



MERRY

Wishes

FOR A

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS

Rooted in faith, nurtured by love, filled with joy...

During this year, we've worked to bring you the 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 health, love and good cheer for your family.

Take some time to enjoy the letters to Santa included in this edition, made possible by the many businesses, organizations, churches and industries delivering you their best for Christmas.

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SINCE 1866



THERE WERE a lot of activities at the three-day Linn Christmas on Main Street. Moving from top left, clockwise: about 100 women participated in the inaugural Ladies' Christmas Tea at Linn First Church; Scout Troop 17 serves a variety of food on the Square; one of several Nativity sets displayed at St. John's United Methodist Church; Osage County Health Department Administrator Kim Sallin smiles as she receives her cotton candy; children enjoy petting animals shown by the Osage County Historical Society; a portion of the Nativity sets displayed at St. George.

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Season's Greetings

During this holiday season, we wish you all the best.



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**Best Wishes for the
Holidays and the
coming New Year.**

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Osage R-1 School Chamois



Miss Gretchen's and Miss Brooke's Preschool

Dear Santa, The Tiny Pirate Preschoolers have been kind to each other and good listeners at school.

They would like:
Cora - a stuffed Polar Bear
Louis - an auger wagon
Parker - a stuffed fox
Casslin - a remote control Dinosaurs
Marlana - Unicorn with slime
Braelyn - Peppa Pig
Pearl - an Ariel doll
Miles - a big Army tank
Jane - a baby doll
Grant - a big Triceratops

Mrs. Lamb's Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I can't wait for you to come. I want Polly Pocket it and a Barbie with a Unicorn. I would like a new Squidward and a Krusty Krab playset. I would also like a new dress.

Love,
Roslyn

Dear Santa, I want a remote-control truck, a stretchy Spiderman and a Spiderman Tower with Spiderman.

Love,
Lane

Dear Santa, I want all of the Dinotrux, toy bull and cars.

Love,
Aaron

Dear Santa, I want a Nerf Gun and play vet set.

Love,
Jaxston

Dear Santa, I want fast cars for outside, Rainbowcars and tracks, and 100 little yellow trucks for my little brother. I would like new marker, crayons and stamps.

Your friend,
Jase

Dear Santa, I want a piano, guitar and drums. I also want a Barbie and Barbie House.

Love,
Sophia G.

Dear Santa, I want remote control truck, Hot Wheels, and rainbow-colored trucks.

Love,
Steven

Dear Santa, I want Christmas shirt and pants, coloring book with crayons.

Love,
Ruth

Dear Santa, I want chap sticks, veterinarian set, wooden people, Potato Head and cars.

Love,
Emberlee

Dear Santa, I want a set of sticky balls.

Love, Jude

Dear Santa, I want a big fluffy unicorn, real phone to play games and 100 pieces of candy.

Love, Adellyn

Dear Santa, I want Squishies that glow in dark and multiply in the dark. I also want a new tablet with new games.

Love, Kyleigh

Dear Santa, I want new dragon, new dinosaurs, and Deep Goo Sea King Hydra Figure.

Love,
Pierce

Dear Santa, I want a PlayStation, remote control car, and a robot.

Love,
Reid

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie house, pretend Unicorn with a mane I can brush and style, a star light to light up the dark and Mindful Maze Set.

Love,
Dahlia

Dear Santa, I want books about Legos and Dinosaur with remote.

Love,
Harmon

Dear Santa, I want Smelly Chap Stick, rainbow and unicorn stickers and a tumbler with Jack Skellington and Sally on it.

Love,
Harmony

Mrs. Hilkerbaumer's First Grade

Dear Santa, Thank you for my new bike. Do you like cookies? I like your reindeers. For Christmas please bring me a big stuffed animal and a toy for my baby sister.

Your friend,
Kalliope

Dear Santa, Thank you for the headphones. Do you like cookies? I like your hat. For Christmas please bring me a remote-control car.

Your friend,
Connor

Dear Santa, Thank you for the Legos. Do you like flying? I like your hat. For Christmas please can I have an Xbox 360 and a pair of head-

phones?

Your friend,
Max

Dear Santa, Thank you for the cars. Do you like ice cream? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please bring me a toy Transformer.

Your friend,
Alvion

Dear Santa, Thank you for the PlayDoh. Do you have a favorite reindeer? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please bring me a dog.

Your friend,
Jadynn

Dear Santa, Thank you for the Thomas toy. Do you like my cookies? I like your beard. For Christmas please bring me a Woody stuffed animal.

Your friend,
Camden

Dear Santa, Thank you for my new tv. Do you like chocolate chip cookies? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please can I have a remote-control monster truck?

Your friend,
Beau

Dear Santa, Thank you for my guinea pig. Do you like Christmas morning? I like your beard! For Christmas please bring me critters.

Your friend,
Kinley N.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the battleship. Do you like your reindeer? I like your hat. For Christmas please bring me chalk.

Your friend,
Hayes

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the LOL toys. Do you like cookies? I like your beard. For Christmas please bring me a toy unicorn.

Your friend,
Lily

Mrs. Keilholz's Second Grade

Dear Santa, Thank you for the clothes last year. Do you know I love you? I like your sled. For Christmas please can I have a snow born girl. And you are my friend.

Your friend,
Violette

Dear Santa, Thank you for all of the gifts. Do you get different reindeer? I like your gift boxes. For Christmas please can I have a fake kitchen and fake food?

Your friend,
Sophia

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys. Do you like me? I like your gifts. For Christmas please can I have remote control trucks?

Your friend,
Bryce

Dear Santa, Thank you for my bike. Do you feed your reindeer? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please bring me presents.

Your friend,
Payton

Dear Santa, Thank you for the Elsa dress. Do you like cookies? I like your red coat. For Christmas please bring me a squishmallow.

Your friend,
Caylee

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the fake juice. Do you eat Cheetos puffs? I like your beard. For Christmas please bring me hair curlers, Blue Powerade, squishmallow and lotion.

Your friend,
Sarah

Dear Santa, Thank you for brothers. I love Cheetos Puffs. Do you make cookies? I like your classroom. For Christmas please bring toys.

Your friend,
Kayla

Dear Santa, Thank you for coming and eating popcorn and feeding the reindeer carrots. Do you love Christmas? I like your workshop. For Christmas please get me a squishmallow.

Your friend,
Harper

Dear Santa, Thank you I love you. Do you see me love you? I like your sleigh. For Christmas please bring me a phone.

Your friend,
Denajah

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents. Do you eat cookies? I like your reindeer. For Christmas can I have a squishmallow?

Your friend,
Kinley P.

Dear Santa, Thank you for the pjs you got me for Christmas last year. Do you like presents? I like your reindeer. For Christmas please get me hair curlers, Barbie Dream house, and Cheetos Puffs.

Your friend,
Quinn

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Lego set last year. Do you know I like you and your elves? I like your sled. For Christmas please have a safe trip.

Your friend,
Les

Mrs. Babor's Third Grade

Katerina - giant meemeow, Aphmau doll, meemeow slippers

Bailey - Jumanji game, snow globe, easy bake oven

Hunter - skateboard, video games, Jason Voorhees action figure

Arianna - iPhone, best friend necklaces, toilet paper for grandpa

Jazmyne - snow boots, cowgirl boots, roller skates, Nintendo Switch

Makena - LOL dolls, LOL OMG, salt & vinegar chips

Tiarrah - iPad, microphone karaoke speaker, tablet for my sister

Hank - scope camera, robotic pet dog, Jordan's shoes

Callem - PC, GTA 5, army men

Adalynn - squishmallows, meemeows, kitten

Landen - Genocide Red Queen action figure, roller blades, Heelys

Cooper - remote control car with headlights, Nerf gun-a big one

LETTERS TO SANTA

Holy Family School Freeburg



Preschool

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. This year I would like cars.

Love,
Nellie

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts from last year. I would like a new helmet for my bike. Also a case to put my stuff in.

Thank you,
Charlie

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. Can I please have a transformer and a Spiderman toy? I would also like Christmas pajamas.

Love,
Carter

Dear Santa, Thank you for my things from last year. Can I have a race car and a transformer. Also can I have a dinorapter and a monster that turns into transformer.

Love,
Mahki

Dear Santa, Thank you for my gifts last year. I would like a John Deer tractor and a real life cow and a fish tank.

Love,
Graham

Dear Santa, Thank you for everything you got me last year. This year I would

like a baby doll, big dinosaur with babies, a barbie and bubble gum.

Sincerely,
Violet

Dear Santa, Thanks for the gifts last year. I think I have been really good this year. Here is a list of what I want: a brown belt, gloves, cowboy hat and Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Ben

Dear Santa, Thank you for the neat gift last year. This year I would like a princess computer, a princess phone, an Anna barbie, a princess pillow. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Evie

Thank you for the presents from last year. This year I would like a dog for my Barbie doll set, Moana coloring set, and stuff animal cat.

Love,
Ruby

Dear Santa, Thank you for the monster truck last year. This year I want a nintendo switch and a Bitzy.

Love,
E.J.

Dear Santa, Thanks for the gifts from last year. This year I would like robotic T-Rex, bunny, and a robot.

Love,
Brexton

Dear Santa, Thank you for my awesome toys last year. I would like a robotic walking horse.

Love,
Michael

Dear Santa, Thanks for my present last year. Can I please have a really big nerf gun, a baby doll, cows, and Barbies.

Sincerely,
Ellie

Dear Santa, Thank you for my gifts from last year. I would like a toy trailer to put on my tractor. I would also like a big semi truck and a combine.

From,

Jan

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts last year. I would like the Ninja Turtle movie, ninja turtle action figures, and the two space movies of ninja turtles.

Love,
Raylan

P.S. I won't forget the milk and cookies.

Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Thank you for nerf guns last year. This year I want a punching bag. I need cool shirt.

Love,
Seeley

Dear Santa, This year I want a skidsteer that can load bales. I need a new shirt.

Love,
Jaxtyn

Dear Santa, Thank you for the Barbies last year. This year I want a Barbie dreamhouse. This year I need clothes.

Love,
Riley

Dear Santa, Thank you for baerbie house last year. This year I want play

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From the City of Chamois to our Osage County Neighbors

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Mayor Marie Slusser
Alderman Jim Wright
Alderman Cheyanna Wolfe
Alderman Cole Schaben
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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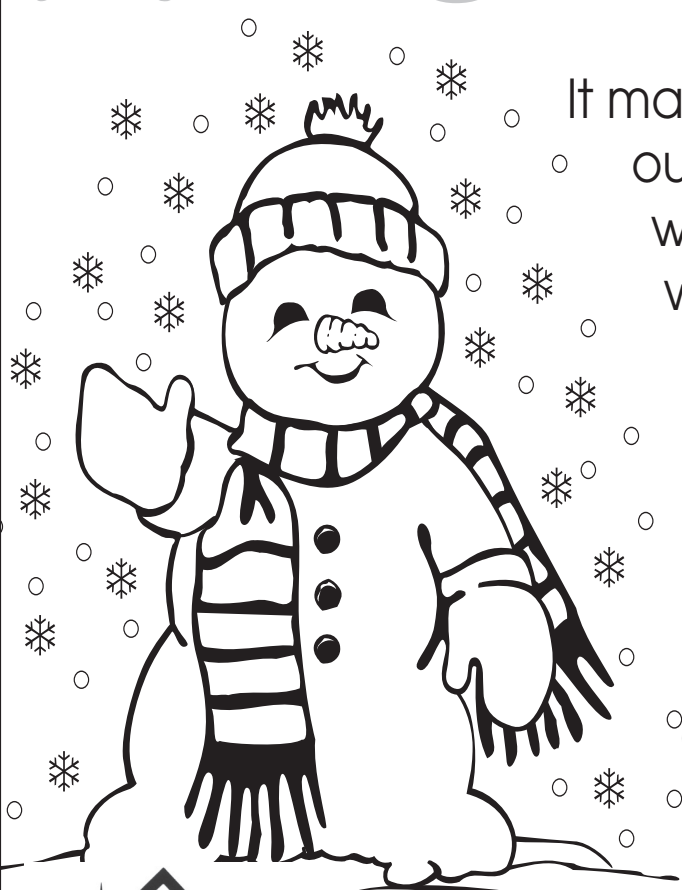


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Holy Family letters • from page 15

bugh. I need shirt.
Love, Emma

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. This year I want baby doll. I need blanket.
Love, Karlee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the firehouse last year. This year I want superier. I need fast shoes.
Love, Jackson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my unicorn chair last year. This year I want a unicorn. I need a dress.
Love, Amaurra

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the race car set last year. This year I want a pet fish. I need ornaments for our tree.
Love, David

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the monster truck. This year I want coloring book. I need toothpaste.
Love, Brayden

First/Second Grades

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the LOL toys you brought me last year. I would like a computer this year. Please bring a jungle gym for my cat. What is your favorite reindeer? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Payton H.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the legos you brought me last year. I would loike a toy for my dogs. Please bring me a toy mountain. What is your favorite stuffed toy? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Rudy R.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bb gun. I would like some more nerf guns this year. Please bring Frank a bucking bull set. What is your favorite cookie? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Louis W.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Legos last year. I would like a scooter this year. Please bring Grandma a flute. What is your favorite cookie? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Rudy R.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the motorcycle you brought me last year. I would like a Nintendo Switch this year. Please bring Grandma farm boots. What do your elves want for presents? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Brody N.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the doll you brought me last year. I would like a few Rainbow High dolls this year. Please bring Grandma a winning lottery ticket. What do your reindeer eat? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Abigail B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. I would like

a watch this year. Please bring Grandma a blanket. What is our favorite cookie? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Anna R.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bb gun you brought me last year! I would like a corral this year. Please bring Marka lottery ticket. What is your favorite cookie? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Owen S.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. I would like a toy reindeer. Please bring mom and dad a watch. What is your favorite cookie? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Bella R.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. I would like a gymnastic bar. Please bring grandma a scarf. What is your favorite reindeer? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Billie K.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bike you brought me last year. I would like an American Girl doll this year. Please bring mom a watch. What is your favorite cookie?
Sincerely, Brynlee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. I would like a gymnastics bar. Please bring softball stuff for my sister. Who is your favorite elf? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Rayna L.

What is your favorite cookie? Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Riley W.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the lego set you brought me last year. I would like a big lego set and a big hot wheels set this year. Please bring the poor people food and toys. Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Boone A.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the makeup you brought me last year. I would like a lot of makeup this year. Please bring grandma some jeans. What is your favorite animal? Merry Christmas?
Sincerely, Charlie K.

LETTERS TO SANTA Sacred Heart School Rich Fountain



Preschool

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my pink computer last year.
This year I would like a phone, a new computer, and a watch.
For Christmas, I will draw Mrs. Smith a picture.
Love, Aspyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my purse with makeup.
This year I would like a tent and some eggs.
For Christmas, I will let Santa get me presents.
Love, Lennie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things for my baby dolls.
This year I would like more things for my Gabby Dollhouse.
For Christmas, I will help Mommy get ready for my baby sister.
Love, Audrey

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the dinosaurs.
This year I would like deer hunting stuff.
For Christmas, I will draw a picture of a deer for my Dad.
Love, Jay

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents.
This year I would like a lot of candy.
For Christmas, I will be nice to everyone.
Love, Gus

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the puppy stuffie.
This year I would like a bunny rabbit.
For Christmas, I will make a necklace for Vivian.
Love, Hallie

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Barbie house.
This year I would like a new Barbie.
For Christmas, I will draw a picture for my Mom and Dad.
Love, Vivian N.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my bath bombs.
This year I would like a big Stitch backpack that's blue, a big giant unicorn, and a teddy bear.
For Christmas, I will give a toy to someone who needs it.
Love, Cleo

Love, Greta

FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me a marshal fire truck. I have been good by listening to my mom. I would like a book of fairytales. And a new toaster for mom. Bye Santa.
Love, Mavis

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Green Bay Packers last year. I have been good by emptying the dishwasher for mom. I would please like a computer. We're leaving you five cookies and eight carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Loretta

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys. I have been good by helping my Mom watch my brother. I would like a hoverboard. Merry Christmas!
Love, Marta

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me stuff from last year. I have been good by helping my mom and dad cleaning the house. All I want for Christmas is a computer. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, William

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. And I hope you have a safe trip. And I am going to leave you cookies! And please bring me whatever you want to bring me.
Love,

Love, Georgia

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy pixie. I know that I already have one but I want to have another one so I can play with two pixies at once. And I helped Mom hang ornaments. When you get at my home there will be cookies there.
Love, Emma

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me a unicorn. I have been good by watching my little brother. Can I please have light blue jeans? I hope you give back Debbie's magic and forgive my sister.
Love, Blair

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the travel bag. I have been good to my mom. I would like a Barbie car. I'm leaving cookies.

Love, Rowan

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,
Thank you for Kelly. I have been good this year by helping put up the Christmas tree. I would like a girl reborn doll and please can you make her whole body silicone and clothes with it.
Love, Kate

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the mosasaurus toy. I have been good by watching my baby brother. I would like summer slam for Christmas. I'll leave cookies and a glass of milk and nine carrots.
Love, Eli

Dear Santa,
Thank you for minecraft last year. I have been good by helping my mom by doing the dishes. I would like a drone. I hope you have

Love, Gus

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the game and I have been good by helping my mom by unloading the dishwasher and I would please like a jel blaster and Sadi would please like a blanket and have a safe trip.
Love, Tucker

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my first pack of football cards. I have been good by feeding the cat in the morning and letting the dog out and letting him in. I would please like a CJ Stroud jersey. Vivian wants orca pjs, and Lydia would like some kangaroo stuff. I will always leave cookies for you.
Love, Grantley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for toys and good luck. I have been good at feeding the chickens. I would like a watch for Christmas.
Love, Joshua

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the lego set you brought me last year. I would like a big lego set and a big hot wheels set this year. Please bring the poor people food and toys. Merry Christmas!
Sincerely, Boone A.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the makeup you brought me last year. I would like a lot of makeup this year. Please bring grandma some jeans. What is your favorite animal? Merry Christmas?
Sincerely, Charlie K.

