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Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation hosts Energy District forum

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

Everyone knows that technology is advancing with incredible speed. Solar power is one aspect of technology that is not only advancing rapidly; its presence in our lives becomes more obvious as more solar systems are being installed.

As the use of renewable energy becomes more widespread, questions about use and acquisition are increasing. In addition to citizens and businesses, questions and concerns about the use of renewable energy have arisen amongst groups involved with conservation, public land use, climate change and economic equality. Right now, there is no one single source for information or guidance.

On Dec. 5, 2019 the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) hosted a forum, chaired by Steve Barg, Executive Director of JDCF, covering the concept of Energy Districts. The forum was the joint effort of JDCF and the Clayton County Iowa Energy District. JDCF had previously been approached by Joleen Jansen, Program Manager for the Clayton County Energy District about taking on a role as the first energy district in Illinois.

Considering the scope of work and commitment involved in operating an energy district, JDCF believes that an Energy District should be a singular organization. JDCF believes, however, in the interests of conservation they should help facilitate the formation of an energy district in Jo

Daviess County.

Joleen Jansen presented a history of the Clean Energy Districts of Iowa and how it works. Jansen said, "About a year ago there were 4 energy Districts in Iowa. Today, there are 10. We're hoping to continue adding Districts and we believe it's possible to develop a network of local Districts in the 4-state area of Iowa, Illinois Wisconsin and Minnesota.

"The vision of our Energy Districts is to provide 100 percent local, renewable clean energy by the year 2050.

"Energy Districts should be modeled after the 3000 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) in the United States. The four key principles of the District are local leadership, assistance with energy planning and technical assistance to provide locally owned power generation, help green meet green by assuring that locally owned companies can create renewable jobs, create and retain local prosperity and insure fair access to clean non-fossil fuel energy at reasonable cost."

At present, 80 percent of energy costs leave local economies. The creation of local solar power generation creates local jobs that return business to local economies. The less people pay on electric bills, the more money that can be spent locally. The Energy District, acting much as a SWCD might, can put energy companies together with local contractors, aid the public, businesses, and local government with energy planning. There

would be a positive ripple effect, economically while at the same time, solar energy would have a positive impact on the environment.

As for leadership, like a SWCD, the Energy District would have an elected Board of Directors made up of county residents and functioning as a quasi-government agency. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit status being required.

Steve Barg said, "We need people

to step up and take on this challenge. This is not just a matter of local energy; it involves a wide range of issues."

Another meeting to explore the development of an Energy District is tentatively scheduled for January 23, 2020. Time and place will be determined.

Meanwhile, Hendrica Regez, Jo Daviess County Board member, is trying to pull together an alliance of

conservationists, farmers environmental groups, alternative agriculture growers and others. The alliance will be named the Galena Country Sustainability Alliance. This group could possibly act as an umbrella, providing a new Energy District 501(c)(3) status. For further information JDCF and Regez can be found on Facebook. Joleen Jansen can be reached at www.ClaytonCounty.EnergyDistrict.org.



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Discovery Center hosts New Year's Eve celebration for families

Three...Two...Fun! Discovery Center is bringing the sights, sounds and excitement of Times Square to the museum...all before bedtime! Ring in the New Year at "Countdown to Fun" on Tuesday, December 31 from 12 to 4 p.m.

The family-friendly celebration is filled with countdowns to ball drops and confetti showers at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Fabricate a party hat, knock together a noise-maker and more! The event is sponsored

by SwedishAmerican – a division of UW Health, and HMC Products.

Cost is included with admission to Discovery Center - \$9 adults; \$9 children ages 2-17 and free for Discovery Center Members and children age one and younger.

Discovery Center will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and be closed Christmas Day. Discovery Center will be open normal hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day - from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Blackhawks of the Month

Each month Stockton Middle School students are recognized for going above and beyond to display the Blackhawk Way expectations. They have been nominated for special acts of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.

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Woodland management for wildlife, timber, and enjoyment

Join Illinois Extension for a seminar on Woodland Management for Wildlife, Timber, and Enjoyment on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Elizabeth Community Building, HWY 20 W. Elizabeth, IL. There will be a \$10 charge to attend the seminar and pre-registration is required by Tuesday, Jan. 14. To register or for more information please call the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at 815-858-2273 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw.

Woodlands of any size can be a source of pleasure and resources. All forest areas tend to attract some wildlife already. Deciding to prioritize wildlife habitat improvements

can enhance the abundance and enjoyment of nature. In many cases, this management can reap other benefits including financial gains.

The Woodland Management for Wildlife, Timber, and Enjoyment seminar will focus on understanding and setting management goals appropriate for your woodlands. We will cover making better use of small acreages, field borders, and other wooded areas not currently under a forest management plan. These areas are often perceived as lost acreage or poor wildlife habitat.

"Many people leave these areas for wildlife with little management or planning," comments Olivia Rauhen, National Wild Turkey Fed-

eration forester. "If you want to improve habitat for wildlife and wildlife presence, you definitely need to start doing something. That's the active management piece - doing nothing is a management decision and not the best one for habitat."

There is a lot of overlap between managing forest for wildlife and production forestry. University of Illinois Extension Forester Jay Hayek will share forest management techniques to improve the health and value of timber. Many of these techniques can also be part of the habitat improvement toolbox. Strategic timber harvesting can also play a part in improving and paying for habitat improvement efforts.

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation schedule December meeting

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation will be meeting Thursday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant & Catering, 9426 W. Wagner Road, Lena, Illinois 61048. The meeting will be held in the Cafe' Dining Room with our President, Joe Ginger presiding. Great atmosphere, great food and POPCORN too!

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation is a 501[c]3 Not-for-Profit organization that is dedicated to improving all 58 miles of

your Pecatonica River experience. This includes access, education, wildlife habitat, log jam extrication and river clean-up for the human communities in Stephenson County.

Would you like to learn more? The FPRF is available to attend your organizations meeting too!

Be sure to pick-up the all new Second Edition of the Pecatonica River post card book, which is available at our meeting for \$12. Another collector book created by Joe Ginger with autographs avail-

able at our meeting. We will be discussing our Log Jam Removal, the proposed Wes Block Landing, Atten's Landing development, seeding and more. Come check us out.

The fun & fishing are great on your 10,000 year old river and the Wildlife viewing is even better. Our organization is a fun "hands on" group that is making great things happen. We encourage you to attend our meeting and consider becoming a member. Everyone is welcome.



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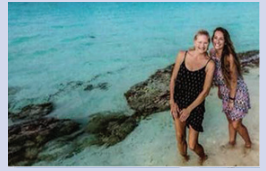
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Operation Christmas Child

The 2019 Operation Christmas Child Shoes Box drop off site was Christ Lutheran Church, Stockton IL where a total of 1,214 boxes was collected.

The volunteer workers include Hannah Smith, Angie and Kyler Broshous, Darcie Raab, Steve, Marcee, and Nancy Rice, Judy Schubert, Janice Kehl, five students from Stockton High School Servant Leadership: Elizabeth Eden, Alyssa Meade, Chandler Reistock, Haley Johnson, Kenna Haas, from Christ Lutheran Church Confirmation Students and Pastor Paul Gebo.

The Shoe Boxes came from Galena, Stockton, Lanark, Warren, Elizabeth, Mt. Carroll IL, Argyle, Darlington, and Browntown, WI, and were loaded into a trailer provided by Bryan Broshous and his son Kyler who drove them to Davis, IL where they were sent all over the world to children that have never received a Christmas Gift. In each box is a story about the true Christmas. Thank you all who helped in any way to make a small child happy and be able to learn about Jesus. God Bless You All!

Stockton Food Pantry

A heartfelt thanks for all the donations to the Stockton Food Pantry at this Holiday Season. Special thanks to the Stockton School Children, Brewster Cheese, Premier Chiropractic, Holy Cross Food Drive, Maggie Guenzler, the local churches and organizations, and all the many private donations of money, food and support to help those who are less fortunate.

Thank you from all the Food Pantry Volunteers

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

My prediction was correct: we did need that heavy winter coat because we got cold weather. I am hoping it was a phase and not a way of life for a long time. Christmas is charging forward, and a lot of us are cooking more than usual. This week's recipes have a nice appetizer for before Christmas dinner, a tried and true salad, an easy vegetable, a main dish, and lots of sweets.

This appetizer is really easy. Go for the rotisserie chicken (because it is good and it is easy!) and use your favorite buffalo sauce. It is also a pretty appetizer on a plate. You can jazz it up with a little shredded cheese or chopped olives.

Chicken Logs

- 1 C. finely chopped cooked chicken
- 3 T. sour cream
- 2 T. buffalo wing sauce
- 4 (10 inch) celery stalks
- 1/4 C. Ranch dressing

Mix the chicken, sour cream and wing sauce in a bowl until blended. Spoon into hollow centers of celery stalks. Cut each stalk into 4 pieces. Drizzle evenly with ranch dressing.

This is one of my favorite salads. It is just right for Christmas. We have made it forever in my family. I haven't made it for a while, and someone asked me to bring a gelatin salad to my card club. I decided to do this one. I can't wait to taste it!

Raspberry Salad

- 1 large raspberry Jell-O
- 1 large pkg. frozen raspberries
- 2 C. boiling water
- 1 1/2 C. applesauce
- Topping
- 1/2 pint of whipping cream
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 t. sugar
- 1 t. vanilla

Pour boiling water over Jell-O. Add raspberries and applesauce. Pour into a serving dish and let set in refrigerator overnight.

Before serving whip the cream un-

til stiff and stir in sugar and vanilla. In a separate small bowl, whip the cream cheese and then add to the whipped cream. Place topping over top of salad and serve. This salad can be easily made for diabetics. Use sugar free Jell-O and natural applesauce for the salad. I use Equal in the topping.

Are you looking for a great side for Christmas Dinner? This simple vegetable is easy to make and really tasty. Sometimes you have to move away from green bean casseroles on holidays!

Butter Peas and Mushrooms

- 2 T. unsalted butter
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) mushrooms, sliced
- 1 small white onion, sliced
- 1 pkg. (13 oz.) frozen sweet peas, thawed
- 1 C. chicken broth
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper

In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add mushrooms and onions; cook until onions are tender. Add peas, broth, salt and pepper; bring to a boil. Cover and remove from heat; let stand for 5 minutes.

I haven't had this meat dish for years. Someone suggested that I put a recipe for Swedish meatballs in the column. They would be a great meat dish for the holiday season and can be made ahead of time.

Swedish Meatballs

- 2/3 C. plus 1 C. evaporated milk, divided
- 2/3 C. chopped onions
- 1/4 C. fine dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. allspice
- Dash of pepper
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 t. butter
- 2 t. beef bouillon granules
- 1 C. boiling water
- 1/2 C. cold water
- 2 T. flour
- 1 T. lemon juice
- Combine 2/3 cup evaporated milk

with onions, bread crumbs, salt, all-spice, and pepper. Add beef and mix lightly. Refrigerate until chilled. With wet hands, shape meat mixture into 1-inch balls. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Brown meatballs in batches. Dissolve bouillon in boiling water. Pour over meatballs; bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

Stir together cold water and flour. Remove meatballs from skillet; skim fat, reserving juices. Add the flour mixture and remaining evaporated milk to pan juices; cook, uncovered, over low heat, stirring until sauce thickens. Return meatballs to skillet. Stir in lemon juice. Place in a serving dish with sides so you don't lose any of the great sauce.

