



#### **Will Fehlinger** COPY EDITOR

The Metamora Community Health Center, a primary county project through the state's Hoosier **Enduring Legacy Program** (HELP), received a favorable recommendation by the Franklin County Area Plan Commission and approval by the board of zoning appeals on Dec. 13.

John Palmer, HELP community coordinator, was on hand to answer any further questions the board had following a previous Technical Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the site plan and make needed revisions.

The hearing was for the building (now countyowned) at 19162 US 52, Metamora to be zoned Class 3, conditional use –a change from a local business classification.

Some questions were what health activities will take place there, which hospital system will provide primary care physicians

Daryl Kramer moved to send a favorable recommendation to BZA, seconded by Denny Moeller. The motion passed.

BZA member Thomas Wodtke asked whether there would be overnight stays by patients. Palmer said no. The appeals board granted conditional use.

There was discussion on possibly changing the zoning code regarding violations. APC President Robert Braun had met with executive director Kaitlin Sterwerf and attorney Geoffrey Wesling, who is set to take over for the departing Tammy Davis.

Wesling explained the idea was to shorten the overall timeframe between the board acknowledging a code violation and the ability to file a lawsuit. Currently, there's a 30-day wait after a letter is mailed to the homeowner before the next step in the process. It was suggested to reduce that language to 10 days in the zoning code and advertise a public hearing ahead of the Jan. 10 meeting.

# Wreath-laying, in honor and remembrance



In honor of National Wreaths Across America Day, the Franklin County community turned out in a big way to remember the fallen, honor those who have served and are serving, and teach the younger generation about the cost of freedom.

**Cheyenne Lance STAFF WRITER** 

Wreaths Across America

tion to honor our servicemen, those who are currently serving, those who have fallen, and those who never came home. Here in is a nation wide organiza- Franklin County, Wreaths ies, flags are placed next to (See "WREATHS" pg. 10)

Across America gave another set of moving presentations in three locations to honor our servicemen.

Throughout the cemeter-

the gravestones of servicemen. There are also boxes of wreaths in each section. Volunteers, family members, and sponsors take care

**Cassie Garrett** 

2023 FCHS Grad is mentoring students at IU said she didn't give it a second thought after that.

and what days or hours would the center be open.

Palmer said a patient could set appointments with a PCP and get advice for treatment, though there would be no treatment or drugs on site. The building has space for three offices. Some community meetings could take place, but this is primarily to get healthcare to the western part of the county and fill a long-time need.

The county has talked to Margaret Mary and Rush Memorial so far, with no agreement yet in place. A fully equipped mobile free clinic may be used in the interim until the building is equipped.

Hours are not set but Palmer said it's likely to be open two or three days a week at convenient times. He added there should be adequate existing parking, with the county set to add four handicap spots.

Kramer made the motion and Rob Seig seconded. It carried.

Updates were given on code violations carried over from the November meeting.

Sterwerf visited Scott Sizemore's property at 15009 Maple Street, Brookville and notified the owner he complied. However, she saw no progress at the parcels on US 52 West (12047-55) owned by Sizemore. The complaints were originally filed in March, leaving the board to think there's been enough time to show progress. The board had previously voted to file suit, so the case was turned over to Wesling.

The son of Wanda Reese (10150 Yellow Bank Road, Laurel) told Sterwerf he would remove an idle vehicle to stay in compliance.

Kelly King, owner of 17020 McGuire Ridge Road, (See "CENTER" pg. 10)

#### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

During her senior year, 2023 Franklin County High School graduate Allyson Andre was still determining if college was possible for her, although she desired to attend after graduating. That changed when she was awarded a full-ride scholarship to Indiana University through the Cox Scholars Program.

"I had always talked about going to college, but the financial logistics always made me leery of truly pursuing an education after high school because I knew I would not be receiving help to fund my college career," Andre explained. "Being so fortunate to receive a scholarship of this caliber made me believe I really had the potential to make something of myself and make my mark on the world."

Andre applied for the scholarship in January and

"I had developed the mentality of 'Oh, I don't get picked for things like this," Andre said. "Next thing I knew, I was scheduling my interview and doing LOADS of research on the different Cox Scholarships, but I was still under the impression that it still could never be me to receive such an award. Even when I got the acceptance email, it didn't sink in until much later that I actually had been picked."

Despite her doubts, Andre was awarded the Cox Exploratory Scholarship in March, which provides funding for hard-working Indiana residents who are incoming freshmen, are academically strong, have demonstrated financial need, and have a desire to help educate and mentor their peers. What makes Cox Scholarships unique is they come with an associated work component. As an

(See "ANDRE" pg. 4)

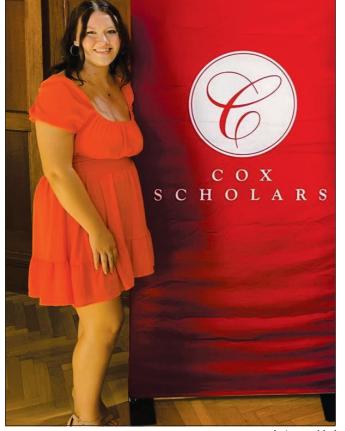


photo provided Allyson Andre was awarded the Cox Exploratory Scholarship.



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# The Pickleball Chronicles: Part fifteen

since.

#### Tom Cooney **GUEST COLUMNIST**

**Pickleball moments** "Do we have five points or six?"

"Yes." "Whose turn is it to serve?'

"Yes.'