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

Merry Christmas
from
Sheriff Michael Bonham
Osage County Sheriff's Office

*Hope your Christmas is Unbeatable!
And your New Year, too!
May the joys of the season be yours without end.
Season's Greetings from all of us!
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LINN'S CHRISTMAS on Main Street was a big draw and success Dec. 8-10, culminating in the annual parade featuring "A Story Book Christmas" theme. From man's best friend to equestrians and plenty in between, there was something for every Christmas fan to enjoy.

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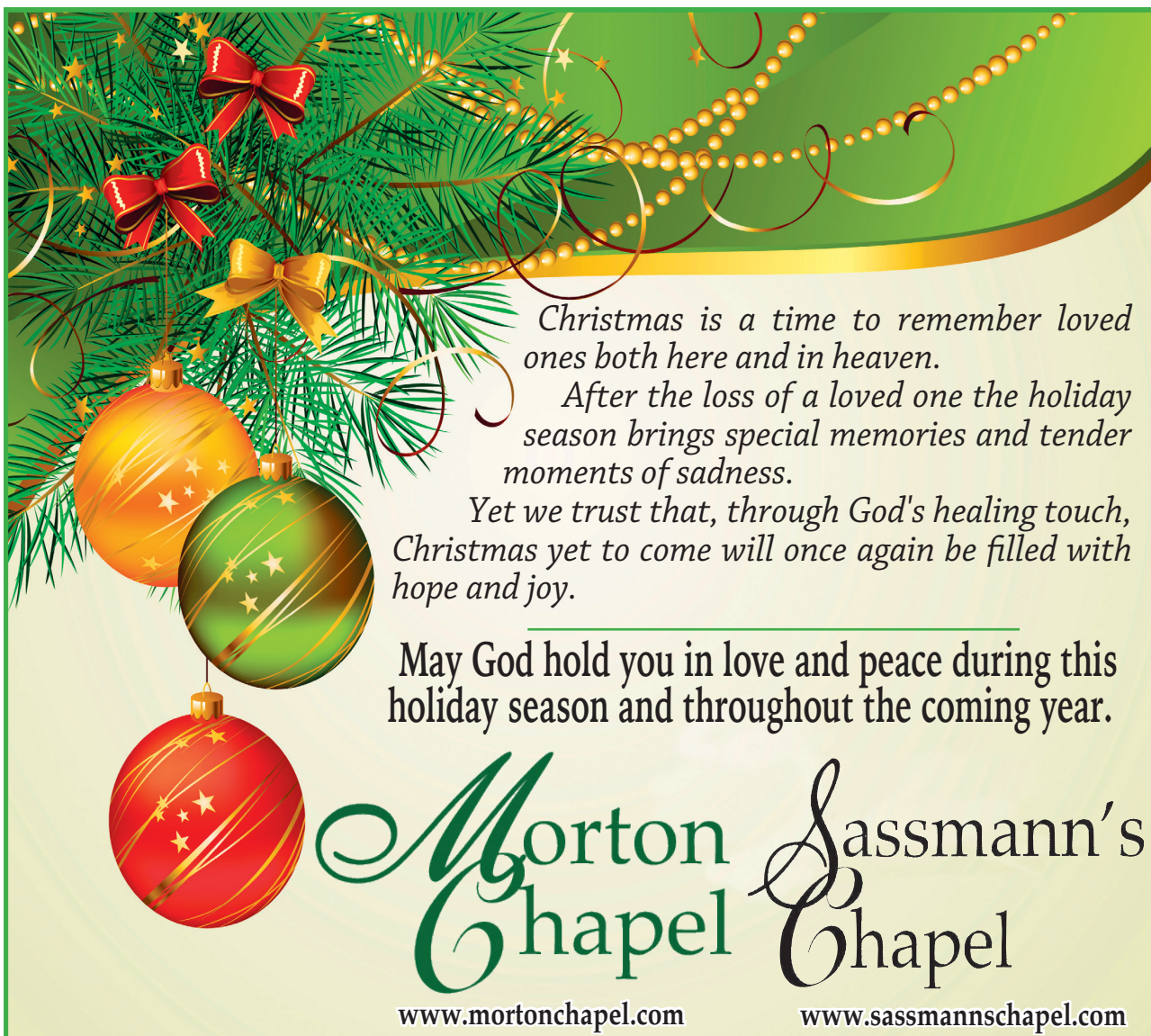
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OSAGE COUNTY residents lined Highway 50 on Dec. 9 for the fifth annual Christmas on Main Street parade. Floats followed the theme "A Story Book Christmas."

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Christmas is a time to remember loved ones both here and in heaven.
 After the loss of a loved one the holiday season brings special memories and tender moments of sadness.
 Yet we trust that, through God's healing touch, Christmas yet to come will once again be filled with hope and joy.

May God hold you in love and peace during this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

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Merry Christmas

To our loyal customers and friends,
 Each year during the Christmas Season we take great pleasure in setting aside our regular work to send a heartfelt message to our valued customers and friends.

We feel truly blessed that this time has come again to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks for your continued support and patronage. It is good friends and customers like you that make our business possible.

May your holiday be filled with Joy and your New Year be filled with Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Sincerely,
 The employees and families of,

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CHRISTMAS ON Main Street featured a wide variety of events, activities, and places to visit during the three-day event held Dec. 8-10 in Linn. Ladies' Christmas Tea at Linn First Church had about 100 participants, parade floats were well-designed and many groups and businesses were represented, including the Linn VFW, below right. In the lower set of photos are scenes from Christmas events at Westphalia and Meta.

PHOTOS BY NEAL JOHNSON



And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.



Merry Christmas from the entire Quaker Window Products Family



LETTERS TO SANTA

Osage R-2 School
Linn



PRESCHOOL

Dear Santa,
I am a nice boy. I like to color, paint and play outside. Please send me a musical toy for Christmas.

Noah

Dear Santa,
I would like airplanes and cars. I like to run fast and sing. I like your reindeer. Does your reindeer like to fly?

Kayden

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck, puzzles and a hat. I have been trying to be good. I will leave you and the reindeer pizza.

Benton

Dear Santa,
I want an orange truck, oranges and dinosaurs. I have been naughty sometimes. I will leave you a turkey sandwich and orange soda.

Bryer

Dear Santa,
I like cars and building places. I'm going to build a tunnel. I'm trying to be good. I like watching reindeer play in the snow.

Haven

Dear Santa,
I want a robot yellow car and a washing machine and a vacuum toy. I have been nice. I will leave you eggs and toast (chocolate too).

Jaxon

Dear Santa,
I want a blue dirt bike. I will take a big monster truck toy and markers. I will leave you and the reindeer cookies.

Barret

Dear Santa,
I want a pink vacuum to clean the floor and a black Teddy Bear. I have been a nice girl. Tell the reindeer hi!

Quinn

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice girl. I need a horse and a book about horses and toy horses. I like pink horses. I don't like dinosaurs.

Dani

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a green house and a blue car. I like to color on the line.

Cisalee

Dear Santa,
Oh dear, I have been a naughty

girl but I want Christmas bells and Princess Belle. I'll leave the reindeer something.

Adalyn

Dear Santa,
I would like a yellow purse and a dog purse. I will leave you and the reindeer food. I have been nice!

Emily

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a pink bike with a helmet and knee pads. I want a new toy puppy. I will leave you a purse!

Madelyn

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a carrier truck with a garbage truck and cars on the trailer. I will leave you snacks!

Dorran

Dear Santa,
I want a horse and a dog set. I have been good. I also want a reindeer set. Rudolph is my favorite.

Allie

Dear Santa,
I'm Bo and I have been good. I want a dirt bike, helmet, gloves and a mask. I will be careful. I also want walkie talkie! (and a drone)

Bo

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a horse and a puppy. I will leave you and the reindeer snacks.

Maxine

KINDERGARTEN JURD

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like new video games, a Spidey costume, and a Spiderman action figure for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Colt

Dear Santa,
Hello! I would like a gumball machine maker, a slime bucket, and a Cookeeze oven playset for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Ryann

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like new Barbies, a Barbie house, and a Barbie pool for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Izabella

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like new bathtub crayons, a little car I can drive that has four seats, and a

Barbie camper for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Laynee

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a dirt bike, a 3Doodler, and a Safari dress up trunk for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Lucas

Dear Santa,
Hello! I would like a 4-wheeler, boots, and a fast RC car for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, James

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like double bars for gymnastics, a gumball machine, and candy for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Blakely

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a shark stuffed animal, a fishing pole, and a toy robot for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Ethan

Dear Santa,
Hello! I would like a lollipop, a cotton candy maker, and ice cream for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Christian

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like candy, a fake computer, and makeup for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Aubrey

Dear Santa,
Hello! I would like a power ranger action figure, a mask, and Lego Batman for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Xavier

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Lego Friends Botanical Garden, a new tablet, and a toy airplane for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Jasmine

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like some K'nex blocks, a Mario game for my Switch, and a Spiderman costume for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love,

Weston

Dear Santa,
Hello! I would like a new bike, McDonalds, and a cat for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Trinity

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like an American Girl kitchen set, a Barbie airplane, and a Barbie camper for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Karaline

Dear Santa,
Hello! I would like a Lego Pikachu, a set of Pokeballs, and a Minecraft sword for Christmas this year. Thank you!

Love, Hayden

Sieg

Dear Santa,
My name is Nova. I have been a good girl this year. I love my baby calf. I hope you are doing okay at the North Pole. Thank you for my karaoke machine that you gave me last year. I need pants this year. Could I please have perfume? I would like a phone, perfume, pants and a watch this year. Have Good Dreams.

Thank you, Nova R.

Dear Santa,
My name is Orlando. I have been a good boy this year. I love my dog. Her name is Puppy Dog. How do you get down the chimneys? Thank you for the coal that you gave me last year. This year, I need VR sticks. Can I please have headphones? I would like parts to my VR, a new Oculus for my brother, a watch, and I would like for you to come to my house first.

Please be safe and look before you go off someone's roof.

Your friend, Orlando B.

Dear Santa,
My name is John. I love my family. How do you go down the chimney? Thank you for my Lego set that you gave me last year. This year, I need socks and a weighted blanket. Can I please have snow? I would like to go camping in a camper. This year, I would like Legos, a slip and slide, a doggy castle and a robe. Please don't fall off the roofs of people's houses!

Thank you,

John B.
(But I like to be named Rhett)

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaylee. I have a new puppy. How old is Jingle Cookie? Thank you for the Barbie house you gave me last year. This year, I need rain boots. Can I please have snow? I would like to go sledding. This year, I would like slippers, Christmas pajamas, a Legocastle and a Squashmallow. Make sure Rudolph is in the front the pull the sleigh this year! Please come to my house first.

Your friend, Kaylee J.

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniel. I'm good at rounding. How old are you? Thank you for the Bat Bot Extreme that you gave me last year. This year, I need socks. Can I please have Lego sets? would like to play in the snow. For Christmas, I would like Fortnite v-bucks, Lego sets, a VR headset and 800 v-bucks. Watch out for snow storms and watch the news for weather. See you soon!

Your friend, Daniel G.

Dear Santa,
My name is Chloe. I have been a good girl this year. I am good at hockey. What is your favorite cookie? Thank you for the nesting doll you gave me last year. This year, I need chapstick. Can I please have snow? I would like to play in the snow. I would like a new phone, elf, EOS chapstick and a small pet that I can take care of. Don't forget to attach the harnesses to the reindeer!

Sincerely, Chloe Z.

Dear Santa,
My name is Xavier. I have been a good boy. I have 1 dog and 5 cats at my house. How are your reindeer? Thank you for the candy you gave me last year. I need a watch with games. Can I please have snow? I would like to play in the snow. I would like a new bike, a toy shot gun, my missing cat, and candy. Watch out for the snow storms and be safe.

Your friend, Xavier F.

Dear Santa,
My name is Xander. I have been a good boy. I have a dog. Have your reindeer run away? Thank you for my Nintendo Switch that you gave me last year. I need slippers. Can I please have a phone? I would like a bike, a dog, a phone, and another Nintendo Switch. Harness the reindeer. Come to my house.

Thank you, Xander P.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaxen. I have been a good boy. I like to play sports. What type of cookies do you like? Thank you for the airpods you gave me last year. I need a watch. Can I please have lots of snow? I would like to make snowmen. Can I have a Nintendo 64, a Rolex, a Pitbull and a new necklace? Please come to my house later at night. Merry Christmas!

Your Friend, Jaxen B.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaxon. I am nine years old. I have been a good boy this year. How old are you? Thank you for the candy that you gave me last year. I need a watch. Can I please have a chain? I would like to play at my friend's house in the snow. I would like a water bottle, a pocket knife, new shoes and a mouse pad. Please come later at night to my house. Merry Christmas!

Your Friend, Jaxon R.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ellie. I have a puppy at my house. How are your reindeer doing? Thank you for the gymnastics mat that you gave me last year. I need jeans. Can I please have a phone charger? I would like to go ice skating. This year, I would like a snow board, a new phone case, small toys for my puppy and lots of gymnastics stuff. Make sure Rudolph is in the front! I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Ellie G.

Dear Santa,
My name is Karsyn. I love Christmas! I have been a good girl this year. I had eye surgery due to a lazy eye. How do you make the reindeer fly? Thank you for the necklace that you gave me last year. I need winter clothes. Can I please have water bottle stickers? I would like to go ice skating. This year I would like an art kit, a pair of ice skates, ballet shoes and a bracelet kit. Don't go to California because the reindeer could get over heated! Please be safe on the long ride.

Love, Karsyn C.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason. I love animals. How do you get to houses on time? Thank you for the Legos that you gave me last year. I need a Play Station 5. Can I please have a phone? I would like to have a snowball fishy. I would also like Legos, a Play Station, a VR headset and toys for my cat. Watch out for the storms. I hope you come to my house first.

Your Friend, Mason G.

Dear Santa,
My name is Evelyn. I have been a good girl this year. I love Christmas! Do elves ever eat or drink? Thank you for the candy that you gave me last year. I need a phone charger. Can I please have snow? I would like to have a sleepover. For Christmas, I would like 2 Stanley's, a new phone case, new shoes and hoodies. Make sure Elthe gives you the key! Be safe.

Love, Evelyn R.

Dear Santa,
My name is Serena. I have been a good girl this year. I love my elf bell. Thank you for the wing that you gave me last year. I need sweat pants. Can I please have snow? I would like to go skating. I would like to have earrings, things for my room, a Lego set and a Squashmallow. Don't fire Bell. I hope you have a good trip.

Love, Serena M.

Dear Santa,
My name is Savannah. I have 6 chickens. I have been a good girl this year. Is Rudolph's nose still good and bright? Thank you for the computer that you gave me last year. I need more jeans. Can I please have snow? I would like to go sledding. This year, I would like a Nintendo, a girl toy horse, a boy toy horse and new diamond earrings. Watch out for Gunner, he is loose. Leave a note for me, please!

Love, Savannah B.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been a good boy this year! I would like a Smash Bros. video game, the best Mario game for the Nintendo Switch, and new phones for me and Bubby.

Love, Axel

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have been a good girl this year. I would like a flying fairy toy and one of those wavy wands that has a toy inside. I would like something for my mom like a candy cane and new shoes. for my dad I would like you to bring snacks and candy (he likes candy!).

Love, Myra

Dear Santa,
I love you! I have been a good girl

this year. I would like a new Barbie doll and candy.

Love, Eryanna

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents! I have been a really good boy this year! I would like Bobcat toys, excavators and trucks.

Love, Hudson

Dear Santa,
I don't ever see you on Christmas morning! I have been a very good boy this year! For Christmas I would like some candy, an Aquaman toy, and a chromebook.

Love, Lakota

Dear Santa,
I like to be with my family on Christmas. I have been a good girl! I would like whatever you choose for me! I think you look really good!

Love, Tori

Dear Santa,
I love you! I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie house with Barbies, a Barbie dream car and a Barbie camper.

Love, Maelee

Dear Santa,
HO! HO! HO! I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a picture of you, a Bluey stuffy and some Spiderman action figures!

Love, Hendrix

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like some Legos, playdoh, and a purple bicycle. Thank you!

Love, Mia

Dear Santa,
Were you watching me being nice and naughty? I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a scooter, a unicorn stuffy, and a unicorn puppet!

Love, Ellie

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like a pop-tube, some make-up, and a dollhouse! Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Keerstyn

Dear Santa,
What have you been up to?

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have been a good boy this year. Please send a watch with games, a chromebook, and a phone. Merry Christmas!

**Love,
Jaxon**

Dear Santa,

How cold is it at the North Pole? I have been a good girl this year! Please bring some roller skates, some sprinkle cookies, and a shiny pink and purple cup like Mrs. Holtschneiders!

**Love,
Ayla**

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you? I have been a good boy this year! I would like a green toy car for Christmas.

**Love,
Colton**

Dear Santa,

Will you wrap me some presents? I have been a good boy this year! Please bring some candy canes, my own reindeer, and some Christmas cookies! Thank you!

**Love,
Connor**

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are your reindeer? I have been a good boy this year. Can I have all of the Mario games, a Nintendo Switch, and a security camera drone? Thank you!

**Love,
Deacon**

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolph going to lead your sleigh this year? I have been a good boy at my mom's and I will try to be better at school! For Christmas I would like a real red Chevy truck (for my age) with a flat bed, wake me up to see you and Rudolph, and finally, and a lot of trailers for my truck.

**Love,
Gavin**

Dear Santa,

I love your reindeer! I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas, I would like for it to snow!! I would also like some suckers and some Christmas stamps! Merry Christmas!!

**Love,
Adeline**

Dear Santa,

Why is Rudolph's nose so red? I have been a good boy this year! I would like a Spiderman video game, the Smash Bros. video game, and paint for painting pictures. Thank you!

**Love,
Winston**

FIRST GRADE FLATT

Dear Santa,

My name is Korbin and I am 6 years old. I like you Santa. I would like a stuffed animal, a remote control toy, and a stuffed animal dog for Christmas. I like to play. How do your reindeer fly?

