

During this crazy year, we've striven to bring you the very best newspaper possible and during this Holy season, we express our thanks for your kind support and our hopes for a very Merry Christmas, abundant in love and good cheer for your family.

We know you'll enjoy the letters to Santa included in this edition, made possible by the many businesses, organizations, churches and industries delivering you a Christmas Message.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Osage R-I Elementary School - Chamois



Unterrified Democrat

Miss Gretchen's & Miss Brooke's Preschool

Dear Santa,

The Tiny Pirates Preschoolers have been working hard and would love to get a special gift. Here is their list:

Sarah-Baby Alive and a nail salon

Augustus-Toy Rig and Firetruck

Caylee-Baby with a blanket and bottle

Sophia-A lion piggy

Camden-Big Train

Quinn-A baby uni-

Wyatt-A blue monster truck

James K.-A big hot wheel with 109 cars

Letti-A stuffed animal kitty

James N.-A slinky and a toy boat

Kalliope-Pistachios

Mrs. Lamb's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa, Please bring me a robot dog. Hi Santa. Katerina A.

Dear Santa. Please bring me a real unicorn and snuggly doll named Bailey. Santa, are you having a good Christmas? Bailey A.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a light up car with doors that open. Cooper M.

Dear Santa, Please bring me puppy and a cat. June M.

Dear Santa, Please bring me toy Megalon. Landen N.

Dear Santa. Please bring me go

Hank S.

ering ring.

Callem 5.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a real Bearded Dragon, goo, Batman Cave, Woody Doll and west-

Dear Santa,

Please Santa, bring me teddy bear, roller skate shoes, super big stuffed unicorn, paint, an imaginary friend and I would really love a puppy.

Adalynn W.

Mrs. Hilkerbaumer's First Grade

Dear Santa, Thank you for my American Girl Doll. Do you have a favorite reindeer? I like your reindeer, Rudolph. For Christmas please bring me a desk, unicorn tent, and unicorn nail

polish. Your Friend. Olivia K.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my combine. Do you like chocolate chip cookies? I like your red boots. For Christmas please get me a ship, a phone, and a car.

Your Friend, Braxton U.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for a race car. Do you like cleaning? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please bring me a race

Your Friend, Bentley W.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the lip gloss. Do you have a favorite reindeer? I like your North Pole.

For Christmas please bring me a LOL doll and a TV.

Your Friend,

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Hot Wheels. Do you like snow? I like your house. For Christmas please give me Hot Wheels and a truck.

Your Friend, Carsen W.

Dear Santa, gifts. Do you have pres-

ents? I like your house because it is fun. For Christmas please bring me some presents to my house.

Your Friend, Carson M.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my ows Do you like cookies? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please bring me an LOL family game.

Your Friend, Makena W.

Mrs. Hord's Second Grade

Dear Santa, Can I please get a elf for my mom to help her clean up and a cardinal's t-shirt for Isaiah? Tell him that I asked you. Can I get my little brother a John Deere tractor? Can I get dad tools and for me a toy wolf that can

do tricks please? Sincerely, Marilyn C.

Dear Santa,

I want a remote-control T-Rex and a drone with a camera and a giant hot wheel set. Thank you for the giant T-Rex hot wheel set I got last year. This year Ĭ want the shark one. The shark one is the Megladon. It tries to eat the cars as they go through. How do your reindeer fly? Your friend,

Ryder C.

Dear Santa, Can I please have a semi with a trailer please? Can I have the ps5 please? How is your day going? Can I have a hoverboard please?

Sincerely, Liam H.

Dear Santa, Can I have some books and a computer please? Goodbye Santa. Have a good day. Wyatt J.

Dear Santa, May I have a picture of all your deer please and Alex a new hoverboard and Mom a back massager for Mom and Alex skating shoes. May I have a pair of skating shoes.

Sincerely, Manuel L.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the letter. Can you get me the ps4 for Christmas? Please, I miss you. Can you wake me up and

show my toys? Can you

get me gta5 online and

more controllers? I miss you. Sincerely,

Hunter N.

Dear Santa,

I would like a telescope please. For my sister I think she will like something from baby shark. I don't think

she will care. We are going somewhere as a gift from Mom and Dad. I will be happy to see you when you come! From,

Sophie T.

Dear Santa, Can I see a picture Thank you for my of Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen and Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen and Rudolph?

> Sincerely, Xavior W.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Holy Family School Freeburg

Preschool Class

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a big black bowl. I need new farm shoes. I would like to read a deer book. Please bring daddy a hammer and mommy flowers.

Merry Christmas! Owen

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want new unicorn flip flops. I need a new mirror. I would like to read Anna book. Please bring daddy new tools.

Merry Christmas! Charlie

Dear Santa, Thank you for the

gifts last year! This year I want unicorn star belly. I need new tennis shoes. I would like to read Llama Llama book. Please bring daddy tools and mommy hand sanitizers.

Merry Christmas! Rayna

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a Barbie dreamhouse. I need new socks. I would like to read a Dalmation book. Please bring Dominoe a frisbee.

Merry Christmas! Piper

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I wiant a real unicorn. I need new shoes. I would like to read a Santa Claus book. Please bring daddy a motorcycle and mommy a pan.

Merry Christmas! Payton

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a fake unicorn. I need a calendar. I would like to read an Elsa book. Please bring daddy and mommy a new pair of

Merry Christmas! Billie

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want glue. I need a new brush. Tell the reindeer hi for me!

Merry Christmas! Addelyn

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a new hunting set. I need a hair brush. Tell the reindeer hi for me! Merry Christmas!

Louis Dear Santa, Thank you for the

gifts last year! This year I want a big tractor. I need a toothbrush. Tell the reindeer hi for me!

Merry Christmas! Addilynn

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a big girl tractor. I need a new tooth brush. Tell the reindeer hi for me!

Merry Christmas! Karlee

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a dinosaur. I need food. Tell the reindeer hi for me! Merry Christmas! David

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want Santa Claus toys. I need a new pair of gloves. Tell the reindeer hi for me! Merry Christmas! Joseph

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year!. This year I want a toy baby bottle. I need water, not juice. Tell the reindeer hi for me! Merry Christmas! Amaurra

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a batmobile. I need gloves. Tell the reindeer hi for me!

Merry Christmas! Liam

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a big girl dinosaur. I need new gloves. Tell the rein-

deer hi for me! Merry Christmas! Mackenzie

Dear Santa, Thank you for the

gifts last year! This year I want a tractor. I need a new toothbrush. Tell the reindeer hi for me! Merry Christmas!

Carter

Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want make-up. I need apples. I would like to read Pete the Cat. Please bring Riley a babydoll.

Merry Christmas! Paisley

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want cars. I need socks. I would like to read dino books. Please bring Mom a phone.

> Merry Christmas! Brody

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a phone. I need mermaid. I would like to read Mermaid dooks. Please bring Mom and bady a high chair.

Merry Christmas! Rilyn

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want books. I need hairbrush. I would like to read princess books. Please

bring mom & dad a clothes.

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a Hot Wheels. I need apples. I would like to read Lego books. Please bring Gus a ABC train. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want tractor. I need burgers. I would like to read dino books.

Henry

clothes. Merry Christmas! Bentley

Please bring mom a

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a disks. I need socks. I would

Carter a brush hog. Merry Christmas! Austin

like to read farm

books. Please bring

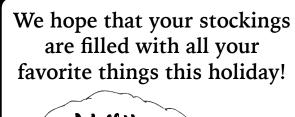
Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a Bar-bie doll. I need steak. I would like to read Mermaid books. Please bring grandma a cofffee cup.

Merry Christmas! Khloe

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year!. This year I want toy long horn cows. I need toy turkey. I would like to read farm books. Please bring Mrs. Wieberg a sandals.

Merry Christmas! Frankie

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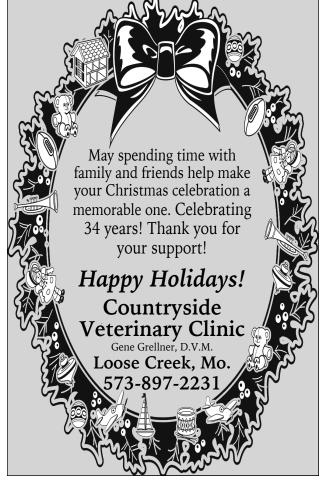
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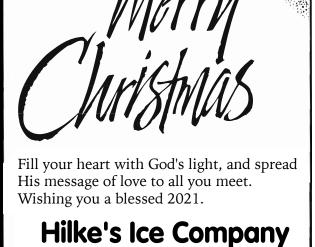
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Freeburg, Mo.

Laron & Donna



LETTERS TO SANTA **Holy Family School Freeburg**

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Dear Santa. Thank you for the gifts last year! This I did that was extra year I want a play ground. I need a kitchen set. I would like to read ocean books. Please bring Joella

baby dolls. Merry Christmas! Adeline

gifts last year! This year I want a doctor bed. I need ice cream shop. I would like to read a book about me. Please bring Cole a remote control car.

Merry Christmas! Joella

Dear Santa. Thank you for the gifts last year! This year I want a dino racetrack. I need socks. I would like to read dino books. Please bring Boone a monster trucks.

Merry Christmas!

First and Second Grade Class

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Lydia and I'm 8 yearsold. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: I gave my brother a hug. For Christmas this year I would like: American girl doll hover board, big lol dolls, makeup. Thank you!

Merry Christmas Lydia W.

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Abigail and I'm six years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: wash the dishes. For Christmas this year I would like: LoL Dolls, 16 rabbits,

you! Merry Christmas! Abigail C.

birds, 2 cats. Thank

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Carter and I'm 6 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: share the ball. For Christmas this year I would like: hookup for my tractor, toys for outside, legos, nerf guns. Thank you!

Merry Christmas! Carter B.

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Elsieand I'm 6 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: I let Lily play with my toy. For Christmas this year I would like: bakery set, secret life of pet, lol doll, lol glitter glam. Thank you!

Merry Christmas! Elsie F.

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Kamryn S. and I'm 7 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: let someone play. For Christmas this year I would like: American girl doll, tennis racket, book, games. Thank you!

Merry Christmas!

Kamryn S.

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Raleigh

Dear Santa,

Hello! My name is

Gavin and I'm 8 years

old. Here's one thing

I did that was extra

nice: help my mom with

dishes. For Christmas

this year I would like:

4 wheel motorcycle,

slippers, transformer

Bumblebee, nerf gun.

Merry Christmas!

Hello! My name is

Emersyn and I'm 7

years old. Here's one

thing I did that was

extra nice: say thank

you. For Christmas

this year I would like:

a bike and a video

game anda doll and a

Merry Christmas!

Hello! My name is

Kendal and İ'm 7 years

I did that was ex-

tra nice: listen to my

teacher. For Christ-

mas this year I would

like: American girl doll,

math board, key chain,

Merry Christmas!

Hello! My name is

Hailey and I'm 7 years

old. Here's one thing

I did that was extra

nice: say thank you.

year I would like: squi-

shi ball, smart watch, a

real horse, belt. Thank

Merry Christmas!

Hailey

Christmas this

home

spirit dolls,

Kendal

For

work. Thank you!

Dear Santa,

dog. Thank you!

Dear Santa,

Emersyn

Dear Santa,

Thank you!

Gavin

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Alex and I'm 7 years old. Here's one thing nice: wash dishes. For Christmas this year I would like: a hover board, bike, watch, camera. Thank you!

Merry Christmas! Alex

Dear Santa, Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Thank you for the Isabella and I'm 7 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: fed my brother's cat. For Christmas this year I would like: kyack, seat for hover board, desk, chair. Thank you!

Merry Christmas! Isabella

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Addie and I'm 7 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: helped my little old. Here's one thing sisters. For Christmas this year I would like: dairy goats and the stuff for it. Thank you!

Merry Christmas! Addie

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Oliver and I'm 8 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: I told somebody a complement. For Christmas this year I would like: some new fishing lures, a new ball, a puzzle, a new fishing pole. Thank you! Merry Christmas!

Oliver

Dear Santa. Hello! My name is Nora and I'm 7 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: say thank you and sorry. For Christmas this year I would like: cow girl boots, stuffed animals, toy horses, horse stable. Thank you!

> Merry Christmas! Nora

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Nate and I'm 7 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: fed my dog. For Christmas this year I would like: guitar, Iphone, white cowboy hat, computer. Thank

> Merry Christmas! Nate

you!

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Silas and I'm 7 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: helped somebody. For Christmas this year I would like: dirt bike, 4 wheeler, a great year, a new xbox. Thank you!

Merry Christmas! Silas

Dear Santa, Hello! My name is Raleigh and I'm 7 years old. Here's one thing I did that was extra nice: I hugged my dad and mom. For Christmas this year I would like: a new nerf gun, a hoverboard, new santa pajamas, monoply space game. Thank you!

Merry Christmas!

LETTERS TO SANTA **Immaculate Conception**

School Loose Creek

Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things gave hugs, share, and gave kisses. My Christmas wishes are Nintendo switch, caboodle and socks. Love,

Sadie

Will

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things sa thnk you, clen my rm, and hip mom. My Christmas wishes are woh, cosbo, and tint. Love.

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things give hugs, give cises, and la with fis. My Christmas wishes are ci baby, imastic mat, and alls beam.

> Love, Ellie

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I have done these nice things gave hugs, sharsar, and hm dad. My Christmas wishes are tait, wash and psiser.

Love, Hudson

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things gave hugs, share, and clean. My Christmas wishes are baby doll, baby kit and stoller.

Love, Tayler

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things. Christmas wishes

Love, Josie

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things. My Christmas wishes

Love, Olivia

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things lic to giv you a hug, lic to pla with you, and lic to yous nis manrs. My Christmas wishes are 3D pin rt bood, macup elsu, and wase tap.

Love, Charlotte

First Grade Class

Dear Santa,

Thank you santa for my dinosaur nitelite. I woude really like a forewiller. Are you having fun with your rein-From,

Jase B.

Dear Santa, Thank you for that dinosaur. I wunt bebe gun a bebepostl and hunting stuf and fishing stuf. You are nice. What is your favrit cocey?

From, Alex B.

Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for my bo. I wrd like doniousors toose and a bebe pistl. How are you doing at the norfpol? How is a play-dough kit. I need

all the res of the rand-

erar doing? From, Henry B.

Chloe

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts from last year. I rily want a hoverboard agin. And I want a puppy. What have it bin like in the north pole? From,

Dear Santa, Thak you Santa for my legos. Today I will like a hot wheels car. How are you? From

Kayden M.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the lightning Mcqueen cars. I would like to get a RC car and red and tractors. Haw cold is it? From, Cameron N.

Dear Santa, Thank you for that hover bord. I really want a huge unicorn. How do you like Mrs. Clause? I also want a real life bunny. From,

Cora S.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my megaldon last year. I would like a megastric this year. I hope you like the north pol. What is your favrit cooke? From,

Elliott S.

Second Grade Class

Dear Santa, Are you having a good day? I would like rood of doing and how is shoes. I want Dog Man books. I would like com-

fy clothes. From, Kynlee

> Dear Santa, I want a Ford F250 flatbed and a bale truck. Love, Cooper

Dear Santa, How are you doing this week? Santa, I want a OMG, LOL, dol! I need hand sanitizer for my bookbag! I want the Bérenstein Bears series. I want to wear new gloves.

Love, Grace

Hi Santa, I would like a small watch, Dog Man books, Christmas clothes, and aood watches. LOL, dolls.

From, Taylor W.

Dear Santa, Want: The new Dog Man books Need: Clothes Wear: Jacket Read: A Dog Man book

Dear Santa, There are the things that I want. I want the whole entire What If series. I need books.

Love, **Anthony**

Colin

Makayla

Hi Santa, I want a Nerf Gun. Also, I need a longer bed. I read Diary of a Whimpy Kid. I wear pants. How is Mrs. . Clause doing? From,

Dear Santa, I would like a Nintendo Switch. Raina Telgemeier books. EOS lip balm, and shoe laces. Merry Christmas Santal

Reese Dear Santa.