My answers are clear, decisive and positive, yet they don't seem to satisfy. On hot, humid summer days, after a few hours of play, we all seem to get a bit loopy. It's not just me. Even the most experienced players suddenly lose track of the score and who just served. We wilt like blossoms in the heat. I enter a surreal realm of blissful physical exertion and mental blindness, all motion and no thought. I am everywhere and nowhere.

No sense in asking me questions at this point. I

#### who's on first or what's on second. Eventually, too soon, this wears off and I come back to the everyday world of pandemic, racial strife and oh so many chores to do.

Next time I'l try answering"No."

#### **Pickleball Side Show** •The three-breasted

woman We were in the middle of play when I looked over at my partner. She had three breasts! I was certain that she had two when I was introduced to her just before this game. She was visiting from out of town. From a distant planet, perhaps? Certainly, no earth woman was capable of growing a third breast. It was particularly striking for her to do it so quickly.

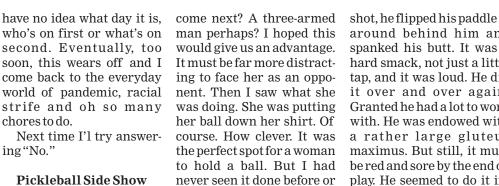
It was distracting and perplexing. What might

United Way connects community to healthy foods

munity investment process, United Way of Franklin and Ripley Counties granted a total \$28,000 in funds to several community partners in the area working to ensure access to a variety of healthy food, including fresh produce and enhanced protein options, for families struggling to meet essential needs. In addition, United Way of Franklin and **Ripley Counties partici**pates in a focus group convened by Purdue Extension, which brings together local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and concerned citizens to address food in- Pantry were able to pursecurity in the area.

Counties struggle to earn enough to cover basic needs like food, housing, transportation, healthcare and childcare, and the ALICE Essentials Index shows that the cost of basics is rising faster than both wages and the traditional measure of inflation, the Consumer PriceIndex(CPI).

Food insecurity programs funded by United Way of Franklin and Ripley Counties serve an estimated 650 children and families. Because of United Way support, Batesville Food Pantry and Red Life Church Food chase a commercial freezer and expand their protein options for their combined 400 households served each month and the Growing Laurel Food Pantry was able to begin serving its community for the first time. In addition, Turnover Hunger was able to provide 250 low-income students attending Batesville Primary, Milan, South Ripley, and Jac Cen Del schools with weekend backpacks filled with meals, snacks and beverages that meet the USDA Dietary Guidelines, and Red Life Church Food Pantry was able to provide Christmas food baskets to the families they serve in Brookville. Funding for these programs and initiatives is made possible thanks to the generosity of local residents, employees, and employers that contribute to United Way of Franklin and Ripley throughout the year. "During community conversations in 2022/2023, residents, employees, and employers in our community expressed meeting essential needs as a critical concern, and community partners are reporting a 25% increase in



•Self-flagellating man

was a visiting player this

time, in a land called

Florida, once mostly

swamp and now swamped

by tourists and snowbirds. I

was watching from the

bench, awaiting my next

turn to play. There were

three games in progress. I

shifted my attention to the

game where the smack

noise came from. It didn't

take me long to see the

source of the sound. When

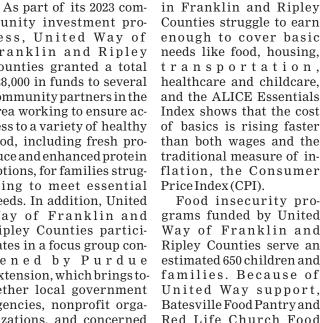
one of the guys missed a

I heard a loud smack. I

around behind him and spanked his butt. It was a hard smack, not just a little tap, and it was loud. He did it over and over again. Granted he had a lot to work with. He was endowed with a rather large gluteus maximus. But still, it must be red and sore by the end of play. He seemed to do it instinctively, out of habit. Every time.

What made it more unusual was that he was, otherwise, a rather calm and agreeable player. He laughed and joked and took losing in stride. He was also good at the game. It seemed that one smack, every time he missed, was all the punishment required for his pickleball blunder.

I wondered what it must feel like to do that. I tried one small whack just for the feel of it. That was enough.





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"Access to healthy food

is a foundational element to overall well-being, and working alongside community partners in Franklin and Ripley counties to reduce food insecurity leads to not only improved health outcomes but decreased absenteeism and improved economic productivity in our communities," said Kelly Bulmer, president and CEO of United Way of Franklin and Ripley Counties. "Sections of both Franklin and Ripley counties are considered food deserts, and it takes collaboration to ensure that all families have access to healthy, affordable food options so that they can make good choices. Our community partners ensure that residents of all ages have this access through programs offered through schools, food pantries, and food basket programs."

A recent United for ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) report, ALICE in the Crosscurrents: COVID and Financial Hardship in Indiana, indicated that 1 in 3 households

photo provided

Because of a grant from United Way of Franklin and Ripley Counties, Red Life Church Food Pantry expanded healthy food options to 150 families. Judy Drake, coordinator of the pantry, says with gratitude, "I'm so proud of the food options we can now offer the families we serve in the Brookville area."

families seeking food assistance since 2022," said Bulmer. "Our collaborative investments are made in direct response to what we've heard from our community."

Act in support of your neighbors by making a year-end financial gift to drive collaborative local solutions to our community's shared food insecurity challenge. You can donate securely online at https://bit.ly/uwfrcdonate-essentials or mail a check to United Way of Franklin and Ripley Counties, PO Box 105, Brookville, IN 47012.