If you are looking for a great tasting fudge recipe other than chocolate, this one is for you. It has the wonderful brown sugar taste with toasted pecans. Enjoy this unique fudge.

Butter Pecan Fudge

- 1 t. plus 1/2 C. butter, cubed
- 1/2 C. sugar
- 1/2 C. packed brown sugar
- 1/2 C. heavy whipping cream
- 1/8 t. salt
- 1 t. vanilla
- 2 C. powdered sugar
- 1 C. coarsely chopped pecans, toasted

Line an 8 x 8 pan with foil; grease foil with 1 t. butter. In a large heavy saucepan, combine the remaining butter, granulated and brown sugars, cream and salt. Bring to a rapid boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook, without stirring, until a candy thermometer reads 234 (soft ball stage). Remove from heat. Add vanilla to pan and do not stir.

Cool, without stirring to 110 about 30 minutes. Beat with a spoon until fudge just begins to thicken, gradually stir in powdered sugar until smooth and then add nuts, continue stirring until fudge becomes very thick and just begins to lose its sheen. Immediately spread into prepared pan. Cool. Lifting foil, lift fudge out of

pan. Remove foil, cut fudge into 1-inch squares. Store between layers of waxed paper in an airtight container. (To toast nuts: bake in a shallow pan in a 350 oven for 5 to 10 minutes or cook in a skillet over low heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.)

Ginger cookies are always a hit during the Christmas season. I think they scream "It's Christmas!" These are pretty easy to make. The shortening makes them "snap."

Cookie Jar Gingersnaps

- 3/4 C. shortening
- 1 C. plus 2 T. sugar, divided
- 1 egg
- 1/4 C. molasses
- 2 C. flour
- 2 t. baking soda
- 1 1/2 t. ground ginger
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1/2 t. salt

Preheat oven to 350. Cream shortening and 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and molasses. In another bowl, combine the rest of the ingredients; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Shape level tablespoonfuls of dough into balls. Dip one side into remain-

ing sugar; place 2 inches apart, sugary side up, on greased baking sheets. Bake until lightly browned and crinkly, 12-15 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool.

This bar cookie recipe is very rich but really good. You can cut the bars in half to form triangles, and they will look great on the cookie plate.

Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Bars

- 1/4 C. butter, cubed
- 1/2 C. sugar
- 2 T. baking cocoa
- 1/2 t. vanilla
- 1 egg, room temperature
- 1/4 C. flour
- 1/8 t. baking powder
- 1/8 t. salt

Cheesecake layer

- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 C. sugar
- 1 1/2 t. vanilla
- 3/4 C. semisweet chocolate chips, melted and cooled
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

Ganach

- 1 1/2 C. semisweet chocolate chips

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Silent night,
holy . . . cow!!
Did we
just hear
sleigh bells??!



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Obituaries

CHARLENE LOIS SAUNDERS

Charlene Lois Saunders, 83, of Warren, Illinois passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 after a brief illness. Charlene was born on Aug. 28, 1936



in Darlington, Wisconsin to Edward and Geneva (Schwartz) Goebel. She graduated from Darlington High School. Charlene worked at The Alamo Café in Warren, where she met the love of her life, Donald Saunders. They went on their first date on Oct. 31, 1955. On Oct. 6, 1956 she married Donald at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Darlington, Wisconsin. Monsignor Bernard Doyle officiated. Together they raised three children; Steven, Marcia, and Brian. Charlene briefly worked for Microswitch in Warren. In 1965 Charlene and Donald started Saunders Oil Company which today expands to six convenience stores throughout southwest Wisconsin and Northwest Illinois.

Charlene is survived by her children; Steven (Julia Swanson) of Fort Myers, FL, Marica (Jim) Gray of Cape Coral, FL, Brian (Karlene) Saunders of Warren, IL, six grandchildren; Tanya (Bill Mizger) Phillips of Cape Coral, FL, Shawn (Kim) Saunders of Warren, IL, Luke (Tiffany) Saunders of Warren, IL, Jeremy (Meghan) Saunders of Gratiot, WI, Brianna (Dan Trost) Saunders of Warren, IL and Keegan (Kelsey Tesmer) Kent of Warren, IL; fourteen great-grandchildren; Xavier and Alex Phillips, Tristan and Taya Payne, Tyler, Brayden, Carsyn, and Kyron Saunders, Fiona Saunders, Alexa, Leyla, and Izabella Saunders, and Tinley and Jett Saunders, sisters; Rose Mary Lawler of Madison, WI and Eleanor (Vernon) Gille of Gratiot, WI, brother-in-law Bernard (Barb) Saunders of Warren, IL and sister-in-law Kathryn (Ray) Reed of Warren, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Donald in 2010, a grandson Shane Saunders in 2011, brothers; Joseph, Raymond, Robert and Karl Goebel, sisters; Margurite Sperry, Ruth Judkins, Bernadine McGrath, and Helene in infancy.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren, IL.

A visitation was held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Burial will be at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery in Warren, IL.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Cleary and his staff at Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County, Monroe Clinic Hospice, and her wonderful caretakers over the last few months.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

DARLENE M. ADAMS

Darlene M. Adams, 89, of Westby, WI formerly of Stockton, IL, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday Dec. 9, 2019. She was born on Sept. 13, 1930 to Leonard and Berneice (Lee) Niles in Platteville, WI. She graduated from Platteville High School in 1947. She married Merlyn L. Adams on April 26, 1948. She was a loving mother to her children and grandmother and great grandma to her 21 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She was the happiest when the grandchildren and great grandchildren were near her. Merlyn and Darlene began farming together in 1948. Darlene also enjoyed waitressing in Lena and Warren. Later she enjoyed working with Hallmark Cards until she retired. She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. She enjoyed puzzles, flowers, card playing and playing games with her grandchildren.



Darlene is survived by her children; Darrell (Deb) Adams, Diane Wensel, Paul (Ann) Adams, Mary (Terry) Tunison, Joe (Julie) Adams, Pam (Paul) Schumacher and Lori (Joyce) Maher, 21 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. A Brother Merlin (Diane) Breihan and a Sister Judy Schmitt

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Merlyn, sons; Terry Lynn and Douglas Michael and daughter Brenda Lee.

Funeral services were held on Saturday Dec. 14, 2019 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL.

A visitation was also Dec. 14, 2019 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL.

Father Michael Morrissey will officiate the services.

Burial will be at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery in Warren, IL.

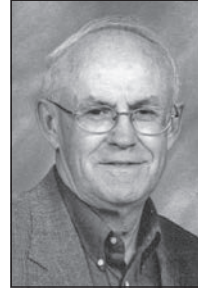
A luncheon followed at St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren, IL.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

JOHN P. O'BOYLE

John P. O'Boyle, age 84, passed away Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 after a courageous fight against cancer. He spent 60 years in Stockton, IL and the last year in Rockford, IL. John was born on Dec. 4, 1935 to the late George and Ceil (Long) O'Boyle.



He was a 1954 graduate of Sturgeon Bay High School and went on to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1958 and attained his Masters of Education at UW in 1959. In 1959, he accepted a job teaching Drivers Education and Junior High Science in the Stockton School District where he planned to stay for a year before returning to Wisconsin. That plan changed when he met another first year teacher named Mary Jo Hayes. They wed in 1961 and spent the rest of their lives in Stockton which they were proud to call their home.

During his 40 years in the Stockton School district, in addition to teaching he also coached several sports including basketball, golf and football. Stockton football teams coached by John and his friend and fellow coach, Hank Ezel, won numerous conference titles, made annual playoff appearances and appeared in four State Championship games, winning state titles in 1978 and 1991.

John loved his grandchildren and family and spending time with them. He was a fan of all things Wisconsin - Packers, Badgers, Brewers, Bucks, Lake Perch and a Brandy Old Fashioned Sweet. Mary Jo was the love of his life and together they were a

classy couple. They took many wonderful trips together including Ireland several times. He had wonderful Irish wit and was quick with a funny comment or story like driving to Green Bay for the Ice Bowl in a car with a broken heater. He and his pals would often go see the Green Bay Packers play at City Stadium where they could buy tickets for 75 cents.

John is survived by his daughter, Jane O'Boyle; his son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Jodi, and his grandchildren Erin, Brendan and Ella, and special friend Barb Callahan of Dubuque, Iowa. He is predeceased by his parents and wife of 42 years, Mary Jo, in 2003.

The funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 16, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. There was a visitation on Sunday, December 15, at the Stockton High School. Interment took place at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Births

Anthea May Heid

Nick and Jericho Heid of Fulton, IL are the proud parents of a daughter Anthea May, born Dec. 10, 2019. She weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and is 19 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her siblings: William (10), Gemma (8), Warren "Zeke" (6), and Mercedes (2).

Grandparents are Thomas & Pam Stevenson of Moscow, Id and William and Kim Heid of Thomson, Ill. Great Grandparents are Barbara Haynes of Moscow ID, Betty Gallentine of Thomson, IL, Ruth Wright of Stockton, IL and Linda Heid of Stockton, IL.

Owen James Gaulrapp

Trevor & Brittany Gaulrapp of Lena, IL are pleased to announce the birth of their son Owen James Gaulrapp born on December 5, 2019 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. Grandparents are Tana Rothenbuehler of Lena, IL and Bob & Cindy Gaulrapp of Freeport, IL. Great grandparents are Terry & Dixie Althott of Lena, IL and Robert & Sandy Myers of Leaf River, IL. Owen joins big brother Brody at home.

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Happy Holidays!

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

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 own Christmas tree. The Christmas tree, if you have a traditional Christmas 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 agricultural 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 whether 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.

The Jo Daviess County FSA Staff would like to recognize and



Annette Eggers

honor "Patti Hesselbacher, for her 36 year, 10 month commitment and devotion to the agricultural industry by having served others in the capacity of a USDA FSA and formerly ASCS employee. Patti has elected 12/31/2019 to be her final duty day with Jo Daviess County FSA. We are supportive and excited for Patti and look forward to Dec. 20th to publicly commemorate her accomplishments. Well-wishers are very much welcome to stop by the Jo Daviess County Office on Dec. 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and visit and reminisce with her.

IAA Foundation Scholarships. Do you know of a student that is majoring in an ag-related career? Children of Illinois Farm Bureau members are eligible to apply for scholarships through the IAA Foundation. This year, the IAA Foundation offers 76 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 and

totals \$118,000 in awards. Applicants may apply for more than one, but can only receive on scholarship. For the full details, go the IAA Foundation website. The application period runs from December 1, 2019 through February 1,

2020. The past two years Jo Daviess County has had a winner, so I encourage everyone to apply!

Farm Fun Fact: One acre of farmed Christmas trees supplies the daily oxygen needs of 18 people.