Love,

I want an American Girl Doll ice cream truck with an American girl doll. I need and want PJ's with my sister Heidie's name and my parents name. Kelly and Mark. I want to read the whole series of Unicorn Diaries. I like to wear ripped, light, blue shorts

> Love, Natalie Have a nice day!

with a summer shirt.

Dear Santa, I am doing good. I want a toy elf. I need a new night light. I read Dog Man books. I'd wear new jacket.

From, Lucy

Hi Santa, I want a nerf gun I need a notebook. I read a book. I wear a shirt.

By, Elliott

Landon

Hi Santa, I want a new Optimus Prime toy please. I need more pajamas please. I want Hot Wheels books please. I want new sunglasses please.

Hi Santa, I have a lot of fun with my elf. We find her everyday. I'm having a lot of fun. This is one the most specialist times of the year. It's because it's Jesus birthday. I want a hover board. Í need a sleeping mask. I want to read Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. I want to wear long sleeve pajamas. Well, Santa, I hope you have a wonderful winter. Merry Christmas.

> Love, Makenna

Dear Santa, So what are you doing? I am doing well. How Mrs. Clause? I want a real Ranger (small version). I need food. I read Junie B. Jones. I want two new pairs of cowboy boots. From,

Garrett

Wishing You A Joyous Holiday

Season And A Very Happy

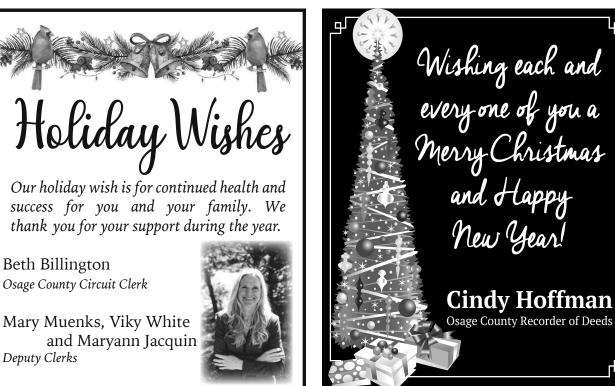
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Season's Greetings

We wish you and your family all he best during this holiday season of celebration. We hope your holidays are safe and happy.

Amanda L. Grellner Osage County **Prosecuting Attorney**

> **Ellen Nichols** Secretary

Susie Fowler Secretary



LETTERS TO SANTA

Sacred Heart School Rich Fountain

building toys. I have

been helping people this year. I would like a

bike. George would like a

pocketknife and Mallory

would like buttery and

cheesy popcorn. Thank

you for all the presents

Thank you for my

Schleich horse stable. I

have been good by help-

ing my brother and sis-

ters. Please bring me the

Schleich café. Say hi to

Thank you for the

hockey table. I'll work

really hard to obey my

mom and dad. I would

like some Minecraft

Legos. Kate would like

a new tablet. Dad would

like some decoys. Mom

would like some fami-

ly tilme Thank you for

Second Grade

Class

Thank you Santa for

giving me a bb gun for

Christmas last year. I

have helped my mom and

dad with dishes. I have

helped my mom clean the

living room. I would like

an xbox one. My brother

would like car keys. Hope

Third Grade

Class

ting me the toy tractor with the three trailers

too. Santa, I have been

good this year. I want a

Minecraft Lego set. My

sister wants a doll. My

mom wants to get stuff

to finish the basement.

My dad wants farming

stuff. Oh and say hi to

Thank you for my

Chief's blanket and my

Chief's water bottle. I

have been good by help-

ing my mom or dad. I hope Í get a four-wheeler My mom might want a

vase and my dad wants a

skid steer. I hope you do

Thank you for last

year's gift. I enjoyed

it. I have been very

good this year. I have

helped my brother, Gar-

rett. This year I want

a snowball cannon. Can

you get Mom an Iphone

max? Meaghan wants a

hamster and dad wants

one of those two min-

ute timers. Garrett

wants glasses with windshield wipers. Do not get

Thank you for my

model Vin Diesel's Dodge

Charger. I have been

very, very good this year. I have picked up

sticks. I would like a hov-

erboard for Christmas. I

think my brother, Evan

would like a new baseball glove. Have a great trip.

From your friend,

Lance

caught in the blizzard.

Your friend,

Dear Santa,

Alex

not get a blizzard.

Dear Santa,

From,

Vincent

the deer for me.

Dear Santa,

Love,

Jackson

Thank you for get-

Dear Santa,

you have a safe trip!

bringing me gifts.

Dear Santa,

Love,

Henry

you are giving me. Your friend,

Dear Santa,

Rudolph for me.

Dear Santa,

Love,

Jude

Drew

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Pre-K and Kindergarten Classes

Dear Santa, Thank you for my blue dinosaur. This year, I would like a reindeer. For Christmas I will give hugs to my friends. Blair

Dear Santa, Thank you for my tractor and trailer. This year, I would like a toy car. For Christmas, I will help Dad get the combine out of the field. Tucker

Dear Santa, Thank you for my scooter. This year, I would like a computer and a camera. For Christmas, I will help Mom and Dad feed the cats. Ridley

Dear Santa, Thank you for the bottles for my babies. This year, I would like pacifiers for my babies For Christmas, I will clean the house for

Mom. Jocelyn

Dear Santa, Thank you for my bunny. This year, I would like a Rudoff stuffed animal. For Christmas, I will play with my Mom. Marta

Dear Santa, Thank you for my farm animals. This year, I would like a Pokemon Elite Trainer box. For Christmas, I will help my sisters clean up. August

Dear Santa, Thank you for my kitty cat. This year, I would like a camera. For Christmas, I will feed my dog for mom.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my Paw Patrol walkie talkies. This year, I would like a tablet. For Christmas, I will give smiles to my friends to make their day better.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my Spider-Man bike. This year, I would like headphones and a new iPad with all my favorite games. I would also like a Toothless stuffed animal. For Christmas, I will help Vivian clean up and help Lydia make ice cream sundaes. Grantley

Dear Santa, Thank you for my new dresses. This year, I would like a hat. For Christmas, I will give kisses to Mom and Dad. Gracelyn

First Grade Class

Dear Santa, Thank you for last year's presents. I have been good in school. I would want a fuzzy blue and black blanket. Have

a safe trip. Your friend, Jacob

> Dear Santa, Thank you for rthe

LETTERS TO SANTA

St. George School Linn

Preschool

Dear Santa, I am thankful for

being good for Santa. I want a toy tiger and a gorilla and Godzilla. Love,

Jasper

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a toy Golden Motorcycle, Squishy Hulk, a stuffed white tiger and a Big Monster Truck set for my Tiger Shark Monster Truck.

> Love, Caden

Dear Santa, I love you! I'm excited to see you in 5 days! I take naps because I'm good. I did all of my virtual school work. Í listen to my teachers and my mom. I have always wanted a sleeping bag and I need a new whoopie cushion. What do you like to eat for lunch? Do you sleep? Me and my sisters want a playground with a big house to play in. I

> Love, Maebrie

miss you!

Dear Santa, I think I have been good enough to get presents. I want a gopro to use when I ride my dirtbike, I want a racecar set, rollerblades and a new dirtbike track.

Love, Ezden

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year. This

year I would like an airplane that flies on its own and a Nintendo. I would like a Spider-Man car and that is it!

Love, Mason

Dear Santa, for This year Christmas I would like LOL's, OMG dolls, Barbies, baby doll and shoes. Thank you for the presents last year. I like the North Pole. I like Santa.

Love, Violet

Dear Santa, Thank you for the cowboy stuff last year. I am trying really hard to be extra good this year. I want a dirt bike and bubble gum machine this year. I really love you and hope to see you soon.

Love, Cooper

Dear Santa, Thank you the presents Santa Clause. I like your elves. Please bring me a camping chair and a orange race car. Please bring Maya a doll. Could I have a robot.

Love, Colton

Dear Santa, Thank you for coming to my house. If you can I would like you to bring me a battery operated car, a new watch, kitchen set and a bicycle. Thank you Santa. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you Santa. Love,

Nora

Dear Santa,

I would like a green Dinosaur like Daxton has. A dirt bike to ride. I need a phone. I would also like a robot and a microphone and a peach marker that matches skin color. Love.

Kash

Dear Santa, I have been a very

good girl this year! I started gymnastics this year so I would like a gymnastics mat to practice on. I also would like barbies to play with. I also want a sweater, barbie shoes, real makeup, a skateboard. I hope all these toys don't slow you down on Christmas Eve. Love,

Aubrie

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys last year. I would like to hage a tanker crane truck, RC car and go cart. I have a good boy. Thank you Santa.

Love, Chandler

Dear Santa, I would like a neborn baby, easy puzzle, a puppy, leash, projectr night light of unicornes, Barbie farm set, Barbie camping set, easy bake oven and princess vanity. I have been such a good girl this year!

> Love, Elyse

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas would like a baby sister that can play with me. I also want a bunch of wild horses just like Spirit and toy horses. I love horses. I will name them Lily, Mystery, Bubblegum and Maple. I also want a unicorn happy napper and a star belly dream plush. I will make sure that there is plenty of milk and cookies for you and lots of carrots for your reindeer.

all the time this year.

Love, Harlie

Dear Santa, Thank you for Thomas train you gave me last year. This year I would like a big transformer, a hot wheels track and golden Thomas. I have been good. I love you the most.

Love, Jackson

Dear Santa, I would please like BARBIE DREAM HOUSE, BARBIE AIRPLANE, BAR-BIES, BARBIE FARM TRUCK, JOHN THE SNAKE BIKE AND HAPPY NAPPER.

Love, Avery

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope you are ready for Christmas. I have been really good the past two days at grandma and papa's. For Christmas I would like a train and a dinosaur that poops cars.

> Love, Oliver

Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa, I wish for a chainsaw and a dumper truck for grammy. Love,

Gibson

I have been good um. Thank you for the poline. Be safe.

melted beads you gave me last year. This year I would like a starbelly dream light, a fingernail polish maker, and shoe's that light up. I have been a very good

> Love, Anslee

Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Thank you for the horse sleigh you got me last year! This year I would like a Schleich horse barn, a puppy dog to snuggle and the blue Frozen horse. Also candy & suprise toys.

Love, Kinley P.

Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing my presents last year and thank you for sending our elf, Jack Rainbow!

> Love, Mylee 5.

Dear Santa, I am thankful for friends and cats. I want three LOLs. Love,

Nora

Dear Santa, I would like green kinetic sand please. And thank you for everything from last year! Love,

Lucas 5.

Dear Santa, I missed you so much I hope you haven't gotten sick. I've been really good this year. I really would like more barbies this year. Love,

Jordyn R. Dear Santa,

I have been great this year! Please bring Dear Santa, me a gopro for my I am glad I got to dirtbike helmet, rollsee you at the aquari- erskates and a tram-

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Love, Rokzeh B.

Dear Santa, Can I please have an electric scooter, a dirt bike, roblox gift card, a nerf gun and a remote control car. Thank you Santa. Santa I've been good this year.

Love, Ross B.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the trashtruck last year. This year I would like a whistle, handcuffs and toys for Ralphie. Love,

Gatlin

Dear Santa, I am thankful for the snow last year so I could make a snowman. For Christmas I would love to have a Nintendo Switch and to be back on the nice list. And a new bed and TV for my room. Please and thank you!

> Love, Hank D.

Dear Santa, I am thankful for family and friends. I want a tow truck and trash truck for Christmas. Thank you Santa,

Brady N.

Love,

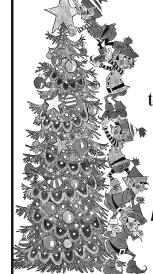
Dear Santa, I love you! Thank you for all the presents last year. This year I want Number-lings. Thank you Santa! Love,

Amelia J.

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like an airplane, fort building sticks, a playdoh candy maker. I would also like a new yellow ball, a race track and toy food to pretend to cook at my restaurant.

Love, Henry J.

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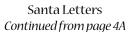
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LETTERS TO SANTA

St. George School Linn



First Grade Class

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving me presents last year. I liked my presents. So, I really want to thank you for giving me them. This year I really want a newborn baby doll. Have you seen Marla's? She has a doll like that. Also, I would like a new sled. Thank you Santa!

> Love, Grace T.

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the gifts you gave me all the years. I would like a girl doll like Hank with her eyes open. I would like a scruffa-luff and a balance beam. I hope you have a safe trip through all the states. Please tell Mrs. Claus hi from me.

> Love, Marla Jo S.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the doll movie theater. This year I have been good. I would like a hoverboard and a picture of Snowflake our elf. Merry Christmas! Love,

Chloe R.

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most for Christmas is a Barbie racecar and a tablet. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Śanta! Love,

P.S. Please say "hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!

May the spirit

of Christmas

warm your

heart now

and forever.

Merry

Christmas!

Dear Santa,

am 4 years old. This vear I have been good some of the time. What I would like most for Christmas is a remote control car and a tablet. I promise to leave out cookies for

> Love, Korah L.

Santa!

P.S. Please say "hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!

you! Merry Christmas,

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some

of the time. What I would like most for Christmas is golf clubs with balls and a tablet. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas, Santal Love,

Connor L.

P.S. Please say "hi" to the reindeer for

Dear Santa, Thank you for all your présents for Christmas. I want a hoverboard and a Ryan's vending surprise toy. Have a good Christmas,

Love, Jocelyn B.

Dear Santa, Thank you for giving us toys. Please bring xbox -white, Iron Man, Drome-mini, Thor, Dead Pool, toy soldiers, Action figures, toy dinosaurs, toy base (SCP facility),

nerf guns, PS4, Tabs CD. That is all. Thank you, Luke S.

Dear Santa,

ing me presents and for making people hap-py. May I please have a life size alligator, 2 remote controlled excavators, a stuffed

This Christmas, I mommy lion, a toy guitar and a carnotaurus toy and it's mouth opens and bites.

> Thank you, Mason S.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the time I spint at home with my family. What I want for Christmas this year is more legos.

Love, Blaze C.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my petal tractor last year. This year I want a Mack Granite Tanker Truck, RC car Ford Bronco, and a real life race car.

Thank you, Carter P.

Dear Santa.

Thank you for a big truck and flatbed trailer also the gas truck and tank. This year I would like a Heilcopter truck, toy lamborquine and a toy bugotti. Love,

Toryn D. P.S. I love you San-

Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,

This is what I would like for Christmas this year and thank you for the things that you gave me last year. Here is my list:

Personalized Minnie Mouse Luggage set, pink boots with flowers on them, plain pink slippers, two puzzles (one with cats and one with puppies), baby doll with diaper bag, Thank you for giv- starbelly dreamlites (unicorn), dark pink sparkly boots that light up, small white Christmas tree with pink ornaments to put in my room, craft set

with pink case, light up pillows and one silver, pillow, 18" Vet doll with puppy and doctor Love, set, JoJo Siwa big bow Wyatt W. fuzzy slippers, LOL Kids Smart Watch, 18" girl dolls with set of 7 sehoes, set with 3

party outfits and set of 3 pajama outfits, a three set sparkly bags, my own tablet, Barbie Dream house, Rainbocorns Nintendo Switch, and Crystal Fairy gliders. you Santa. Thank you very much Love,

Love, Lilly F.

Dear Santa,

and Merry Christmas!

I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas this year I would like: a Barbie with a pizza job, a white fox stuffed animal, Catty Noir and Robecca Steam are monster high dolls.

Love, Natalie W.

Dear Santa,

I don't want that much this year. The things that I want this year are.. A Hoverboard, a neonate baby, a keyboard for my iPad, a LOL doll, gymnastics bars, and a real puppy. Thank you for all of the presents last year.

Love, Claire 5.

Dear Santa,

I hope you don't have COVID. This year I would like a horse and a hoverboard. Oh! and thank you for the gifts last Christmas.

Love, Liza N.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I would like hair dye, a mansion for my stuffed animals, a new American Girl Doll, gum, slime and Robux. Have a Merry Christ-

Love, Lucy B.