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Submitted by Kelly Bulmer

# EARLY DEADLIN

Due to the office being closed, Fri., Dec. 22 and Mon., Dec. 26, it is necessary to move our deadline for all advertising and articles for the Dec. 27 issue of this publication to Thursday, Dec. 21 at 12 p.m. We will not be able to accept items for publication after that time. Thanks for your cooperation and Happy Holidays!



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#### **DECEMBER 20, 2023**

# FOR THE RECORD

# Josephine "Jo" Smith

Josephine "Jo" Smith, 86, was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday December 13th, 2023 after an eight-year battle with cancer. She was surrounded by familv and loved ones in the peace and comfort of her home in Bath.

Jo was born on May 30th, 1937 to Thomas and Ella Faye (Stone) Johnson of Estill County, Kentucky. She was the eldest of seven children.

Her memory will be forever cherished by her children: Linda, Keith, and Judy; grandchildren: Crystal, William, Jeff (Trish), Anthony (Marjorie), Shyla (Michael), Nathan, Yolanda, Donna (Travis), Tommy, Hailee, and Nicole, many great and great-great-grandchildren; her siblings: Irene, Laura (Earl), Harold Dean (Lou Ellen), and Wanda; several nieces and nephews, other family members and special life-long friends. Jo was preceded in death by her parents Tom and Ella Faye, brothers Clayton and Paul, former spouses Thomas Jr. and Raleigh Clark, son Phillip Hawkins & daughter-in-law Eileen, son-in-law Mike Corbin, infant niece Flora Faye, and granddaughter Billie Jo.

Though she was a daughter, sister, mother, and friend, Jo's most coveted role was that of Grandma. She relished the title and proved time and time again her love

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and devotion to her family. Grandma Jo, as she was affectionately called, had 12 grandchildren, 29 greatgrandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She loved each and every one of those kids, her heart never too full for another little one to adore. Her children and grandchildren describe Grandma Jo as the matriarch of their family and the glue that holds them all together. To them she is their rock, their queen, their main person, their true constant, and their saving grace. They'll think of her often, as a song, quote, scent, or special memory will always keep her in their hearts. They'll miss her immensely and her legacy of love, strength, and perseverance



will be carried on through them for generations to come.

Services were held Monday at Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home, 929 Main Street, Brookville, Indiana 47012. Memorial donations to the family can be sent to the funeral home. A complete obituary is posted at www.cookrosenberger.com. Paid obituary

# **ARREST REPORTS**

Franklin County Sheriff's Office Media Arrest Summary (Only includes L6 Felony charges and higher, misdemeanors not included). -All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law Arrest Time/Date: 22:15 11/25/23 Inmate Name: Hokey, Mark E. Arrest Location: Hill Road, Brookville Birth Date: 10/30/58 Arrested by: D Huntsman Agency: FCSD Crime Class: L6 **Offense: Arrest Warrant** 

Arrest Time/Date: 9:30 11/24/23 Inmate Name: Hollon, Justin W. **Arrest Location: FC Security Center** Birth Date: 4/7/92 Arrested by: A Bowers Agency: FCSD Crime Class: L6 **Offense: Arrest Warrant** 

Arrest Time/Date: 19:26 12/11/23

#### **Will Fehlinger COPY EDITOR**

With the sewer line extension up Reservoir Hill still in Franklin County's plans, the redevelopment team met Dec. 12 to further discuss creation of a residential TIF (Tax Increment Finance) district as part of the overall project.

President Bill Schirmer asked the board's opinion on the "metes and bounds" of the area, with the west (State Road 1 North) and south (town of Brookville limits) already set. To the north, there were two options - stopping at the section line across SR 1 from Duck Creek Road (2638.8 acres) or extending north to Fairfield Causeway Road (additional 2651 acres). On the east, it was all parcels north of SR 101 but not including United States land adjacent to the reservoir.

Derrike Kolb thought it made sense to put the US tracts in if legally possible, grab the lake waters and include federal land on the opposite shore as well.

"I'm under the same assumption and here's why,"Brian Patterson agreed. "I know there's development along Reservoir Road in spurts but there's just as much happening by

subdivisions and you're grabbing a bit of Blooming Grove proper.

"If the law allows, we don't have to go back and revisit it if somebody comes in and does a multi-milliondollar development there, which could happen."

Patterson also wanted small ribbons just past the boundaries, explaining that "If somebody puts in a bunch of storage units north of Fairfield Causeway, the money from the TIF will help with infrastructure to fund anything up to (that point) that they'll tap into ... they see the benefit without paying into the TIE?

Schirmer agreed, adding it would be very expensive to grab that land later after the district's in place. Patterson felt the additions should be 500 feet west of SR 1,500 feet north of Fairfield Causeway and at least 500 feet into Brookville Lake.

The board will have several questions for Nick Lawrence (The Wheatley Group), who advises the county on economic development matters. The first step in the process is creating a declaratory resolution.

the lake as far as houses and Lawrence's presence (inperson or virtually) at the next meeting Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m. She wants the board to know an exact timeline of creating the district. Duffy also said anyone sitting on the board at that time should disclose any potential conflicts of interest within the boundaries, such as personal ownership or business interests.

Kolb reiterated a concern he's previously brought up, that if any grant benefits (from the state's Regional Economic and Acceleration Development Initiative) are afforded to homeowners along the route of the sewer line, the same should go to any homeowners where the line is expanded.

The second round of READI funding came up as well. The deadline for local economic development officers in the six-county region of southeast Indiana to submit projects is this Friday. Schirmer said there were a couple of good ideas locally, describing one as "damn good."He added he was to meet with a Brookville town board member to discuss the town's ideas.

