornflakes  
1 large egg, slightly beaten  
¼ C. packed brown sugar  
1 T. ground mustard  
½ t. salt  
Glaze  
1 C. packed brown sugar  
¼ C. vinegar  
1 T. ground mustard

Preheat the oven to 350. Combine ground ham ground beef, milk, cornflakes, egg, brown sugar, ground mustard, and salt until mixed. Shape into 1 inch balls; place in a single layer on a greased 15 x 10 rimmed baking dish which has been sprayed with cooking spray. To make the glaze: cook and stir all ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Spoon over ham balls. Bake until ham balls are just beginning to brown, 30 to 35 minutes rotating pan and carefully stirring halfway through. Gently toss in

glaze. Serve warm.

This beautiful cake is gorgeous on a cake stand. It uses the cooked frosting that both my grandmother and mother used to make for special occasions. It does require a little make ahead preparation, but the end result is worth it—

## Holiday Snowflake Cake

2 eggs plus 4 egg yolks  
1½ C. sugar  
1 C. whole milk  
½ C. butter, cubed  
2½ C. flour  
1 T. baking powder  
1 t. vanilla  
½ C. chopped pecans  
Frosting  
1¾ C. sugar  
½ C. water  
4 egg whites  
½ t. cream of tartar  
1 t. vanilla  
2 C. sweetened shredded coconut

In a large bowl, beat the eggs, egg yolks and sugar until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. In a small saucepan, heat milk and butter until butter melts. Combine flour and baking powder; add to the egg mixture alternately with milk mixture. Beat until well mixed. Add vanilla. Fold in nuts.

Pour the batter into three greased 9 inch round baking pans. Bake at 350 until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean about 15-18 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool completely.

Frosting: in a saucepan combine sugar and water. Bring to a boil; cook over medium-high heat until a thermometer reads 244. Meanwhile, beat egg whites and cream of tartar on high speed until foamy. Slowly pour hot sugar syrup over the egg whites while beating continuously. Continue beating on high until stiff glossy peaks form, about 7 minutes. Add the vanilla; beat until the frosting cools slightly and reaches the desired consistency.

Place one cake layer on a serving plate, spread with ¾ cup frosting. Sprinkle with ¼ cup coconut. Repeat layers. Top with remaining cake layer. Frost top and sides of cakes with remaining frosting and sprinkle with remaining coconut.

If the preceding recipe is too hard to make, this next one is simple and delicious. It also is really pretty in a trifle bowl. If you don't have a trifle bowl, use a large glass bowl. It is really pretty and tastes great too!

## Irish Crème Chocolate Trifle

1 pkg. devil's food cake mix regular size  
1 C. refrigerated Irish crème non-dairy creamer  
2½ C. 2 % milk  
2 pkg. (3.9 oz. each) instant chocolate pudding mix  
3 C. whipped topping  
12 mint Andes candies, chopped  
Prepare and bake the cake mix according to package directions using a 9 x 13 pan. Cool pan on a wire rack for 1 hour. With a fork or wooden skewer, poke holes in cake about 2 inches apart. Slowly pour creamer over the cake; refrigerate, covered for 1 hour.

In a large bowl, whisk the milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes; let stand until soft-set about 2 minutes. Cut cake into 1½ inch cubes. In a 3 quart trifle or glass bowl, layer a third of each of the following: cake cubes, pudding, whipped topping, cake cubes, pudding, whipped topping and candy. Repeat layers twice. Refrigerate trifle until serving.

We are looking for recipes for the New Year—some appetizers, soups, and sandwiches. If you would like to share, please send them in. You can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

It has been a long and challenging year for me, and I am grateful to be sitting here typing on my computer. I am thankful for my doctors, my family, and my friends who have been on this journey with me. 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. Each year I say that it continues to have a message of truth for my family and friends. Remember: "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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## LEGALS

### ORDINANCE NO. 664 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois operates its public water supply/waterworks system ("the System") in accordance with the provisions of 65 ILCS 5/11-139-1, et. seq., and the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 ILCS 350/1 (collectively, "the Act"), and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Stockton ("the Corporate Authorities") have de-

termined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of public health, safety and welfare to improve the System, including the following:

*Water system improvements including a Water Main Extension to service the new wastewater treatment plant project entailing the construction of approximately 4,000 feet of 8-inch water main from Prairie Avenue north along Park Road to the intersection of Park Road and Binkley Road then east along Binkley Road to the WWTF,*

together with any land or rights in land and all electrical, mechanical or other services necessary, useful or advisable to the construction and installation ("the Project"), all in accordance with the plans and spec-

ifications prepared by consultants of the Village of Stockton, which Project has a useful life of 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to purchase and install the Project, including engineering, legal, financial, administrative and other related expenses is \$640,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay these costs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program Title 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 662, Section 662.210 Fixed Loan Rate, the Village meets the criteria for the Small Community Interest Rate thereby qualifying for a fixed interest loan rate equal to 75% of the Base 20 Year Rate; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program Title 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 662, the Village meets the Disadvantaged Community Principal Forgiveness and is eligible to have up to 75% of the Project costs be forgiven by the State of Illinois pursuant to principal loan forgiveness provisions; and

WHEREAS, the principal and interest payment shall be payable semi-annually, and the loan shall mature in 20 years, which is within the period of useful life of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the costs are expected to be paid for with a loan to the Village of Stockton from the Public Water Supply Loan Program through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the loan to be repaid from revenues of the System and the loan is authorized to be accepted at this time pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Village of Stockton is authorized to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program in the aggregate principal amount of \$700,000 to provide funds to pay the costs of the Project;

WHEREAS, the loan to the Village of Stockton shall be made pursuant to a Loan Agreement, including certain terms and conditions, between the Village of Stockton and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as follows:

### SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF PREAMBLES

The Corporate Authorities hereby find that the recitals contained in the preambles are true and correct, and incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

### SECTION 2. DETERMINATION TO BORROW FUNDS

It is necessary and in the best interests of the Village of Stockton to construct the Project for the public health, safety and welfare, in accordance with the plans and specifications, as described; that the System continues to be operated in accordance with the provision of the Act; and that for the purpose of constructing the Project, it is hereby authorized that funds be borrowed by the Village of Stockton in an aggregate principal amount (which can include construction period interest financed over the term of the loan) not to exceed \$700,000

### SECTION 3. PUBLICATION

This Ordinance, together with a Notice in the statutory form (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), shall be published once within 10 days after passage in *The Scoop Today*, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the Village of Stockton, and if no petition signed by electors numbering 10% or more of the registered voters in the Village of Stockton (i.e., 119) asking that the question of improving the System as provided in this Ordinance and entering into the Loan Agreement therefore be submitted to the electors of the Village of Stockton, is filed with the Village of Stockton Village Clerk within 30 days after the date of publication of this Ordinance and notice, then this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect. A petition form shall be provided by the Village Clerk to any individual requesting one.

### SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES

If no petition meeting the requirements of the Act and other applicable laws is filed during the 30 day petition period, then the Corporate Authorities may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance providing for entering into the Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, prescribing all the details of the Loan Agreement, and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of

the revenues of the System, so long as the maximum amount of the Loan Agreement as set forth in this Ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project or purposes described herein. Any additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with the Act or other applicable law. This Ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for entering into the Loan Agreement under applicable law.

However, notwithstanding the above, the Village of Stockton may not adopt additional ordinances or amendments which provide for any substantive or material change in the scope and intent of this Ordinance, including but not limited to interest rate, preference, or priority of any other ordinance with this Ordinance, parity of any other ordinance with this Ordinance, or otherwise alter or impair the obligation of the Village of Stockton to pay the principal and interest due to the Public Water Supply Loan Program without the written consent of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

### SECTION 5. LOAN NOT INDEBTEDNESS OF THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON

Repayment of the loan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by the Village of Stockton pursuant to this Ordinance is to be solely from the revenue derived from revenues of the System, and the loan does not constitute an indebtedness of the Village of Stockton within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation.

### SECTION 6. APPLICATION FOR LOAN

The Village of Stockton President is hereby authorized to make application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a loan through the Public Water Supply Loan Program, in accordance with the loan requirements set out in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 662.