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I want a iphone 12 pro max, pS5, hunting bow, RC car, gaming desk, Nike

camo hoodie and nike Air max shoes. Thank you for everything,

Dear Santa, I have been a really good girl this year. I would like a Nintendo Switch., Fail Fix Fashion Fix, Blue Rainbow High Fashion Doll, and Sweet Shake Surprise. Thank

Kate B.

Dear Santa, Thanks for all of the gifts last year. This year I want a bigger and better drone.

> Sncerely, Miles M.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my gifts last year. This year I want a tablet and a skateboard. I would also like a drone that has a camera.

> Love, Memphis M.

Dear Santa,

I hope this is not too much. I really want these things. I would like a Chiefs flag, a Chiefs helmet, for Patrick Mahomes to sign my football, football cards of Chief players, army men that can move and do action, a BB gun, a Nintendo Switch, and a book about football.

From, Jack W.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for last year's Christmas presents! This Christmas I want a big gumball machine, a stuffed puppy, all of the Charlie Brown toys and a goldfish. I hope you have a safe trip! Love,

Amelia B.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the baby alive doll. Did you like your milk and cookies? Do you make mermaid tails? If you do I would love to have one. I would also like a Jesse doll. My little sister would ike an Elsa dress.

Your friend, Everly J.

Dear Santa, Thank you for my tablet, I love it. This year I would like a reading lamp, markers, princess toy figures, ball pit3 feet dep, reading timer, a pet and gift for Mary Ellen, and a Barbie house.

> Love, Maggie R.

Dear Santa,

I've been good. Right now I am home schooling. This year can you send our elf early please. Can you tell our elf to give us a ginger-bread house this year. Thank you for all of the presents. Can I please have a pear of winter boots. Can I please have some clothes. Can I please have some toys.

> Love, Kynlee 5.

Dear Santa,

We all know you are real, so can you please send a sign to the people who don't believe. Santa, I have been a good boy. So for Christmas I want hockey games, 3Ds, and a hoverboard.

Ben J.

Dear Santa, I hope you are having fun getting ready for Christmas. This year I would like a marble run, clothes, books, and art supplies. I cannot wait for Christmas this year and to celebrate with my family. I hope you have a safe journey and wear a mask to protect yourself against Corona. Merry Čhristmas!

> Love, Zachary C.



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Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a nerf gun and a tablet. I would also like a recurve bow and

target. I want a Crazycart and a soccer ball. Thank you Santa! Your friend,

Charlie J.

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. We got a new puppy and I have been helping out with her a lot. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would really like a hoverboard and Playmobil toys please.

Take care, Jacey K.

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas a pool, orbeez, pool floats and toys, LOL dolls, Barbies, and a hoverboard. Love,

Kailey P.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Santa can I have pokemon cards and a friend and a stuffed animal and a Santa book. Thank you Santa.

> From, Hayden T.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all of the presents last year. I would reallly like to have a white horse bedspread. Also,

I wouldlike a pigmy pop. Please can İ also have a horse beanbag? Thank you for all the presents you decide to bring me.

Love, Maya F.

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is for my dad to come home. I would also like a bow and arrow set because I want to do archery. Thank you!

Love, Harper L.

Dear Santa, I have treid to be very good this year. I would like to have a nerf gun and lego set. I would really like a little Christmas tree in my room, with ornaments. Thank you for my presents last year.

Your Friend, Hollis H.

Dear Santa, Thanks for all my presents last year. I've tried to be good this year. I've helped Daddy when he asks. This year I'd like a video game, board games, checkers and dinoa-

> Sincerely, Jesse D.

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St. Joseph School Westphalia

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Thank you for the launcher I got last year

for Christmas. It goes higher than a firework!

I will leave cookies for

you and carrots for all the reindeer. I real-

ly want a hoover board

and toy race track for

Thank you for com-

ing to my house each Christmas. I will have

chocolate chip cookies for you to eat, on the table next to the couch. This year I want a spiderman four-wheeler

Thank you for every-thing you brought me last year for Christ-

mas! This year I want a Dodge truck, and some tools! Don't forget to eat your cookies and drink the milk that I

Thank you for the light up track and race

cars. Don't forget to

eat the cookies, and drink the milk I leave you! This year I want a pumpkin night light that

can stay on in the dark, and a remote control race car. See you soon

left you. Your friend,

Beau

and a bow and arrow.

Love, **Emery**

Your friend,

Sadie

Christmas!

Hayden

Your friend,



Kindergarten Class

Santa, Thank you for bringing me bath bombs for Christmas last year. Don't forget to feed the reindeer the carrots left on the fireplace! Please bring me à tiedye swimsuit and a baby

that looks real! See you

soon! Love, Makenzie

Santa, Thank you for bringing me a barbie dreamhouse last year. I hope you like the milk and under cookies Christmas tree. For Christmas I really want a hoover board and a

new kitty! Love, Mallory

Santa, Thank you for my Barbie Dreamhouse last year. Don't forget to eat the cookies and drink the chocolate milk! I will leave carrots for the reindeer too! For Christmas I want Calico Critters and purple slim!

Can't wait to see you! Your friend, Liberty

Santa, Thank you for the playhouse you got me last year. I like playing in it with my kitties. I will leave cookies for you and Mrs. Claus. This year I want a baby pup-py, unicorn stuff, and some kitty stuffed ani-

> Your friend, Harlow



Santa! Thank you for the pink bike I got last year for Christmas. I ride it alot! I will leave carrots Your friend. Easton

Santa, I want a barbie airplane, and LOLs! See you soon.

Your friend,

Thank you for the Barbie train I got last year for Christmas. I will leave you some pan-cakes and hot chocolate for a snack! This year I would like makeup, a nerf gun, and a bow and

and cookies for you on the dining room table. This year I would like a hooverboard and super hero action figures. Don't forget to feed the reindeer the carrots

arrow for Christmas.

Santa, Thank you for the presents I got last year I will leave milk

left out for them!

Your friend, Matthew

Thank you for all my toys from last year. I

Santa,

Love,

Macy

Thank you for the remote control monster truck you gave me last year. I will leave cookies and milk for you, and really like to play with my tractor! This year I really want nerf guns carrots for all your reindeer. This year, I want a BIG shovel to scrape all the snow off the and a new green tractor, because my other one is getting old! concrete. I also want a new fishing pole. See you soon Santa!

Santa, Thank you for the toy mule I got last year for Christmas! I will set out eight carrots for you reindeer, and some cookies for you! This year I want a hoover-

board and a board I can

and Ian. 1

Your friend,

Dylan

write and draw on! See you soon Santa! Love Joey

Thank you for my Elsa headphones and LOL Glamper I got for Christmas last year! This year I want a hatchimal llama and animal slap bracelets. Don't forget to read my note and drink the chocolate

milk I leave for you. Love, Autumn

Thank you for the train table I got last year for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the desk for your snack. This year Í want a Trackmaster track with a Thomas

Engine, and a marble set. Your friend, Reed

Thank you for the marble set I got last year for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the folding table. This year I want a rainbow marble set and a carriage car that I can drive.

Evelyn

Santa, Thank you for the barbie couch I got for Christmas last year. My barbies really like the couch! I will leave you some cookies and milk for a small. This year I for a snack! This year I want a real microphone and some more barbies!

Lilly

Thank you for my Really Big Barbie House that I got last year! I will make you some cookies to enjoy, when you come to my house! For Christmas I want a toy unicorn that flies and a princess dress that I can wear.

Love, P.S. How do you get in my house?

Thank you for my rc car that I got last year for Christmas. This year

I want a watch, chainsaw, weed eater, and another rc car. See you soon!

Your friend, Myles

First Grade Class

Dear Santa, I really want a new wheele toy, and a new swingset and peace on Earth.

Your friend, Landon K.

Dear Santa, ERTL Toys Bobcat Loader, Monster Treads Collect N Play Bob-cat 6988428 Die Cast Model Vehicle. John Deere 323 E Compact. High Detail Caterpillar 297D2 Multi-Terrain Skid Loader 85603/ eBay.

Love, Maxen

Dear Santa, Thank you for the dirt bike you got me for christmas last year. I am reallly excited for Christmas. This year I would like a crossbow

and a 22 with a good scope, an underarmour bow and Deer rifle to. I'll leave cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer or caribou that can walk really fast. Wyatt D.

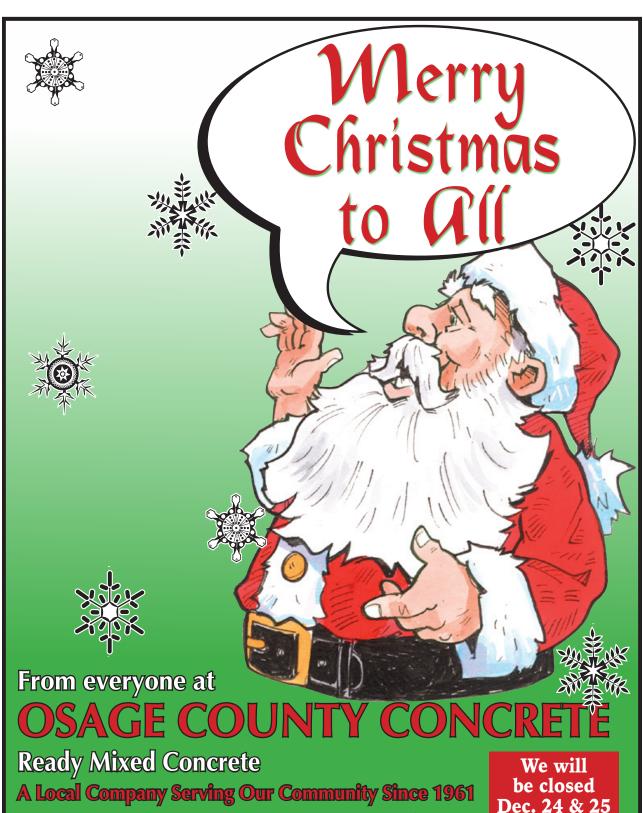
Dear Santa,

Thank you for my music instruments. I like tham a lot! Do you make candy? I love candy! I hope the elves stay healthy from the coronavirus so they can make toys. This year, I want Hot Wheels, Christmas clothes, a clock so I can get up on time and a dry erase board. Can you bring my sisters a lot of candy because they like candy too! And I forgot, can you bring me a swing for my room too, like Audra wants? I'll leave you some cookies and some milk and carrots for your reindeer. I hope you can bring everyone what they want this year! I hope you stay save and the reindeer too, and Mrs. Claus. Love,

Carter F.

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Quirky holiday collection brings hope, joy to family, friends

BY EDWARD GEHLERT UD STAFF WRITER

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LINN — A visit to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows almost 40 years ago started a tradition that continues to this day for Linn residents Carol Branson and her husband Vernon.

"We were there with some family on a family outing," Carol said. "We went into the gift shop and I found the very first one I ever bought. It was Santa kneeling at the foot of the manger where baby Jesus is."

While this may sound like a normal, everyday occurrence, it sparked the start of a collection of what some may consider a quirky hobby. Carol collects any kind of items related to bald Santa Claus.

"If you see my husband you'll understand where it all came from," Carol joked during a phone interview. "That first figurine sits in the middle of my buffet in my dining room. That's the designated spot for it. It goes out there every year. When I saw it, it just struck me because I never looked for a bald-headed Santa Claus. It immediately reminded me of my husband. My husband has been bald for many, many years. When I saw it I just had to buy it."

That was the first in a collection that now includes more than 100 items featuring bald Santa.

"Since then, most all of them have been gifts from other people," Carol said. "As people found out that I collect these they look for

them. They are hard to find. You kid. At first, I would put them in my don't think about that until you start looking for one. Once you start looking, you realize most Santa Claus depictions either have a hat or hair. It turned into kind of a challenge to see who could find



CAROL BRANSON'S collection of bald Santas is not limited to figurines. She also has received photos and Christmas cards.

Carol worked in the office at Linn High School for more than 12 years. As the word spread about her collection, coworkers happily contributed to it.

"The former principal I worked for at the school is now the superintendent at St. Clair and every year at Christmas time I get a gift from him and it's a bald-headed Santa."

With a holiday collection as vast as Carol's, it can take up a lot

"Every year, I put them out and I look at the ones I got before and wonder which ones I'll get this year," Carol said. "I'm like a little dining room, and then they spilled over into my sunroom. Now they have spread into my living room. I have a tree that I decorate in my dining room and it's nothing but bald-headed Santa ornaments. It's a lot of work to put out each year, but it's something that if I didn't do, there would definitely be something missing from my house each Christmas."

As far as what the figurines are made from, they come in all types of materials, from ceramic and cloth to hand-carved wood. Some are very fragile.

The collection doesn't stop with figurines. Carol has Christmas cards she displays on a bulletin board. She has a framed picture drawn by a teacher she worked with of a bald Santa that she hangs on the wall every year. She has a couple of pillows along with an afghan-type cover that features the jolly Saint Nicholas, sans hair.

As far as clothing goes, Carol will not be outdone. "I'm sitting here talking to you with a sweater that has bald-headed Santa on it," Carol laughed.

Like many people this year, Carol has struggled with finding the festive spirit of the holiday season.

"With the COVID situation that we are all struggling with, I really debated putting them out this year because the situation with my sister is just horrible," she said. "We are living the stories you see on TV of having a family member alone and isolated and not being able to go visit her. It's very difficult. Until it hits you personally, you don't know what to believe, and you don't want to believe most of what you hear, and I was that person who was like, 'okay I'll wear my mask sorta' reluctantly. Well, once this happened with my sister, I don't want anybody to go through this. I don't want anybody to be the patient, and I don't want anybody to be the family dealing with it."

Carol Branson is the sister of Wanda Bunch, who was for many years the county clerk for Osage County and is widely known in the community. Bunch tested positive for COVID-19 on Nov. 19 and was admitted to St. Mary's Health Center in Jefferson City. After three weeks, Bunch was transferred to Jefferson City Nursing Rehabilitation, where she currently remains.

"I thought I'm just not in the spirit. I just don't think I'm going to get them out this year, and then I thought now wait a minute; my grandkids love looking at all of them and if I can do something that's normal, then that's what I need to do," Carol said. "This has been our normal for almost 40 years. It may seem silly, but I relate this collection as hope for next Christmas. That's why I went ahead and did it."

Staying positive has helped Carol through this difficult year.

"I try to find something good in every situation," she said. "That's how I live my life. I try to see the good. No matter how desperate things are, and this has been a desperate year for many people, if people can just try to see the



A VISIT to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows almost 40 years ago started a tradition that continues to this day for Linn residents Carol Branson and her husband Vernon.

good they have then it's not all for nothing. My sister is alive and breathing, that is the good here. I just can't be with her.'

Carol and Vernon Branson have two sons and three grandkids. She counts them among the many blessings in her life and looks forward to sharing her quirky, bald Santa collection with friends and family





CAROL BRANSON has been collecting bald Santas for 40 years. She said the inspiration for collecting bald Santas may well be that they remind her of her husband, Vernon.