Schirmer noted another READI-assisted project on winner, Brackney's, should be seen over the next month iect.

Kolb asked whether there was potential for more industry or housing developments in that stretch. "I feel that's a good opportunity for the county to piggyback off one of the best high schools in the country,"he said, referring to East Central.

Patterson agreed that the county could benefit from property taxes despite losing the state stipend that follows a child if he/she were to end up attending ECHS. Schirmer said Franklin County is limited in the corridor because of few landowners wishing to sell.

In financials, Schirmer gave the TIF account as \$198,286.91 and operating account as \$44,373. Duffy said property tax disbursements for the year (spring and fall) totaled \$56,211.

In other news, Schirmer asked for a motion to pay \$265 for a bond to cover all voting members of the board; this passed. Duffy said Kevin Kaiser will replace Beth Foster as the school board's representation on Brookville Redevelopment.

Arrest Location: Dearborn Co. Jail Birth Date: 4/19/75 Arrested by: R Gordon Agency: FCSD Crime Class: L2 **Offense: Court-related** 

Arrest Time/Date: 18:50 12/6/23 Inmate Name: Coker, Michael A. Arrest Location: Neff Street, Laurel Birth Date: 4/11/73 Arrested by: Maxie Agency: FCSD Crime Class: L6 **Offense: Obstruction of Justice** 

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#### Inmate Name: Towe, Claude E. Jr. or so. About \$250,000 (around a fourth of the total cost) was acquired from the state to complete the pro-

Sara Duffy, reappointed for another year by the school board as a nonvoting member, requested Park. Progress by the bid

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website a t www.lifelinescreening.com . Pre-registration is required.

# COUNTY COUNCIL HOLDS DECEMBER MEI

#### Will Fehlinger **COPY EDITOR**

Franklin County Council met Dec. 12 for its final regularly scheduled meeting of 2023.

Sheriff Peter Cates had a few items to present. The contract with the school corporation to provide a school

resource officer for all months but July-same contract for the past eight years -needed signatures to fulfill federal grant requirements. Brian Patterson moved to approve, and Carroll Lanning seconded. Motion passed.

The sheriff also announced he's hired a parttime employee in the administra-

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tive office who is working her way up to full-time to replace Debra Combs, retiring early next year. He had requested p/t of \$17.66 per hour this year and \$18.26 next year until she fills the position.

Cates also asked to move on a pair of expenses for his department, already part of the 2024 bond package. He said he wants to get ahead in the queue for three police-rated vehicles which may not be purchased until the second half of the year. For renovation of the security center elevator (six to eight months of work), he wanted to get a jumpstart on ordering necessary pieces for the retrofitting. The sheriff also told the council that Deputy John Roberts will retire in February; he presented final payout numbers.

There were additional appropriations of \$855,776 and transfers of \$222,325.52. Patterson spoke more of

the \$171,469 moved in the highway department from a salt fund to go toward the purchase of a new dump truck.

Highway superintendent Justin Ball said settlement money from the State Road 1 North project largely went toward bridges or other equipment.

"We had a \$2 million settlement from State Road 1 (repairs) and there was a slush fund for trucks and equipment" he said. "We ended up allocating more money because we can't keep a tally of what's spent. You can ask Larry (Smith, county engineer) to keep better track of where our bond is because we rely on him."

In salary amendments, the parks superintendent was corrected to \$20.25/hr. and his assistant to \$17.71. The coroner has a bi-weekly amount of \$722.50 and his first deputies are paid \$2,000 annually. Security

center part-time is at \$17.66 an hour.

Most bond expenditures for 2024 are for the sheriff's office (\$514,450) with the biggest amount for the vehicles at \$190,000. For emergency management, \$76,000 is allocated. Highway has \$290,000 allotted, assessor's office \$40,150 and the clerk's office \$7,000. Patterson moved to approve these with a second by Lanning; motion carried.

Funding for FC Emergency Medical Services needed approval as commissioners were just waiting for the council to decide.

President Jeff Koch read the specifics of the 2024 contract. Monthly payments would be \$58,333 with the total not exceeding \$700,000. The agreement may be terminated, along with a 90day grace period, to provide for a new contract currently being negotiated. (Commissioners were expected to

choose between FCEMS and Letts Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. of Decatur County at the Dec. 20 meeting.)

Patterson moved to approve an additional appropriation of \$200,000 to cover the current contract. Lanning seconded; motion carried.

Amy Streator was reappointed to serve on the Batesville Economic Development Commission. Patterson and Zach Thompson were the 2024 appointees to FC Redevelopment, Thompson replacing Derrike Kolb. For the Southeast Indiana **Regional Planning** Commission, Patterson nominated Lanning while for the SEI Recycling District, Glen Bischoff was renominated; both carried.

The 2024 salary ordinance was approved as well as a \$5,063 invoice to Reedy Financial Group.

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# Five generations celebrated Final school board meeting in 2023



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Mrs. Mary Lanning Tebbe, wife of the late Virgil Tebbe, is proud to be called Great-Great-Grandmother. Mary is shown in the picture, with five generations of family. Seated, left to right, are Carolyn Tebbe Eckerle, Great-Grandmother, holding Phoebe Grubb. Seated center is Mary Tebbe, Great-Great-Grandmother. Seated on the right is Grandmother, Paula Grubb, holding Phillip Grubb. Standing in the back is Caleb Grubb, father of the twins. Each of the generations are thankful for the blessings of family shared at this Christmas season!