### SECTION 7. ACCEPTANCE OF LOAN AGREEMENT

The Corporate Authorities hereby authorize acceptance of the offer of a loan through the Public Water Supply Loan Program, including all terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement as well as all special conditions contained therein and made a part thereof by reference. The Corporate Authorities further agree that the

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### TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE STOCKTON FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR FROM MAY 1, 2018 TO APRIL 30, 2019

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STOCKTON FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT:

#### SECTION 1. LEVY.

For there be and is hereby levied on all of the taxable property within the corporate limits of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance District subject to taxation for its fiscal year beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019, the following sums for the various purposes mentioned in the District's Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>AMOUNT LEVIED</u>
1. Administration Expense	10,000.00	8,500.00
2. Station Expense	35,000.00	28,075.00
3. Operations Expense	154,000.00	139,715.00
4. Contingent	1,000.00	500.00
Total Appropriation for Corporate (Administration, Station, Operations and Contingent) purposes	\$200,000.00	
TOTAL LEVY FOR CORPORATE (ADMINISTRATION, STATION, OPERATIONS and CONTINGENT) PURPOSES		\$176,790.00
5. Ambulance Service	85,000.00	75,590.00
TOTAL LEVY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE		75,590.00
6. Tort Immunity, Liability and Workman's Compensation Insurance(s)	35,000.00	28,900.00
TOTAL LEVY FOR TORT IMMUNITY, LIABILITY and WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE(S)		28,900.00
7. Audit	3,500.00	3,050.00
TOTAL LEVY FOR AUDIT		3,050.00

#### SECTION 2. NECESSITY.

That each and every of the sums of money above set forth and the aggregate thereof are deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance District to defray the necessary expenses of said District during its fiscal year beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019.

#### SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with law.

APPROVED and PASSED

on November 26, 2018.

D. Robert Melcher

D. ROBERT MELCHER

President

Ernest S. Lieb

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# How to help your child prepare for the SAT/ACT

By Matthew Lynch  
EDVOCATE

Several factors determine acceptance into college, but one of the most significant indicators of likely success in an institution of higher education is a child's performance on the SAT/ACT.

Of course, you're going to want your child to earn a top score on these high-stakes assessments, so here's how to help your child prepare for the SAT/ACT.

## Register for the test

Deadlines have a way slipping past even the most conscientious planners. Review test calendars and the locations near you and register well

in advance of the SAT and ACT administration.

If you forget to register in time to take the test, you might still be able to secure a seat during the late registration period, or you might be wait-listed. Being waitlisted is no guarantee that you'll gain entrance to sit the exam. A delay in taking the test can mean fewer attempts to take the test before college begins or even having to wait a semester before applying.

## Study

As obvious as it seems, your child will have to study regularly.

To know what portions of the test on which to focus, have your child take a practice test. Analyze the re-

sults and build a study plan. Employ a variety of study methods, including online sessions, mobile apps, and hands-on test prep materials. You'll find many high-quality prep workbooks on the market. Some families also hire private tutors to help their children excel in these tests.

Include plenty of reading in between study sessions. Reading books, especially non-fiction works, increases concentration and vocabulary. Both are necessary for performing well on the ACT/SAT.

## Practice under test-like conditions

One of the best ways to prepare

for the SAT/ACT is to practice taking the test.

Unlike the practice test your child took to determine his or her course of study, this test must be treated like the real thing. Replicate as many of the test-taking conditions as possible.

Require your child to get a good night's sleep the day before the practice test. The next morning, administer each section of the test in a room with no distractions, especially electronics ones.

## Reserve judgment

When the test results come in, hold off on making comments, especially if the score is lower than anticipated. Furthermore, avoid comparing your child's test results with those of his or siblings or your friends' children.

Instead, talk with your child about his or her strengths and weaknesses, and formulate a plan for practicing and taking the test again.

Diligence and practice will help your child get the score he or she needs to get into college.

## Forest and grassland edge management workshop

U of I Extension and the National Wild Turkey Federation are offering a two workshops to address forest and grassland edge management issues on Jan. 18, at the Elizabeth Community Building, HWY 20 W, Elizabeth, IL.

Presenters include Chris Evans, U of I Extension Forestry Specialist, and Ryan Harr, from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The morning session "Understanding the Issues and Setting Goals" will focus on helping indi-

viduals understand what needs to be managed and setting management goals. The afternoon session "Taking Actions to Meet Your Goals" will focus on implementation techniques for meeting landowners' forest and grassland goals.

The fee is \$10 for one session or \$15 for the full day. Lunch is not included. For more information or to register for this program visit [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw) or call the U of I Extension office in Jo Daviess County at 815-858-2273.