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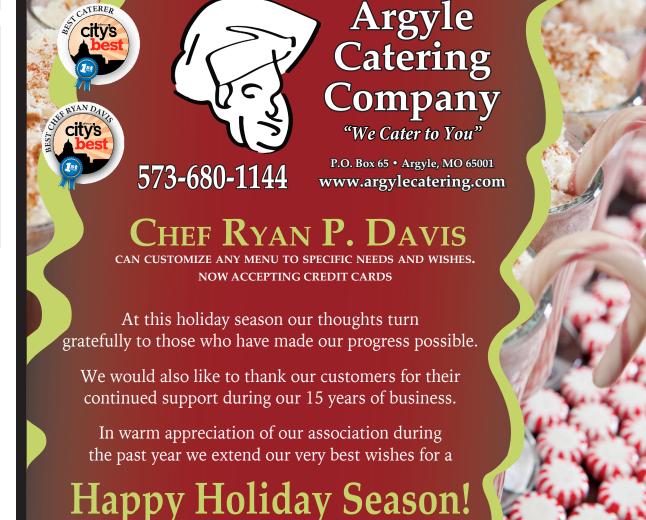












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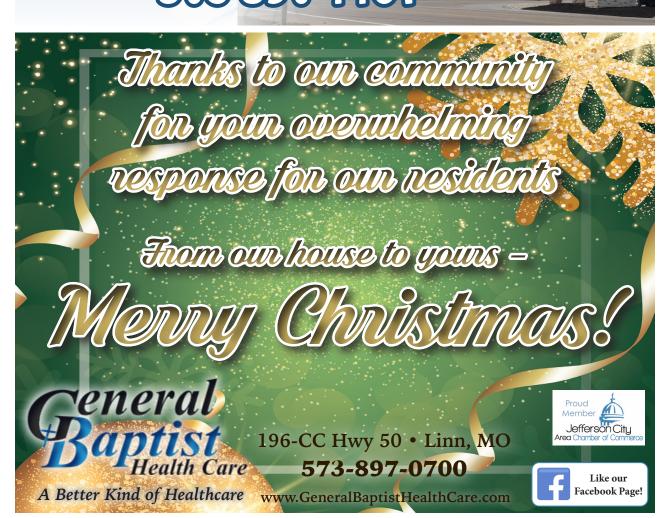
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Sincerely,

The employees and families of,



LETTERS TO SANTA **Fatima R-3 School**



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Mrs. Juergensmeyer's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa, Thank you for my family, my grandma and grandpa and all friends. This Christmas I am hoping for jello world, a yo-yo, and Blue's Sing and Dance Along. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I am going

to help with laundry

and clean the floors.

Love, Kevin

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all of my gifts last year. This Christmas i am hoping for some more train tracks. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I am going to help my mom cook.

Love, Ella

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toy 4-wheeler last year. This Christmas I am hoping for an RC car, spy drone, and a 4-wheeler. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I will help mhy friends run the track.

Love, Waylon Dear Santa,

Thank you for my mom, dad and baby brother. This Christmas I am hoping for magnatiles and a splatter ball gun. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to give my mom flowers.

Love, Zayden

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I am hoping for monster trucks and tacos. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to give a hug.

Love, Corbin

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a new bike. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to clean my sister's room.

Love, Autumn

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my elf, family and friends. This Christmas I am hoping for a go-cart and helmet, I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to give presents to my friends.

Love, Jack Dear Santa,

Thank you for presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a remote car and a coloring book. I know it is better to aive than to receive, so this month I will do dishes.

> Love, Sydney

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving us presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a Lego police station. I know it is better to give than to receive. so this month I plan to hold the door open.

Henry

Dear Santa,

Thank you for presents. This Christmas I am hoping for camo. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to give a toy to Toys for

Love, Alex N.

DearSanta,

Thank you for my new kitten. This Christmas I am hoping for Poopsie. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to clean my room.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my Walke Talke. This Christmas I am hoping for a BB gun, dog, and hoverboard. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to feed my cat.

Love, Connor S.

Dear Santa, Thank you

stuffed animals, this Christmas I am hoping for turkey. I know it is better to give t han to receive, so this month I plan to make brown-

Love, Mya

Mrs. Varnadore's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa, Thank you for the

toys last year. This Christmas I am hoping for a toy shark and a Alien toy. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else give gifts to my family and Keasha.

> Love, Connor

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my big Barbie house and my American Girl doll. This Christmas I am hoping for Barbie farm set, American Girll doll stuff. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else I'm going to help mom do the dishes and clean the house.

Love, Sadie Dear Santa,

Thank you for candy and stickers. This Christmas I am hoping for kitchen set, high heels. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else I would cook with you.

Love, Samara

Dear Santa,

Thank you for being at school. Taking care of cat. For Patty her BFF. This Christmas I am hoping for Nintendo Switch - water bottle, marbles. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else I will give some of my toys away.

> Love, Phoebe

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. This Christmas I am hoping for fishing pole, BBgun, chicken picture, game, blocks, fishing bait, fishing bobber and puzzle. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else give Santa, mommy and daddy cards. Give my sisters presents and help with chores. Behave for

> Love, Cam R.

Santa.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for mommy & daddy and Abel, Michael. This Christmas I am hoping for Elsa toy, scruff a luv. I know it is better to give than to receive, someone else mom with laundry.

> Love, Sophia

Dear Santa,

Thank you for Santa. This Christmas I am hoping for gloves, candy and shoes and goo goo slime baby and art stuff. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else donate toys.

Love, Paislee

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. This Christmas I am hoping for a dinosaur, truck and legos. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else help cook.

> Love, Caleb

Dear Santa, Thank you for mommy and daddy. My toys and games. This Christmas I am hoping for rocking chair, barbie doll, doll house and a dump truck. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else cook food, donate and buy a toy for another child.

Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my blue jeep. This Christmas I am hoping for a scooter. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month so this month I plan I plan to do the follow-

to do the following for ing for someone else give a present.

> Love, Brayden

Dear Santa, Thank you for last gifts. years Christmas I am hoping a space robot. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else help mom and dad cook.

> Love, Johnny B.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing gifts to all the kids. This Christmas I am hoping for LOL doll hous. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else I wil be macing cards for hospitol kids.

> Love, Anabella 5.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for cars. This Christmas I am hoping for toy car. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else I will help Aubrey get in a car.

Love, Lester

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all of my gifts last year. This Christmas I am hoping for plush chica doll. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else be nice.

Love, Amelia Mrs. Vanderfeltz's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa, Thank you for my tracters. This Christmas I am hoping for a fish for my room. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for some-

one else give my daddy

Love, Graham

some candy.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing us presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a LOL, O.M.G. Remix dolls. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else give Mommy a necklace.

> Love, **Kizzie**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys last yeer. This Christmas I am hoping for a a big tedy bar. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else giv Chrismas deckrashins.

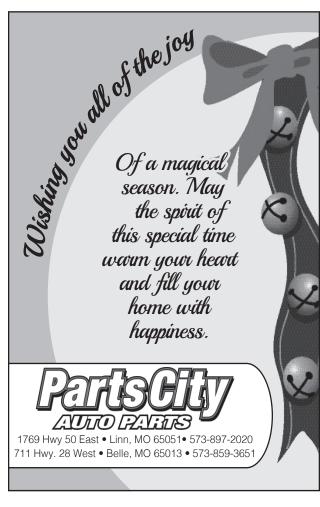
> Love, Caleb K.

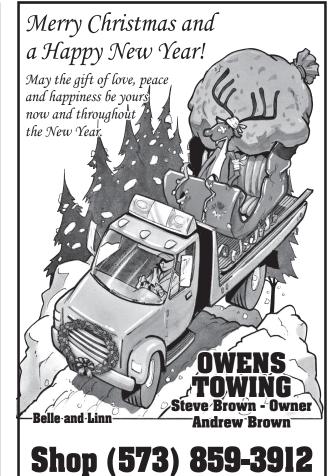
Dear Santa,

Thank you for last years presents. This Christmas I am hoping for vampirina car. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else adopt a family.

> Love, Sophie S.

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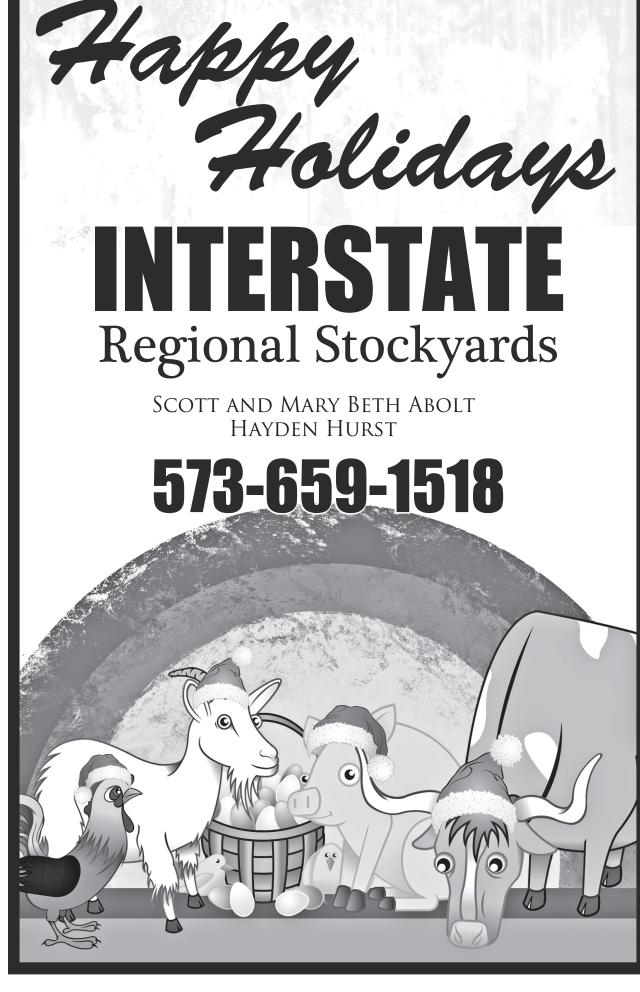


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Dear Santa,

Thank you for our

new kitten Fury. This

Christmas I am hoping

for LOL dolls, a real

camera and scibble

pets. I know it is bet-

ter to give than to re-

ceive, so this month I

plan to do the following

for someone else help

my brother Bennett

Mrs. Huot's

First Grade Class

My name is Chloe.

This year I have been

very good. What I

would most like for

Christmas this year is

a bow and arrow be-

casue I lost my other

one. If your elves are

not too busy I would

also like a new bike, a

new Barbie, and a new

baby. I promise to

leave you some milk and

cookies and carrots on

Christmas eve.

XOXO,

Chloe B.

Dear Santa,

clean his room.

Rylie Jo

Love,

Dear Santa,

Lainey D.

LETTERS TO SANTA **Fatima R-3 School**

Santa Letters Continued from page 3B

Dear Santa.

Thank you for giving me presents. This Christmas I am hoping for an Xbox, 2 of them. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else giving them my old toys.

> Love, Kaison

Dear Santa,

Thank you for getting me a Baby Alive, an Elsa table, and other toys last year for Christmas. This Christmas I am hoping for a cotton candy machine, a bracelet maker kit, and the LOL doll house from Walmart. And maybe another baby alive. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else send some of my old toys to other kids becasue I have to much.

> Love, Kayleigh

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the elves and rainbows. This Christmas I am hoping for a princess vanity. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else give away some of my toys.

Love, Paisley K.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my suitcase. I use it to go places. This Christmas I am hoping for a nerf gun. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else pick up my toys.

Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the green scooter. This Christmas I am hoping for little ponies and electric dirt bike. I know it is better to give than to receive, so

one else draw some one a picture.

Love, Crystal

Dear Santa,

Thank you for trains. This Christmas I am hoping for more trains. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else share with my brother!

> Love, Camden

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Hulk Power Punch last year. This Christmas am hoping for giant Indonoms and a camo 4 weelr. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else I will be kind to mom.

Love, Kolby

Dear Santa,

Thank you for putting me on the nice list. This Christmas I am hoping for a nerf gun. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else make cookies. Love,

John

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my lol doll. This Christmas I am hoping for a sparkly dress. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else help mom with laundry and dad cook.

Love, Anna

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all of my presents and coming to see me. This Christmas I am hoping for a remote car, bbs, targets, nerf gun. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else share toys and get flowers for mom.

this month I plan to do Love, the following for some-Hudson May all the world celebrate the miracle of Christmas, and share peace and prosperity in the coming 'year. MID AMERICA TRUSS 9826 BIG MEADOWS ROAD · JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101 PHONE: 573-395-3400 FAX: 573-395-3410

Dear Santa,

My name is Samantha. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is an ipad because it is fun. If your elves are not too busy I would also like an xbox and a cat. I promise to leave you some cookies and carrots on Christmas

XOXO Samantha M.

Dear Santa, My name is Hunter.

This year I have been quite good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is an xbox becasue my dad has my xbox so I want an new one. If your elves aren't too busy I would also like a remote control car. I promise to leave you

some milk and cookies. XOXO, Hunter B.

Dear Santa, My name is Madelyn. this year I have been quite good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is and elf on a shelf. If your elves are not too busy I would also like two more elves. I promise to leave you some milk, cookies, and carrots.

XOXO Madelyn R. Dear Santa,

This year I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is some games. I don't have any. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Nintendo Switch and a Barbie house camper. I promise to leave you some carrots for Rudolph.

Sophia W.

Dear Santa,

This year I have been good. What I most want for Christmas is a LOL doll because my friend has one. If your elves are not too busy I wold also like a doll and a Bubble Ball. I promise to leave you some cookies on Christmas Eve.

XOXO, Channing M.

Dear Santa,

My name is Ash-ley. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a hover board because my sister has one. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a Barbie car and a gumball machine. I promise to leave you some milk and cookies.

XOXO, Ashley H.

My name is Lainey. My name is Sophia. This year I have very good. What I would MOST like for Christmas this year is a hover board because it is fun. If your elves are not too busy I would also like an xbox and the game Headbands. I promise to leave you some milk and cookies on Christmas Eve. XOXO,

XOXO,

Dear Santa, My name is Sky-My name is Channing. ler. This year I have been very good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is Dino Paw Patrol becase I have a lot. If your elves are not too busy I would also like Fortnite, a dog, toys and an Xbox . I promise to leave you some cookies. XOXO,

Skyler P.

Dear Santa,

My name is Collin and I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a punching bag because I'm strong. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a dirt bike and a 4 wheeler. I promise to leave you cookies and reindeer feed at my Grampa Celes.

XOXO Collin P. Dear Santa,

My name is Eli. This year I have been quite good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is an xbox because it is fun. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a pencil, and a hover board. I'll leave milk and cookies and carrots for Rudolph on Christmas Eve.

XOXO, Eli S.

> Dear Santa, My name is Zadie. This year I have been good. What I would like for Christmas this year is rainbow corn because I like it. If your elves are not too busy I would also like an LOL doll. I promise to leave

you milk and cookies on

XXX, Zadie S.

Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa, My name is Trevor. This year I have been good. What I would most like for Christmas this year is a dog because they are pretty. If your elves are not too busy I would also like a ball, a phone and a TV. I promise to

leave you some milk on

XXX, Trevor W.

Christmas Eve.

Dear Santa,

My name is Quentin. This year I was very good. What I would most like for Christmas is Gang Beast Xbox because I am a gamer. I would also like a VR, and an xbox and VR games. I promise to leave you some milk and cookies on Christmas Eve.

> XXX, Quentin B.

Mrs. Wieberg's First Grade Class

Dear Santa,

This year I have been good some of the time. Here are some of the things I am wishing for: a camera, with a book and a elf. Thank you. Have a Marry Christmas!

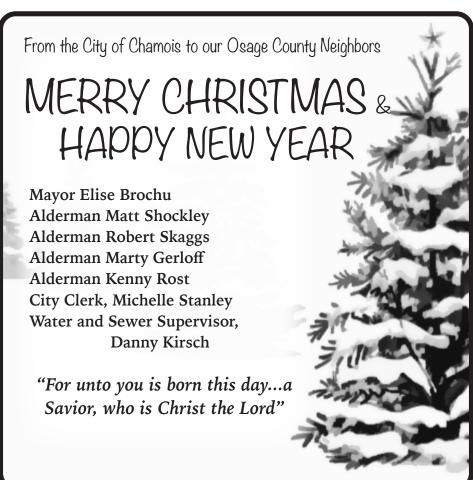
Love, Lilyauna

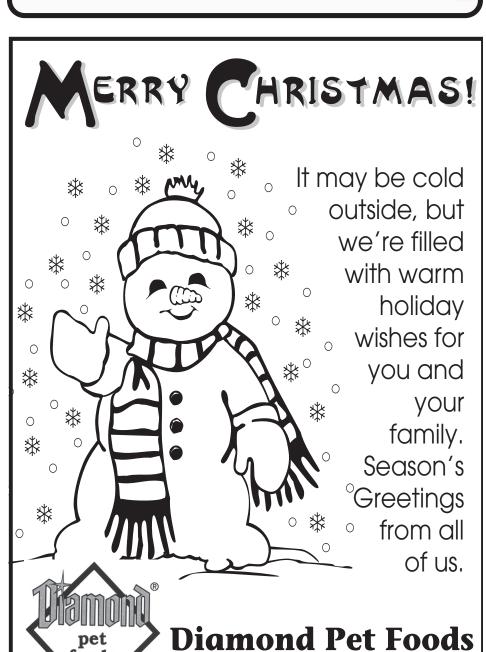
Dear Santa, This year I have been good some of the time. I am wishing for: a tadlit, a Xbox 360 game, a parit, a dog, and air pods. Mery Christmas!