•Kitchen

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½ C. heavy whipping cream
1 t. vanilla
Preheat the oven to 350. Line a 9 x 13 pan with foil, letting ends extend up sides; grease foil. In a microwave melt butter in a large microwave safe bowl. Stir in sugar, cocoa, and vanilla. Add the egg and blend well. Add the flour, baking powder and salt; stir just until combined. Spread into a thin layer in prepared pan. Bake until top appears dry, 6 to 8 minutes.
In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla until smooth. Beat in cooled chocolate chips. Add eggs and beat on low speed just until combined. Spread over brownie layer. Bake until filling is set, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes on a wire rack.
For ganach: place chocolate chips in a small bowl in a saucepan and bring cream just to a boil. Pour over chocolate; let stand 5 minutes. Stir with a whisk until smooth. Stir in vanilla; cool slightly, stirring occasionally. Pour over cheesecake layer; cool in pan on a wire rack 1 hour. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Lifting with foil, remove bars from pan. Cut into bars.

We continue to march toward Christmas. There are parties and family dinners to come. I will have to fast in January because I love all the cookies, candies and desserts that are made. There will be one more paper before the day, so I will have some more good tings to eat. My house is decorated and the first batch of cookies has been made. All I have left are cookies and cards! I also have to organize my presents and see what I have left to buy gifts for. I try to do most of my shopping local, so it isn't a hassle to get there. Remember we have lots of great places to get gifts. There is the Lena Mercantile (specialty items, honey, candy, beautiful Amish goods), Sweetie Me (candy galore), Fluegel's Elegant Boutique (jewelry, clothes, scarves), Home-town Trophies (gift items that can be personalized), Lena Drug Store (gift items and sweatshirts), DeVoe Floral (flowers, candy, gift items) and Brandon's Hardware (small appliances,

unique gifts for the men in your life), Sugarbakers (beautiful gifts and a sip of wine too!), Troxell's Down on the Farm (wonderful toys) and then our great food places—meats from A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats, cheese from Torkelson Cheese, gift certificates from our local eating places—Beaches, Coaches, Iron Horse, Main Street Eats and Treats, Mulligans, Ruby's Coffee Shop, and Rafters. If I forgot anything, I apologize,

but you can see that there are lots of great places in our town! We are still looking for some good holiday recipes for salads, sides, desserts, and of course, cookies. If you have any recipes you would like to share, send them our way.

You can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY20 LIHEAP, PIPP and Weatherization Assistance Programs

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs (gas, propane, electric) through the Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and Weatherization Programs.

LIHEAP clients with ComEd and/or Nicor Gas as utility providers may have the option of choosing between the traditional Direct Vendor (DVP) one-time payment or the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP). The choices will be explained to clients during their application visit. PIPP applications will be taken until Dec. 31, 2019 or until funding is exhausted. LIHEAP applications will be taken until May 31, 2020 or until funding is exhausted.

Starting Dec. 2, 2019, all other income eligible households may call to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance with their heating utilities.

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

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

Income Guidelines: To qualify, a household must have a 30 day gross income at or below the level shown below for 30 days prior to and including the application date.

- 1 person household - \$1,561
 - 2 person household - \$2,114
 - 3 person household - \$2,666
 - 4 person household - \$3,219
- Add \$553 for each additional person in the household

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

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household. **No other document can be accepted as proof of social security number.**
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income
- Complete current heat and electric bills and disconnect notices you may have received.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt
- Proof of Homeownership (Title for Mobile Homes) and tax bill are required for weatherization assistance.

PY 20 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

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

The purpose of the LIHEAP Furnace program is to restore heat to the household and is available from October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 or until funds have been exhausted.

Priority periods for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program are the following:

Starting Dec. 2, 2019 all income eligible households may apply for emergency furnace assistance.

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


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

In addition to LIHEAP documents, the following homeownership documentation must be provided:

1. Copy of real estate tax bill
AND
 2. One or more of the following:
 - Copy of warranty deed, contract for deed, or quit claim deed (all of these must be stamped and registered with the county clerk)
 - Copy of current mortgage statement
 - Copy of the original Mobile Home title
- Please call 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to make an appointment for assistance.

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Church notes

Lena United Methodist Church

Season of Advent – Our Advent worship services continue each week from the verses of the beloved hymn, “Silent Night.” On Sunday, Dec. 22, the Advent message will be Let Us Sing “HOPE” with scriptures from Isaiah 9:6, and Matthew 2: 1-12. The

last verse of the hymn invites us to lift our voices in alleluias to the one who is “King”. On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., the advent message will be “Calm and Bright” with scripture from Luke 2:6. On Sunday Dec. 29, the message will be “Is Born” with scripture from Revelation 21: 1-6. Come join us and celebrate God’s message

through the song of Silent Night – calm and bright – peace and light.

LUMC Church service is held at 9 a.m. with a fellowship time following. Sunday school begins at 10:30 a.m. Office #815-369-5291 – Website: www.lenaumc.org – Facebook: lena united methodist church

Doors at the church will open at 5:30 pm. The movie will begin at 6 p.m.

Hog dogs, chips, pop corn, pop, cocoa will be available.

Come and unwind and have a great time before the Christmas rush!

All children must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

settia Garden. The Christian Education Committee will meet before the worship service. Sunday School and Confirmation classes will meet immediately following worship. The SPLAT Youth Group will have their Christmas Party at 11 am on Dec. 22. Christmas Eve worship services will be held at 5 & 9 p.m. The Christmas Day worship service will be held at 9 a.m.

Michelle Blust, Shannon, won the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on Dec. 8, 2019.

The SPLAT Youth Group is having a lock-in starting at 7 p.m. on Dec. 20. Please let Monica Baier know if you are joining the fun.

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.

Salem United Church of Christ (Lena)

The fourth Advent candle, the candle of Love, will be lighted during the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, on Sunday, Dec. 22. “Unexpected Gifts,” the sermon by Rev. Randal Nicholas, will be based on Matthew 1:18-25. The service will also include the annual United Church of Christ “Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross,” a special mission offering for financial support to those in the UCC who are facing financial difficulties. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service, including the lighting of the Christ candle, will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24, with Luke’s story of the birth of Jesus from Chapter 2, verses 1-20 as the scripture for the sermon, “The Third Christmas Carol.”

Willow United Methodist Church

Come join us at the church on every third Friday of the month! 6:30-9 p.m. This month will be Friday, December 20. Bring your instrument and play along. (Any playing level welcome) Or, just bring yourself and listen or sing along!

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McConnell United Methodist Church

McConnell United Methodist Church will be showing the new animated film, “The Grinch” on Friday, Dec. 20th. Admission is FREE.

St. John’s Lutheran Church (Pearl City)

You’re welcome to join us for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Dec. 22. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. and will feature the annual Poin-



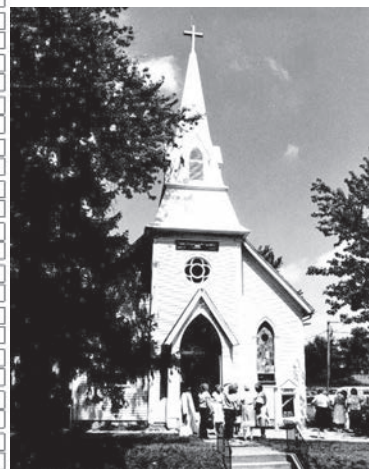
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Joy in the Harvest

Lowell and Claudia Wertz of Joy in the Harvest in Tanzania visited Calvary Church in Stockton. Originally from the Chicago area, they have spent 39 years on the mission field and have built a very active ministry in Tanzania, Africa. They oversee teaching programs, training programs for pastors, feeding programs to local refugees, a radio ministry, just to name a few of their ministries. They have two married children who were born and raised on the mission field.

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What Christmas Means To Me

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What Christmas Means to Me
By: Ashlynn W.
Christmas to me is spending with my time with family. It's just not about the presents, it's also about family. Your parents, sisters and brothers are there for you, always. You might not get what you want, but you have what you need, family. That's what Christmas means to me. Have a great Christmas everyone!

What Christmas Means to Me
By: Hayden D.
Christmas means to me is about the presents. But the best is the movies. But the real meaning of Christmas is spending time with family and friends. You get new toys and clothes - and maybe even a dog! One time I got a new blanket. What Christmas Means to Me!!
By: Breck R.

To me, Christmas means a lot of things. I really like decorations like candy canes, snowmen, Christmas trees, ornaments, stockings, presents, reindeer, and more!! But the real meaning of Christmas is being with your family and giving. Also it's sometimes snowy on Christmas and we can play in the snow and go sledding with my neighbor if she can play outside. We usually make snow angels and add faces to them and design clothes for them and give them hats. If it is a girl then hair and usually earrings, too. All of my family comes to my house. What does Christmas mean to you or your family?

What Christmas Means to Me
By: Briton L.
What does Christmas mean to you? To some people it is presents. But to me it means spending time with loved ones. One thing I like about Christmas is everybody getting together, and they see what you got them. You have to cherish the moments before it is too late. Family is the only thing you got. Anyways on that happy note, Merry Christmas!

What Christmas Means To Me
By: Bryce R.
What Christmas means to me is that you get to spend time with your family. Christmas does not mean presents. It means love and Jesus's birth. It means lots of things. It means food to.

What Christmas Means to Me
By: Amber S.
Christmas means to be nice to others even though they aren't nice to you. Christmas is not all about presents it is about family and the time you spend with your family. My favorite part of Christmas is family and opening presents. What I love about Christmas is jumping in the snow. I love Christmas because my elves come to my house.

What Christmas Means to Me
By: Memphis M.
Christmas is about family, friends, and joy. Being grateful for people. Making happiness in life. On Christmas I go to my grandma's house and we make cookies together. We make sugar cookies and we got sprinkles on the cookies. On Christmas we play in the snow. I like Christmas music on Christmas day.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

By: Karmah K.
TO ME CHRISTMAS MEANS SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY!!! Every year my family goes to Freeport, Illinois to see my Aunt Tina. She makes good food!!! My family always plays a game at Aunt Tina's house! Aunt Tina and I always make Hawaiian haystacks!

What does Christmas Means to Me
By: Ashlyn E.

It means I get to spend time with my family opening and wrapping presents and just spending quality time together. What I love about Christmas is the beautiful sunny cold day and the nice sunny breeze and all the toys we get. What I love about Christmas is hanging the ornaments. I love getting ready for Christmas and putting on Christmas songs. I love Christmas.

What Christmas Means to Me
By Alex G.

It means spending time with family. Toys are not the meaning of Christmas. Toys mean of giving gifts to the people you love. It means to me having a nice time at home spending time with family. Then thinking what is under the tree. I mean it could be anything. Christmas can be different emo-

tions. You could be sad because you got something you don't like. You could be happy because you got what you wanted. You could be mad, excited, disappointed and even so happy you would cry. That's what I think of Christmas.

What Christmas Means to Me
By: Aubreanna D.

What Christmas means to me - when I'm still sleeping my mom comes in my room and says "Wake up we have presents to open and we have a busy day today! We are going to your dad's and then we are going to Grandma's house and tomorrow we have to go to grandpa's house! That is a long drive so we have to get some good rest and when we get there we have to call your dad because he is worried that we won't make it there because sometimes there is a blizzard there. And we are going to go get some hot chocolate so we can be warm and we are going

to spend the night there so make sure you have everything we because we are leaving early in the morning. So that's why we need to be there at a certain time tomorrow".

What Christmas Means to Me
By: Garrett L.

Christmas means to me because my sisters wake me up at nine o'clock and we go in to my parents room and stand on a little edge on their bed. We jump on them and wake them up. Then we go to the kitchen and make them coffee and breakfast and when there done we go and get our stocking. Then go in the living room and open presents. We go to church and after church all the people in my church go downstairs and there's food. After we are done me and my cousins play around under tables and mess around poles. We play tag sometimes around the poles and play hide and go seek under the tables.