**Love,
Korbin**

Dear Santa,

My name is JJ and I am 6 years old. I believe in you! I would like an airplane that works and I can fly in it, a dinosaur that I can ride, and a giant plushie for Christmas. I have been good this year. Do my parents get to help you?

**Love,
JJ**

Dear Santa,

My name is Vance and I am 6 1/2 years old. I like that Santa brings toys all over the world. I would like a gray and orange dirt bike, a better day every single day, and a chromebook to play Prodigy for Christmas. I am a cool and fast kid. How do you make it through the winter at the North Pole?

**Love,
Vance**

Dear Santa,

My name is Daniel and I am 7 years old. I like to play in the snow and make angels and snowballs. I want a helicopter, a dragon, and a phone for Christmas. I like to play on my tablet. Who makes your suit?

**Love,
Daniel S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Londyn and I am 7 years old. I like to be with my family at Christmas. I would like a computer, an American Girl doll, and a grown up phone. I have lots of friends. How do your reindeer fly?

**Love,
Londyn**

Dear Santa,

My name is Denison and I am 6 years old. I like to spend time with my family at Christmas. I want an aircraft carrier, jets, and a dinosaur. I am nice. How do you make all of the toys so fast and on time?

**Love,
Benson**

Dear Santa,

My name is Emmilene and I am 6 years old. My birthday is right around Christmas time and so I get more presents! I really want a phone, American Girl doll clothes, and shoes for Christmas. I really like Christmas. Can you bring me to the North Pole?

**Love,
Emmilene**

Dear Santa,

My name is George and I am 6 years old. I like to put up my Christmas tree. I want barbies, a big white christmas tree, and a dark blue tablet for Christmas. I love you, Santa! What do your reindeer eat?

**Love,
George**

Dear Sonto,

My name is Hawkins and I am 7 years old. I like that it is Jesus' birthday on Christmas. I want legos, a Miami Dolphins hat, and a Roblox game for Christmas. I love my elf Albert. Can you make me some Jordan's at the North Pole?

**Love,
Hawkins**

Dear Santa,

My name is Daniel and I am 7 years old. I like good Christmas trees. I want stickers, trains, and books for Christmas. I want to be an elf. How can I be an elf?

**Love,
Daniel R.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Oakley and I am 6 years old. I love to play in the snow. I want Barbie hours, a big unicorn pillow, and JoJo Siwa shoes for Christmas. I like to play on my trampoline. What is your favorite cookie?

**Love,
Oakley**

Dear Santa,

My name is Kennedy and I am 7 years old. I like to see Santa and sit on his lap. I want a baby doll, clothes for the baby doll, and kitchen food, it's fake though for Christmas. I love you Santa. Are you going to come to my house?

**Love,
Kennedy**

Dear Santa,

My name is Landen and I am 6 years old. I like Christmas trees the most. I want a toy dirt bike, a toy stunt man, and lots of Christmas books for Christmas. I think I am on the good list. How do you make all the presents?

**Love,
Landen**

Dear Santa,

My name is Nora and I am 7 years old. I like to open my gifts. I want a glow pixie, an Encanto toy, and a toy castle for Christmas. I have been really good. What is your favorite color?

**Love,
Nora**

Dear Santa,

My name is Summer and I am 7 years old. I like to open up presents. I want a unicorn kite, a Hello Kitty bag, and bracelets and necklaces. I can ride my bike without training wheels. How is Rudolph doing?

**Love,
Summer**

MUSTION

Dear Santa,

My name is Aubree. I like decorating the Christmas tree. How cold is it at the North Pole? Can I have a toy cookie set, a little toy horse, and a carriage with a remote control. Thanks for always reading my Christmas letter.

**Hugs and kisses,
Aubree**

Dear Santa,

My name is Baylor. I like to joke and have fun, but I hope I'm on the nice list. Can I feed your reindeer carrots on Christmas Eve. Please bring me a remote control car, a basketball, new Nike shoes, and a soccer ball with a soccer goal. Thank you for bringing me presents. See you and your reindeer soon!

Baylor

Dear Santa,

My name is Blake. I like to eat snow! What's your favorite food? I would really like it if you could bring an Xbox One, an iPhone, a glow up basketball, and more toys for Christmas this year. Thank you for the toys! I know you are going to bring me.

**Lots of hugs,
Blake**

Dear Santa,

It's me, Charlotte. You know that kid that lives in Linn? Why do you always wear a red hat and red suit? For Christmas, I would like you to bring me something you would like me to have on Christmas Eve. Thank you, Santa. I hope you have a great night giving kids presents.

**Love,
Charlotte**

Dear Santa,

My name is Cullen. I like playing Fortnite on the Nintendo Switch. How many years did it take to get a sled? How often do you feed your reindeer? Please bring me a Nintendo Switch for my Mom's house, red Hey Dudes, and big Hot Wheels set. Thank you for the gifts! I know you will bring to me!

**Bye Bye!
Cullen**

Dear Santa,

My name is Harlee. I like presents a lot, and I have been really good this year. Can you teach me how to drive your sled? This year, I want a new Chromebook, headphones, and a new metal water bottle. Last, I want a backpack that is either pink, teal, silver, or gold. Thank you for always bringing me stuff for Christmas.

**See you later,
Harlee**

Dear Santa,

My name is Hunter. I love playing with my brother, Jimmy. Was Jimmy on the naughty list this year? I really want a Xbox One, Xbox games, and a Chromebook. Thank you for giving me stuff.

**See you soon,
Hunter**

Dear Santa,

My name is J.C. I really love animals! What is your favorite cookie? Can I have Power Rangers, Ninja Turtles, PJ Masks, and Rescue Bots for Christmas this year? Thank you for my toys!

**Lots of hugs,
JC**

Dear Santa,

My name is Knox. I love you! Can I have a million dollars? Just kidding! How have you been since last Christmas? May I please have a remote control army tank, a dinosaur play set, a two year old black schnauzer, and a dinosaur backpack.

Knox

Dear Santa,

My name is Paxton. I love you so much! Do people ever get to see your elves? I hope you can bring me a Nintendo Switch, a robot, and an android phone for Christmas this year. Thank you for coming

to visit me!

**Love,
Paxton**

Dear Santa,

My name is Reagan. I like to play tag. How many reindeer do you have? I want makeup, a new tablet, a puppy toy, and lights to decorate my room for Christmas. Thank you for bringing me toys!

**Love,
Reagan**

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryan. I tried to be nice to my sister this year even though it was hard. How big is your workshop at the North Pole? This year, I want Spiderman slippers, Spiderman cup, and a Spiderman with stickers and stuff, Thank you for my toys! High five!

Ryan

Dear Santa,

My name is Sawyer. I love gymnastics and ice cream! What's your favorite kind of cream? Please send me some chocolate covered blueberries, a toy puppy, and a new tablet for Christmas. Thank you for always bringing me new things to play with at Christmas.

**Lots of love,
Sawyer**

Dear Santa,

My name is Skylar. I have a big family, and I love them all so much! Why is it so the North Pole? I would really like you to bring me five beautiful dresses. Can you bring me a beautiful baby doll too? If it's not too much to ask, I would also like a metal glitter cup and red lipstick. Thank you for everything.

**Love,
Berkeley**

Dear Santa,

My name is Allis. I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I have a sister. A few things I would really like for Christmas are a fish, fish food, and a fish tank. A question I would like to ask you is how many elves do you have?

**Love,
Allis**

Dear Santa,

My name is Oaklyn. I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I love presents. A few things I would really like for Christmas are a baby doll, shopping cart, and books. A question I would like to ask you is do the reindeer eat all of the carrots?

**Love,
Oaklyn**

Dear Santa,

My name is Rowan. I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that my favorite animal is puppies. A few things I would really like for Christmas are a 3D pen, hover-board, and a TV. A question I would like to ask you is what is my elf on the shelf doing?

**Love,
Rowan**

Dear Santa,

My name is Car-son. I am 7 years old. I want to tell you I love to ride bikes. A few things I would really like for Christmas are a cap gun, King Kong stuff, and a blue fire breathing dragon. A question I would like to ask you is how old is Rudolph?

**Love,
Jonathan**

Dear Santa,

My name is Harrison. I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I am kind. A few things I would really like for Christmas are a snowglobe, a fishing pole, and a remote control car. A question I would like to ask you is can elves walk?

**Love,
Harrison**

Dear Santa,

My name is Watson. I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I am smart, and I love you. A few things I would really like for Christmas are two real dogs, three more fish, and the 3rd book of Dungeoneer Academy. A question I would like to ask you is what reindeer leads the sleigh?

**Love,
Watson**

Dear Santa,

My name is Jack. I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I love to go fishing. A few things I would really like for Christmas are a new dirt bike, fishing toy set, and a nintendo switch. A question I

would like to ask you is how old is Rudolph?

**Love,
Jack**

Dear Santa,

My name is Braelyn. I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I like to play with tons of toys. A few things I would really like for Christmas are rainbow slime, giant Elsa stuffy, a nintendo switch, play animals and dice. A question I would like to ask you is how do you decide who to put on the naughty and nice lists?

**Love,
Braelyn**

Dear Santa,

My name is Avery. I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I am cute. A few things I would really like for Christmas are a real dog, a doll, a dress, and a LOL doll. A question I would like to ask you is are there polar bears in the North Pole?

**Love,
Avery**

Dear Santa,

My name is Berkeley. I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I try my best to be nice. A few things I would really like for Christmas are a robot dog, toy Halloween mansion, and mini brands. A question I would like to ask you is how many elves do you have?

**Love,
Berkeley**

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Oaklyn**

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**Love,
Rowan**

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**Love,
Carson**

Dear Santa,

My name is Reilynn. I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I can run fast, and I love you. A few things I would really like for Christmas are bracelet making kit, 3 canvases to paint on, and 3 boxes of pencils and a big paper. A question I would like to ask you is how do your reindeer ride in the air?

**Love,
Reilynn**

Dear Santa,

My name is Ava. I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I have 3 siblings. A few things I would really like for Christmas are roller skates, necklaces, and a baby doll. A question I would like to ask you is, is Rudolph real?

**Love,
Ava**

Dear Santa,

My name is Easton. I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I am really good at sports. A few things I would like for Christmas are a signed football from Patrick Mahomes, a signed helmet from Travis Kelce, and a signed jersey by Pacheo. A question I would really like to ask you is what type of cookies do you mostly like?

**Love,
Easton**

Dear Santa,

My name is Isiah. I am 6 years old. I want to tell you that I like dirt bikes. A few things I would like for Christmas are a toy dirt bike, toy lamborghini, and nike shoes. A question I would really like to ask you how can your reindeer run on air?

**Love,
Isiah**

Dear Santa,

My name is Raylan. I am 7 years old. I want to tell you that I am tall. A few things I would like for Christmas are a new hover-board and a remote control card. A

question I would really like to ask you is how old are you?

**Love,
Raylan**

Second Grade Forck

Dear Santa,

My name is Abel. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for a vr headset, internet, a nintendo for my brother. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Abel B.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Avery. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. These are two things I am wishing for Christmas a pet hedgehog and a pet calf. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Avery B.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Cheyanne. I am

7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for a blaysis, tooy food, ceny. I will set out cookies and milk for you on christmas Eve

**From,
Cheyanne B.**

Dear Santa,

My name is zander. I am 7 years old. I have been nice. This are the three things I am wishing for a pack of cars for Christmas. I want a go kart for christmas.

**Zander
B.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Brayden. I am 7 years old. Nice these are three I am wishing for, a tablet and a morsicl a tlwiler. I will leave cookies on the counter for you and milk.

**From,
Brayden C.
Dear Santa,**

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Peace And Good Will To All
May you have a blessed holiday.
David Schollmeyer & Tim Troesser
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Christmas to remember

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My name is Annabelle. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for tomagotchyllove-abela, Babby dol food. I will make sure there are cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.

**From,
Annabelle G.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Layken. I am 7 Years old. This year I have been nice These are three things I'm wishing for books, stool and cokes. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Layken**

Dear Santa,

My name is Zelda. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for a kitten, 2 scribble pads, and a computer. I will make sure there are cookies for you and carrots for the reindeers on christmas eve.

**From,
Zelda M.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Daxton. I am 7 years old. This year I been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for world peace, freedom, and a great family. I will make sure that there are cookies and milk for you and carrots and chocolate milk for the reindeer.

**From,
Daxton N.**

Dear Santa,

My name is waylon. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nis. These are the three things I want for Christmas a RC bulldozer, RC excavator, and an RC dump truck. I Will Set out cookies and milk for you

**From,
Waylon p.**

Dear Santa,

Hayden. I an 7 years Old. This year I have been Nice. These are three things I am wishing for, tor horses, A tor dog a tablit. Chookies and carnds for the Reindeer.

**From,
Hayden P.**

Dear Santa,

My name is jaelyn. I am 7 years old. This year i have been

nice. These are three things I am wishing for a stuff animal that look like my dog, a big dall, stitch pants stitch shirt. I will set out cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.

**From,
Jaelyn R.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Aria. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are tree things I am wishing for Aben bag, a new sweder, and squoosh melos. I will set out cookies and milke for you on christmas eav

**From,
Aria S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Wyatt. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for Shoes, Book, Bike, I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve on the tabel

**From,
Wyatt S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Brynlee. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for a kitten, slime, figes. I will make sure there are cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer on christmas eve.

**From,
Brynlee kay S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Mrs. Forck. I am 30 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for a healthy family, a new kindle paperwhite, and a new hoodie. I will make sure there are cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.

**From,
Mrs. Forck
2nd Grade Teacher**

HOFFMAN

Dear Santa,

My name is Burk. I am 8 year old. This year I have been naughty. These are three things I am wishing for my mom to do less work, my dad to shoot a deer, and a little side by side. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Burk C.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Elode. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for I want a dog please, I want a camera please. I want a cat study please. I will set out cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Elodie C.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Justin. I am 8 years old. I want three things from you a camera, a trampoline, and a Nintendo switch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Justin D.**

Dear Santa

My name is Eller. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. The three things I am wishing for a rainbow bunny, paw prints, and a cat. I will set out milk and cookies on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Eller D.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Zach. I am 8 years old. This year I been nice this year. Somethings I am wishing for this year are a nerf gun, a VR, and a cat. I will set out milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Zach D.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Hadley. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for a golf cart, a magic mixy, and a phone. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Hadley E.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Elspeth. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for a drone, earrings, and a great Christmas. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Elspeth F.**

Dear Santa,

My name Eddie. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for a skateboard, my pool to

be finished, and a bike. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Eddie G.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Taryn. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for a kitchen set, baby and a doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Taryn H.**

Dear Santa,

My Name is Sam. I am 7 years old. I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for a re lamborghini, a drone and an easy bake oven. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Sam H.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Arthur. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for lanky box plushies, and foxy boxy rocky plushies. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Arthur M.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Quinton. I am 8 years old and this year, I have been nice these are three things I am wishing for vr, ipad, and a tv. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Quinton M.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Stella Schaffer. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for a ken doll with clothes, a sketch book, and a notebook. I will set cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Stella S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Harmony. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. There are three things that I want. I want a toy unicorn, uneasy bake oven, and a stuffed heart with baby hearts. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From,

Harmony S.

Dear Santa,

My name is Nora. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for my teeth, my own car and a cat. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Nora W.**

Keilholz

Dear Santa,

My name is Heather. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a makeup kit, a makeup table, and a box of markers.

**Love,
Heather B.**

Dear Santa.

My name is Oliver. This year I have been nice. I am 7 years old. These are three things I am wishing for: a new tablet, a phone, and a smart watch. I will leave out some cookies and milk or chocolate milk if I have some.

**From,
Oliver C.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Charlee. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: A baby crib, a baby carer, and a kitten that is black and white. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I hope you make it back safe. I love you Santa.

**Love,
Charlee D.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Kash. I have been nice. I am 7 years old. These are three things I am wishing for: a sea monster, friendly t-rex, and a shark. I hope you are safe.

**Love,
Kash F.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Waylon. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. I wish for 78 weiner dogs, a shepard, and 50 pigs. I will set out a nice snack.

**Love,
Waylon M.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Roxana. I am 7 years old. I've been nice this year. I wish for: a Unicorn, a princess kitchen, and a wubble bubble. I hope you have a safe travel.

**Love,
Roxana P.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Wyatt. I am 8 years old. I have been nice. These are three things i want to have: a RC construction set, a RC farming set, and an RC army set.

**From,
Wyatt P.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Wynter. I am 7 years old and this year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a barbie doll house, a piano, and a Charizard Build A Bear. Santa, I hope you make it to my house so you get cookies and milk. Happy Christmas Eve.

**Love,
Wynter R.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Madalyn. I am 7 years Old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a toy cat, a toy monkey, and a toy goat. Santa I hope you have a good night.

**From,
Madalyn R.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Ricky. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a giant snorlax, a red Devil Among Us, and Juice blocks. Santa I love you.

**Love,
Ricky S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Brooks. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things: a cat, baby kittens, and a little puppy. I will set out cookies Christmas Eve.

**Love,
Brooks S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Rylee. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a volleyball, a volley ball, and a Stanley cup. I will leave some milk on christmas eve.

**Love,
Rylee S.**

Dear santa,

My name is Letti. I am 7 years old. I am nice. I wish for a big teddy bear, a little couch, and a Wubble Bubble. I love you so much.

Letti S.

Dear Santa,

My name is Gavin. I am 8 years old this year. I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: Nintendo switch games and big lego blocks, 2000 of them. I will set out cookies and milk for You on Christmas Eve.

**From,
Gavin W.**

Dear Santa,

my name is Laiah. I am 7 years old nice I want 20 packs of nilz, 11 packs of ring, pies of My female. I will set out cookies and Milk for you on Christmas Eve.

Laiah F.