> Love, Kevin

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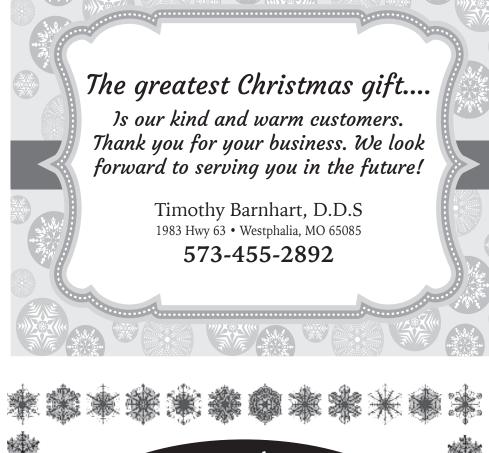
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my little brother Leo

wants a binisor monster

truck. I want a camra I

wunt beer pong for the

faimly. I want a TV for

my room. I want some

LED for my room. And

that is all and I hope

How are you? Has

Rudolph been good? I

would like a Prime stick

remote. I would also

like an X-box. Last, I

would like a Jaws un-

leashed for the X-box.

Thank you for the toys

you brought me last

Good morning. San-

ta so how are the Elfs.

How is Poky? Can I have

a hover bord, mincraft,

fortnite, slin, and a

white bord can I have

goch shoes, yessas goch bag, remot cars,

black electric, star

wars, Hot wells Nija

bots I hop you have a safe trip! Tancks for

Hello Santa! I am be-

ing nis to my fririe. By

the way, how is things

going? I watsa big 22 .

I wat a tablit and fone.

the presents.

Beau

Yours troly,

Dear Santa,

you have a safe trip.

Dear Santa,

Gemma

year.

Love,

Jasper

Dear Santa,

LETTERS TO SANTA **Fatima R-3 School**

Santa Letters Continued from page 4B

Dear Santa, This year I have been good all of the time. here are a few things I am wishing for: phone, a cat, cat-

fod, and a snowman.

Merry Christmas! Love. **Brooks**

Dear Santa, This year I have been good all of time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want

a LOL doll, an easy

bake, and a puppy. Love, Bella

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: a tablet and a fone. Thank you! Merry Christmas.

Love, Kenzee

Dear Santa,

This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: a new Phone, truck, and a white truck.

Love, Evan

Dear Santa, This year I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a mermaid tail, a chang doll, a mermaid doll, mermaid bathing suit and googles with a

> Love, Rowyan

nose.

Dear Santa,

This year I have een good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: some glitter, a toy teddy bear, and a star.

Love, Lydia

DearSanta, This year I have been good some of the

time. Here are a few thing I am wishing for: a new tablet, a new twisy pet, and a fone. Thank you and have a good Christmas!

Love, Baylee

DearSanta,

This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few thing I am wishing for: a new phone case, a new pair of air podes, and a play station. Merry Christmas!

> Love, Olivia

DearSanta, This year I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things. I am wishing for: nintendo switch and a game.

> Love, Monroe

Dear Santa, This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: a elf, a stuffed animal, a playdough machine and a phone. Good job! Love,

Dear Santa,

TJ

I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for. I want a cheetus.

LOL doll, and a baby LED and I want some chick! Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Kyndal Rae

Dear Santa, This year I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: a shot gun, a play station, and a phone. Thank you!

Love, Conrad

Ms. Rush's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa, Good morning Santa! How are things going at the North Pole? I bet it is busy! I want a Spirt Horse. He has brown hair. Lucky to. Also I want a Chickileta, Pue, Bomerang, Abgale also. Also I want a huver bord to! I want a Eletric sooter and Gotta go Flamingo, LOL suprise, Barbryes color revea\$ls maimads kinetic sand and a bike. Nerf gun with 200 bulit, Frozen 2 Elsa and Anna. Snow glob. Thank

Azlyn

Dear Santa, I wish for a afmal plushie. I wish for a sach plushie. I wish for a Alez plushie. I wish for a jad plushie. I wish for a Ein plushie. I wish for a lite plushie, kinetic sand, LOL surprises. Monster officer, Kitchen uptuwn, LOL surprise, Barbie, OMG, Vtech, LEGO Classics, present Pets, 2011 Kert 2 cool bmk. Whte. Thank you to

Yours truly, Payton

Dear Santa, Hello!. Do the reindeer really like carots? Can I pléase have 3 LOL dolls for Christmas? Can I have Disney stuff? May I have American Girl doll stuff please? Thank you for all the toys!

Your friend, Faith D.

Good morning Santa, How are things going at the North Pole? I bet it is really is besy. Can I have a Monster Jam Adventure fore 200 Dart Refill, Coleman Powersports 100 cc 4 stroke kids rocket bike, mini motorcycle, blue. By the way, thank you for all of my gifts last year! Have a saf trip deliveling presents.

Yours truly, Boone

Dear Santa, Good monin and hi! How ar th reigndeer doing? I woul like 2 hamstrs, a phon, tablet and an electric scooder. I want to wish so me theing for my brother,

Yours trul, Raelyn

a baby yoda.

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, How is the north pole going and the toy shop I bet is realy realy busy with the elfves oh and how is frank going my elf? How are the rainbeers going? I am gunna tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a hoover braud that is I also want to add a board hover, Rebot isids monster jam, Hot Wheels and the Animal Ninla Bots is red.

Yours truely, Trenton

DearSanta,

Good mrning sata. How are things going the North Pole? I bet it is really is busy! For Christmas I would love to have a Blue Jeep, Kidiizoom, Hoverboapd, HS vortex cuole bettle set, kinenic sand, miri motor cuote Blue, small Baby Yo, Kidi zoom Kitchen, Ryanns World FX3 Blipp. Siti you are the best evry. I am thenises kid ever! Thank you for our gifs. Kinley

Daer Santa.

I want a hover bord, a D A HS vortex battle set, a play stashin 3, a YoYo, and a 2 gage, a dirt bike outside blak and green eletric scooter. A TV A monster jam grav diger. A Hot wheel sky track. A fortnite game, a phone, and a minecraft game. Thanks for the gifts last year they was the best and have a save

> Yous truly, Daniel

Dear Santa, How are you? Do the reindeer eat carrots? For Christmas could I have one cow trailer please? Santa can I have a four wheeler please? May I have a toy cow please? Thank you for the toys Santa.

Love. Matthew DearSanta,

Good morning Santa! How are thing going at the North ple? I bet it is realy could. I would liked 6 arrow 18 inches, ntino, hot wheels, TV, Hoverboard, pet snake, and hellp for my mom! Thank you for my gifts alast year!

Yours truly, Emmett

Mrs. Rehagen's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa Claus,

Hello Santal Why is Belle, my elf, not coming! How is Rudolph doing this year? I would like some Legos. I should get Legos because I help my mom cook. I also want some joggers because I only have one pair. I would like some earrings because I want to get my ears pierced. I have been good and I am getting Es on my school report card. Thank you, Santa for the American girl dolls, winter clothing and fancy boots. I play with the American girl dolls alot!

Love, Riley

Dear Santa Claus, Hi Santa, How are you Santa? How is your day going? How is Ru-dolph? Is the North Pole cold? I have been really good this year. I want Minnie Mouse slippers. I would like a tv for my room. I also want all the Descendants movies. Thank you for the camera you gave me last Christmas.

> Sincerely, Maria

Dear Santa

Hi Santa! How is Rudolph? I have been very good this year! I want a real dog that is a husky because my dog died last year. I learned lots of stuff this year so I want a Christmas tree because my tree is old. I turn in all of my assignments so I want a Magic 8-Ball. Thank you for the tools, slinky, and the Hot Wheels that you gave me last

year. I used the tools a

Sinerely, Brenden

lot with my dad.

Dear Santa Claus. Hello Santa Claus! How is Rudolph? Why is Star, my elf, not coming to my house? I would like pink slime, a stuffed animal that is a dog, and L.O.L. dolls. I have been a good girl. Thank you for the L.O.L. dolls last year.

Love, Amy

Dear Santa Claus, Hi Santa Claus! Are the elves staying well? How are you doing?-Can I have sparkly pink slime, a huge stuffed animal that is a unicorn and a light bliue L.O.L.glamper? I have been really good this year. Santa, thanks for the Hatchicmals you gave me last year. The L.O.L. doll was so much fun to play with.

Love, Brylee

DearSaint Nick, Hello Saint Nick! Have any of the elves gotten COVID? Are the reindeer doing okay? I would like Lego Minecraft, The Pillager Outpost, Playstation 5 and a Xbox. Thank

you for the virtual reality headset that you got me last year. I also want to thank you for the remote control car.

Sincerely, Keegan

Dear Saint Nick, Hello! Is D.J. really a reindeer? How do you make presents? I understand that I haven't been very good at school, but I'm working on it. I would like more masks like the ones I wear at school. I would like two more elves to spy on me. I would like a new Xbox controller in case my sister wants to play with me. Thank you for the black and brown watch and clothes you got me last year. Your friend,

Robert

Dear Santa Claus, Hi Santa! How are the elves? Are you making lots of toys this year? I want a drone for Christmas, a re-

mote drift car, and a G.I. Joe. I am good at school and at home. Thanks for the cowboy boots. Thank you for the Nijago books and fourwheeler last Christmas. Sincerely,

Bane

DearSanta, Hi! How are the reindeer? I hobe they are doing good. Are the reindeer eating carrots? I want a toy boat, a toy car and a toy monster truck. I have been good this year. I help my mom clean. I help clean the yard. I also try really hard at school. Thank you for the tablet last year. I also liked the toy car.

Your friend,

Kaleb Dear Santa,

Hi Santal How cold is it at the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Why is my elf,

Glasses not coming? I want a new phone, scented slime, and Ryan's World putty for Christmas. I have been really good at school. I almost never lose my jewels. Thank you for the L.O.L. doll that you gave me last year.

> Your friend, Charlotte

> Dear Santa,

Hi Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus! How are you doing? How are the elves doing? I have been really good this year. I want a TV because I got the Star Student award from my teacher. I want an O.M.G. doll becasue I have taken out the trash and an L.O. L. doll because I have been nice to my friends. Thank you for the Barbies and the Barbie car last year. I liked playing with them.

Love your friend, Lillie

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! How are you and your elves doing? I am making good grades in school Santa! I would like a new tablet, a metal detector, and walkie talkies. Thank you for the Nintendo DS. I love it!

Sincerely,

come, let us

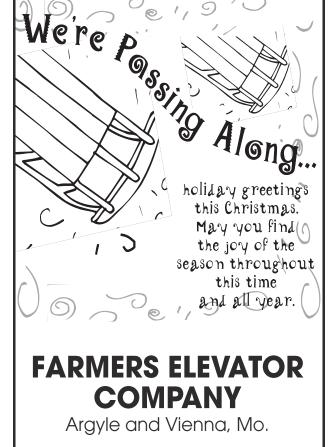
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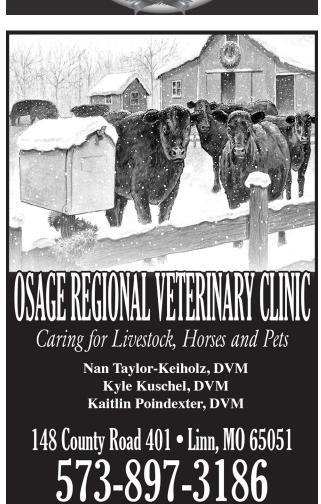
Warmest greetings and heartfelt

thanks to all of our loyal friends.

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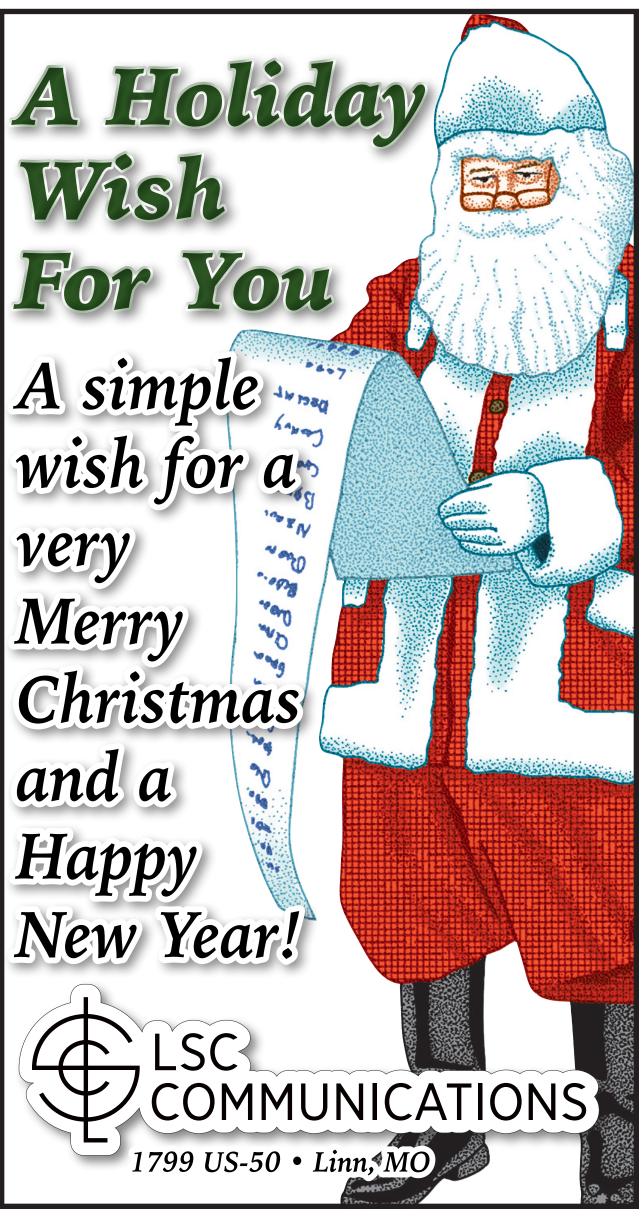












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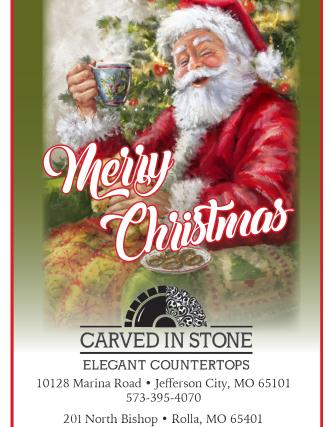












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LETTERS TO SANTA **Fatima R-3 School**

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Mrs.Struemph's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas yet? Thank you for all the candy, clothes & toys you brought me last year. Santa, i would like all the hot wheels things I can build with, kids science ---- and kids weight set. I would also like----and a bouncy ball. Santa I should be on the nice list. I have been very good this year. Thank you for everything. Abel

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa, I am hoping you are not cold at the north pole. For Christmas I wuld want cat toys for my cat. I would also like the big Barbie doll house becasue it is fun to play with. I would also like baby doll clothes for my baby dolls. Thank you for leaving presents for me last yeiar.

Love, Hailey

DearSanta,

I love you, everyone even the reindeer. I hope you are not cold Santa. Can you wake me up for I can see you? I would like a bassket ball hoop and a bassketball becasue I w ould liketo practis. I would like a hooverbord because I can ride it. I would like battle ship becasue it is fun I would like a electric sooter because I can ride it. Thank you for the pogostick.