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What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas Means to Me
 By: Lexi G.
 What Christmas means to me is giving, spending time with family, and hugs and kisses. You give to your family and friends and people you know. I like to open presents and eat with the family. I go to different places every year. I get surprised with somewhere to go. Where I go is fun. Every Christmas Eve I open one present that my mom or my dad picks out. I love this present just as much as the other ones. Every Christmas morning I go and jump on my parent's bed and I ask to go and open presents with them. We have a great time together as a family!!

What Christmas Means to Me
 By: Lane G.
 What does Christmas mean to you? Well to me Christmas means a lot of things to me one thing it means to me is that I can spend time with my fami-

ly. Another thing that matters to me on Christmas is that I can go to different places to celebrate Christmas. Christmas means that Jesus birth happened on Christmas. Christmas means a lot to me because I feel safe. Christmas is good because you're not alone any time.

What Christmas Means to Me
 By: Carson D.
 What does Christmas mean to you? Well, here's another question - what does Christmas mean to me? Well, idk. Maybe it's the presents or the nice lights or maybe the tree? Maybe after Christmas you just start rant on how winter is dumb (I do that alot). Maybe I like the ham and stuff (is that a Christmas thing? IDK). I think I decided what Christmas means to me..... (does anyone know how to make a drumroll sound ugh).....I like everything about it!

What Christmas Means To Me

By: Clara G.
 I will tell you some things about what I do on Christmas. What I like about Christmas is that I get to go to my grandma's house for lunch and open presents. And after that I get to go to my other grandma's house and eat supper and open presents. And after all of that we go back to my house and play with our toys a little bit more and then go to bed. What I also like about Christmas is that I love getting presents and giving presents.

What Christmas Means to Me
 By: Angelina C.
 What Christmas means to me is that I get to spend time with my family. Where I go for Christmas is both of my grandmas' houses to eat delicious food. First I play before we eat. This year my baby cousin gets to finally have his first Christmas with us. I always go to my grandma's house in Dubuque on Christmas Day. But on

Christmas Eve I go to my grandma's in Galena.

What Christmas Means to Me
 By: Ayden T.
 I do not need toys. I like toys and stuff, etc., but Christmas is not about toys or candy, it's about what you have. You need to be great for the stuff you have that you can be grateful and I know you will just try. You can change the world to do the right thing. You can impress your feelings, too. You can do anything to change!

What Christmas Means to Me
 By: Kovan Y.
 I like to spend time with my family and sister. I like to celebrate God's birthday. I really like putting up the Christmas tree. I like to build a snowman. I like to eat dinner with my family and it is very good. Also I put up the Christmas decorations. I love Christmas!!

What Christmas Means to Me

By: Wyatt L.
 I get to see my cousins. All my cousins are nice. I have not seen my cousins in a long time. I hope to see them this Christmas. Last year I got a Nerf gun. We go to Iowa for Christmas every year.

What Christmas Means to Me
 By: Kristen P.
 What Christmas means to me is spending time with my family, the joy we share with the people we love and we have the time on the holiday to be grateful. I also love the laughter we share with people we love.

What Christmas Means to Me
 By: Dominick DF.
 I can spend time with family. We celebrate Christmas at my uncle's house sometimes. I open presents at my house. We decorate our house and a tree. I like to watch Christmas movies. My favorite one is Elf on a Shelf. Merry Christmas!

Letters To Santa

Mary Steele River Ridge First Grade
 Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like a small Hello Kitty. My

brother Cameron wants a magnifying glass. My brother would like new shoes. Love, Tyra
 Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like a Nerf Gun and

a dinosaur. Merry Christmas! Love, Caden
 Dear Santa, Santa my mom wants a Christmas present. Santa, my brother wants a dog. Santa, my sis-

ter wants new clothes. Santa, I want skates. Love, Aaliyah
 Dear Santa, How are you doing? Are you coming to my house? I want a PowerWheel car. Love, Lila

Dear Santa, I want a shot gun for Christmas. I hope you have a great time at the North Pole. I want a BB gun. Love, Liam
 Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want the Nerf Ultra 1 for Christmas. Santa I really want it. I also want a BB gun. Love, Zandrey
 Dear Santa, I want for Christmas a puppy that don't grown. I want a horse that is real. I want a Nutcracker. How do elves fly? How do you make toys? I want a big, big, doll. I want a pet hamster. Love, Abby
 Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want a Nerf gun and I would like a little robot. Merry Christmas! Love, Miracle
 Dear Santa, How are you today? How are the reindeer? I want a onesie for my dad. I want a tablet for my mom. I want a tablet too. Love, Layna
 Dear Santa, Am I on the good list? How is Rudolph and how do you do? How's the North Pole? How old are you? For Christmas, I want a super big box of toy soldiers. And how is Mrs. Claus? Love, Brody
 Dear Santa, Santa how are your reindeer? For Christmas, I would like a stuffed cat and a dog. Love, Brayden
 Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year. Please get my dog, Rass something this year. Thank you very much. For Christmas, I want a family to be thankful for all we have. Thank you very much. Love, Dixi
 Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? Do reindeer eat candy canes? Can I have an English Bulldog please? Can I have a cat please? Do you have any pets? Love, Brigson
 Dear Santa, I tried to be very good this year. I would like a real live reindeer and a LOL and three more toys. Love, Anna
 Dear Santa, I would like a toilet paper Nerf gun. How is the North Pole? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I would like Madden 2020. I would like farming Sim 2019. I would like NBA 2K19 basketball. Love, Emmett

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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Kelzer River Ridge Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for the presents you get me. How are the reindeer doing? Can I please have a pretend sword? I would pretend to fight, but I won't really anybody! Thank You Santa! Love, Phillip

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the Christmas presents. I like the reindeer. You are my favorite Santa. I would like Batman Legos. Love, Diora

Dear Santa, I know how hard you work when Christmas Eve comes. I have a present by the cookies for you. I don't want anything for Christmas so I will just have surprises. Please and Thank you. Love, Keegan

Dear Santa, Thank you for the toy gun last year. How do you make toys? How are the reindeer doing? Can you please bring me a truck? Love, Brodi M

Dear Santa, I love you Santa! How are your reindeer doing? How are your elves doing? Can I please have some Legos and an RC car? How do Elves make the presents? Love, Able Lindeman

Dear Santa, How are your elves doing? I hope you are feeling good on Christmas because it is God's birthday. I want a little bit of Barbie clothes and a baby doll. I love you and I hope you have a great Christmas Eve! Love, Kollins

Dear Santa, I like your reindeer. I miss you. I like you. I want a remote control Monster truck. It is green. I would like a new bookbag. Thank you! Love, Brantley Paul (Please write all my names so Santa knows

it's me. He knows me!)
 Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? How do you get down the chimney? How are your reindeer? Can I please have a dolly? I want a baby dolly that has flower pajamas on it. I like your white beard. Thank you! Love, Ruby

Dear Santa, I wish my brother hugged you. I like Christmas because I like getting presents. I would like an L.O.L. Doll and a Barbie doll. Merry Christmas, I love you! Love, Elizabeth

Dear Santa, I like your reindeer. I would like to hug you. I like presents and you are funny. I would like a new bed because I am getting too big for my small one. I keep growing. I like your sleigh too. Could I also get a new water bottle? Love, Payton

Dear Santa, How's the reindeer going? How are the elves doing? Are you ready to deliver all the presents to the houses? I want a Barbie Doll and a flute because Madelyn plays the flute. I would also like a really big porcupine stuffed animal. I love Santa. Love, Alivia

Dear Santa, Is your favorite cookie a reindeer? Who is your favorite reindeer? Is it Dancer? My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. I would like a globe of the World so I can see the places I want to go. I would like to go to California because it is a shaky place. Be careful and don't fall in the earthquakes. That would too hot. Love, Matthew

Dear Santa, What is your favorite cookie? My favorite is chocolate chip. I will leave you some cookies. I would like a Lego toy and a puzzle toy. I would love a remote control

car. Thank you and Merry Christmas. Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa, What is your favorite cookie? How have you been doing? I hope you have a good Christmas. I would love a Scruff-a-luv. I would love a toy cat! Merry Christmas!-Love, Rosie

Mrs. Wurster's River Ridge Kindergarten

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer flying? How do you get the reindeer to go? I would like a smart watch for Christmas. I hope you don't crash. I don't want you to run into a chimney and not be able to get in. Love, Eli

Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? How does your sleigh fly? How do you get to all the houses in time? How do you make all the toys? I would really like a rabbit and an 8 ball. Also a play date spend. I hope you have a good Christmas. Love, Evelyn

Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? I bet the elves are doing hard work and I bet you are doing hard work. Mrs. Clause seems really nice and helpful to the elves. Elves are so funny. I would love a Barbie dream house and a Barbie doll and makeup. I hope you are safe with Mrs. Clause and all the elves. Love, Jayden

Dear Santa, I love you. I would like a Barbie house. I love Barbie's. Love, Amia

Dear Santa, I love your Reindeer. How are they? I would like a real phone and an Ipod. Maybe a bunny

rabbit and that's all. I left some cookies and milk for you. Love, Lilly

Dear Santa, How are you? Are you feeling good? How are your elves? How is Mrs. Clases doing? I my Noah's Ark fixed, also silicon baby doll. I hope you are safe. Love, Beverly

Dear Santa, How are the elves? What is your favorite cookie? How is Mrs. Clause? How are the reindeer? I would like calico critters, twisty pets, American Girl Doll. I left chocolate chip cookies for you. Love, Elliana

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer fly? How do you get down the chimney? I would like an Elsa toy with an Elsa house. Also I would like a purple fairy costume. Merry Christmas! Love, Cora

Dear Santa, How do you get your sleigh to fly? What is your favorite cookie? How do you get down the chimney? I would like for Christmas Minecraft Lego set, a blue smart watch, a new nerf gun, a laser tag game and a computer to play Minecraft. I hope you are safe. Love, Mason

Dear Santa, How do you fit down a chimney? How do your reindeer fly? How does your sleigh stay up instead of falling to the ground? I would like for Christmas pet cat, a pet bird, and an American Girl Doll. Have a safe flight. I hope the reindeer don't fall down. Love, Maddie

Dear Santa, Why do you eat milk and cookies? Why do you give us presents? Why do you have a list? I would like for Christmas a big toy cop car, a kids police costume, and

a big toy swat van. You look cool. Love, Trevor

Dear Santa, Why do you deliver presents? I would like nutcracker, dinosaurs, candy, and a mouse key. Hope you are safe. Love, Mick

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been a good boy this year and it is so hard! I am trying my best! I would like a new phone and a green toy gun that makes sounds. Love, Michael



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What Christmas Means To Me

Mrs. Pickel Scales Mound fourth grade Christmas musings

What Christmas Means To Me
 Christmas is my favorite holiday. Every Christmas, my sister and I wait for our parents to wake up so we can open presents. On Christmas morning I like seeing my sister's reaction when she opens her presents. I love that Santa brings presents. One of my favorite things to do on Christmas is to leave carrots out for the reindeer. I also like Christmas because we go to my grandparents house every year to celebrate. That is what Christmas means to me. - Zaiden