Dear Santa,

My name is Mrs. Keilholz. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a small stroller, a vacuum sweeper, and a new pair of cute boots. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

**Love,
Mrs. Keilholz**

**Third Grade
Wolfe**

Dear Santa,

My name is Sadie. I am 9 years old and I live in Linn, MO. My favorite holiday is Christmas because I like to see the lights. I love pandas. How old are you? Thank you for my baby dolls last year. I need new clothes. I would like a macbook, a phone, PS5 and a mini camera. Make yourself warm when you deliver presents.

**Love,
Sydney C.**

**Love,
Sadie B.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Rylie. I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I like cats. How many elves fo you have? Thank you for giving me a bike last year. I would like math flashcards, flower lego sets, expo markers and a blanket. Watch out for my cat. Thank you.

**Love,
Rylie B.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Jacob. I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, MO. My favorite food is cookies. Where do your elves come from? Thank you for the nerf gun that you gave me last year. I need a Mizzou blanket. I would like Maddin 23 PS5, Mizzou shirt, and a nintendo switch. Watch out for planes.

**Love,
Jacob S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Carter. I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, MO. My favorite holiday is Christmas because I love that you get to spend time with your family. How many elves do you have? Thank you for the hover boat you gave me last year. I need a new bed and new sheets. I would like a Lego set a big one, and a squishy Harry Potter Chocolate Frog, a nintendo controller and Lego Death Star from Star Wars. Santa, watch out for the airplanes.

**Love,
Carter F.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Sydney. I am 8 years old and I live in Linn, MO. My favorite thing to do when I'm bored is paint. How many presents do you deliver in one night? Thank you for all the clothes that you gave me last year. I need a blanket. I would like a drawing kit, a camera, hover board, and a paint set. Be careful my dog will bark.

**Love,
Sydney C.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Gaterah. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I have

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1 cat and 2 dogs. What is your favorite toy? Thank you for the blanket last year. Can I please have a squishmallow, Bitz digital pet, crayola light up board and a tablet? Please watch out for Hutch, Gismo, Jingles my pets.

**Love,
Saterah H.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Jack. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. My favorite color is purple because it is dark and cool. How many elves do you have? Thank you for that re car that you gave me last year. I need a coat. Can I please have a new P55 controller, video games, Pokemon cards, VBucks. Please watch out for thunder clouds.

**Love,
Jackson S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaxson. I am 9 years old. My favorite colors are green and red. What is your favorite holiday? Thank you for the Lego fish tank that you gave me last year. I need Trolls and Bluey toys.

**Love,
Jaxson M.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Charlotte. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. My favorite color is orange. How many elves are there? Thank you for the horse set up that you gave me last year. I need a vanity. Can I please have Nike shoes? Vanity, skincare, and makeup. My dog is aggressive.

**Love,
Charlotte**

Dear Santa,

My name is Hank and I live in Linn, MO. I like to play sports. I want to know how you can fit all those presents in your bag? Thank you for my switch that I got last year. I had really fun with it. I need a new iPad with a darkvader case. I would like a dirtbike, a caya's squishy big size. My Christmas list I would like a P55, a grave digger monster truck, lightening ball and a Lego Mech. If you like chocolate cookies, you are in luck.

**Sincerely,
Hank S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Jetsson. I am eight years old. I live in Hope, MO. My favorite holiday is Christmas because you get to spend time with your family. What do elves do on their off time? Thank you for the board game expansion pack that you gave me last year. I need a coat. I would like a few books for Christmas (Or money to buy them). I think you should avoid going down chimneys because there could be a fire.

**Sincerely,
Jetsson H.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Emily. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. My favorite book is The One and Only Ivan because there are elephants. Do you have any pets other than the reindeer? Thank you for the neck-

lace that you gave me last year. I wear it everyday. I need more hair ties. I would like squishmallows. I want books, jewelry, posca pens, art supplies, polaroid camera, my life as a doll, baby alive and little live pets in bird and cage. Don't forget Tickel to take back to the North Pole.

**Your Friend,
Emily M.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Frances. I am 9 years old. I live in Hope, MO. I have bees. How old are you? Thank you for the Rxy that you gave me last year. I need new jeans. I would like Dove, squishmallows, Wobbles, and a scooter. Come in through the door. It is unlocked.

**Sincerely,
Frances O.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Marshall. I am 9 years old. My favorite color is green. Thank you for books and re cars and plushies you gave me last year. I need Super Marie Wonderland game. Can I have a Jack from Nightmare before Christmas blanket? Also a Christmas Pikachu, a Minecraft Lego set and hover board? Keep an eye on the presents!

**Love,
Marshall S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Avery. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I have 2 dogs and 2 cats. Do you have a favorite cookie? I need a new

tablet charger. I would like an American Girl doll, headphones, new bedding, plushies and a film mini camera. And don't forget to put the cookies in the milk.

**Love,
Avery M.**

Mebruer

Dear Santa,

My name is Caley and I'm 9 years old. I live in Linn, MO. I got an iPad and my dad got a job. I did not get a toy last year. But I got 1 baw. Do you make toys? I need a bad pink bed. Please can I have a puppy please. I would like a dog plushies, and Nike shoes, a Disney buddy and a Barbie dream house, the elf on the shelf. Thank you Santa.

**Love,
Caley R.**

Dear Santa,

My name is Gavin. I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. Santa, how many calories do you eat each year? Maybe you should get a pet seal to entertain the elves after this year. For Christmas this year, I want a Minecraft Warden Lego set, a hoodie with a cobra on it, and a pair of black gloves with a lightning bolt on them.

**Love,
Gavin**

Dear Santa,

My name is Eland and I am 8 years old. I live in Belle, Missouri. If I put a trail camera up, will you still come to my house? Also, you

should put candy canes up on the tree. For Christmas, I want a bike, a bearded dragon and the stuff it needs to survive, and a Lego Millenium Falcon.

**Love,
Eland**

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryleigh. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. Santa, how old are you? Also Santa, you should use the deck to land on, not the roof. For Christmas this year, I want a Pokemon binder, big Pokemon cards, and a phone.

**Love,
Ryleigh**

Dear Santa,

My name is Alesana. I am 8 years old and I live in Linn, Missouri. How do you know where I live? Santa, you should let Rudolf lead your sleigh. For Christmas this year, I want face makeup, a bracelet kit, and Monster High dolls.

**Love,
Alesana**

Dear Santa,

My name is Cody and I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. Santa, can you make animals? You should make Christmas everyday instead of just one day a year. For Christmas this year, I want a dirt bike, a Playstation Plus card, and V-Bucks for Fortnite.

**Love,
Cody**

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Thatcher. I

am nine years old. I live in Linn, Missouri and I have a question for you. How do you go all around the world in just one night? If I were you, I would put my presents in my basement. Oh, and for Christmas this year, I want a tank with wheels, a remote control tank, and don't forget a remote control army jeep.

**Love,
Thatcher**

Dear Santa,

My name is Grace. I am 9 years old and I live in Linn, Missouri. Santa, how old are you? I want you to go into my room and put gifts under my tree. For Christmas this year, I want a makeup kit, a pet that is a real dog, and a \$100 gift card to 5 Below.

**Love,
Grace**

Dear Santa,

My name is Carter. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. How old are your reindeer Santa? Some advice for you is to not eat a bunch of cookies. For Christmas this year, I want a remote control drone, Legos, and to have many more snow days.

**Love,
Carter**

Dear Santa,

My name is Trinity and I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. Santa, how do you make so many toys in one year? I think you should help the elves make the toys. For Christmas this year, I

want Pokemon cards, a phone, and Eevee Evolution.

**Love,
Trinity**

Dear Santa,

My name is Paxtyn. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. Santa, how old are you? I think you should know how to play Roblox. For Christmas this year, I want golden Pokemon cards, a Playstation 4, and new Legos.

**Love,
Paxtyn**

Dear Santa,

My name is Collin and I am 8 years old. I live on a county road in Linn, Missouri. Santa, will you give me good presents this year? You should be better at playing Fortnite. For Christmas this year, I want a skateboard, a PC, and the drink Prime.

**Love,
Collin**

Dear Santa,

My name is Zach and I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. Santa, how old are you? You should ride on Rudolf the reindeer and deliver your presents. For Christmas this year, I want a Hoverboard, a tiny Christmas tree, and a stuffed Pikachu.

**Love,
Zach**

Dear Santa,

My name is Jagger. I am 8 years old and live in Linn, Missouri. Santa, how did you become Santa? You should use a pooper scooper to clean up the

reindeer poop that is left behind. For Christmas this year, I want a two wheeler, scooter, and a Xbox.

**Love,
Jagger**

Dear Santa,

My name is Lyra. I am nine years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. How old are you Santa? I wake up very easily, you should be quieter and please don't make my dogs bark. For Christmas this year, I want a very big Squishmallow, a Scuffle Ruffle, and a Nintendo Switch game, preferably a Mine-craft game.

**Love,
Lyra**

Dear Santa,

My name is Hilly and I am 9 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. Sant, why can you not touch the elf? Can you? You should walk in through the door instead of going down the chimney to deliver presents. For Christmas this year, I want a Nintendo Switch, Roblox, and LOL Dolls.

**Love,
Hilly**

Dear Santa,

My name is Connor. I am 8 years old. I live in Linn, Missouri. Santa, how do your elves make so many toys? One piece of advice, you should take cover when flying so kids can't see you. For Christmas this year, I want a lot of Charizard Ex Pokemon cards, a P5 5, and a dirt bike.

**Love,
Connor**

LETTERS TO SANTA St. Mary School Frankenstein



Kindergarten/ First Grades

Dear Santa,

How are ol The Elves? I love Jingles. I whood like new Legos. I whood like a 4 Doover Black truck. I whood like a 5 whel cameper, chacpter books that I can read, New ePods, dert bik, and a box of stufanimals. I whood like what you and the Elves bring me.

**Love,
Landon T.**

Dear Santa,

How do the reindeers fle? I want a truck with a wagin to pod

u skidsteeer that is not rell. A dirt bike but is not rell. It would benice to get some of thes that will fit on my from rug.

**Love,
Grant T.**

Dear Santa,

How do the elves come down? I would like a dag, tha leash, a Barbie dollhouse, a christmas tree for the dollhouse, and Junie B. Jones books I would love ane of these toys

**Love,
Evelyn T.**

Dear Santa,

a dog with baby puppies. I would love any of these toys.

**Love,
Collette P.**

Dear Santa,

How are the eles doing? I would liek pac man Lego set, a elf ornament, and a mini chitistmas tlee. I wuld like any of these toys.

**Love,
Samuel P.**

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? I would like a RC car, a RC bout, Hot Wheels Unstoppable Toco Loco, Dragon Masters book, Dragon Girls books.

**Love,
Zach K.**

Second grade

Dear Santa,

How do you elves make toys?

How many reindeer do you have? For Christmas I would like a star wars shrit, pants, pillow, hats, shoes. Also would like a starwars head phons. Thank you Santa.

**Love,
Caleb T.**

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Clause? I hope you

are haveing a good Christmas. For Chrostmas I would like miny brands, a fairy that can fly, lego friends, a dog stufy that has babys, chelsy and a camper, and a pink rc car. I would love any of these toys.

**Love,
Emma K**

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MERRY
Christmas
&
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The joy of love, the joy of peace, the joy of health, the joy of prosperity. May they all come to you at this holiday time.

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LETTERS TO SANTA I. C. School Loose Creek



Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things wash the dishes, cen the tabl, and cen my rm. My Christmas wishes are a oa my and om nlt dm.

**Love,
Gus**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things pik up tos, ld the juc, and lst. My Christmas wishes are a bese cor and a donusr.

**Love,
Dylan**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things hep lod the juc, swep the flor, and cln my rm. My Christmas wishes are a big dior and a cor.

**Love,
Wyatt S.**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things set the tabl, se the for, and cen my tos. My Christmas wishes are remot cotl cor, a woch, and a babe dol.

**Love,
Peyton**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things shrd my toes, help my mom, and lod up the tak. My Christmas wishes are a red cap, an mot ktl tatr, and a dinasor.

**Love,
Elijah**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things play wif my sistr, pic up toys, and help swep. My Christmas wishes are a dinosaur, a woc, and a pin.

**Love,
Max**

**Love,
Wyatt H.**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things sit the tabl, hep clean-up skl, and hep klen up hom. My Christmas wishes are a noo bisikl, and a paprs.

**Love,
Ava**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things hep lod the hruc, hep swep, and hep pekopp. My Christmas wishes are a uocon and a raboln.

**Love,
Heidie**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things help pc up toes, help with my sidr, and help with the disis. My Christmas wishes are sum sezl rocs, a spr, and a neu prs.

**Love,
Clara**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things lod the juc, fod the loje, and cin my rm. My Christmas wishes are a mocjtrl trdr and a bic.

**Love,
William**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things help pot awa disis, help with lonjre, and help pot toeys away. My Christmas wishes are a pictr to tras, a dig cit, and a bc uv elafints.

**Love,
Cedar**

FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as help my mom, be kind to my dad, and help my brother. My Christmas wishes are a dirtbike, a coloring book, and a new bike. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Max**

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as taking out the trash, cleaning the house with mom, and unbuckling my sister. My Christmas wishes are a kit I can make bracelets with, legos, and a remote control lego robot. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Zeke**

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as helping people up, helping my dad get gas, and helping my mom get the milk out. My Christmas wishes are a race track with cars, a train and train tracks, and a car that goes backwards. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Cooper**

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as helping a person up, helping dump the trash, and helping blow leaves. My Christmas wishes are a new gas four wheeler, a new

drift cart, and a new fake dog. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Hank**

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as taking out the trash, doing the dishes, and setting the table. My Christmas wishes are school supplies, a four wheeler, and a sushi counter. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Katlyn**

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as washing the dishes, cleaning the floor, and taking the trash out. My Christmas wishes are a toy baby, a toy baby for a doll, and a Bitzee. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Vera**

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as getting my work done, taking the trash out, and playing with a

boy on the blocks. My Christmas wishes are a back scratcher, a puppy house, and a little horse that has a shell around it. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Moxley**

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as taking out the trash, doing the dishes, and cleaning the house. My Christmas wishes are bouncy balls, a bounce house, and a new trampoline. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Jack**

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year! I have done some nice things such as helping someone up when they fall, getting papers for my mom, and taking the trash out to the dumpster. My Christmas wishes are AirPods, a trampoline, and baseballs. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Colt**

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very

good this year! I have done some nice things such as helping feed my dogs, setting the table, and getting the mail. My Christmas wishes are a Big Bud tractor, a Nintendo Switch, and a farming simulator for the Switch. I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

**Love,
Preston**

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,
I hope you're doing well. I need new socks. I want an iphone. I want a basketball and a basketball bag. I want everyone to get whatever they need.

**Sincerely,
George**

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I will not open my presents first. I am going to pray first. When I pray, my heart feels warm inside. I would like some fun toys like.... some fun fidgets and some babies and barbie dolls.

**Sincerely,
Blake**

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I need a hand saw to cut trees. I want a prime costume and money for the poor. My neighbor needs firewood.

**Sincerely,
Tripp**

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I want some puppy books. I really, really want a puppy. I need some money to give to the poor. I want the stuff I got on my Nana's computer and the stuff I said.

**XOXO,
Kaelynn**

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is joy. My friend John wants a Rashee Rice jersey. How are you doing, Santa? Thank you for making Christmas fun and thank you Jesus for dying on the cross and giving your life for

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Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I want legos for Christmas, toys, and nerf guns.

**Love,
Gage**

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**Sincerely,
Liam**

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great time passing gifts to Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia. I want a lot of stuff. Thank you for getting it for me.

**Love,
John**

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing really well with your elves. I need some clothes for me. I want a lot of Poppits. I need some clothes for my friend named Blake. I read all f the Pete the Cat books. I like to wear fancy dresses.

**Love,
Savanna**

Dear Santa,
I'm glad you give me gifts. I want a hunting mask, a turkey holder, an Iphone 14, and a deer grunt. I hope you are doing well.

**Sincerely,
Bo**



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Preschool

Dear Santa

Thank you for all my fun presents last year! I loved them all. Would you please bring me some transformers, squishmarlows, a Mario cart car, and dinosaurs? I've been a very good boy this year. Have a great Christmas!

Love,
John Craig K.

Dear Santa,

I am thankful for Grandma, Maggie, Mommy and all my cousins. This year for Christmas I would like a guitar with strings, not buttons. A new art table with a lot of drawers. Transformers with a real flying airplane.

Thank you,
Lilly H.

Dear Santa,

I am thankful for t-ball, Santa, my teacher and my family. I am also thankful for Church. For Christmas, I would like a Hot Wheels race track, another Transformer (Bumblebee) for Henry and a dinosaur egg.

Love,
Marshall K.

Dear Santa,

I'm thankful for my whole family, for milk, my church, Thanksgiving and all my grandparents. For Christmas, I would like Megatron, and Optimus Prime Transformers and a motorcycle with a motorcycle dude.

Love,
Henry K.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all my presents last year! I think you are so kind. This year, may I please have a bouncy ball with a handle and a remote control dinosaur! I would also like a toy gun with a scope. Merry Christmas

Love,
Trevor S.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the tractor last year. I have been good this year. This year I would like a yellow race tractor, a baking set, and a green stunt car. Are your reindeer real?

Love,
Ander S.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the trucks you brought last year. This year I would like some new monster trucks, some tools to work on my truck and some Paw Patrol stuff.

Love,
Robbie J.

Dear Santa,

My name is Madison. I've been a good girl this year. I would like a puppy dog hospital toy, minnie mouse play kitchen and a real pink purse.

Love,
Madison L.

Dear Santa,

I am thankful for my friends sharing with me. Here are three things I would like for Christmas: A mermaid tail blanket, A pink tablet, A heart with a pearl in the middle

Love,
Briar P.

Dear Santa,

I was pretty good this year but I had my moments. I would say I'm on the nice list. Thank you for my Paw Patrol things last year. Can I please have transformers ignite battle set, new trampoline and Grave Digger Trax.

I will leave you milk and cookies. Thank you!

Love,
Easton B.

Dear Santa,

I am thankful for my niece. I

would like a bike, bird book, coloring books, crybaby and LOLs.