# A season of success



#### **Cheyenne Lance STAFF WRITER**

As youth football came to an end, Jonathan White used Brookville Theatre to show the boys a movie of their season-ending highlights from the year. This is always a great experience for the kids as not only do they get to see themselves on the big screen, but their experiences and best plays are on display for family

#### and friends. After the highlight movie, the kids were taken

to Third Place for dinner. Youth Football continues to hold strong here in Franklin County and high-

light videos have always been an integral part. These videos have been a solid key to teamwork, understanding, better plays, and a lot more fun. So, getting to watch on a big screen is one of the best ways to celebrate the kids.

#### **Chevenne Lance STAFF WRITER**

The school board met Dec. 11th at 7 p.m. - their last for the 2023 calendar year.

Starting off, Keith Isaacs speaks up about the resignation (effective Oct. 5th) of the former Chinese teacher at FCHS. Isaacs states that a substitute has been placed and they do have a prospective candidate who will work two days a week. In keeping with dual credits, a secondary candidate will fill in the other three days. This will be further discussed later. A motion was made and passed.

Following the financial reports, there were several questions regarding money distribution and how much has been accumulated over the past three years. The board was reminded that there were grants in place and the school received aid to offset expenditures. Out of the two grants, one is ending and there is one with a year left.

President Francis Brumback questioned the remaining expenses in reserve and how long the board would have with it. The timeline is roughly 6-8 months. No further discussion ensued.

# Andre <u>Continued from</u> Page 1

Exploratory Scholar, Andre helps undergraduate students at IU Bloomington with the exploration, decision-making, planning, and reflection processes related to their undergraduate education and career development.

Andre trained to be an IU Peer Coach during her first semester at college. Now, she is working as a Peer Academic Coach with University Division students (students who are undecided in their major or are working on certifying/applying to the program), helping them choose classes, build schedules, check their degree progress, etc.

Andre is majoring in hu-

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2. Dad

# tions noted:

Lily Scholarship Recipient - Kristen Ison.

Educator of the Month -Chelsea Stenger (Mt. Carmel) Support Staff of the

Month - Randy Edwards There were no statements

from the public or employ-

Chavis noted that results from the latest survey would be debuted at the Brookville Library on Dec. 18th.

During the last meeting, policies were discussed involving transportation. These policies were:

8651 - Non-school use of Corp. Vehicles

8640 - Transportation for Field and other Corp. Sponsored Trips

8606 - Bus Drivers and Cellular Telephone Use

8615 - Idling School Buses and other Idling Vehicles on School Property

8600-Transportation

The consensus was agreement for updates in the policies. There was no further discussion involved and a motion was made. This motion passed.

Another motion passed was a request for consideration, which is a form parents or other may fill out should they feel a book or

a genetic counselor.

There were three celebra- other education material place should there be any may be harmful or obscene to a minor. This form allows them to fill out their reasoning and have the board come to review. A new form will be out soon.

> The policy for vacancies and appointment of board members covered the timeline and voting measures to be taken should there be an extended absence or resignation of any current board member. Timelines have been established and a brief discussion over how voting will take

conflict of interest has been resolved. This will be discussed further at a later meeting

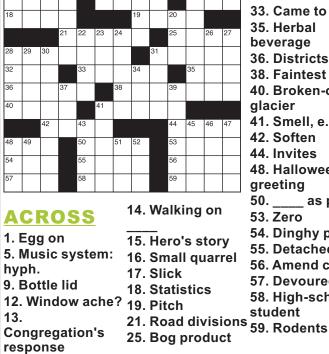
Sara Duffy was requested to remain on the Franklin County Redevelopment Commission by Beth Foster and a unanimous vote. As for the 2024 year, Kevin Kaiser will take over Beth's position on the Brookville Redevelopment Commission.

The next school board meeting will be held on Jan. 8.2024.





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# **Christmas Prayer** 1963 vs 2023

#### **Mary Ellen Rippe** CONTRIBUTOR

With all the talk about AI-artificial intelligence, I thought it would be interesting to take the iconic 1963 New York Life Insurance Christmas Prayer and just see how ChatGPT, a leading AI generating tool, would write it for this Christmas in 2023.

The issues we face today, like nations fighting each other, good conquering evil, the desire for peace on Earth, to name a few, resonated in 1963 as well. However, today it might be politically incorrect to say Christmas prayer, so perhaps holiday wish might be more suitable. Any way you say it, the words are ones that if not all of us, most of us would agree, are ones that should be said today.

On behalf of all of us at the Brookville American/Democrat, may this holiday season bring you joy and peace.

Here is the original 1963 Christmas Prayer from New York Life Insurance:

Let us pray that strength and courage be given to all who work for a world of reason and

understanding. That the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day, be magnified.

That men will come to see clearly not what divides them, but that which unites them.

That each hour may bring us to a final victory, not of nation over nation,

but of man over his own evils and weaknesses.

That the true spirit of this Christmas Season -its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all

its abiding faith-- may live among us.

That the blessings of peace be ours--the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy-with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

Here is the AIgenerated 2023 version:

May we hope for strength and courage to be bestowed upon all those dedicated to forging a world of reason and understanding.

May the inherent goodness in the heart of every individual be amplified day by day.

Let people perceive not the divisive elements but rather the common threads that bind them together.

May each passing hour lead us toward a triumphant conclusion, not of one nation prevailing over another, but of humanity overcoming its own adversities and shortcomings.

In the spirit of the 2023 Christmas Season, may its joy, beauty, hope, and, above all, enduring faith permeate our lives.