What Christmas Means To Me
 What Christmas means to me is spending time with my family. My family and I always open presents together at our house on Christmas morning. Then, we go to my Grandparents house and celebrate with my cousins, aunts, and uncles. After that, we go home and play with the presents we got that morning. I love Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday. I also love Christmas because I get to spend time with my family. Christmas is awesome.-Parker

What Christmas Means To Me
 Christmas means Santa to me because he is the reason that we get up early and open presents. I also like that I get to go to 3 different Christmases. Christmas also means getting a time when we get dressed in play clothes and doing fun plays with my siblings and cousins. I love getting in Mimi's tote of old clothes performing. I also like decorating the house for the holidays! This is what Christmas means to me.-Levi

What Christmas Means To Me
 What Christmas means to me is that I get to be with my family and have fun. Christmas is also a time

when we celebrate Jesus' birthday. I like decorating the Christmas tree with lights and ornaments. During the Christmas season, we also have an Elf on the Shelf. My siblings and I have a competition to see who can find the Elf first. It is fun. Last, I really enjoy all the delicious food my family makes. Christmas is my favorite time of the year!-Anna Weis

What Christmas Means To Me
 I love Christmas because when we wake up we all gather around the tree, and open presents and empty our stockings. After that we go to my Grandma Julie's house and open presents with a ton of family. We then gather in the kitchen and say Grace. Then, we all get in line and eat. The food is delicious. I love getting to see all of my cousins and other family. This is what Christmas means to me.-Laney

What Christmas Means To Me
 I love Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday. I also love Christmas because on Christmas Day we open up our presents, and eat a bunch of food at my grandma and grandpa's house. I also get to see all my family. Personally I think Christmas is the best holiday ever.-Brady

What Christmas means to me
 Christmas is one of my favorite holidays. Every Christmas Eve I go to church with my family. During Christmas, my favorite part is seeing my cousins and other family. I also like opening presents, but I don't like waiting for my brother to wake-up on Christmas morning. This year I hope I get a horse. That is what Christmas means to me.- Annalee

What Christmas Means To Me
 Christmas is a time when Santa comes over to my house and brings my sisters and I presents. We also get to go to my grandmas and spend the day watching football, eating a

delicious feast, and opening presents AGAIN! Over Christmas break we always do a lot of fun things as a family. I love this! This is what Christmas means to me. - Jaxon

What Christmas Means To Me
 Christmas is my favorite time of year because all of my family gets together. We like to open gifts, have snow fights, and eat delicious food. When my grandma comes over we do a game where you fill in the blanks to a word, and if you win you get a prize. It's super fun. I also like going sledding with my cousins, and my mom. It is also Jesus' birthday so we celebrate at religion class. Last but not least, my sister and I love to find our Elf. That's what Christmas means to me.-Graham

What Christmas Mean To Me
 I like Christmas because I celebrate Jesus' birthday. I get to see family and friends and eat great food. I like getting presents, but I LOVE giving presents. Christmas is also a time when my family wears silly PJ's. We also watch a lot of movies. That is what Christmas means to me.-Hunter

What Christmas Means To Me
 Christmas is my favorite time of year. We have a feast and my counter is always full of food. It is also Jesus' birthday, and when we open presents we listen to music about him. I also see my family and cousins on Christmas. Every year I switch going to my mom and dad's house for Christmas Eve. I am lucky to have 3 Christmases. After we open presents I open them and play with them. I love Christmas so much.-Collin

What Christmas Means To Me.
 Christmas is my favorite time of year. The thing I like most is buying presents for my family. Sometimes my sister and I eat a lot of cupcakes and cookies on Christmas and get a

little too hyper. We also like to play with our toys that we got for Christmas. I love getting to see my family on Christmas too. That's why I love Christmas. - Taytym

What Christmas Means To Me
 Christmas is my favorite month because Santa comes and gives us presents. My brother and I always wake up early and try to figure out what the presents are. My grandma and grandpa also come over and watch us open presents. My dad and mom make the biggest breakfast ever on Christmas morning. It is also Jesus' birthday. That's why Christmas is the best time of the year. - Khai

What Christmas Means To Me
 Christmas is the best time of year because I get to see family that I have not seen in a long time. I also like Christmas because it is when Jesus was born. My family and I also exchange presents on Christmas. I also like the great food we eat at Christmastime. We stay up late the night after Santa comes to play games together. When is time to go I always

give out hugs and kisses to my family. This is what Christmas means to me. - Kaylee

What Christmas means to me
 I love Christmas because I get to see my family. It is also Jesus' birthday and we go to church to celebrate. On every other Christmas I get go with my mom for the holiday. I get to get up early and open presents from Santa. This is my favorite part of Christmas. I love Christmas time.-Elijah

What Christmas Means To Me
 I love Christmas because my family comes to my Grandma's house. I think this year my cousin is bringing his dog to Christmas. I love when it's time to eat because I get to eat mashed potatoes! They are my favorite! Some of my family likes to play games at Christmas like Monopoly or Clue. The rest of us watch the movie National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. I love to open presents too! Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year!-Landon

Scales Mound participates in Le-Win Shootout

By Trenten Scheidegger

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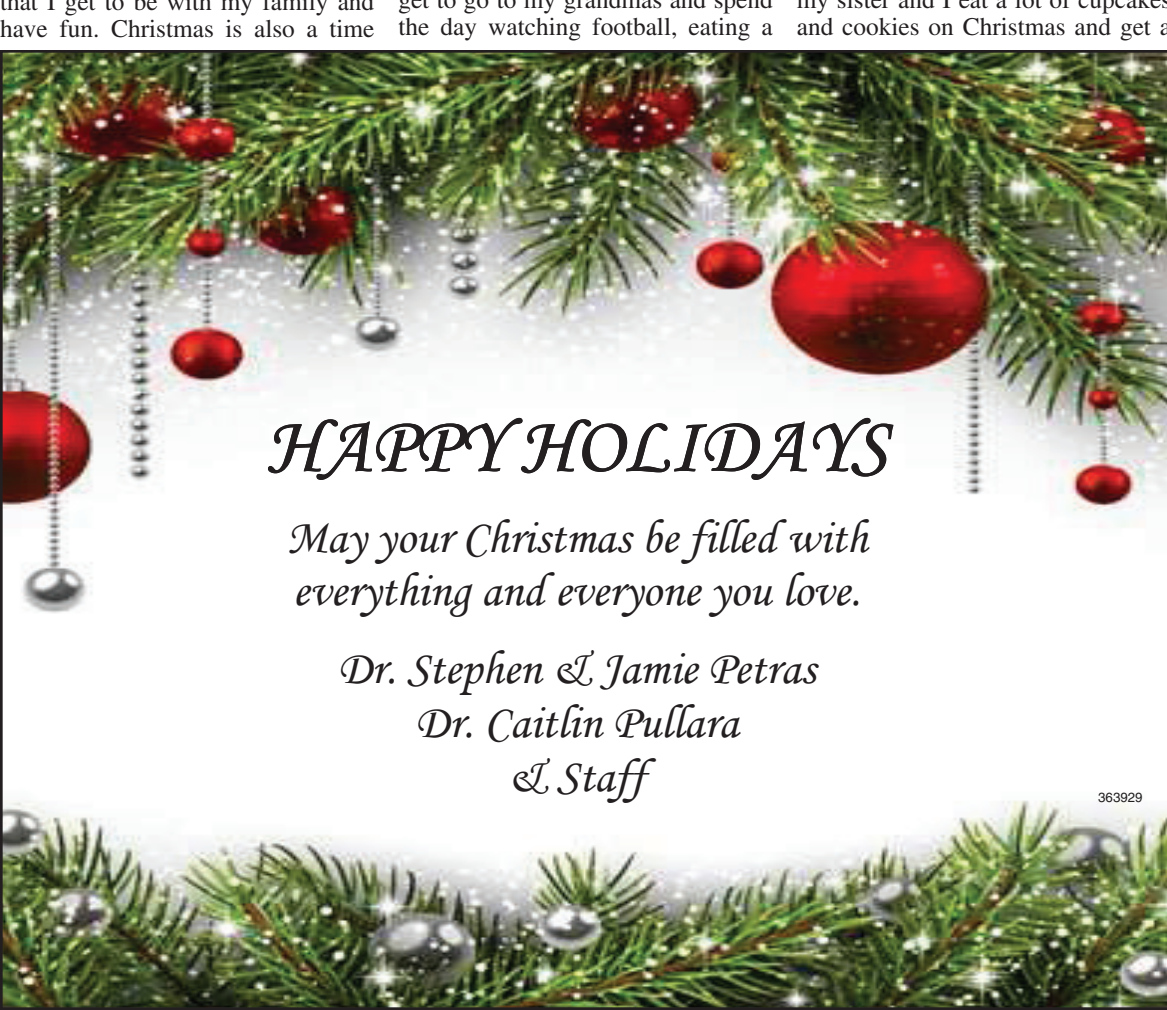
The Scales Mound Hornets are off to a solid start to their 2019 season. Their success continued this past Saturday when they were one of the ten teams to play in the Le-Win shootout. They found themselves set up to face off with a well-known opponent in the conference rival Pearl City Wolves.

The Hornets held the advantage early on as they put up a quick twenty points in the first quarter. Matthew

Davis had the hot hand as he hit a pair of three-pointers in the opening quarter. The Wolves were led by Sheffey, who hit a pair of threes himself, to help keep his team within reach. With a 20-10 lead, however, the Hornets were running away with things rather quickly.

The second quarter was even more impressive for Scales Mound as Ben Werner and Jacob Duerr each had five points as the team combined for

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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Leverton, Stockton First Grade

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old. I like dogs and I love my mom. How many reindeer do you have? How far away do you live? For Christmas, I would like a camera, an iPod, and a pop socket. Please bring Jack a train.-From, Olivia

Dear Santa, I love to give stuff to people. I am 7 and I like you, Santa. Do you have a lot of toys? How do you fly? For Christmas, I would like a truck that is for kids, a dancing llama, and a hug from you. Please bring my mom a picture that is cute. -Love, Reese

Dear Santa, My birthday is November 23. I love my mom. I am 7 years old. How old are you? Do you have a pet? For Christmas, I would like some toys, a doll, and an easy bake oven. Please bring dad a new tractor.-Love, Izzy

Dear Santa, I love cats. I love horses and I like turtles. How many presents have you made? How many reindeer do you have? For Christmas, I would like a toy house, an American Girl doll, and a play doll. Please bring mom a new T.V. - Love, Ava

Dear Santa, My favorite color is blue. I love pandas and I am 7 years old. Why do you eat cookies? How many elves do you have? For Christmas, I would like a collection of putty, a reborn girl baby, and crystal hedgehogs. Please bring Emma an American Girl doll.-Love, Rowan

Dear Santa, I like Skittles. I like bowling. I like farm toys. How many elves do you have? Do you have magic? For Christmas, I would like a guitar, a drone, and a skateboard. Please bring Eli a guitar.-Love, Aiden

Dear Santa, I like school. I love dogs and I am 6 years old. What is your favorite milk? How do you reindeer fly? For Christmas, I want a dog, a dancing llama, and a doll. Please bring Ava a new LOL doll.-Merry Christmas, Aubrey