Love,
Ryder P.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys last year. Please bring me a gas powered dirt bike and a gas powered 4 wheeler.

Love,
Jack T.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the dinosaur that you got me last year. I am also thankful for Mom and Dad and my pets. This year I hope to get a race track and cars, a big giant spinosaurs, a big dilophosaurus dinosaur, a real vacuum for me to use and a pretty gem.

Love,
Carter B.

Dear Santa,

I was thankful for the Polly Pockets, magnet tiles and nerf gun you gave me last year. This year for Christmas I want some Barbies to play with a Peppa Pig Toy. I would also like a stroller to push my baby dolls.

Love,
Sadie K.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a trampoline, Barbie dolls, and a swimming pool.

Love,
Raelye P.

Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a dirt bike, monster trucks, Pedal bike, action figures and a football gear. Thank you for the gift you gave me last year!

Love,
Ayden B.

Dear Santa,

Last year I was thankful for my coloring set. I have been very good this year and helping mommy with my baby sister. I've been thinking you must be tired going through the whole entire earth in one night. This year I want a desk, a new art set, spa stuff, LOL dolls, and a ginormous unicorn stuffy. I love you Santa, and Mrs. Claus and eating snow. You are the best, Santa.

Love,
Raelynn C.

Dear Santa,

Thank you so much for gifts last year. This year I would like Pokemon, Monster Trucks, and more Pokemon. I would like a Pokemon Squishmall, Pokemon Legos and Pokemon Nintendo Switch.

Sincerely,
Albert D.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Big Truck Dups you got me last year! I play with them all the time. This year I am asking for a remote control backhoe. I think I have been a good boy this year.

Love,
River H.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Unicorn Stuffy. Thanks so much for the gifts you gave me last year!

Love,
Kendall H.

Dear Santa,

Thank you so much for my dirt bike last year. This year I would like tires for my drifting truck and maybe a remote control mud truck. Also, I would like new shoes-football Nike ones.

Sincerely,
Duke K.

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike for Christ-

mas this year. Thanks so much for the gifts you gave me last year!

Love,
Emmett L.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my cheetah last year but this year I've been especially good. I would like Legos, a telescope, and a basketball hoop you can attach to the wall. And if it is not too much trouble I would like for it to snow on Christmas.

Love,
Connor L.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my baby doll last year. This year I would like a Barbie doll, a mermaid and a princess. I would also like some stuffed animals. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Stephanie O.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing us a pet reindeer this year. We love her. Thank you for our Elf, Queen Lucy.

For Christmas this year, I would like a lot of makeup, a LOL Surprise Magic Flyer, Little Live Pets My Puppy's Home and Play Doh.

Love,
Allie P.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the candy last year. This year I would really like alien goggles, cheetor transformers, and police motorcycle legos. I have milk for you. What cookies would you like?

Love,
Rosston S.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my Barbies last year. This year I would like an American Girl doll and jewelry. I would also like Barbie accessories, clothes and shoes.

Sincerely,
Paisley S.

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? Hope the reindeer are doing good! I've been pretty good this year. I would, really, really like an LOL surprise doll, a Barbie, a pretend oven and fridge and some play cups and plates. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Please give

the reindeer hugs for me. Fly safe!

Thank you,
Emilyn T.

Dear Santa,

Hi thanks for all the wonderful presents last year. Hope you are doing well! This Christmas I would like a remote control car and a playhouse. Merry Christmas to you!

Lachlan W.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my Indoraptor last year. I would like a robot dinosaur this year.

Love,
Joshua W.

First Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How big is your workshop? Thank you for the bike you gave me last year. I want a go kart for Christmas this year. I will leave you some cookies by the Christmas tree.

Your friend,
J'N.

Dear Santa,

How is your week going? For Christmas this year I would like a lava lamp and an elf on the shelf. I'm thankful for the dog you gave me last Christmas. Her name is Sophie. I will leave you some cookies, milk and carrots.

Love,
Caden S.

Dear Santa,

How is my elf Ellie doing? I miss her and I miss you, too! How good are your reindeer? Do they cause trouble? For Christmas this year I want two puppies. I also want a baby kitten. I will leave you some cookies!

Your friend,
Alivia K.

Dear Santa,

How big is your workshop? I would like a playdough ice cream truck for Christmas this year. I will leave you some milk and cookies in case you are hungry. Also, there is a food plot that your reindeer can eat from if they are hungry.

Your friend,
Gibson H.

Dear Santa,

Are you doing good? Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. How cold is the temperature at the North Pole? Is it really cold? I would like a game phone to play kid games for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk on my kitchen table.

Love,
Gentry D.

Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly? How is your week going? Thanks for the gifts you gave me last year. This year I want a toy dragon for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Brooks J.

Dear Santa,

I hope my elf has been good for you, Santa. Please tell my elf that I love her. I want a puppy for Christmas this year, but the best gift is my family! I will leave you some cookies, milk, and carrots.

Love,
Penelope S.

Dear Santa,

I hope you make all of your toys? When do your elves sleep? Where is the North Pole? For Christmas this year I would like a science makeup kit and an iPhone 14. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Layla May S.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Do your reindeer really fly? Thank you for last year's gifts. This year I would like a princess ride-on toy and a real live momma cat. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Eloise J.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you had a great year! How is my elf Sneaky, doing? For Christmas this year I would like a Barbie head that I can use for styling hair. I would also like a chapter book to read. I will leave you some cookies, milk, and carrots.

Love,
Kate B.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I want a Lego set to build dragons and people. I also want a Nintendo. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will also leave some carrots for the reindeer.

Your friend,
Finn K.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Thank you for the deer rifle you gave me last year. This year I would like a PS5 and a new laptop.

Your friend,
Calvin O.

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas. When is your birthday? I would like a Lego Swamp Monster and a Nintendo for Christmas this year. I will leave you a gingerbread man to eat.

Your friend,
Judson W.

Dear Santa,

How are you, Santa? How is my elf, Norman, doing? I would like a big, brown Teddy Bear and a new Lego set for Christmas this year, please! I will leave you some cookies out for you. They will be on the table.

Love,
Austin C.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Is your Christmas Season doing good? How do you make all of those toys? Thank you for the gifts last year. I would like a big Nerf gun and a Nintendo Switch. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the coffee table.

Your friend,
Owen V.

Dear Santa,

How are you? Thank you for the presents. Has there ever been a snowstorm at your house? For Christmas, I would like an Orbie gun and a big Lego ship. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Vasen B.

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LETTERS

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LETTERS TO SANTA

St. Joseph School
Westphalia



Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my remote control monster truck. I love playing with it in the snow. Can I please, please get a mini electric dirtbike I can ride this year? I would also like another mini remote control Grave Digger monster truck, a big 4-wheeler, an X-box, another dog so Jakey can have a friend, and a new water bottle. I love monster trucks so I would like lots of those

too, and finally cows in a barn. I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer. You're the best, Santa.

**Have a great trip.
Bentley**

P.S. I really really want a electric dirtbike.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my journal and Barbie house and Barbies I got last year. My make-up set I got last year got ruined so can I get a new make-up set, more dress-

up clothes and a little car that matches Bristols? I would like the doors to open. I will leave you cookies and milk on the shelf with pictures and reindeer food for the reindeer.

**Your friend,
Scarlett**

Dear Santa,

I love my truck that has ice cream stuff in it-thank you! My moms says I have too many toys so can I have play-doh and slime this year? I would like sparkly pink play-

doh. I will leave reindeer treats for the reindeer and Santa face cookies for you and Mrs. Claus on the table. Thank you for my toys!

**Love,
Your friend, Everly**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all of my tiny Disney princess dolls - it was really amazing! I was so surprised! This year could I get the Barbie Mermaid doll that has a baby in her belly? It comes with a dad.

I will leave you cookies and they will be right inside my kitchen. The reindeer will have carrots too outside. I love you!

**Your friend,
Sophia**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my Barbie airplane I got last year. I love that it can fly by itself! I would love a mermaid snow sled this year. Can you bring 2 though, one for my sister? In front of my t.v. you can find milk, cookies, and carrots, we leave them there every year. Can I also get 2 stuffy mermaid pillows? Thank you, Santa!

**Your friend,
Brie**

Dear Santa,

My T-Rex I got last year was my favorite toy, thank you! Can I get a velociraptor that opens its

mouth, paper, markers in a pack, popcorn and eggs that have dinosaurs in them that you have to use a hammer to dig out this year? My mom might make gingerbread cookies for you. Thanks, Santa!

**Your friend,
Jace**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my kayaks last year, they are so much fun to use at the river! This year I would like a medium gorilla stuffy. I've never had one of those. I will leave milk and cookies in the living room for you to eat.

**Your friend,
Liam**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my bouncy mat I got last year. My dad put it downstairs for a little bit. I would love a

new purple hoverboard this year. Can I also get another stuffy like my unicorn, it can be any kind. I will leave cookies and milk for you and maybe I can make reindeer food for the reindeer. I almost forgot I would also like LOL Surprise doll, it comes with accessories.

**Thank you,
Indie**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the dinosaurs I got last year. I love them, even though they are really old! This year I want more Mario Hot Wheels, Anchisaurus dinosaur because I lost my other one, and a ps5. Look out for the carrots in the yard for your reindeer. Hopefully the dogs don't eat them!

**Your friend,
Clay**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my vanity that I got last year. I still use it to put on my makeup! This year I really want a unicorn squishmallow, a lego Barbie house, and a unicorn headband. I will leave you some snowman cookies and milk by the front door.

**Your friend,
Luci**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my Gabby Dollhouse I got last year. I like to play with it! This year I want a rockstar barbie, a big box of slime with sprinkles and beads, and a stuffed animal that holds lollipops. Thank you for sending Chippy the Elf. I hope he doesn't

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Dear Santa,

How are the elves? How is the work in your workshop going? I would like a Nintendo for Christmas this year. Thank you for all the presents you have given me.

**Love,
J N.**

Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? How many elves do you have?

Thank you for the army set last year. This year I would like an army Lego set and a PS5. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

**Your friend,
Gus K.**

Dear Santa,

Are you Okay? I miss my elf. She was the best gift you ever surprised me with. What is the weather like at the North Pole? Thank you for all of the presents last year. I would like a puppy and some storage drawers this year. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,

Layla L.

Dear Santa,

How big is your workshop? This year I would like a toy skid steer and a toy haybine. Thank you for all my Christmas gifts. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

**Your friend,
Tritan J.**

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the bike you brought me last year. I really like riding it! I would like a Hoverboard this year so I don't have to walk anymore, the Statue of Liberty Lego set, and a Home Alone Lego set.

Jasper A.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Hot Wheel Ultimate Garage you brought me last year. It is really big and lots of fun! This year I would like a monster

truck ramp, a sniper nerf gun, and a soccer goal.

Oliver A.

Dear Santa,

This year I would like a basketball hoop, a dirt bike so I can ride with friends, and Pokemon cards. Thank you for the tractor Lego set you brought me last year. I am working on the third bag. There will be cookies and milk waiting for you under the tree.

Oliver B.

Dear Santa,

Thanks for the trampoline last year. It's great for doing backflips! This year I would really like a Hoverboard and an X-box. I hope you find the milk and cookies under the tree.

Eden B.

Dear Santa,

This year I would like Slime. My favorite color is teal so teal Slime would be good. Thank you for the clothes you brought me last year. There will be reindeer food in the

yard for the reindeer.

Nora B.

Dear Santa,

I really like the hamster thing you brought me last year. This year I would like a Cookiez so I can make stuffed animals. I would also like some Slime and Squishmallows. There will be cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer in the living room.

Anslee D.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Spirit horses you brought me last year! But, this year I would like a real horse! I wish you a Merry Christmas. I might see you on Christmas Eve.

Harlie D.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the bike you brought me last year. It's been a lot of fun to ride. This year I would like a big Squish pillow—maybe the Charizard one. My sister will leave food for the reindeer in the front yard.

Colton F.

Dear Santa,

I really like the basketball hoop you brought me last year. The only thing I would really like this year is Legos; any kind is fine. There will be cookies in the kitchen for you. Please take some carrots for the reindeer when you leave.

Jackson J.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing me all the things I asked for last year. This year I would like a pineapple Squishmallow and an I-pad. Please stop in the kitchen for cookies.

Elyse K.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the coloring books and markers last year, but they were not on my Christmas list. This year I would like a Pokemon binder, some Hey Dudes shoes, and a robe.

Aaron L.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the nail polish you brought me last year. My favorite color was the green nail polish that glows in the dark. This year I would like an Elsa doll because I really like to watch Frozen. But, a new bike would be nice too. I hope you find the candy canes.

Korah L.

Dear Santa,

Thanks for everything you brought me last year. This year I would like a radio because I like to listen to music and dance. Make sure you get a candy cane before you leave (if there are any left on the tree).

Olivia L.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Nerf gun you brought me last year. Even though I lost the clips, I still play with it. This year I would like an Orbeeze gun, a dirt bike, and a VR headset. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jude M.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the speaker you brought me last year. I like to listen to music. This year I would like a scooter and the World's Bounciest Ball.

Mason M.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Magic Mixie and boots you brought me last year. This year I would like a puppy American Doll set, clothes for my American Doll, and a big Magic Mixie Pixlings.

Aubrie P.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Barbie dolls and the farm set you brought me last year. This year I would like a pineapple and an avocado Squishmallow. There will be cookies on the kitchen table.

Maebrie P.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the go-kart you

gave me last year. This year would you please bring me a hatchet and some Nintendo Switch games. There will be snacks and drinks in the kitchen for you and the reindeer.

Cooper R.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the pineapple Squishmallow you brought me last year. It was really big! This year I would like a laminator so I can play school. My sister and I will leave cookies and milk for you in the kitchen and carrots on the porch for the reindeer.

Violet S.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the telescope you brought me last year. It's really neat! This year I would like some new socks, a hat, a new pair of shoes, and a canoe with a paddle. I hope you have a nice year.

Esty W.

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fish in my toilet again! I will put cookies and carrots on the rocking chairs for you and your reindeer.

**Your Friend,
Cora**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my snowplow that I got last year for Christmas. I really like it! This year I really want a log truck, a racetrack, and race cars. Tell your reindeer that I will leave food in the yard for them. Remember, I live in a new house without a chimney. Just use the side garage door!

**Your Friend,
Jude**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing magnates last year for Christmas. I still play with them when I can get them to stick together! This year I want a rainbow desk, iPhone, and an RC rainbow car. Don't try to come down the chimney. Instead, we will leave the front door unlocked for you. Your cookies and milk will be on the couch.

**Your Friend,
Brooklyn**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents I got last year! For Christmas this year I want an ATV, a new Nerf gun, and another gel blaster so my sister can have my old one! I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

**Your friend,
Emmett**

First grade

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I wonder what you are doing at the North pole. I will like a Gold rainbow corn a gooly box, a bitzee and a light-up chair, a science kit, a vanitey and a camera, grow real crystal and gumballs, a lot of stuffed animals lights. I hope you have a nice time at the North pole.

Madelyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for all my gifts from last year. I am so excited for Christmas this year! I would like a computer, a gymnastics bar and a telescope. I love Christmas!

Nora

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts. How do you get down chimnies so fast? I really liked my presents that you gave to me. This year I would like a Spidey Lego set, The Big Book of Birds, Batman and Superman Lego set, Hulk Lego set, and Bat Cave Legos with Batman. Thank you have a safe trip.

**Love,
Henry P.**

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for giving a puppe uncoun to me last year. I am iksidid for oppning prese. Do you stil halve rotoff? this yer

I am asking for ajndstic bar, a water bottle, and a barbe docder, a scoter, alaurn klok.

**Love,
Hadley**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of my presents you gave me last year. I am ready for Christmas. I would like a new bike and a dirt bike for Christmas. And a helmet to go with it.

Cash

Dear Santa,
How are you and Hermie doing? I have been good this year. I will like a switch, new shoes and a dirt bike. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Arus

Dear Santa,
I want a new chainsaw and a new weed eater and large bail wrapper.

Joseph

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for Christmas! This year I would like to have dog house you can build, a magic set, and a science kit. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Henry K.

Dear Santa,
Can I plesa have a hoverboard. And a 29 inch basball bat. A noow basball glog.

Liston

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my gifts last year. I am so excited for Christmas this year. For Christmas I would like a microphone, Legos, and new clothes.

Raylynn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Barbie camper last year. I want a bunny family. And I want some LOLs. I want a LOL home. I want some big LOLs. I want a plushie fish. I want scooter. Merry Christmas!

Sadie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bring me a camper glamer last year. This year I would like like LOL doll and some dog treats for Daisy and a desk and a diary and a kick stand and an outside zipline and some legos. I hope my elf visits my house soon.

**From,
Allie**

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and if I could get anything for Christmas it would be

- Pinky fluffy mermaid chair
- Barbie pillows
- Fluffy pink rug
- Black high heels boots
- a hanging swing for my stuffed animals.

Thanks Santa,
**Love,
Penelope**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the skidsteer last year. This year I would like a fourwheeler and a basketball hoop.

Beckett W.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my bike last Christmas. Can I have an Ipad and a Barbie mermaid for Christmas this year? I would also like a word search book. I will leave you cookies and milk. I will give Rudolph and the other reindeer carrot sticks. Stay warm in the North Pole!

Beckett B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts from last yer. I am sooper icssidid for gifts that you gav me. This yer can I ples hov diprs for my baby sistr are bruther, a drum set, and a fone, and a bin bag chaer. I love you Santa. You be good.

**Love,
Gracie S.**

Dear Santa,
I am vary exsided for Crhismis becuse we are going sleding. I want a moveabol mermad doll and two twine ranbow high dolls. Thancke you for all the toys that you gave us. We will put the randear food and we will put out the cookies and milk.

Jordyn S.

Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I am excited for Christmas. I would like a nintendo switch, gas dirtbike, air max shoes. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Dawson

Dear Santa,
I tried to be good this year. Thank you for the presents last

year. This year I want a Barbie car, new bike and baby doll. I also want an American doll.

Kenzie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Barbie doll and farm set last year. I am really excited for Christmas. This year I want a baby doll and a new Little People set. I also want an OMG doll.