Love. Norbert

Dear Saint Nick, Hello Saint Nick how is it at the North Pole? How is Frosty? This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Iphone because my other one is not working. I want a camera. I want cute clothes for Christmas because my sister has cute cute clothes. I want a skateboard because I want to ride on it. Thank you for the

pop sock it. Love, Phoebe

Dear Santa Claus,

Are you real? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I want to see all the people at my moms. I want a tabet because I can play on it. I want a different bed set because I can sleep. Thank you for listening to my lettr.

Sincerely, Isabella

Dear Santa, Hello Santa how are you doing at the North Pole. How could is it at the North Pole. I want a new bow for Christmas becaus thay kill deer. I whant a IPone for Chrismas becaus I can play on it. I want a hooverboard becaus im to laze to go to my room. Thank you for the bow. I use it alot.

Your friend, Ian

Dear Santa, Hello Santa how are you doing? How is it althe North Pole? I bet it is cold. Please get

me a tablet so I can play games on it. Next I woud like a watch so I can tell time. Can I have a new pair of tennis shoes so I can wear them. Thank you for getting me some Hatchamamals last year.

Jasmine

Dear Santa Claus, How do your reindeer/elk fly I really want to know? I you're drinking 20 liters of eggnog a day. Santa can get me an iPhone 12 Pro Max because mine broke. I would like a toy lobox to play with. Santa can I mini General Lee so I can ride it. Thank you Santa. Thank you again for my cow trailer and my teck

> Love, Jack

Dear Saint Nicklas, I bet you ate a lot of cookies. I want you to have a merry Christmas this year. I would like five feet of snow for Chistmas and for Alex to be safe. I would like snow because to me its a merry christmas. I wauld like the planet of the apes figures because I like apes. Thank you for the Kindle santa. I really like it.

Love, Gus

Dear Santa. Hello Santa how are you doing? I hope you are doing good? This Christmas can I please get a iPhone 12 because my brother has one and it looks cool Can I please get a mermaid fin because I have a mermaid tail. Can I please get a electric scooter becasue I used a frend it was cool. Thank you for last year's toys they were cool. I think the toys were fun.

> Love. Savannah

Dear Santa,

I hope that you are having a great time. I haved missed you very much and the othrs I want to see how you and the others are doing. For Christmas this year, I would like an iPhone 12 because I could play on it. I would also like an two wheel scooter because I could drive on it. I would like a butterfly bike because I could ride on it. Thank you Santa for teh dog last

year Thank you for the

shirts last hear. Thank

you for the skinny

jeans last year. Love, Kynlee

Dear Santa Claus, I love you can I call you how are the elves

doing? This year for Chrismas I would like a big nutcraker from hobby lobby because I have a collectin and Five Nights at Freddy's Mnonepoly game becase I want to play it and I want money. Thanks for my gifts last year. I love nutcrakers and Elves.

Jackson

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? Are you having fun at North Pole? How are your reindeer Santa? How are your elves Santa? I would like a Happy Napper. I would like a Magic 8 Ball. I woud lik a fashion necklaces. I would lika Mary necklaes. Thank you for the pogostick and the stuffed animales to thank you so much

Santa. Love, Kalli

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa how are you. Are you wrapping preasents. I would like some shose becaus my old ones have holes. I would like a tablet becaus I can play on it. I would like a drum so I can play on it. Thank for geting me a piggy bank. I like it because it replace my old one.

> Love, Zackary

LETTERS TO SANTA

Linn R-2 School

ECSE Preschool

Dear Santa, I did good this year and only got in to a little bit of trouble. Sometimes on accident and I'm sorry. I would love a flashlight camping kit please. Do you use the magic key to come in our house.

Love, Waylon P.

DearSanta,

I have been good enough to get a present I would like to have a John deere shirt and a backhoe. Santa, will you have a good Christmas?

Love, Wyatt P.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I like your reindeer. I want a bike and toys. Do your reindeer like carrots? I do.

> Merry Christmas, Daniel

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy I want a toy robot that picks up things for my little brother Tucker. I like dinosaur books too. I will leave the reindeer carrots.

Happy Holidays, Arthur

DearSanta,

I want JoJo Stuff (crown, shoes, clothes). My sister Nora wants healthy stuff so she gets big and strong. I also want a new bed. I like LOL dolls, letter magnets and puzzles. I have been a good girl. Nora has been a good girl too. I'll get some

carrots & apples for the reindeer. Merry Christmas,

Hadley

Dear Santa, I want a digger and a bulldozer so I can scoop and push dirt. I also want a dumptruck so I can load and haul dirt. I have been a good boy! I have a BIG Christmas tree and we decorated the tree. I'l leave a toy for the

reindeer. Do you want a

digger too Santa?

Love, Cullen

Dear Santa, I like Jingle Bells. I have been a cowboy and trying to be good. I want an orange tractor and black trailor. I also like black and red tractors. I'll leave the reindeer some toys.

> Love, Kip

Dear Santa, What are the reindeer's names? I remember Rudolph. I have been a little good and a little bad. I like reindeers. I would like a bike and a baby doll with dresses, shoes and a hat. I want a Christmas tree for my doll. My doll needs a stroller and a carrier please. I'll leave you some milk and some carrots for the

> Love, Taryn

reindeer.

Dear Santa, I have been getting

ready for Christmas. I have my tree up. Are you ready? I hope I'm not on the naughty list. I'm trying to be nice to Kip. I love presents. I want a bear, puzzles, and baby dolls. I like rib-

reindeer! Merry Christmas, Millie

bons for my hair. I'll

leave carrots & cook-

ies for you and the

Dear Santa, Do reindeer eat

carrots? Do they eat grass like cows? I have been trying to be good. I would like Pete the Cat puzzles and snowman puzzles I want my own little Christmas' tree and a teddy bear. I think I would like a HiHo Cheery-O game. I'll leave you some cookies and milk Santa.

Love, Oliver

Dear Santa,

I enjoy seeing you and your reindeer on TV. I would like a car and truck to push around. I also like pinwheels, viewmaster and bubbles. I will try to be a good girl! Eve

Dear Santa,

What are the reindeer doing? Are they ready for Christmas? I have been a good boy. I would like a blue train. I love you Santa. Be caréful on Christmas Eve.

I'll leave the reindeer some carrots.

Love, Layken

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I want a remote control Monster truck. I also want a tiger for Christmas. I like cheetas too. I don't have reindeer treats but I

have cookies for you

(chocolate chip ones).

Quinton Dear Santa, I would like a toy owl Santa. I also want a piggy bank to put money in. I love owls. I

want an Elsa toy too.

Love, Korah

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I want a basketball and spiderman toys and a watch that tells time.

Bye, Aaron

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I would like a Mickey Mouse bed and a Mickey Mouse watch, and a car. Is Rudolph your favorite reindeer? What do reindeer eat?

Merry Christmas, Olivia

Mrs. Janes' Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa, I want to see reindeer. Love, ?????

Dear Santa, I would like a Nintendo Switch for Christmas, please. Waiting for your arrival. Rowdie (?)

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie camper, a unelse a party room, a Barbie horis. Love, Sydney (?)

Dear Santa,

I want Barbies, lol doll lol. Charlotte

Dear Santa, I want a robot and roemote cantrol car. Connor

Dear Santa, I want a LOL doll, scrubbe, slime and bar-

> Love, Chloe

Dear, Santa, I want a Kindle

Love, Zach

Switch.

Dear Santa, I want a stuffed anie. Nora

Dear Santa, I want Army for Christmas. Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa, I want a toy kichen with pans. Love, Layla

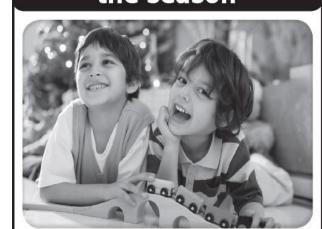
Dear Santa, I want roller skates, and ABC and number books. Love, Collin

Dear Santa, I want Barbies. Love, Sadie

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LETTERS TO SANTA **Linn R-2 School**

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Dear Santa, I want pop-up ball and Pete the Cat Hot Dot.

Love, Chaycea

Mrs. Holtschneider's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa, My name is Rylie and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a Barbie stove, a playhouse and a watch.

Love, Rylie

Dear Santa, My name is Marshall and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a snowman, a santa toy,

and a coloring book. Love,

Dear Santa,

Marshall

My name is Daniel and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a Lego set, a clubhouse, and a new ball. Love,

Daniel

DearSanta,

My name is Satereh. For Christmas, please bring me baby dolls with clothes on them, a a Christmas tree and a baby carrier. Satereh

Dear Santa,

My name is Jacob and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a hundred Bakugan, a computer and \$100.

Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,

My name is Trinity and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me balls, 1000 of them! LOL pets and LOL Babies.

Love, Trinity

Dear Santa,

My name is Carter and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a remote control helicopter, a creeper Lego set and

Love, Carter

Dear Santa, My name is Ryleigh and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a Starbelly, a Hatchimal, and a LOL Dream Camper.

> Love, Ryleigh

Dear Santa,

My name is Xavier and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a toy T-rex, a lego dragon, and a real pet crab.

Love, Xavier

Dear Santa, My name is Karsyn

and I am 6 years old. Dear Santa, This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me

LOL Surprise Doll, Barbie Dream Camper and a Slime kit.

Karsyn

Dear Santa, My name is Frances and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Hatchimals, 100 Anna Stuffed person, and a LOL Surprise ball.

> Love, Frances

Dear Santa, My name is Emily and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very naughty. For Christmas, please bring me Pink Kitty Starbelly, Slime and 6 LOL balls.

Love, **Emily**

Dear Santa,

My name is Serena and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me Calico Critters, Hot Wheels, and baby dolls. Love,

Serena

Dear Santa, My name is Thatcher and I am 6 years old.

This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a toy rocket, Fire Station legos, and a pet frog.

Love, Thatcher

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaxen and I am 6 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a drone, Beyblades, and

Love, Jaxen

Mrs. Jurd's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year for Christmas, I would like a Happy Napper, new shoes, and a mermaid.

Ellie

Dear Santa, Hello! This year for Christmas, I would like a LOL doll, a Barbie, and a LOL tent. Grace

Dear Santa, How are you? This year for Christmas, I would like a whoopie cushion, a dreamhouse, and a marble run.

Rhett

Dear Santa, Hello! I would like a Happy Napper, a cry baby, and some Shopkins for Christmas. Hilly

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? This year for Christmas, I would like a four-wheeler, a train, and a jeep. Jagger

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! For Christmas, I would like a Happy Napper, a Monster Drone game, and a Mush, Mush stuffed animal.

Savannah

Hi! For Christmasthis year, I would

like a bunch of toys, some toy dinosaurs, and a printer.

Dear Santa, How are you? This year for Christmas I woulid like a Happy Napper, a unicorn sleeping bag and some Shopkins.

Evy

Dear Santa, Hello! For Christmas, I would like a toy tank, a skateboard, and an army vest. Abel

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! Christmas this year, I would like a makeup set, some Barbie shoes, and a Barbie that rides a bike.

Kaylee

Dear Santa, Hi! This year for Christmas, I would like a remote control car. a bean bag chair, and some fishing bait. Cody

Dear Santa, How are you? For Christmas this year, I would like a LOL house, LOL dolls, and a Happy Napper. Chloe

Dear Santa, Hi! For Christmas this year, I would like some big legos, toy dinosaurs, and pretend money. Gavin

Dear Santa Merry Christmas! Christmas this year, I would like a Happy Napper and a big Wubble Bubble, and a

dirt bike. Paxtyn

Dear Santa, How are you? This year for Christmas, I would like a 4-wheeler, a marble set, and a shark that swims in the

bathtub. Hank

Mae

Lyra

Dear Santa, Hello! This year for Christmas, I would like a LOL doll, a Barbie camper, and a Barbie.

Dear Santa, Hi! For Christmas this year, I would like a Happy Napper, a Barbie camper, and a glow stuffed animal.

Mrs. Brodin's First Grade Class

Dear Santa,

I hope you and your reindeer are safe. I want a Ryan's World Golden Egg, a Lego robot and my own guitar like my dad's. Are you allergic to dogs and cats? Sincerely, your biggest fan,

Wyatt.

Dear Santa, I hope you have Merry Christmas. want a Nintendo Switch, a black panther and a new bike. What do your reindeer like to eat? Sincerely, your biggest fan, Kaden

Dear Santa, I hope you get to ride the sleigh. I want

an igloo I can hide in, a slime kit, and a gymnastics Barbie. Is Rudolph the sleigh guider? Sincerely, your biggest

Willow.

Dear Santa, I hope you don't get hurt this year I want a boy Barbie, a squishy toy and headphones. Please and thank you. Sincerely, your biggest Layne

Dear Santa,

I hope you get to play this Christmas. I want a small Christmas tree with ornaments and a dad and mom Barbie. Thank you, your biggest

Zoey

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a great day! I want airpods, a squishy and a car I can drive. Please and thank you. Sincerely your biggest fan,

Kirra

Dear Santa,

I hope you ride the sleigh. I want snow, a hoverboard and a new bike for Christmas. Please and thank you, Sincerely, your biggest Maylee

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a fun Christmas. I want air pods, an LOL doll, and a squishy toy. Please and thank you. Sincerely, your biggest fan, Elyse

Dear Santa, I hope you have chocolate chip cookies this year. I want a RC car, Pokemon and a real dog. Please and thank you.

cerely, your biggest fan,

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a toy squishy and a Pekachoo for Christmas. Please and thank you. Sincerely, your biggest Riley

Dear Santa, I hope you have a jolly Christmas I want a silicone doll and another present. Happy Holidays. Santa, what do you do at the North Pole? Sincerely, your biggest fan, Kinley

Dear Santa, I hope you are good to your reindeer. I want a PS5, Wifi and GTA for Christmas. Can I have your presents? Sincerely, your biggest fan,

Abel

Dear Santa,

I hpe you can have me to the North Pole so I can hlep you. I want a remote control plane a cute little stuffy dog,gy and a new, soft blankie. Sincerely, your biggest fan, Tristan

Dear Santa,

I hope you eat the cookies. I want ripped jeans, makeup and Barbies for Christmas. Please and thank you. Sincerely, your biggest Henli

Dear Santa,

I hope you get presents. I want a switch, a video game and a picture of you for Christ-

How old are you? Sin- mas. Please and thank you. Sincerely, your biggest fan, Henry

Dear Santa,

I hope you don't get stuck in the chimney. I want a Switch, a hoverboard and a Mario video game. Please and thank you. Sincerely, your biggest fan, Jace

Dear Santa,

I hope you like my cookies. I´want LOĹ OMG, little LOL's and bells for Christmas. Please and thank you. Do you like cookies and milk? Sincerely, your biggest fan, Harlow

Quentin

fan,

Carly

bigest fan,

Kensington

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa.

cerely, your biggest

I hope you play this Christmas. I want 2 snakes, a dog and

a sled. Can I have a

snake. Sincerely, your

I hope you give gifts this year. I want a

stuffy hedgehog, LOL

doll and nail polish set

Dear Santa, I hope you eat all the cookies. I want Minecraft, a PS 5 and an XBox for Christmas. Please and thank you. Don't eat all the cookies. Sincerely, your biggest fan,

Jace

blue one.

Love,

phers.

Love,

Russell

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa. My name is Allyson, I am 7 years old, Do I hope you eat the you love me? I want cookies. I want LOL, a a phone, Nintendo bike, and a Barbie for Switch, and earrings, I Christmas. Please and love my family. thank you. Do you like Love, cookies and milk? Sin-

for Christmas. Am I on

the naughty list? Sin-

cerely, your biggest

Mrs. Flatt's

First Grade Class

My name is Russell,

I am 6 years old. How

do you go all around the

world in one night? I

really like Power Rang-

ers. I want a Power

Rangers set, a Power

Rangers Megazoid, and

52 Power Ranger Mor-

My name is Jace. I

am 6 years old. What is your actual name?