Dear Santa, I like tractors. I like the Vikings. I like you, Santa. How many elves do you have? Do you

have good days? For Christmas, I would like Play Station, a kid's Ranger, and a Vikings jersey. Please bring Romel a skateboard. -Love, Landyn

Dear Santa, My family put up the Christmas tree. I like bobcats and I love cats. How do you make the toys? How do your reindeer fly? For Christmas, I would like an American Girl doll, LOL dolls, and a Barbie Dream Camper. Please bring dad a phone.-Love, Tiffani

Dear Santa, I love tractors. I love toys. I love cats. What is your favorite candy? Do you like cookies? For Christmas, I would like a truck, a combine, and a new wagon. Please bring Clayton a ride on tractor.-Merry Christmas, Cowen

Dear Santa, I love school. I love the moon. I love Netflix. How do your reindeer fly? How does Rudolf have a red nose? For Christmas, I would like a lizard, blanket, and a pillow. Please bring Noah a cop outfit.-Love, Romel

Dear Santa, I like bobcats. I love my friends and my parents. How do you make the toys? What is your favorite food? For Christmas, I would like an OMG doll, an American Girl Doll, and an American Baby. Please bring Mrs. Leverton a llama. Love, Emma

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old. I love you and I love my pets. How old are you? How many reindeer do you have? For Christmas, I would like toys, a lizard, and a dancing llama. Please bring Cowen a tractor.-Love, Clayton

Mrs. Libberton's Stockton Kindergarten

Dear Santa, How far is the North Pole? I want some new Skylanders, Power Rangers, and Star Wars toys. I love you. From, Daxter

Dear Santa, Is there a lot of snow up at the North Pole? I want a lego set, brand new tool box with real tools, and a new dirt bike. From, Nicholas

Dear Santa, What are the rest of your reindeer names? I want Shop-

kins, barbies, and a new bike with a basket for my stuffed animals. Thank you for all my presents. From, Maya

Dear Santa, Where is my elf going to hide tomorrow? I want a new Barbie house, Blume doll, and a brand new sheet for my bed. From, Payton

Dear Santa, What is your wife's name? I want a dirt bike, a shot gun, and a yo-yo. Thanks for bringing stuff for us. Gannon

Dear Santa, Is there snow at the North Pole? Will it snow on Christmas? I have been good. I want a book to draw in, a puzzle, and a pencil with letters on it. From, Weston

Dear Santa, I love you! What are your reindeer names. I am 5. I want a stuffed animal, LOL doll, and a Barbie. From, Willow

Dear Santa, I am good. I want a dollhouse, snowman, and Elsa and Anna doll. From, Angel

Dear Santa, How far away do you live? For Christmas, I want a Barbie camper, Barbie airplane, and a stuffed animal unicorn. Thank you for my sister and my brother. From, Brynley

Dear Santa, Will you help my mom and dad with their jobs? I have been nice all year. For Christmas, I want a Chelsea camper, barbie camper, and a hatchimal. I wish a Merry Christmas to everybody. Love, Alivia

Dear Santa, I want to tell you, the elves, and Mrs. Clauss Merry Christmas! Where do you live? I really like to be funny and I really like to be creative. I want some flippers, a candy cane with candy inside, and putty. Love, Clay

Dear Santa, Where do you live? I like to watch JoJo on tv. I want a bunny for Christmas, LOL doll, and JoJo Barbie. From, Jasmine

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer fly? I want tractors, dump trucks, and a nerf gun scar. From, Beckitt

Dear Santa, What do you do in the Summer? What are all the reindeer names? I want a little book with all the letters of the alphabet, coloring book, and a toy pony. Love, Eliana

Dear Santa, When can I see you? I

have been good. Kinda, right? I want a new red nerf gun with glow in the dark bullets, train with caboose, and square band-aids. From, Matthew

Dear Santa, What are the reindeer names? For Christmas, I want some tractors, nerf guns, and some wagons. From, Cody

Dear Santa, I have been nice to my sister once because I gave her my stuffed animal when she was scared. Are you going to get me a stuffed animal dog that I

can wash with real water? I hope you bring my other toys that I want, too. I want a little van that comes with a pretty LOL and I hope you give me something that has fortunes inside. From, Charlott

Dear Santa, What are your reindeer doing? I had my teeth pulled out. For Christmas I wish I had a car with remote control, racecar with remote control, and I want a Paw Patrol lookout tower with pups and cars. From NeKlous

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twenty-one. Sheffey stayed hot for the Wolves in the second, putting up another seven points to add to his total. He was a majority of their production, however, as Scales Mound held a 41-21 lead going into halftime.

The Hornets nearly had their third twenty-point-quarter of the night in the third quarter, when they combined for another nineteen points. Benjamin Vandigo hit a pair of three pointers to help the Hornets go into the final quarter with a 60-29 lead.

With Scales Mound already holding what seemed to be an insurmountable lead, the Hornets were able to coast to a victory in the fourth

quarter. They held the Wolves to just four points in the fourth as they captured an impressive 65-33 win over Pearl City.

The Hornets were led in scoring by Vandigo, who had thirteen points. Zaydon Ellsworth and Werner were second in scoring with nine a piece. Thomas Lange added another eight points for Scales Mound.

The Wolves were led by Sheffey who finished the night with fifteen. Endress was their next leading scorer with ten points of his own.


The victory has the Scales Mound Hornets sitting at 5-2 as the season rolls on.



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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Curtiss Stockton second grade

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Alannah and I am 7 years old. How do you live at the North Pole? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Here are some of the wonderful things I have done. I helped grandma push the shopping cart. I shared my toys with Chase and Clay, and I have been kind to my friends. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are slime and a baby alive. I am very excited about your visit. I would like to pet your reindeer. Your pal, Alannah E

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Stephanie and I am 7 years old. Are the elves real? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are washing the dishes with my uncle and helping my friends at school. I also have played nicely with my friends.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are an elf on the shelf and I would like new markers because my yellow turned light green. I am very excited about your visit. I want to see Santa. I hope you have a very good day. Your pal, Stephanie F

Dear Santa, ! My name is Katelynn and I am 7 years old. How do reindeer fly in the sky? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are helping my mom bake food, sharing my toys, and helping my mom with my brother.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a wubble bubble ball and boxy dolls. I am very excited about your visit. I will give you something healthy to eat. Your pal, Katelynn Kline

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Jordan and I am 8 years old. Are the elves on the shelf real elves? I have been trying really hard to get on your

"nice" list this year. Here are some of the wonderful things I have done. I helped my family, cleaned my room, and pushed the shopping cart.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a remote control race car and I wish my dad had a new car. I am very excited about your visit. I hope that Santa Claus' sleigh doesn't break down.

Your pal, Jordan P

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Adam and I am 7 years old. How many cookies do you eat? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are playing with my baby brother, getting my brother to sleep, and being good at school.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a PS5 and an iPhone 11 Pro Max. I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you cookies and get you a toy. Your pal, Adam B

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Torin and I am 8 years old. Why don't you give people diamonds? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are when my friends want me to play with them I let them, helping with chores, and cleaning my room.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a private jet and a helicopter. I am very excited about your visit. I hope you eat healthy food. Your pal, Torin M

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Leah and I am 7 years old. What do the elves do when you are gone? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Here are some of the wonderful things I have done. I have cleaned the wall when my sister drools on it. When my mom was sad I said are you ok. I helped clean

around the house. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are LOL dolls and makeup. I am very excited about your visit. I will put cookies out for you. Your pal, Leah C

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Luke and I am 7 years old. How do you get around the earth so fast? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are helping with my baby brother, helping my mom with packing for our new house, and helping my dad fix his tractor. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a police outfit and a fake police car. I am very excited about your visit. I hope your reindeer are healthy. Your pal, Luke D

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Hannah and I am 7 years old. How many cookies do you eat at night? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Here are some of the wonderful things I have done. I helped my mom clean the house. I helped get the cat with Emma. I helped a friend get up from the street. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a puppy and a kitten for the house. I am very excited about your visit. I will cook cookies for you. Your pal, Hannah G

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Brayden and I am 8 years old. Can the elves talk and eat something? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are helping mom make dinner, helping dad with the lights, and helping my family with farming.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a PS4 and Watch Dogs the video game. I am very excited about your visit. I wish that you have a safe ride.

Your pal, Brayden D

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Brynn and I am 7 years old. Are the elves dolls? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Here are some of the wonderful things I have done. I shared food with my siblings. I shared a blanket with my cousin and I cleaned my room.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a new tablet, decorations, and a tent. I am very excited about your visit. I promise I will give you cookies and milk. I will take care of your elf. Your pal, Brynn Wackerlin

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Bryar and I am 7 years old. How do your reindeer fly? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are being kind to friends, cleaning my room, and picking up my toys.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a remote control truck and a sprayer. I am very excited about your visit. I wish you a good year. Your pal, Bryar O

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Mason and I am 7 years old. How do you travel around the world so fast? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are helping my babysitter, helping my mom cook, and giving my brother my tablet.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a new xbox 360 and a remote control lizard. I am very excited about your visit. My wish is that you can stay healthy. Your pal, Mason K

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Devin and I am 7 years old. Santa where were you born? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are doing the dishes, letting my brother and sister choose, and cleaning. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are

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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Arnold's Stockton First Grade

Dear Santa, My name is Aubrey. I like your sleigh. I like my family. How do you have magic? Why do you wear the same clothes every day? For Christmas, I would like a Scruff-A-Luv, a phone and a Scentsy stuffed animal. Please bring my sissy a new rattle. Thank you. Love, Aubrey

Dear Santa, My name is Lily. I have been good. I like doing my homework. How do your reindeer fly? How do you deliver all the presents so fast? For Christmas, I would please like a baby sister and a baby brother. I would like magic in a purse and a toy Santa. Please bring my sister Kyli a purse. Thank

you. Your friend, Lily
Dear Santa, My name is Laycee. My favorite animal is dogs. I pick up garbage to help others. How is Rudolph? How can reindeer fly? For Christmas, I would like scrunchies, a phone and a bike. Please bring my brother Jordan some Minecraft toys. Thank you. Love, Laycee

Dear Santa, My name is Brayden. I am seven years old. I live in Stockton. How can reindeer fly? How is Rudolph? For Christmas, I would like a truck that has a door that opens, a phone and a bike. Please bring Erick some cars. Thank you. Merry Christmas, Brayden

Dear Santa, My name is Harper. My favorite animal is a wolf. I don't have any pets. How does Buddy the

Elf fly? How can reindeer fly? For Christmas, I would like an American Girl Doll, a camouflaged truck and 4-wheeler and a Scruff-A-Luv. Please bring my dad some Skittles. Thank you. Love, Harper

Dear Santa, My name is Jasiah. At P.E., I get stronger. At recess, I like to run. My birthday is May 17. Why do you bring presents? How is Rudolph? For Christmas, I would like a water truck, a tablet and a football. Please bring my mom new pink shoes. Thank you. Love, Jasiah

Dear Santa, My name is Roman. I believe in you. I am seven years old. I am missing you. How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas, I would like a stuffed

animal with Scentsy, Sniffer Wiffer root beer and an Expo marker. Please bring Aaydyn a Crayola set. Thank you. Love, Roman

Dear Santa, My name is De'Layah. In school, I like math. My favorite animal is puppies. How can reindeer fly? How do you not get cold when you are flying? For Christmas, I would like a bike, a tablet and a Wubble Bubble ball. Please bring Neklous a semi. Thank you. Love, De'Layah

Dear Santa, My name is Janika. My birthday is May 17. I am six years old. How is Mrs. Claus? Does Twinkle the Elf fly? For Christmas, I would please like a phone, a Scruff-A-Luv and an American Girl Doll. Please bring my brother Maddox a tractor. Thank you. Love, Janika

Dear Santa, My name is Landrie. My favorite color is teal. My favorite animal is a panda. What makes your sleigh fly? How can reindeer fly? For Christmas, I would please like a Scruff-A-Luv with babies, a phone and a Wubble Bubble Ball. Please bring my brother Brier a Minecraft character. Thank you. Love, Landrie

Dear Santa, My name is Kasyn.