Addilynn

Second grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for presents from last year. They were the best presents ever! I had! Can I pleas have LOLs and some Barbie dolls? I hope you have safe travels on Christmas night. I wish you a merry Christmas!

**Love,
Charlotte B.**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year and not cole. I loved the presents. They were so cool. I really loved the Xbox that you gave me. Can you get me a T.V.? Can I have a game too? I hope you don't get frostbite.

**Love,
Samuel B.**

Dear Santa,
Can you help anyone that needs prayers? I hope you stay safe. We love you Santa. Thank you for the gifts last year. May I get a red panda blanket and can it have a picther of a red panda on it? Can I get enithing that has a red panda on it please? Can I have a soccer ball and a soccer set and a red panda bouns house? I hope you stay safe and you dont get caught by anyone!

Love,

T. J.

Dear Santa,
I hope you have safe travels and none of you get sick. I will give you a prize. I would like craft stuff. I love the stuff you gave me last year.

**Love,
Sophia**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you got me last year. How are the elvs doing? I've been trying to be good. I would like an American girl doll with pink and purple hair and a tie-dye dress with it and don't forget the sandels with it too. I wuold like a suqshimelo. I will give you milk, cookies and carrots.

**Love,
Vayda**

Dear Santa,
I loved all the presents you gave me on all the Christmases I've been thru. Can I please have the comfiest fluffy pgama set you have, and a christmas shirt (a funny one) for christmas party? I hope you have a good christmas more out of all the ones you v have. How are you and the reindeer, and Mrs. Clus? I am fine.

**Love,
Maddison D.**

Dear Santa,
I like when you bring a elf to our house on my birthday every year. May I please have a nintendo switch and a beanbag this year? Can I please have a go cart this year? I hope that you will give me new clothes this year. I will leave chocolate chip cookies out this year. Your reindeer will get carrots this year. I hope that you can come to our house this year. Have a safe travel Santa.

**Love,
Raylon**

Dear Santa,
Hi! It's me Navy. How is Mrs. Clause, the reindeer, the elves, doing? Freddy my elf is doing fine. He came Sunday and I put a note that said "sit here Freddy if you can?" and he sat there with lots of presents! My number one thing from you is a hover-board with the seat and plays music and lights up and 30-100,000 squshmellows. I will share the hoverboard with Norah and Nick. Oh! Can me, Norah, and Nick each get one. I talked to them about it they said yes! Bye, Santa. Anyway have a good christmas. Oh and can you write back and maybe your number to call or if you can't can you send a picture. Love you Santa. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

**Love,
Navy**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year. I really liked them! I really liked my hoverboard and the doll house! I hope you liked the cookies. How are your reindeer doing? Please can I have a fluffy stuffy a jump rope, magic mixy, miny brands, hunting clothes, hunting shoes, a flamingo stuf animal, slime, toy kitchen set? thank you. Merry Christmas!

**Love,
Lucy**

Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeer and elf's are feeling well. Please can I have a Dr. Sqjsh maker, a fox squish-mallow, peachy babies, slime, and clothes? Santa I want you to help my Aunt Julie because she is pregnat. I hope you don't get in a crash.

**Love,
Jessa**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. I love them. Can you please get me chocolate coins, Alexa, Balance beam, Little House on the Prairie books, Real Littles Plushies Pet Backpack, Nintendo switch and a Hoverboard? I will leave Rudolph some carrots.

**Love,
Arianna P.**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me presents last year. Thank you, thank you, thank you. This year can I have five LOLs, LOL food, a little LOL recess, a real horse and a stable for it? Can I please have my own soccer ball and my own basket ball? I will leave cookies for you and carrots for your reindeer.

**Love,
Emersyn S.**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. Can you please give me an Ipad, Gel Blaster, hunting gloves or giant gummy bear pokenon squshmellow and a dirt bike? Ps bring me a pic or a letter. Happy new years Santa!!

**Love,
William S.**

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer going? I hope they are doing good! I will leave them some carrots. Can I please have a hoverboard, a scech

pad, and some more paper that has my name on it? I hope you have a safe drive home!

**Love,
Brooklyn**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents I got last year and we loved the dog treats. I hope your reindeer are not sick on Christmas Eve! Can I please have more LOL dolls and big ones to, a desk, an outside zipline, a chorme book for kids (two please), more cars for my Barbies, lots of dog treats for my dog, a fluffy playhouse, a Taylor Swift shirt with all the albums on it, a flip chart, shtrings that hang down your door (two please) and a huge water slide that you can climb up or an outside treehouse? Hope you don't lose your presents! And I hope I don't forget milk and cookies!

**Love,
Katie V.**

Dear Santa,
I hope you staysafe. Can I have Nerf guns? I hope you have geat Christmas.

Sincerely, Nate

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Can I have a par of binocular and figerbor bords and figerbord shoes? We will leve out cookies and milk and carits on the canr.

**Love,
Gus**

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HERE ARE more Christmas event photos from Westphalia and Meta. Both events drew support from area communities and included a tree-lighting ceremony, carolers, and a sweater contest, the latter two at Meta. Santa made an appearance as well.

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Mrs. Jurd and Mrs. Holtschneider's Kindergarten classes wrapped up The Gingerbread Man unit by making gingerbread cakes. They teamed up with Ms. Miller in the high school who baked the cakes for them. When they went to get them, they were gone and sent on a chase to hunt down the gingerbread man just like the book. Luckily they found him!



News From Linn R-2 School

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PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY SHANNON WOLFE

Linn High School Wildcats for the month of November were Izabella Backes, Karley Frank, Braydin Kammerich and Ramsie Tschappler. Izabella is the daughter of Jason and Erin Backes. She is a ninth grader who is a member of 4-H and FFA, and enjoys camping, hunting and fishing. Karley is the daughter of Tom and Jennifer Frank. She is a 10th grader who is a member of the volleyball team, 4-H, and FFA, and enjoys demolition derbies and farming. Braydin is the son of Jason and Nicci Kammerich. He is an 11th grader who enjoys church, sports and is a member of school publications. Ramsie is the daughter of Terry and Jill Tschappler. She is a 12th grader who is a member of National Honor Society, FCCLA, FFA, as well as competes on the cross country and track teams.



Logan Huckabee, Neveah Miller and Isaiah Franken were named the Linn Middle School November Wildcats of the Month. Logan is the son of Debbie Decker. He is a sixth grader who enjoys playing games. Neveah is the daughter of Jake and Amber Miller. She is a seventh grader who enjoys listening to music, taking walks and playing basketball. Isaiah is the son of Josh and Erin Franken. He is an eighth grader who participates in gymnastics and cross country.

Births 12/25



Jesus of Nazareth

Joseph and the Virgin Mary of Nazareth wish to announce the birth of Jesus, born Christmas Day (December 25) in a manger in the stable city of Bethlehem, Judea.

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Luke 2:11

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Santa receives a warm welcome, PTO auction a success

The Pirate Pride Band and a nice crowd were on hand to welcome Santa last Saturday morning at the annual community tree lighting. Following the tree lighting, the children in the crowd enjoyed a breakfast and pictures with the big guy at Roomerz.

The Osage R-1 PTO also concluded its silent auction following the breakfast. The winning bidders of the 40 different items up for auction were: Jolie Brand, Marcie Duncan, Erin Gerloff, Katie Kuschel, Kayla Minor, Mary Minor, C.J. Nolte, Kristy Nolte, Debra Reed, Daniel Schulte, Marsha Slack, Melissa Strope, Donna Weiser and Joyce Wiegand.

Thank you to the auction donors, which included: Attorney Amanda Grellner, Bug's Ink, Carved in Stone, Caspers 66, Dave's Pizza & Wings, Heritage Community Bank, Jefferson City Winsupply, Jerry's Stop & Go, Lana Hackmann, Legend's Bank, Lowe's, Mid-America Bank, Mil-

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The auction raised \$1,067 to help purchase new playground equipment and scholarships for Osage R-1 seniors. Way to go, PTO!

"Here we come a-caroling"

Our annual Youth Fellowship caroling hit the streets last Sunday afternoon. Bundled up on the back of the wagon, a hearty group of students and parents alike brought "love and joy" to our community as they sang the Christmas caroling favorites. Thank you for continuing this holiday tradition and helping us remember the reason for the season!

Christmas Eve services scheduled

Here is the list of services for Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, in our area:

- Assumption Catholic Church - Morrison - 8 p.m.
- Most Pure Heart of Mary - Chamois - 5 p.m.
- Chamois United Methodist Church - 6 p.m.
- St. James United Church of Christ - Morrison - 6 p.m.
- St. John's United Church of Christ - Chamois - 6 p.m.
- St. Peter's Fredericksburg United Church of Christ - 11 p.m.

"Pirate Post" out today

Today is the final "Pirate Post" of this year. This issue features area religious leaders sharing their favorite Christmas memories. Senior Devin Slusser is profiled, and the December community services efforts of the Chamois High School FBLA and FFA chapters are also featured. Check out the issue online at the school's website or pick up a hard copy at Heritage Bank.

A few of "My Favorite Things"

As I mentioned last week, I am way into Christmas. I love all the decorating, the singing and of course, the Christmas movies. As I'm writing this column, I'm watching "The Sound of Music," which is one of, if not, THE best. I'm not sure how this became a Christmas movie, so to speak, kind of like "Die Hard" - but you just can't beat Julie Andrews teaching the children to sing "My Favorite Things" and Captain Von Trapp and the children singing "Edelweiss." I asked my high-schoolers last week if they had ever watched the movie. Sadly, they had not! I told them their assignment over the break was to watch the movie.

When I was in high school, we had the honor of singing for the real Maria Von Trapp. I attended Jefferson City High School, and our legendary choir director was Carl Burkel. He invited Maria to visit our school, and we prepared for weeks for her visit. Mr. Burkel had us learn a special song called "Maria's Lullaby," which she sang to her own children. Maria came to visit all the way from

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A look back at last week's weather in Osage County

The following temperatures and precipitation were recorded by Tom Kixmueller, National Weather Service observer at Freedom:

Date	High	Low	Precipitation
Dec. 11	53	31	
Dec. 12	50	33	
Dec. 13	55	27	
Dec. 14	60	42	
Dec. 15	63	44	
Dec. 16	56	37	
Dec. 17	50	32	

National Weather Service Weekend Forecast for OSAGE COUNTY

Wednesday Night-Mostly cloudy, low around 42. South wind around 10 mph.
Thursday-A 30% chance of rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, high near 55.
Thursday Night-Rain. Low around 47. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
Friday-A 50% chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, high near 55.
Friday Night-A 30% chance of rain, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, low around 47.
Saturday-Mostly cloudy, high near 57.
Saturday Night-A 40% chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, low around 47.
Sunday-A 50% chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, high near 57.
Sunday Night-Rain likely. Mostly cloudy, low around 49. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
Christmas Day-A 50% chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, high near 57.



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Wedding



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Holly Renee Knaebel and Brent Robert Thomas, both of Jefferson City, exchanged vows June 10, 2023, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Taos. Father Kelechi Uzegbu performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Frances Knaebel of Jefferson City. The groom is the son of Kenny and Sheila Thomas of Jefferson City.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The honor attendant was Shelly Knaebel, Jefferson City, sister of the bride. The attendants were Melissa Gibson, Linn, cousin of the bride; Valerie Prater, Linn, friend of the bride; Nikki Kresl, New Bloomfield, cousin of the bride; Megan Thomas, Jefferson City, sister of the groom; and Lauren Kolb, Jefferson City, sister of the groom.

The best man was Derek Shikles, Jefferson City, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Josh Thomas, Eugene, cousin of the groom; Brandon Otto, Kansas City, friend of the groom; Andrew Pointer, Jefferson City, friend of the groom; Mike Singer, Jefferson City, friend of the groom; and Chad Kempker, Jefferson City,

friend of the groom.

The flower girl was Kymber Mason, daughter of Dakota and Jessica Mason, Jefferson City, godchild of the groom.

The ring bearer was Isaac Brockman, son of Tyler and Katie Brockman, Jefferson City, cousin of the groom.

The candle lighters were Megan Thoenen, Linn, and Katie Keilholz, Chamois, cousins of the bride.

The ushers were Anthony Keilholz, Chamois, cousin of the bride, and Zach Wolken, Russellville, cousin of the groom.

The organist was Marilyn Keilholz, Linn, friend of the couple. The vocalist were Sarah and Samantha Brandt, both of Linn.

The Mass servers were Caleb Keilholz, Chamois and Lauren Jacquin, Linn, cousins of the bride.

The lectors were Kathy Haselhorst, Jefferson City, aunt of the bride, and Jessica Mason, Jefferson City, cousin of the groom.

Offertory was presented by Donna Thoenen, Linn, godmother of the bride; Lenny Keilholz, Chamois, godfather of the bride and Donnie Wolken, Jefferson City, godfather of the groom.

A dinner and dance reception followed the ceremony at the Wardsville Lions Hall, Wardsville.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents and held June 9 at the Wardsville Lions Hall.

The bride is a 2012 graduate of Blair Oaks High School, Wardsville, and a 2014 graduate of Linn State Technical College, Linn, with a business degree. She is employed with the Missouri Department of Revenue.

The groom is a 2008 graduate of Blair Oaks High School, Wardsville, and a graduate of Nevada Welding School with a welding degree. He is employed with Harold G Butzer, Inc.

After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple resides in Taos.

Osage County Library hosts Christmas activities



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The Osage County Library has been very busy this month. Some of the activities/events hosted by the library were kids making ornaments, adults making ornaments and families creating gingerbread houses.



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Fatima R-3 School
Westphalia



Kindergarten Vanderfeltz

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my gifts last year. This Christmas I am hoping for a volleyball net. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...wash dishes for mom.

**Love,
Brodie**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for getting me gifts. This Christmas I am hoping for Christmas presents. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...be nice to family.

**Love,
Nolan O.**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for your kindness. This Christmas I am hoping for a remote airplane. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...donate my used toys I don't need.

**Love,
Ryker**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for house toys. This Christmas I am hoping for a light saber and drone. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help clean.

**Love,
Theo**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for sending our elf and presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a unicorn and mermaid. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...clean the house for my mom and dad.

**Love,
Harper**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving joy to the kids that love you. This Christmas I am hoping for a real kitty. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I plan to donate some toys that I no longer play with.

**Love,
Judy M.**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my friends and family also my Elf on the Shelf. This Christmas I am hoping for a Barbie camper and remote control car. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...take food to food pantry and get a gift for adopt-a-kid.

**Love,
Ellie M.**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my family and my trip to Great Wolf Lodge. This Christmas I am hoping for a snow globe. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...helping my mom and dad with Noah.

**Love,
Olivia F.**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for being nice. This Christmas I am hoping for a T-rex and to show my family what you look like. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...stop the bullies and give my friends hugs.

**Love,
Alexander**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me happiness. This Christmas I am hoping for lots of gifts. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...cheer them up for Christmas.

**Love,
Emmery**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my elf pet charm. This Christmas I am hoping for Paw Patrol toys. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I plan to donate to the red kettle salvation army.

**Love,
Maddox**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Lego set I got last year. This Christmas I am hoping for Pokemon cards and a new bike. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help my dad pick up sticks.

**Love,
Konnor**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for everything you do each year. This Christmas I am hoping for some new games and Legos. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...ask a friend to play and do what they choose.

**Love,
Dawson**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my magnetic blocks and my minnie mouse last year. This Christmas I am hoping for a toy astronaut rocket set. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...helping people clean their messes.

**Love,
Audrey**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Barbie camper last year. This Christmas I am hoping for a Barbie dreamhouse with Barbies inside it. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I plan to help mom and dad with dishes.

**Love,
Chevelle**

Juergensmeyer

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Christmas presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a Lamborghini and a firetruck. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...not make a mess and clean up.

**Love,
Jeffrey**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my American Girl dolls. This Christmas I am hoping for a squishmallow, a Barbie car and a doll with Minnie clothes. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...giving food to those in need.

**Love,
Marcy**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts. This Christmas I am hoping for a minigram advent calinder. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...giving toys to them.

**Love,
Nolan**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for stopping at my house on the front porch! This Christmas I am hoping for an army guy airplane. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help friends if they get hurt.

**Love,
Knux**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my ladybug toys. Thank you for giving me a house for my ladybug people. This Christmas I am hoping for a diamond art kit and a board I can draw on in my room. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...I will show my love for others by being nice and helping them.

**Love,
Blakelyn**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my mom and dad. Also for my food. This Christmas I am hoping for a toy dinosaur, a new tractor toy, and a new lego set.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help them if they get hurt. And do what my teacher asks me to do.

**Love,
Remington**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for working hard every year. Thank you for the puzzles. This Christmas I am hoping for minecraft and cups.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...make colin a necklace.

**Love,
Lincoln**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all my presents this year. This Christmas I am hoping for a smile dentist kit.

I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...the dishes for my mommy.

**Love,
Remy Steiner**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year.

This Christmas I am hoping for cat toy, cash register, unicorn squishy. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...play with Harrison.

**Love,
Hunter**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. This Christmas I am hoping for a remote control excavator. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help my brother feed cows and chickens.

**Love,
Colin**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of the presents you've given me. This Christmas I am hoping for a fluffy unicorn with wings. 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 my mom make the bed.

**Love,
Genevieve**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my family. This Christmas I am hoping for SNOW, giant pink eraser. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following

for someone else...buy a toy for my brother Evrick and a toy for my sister Emma.

**Love,
Eve**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my family and my teacher. This Christmas I am hoping for a new toy gun, toy semi and livestock trailer and trackhoe. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...help my mom with chores without back talking.

**Love,
Wyatt**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for family. This Christmas I am hoping for a real dumptruck and forklift. I know it is better to give than to receive, so this month I plan to do the following for someone else...plan to give one of my old toys to someone in need.

**Love,
Mason**

First Grade Schenewerk

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Can you make a cookie that looks like Roodolf. This year I want L.O.L.s, a toy Santa, a kitty, a soccer ball, slime bowl and a puppy. Thank you for the joy you bring me!