My mom really loves

me. I want a Nintendo

Switch, a phone, and a

hedgehog. But, I want a

Dear Santa,

fan,

Madison

Allyson

Dear Santa, My name is Grayson. I am 6 years old. I want a chainsaw, a 22 and a tool box. How do you make all the toys. I really like my cousins.

Love, Grayson

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LETTERS TO SANTA **Linn R-2 School**

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Dear Santa, Ny name is Noelle, I

am 6 years old. How old are you, Santa? I am good. I want a hoverboard, a Barbie Dream house, and the dolls for the Barbie Dream house.

Love, Noelle

Dear Santa,

My name is Emma. I am 6 years old. How do your reindeer not get cold in the North Pole? I like candy. I want two phones. One for my brother and sister. I want a robot and a uni-

Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaxon. I am 7 years old How old are you? I like batman. I want a King Boo Plushie, a boo plushie and the movie Batman for Chrismas.

Love, Jaxon

Dear Santa,

My name is Issy. I am 6 years old. I am on the nice list. How do your reindeer fly. I want a dirt bike, four wheeler, and a Barbie Dream House.

Love, Issy

Dear Santa, My name is Gabriella. I am 6 years old. I want a drum set. I want a new cat and a new dog. How are your reindeer? I love my sissy. Love,

Garbriella

Dear Santa,

My name is Dean. What do you feed your reindeer? I am 7 years old. I am really good at video games. I want an x-box super mario

> Love, Dean

Dear Santa,

My name is Sadie. I am six years old. I want a baby horse, a purple gymnastics bar, and another baby horse. I really like horses.

Love, Sadie

Dear Santa, My name is Oliver. I am 7 years old. How do your reindeer fly? I like toys. I want a a Yoshi plushie, a G-00, and a Luigi plushie.

> Love, Oliver

Dear Santa, My name is Noah. I am 7 years old. How do your reindeer fly? I want a drum set, a stage for my drum set, and some fake people and a drone.

> Love, Noah

Dear Santa, My name is Mary. I am 7 years old. How many cookies do you eat? I want a Big Big Bear, a camper, and a Grinch shirt. I like my dog.

Love, Mary

Dear Santa, My name is Bentley,

I am 7 years old. I want a Nintendo Switch, a chippy shirt, and a dog. I love you, Santa.

> Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,

my name is Lane. I am 6 years old. I want a Nintendo Switch and an unspeakable plushie. I have two cats and two dogs.

Love, Lane

Dear Santa,

My name is Andrew. I am 6 years old. How old are you? I have been really good. I want a fire truck that pushes out water balls. I want an animal rescue and two phones.

Love, Andrew

Dear Santa,

My name is Rainah. I am 7 years old. I want an Apple watch, barbie doll, and barbie doll house. I am silly. How do your reindeer fly?

Love, Rainah

Dear Santa,

My name is Willow. I am 6 years old. How do your reindeer fly? How do you eat so many cookies? I eat a lot. İ want an iPhone 11, a watch, and a bike.

Love, Willow

Dear Santa,

My name is Camden. I am 7 years old. How old are you? I like Minecraft. I want a 100 speed remote control truck, xbox 360, and an xbox remote control.

Love,

Camden

Mrs. Mustion's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? Do the elves work and all the time? Do elves some times not work? Are you 1,000 year old? How many elves do you have? I want an electric scooter.

Goodbye. Nick

Dear Santa, How old are you? I have been very good. I would like a candle and baath bombs. Also a fuzzy blanket. Also, I want a dog and a fuzzy pillow.

> Love. Josie

Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have? Also want to know if you guys are my favorite! How many sisters does my elf have? How do you eat all of my cookies? I want a cat, a dog, some bathbomb candel, candy canes, cookies, and a pug a hair set. I love you.

XOXO, Avery

Dear Santa, How fast do your reindeer fly? How hard do your elves work to make all the toys? Is Buddy the Elf there? Can you please bring me a drone with a camera? I'll leave you extra cookies. You're the

best! Hunter

Ryann

How do cow fly. How do elves fly. How do cow do back flies. Mario Legos, monster truck. hot wheels, playdoh and toys remote control car, car you can ride in.

Bye bye, Michael

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, How many teeth do you have? How many elves do you have? Í have zero. I'm sorry! Oh, I also have 22 theeth. I want to know how fat can you get? Are you married yes or no. I want to be your kid if yes!

> Love, Gabby

Dear Santa,

Did you see the Titanic sink in 1912? I love the Titanic! I want Titanic Legos for Christmas. I also want an Amung Us pillow. I hope you drink lots of milk and eat lots of cookies.

Merry Christmas, Tyler

Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? I want to know how old are you? Are you and ms. Clause merry. I have been trying to be good for mom and dad. I would like to geve you a cake in person. Love,

Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? I also want know how old you are. I have been very good. I would like Barbies and LOL dolls. Can you bring another elf? Thank you for being nice.

Love, Olivia

Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? I've been very good. How old are you? I want anoter phone. I want a tablet. My broter and my sister been very good.

Bye yi yi yi, Bryson

Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? How do you get to every homes? How do you make enough toys in one nitght? I want for Christmas is a Legos train. I also lots of rocks for Christmas. Why are you fat?

Peace And Good Will To All

May you have

a blessed holiday.

Schollmeyer Garage

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Love, Starling

Dear Santa Claus, How old is your oldest reindeer? How do you get to house to house in one night? Thank you for my hamster, and my doll house. I love it. These are the reasons I think I am on the nice lest! I am kind I listen to adults, I help when I'm need-

I really want a tablet with minecraft on it. Sincerely, Your friend, Avery T.

Dear Santa Claus,

ed and I share my toys.

machine.

Love,

Eugene

Dear Santa Claus,

lection of trinity and

Madison toys, I'd like

more elves, more cute

stuffed animals and a

Dear Santa Claus,

Mrs. Claus. Thank you

for my Grandma. Thank

you for my mom. Thank

you for my dad. I helped

clean the house. I want

a balance beam. I want

uneven bars. I want a

girl club. I want a mat.

How is Sven. How is

baby elf.

Love,

Ariel

How are your elves doing? How are your reindeer doing? Thnk you for being jolly. Thnk you for my presents låst year. I helped my mom do lawnd. I helped my dad pick up wood. For Christmas this year I'd like a drum, drone and a skateboard.

Your friend, Tyler

Dear Santa Claus, What is your favorite cookie? What do your reindeer eat? Thank you for being the best ever. I helped Dad with the chores. For Christmas this year I'd like a lot of paper.

Sincerely, Kodee

Dear Santa Claus, How do you travel

around the world each year? What do you like for dinner? Thank you for traveling around the world to get to me. I helped Karson color when he was falling behind on his work. I would like a hot tub for er to. Christmas and a pinball

How is Rudolph doing? How is Mrs. Clause doing? I am thankful for my family. I am thankfu lfor my toys I got last year. I've been good in school. I've been good at home. I'd like a hover board, whole col-

Jaedin (?)

an american girl doll, a go flamingo.

Opal

Dear Santa Claus. How are your reindeer? How old are your reindeer? Thank you for pash my elf. I have been really good. I help out with the trash. I want a new four wheel-

Thank you, Karson

Dear Santa Claus, What do you feed your reindeer? How do your reindeer fly. How do they pull the sleigh? Thank you for the gumball machine I got last year. All I want for Christmas is a para-

Your friend,

Dear Santa Claus. How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are your elves doing? Thank you for being Santa Claus. I have been helpful with my mom cleaning house and the bus and packing dad's lunch. For Christmas I'd like a TV, giftcard, and a got to Love,

Jazmyne

Dear Santa Claus, Are your elfs doing good? Are you reindeer doing good? Thank you for bringing joy to Earth. I have been helping mom clean the house. I would like Mi-

> Sincerely, Landon

necraft for the D.S.

Dear Santa Claus, Are you married? How cold is the Northpole? Thank you for delivering my presents to us. I help my friends with everything. I would like an APhm and Aphmou plushie for Christmas.

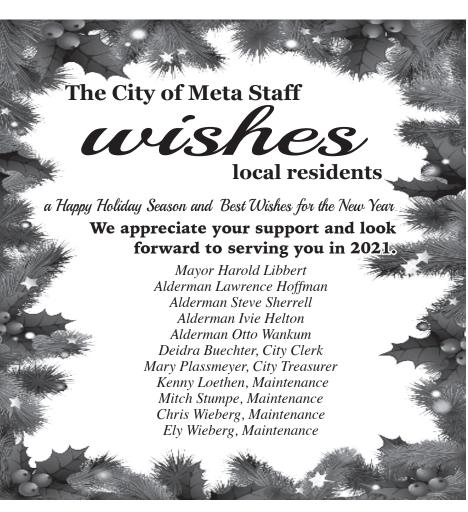
Sincerely, Brysen

Dear Santa Claus, Are your reindeers healthy? What is it like at the North Pole? Thank you for my presents last year. I have cleaned my room by myself and tried really hard at school. For Christmas I'd like tablet, backpack, bike, skateboard and an easy bake oven.

> Sincerely, Sofia

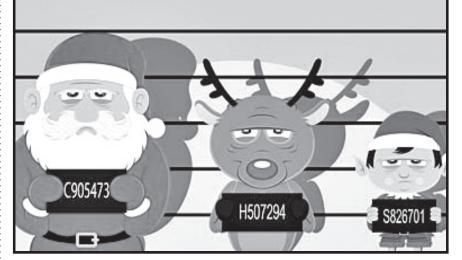
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Don't be caught on Santa's naughty list this year...



Merry Christmas

Sheriff Michael Bonham Osage County Sheriff's Office







LETTERS TO SANTA Linn R-2 School

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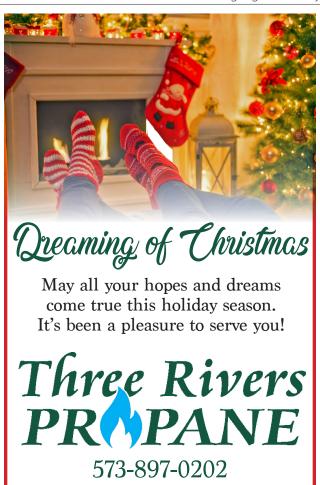
Dear Santa Claus. What is your favorite cookie? How do you get from house to house in one night. Thenk you for my toys last year. I have been good and shared my Legos. For

Christmas this year I'd like some

FGTEEV toys, FGTEEV merch and minecraft toys.

Kydie

TWO REINDEER AND SANTA himself highlighted Friday's start to Christmas on Main Street.



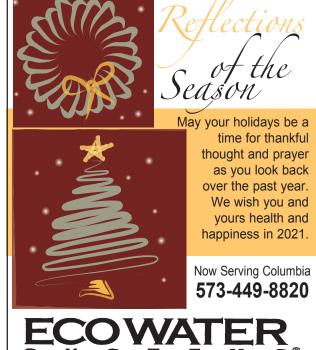




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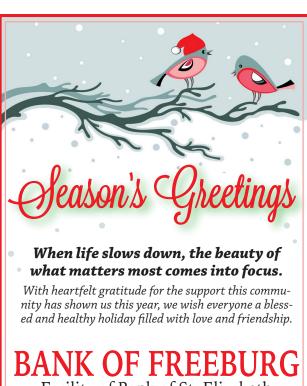
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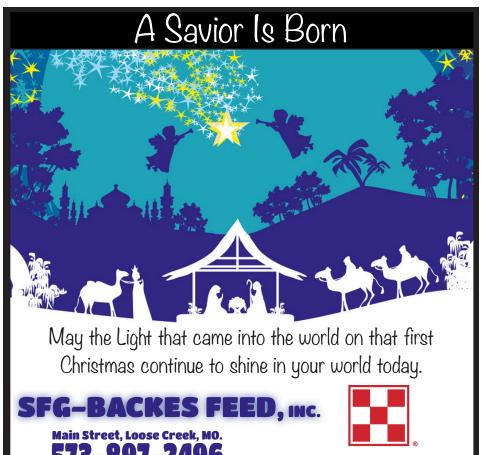
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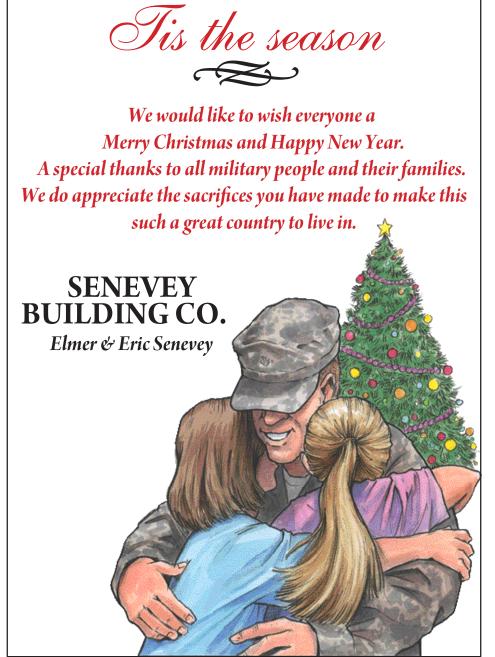
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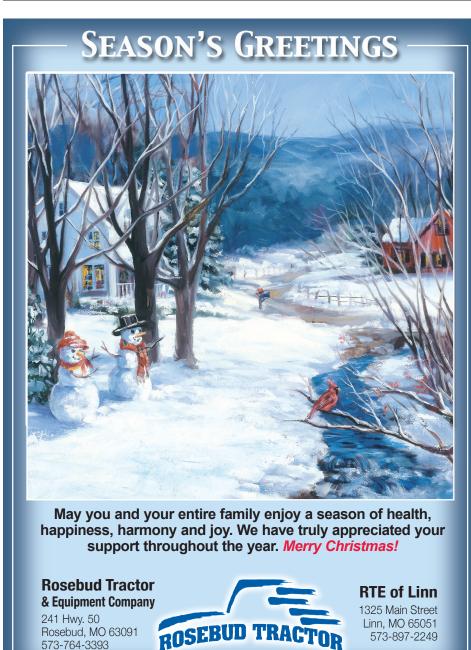
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Westphalia decorating contest top 4



EARNING FIRST place in the 2020 Westphalia Christmas Decorating Contest were Tyler and Brittney Plassmeyer at 17 Devin Lane.



FINISHING SECOND in the 2020 Westphalia Christmas Decorating Contest were Mike and Joan Capler, 25 Devin Lane.



THIRD PLACE in the 2020 Westphalia Christmas Decorating Contest went to Anna Mae Holterman, who lives at 109 Bridge Ave.

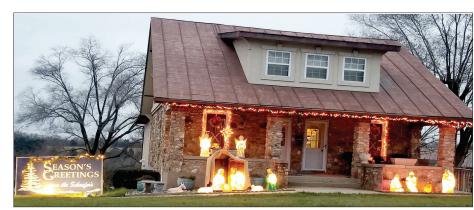


EARNING FOURTH place in the 2020 Westphalia Christmas Decorating Contest were Mark and Judy Kempker, 248 West Main Street.

Westphalia decorating contest honorable mention



GLEN AND PATRICIA BOCK, 250 West Main Street.



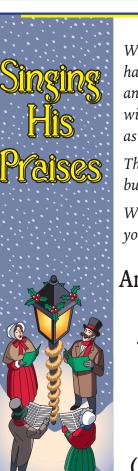
MARY JANE SCHAEFER, 247 West Main Street.



BRIAN AND ASHLEY DUVALEUS, 48 Devin Lane.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS SERGIO AND LINDA FERNANDEZ, 202 West Main Street



We hope your holiday is harmonious in every way, and that your home echoes with the sounds of laughter as you celebrate Christmas.

Thank you for your loyal business this past year.