## LEGALS

Continued from previous page  
loan funds awarded shall be used solely for the purposes of the project as approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement.

### SECTION 8. RESERVE ACCOUNTS

The Village of Stockton does not contemplate establishing any reserve accounts because it does not have any revenue bonds outstanding that would be superior or senior to the debt obligation contemplated herein.

### SECTION 9.

### AUTHORIZATION OF VILLAGE OF STOCKTON PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE LOAN AGREEMENT

The Village President is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The Corporate Authorities may authorize by resolution a person other than the President for the sole purpose of authorizing or executing any documents associated with payment requests or reimbursements from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in connection with this loan.

### SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

### SECTION 11. REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

PASSED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of

Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois on December 11, 2018.  
Introduced: December 11, 2018

Passed: December 11, 2018

Approved: December 11, 2018

*Rodney A. Brandt*

Rodney Brandt, President

ATTEST:

*Susanne Young*

Susanne Young, Village Clerk

Ayes: Stewart, Gonnerman,

Julius, Kunz, Lickes

Nays: Perry

Absent: None

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ATTEST:

*Susanne Young*

Susanne Young, Village Clerk

Village of Stockton,

Jo Daviess County, Illinois

### CERTIFICATION

I, SUSANNE YOUNG, certify that I am the Clerk of the Village of Stockton. I do further certify that the above and foregoing, identified as Ordinance Number 664, is a true, complete and correct copy of an ordinance otherwise identified as "An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program" passed by the Village Board of the Village of Stockton on December 11, 2018, and approved by the President of the Village of Stockton on the same said date, the original of which is part of the books and records within my control as Clerk of the Village of Stockton.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

*Susanne Young*

Susanne Young, Village Clerk

### Exhibit "A"

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO BORROW FUNDS AND RIGHT TO FILE

### PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Ordinance Number 664, adopted on December 11, 2018, the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, ( the "entity") intends to enter into a Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$700,000 and bearing annual interest at an amount not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time of execution of the Loan Agreement, for the purpose of paying the cost of certain improvements to the public water supply system of the Village of Stockton. A complete copy of the Ordinance accompanies this Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that if a petition signed by 119 or more electors of the Village of Stockton (being equal to 10% of the registered voters in the Village of Stockton), requesting that the question of improving the public water supply system and entering into the Loan Agreement is submitted to the Village Clerk within 30 days after the publication of this Notice, the question of improving the public water supply system of the Village of Stockton as provided in the Ordinance and Loan Agreement shall be submitted to the electors of the Village of Stockton at the next election to be held under general election law on April 2, 2019. A petition form is available from the Office of the Village Clerk.

*Susanne Young*

Susanne Young, Village Clerk

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Reservations can be made at each church until Dec. 23, or by phone to Elaine Schlichting at 815-947-3795, but are not needed. Deliveries will also be made to shut-ins in the immediate Stockton area, just remember to give your address and a phone number. Please call Calvary Church at 815-947-2414 on Christmas Day.

The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, raspberry salad, rolls, pies and angel food cake. Volunteers will be doing set-up starting at 1 p.m. on Dec. 24. Those bringing donated food may bring food at that time to Calvary Church or Tuesday morning preferably before 10 a.m.



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**To place an ad in our Help Wanted Section Call Laurie at (815) 369-4112**

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Second row L-R Justin Eden, Trace Williamson

Front row L-R Kimberlyn Raab, Emily Raab, Kendall Schultz, Linzy Friedlein.



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## 2018 Lady Blackhawks

The Lady Blackhawks recently hosted AFC in a non-conference in the Stockton High School gym.

## Warren Jr/Sr High School announces Illinois State Scholars

Warren Jr/Sr High School Principal Josh Knuth is pleased to announce that Miah Stiefel, daughter of Darren and Terri Stiefel, and Garrett Williams, son of Mike and Teri Williams, have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars.

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## Merry Christmas

The Stockton Middle school chorus sings Christmas Carols prior to the lighting of the tree.



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**Apple River personnel:**

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Not pictured: Ben Hicks.



**Scales Mound personnel:**

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Back row: Shari Altfillisch, Karen Redfearn, Kristy Allen, Susan Schultz.

Not pictured: Terry Crandall, Laura Grindey.



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