**Love,
Miette**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How is Rudolph? This year I want cowboy boots, lego sets, and a remote control car. Thank you for the gifts!

**Love,
Mavrik**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! This year I want a puppy, a Nintendo, a computer, two eonchrellrs, a cat and selda breth of the wild. Thank you for lisunig to my list.

**Love,
Raelee**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have bin wondering how you are. I am helping a lot this year. This year I want a Calis plushie, toothbrush, a top, Iron Man costyoom and TV. Thank you for Christmas presents last year!

**Love,
Connor**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How is the North Pole? This year I want a P95, tablit, phone, watch, laptop and a TV. Thank you for being so nice!

**Love,
Kohda**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Do you like the cookies I leave out for you? This year I want a watch, shoes, and a nintendo. Thank you for coming?

**Love,
Blakeley**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are you? I am very excited for Christmas! This year I want a coofee cup, braselet, phone, coffemaker, and a cammra. Thank you for a dog last year.

**Love,
Lara**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I will leave you milk and cookies. This year I want Lego sets, video games, Oculus, and putty. Thank you for the presents last year!

**Love,
Lincoln**

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! Do you like cuckes? This year I want pokemon, RC trucks, Megladon, and a big ball. Thank you for being nise to all of us!

**Love,
Callam**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I'm exdidt to open my presints. This year I want a Barbie camper, cat, Play doh, and fuzzy socks. Thank you for being nice to me!

**Love,
Addi**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I am vary exsiddt for Cristmas. This year I want an aircraft carrier XQ, Mission cruiser, Bouncehouse, and Mercedes Benz. Thank you for giving gifts!

**Love,
Elliot**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I will be a gaood kid and I hope Hunter will to. This year I want swishmel-los, necklis, camra, Scrunchlys, nails and lol dolls. Thank you for being nice!

**Love,
Millie**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! We have cookes for you. This year I want a Gabby Dollhose, chipmunks, coffee, Gabby cats, and a necklis. Thank you for giving prezints to me and my bruthr!

Love,

Chloe

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Do you like my cookes? How is Rudolph today? This year I want pokemon cards, Lego sets, and a family party. Thank you for the presents last year!

**Love,
Kash**

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are your reindeer? This year I want remote control car, toy barn, tractors, scooter, bike and stuffed bear. Thank you for my presents!

**Love,
Tucker**

Second Grade Varnadore

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I ben trin to be good! Can you get me a Meta Quest and farm toys, Thank you for the presen last year.

**Love,
Cole**

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the elfs doing? I have ben good! I want for Christmas a bike, rubble and crew, a puzzle, a stuf anml wolf, colorsing book, and a dess. Pleas bring Ewan a tratr. Thank you for my toys.

**Love,
Ennette**

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are some of your elfs sick? I am

keeping all of miye butns for Christmas. I want a newwoch, and a new teydey ber. Ples bring Cole a tent. Thank you for the prezints.

**Have a good day!
Christian**

Dear Santa,
Is it snowing? I have ben good! I would like a baseball bat, kinetic sand, puppy, rider critter, and drum. Ples get my brothr a Paw Patrol toy. Thank you and I love you.

**Love,
Raven**

Dear Father Cristmas,
Is it snowing? I have ben good! I want a Mario land, skates, go to see Sally, and pet turtls. Santa can you bring my mom chickns. Thank you for the presents from last year.

**Have a safe trip,
William**

Dear Santa,
Are you on vacoshin? I have ben good. I want Best Lad and a grilla transforming masck, and a wish, and my family and close and ornamint. You are the best.

**Love,
Barrett**

Dear Santa,
How are the randeer and your self? I have ben trying to be good. I would like Brbe dolls, baby dolls, slime pit, and a stocking fall of candy. Thank you for the presents last year.

**Love,
Lena**

Dear Santa,
Are you coming to my haws this yer agin? I have ben good. I would like a piano, Blee, Minnie brand, go cart and a ball pit. Plese bring Ava a Pillow and make it a elfint. Thank you for the prezints.

**Love,
Paisley**

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have ben good thes yer. For Christmas I would like wild krats stuf, drivins lisens, chran, tablets checer. Please bring

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Wishing each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cindy Hoffman
Osage County Recorder of Deeds

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my dad a new tran. I love you!

**Love,
Hank**

Dear Santa,

How are you and the elfs? I have ben good. I would for Christmas a Gabbys Dollhouse, a crafting set, stuff animls, colred pensils, a slime set and a tablet. Please bring Bennett a farm set. Thank you for the presents from last year.

**Sinserly,
Vivian**

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have bin good and bad. I want a lego set, a lego srter, infinate cude, pumpkin squishmelo, a rodot, dog, and a new tadlet and headphon. Thank you for the robot snake.

**Love,
Cullen**

Dear Santa,

HowifRodolfandMissClos?I have bin good this yer! I want a ballpit, kinetic sanld, a babelive doll, a nalslonb, vet Barbe and Hem ionedoll. Thank you for my gifts last yer. I like the ornament. Ples get Hunter an Elsa coloring bok.

**Love,
Hanley**

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa how do you ride your sla? I hav bin good! Can you bring me a 4-wheeler, a trctor, platr, and Steve and Creeper from Minecraft. Plez get Fletcher a X-box. Thank you for the remote cuntrl car.

**Love,
Henry**

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doin? I hav ben nis. Can you get me a RC car, playdough, slime, art stuff and lizarb. Ples get Henry a RC plane. Thank you for the presints las yer.

**Best wishes,
Fletcher**

Dear Santa Claus,

How are the elfs? I have bin good this yer! I would like for Christmis a camra, reclinr, vanite, roordlas, hula hoop, and a jump rope. Pleze braing my bruther a Paw Patrol hovrbord. You are speshil to me Santa! Thank you for the presis last yer!

**Love,
Bryleigh**

Second Grade Struemp

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? How are the other reindeer? I wunt Legos because I have a rdot becaus I will play with it. I want a train set because I like them. Thank you thank you thank you thank you. Be safe don't do what Buddy Elf did.

**Love,
Boyd B.**

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mis Claus? Are the elves and the reindeer redy? Is Rudolph? I would like a bunch of desk separators decause my desk is so mesy. Can I please have art stuf decuase I like to color. Can I pretty please have a tie-dye becuase I like to tie dye.

Than you for the jell pens and paper.

**Love,
Natalie**

Court Records

JUDGE SONYA BRANDT

Trey J. Luebbert, Linn, pleaded guilty to excessive tints; fined \$50.50.

Joshua D. Meservey, Chula, pleaded guilty to minor visibly intoxicated/blood alcohol content more than .02%; suspended imposition of sentence, with two years unsupervised probation; community service (20 hours).

Dylan E. Moad, Linn, pleaded guilty to excessive tints; fined \$50.50.

John D. Renkemeyer, Linn, pleaded guilty to operating motor vehicle in a careless and imprudent manner; fined \$80.50.

Preston W. Shepherd, Blackwater, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

CITY OF LINN V. Jacob A. Woodward, Vandalia, pleaded guilty to defective equipment; fined \$150.

CITY OF OWENSVILLE

Matthew M. Cain, Owensville, pleaded guilty to illegal parking-residential street/alley; fined \$50.50.

Alison L. Conard, Leslie, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Melissa S. Johnson, Owensville, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Melissa S. Johnson, Owensville, pleaded guilty to expired plates; fined \$50.50.

Jeffrey S. Levin, Owensville, pleaded guilty to operating vehicle on highway without valid or no license; fined \$150.50.

Casey J. McLaughlin, Owensville, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

James B. Novak, Owensville, pleaded guilty to failure to provide proof of insurance; fined \$75.

James B. Novak, Owensville, pleaded guilty to failure to register a motor vehicle; fined \$50.50.

Jeremy A. Robertson, Owensville, pleaded guilty to peace disturbance; fined \$135.50.

Jennifer R. Stallings,

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa? How is the toymaking going? How are the reindeer? And the elves?

I would like a rumote cantrol car so I can drive it down the hill. I would like Legos so I can build them. I love all the gifts you gave me last year. Merry Christmas!

**Love,
James B.**

Dear Santa,

How is your day going? How are your sled? How are your elfs? Are you ready for Christmas? I would like a drone with wheelles because it can go on land and fly. I want a hoverbord because I can go so fast. Can I have a big nerf gun because I can shoot things. Thank you for the presents last Cristmas. Will you bring my presents this Cristmas? I hope you have a safe trip.

**Your jolly friend,
Max**

Dear Santa Claus,

How are the elves Mrs. Claus and reindeer doing? How is the North pole and how are you boing Santa? Is rudolph a real reindeer?

I would like a sophia set because I love the show. Thake you Santa. Can I have a snow globe because they are fun to watch. Can I have a monster High Doll because I love to play with it. Can I have a Rainbow High Doll because the show is awesome. Tank you for the gifts from last year. I hope you have a awesome Christmas.

**Your jolly good friend,
Chloe F.**

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the elves doing?

I would like a mermaid corn egg because I like the accessories. And I would like a camera because I like taking pictures. Could I have a vanity because I like doing mackup. Thank you so much for the trampoline so so much for it. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

**Love,
Dylan**

Dear Santa,

How are you Mrs. Claus? How are your raindeer?

I would like a book because I like book. I would like a teacher because I like my teacher. I like a baby because I like babies. Thank you for my gifts from last year. I love you.

**Love,
Aubree**

Dear St. Nicholas,

How is Elfie? And you?

I would like a Harry Potter wand because I like the movie. Next, I would like arts and crafts because they are fun. Then, I want an iphone because I want to play games. Last, I want an owl Axela so I can listen to music. And the rest I will leave to you! Thank you for the magic mixey and for everything else I can not remember at the moment. Happy holidays and goodbye!

**Your jolly good friend,
Izabelle**

Dear Jolly old

St. Nicholas,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How is Dave the elf? How cold is it in the summer?

I really would like a white Rainbow High Doll to color and create because I like to do crafts. Could I please have a gymnastics bar because I love to do tricks. Please could I have MyPuppy's Home because I like taking care of things.

Thank you Santa for bringing me a Mike Wazowski Squishmallow last year. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Emma

Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the North pole? I hope the elves are doing good.

I want a Lego garbage truck because I love to build Legos. I want a new bike because I want to ride a bike through my yard. I want a train set because I love trains. Thank you for the gifts from last year. I love the gifts you brought. I love them. I hope you have a great Christmas.

**Love,
Nolan**

Dear Santa,

How was your sumr? How are your ranbeer. Mrs. Claus and Santa I hope you will feel good for Christmas to give girls and boys presents.

I want an air soft gun so I can play with my frends. I would like a pit bike because thay sond fun.

Thank you for giving me a BB gun last year. After Christmas I hope you have a relly good rest of the year.

**Love,
Leo R.**

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you, Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer (including rudolph)? I hope you guys are doing great!

I want a Spider-Man secret war suit because I like to pretend I am Spider-Man. Can I also want carving wood tools so I can make my own treehouse and other stuff. I want Captin Underpants the first epic game (for my nentendo) because I lik the books and Dog Man Unleashed. And last a mario game of your choice. Thank you for the luigi's mansion 3, the alexa and all the other stuff from last year. happy holidays, meary Christmas, and a happy New Year!

**Your jolly good friend,
Finnegan**

Dear Santa,

How are the elves boing? How are the reinbeer boing?

I would lik a book because my mom what's me to read. I would airsoft gun because airsoft guns sound fun. I would like a dirt bike because they look fun.

Thank you for giving mean R/C that brifts. Thank you for the rest of the toys. Happy Holiday!

**Love,
Michael**

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? How is Buddy the elf? I want a teen tians go to the movies Dud because I can't watch it on prime vieod. I want a paw patrol my size lookout because I like the show and I want it at my Dads house. I would like sonic the hedgehog because I a huge fan of sonic.

Thank you for the gifts from last year. I hope you have a safe trip.

**Love,
Emmett**

Second Grade Rehagen

Dear Santa,

Are the reindeer ready to pull your sleigh? Is Mrs. Claus going to ride in the sleigh with you this year?

I would like a black iphone to play games on. I need 22 shells for coon hunting. I want a toy semi and trailer to haul my tractors. Please give my dad a new John Deere tractor because his other one does not start very good. Thanks for the bubble bath you got me last year. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrats fr the reindeer on the counter.

**Love,
T.J.**

Dear St. Nick,

Hello Santa! How are you doing this year? Hwo is Frosty, my elf, doing at the North Pole?

I would like a purple LOL Flyers doll because it is really cool. I want a drawing kit so I can be creative. I would really like a science kit to be smart. Thank you for my Magic Mixies. I liked it. I use it alot. I will leave milk and cookies.

**Sincerely,
Evie**

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa! How are your reindeer doing? How are you doing? How are your elves making toys? Is Mrs. Claus doing anything?

I would like a blue phone to play Roblox with my sistes so I don't feel left out. I also need a shelf to put my clothes on or a chest of drawers. I would like pink Ear Pods so I am not too loud for my mom.

Thank you for giving me the dinosaur set and the kinetic sand last Christmas. I will leave cookies and carrots for you and the reindeer on the counter.

**Love,
Norah**

Dear Santa Claus,

Hello Santa! Are you happy for cookies and milk? How are your elves doing? How are the reindeer?

I want a Hatchimal because I don't have one. I want a new sled because I broke my old one. I would like a computer so I can play Friv Poki. Thank you Santa for my desk. I use it a lot. I love my LOL that you gave me last year. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

**Love,
Mia**

Dear St. Nick,

Hello St. Nick. How many cookies do you want? What kind of cookies are your favorite?

I want a small green drone because my old one broke. I want all the pieces to tetherball. It is one of my favorite games. I want a hoverboard because I really like them.

I use my tablet a lot that you gave me last Christmas. Thank you so much. I will leave you cookies and milk.

**Love,
Calvin**

Dear St. Nick,

Hello St. Nick! What type of cookies do you like? I will give reindeer carrots. I would like an Xbox. I would like a tablet case because it has holes in it. I would like a drone because I never had one before.

Thank you for the gifts last Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies on the fireplace.

**Love,
Ronen**

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa! How are your elves this year? Are your reindeer doing good? Are they ready for Chrismas?

I want a blue iPad because I broke other one. I would like a big RC car because mine broke. Can you give my family a puppy because we only have one dog?

Thank you for that big RC car. I love it so much! It is super fun to play with. I will leave cookies and celery for you reindeer. It is going to be on the tv stand.

**Love,
Emmett**

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, are you okay? Are your elves ready to hide? How many cookies do you want? Am I on the good list? Are you ready to go? I want a new basketball because

mine deflates fast. I want a tablet because I do not have one. Can I please have some birds because I do not have any? I will take good care of them. Thank you for all the presents that you gave me. I will leave out cookies in the living room.

**Sincerely,
Austin**

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa! How are you doing? What are your favorite cookies? How are you doing? Are the elves doing fine.

Santa, I want a gold bell from your sleigh. I also want a medium telescope to look at the stars. Can I have a big nerf mini gun to shoot at targets? Thank you for the clothes. I like them a lot. I will leave out cookies and milk.

Also, I will leave out carrots on the table.

**Love,
Leo**

Dear St. Nick,

Hello Santa! Are you ready for cookies and milk? Are the reindeer ready for LOTS of carrots?

Can you ask the reindeer if they're ready to fly all around the world? I would like a black phone with a phone case with griffins, dragons and wolves on it. I need a phone so I don't bother my mom for hers. I would like a drone that goes high up in the sky. I would also like a black dragon fur suit, size 7-8 Y.

Thank you for the squishmallow fox. I love him! I even named him after you! His name is Nick! I'll leave cookies, milk and veggies for the reindeer on the kitchen table. Don't mind my dog, she'll bark but she won't hurt you!

**Love,
Ruby**

Dear Ho Ho,

Hello Santa! I will leave you cookies. How many cookies do you want?

For Christmas I would like a black water jug because I like to drink cold water. I would really like a stuffed statue of my dog Nelson because he ... well you know. I want new Nike Jordans. Thank you for the gifts that you got me last year. I will leave cookies and milk next to the Christmas tree.

**Sincerely,
Lenni**

Dear Ho Ho Claus,

Hi Santa! How is Rudolph doing? How are the elves? What is your favorite type of cookie? How is your sleigh? I would like a drone fly around. I would like some new shoes to run with. I want the iPhone 12 to play games on. I would like a PS5 to play video games.

Thank you for the tablet you got me when I was little. I will leave out cookies and milk.

**Love,
Jackson**

Dear Santa Claus,

Hello Santa! How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer? Are the reindeer healthy? How is my elf?

I need a blue smart phone so I can call my dad. I want a big green drone so I fly it around. I need some Junie B. Jones books, so I can read them.

Thank you for my drawing set. I really like it. I will leave out cookies and carrots and milk.

**Love,
Eli**

Dear Santa,

Hello! How are you doing? Toy horse with a saddle and food. I would like "slime" a book, and a pen.

Thank you for the bike last year.

**Your friend,
Maddison**

County Arrest Report

The following were arrested, taken into custody or released in Osage County between **Monday, Dec. 11, and Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023:**

Jason Lawson, 48, Owensville, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 12, by another county on allegations of assault, domestic assault and resisting/interfering with arrest; in custody.

Jessica Jane Weidler, 46, Linn, was arrested Tuesday, Dec. 12, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of possession of controlled substance and speeding 11-15 over; released next day.

Dakota Graza, 18, Jonesburg, was taken into custody Tuesday, Dec. 12, by Osage County Sheriff for a 12 hour PC hold; released same day.

Ralph Earl Ashner, 36, Rosebud, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 13, by another county on a warrant issued by another agency; released same day.

Ryan Michael Johnson, 39, Bland, was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 13, by another county on allegations of possession of controlled substance; released Dec. 15.

Kenneth Wayne Golden, 32, Linn, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 14, by Linn Police

Department on a warrant issued by another agency; released next day.

Tonya Marie Gerlt, 38, Hermann, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 14, by another county on multiple warrants issued by another agency (s); in custody.