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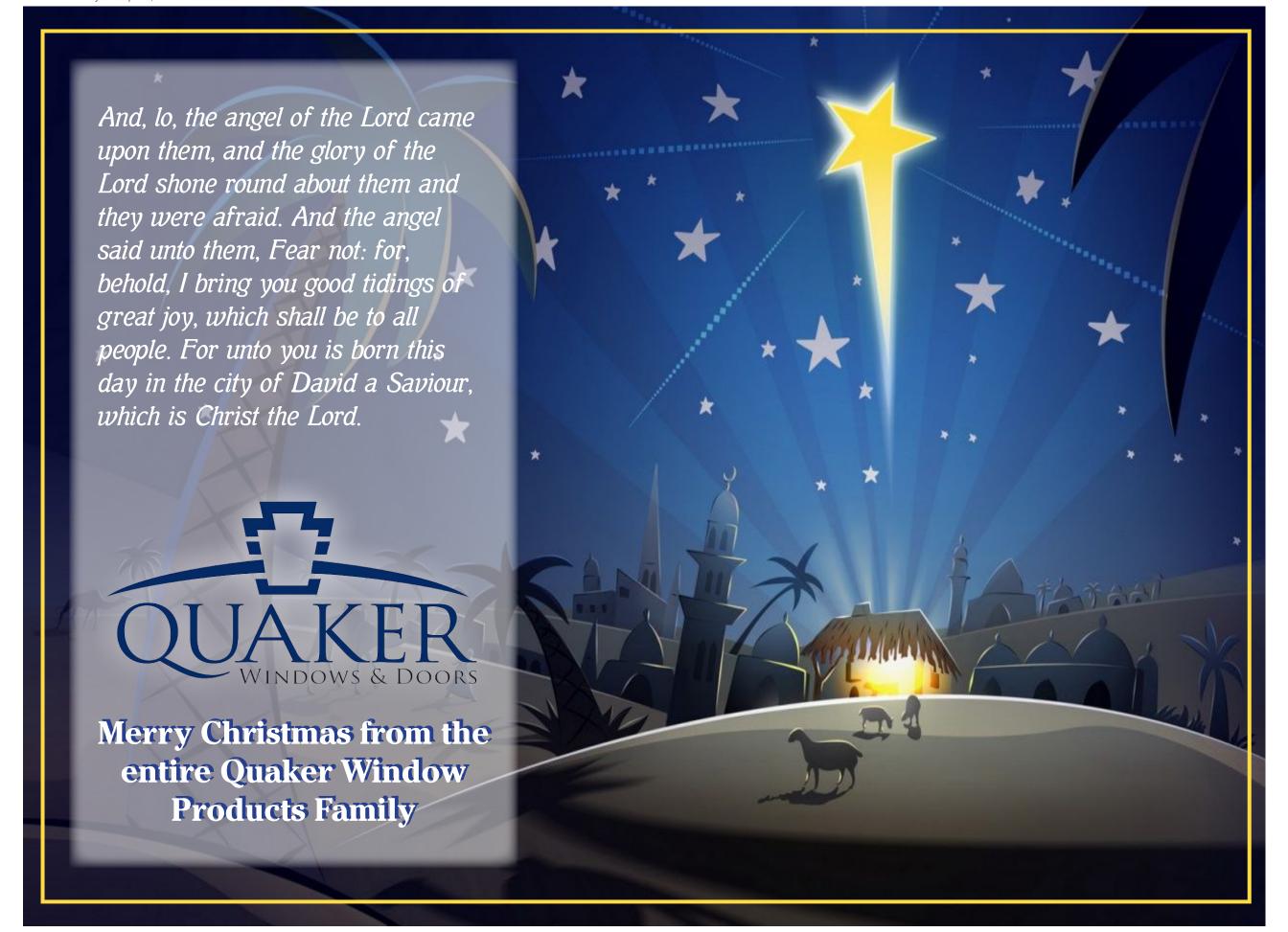
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Sacred Heart School Presents

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The Journey to Bethlehem: Gracelyn Scheulen and Jackson Neuner.



Bethlehem Inn: Jocelyn Hedges, Lance Keonigsfeld and Evan Koenigsfeld.





Arrival at the Manger: Mindy Buscher and Tyler Bexten.



The Angels Appear to the Shepherds: Henry and Kate Fick, Loretta Markway, Grantley Kleffner, Ridley Rudroff and Blair Siegler.



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The Visit of the Magi: Lauren Haller, Anthony Redel, Ben Stephens, John Stephens, Wyatt Redel and Jacob Redel.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY KAREN GOODENOUGH

Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store, Maybe Christmas means a

-Dr. Seass

Westphalia





Chamois Preschool teachers, Miss Gretchen and Miss Brooke reported that the Tiny Pirates had a lot of fun

making these gingerbread houses for Christmas. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY KAREN WOLFE

Fatima FCCLA

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December Happenings in FCCLA

This past month Fatima FCCLA had a service project and fun night. Members worked together one night after school to make chicken pot pies to freeze and give to local shelters. After we made pot pies members were able to come to the first fun night of the year. We played life-sized Clue. Members also were able to send Boxes of Joy to children in Africa and wrote letters to veterans at local VFWs. Members can also participate in many ongoing service projects. These include reading books to put onto a Flipgrid so elementary kids can watch and listen to them. Members are asked to participate in lifesmarts quizzes which are coming to a close.

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A look back at last week's weather

Date		High	Low	Precip.
Dec	14	37	20	
Dec	15	32	28	
Dec	16	35	18	
Dec	17	39	26	
Dec	18	50	42	
Dec	19	47	26	
Dec	20	53	42	

National Weather Service Weekend Forecast **OSAGE COUNTY**

low around 15.

low around 27.

near 36.

Christmas Day - Sunny, high

Christmas Night - Mostly clear,

Saturday - Sunny, high near 53.

Saturday Night - Mostly

As of Wednesday, the NWS forecast for the rea Thursday Night - Mostly clear,

Wednesday - A 50% chance of rain. Partly sunny, with a temperature rising to near 54 by 10 a.m., then falling to around 42 during the remainder of the day. South wind 15 to 17 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 32

Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy, low around 22. West wind 15 to 17 mph, with gusts

Thursday - Sunny, high near 28. Northwest wind 14 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 26

> QUESTIONS? **COMMENTS? STORY IDEAS?**

Let us know how we're doing Your opinion is something we always want to hear.

as high as 25 mph.

cloudy, low around 39. Sunday - A 30 % chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, high near 50. Sunday Night - A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, low around 27. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

We're all ears!

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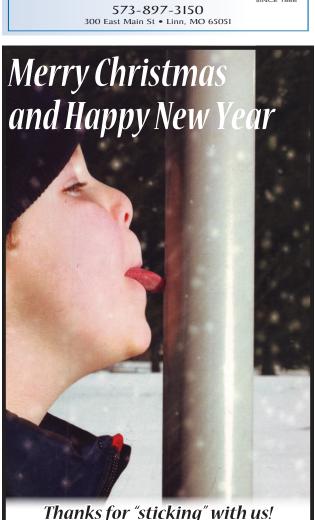


Night lights of December

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LETTERS TO SANTA

St. Joseph School Westphalia

Santa Letters Continued from page 6A

hope you can bring everyone what they want this year! I hope you stay save and the reindeer too, and Mrs. Claus. Love,

Carter F.

Dear Santa.

I hope you are doing well. This year I am wishing for a remote control car, socks, X-box, baseball, basketball and football.

Merry Christmas,

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I want a lego set, a zip line, American boots, and farm toys. How is Mrs. Claus?

Love, Everett

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Santa jammies last year. I can't wait for Christmas to come! This year I would like a play vet set, makeup, and a dust, sweep, mop cleaning set. Santa, thank you for making all the presents in my life.

Annabelle S.

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fabules! Thank you for my hoow shoos last year! They make me run fast! I wunt a fit bit, paint sooplis, and a new bike to rase my brother! Thank you for everething you do!!! I love you.

Love, Scarlett H I love you.

Dear Santa, Thank you for giving me thos presents last year and hav a grat time handing out presents this yer. Are the ran deer always good? Thank you Santa for giving everyone presets. I love you. I want a fon

and a fone case and a

Brooklyn K.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all my presents last year. I had a great trip. This year I would like a phone and Minecraft Lego sets. We will set out a healthy food for you and the reindeers.

> Travel safe, Karson B.

Dear Santa,

Thanks for giving me a TV last year and the rest of my presents! You're the best! For Christmas this year I would like LED lights, legos and hulk stuff.

Love, Nash R.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Nerf gun last year. ! am looking forward to baking sugar cookies at my grandma's house. I will set out cookies and milk for you. I want the two Dogman books we don't have a Jurasic World Lego set, and a robe. Have a safe trip!

Hoyt B.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing me a Nike headband last year. Will you bring Mrs. Clause? I am excited to decorate my house. I would like a slime kit and a selfie stick. I hope you don't get covid. I will leave you some cookeis and milk. I will leave your reindeer some carrots. And don't forget your cookies and milk. I am trying to be a good girl. Can you leave my brother a spiderman car please?

Livia

I wunt a capen tent for my dad. A now das toto. A furry friend forever. Can wey rid yor slay tonite? A moozic box that seengs you beter woch awt you beter not criy bet not wine I'm telin you wiy

San clos is cumin to tan. A oonies wipcrem so we can play pie in the fas.

What do you do at the North Pole? Thank you for the gifts last year. This year I want a huver bord, a drone in a cage, lego sets, and a drone with weels.

Grayson

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my gifts last year. This year for Christmas I would like a remote controle boat. I woyld like more lincoln logs. I woyd like more flashlights. I woyd like more nerf guns and bullets. I woyd like a sheu shed for me and my cousins to play in. The last thing is a pool.

Thank you Santa for the strollr last yer. Cristmis is my favrit holday becus it's God's birthday. I want an oprashin gam and a big Brbe drem haws. I will put coces and mellc out for you.

I will put carits out for

the raders. Love, Jocelyn S.

McLane

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the bike that you brought me last year. What is vour favorite cookie? My favorite is chocolate chip. This year I would

like some new Legos and some Nerf guns for me and my brother.

> From, Jace G.

Dere Santa,

I want the priteist slime in the wrld, and a ril liv bunne, barbie play set, a rosary case, new clothes, roses, new baby pup that is aliv.

Rebecca S.

Dear Santa,

Thangk you for bringing me presents last yer. grow up baby doll and someth for 1 panda. Wut is your favorite kookes? Are your elves smol or big? Kan you giv Finn a noow spyderman tow and Elizabeth a noow wokr?Thak you! You are the best!

Amelia

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the space car. I'm so excited for Christmas! Is Christmas even a miracle? I will guess yes. I want a gumball machine, Minecraft lego, and a nintendo switch.

Your friend, Camden

Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,

Can I please Bascetball goal for outside. Can I please have nutella. Can you please give the poor food. Can I please have a gymnastic bar. Can I please hae a new dress. Can I please have some new legens. Can I please have a new baby doll. Can I please have a hooverboard. Can I please have a cuple rings.

Love, Ashton B

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Dear Santa, Please gif me a xbox

and can you please gif me a basketball and please git me a sequen peloe and I wood also want a gun and I want a goucart and I want clothes. thank you. I will have cookies and milk for you.

Love, Cora B.

Dear Santa,

I want a goat and a xbox. I want a gates and a turkey gun. Next I want a crossbow and a really sharp arrow. I want a fishing bow and the Xbox games motion craft and farming simulator twenty.

Love, Ty B.

Dear Santa, Please can I have a big Nerf gun. Please can I have a toy dirtbike with a man. Please can I have a toy truck.

> Love, Emmett D.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the presents you have given me. Can you please give me my own Gymnastics bar and a new bike. Can you also please give me a me braclit maker. Please give me a Gymnastics mat to. Please give me a camara and a tablet case for Christmas. Please give me a makeup palet and some more lipstick.

Brynlee D.

Dear Santa,

I want a iphone II, slime, the whole dogman series morelps. two baby dolls, baby doll stuff, bop it and a computer.

Love

Natalie D.

Dear Santa, some magnetic tiles and a motorsickle sute and a motorsickle helmit. I will give you some canned pickles.

> Love, Oliver

Dear Santa,

I want a real unicorn that can fly in my room and a rabbit and a cmelen that can chanch colers. Please can I have Qeen Bee. I want the holl intier unicorn LOL famle. I want my own Yorce named Sparcles. I want clothes with her. I want a clean up bot that clens up my room. I want an Xbox.

> Love, Heidi H.

Dear Santa,

Can I hav a weelrak and a go cartand a tratr for my bruthor that wrks.

Love, Nolan K. And thank you for it.

Dear Santa, Can I pleas have a

xbox and gocart pleas Santa. Can I please have a fishing rod.

Love, Louie H.

Dear Santa, Thak you for the

presents last year. This year can I please have a omg doll, a doughmis jumbo doughnut, a carmra, a barck colrd galkse locket, cotton candy pikne pop suprise. may I have one.

> Love, Elladi K.

Dear Santa,

For Chrismas can Can I please have I pleas have gymnas-me magnetic tiles tick bar and a 3d pen a swingset and a mat and a camera that you can play games on and some new clothes. thank you for the gifts.

> Love, Gabbie L.

Dear Santa,

I hoop you are haveing a good day can I please hzve 2 jimnasticsbar and everything in imnastics and patindlow miler shert and a floor mats can I have a ifone.

Love, Penny

Dear Santa,

Please give me a ruberband chair and fishing rod like my old one. Please give me new sprocets for my fourwelers and new farm toys and more xbox controlers and a little peletgun.

From. Carter O.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for evrything. Now can you give me a iphone 12 and a toy car that drives and give presents to the poor. And give them money.

> Love, Mara P.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all you have given me. Can I please have a GoKart? Can I please have a toy mower and a toy teder tov raker. Please give the poor presents. Can I please have a fork trac-

tor and a RC toy gator? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

> Love. Matthew 5.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my blanket last year. This year can I pléas have a basketbat hoop.

> Love, Finley S

Dear Santa,

Thank you evrything you got me for chrixmas! Can I please have a light up hoverboard, all the owl Diries. Can you help the poor, all the piggy and gerald books, a poloride camera, a calender for my room.

> Love, Skylar S.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the presents you have gave me in all these years. But I still want some more these are some I want. I want a hotweels sete. And a new vidow game for my nintendo swich. I allso want some more jigs and some more hooks for fishing. I allso want some games.

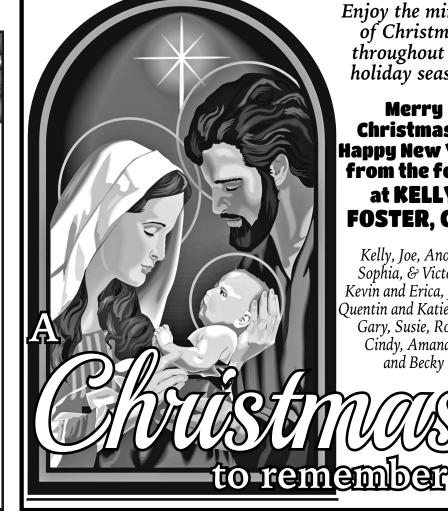
> Love, Beckham

Dear Santa,

Can you please give the poor presents and I wod like a Huverbord, tacle box.

> Love, Landon W.

Santa Letters Continued on page 3C



Enjoy the miracle of Christmas throughout the holiday season.

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Members of the Linn R-2 choir, above, and the Mennonite Choir, below, sang Christmas



Kids' games and activities were well received Friday night despite the rain as part of Christmas on Main Street.







A Christmas tree was set up in the Legends Bank Park gazebo with special ornaments denoting sponsors.

Linn Mayor Dwight Massey gets help from area children in a countdown before lighting the holiday tree at Legends Bank Park to kick off Christmas on Main Street.

All the best to your family during this holiday season!

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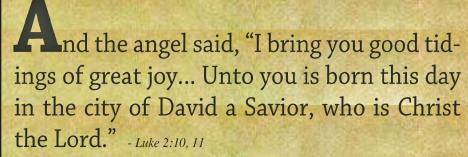
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A view of the holiday tree at Legends Bank Park.







May the peace and joy of this holiday season be in your heart now and throughout the coming year.