I am good at driving lawn mowers. I like math at school. Is it cold at the North Pole? How many reindeer do you have? For Christmas, I would like big tractors, more big wagons and my own little lawn mower. Please bring my Grandpa more tools. Thank you. Merry Christmas, Kasyn

Dear Santa, My name is Blaze. I got a new haircut. In school, I like math. How does your sleigh fly? How do you make your reindeer fly? For Christmas, I would like a Wubble Bubble Ball, a phone and a real duck. Please bring my dad some candy. Thank you. Merry Christmas, Blaze

Dear Santa, My name is Marek. I have a dog. I like animals. My favorite food is spaghetti. How are you? How is Rudolph? For Christmas, I would like a red snow board, a phone and a stuffed animal. Please bring my dog a new toy. Thank you. Love, Marek

New Year's Resolutions

Mrs. Powell's Stockton third grade New Year's resolutions

Elijah A - My New Year's resolution is to stay healthy. I am going to eat fruit and vegetables and drink water.

Trinity B - I want to eat healthy. I want to be because I don't do that anymore. So, I will.

Brycen D - I want to improve getting stronger. I want to get better at writing.

Vanessa D - My New Year's resolution is helping people out more. How I would do that would be to maybe help my dad, mom, sister, and brother.

Emma E - My resolution is to help by doing things around the house with my dad and mom and siblings too.

Emma - My New Year's resolution is to get stronger. How am I going to reach that goal is to train myself over the break.

Delilah - My New Year's resolution is riding my bike. I want to ride my bike because I want to exercise my legs.

Lauren - My goal is to get stronger. I will do leg, arm, and back stretches.

Alex - My New Year's resolution is to be healthy. I will not drink as much pop either.

Cadence - My goal is to be the top reading in school because it would be so great and it would make me happy.

Gracie - My goal is to exercise more. It will make me healthier. Drinking more water will also make me healthy.

Izaak - I want to exercise everyday.

I want to because I get even more fit than I am.

Zach - My New Year's resolution is to be nice to Mason because I am mean to him a lot. I'm going to make that goal by helping him with stuff.

Jordan - My New Year's resolution is to be stronger than my brother. If I do, then hopefully he won't bully me.

Whytnei - I want to exercise a lot. I want to exercise so I am healthier.

Aaron - I want to be better at being a goalie at soccer.

Adaleigh - My goal is to always get

an A+ on my grades from school, so I don't get in big trouble.

Landon - I want to be better at knowing my tools in the shop. I want to be able to get the right tools when my dad asks me to get one.

Erick - I will read more books and be a good reader.

Elizabeth - My New Year's resolution is to get faster and running and be the fastest kid in the school.

Justin - My goal to reach is to get higher grades. I can go to college and also get a drone too.

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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Cassens Stockton Second Grade

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Alyssa and I am 7 years old. Do you like your job? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I have been doing chores a little and I have been helping my mom. I have a few Christmas wishes. I want a big, giant stuffed animal raccoon and a block of gold. I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you cookies with milk. Your pal, Alyssa N

Dear Santa, My name is Breyen and I am 8 years old. What is your real name? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I have been doing my chores and I do my homework. I have a few Christmas wishes. Please bring me an I Phone 11 and an I Pod. I will leave you yummy cookies and milk. Your pal, Breyen M

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

do you get around the world in just 7 hours? I have been trying to get on your nice list. I helped my mom prepare for a party and I cleaned my floor. I have a few Christmas wishes. I want a science volcano set and a nerf shot gun. I am very excited about your visit. I wish you a merry Christmas. Your pal, Chase H

Dear Santa, My name is Rickie and I am 7 years old. How do you get around the world in just one night? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I have helped stop bullying and I helped my mom out by doing all the dishes. I have a special Christmas wish. I would like a power wheel jeep and an I Phone 6x. I am very excited about your visit. I wish you Merry Christmas Santa!!! Your pal, Rickie R

Dear Santa, My name is Emily and I am 7 years old. Are you and your reindeer doing good? I have been trying to get on your nice list. I have been feeding my dogs and cats. I have also been doing my homework. For Christmas I want some clothes please. I also want a Christmas book. I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas and I'll give Rudolph carrots. Your pal, Emily K

Dear Santa, My name is Mason and I am 7 years old. How is Rudolph? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I helped my friends and I let my brothers play Madden 20 with me.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. I want a Nintendo Switch game. I am very excited about your visit. I will leave some cookies on the table. Your pal, Mason L

Dear Santa, My name is JJ and I am 7 years old. How is Rudolph? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I helped my mom put discs in a plastic thing. I have a few special wishes. I want a PS 4 and a Nintendo Switch. I am very excited about your visit. I will give you cookies. Your pal, JJ D

Dear Santa, My name is Piper and I am 8 years old. How are you and the elves and the reindeer doing? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I cleaned my room and I helped Noah do his morning work. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Please bring me a nerf gun (rifle) and an I Phone 7. I am very excited about your visit. I will set out chocolate and a coke. Merry Christmas! Your pal, Piper S

Dear Santa, My name is Jillian and I am 7 years old. How are you and Mrs. Clause? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. In first grade I helped Hannah get to the teacher. I have a few special Christmas wishes. I want a basket of My Little Ponies. I am very excited about your visit. Your pal, Jillian S

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Jason and I am 7 years old. How do you get around the world in 8 hours? I

have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I cleaned my room and I make my own lunch. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Can I please have a nerf fortnight tactical shot gun and an I Phone 11 Pro? I am very excited about your visit. I wish you a merry Christmas! Your pal, Jason R

Dear Santa, My name is Lilly and I am 7 years old. How are you and Mrs. Clause? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I helped mom do all the laundry and I helped with the twins Lydia and Natalie. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Can I please have an I Pod or an I Phone 7x? I am very excited about your visit. I wish you a merry Christmas! Your pal, Lilly J

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Blake and I am 8 years old. How are you Santa? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I help my classmates and my friends. I also helped my mom and dad clean the garage. I have a few special Christmas wishes. I want Madden 20 and Madden 19. I am very excited about your visit. I am going to leave you cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer. Your pal, Blake B

Dear Santa, My name is Olivia and I am 8 years old. How are you and the elves? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I do my homework and I pick up logs when Gpa needs me. I have a few special Christmas wishes. I would like a tablet for Christmas. I also want an egg and I sit on it and it hatches. I am very excited about your visit. I hope you have a happy Christmas and a happy New Year!

Your pal, Olivia H.
Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Noah and I am 8 years old. How are your elves doing? I have been trying to get on your nice list this year. I do my homework and I helped decorate the Christmas tree. I have a special Christmas wish.

Can I please have a nerf shot gun? I am very excited about your visit. I will leave you a cookie and some milk and 3 carrots on Christmas. Your pal, Noah G

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Aftyn and I am 7 years old. How is Rudolph? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I have been going to bed and I have been cleaning my room. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Can I please have a mermaid tail? I would also like a Magic Tree House book. I am very excited about your visit. I will leave a carrot. Your pal, Aftyn M

Dear Santa, My name is Devin and I am 7 years old. Is your sleigh full of toys yet? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list. I have been getting my work done and I have been mowing my lawn. I have a special Christmas wish. I want a lawn mower and a GTA Five video game. I am very excited about your visit. I am going to leave you milk and cookies. Your pal, Devin B

Dear Santa, My name is Maddison and I am 8 years old. How do you get to millions of houses in one night? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I did the dishes for mom and I picked up the logs, trash, and leaves. I have a few special Christmas wishes. I would like a llama toy and an Apple phone. I am very excited about your visit. I will make a picture and leave you milk and cookies. Your pal, Maddison A

Dear Santa, My name is Jeremy and I am 8 years old. How do you deliver all the presents in one night? I have been trying really hard to get on your nice list this year. I helped my mom clean the dishes and I also helped my mom do the laundry. I have a few special Christmas wishes. Please bring me a winter face mask and a nerf gun. I am very excited about your visit. I wish you a merry Christmas! Your pal, Jeremy S

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Letters To Santa

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Pokemon cards and Roblox figures. I am very excited about your visit. I wish for you, Santa, to stay in good health. Your pal, Devin L

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Emma and I am 7 years old. How many people do you have in your family? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are sharing my toys with my brother, doing the dishes, and feeding the cats.

I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are slime and a German shepherd puppy. I am very excited about your visit. I want you, Santa, to stay alive in 2021. Your pal, Emma O

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Keaton and I am 7 years old. Why do you have so many reindeer? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are helping others on the computer, cleaning my room, and feeding the dog and fish. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are TD mates and a golden lab puppy. I am very excited about your visit. I hope you enjoy my milk and cookies I will leave for you. Your pal, Keaton T

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Jacob and I am 7 years old. What is your favorite kind of cookies? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are sharing with my sister, making my bed, and helping find my sister's toys. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are some Roblox figures and treasure king's gold. I am very excited about your visit. My wish is that your reindeer are healthy. Your pal, Jacob C

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Ben and I am 8 years old. What do you want for Christmas, Santa? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the wonderful things I have done are clean my room, pick up my toys, and share my toys. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are hot wheels and Crayola hot wheel tracks. I also want a spinning top. I am very excited about your visit. I hope you have a good Christmas. Your pal, Ben M

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Pyizon and I am 7 years old. Santa, why can't you touch the elf on the shelf? I have been trying really hard to get on your "nice" list this year. Some of the won-

derful things I have done are helping make cookies last Christmas, letting Lonzo play on my phone, and helping my brothers and sisters. I have a few special Christmas wishes. They are a Wii game, a TV, and a relay rad robot. I am very excited about your visit. I hope you have a good Christmas drive. Your pal, Pyizon B

Michelle Haas, Stockton Kindergarten, Santa letters

Dear Santa, How do you deliver all of the presents? I would like a bike, a rc car, and a go pro for Christmas. Thanks -Liam

Dear Santa, How do you make all of the toys? I would like a gingerbread house, a go pro, and a rc car. Thanks Oliver

Dear Santa, How do wrap all of the presents? I would like a remote control robot, magnets, and a go cart. Thanks-Collin

Dear Santa, How do you deliver all of the presents? I want a toy truck and a toy digger and I want a toy fire truck. Thanks- Mason

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? I would like a LOL house and a camera. Thanks -Kierstyn

Dear Santa, How do you make the presents? I would like a new tablet, a drone, and a new gingerbread toy. Thanks-Thomas

Dear Santa, How do you wrap the presents? I want a toy doll house that is big and 4 dolls, and a big doll that can move on its own. Thanks-Sabrina

Dear Santa, How do you make the toys and how do you make pugs? I want a pug, a toy stable, and dice. Thanks-Kelti

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! Santa could I have a present please? I want a tractor for Christmas, playdough, and cars. Thanks-Jackson

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Can I have one of your reindeer's bells so I can fly to school one day. I would like a big brown poodle and a baby poodle toy, can I please have new boots. Thanks-Jozee

Dear Santa, How do you deliver the presents? I would like an LOL, a Barbie doll, and a stocking. Thanks-Maggie

Dear Santa, What is it like at the North Pole? I would like a flower for my mom, a remote control car, and a mini nerf gun. Thanks-Kyle

Dear Santa, How is the weather at the North Pole? I want a fox stuffed animal, a fox toy, and a fox chair. Thanks-Primrose

Dear Santa, How do the reindeers fly? I would like a stuffed unicorn, a crafting thing, also an American Girl stuff. Thanks-Collins

Dear Santa, How do you even fly

your sleigh? I would like the pj tower that turns into an airplane and to go with it the pj ropers. Thanks-Henry

Dear Santa, How do you deliver all of the presents? I would like a police station, a ps4, and a stuffed animal. Thanks-Gabriel

Dear Santa, How much elves do you have? I have one of your elves

at my house. I would like a nerf gun, hot wheel cars, and a toy that looks like an egg that has toys in it. Thanks-Knox

Dear Santa, When do you start making toys for Christmas? I would like a unicorn stuffed animal, a real horse and boy LOLs. Thanks -Everlee

New Year's Resolutions

Mrs. Rillie's Stockton third grade New Year's resolutions

Karah - My New Year's Resolution would be to work at winning more wrestling matches and improve my grades at school. If I won first place at wrestling maybe I can get at least one trophy.