Let us cherish the blessings of peace – the peace that allows us to construct and flourish, to coexist in harmony and empathy with others, and to envision the future with unwavering confidence.

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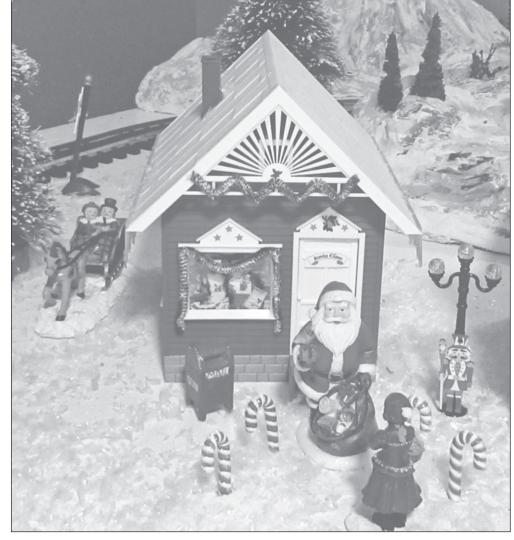
# **Christmas Time and Train Tracks** in The Batesville Historical Center

#### William Bayh CONTRIBUTOR

A must see awaits children and adults at the Batesville Historical Center. Stop in the Center and see the various models of old steam, electric, and diesel powered locomotives, pulling, passenger, cargo, flatbed, and livestock cars, through and around our snowy holiday decorated town. The many model train displays offer a unique look back in time, how and when it all began.

The detail of every decorated exhibit was amazing. Factories, homes, people, Draft horses harnessed in pairs, all relative in scale, take one back in time. See just how brilliantly our founding fathers designed the heart of downtown where the first Train Depot Station and train tracks were laid.

Amack's Well and **Community Coffee House** at 103 E. George Street in Batesville, the original Water Well that powered the first locomotives, offer a 'time traveler's' reality should a cup of coffee or hot cocoa justify walking a block, before or after a



visit.

Please note that while the Batesville Historical Center is only open a few hours each week, their museum hosts and officers

are willing to provide a tour at a time convenient for you when family, friends or reunion groups are gathering.

group tour, please contact Carolyn Dieckman at 812-212-9382 or send a message bhc@batesvillehistoricalc

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# The stories behind your favorite holiday tunes

#### **Mary Apel STAFF WRITER**

If you haven't been following the charts this holiday season, Christmas classic "Rocking Around The Christmas Tree" hit number one in the United States...a whopping 65 years after it was recorded! Brenda Lee, who first recorded the hit at age 13, recently stole the number one spot from Mariah Carey. "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" has been a staple in holiday movies and on radio stations during the festive season, but its singer Brenda Lee has staged a glorious comeback after more than six decades. Lee released the 1958 song's first official video, which features cameos from country music legends Trisha Yearwood and Tanya Tucker, on Nov. 3. Lee, who is now 79 years old, posted a picture to social media of the flowers that Mariah Carey sent, congratulating Lee on the number one hit which overtook Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" Here are some more cool

stories you can think about this week as you listen to (or avoid) these holiday faves!!

The Guinness World Records named the holiday single "White Christmas" (1942) by Bing Crosby as the best-selling single worldwide. According to Guinness, "White Christmas" has sold over 50 million copies. The song was also infamously used as a secret military signal during the fall of Saigon. On April 29, 1975, as North Vietnamese troops shelled Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Air Base, U.S. Ambassador Graham Martin ordered the evacuation of Saigon. As a signal to Americans in Saigon that the evacuation had begun, Armed Forces Radio started to play "White Christmas" on repeat. "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is one of the oldest Christmas hymns to still get airplay, originally composed in Latin during the twelfth century. "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy to the World" are two other very-oldies but goodies, originating in the 1700s.



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> "Joy to the World" is a hymn based on Psalm 98,

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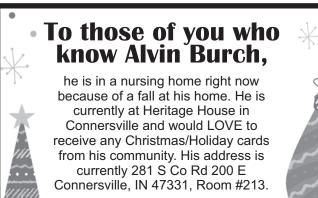
penned by English hymn writer Isaac Watts in 1719. Originally written as a reflection on the second coming of Christ, it wasn't until a century later that the melody we associate with it today was added by composer Lowell Mason. The triumphant tune and uplifting lyrics have made "Joy to the World" a jubilant anthem of Christmas joy.

'Silent Night" originated in Austria in 1818. The lyrics were penned by Joseph Mohr, a young priest, and the music was composed by Franz Gruber. The carol's debut occurred on Christmas Eve in a small village church when the church organ malfunctioned. Gruber, a schoolteacher and musician,

adapted the melody to be sung with a guitar, resulting in the serene and heartfelt composition we know todav.

The song is said to have inspired The Christmas Truce of 1914, which occurred during World War I on Christmas Eve when troops on enemy lines temporarily set aside their differences. According to the Imperial War Museum, after British soldiers heard German troops singing "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) and other Christmas carols, the troops on both sides began singing in unison.

Not all authors of Christmas songs celebrate Christmas! "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer," (See "TUNES" pg. 10)



**Merry Christmas** FROM ALVIN'S FAMILY

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#### Wednesday, December 20, 2023

# Cats fall in EIAC matchup

Saturday evening the Franklin County Wildcats hosted the Greensburg Pirates in an Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference matchup. The Pirates held the lead for the better part of the game and pulled away in the final quarter to give the Cats an eight-point loss. Now the Cats sit at 1-5 on the season and will host Shelbyville (5-3) on Friday for their final game before Christmas break.