Serena N. Laqua, 29, Owensville, was arrested Friday, Dec. 15, by another county on allegations of possession of controlled substance and endangering the welfare of a child; in custody.

Shane Aaron Naber, 32, Troy, was arrested Friday, Dec. 15, by Osage County Sheriff on an Osage County warrant; in custody.

Trevor Kenneth Moon, 28, Rolla, was arrested Friday, Dec. 15, by Linn Police Department on allegations of burglary; released Dec. 18.

Jeremiah Hotujac, 38, Jefferson City, was taken in to custody Friday, Dec. 15, by another county on hold for another agency; in custody.

Joseph Paul Henderson, 19, Bonnots Mill, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 17, by Osage County Sheriff on allegations of property damage; released next day.

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Megan Elizabeth Thoenen - (Business) Bachelor of Science degree

Osage County Emergency Operations Center

Summary of calls for November, 2023

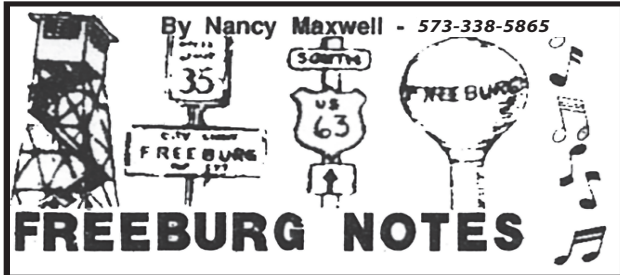
911 Accidental	24
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911 Open Line	14
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Breathing Problems	16
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Falls	16
Follow Up	40
Informational Call	43
Investigation-Law	15
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Pager Test	28
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Prisoner Transport	13
Return Call	26
Sick Person	31
Stranded Motorist	13
Suspicious Person/ Veh/ Object	17
Test Call	13
Traffic Stop	207
Transfer - Medical	129
Vandalism/Property Damage	12
Vehicle/ATV Accident-Non Injury	18
Vehicle/ATV Accident-Unk Injuries	15
Others	288
TOTAL:	1,390

IF YOU FIND MISTAKES

in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose.

We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!





Good morning. Goodness it's hard to image that Christmas is only a few days away and then 2023 will be over within in a short 10 days! Where did the year go?

Speaking of Christmas do you know why we decorate trees? Evergreen trees have been a traditional symbol of winter festivals for thousands of years, well before Christianity. Plants and trees that remained green all year had a special significance for people who lived in cold winter climates. Some ancient people believed that evergreens kept witches, ghosts, evil spirits and illness away.

Romans decorated evergreen trees with trinkets and topped them with an image of their Sun god at the festivals of Saturnalia, and Christians started using evergreen as a symbol about 400 years ago in Germany as a sign of everlasting life with God.

Tuesday afternoon Paul A. Hasenbeck American Legion Auxiliary members, Ruth Hasenbeck, Irma Richter, Debbie Martin, Lorraine Stuecken, Nancy Nilges, Virginia Bax, Mary Lou Reichel and Mildred Dudenhoefler and American Legion members, Larry Hasenbeck, Donnie Schmitz, Sheila Martin, Gerhard Bax treated the veterans at the StoneBridge Nursing Home in Westphalia to cookies and soda and Christmas gifts for each veteran.

Thursday evening the Holy Family Knights seventh grade boys basketball team defeated Trinity Lutheran Tigers 41-9. Charlie Berhorst scored eight points, William Borgmeyer scored four points, Kaden Haller scored four points, Billie Haines scored eight points, Reese Nivens scored two points and Toby Libbert scored 15 points. The team will be off until the first of January.

Our sincere sympathy to Francis and Charlene Strobe on the death of his sister, Bridget Parkhurst, age 75 of Linn who died Thursday, Dec. 14 at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinic in Columbia.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held (today) Wednesday, Dec. 20, at St. George Catholic Church in Linn. Interment followed in the parish cemetery.

Cody and Nicole Krieg returned home Saturday following a fun relaxing week in sunny Cancun, Mexico.

Saturday afternoon family and friends gathered at the American Legion hall in town to help little Theo Haslag celebrate his first birthday with a party hosted by his parents, Cody and Taylor Haslag.

Happy birthday also to Christina Herzing who celebrated her 45th birthday Dec. 14; to Cindy Stuecken who celebrated her 66th birthday Dec. 14; to Darlene Bland who celebrated her 83rd birthday Dec. 14; to Drew Neuner who celebrated his 10th birthday Dec. 15; to Lance and Logan Hoffman who celebrated their 18th birthdays Dec. 16; to Norman Mengwasser who celebrated his 52nd birthday Dec. 16; to Ashley Stuecken who celebrated her 36th birthday Dec. 16; to Terry Bax who celebrated his 56th birthday Dec. 16; to Sheri Stratman who celebrated her 71st birthday Dec. 17; to Harold Stratman, Jr. who celebrated his 46th birthday Dec. 17; to Jenny Luebberth who celebrated her 48th birthday Dec. 17; to Alex Krieg who celebrated his 25th birthday Dec. 17; to Kayden Struempfh who celebrated his 19th birthday Dec. 18; to Lucille Welschmeyer who celebrated her 80th birthday Dec. 18; to Rhonda Pope who celebrated her 56th birthday Dec. 18; to Ashley Mebruer who celebrated her 35th birthday Dec. 19; to Christina Luna who celebrated her 71st birthday Dec. 19; to Maddie Mebruer who celebrated her 23rd birthday Dec. 19; to Noland Stuecken who celebrated his 46th birthday Dec. 19; to Cal Allen who celebrated his first birthday Dec. 19; and to Dale Borgmeyer who celebrated his 51st birthday Dec. 20.

Congratulations to the Fatima Comets basketball team who captured first place in the 62nd annual Linn High school Holiday Basketball Tournament. Their next games will be Thursday, Dec. 21 when they host the California Pintos at 5 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 27 to Friday, Dec. 29 they will play in the Great Eight Classic Tournament in Jefferson City. Good luck, guys.

Taylor and Tori Allen hosted a party Saturday in honor of little Cal's first birthday. Helping Cal celebrate were his siblings, Bo, Baker, Jones and Duke, Butch and Christie Gehlert and Tucker Gehlert.

Gerhard and Virginia Bax attended the Christmas program Thursday

afternoon at the Visitation Catholic School in Vienna. They looked on with pride as their granddaughter, Bonnie Feeler, was part of the children's program.

The Holy Family Lady Knights seventh/eighth grade girls basketball team defeated the Immaculate Conception Lady Angels (Jefferson City) Thursday evening 28-25. They will be off during the Christmas holidays.

Wayne and Paula Helle of Linn visited Sunday with their daughter, Kaitlin and Dale Struempfh and sons, Barrett, Fletcher and Wilder.

Ron and Paralee Kloepfel were among the large number of folks who attended Lincoln University's Law Enforcement Training Academy graduation Friday evening in Jefferson City. They looked on with pride as their grandson, Trevor Bailey, son of Kirk and Sheila (Kloepfel) Bailey of Jefferson City, was among the graduates. Trevor was also awarded the physical fitness award.

If you are interesting in what is going on around town you are encouraged to apply for the town board election which will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Candidates can have their name placed on the ballot by filing with the City Clerk, Nicki Bax. Filing is open till Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 5 p.m.

Two trustee positions will be voted on. A candidate must be at least 21 years of age, lived in the city limits of Freeburg for at least the past 12 months and must be a registered voter of Osage County.

Gary and Pam Storey enjoyed dinner Sunday with Leah Storey-Stilly and other family members at the Concert Hall and Bassell Tavern in Hermann.

Fatima High School, Holy Family School and Sacred Heart School will dismiss early Wednesday, Dec. 20 to start their Christmas break. Fatima will dismiss at 11:22 a.m.; Holy Family and Sacred Heart will dismiss at 11:35 a.m. Classes will resume Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Friday evening Gerhard and Virginia Bax, and family, Nancy Nilges and family and Mary Lou Reichel and family enjoyed an early Christmas party at the home of Todd and Rachel Feeler in Vienna.

Joey and Hanna Nilges

and daughter, Scottie, visited Sunday with Scott and Janice Plasmeyer.

Brenda Becker, Bev Struempfh, Shelbi and Morgan Becker and Amanda Wolfe of Linn traveled to Arrow Rock Friday where they enjoyed dinner at Jazz and then saw "A Christmas Carol" at the Lyceum Theatre.

Betty Kating enjoyed dinner Sunday at the home of Doug and Sandy Kremer in Loose Creek.

The Fatima Lady Comets basketball team will play in the Great Eight Classic at Capital City High School in Jefferson City Wednesday, Dec. 27 to Friday, Dec. 29; Tuesday, Jan. 2 they will play at California High School at 5 p.m. Good luck, ladies.

Happy anniversary to Jeff and Aubrey Winkelman who celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary Dec. 15; to Matthew and Erica Renes who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary Dec. 18; and to Junior and Linda Hoffman who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 18.

Saturday evening Gerhard and Virginia Bax attended the dance recital in Vienna. Their granddaughters, Bonnie and Brooxie Feeler were among the young children to perform.

Congratulations to Tessa Nicole Christine Brune, daughter of Christian and MacKenzie (Kramer) Brune, who received the sacrament of Baptism



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY NANCY MAXWELL

Braving the cold to place wreaths on the graves of the veterans buried at Holy Family Cemetery are American Legion members left to right, front row: Nancy Maxwell, Donnie Schmitz, Paul Backues, Dan Falter and Larry Hasenbeck. Back row: Norbert Falter, Gerhard Bax, Dan Sandbothe and Steven Maxwell.

Sunday morning at Sacred Heart Church.

The Mass schedule for Christmas weekend is as follows: Fr. Bill will have Mass Saturday, Dec. 23 at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart and at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family - there will be no morning Mass Dec. 24 (which is the fourth Sunday of Advent). Christmas Eve Masses are 4 p.m. at Holy Family Church; 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church and midnight at Holy Family. Christmas day Mass will be at 7:45 a.m. at Sacred Heart and 9:30 a.m. at Holy Family. Hope you can make it to one of these Masses and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Sacred Heart's St. Ann Sodality is collecting donations during the month of December for the Good

Shepherd Food Pantry and the Rape and Abuse Crisis Service (RACS) in Jefferson City. The Jesse Tree will be in the back of Sacred Heart Church - take as many ornaments as you want - please place your donation in a plastic bag, attached with the ornament and place in the back of church.

Sunday afternoon family and friends gathered at the Holy Family School cafeteria to wish Darlene Falter a very happy 80th birthday! Darlene even received a surprise visit from the Grinch!!

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting a blood drive in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria Tuesday, Jan. 2 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. To schedule an appointment go to www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter SacredHeart-

RichFountain or call 800-733-2767.

The Fatima Comets wrestling teams will host the Fatima Quad with St. James High School, California High School and Tipton High School Wednesday, Jan. 3. Good luck.

Enjoying cookie and candy making Sunday at the home of Gerhard and Virginia Bax were Cindy and Bryan Luebbering, Owen and Angela Luebbering and son, Duke all of Taos; Todd and Rachel Feeler and daughters, Bonnie and Brooxie, Brenda Feeler and Brooke Dixon and daughters, Kenzie and Brenley, all of Vienna.

The Holy Family Lady Knights fifth/sixth grade girls basketball team lost Saturday to OLLIS Tigers (Red). They will be off till

after the holidays.

Saturday evening Steven and I enjoyed supper at the home of our son, Levi Maxwell and fiancée, Erica, in Jefferson City with her mother, Elizabeth Mixwell and brother, Steven Mixwell and daughter, Julia and grandson, Danny, all from Decatur, Ill. Later we were joined by Sheila Bailey of Jefferson City, Faith McKim and Colton Bridges both of Linn for a 90 minute trolley ride through west Jefferson City and Binder Lake looking at all the Christmas lights! Some folks really went all out - they were beautiful. It was a very fun evening.

Hope you all have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas with family and friends.

Happy Holidays

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Wishing you a white Christmas! (And when you run out of white, just open a bottle of red).

Thank You!

Thanks to all who attended my birthday party. Thanks for the gifts and all the good wishes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Darlene Falter

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Stowe, Vt., where her family owned a ski lodge. I remember that when we sang the special song for her, she teared up.

Then my senior year, our musical was "The Sound of Music," so I got to play one of the nuns. I can still sing that song, "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria"! In 1994, Steve and I went to Europe, and we stopped briefly in Salzburg, which is very beautiful, and the home of Mozart. Our plane had been delayed leaving the United States, so we had to trim some things on our itinerary to make our hotel bookings. Unfortunately, we did not take the "Sound of Music" tour, in Salzburg, so going back and doing the tour continues to be an item on my bucket list. Vienna also has an amazing Christmas Concert each year, so hopefully, there will be another European adventure in my future someday, also with a stop at a Christkindel market in the motherland!

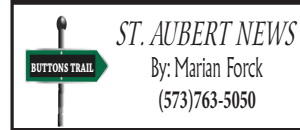
I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas filled with the love of family and friends. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Let me hear from you! Please share your news with me at carolcmnews@gmail.com or text/call me at 314-452-4140.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BECCA MEHMERT

Oliver Carter may be two steps taller than good friend Emma Mehmert, but the two are on the same page when it comes to enjoying some hot chocolate at the Chamois community tree lighting.



Monday we stayed home all day until it was time to go down to the Chamois Lions hall to fix the food for the Lions meeting/Christmas party. Bernie saw a big eagle on our field before we left. Bernie stayed with my neighbor.

Tuesday dialysis day I had to go to the doctor and then went to Gerbes. I picked up Bernie and we came home for lunch. We both took naps. Around 4 p.m., we went to get the mail and took a drive on Highway 100 through Frankenstein and ended up on the gravel county road 435 and came back to Highway 100. We watched tv and he went to bed early.

Wednesday he slept in and I got up early. Around 10:30 our good friend Richard came over. He stayed with Bernie and I went to the Old School and went to Jeff. City. Bernie and Richard went for a drive and came home for lunch. We watched tv because Wednesdays are our good tv night. He went to bed around 9 p.m.

Thursday dialysis day I had surgery on my right leg. I had to take something back to Home Goods and went over to my friend Sue's house and waited until time to pick up Bernie. We came home for lunch and we both took naps. We watched a lot of tv and went to pick up the mail. Friday I went to get my

hair fixed and she gave Bernie a haircut and trimmed his beard. We came home. We are hosting a small Christmas get-together with our good friends Jerry and Shirley Toebben, Janet and Ed Prenger and Kathy Lubbert, all from Taos.

We all played cards except for Bernie, he watched the History channel. We all had a wonderful time. After everyone left, Bernie went to bed and I stayed up for a while.

Saturday dialysis day, I dropped him off and headed to Walmart to get a frame for something I ordered for sweet Caroline. I went over to my friend's house Sue and stayed there until time to pick up Bernie. Bernie's brother met me over there and had some items to give me. I was glad he was there because when Bernie came out of the clinic he fell and Larry helped me to get him up. We came home for lunch and he laid down. I wrapped some gifts. We ate supper and he went to bed early. I stayed up and worked on a few Christmas cards.

Sunday he slept in and later we attended Mass at Wardsville and went to the family get-together. Family gatherings are always a good time to see everyone and we have so many great-nieces and nephews. Bernie wanted to go home to take a nap before supper. We watched a little tv and he went to bed.

Schollmeyer news
From Fred
Grandson Archer
Schollmeyer spent Mon-

day and Tuesday with his grandparents Fred and Diane.

Wednesday evening Fred and Diane watched their grandson Hank play his final basketball game of the season at Linn State.

Thursday evening they picked up Diane's sister Karen Dudenhoeffer in Jefferson City. They then traveled to Columbia to watch the play "A Christmas Carol: The Musical" for a second time. The play was performed at Stephens College and featured their grandson Oliver Bax playing the role of Ebenezer Scrooge as a child.

Saturday morning the Schollmeyer's were again on the road to Jefferson City. This time they watched their grandchildren Jack and Carly participate in an archery competition at Thomas Jefferson Middle school.

Sunday afternoon Jon, Kristina, Archer and Colten visited.

From Dave
Tuesday Tom Brandt from Linn came to the shop for a visit.

Friday Mike Sellers from West Plains came and brought some parts for Dave.

Jim and Dave have been doing a lot of work this week.

From Crystal

Monday (12/11), Carly and I helped the Lady's of Mary serve dinner at the Lion's Club meeting. I brought canned green beans and Carly made an apple crisp. Tuesday was

archery practice at school. Wednesday was Hank's last basketball game at State Tech for rec ball. He had a lot of fun. Thursday Carly and Jack had practice at Backyard Archers with their recurve bows. Friday Jack and Carly completed at St. Andrew's in Tipton along with teammate Olivia Hord for their first NASP tournament of the season. Jack placed first overall boy shooting a 292. Carly struggled with dropping her bow arm. They competed the next morning too at Thomas Jefferson with a few other teammates. Jack was overall high scoring boy shooting a 291. We all then went to Hermann to celebrate Christmas at my parent's house, Dennis and Mary Horstmann. It may have been a rainy day, but we enjoyed family time together. Sunday Nick and Jack spent time in the garage working on cars. Hank was under the weather so he took it easy. That evening, Carly went to the Ugly Sweater Party at Roomerz.

Recipe of the week
Grandma's Molasses Cookies
3/4 c. shortening
1 1/2 c. sugar, divided
1 egg
4 tbsp. molasses
2 c. all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. ginger

Blend shortening, one cup sugar, egg and molasses together until fluffy, set aside. Combine flour,

baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and ginger together, gradually mix into molasses mixture. Cover and chill dough for 30 minutes. Shape dough into walnut-size balls; roll in remaining sugar. Place on ungreased baking sheets about 2 inches apart; bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Cool on baking sheet one minute; remove to cooling rack. Makes about four dozen.

Well Christmas is fast approaching and are you

ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus? Take time to reflect on the true meaning of the holiday.

Please continue to pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces. Pray for all those that are sick. Pray for all those on prayer lines and the ones that we hold in the silence of our hearts.

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