Danika - My New Year's Resolution is to do better in Math. Math is my hardest subject.

River - I want to get better at Brawlhalla. I will work hard to practice and get better.

Jameson - I want to help my mom clean off the table and do the dishes more.

Ember - I will help my mom cook food. That will be so awesome!

Jaycie - My New Year's Resolution is to help people. I want to help people because then they will help me.

Zoey - I'm going to be even nicer to my brother. If I am nicer to my brother then he will be nicer to me.

Alayna - I would help my mom cook. I would help her with chores and lots of cookies.

Eli - I would like to get better at saving my money. I don't want to spend that much.

Mayci - I will do my chores so that I can get money.

Allison - I want to hang out with animals more. I want to hang out with puppies and kittens.

Ryker - My New Year's Resolution is to improve my report card and to get straight A's.

Dominick - I would want to draw better. I can be an artist because that is what I would want to be when I grow up.

Andria - My New Year's Resolution is to take more AR tests. Then, my range can go up.

Brier - I would like to do more pins in wrestling. And, I would like to get better grades in school.

Keller - My New Year's Resolution is to be nicer to my brothers and sisters.

Luca - I am going to read a lot

more. My eyes need to read and learn new words.

Brooklyn - My New Year's resolution is to clean my room better. Then my room can be prettier and then I will know where everything is at.

Lily - I would help my mom with the baby. I would help my dad with dinner.

Hunter - I want to do a better job folding my clothes for my mom.

Maranda - My New Year's Resolution is to do a handstand. I want to do a handstand so I can show my family and friends and to also do a one-handed handstand.

Peyton - What I want to do better is I'd clean my room better. I would be making room in the place.

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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Leverton's Warren Kindergarten

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my dad clean up his clothes to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a stuffed teddy bear, a Mermaid book to read, a sweatshirt to wear, and a new Christmas outfit. And the number one wish on my list this year is a kitty. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Catie

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my mom clean up the living room to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a push monster truck, books about monster trucks, new pants, and a red and orange shirt. And the number one wish on my list this year is an orange and black savage monster truck. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Gunner

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my grandma fold the towels to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a Princess Poppy journal, a Moana book, new underwear, and a sparkly light up dress. And the number one wish on my list this year is a unicorn. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of

hot chocolate, Falcicy

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I always help my mom and dad. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a new skirt, an Elsa book, new pajamas, and a pair of pink pants. And the number one wish on my list this year is a unicorn. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Eleanor

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I give my brother Sonny hugs to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a real kitty cat, a book about Army guys, a remote control airplane, and a Christmas shirt. And the number one wish on my list this year is a wiener dog. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Sawyer

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my brother make the beds to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a cat, The Grinch book, new gloves, and snow boots. And the number one wish on my list is a dog. Merry Christmas! Thank you.

Drink lots of hot chocolate, Aric

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my sister Emersyn find her Barbie to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a spiderman toy, a book about

crabs, a new movie, and some new pants. And the number one wish on my list is a dog. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Breckyn

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my mom pick up my room to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love some Hulk toys, a cowboy book, new pants, and new footie pajamas. And the number one wish on my list is cowboy boots. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Liam

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my brother put clothes away to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love play make up, a ghostbuster book, a new tooth brush, and some socks. And the number one wish on my list is a Barbie house. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Annie

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my sister clean her room to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a flute, the book Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, new underwear, and Paw Patrol socks. And the number one wish on my list is a drum set. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Michael

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my brother clean our room to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a talking robot, a Batman book, new slippers, and Batman socks. And the number one wish on my list is a white board to practice my sight words. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Chase

Dear Santa, This year I have been

really nice. I put away laundry in my dresser for my mom to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a puppy, the book Groovy Joe, new pajamas, and some socks. And the number one wish on my list is a drum set to make music. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Trevor

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my family put up the Christmas tree to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love an LOL doll, a book about Santa, new headphones, and new jeans. And the number one wish on my list is a hedgehog. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Kennedy

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my mom fold the socks to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a unicorn coloring book, a Unikitty book, rain boots, and rainbow socks with cakes. And the number one wish on my list is a new LOL doll. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Harper W.

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my brother clean the toy room to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love Super Mario Brothers, a Mermaid book, pajamas, and a new shirt. And the number one wish on my list is a new stuffed animal. Merry Christmas! Thank you.

Drink lots of hot chocolate, Thomas

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my mom clean the toy room to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love slime, a unicorn book to read, a new pillow, and some pajamas. And the number one wish on my list this year

is an Ipod. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Ayla

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my little sister down the stairs to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love Luigis Haunted Mansion, a Spiderman book, some new underwear, and new socks. And the number one wish on my list this year is a drone. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Colbin

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I gave Kennedy a green crayon that she needed to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a monster truck, a book about garbage trucks, some new underwear, and a new pair of tie shoes. And the number one wish on my list this year is a new nerf gun. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Brodey

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my mom do the dishes to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a drum set, the book Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, a new pajama shirt, and some new jeans. And the number one wish on my list this year is a skateboard. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Paxton

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped Catie clean up her spilled milk to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a fish, a Llama Llama book, cowgirl boots, and some new jeans. And the number one wish on my list this year is an elephant that has a toy and a peanut and it can kiss you on the cheek. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Blakely

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my mom do laundry to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love some slime to play with, the book Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, some new clothes, and new socks. And the number one wish on my list this year is putty. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Faith

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my brother make his bed to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love an LOL doll, a Fancy Nancy book, a new tablet, and some new socks. And the number one wish on my list is a real puppy. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Adalie

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my friend get up when they fell to be nice. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a LalaLoopsy doll, the book Shoe LaLa, more headbands, and a JoJo tutu. And the number one wish on my list is a Scruff A Luv. Merry Christmas! Thank you.

Drink lots of hot chocolate, Finley

Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I made my bed when my mom asked me to. If you are not too busy here is my wish list. I'd love a turtle, a Dora book to read, a dog stuffed animal, and some new socks. And the number one wish on my list is playdoh. Merry Christmas! Thank you. Drink lots of hot chocolate, Zayiah

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Dear Santa, This year I have been really nice. I helped my daddy dec-

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Drink lots of hot chocolate, Emersyn

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Sally Roberts Warren Elementary Santa letters

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Dear Santa, How do the reindeer fly? I have been good this year. Could I have a Crybaby and a remote control car? I have one more thing to say to you Santa how do the elvs make toys? From, Braelyn

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Dear Santa, Are you ready for Christmas? I've been rally nice. I cleaned up with mom. Could I please have 4 wheeler? My cat would like a little collar with snowmen on it. I will set cokies out for you ? From, Noah Marsden

Dear Santa, How are the elves? I have been very good because I have bin helping my parents. I would like to have a tractor and a remote control car. What is your favorite football team? From, Augie

Dear Santa, Are you ready for Christmas? I'm on the nice list because I help my family pick up toys. I really want a remote control plane! And I really want a remote control

robot! Are you ready to fly in the sleigh? I been good. I will give you 10 cookies. From, Easton

Dear Santa, Are you ready for all the little kids houses? I am helping my brother with his farm set so I should be on the nice list. I would love to have a football and lol doll for Christmas. Do you like the packers? From, Genevieve

Dear Santa, How are your little elves? I have ben good because I help my sister Josie and she's so good. I would love to have JoJo slippers. And I really want to have JoJo book and JoJo movie and JoJo microphone would be cool. How are your reindeer doing? From, Elizabeth

Dear Santa, Do you have ten reindeer? I am good at school santa! For Christmas I want Ex bugs and Ochron that comes a part to make lions! Can the elfs make these for me? I would love these Santa. Have a good trip Santa! From, Daymion

Dear Santa, What is all your elves names? I have been really nice. I have been helping my mom clean up. Could I please have all of the Ryan's world eggs? Can the elves make me more Sky Landers? I hope you have a nice trip. I'll make cookies for you. From, Alyssa

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I am nice because I give my Mom some soda. Could I please have L-L-L-Surprise and Dolly. I would love to have Elsa's castle too. Have a good trip. From, Piper

Dear Santa. What are you doing? I am nice. Could I please have a pug dog? I think they are adorable. Also I would love to have a cat. I will put milk and kooecs on my table if my dad will let me. From, Arianna

Illinois Extension develops industrial hemp resources

Illinois producers did you grow hemp in 2019? Are you interested in giving it a shot in 2020? With the end of the growing season here, there are many hemp growers who will be looking to find processors and end buyers for their product. As this is an emerging industry without a developed supply chain, there are a lot of holes to fill in. In response to this, University of Illinois Extension has created several production resources to help producers navigate this new industry which can be found here: go.illinois.edu/hemp.

First, Illinois Extension has created a "buyer/seller" database which will help connect hemp growers, processors, and end buyers in Illinois. Information will be filled out using the "Industrial Hemp Buyer/Seller Form" and will then be posted to a document labeled "Industrial Hemp Buyer/Seller List." Please note that this information will be public and as such you are able to enter the amount of information you feel comfortable with sharing. This tool may take some time to develop but is meant to help our growers across the state as a supply chain is developed. Similar tools have been shown to be effective in other states in which hemp production has been legalized.

Secondly, the University of Illinois Extension has created a "Needs Based Assessment" for industrial hemp production in Illinois. As this is an emerging industry, we are looking for the best ways in which we can serve our stakeholders, you! In order to help us with our research and extension efforts, we ask that you take the time to fill out this quick needs-based assessment to help us develop research trials and educational programs. The brief needs assessment will only take several minutes and can be found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/HempNA>.

For additional questions, contact Phillip Alberti, Crop Science Educator with University of Illinois Extension in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences at palberti@illinois.edu, 815-599-3644 or on Twitter (@NorthernILCrops).

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