The Pirates went up 2-0 less than a minute into the game. when Justin Adkins hit a Greensburg field goal. FC started 0-3 shooting and midway through the quarter the Pirates got two more points from Bradley Lutz via the free throw line after a shooting foul. Adkins added a layup on Greensburg's next possession and the Pirates went up 6-0. Quinn Gillman was able to get a shot to finally drop for the Cats and his three-point basket cut the lead in half. The Pirate guard Jack McKinsev matched the FC long ball and put Greensburg back up 9-3 with three minutes to go in the quarter. Gillman added a free throw on the Cats' next possession. Greensburg's Addison Barnes-Pettit made it an 11-4 lead with under two minutes to go in the frame and that was matched by Gillman's jump shot. Blake Stephenson grabbed a rebound and added a putback for FC just before the buzzer and the Pirates led after one quarter 11-8.

Carson Allen got the first basket of the second quarter after a steal and assist from Eli Butt. Lutz added two to the Pirates' score 20 seconds later. Allen then hit from deep and tied the game at 13-13. Drew Busick hit a deep three for Greensburg midway through the quarter to put them back up. He added another threepointer a minute later and the Cats were down six. With just seconds to go in the half, Stephenson scored for the Cats and the score after two quarters was Greensburg 19,

FC 15. The third quarter started with Butt scoring for the Cats, cutting it to a two-point lead for the Pirates. Busick responded for Greensburg with another three-point basket. Isaiah Kemp scored for the Cats. but Barnes-Pettit hit the Pirates' second three-pointer of the frame; Butt matched the Greensburg score with his second basket of the game, a three-point shot that made it a three-point game. Lutz got the ball on the next Pirates' possession, drove the lane, and scored while drawing a foul. The senior hit the extra point and FC trailed by six.

McKinsey scored the next basket, and Greensburg led 30-22 before Gillman got an open look, hit from outside the arc and cut it to a fivepoint lead. Barnes-Pettit added two Pirate points via the charity stripe with 2:50 left in the quarter. An FC turnover led to another Pirate

# CHRIS LOUDEN STAFF WRITER

FRANKLIN COUNTY

bucket and a nine-point lead after Reece Beaver scored for the Bucs. The Cats got a break before the quarter ended when Pirate coach Shaun Busick was whistled for a technical foul, sending Butt to the line. The senior hit the front end of his two foul shots and after three quarters Greensburg led 34-26.

The Pirates added to their lead to open the final quarter with Busick hitting a threepoint basket. Stephenson hit a two-pointer from just inside the arc a minute into the half. Barnes-Pettit scored for Greensburg, but with 4:10 left in the quarter Butt hit a threepoint shot that cut the Pirate lead to eight. Allen got a threepointer for FC, McKinsey scored for Greensburg, and with two minutes remaining, Butt hit a floater in the lane and the Cats trailed by just five. The Pirates scored again with a minute remaining and then on FC's next possession fouled Butt, who drained both shots. With 35 seconds left in the contest, the Cats were down 43-38. Greensburg got a basket from Lutz and an FC foul sent McKinsev to the line for a freebie with 10 seconds left. The Pirates handed the Cats a 46-38 loss.

Butt led the Cats in scoring with 13 on the night, Gillman added nine, Allen finished with eight. Stephenson scored six and Kemp finished with two.

GCHS-11-8-15-13-46 FCHS-8-7-11-12-38

# Special tourney goes to undefeated Cats



photo Karis Joy Photography

Continuing their quest for conference and sectional championships, the Franklin Co. Wildcat wrestlers defeated all their opponents at the inaugural Bub Orschell Memorial Tournament Saturday. The undefeated Cats went into the tournament unbeaten, thinking they would run into some tough competition; instead, they walked away with 31 total pins (vs opponents' 4), 340 total points (v opponents' 53) and the trophy.

Breck Bohman.

A long-time competitor, lover and officiant of wrestling, Derik "Bub" Orschell's death in 2023 rocked the community and those in whose lives he was involved on and off the mat. He was passionate about fair play and teaching not only fundamentals of wrestling but also enjoyment and fun in the sport. He encouraged a partnership with football and wrestlingstressing the importance of team and individual sports and achievements. His wife Kehlie says that Bub "loved the team and the individual aspect of wrestling. The discipline and accountability that went into it. The lessons learned from standing alone center stage, being the sole one responsible for the outcome, and the camaraderie with his teammates. For

the first period against Wyatt Mitchell. Early in the second, Westerman scored a quick escape but was subsequently taken down by Mitchell, bringing the score to 3-2. Westerman chose bottom to start the third, and a series of back and forth reversals ensued, bringing fans of both teams to their feet. In the end, Westerman was able to hold on and ultimately came out on top with a narrow 7-6 victory.

Following the defeat of Hagerstown, Union County was up next. With a smaller team and several injuries, the Patriots were no match for the Cats. Usually, these two teams produce multiple down-to-the-wire matches, but with only four healthy wrestlers it was a fast 63-10 defeat. After 3 forfeits to start, semistate qualifier Colin Troyer (126) was up and quickly pinned his opponent in the first. Then, backto-back matches featured Kyle Bolser (132), and Logan Troyer (138), vs Jesus Aquino and Carson Whitley, both of whom were 2023 semistate qualifiers for UC and both won. A win by Trevor Bruns (144), and the six forfeits closed out the

# KARIS & COLIN TROYER CONTRIBUTORS

the match was a last-minute pin in the third by Tyler Teuschler (150), his first of the day. Otherwise, the cats went unopposed, the only 6 points given away being a forfeit at 113.

Last in their hunt to win the trophy was Connersville, a conference opponent. A quick forfeit put the Spartans ahead by six, the first and last time the Wildcats would be losing. In a thrilling bout, another FC semistate qualifier, Cole Freese (120) and Aiden Maize traded near falls, each ending with a pin in the second by Freese. Although he went into the match expecting a quick victory, his skills were put to the test vs Maize. Later in the dual, Keegan Clark (165) had a quick takedown and near fall, was reversed, but ultimately escaped for a 5-2 lead at the end of the first. His margin of victory grew to 10-6 at the end of the 2nd. To start the 3rd period, Keegan was on bottom, had an escape, a takedown, and finally pinned his guy. Another match of note was Senior Dylan Mulvey (215) vs Cash Bouilare which started off slow with a takedown by Mulvey and an escape by Bouilare. The 2nd was just as eventful, with an escape and a takedown by Mulvey. Dylan chose bottom to start the 3rd, then reversed for 2 points, then added three more and two more with near falls ultimately winning 12-4.

Overall, the Cats had an amazing day, kept Bub's trophy in Franklin County and made him proud with both their achievements on the mat and support of team-



# FC conquers Batesvillearea teams



WILL FEHLINGER Sports editor

up the home crowd with a triple to put FC up by four. Sadie Wachsmann answered with 1:06 on the clock but OA would not score again following a timeout. FC hit four of six foul shots down the final stretch while the Twisters settled for several missed shots around the perimeter:

Oldenburg was never threatened until the Wildcats'

Nicole Mears signs to play for Transylvania University surrounded by family and coaches.

The Batesville girls basketball team traveled to Franklin County last week, surrendering a 4-point halftime lead and eventually falling 43-41. This was BHS' first Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference loss of the season while FC is 3-0.

A great half of shooting five 3-pointers - had the Bulldogs up 25-21 at the midpoint. At the start of the fourth, however, BHS was looking at a 32-31 deficit. Batesville then went on an 8-4 run to lead 39-36 with two minutes left. Kendall Cox tied the game with a 3-point make. Ruby Singer, high scorer and rebounder in the game for FC with 21 points and 11 boards, scored down low to put the hosts up by two. The Dogs tied it on a tough 15-footer by Marlee Obermeyer with 25 seconds left. A Bailey Kaiser basket won it for FC with just under 10 seconds to go.

Nicole Mears added a dozen to FC's ledger. Kaiser posted 5 points. Obermeyer scored a dozen to lead the Dogs and Alyson Peters added 10. Oldenburg Academy traveled across county to FCHS Friday, falling 37-32 to the Lady Wildcats.

Despite holding a 25-14 lead with 2:58 remaining in the third quarter, the Lady Twisters' defense gave up 23 points over the last 10 minutes to lose by five.

The FC comeback started with the rare 4-point play completed by Kaiser. Rachel Suttmann got two of those back on a deep two-pointer, but Nicole Mears sliced the deficit to 27-21 with a Wildcat 3pointer as the third frame ticked away.

Kaiser found Mears for a bucket early in the fourth quarter to make it a 4-point game, where the gap stayed until an OA timeout at 5:08. Mears then drew a blocking call while converting, finishing the 3-point play to get FC within a point at 29-28. A feed to Mears netted the Wildcats their first lead of the game midway through the fourth.

Madesyn Sunderhaus fired

frenzied comeback. Ellie Ryan hit a game-opening three and Suttmann followed with a traditional 3-point play. Mears got the Cats on the board with a shot in the paint. A runner by Ryan and Suttmann's 17-footer had OA jumping out to a 10-4 lead after one complete.

FC scored the first four points of the second period and a timeout was called at 6:30. Freshman Ali Nobbe then completed an and-one to make it 13-8 and Addisyn Lambert took an assist from Kate Weber for two more. A 3-point jumper by freshman Gina Grote put OA up 18-10, a lead that only grew before the break as Suttmann scored twice on the interior.

Suttmann continued a personal 6-point run with an 18foot make early in the second half. A Sunderhaus trey got FC back to a 10-point deficit ahead of a timeout called by coach Kyle VanMeter at 4:17 of the third.

Suttmann led OA with 13 points. Mears had a game-high 14 and Sunderhaus added 11; Ruby Singer scored 8 and Kaiser 4.

FC (8-3) travels across the border to Talawanda in Oxford this evening

coaching and officiating, he loved to see the growth in the boys. He talked all the time about how impressed he was with many of the wrestlers' growth both physically and mentally coming up from the youth program. He was so proud of them."

Kehlie and Derik's two children, Ryder and Lennox, were on hand to present the trophy to the winning team.

The first team up was the Boone County Rebels, who put up little resistance due to low team numbers. They gave up 7 forfeits and 6 pins, letting the Cats steamroll them to a 72-3 victory. Senior Nate Noble, heavyweight, had an intense battle leaving both competitors drained and a narrow loss of 7-5.

Next up were the Hagerstown Tigers. Although boasting a deeper squad compared to previous years, they too succumbed to the overpowering pressure of the Wildcats with a 69-10 loss. Lane Westerman (175) scored a takedown in

photo Isabella Thiemann

#### Kyle Bolser.

match.

After a break, FC anticipated stiff competition having lost last year's match-up by three to their next opponent, Shelbyville. Fortunately for the Wildcats, the Golden Bears were not up to the challenge the home team posed, and the Cats came away with their biggest win yet, a 78-6 beating. The best pairing of

mates off the mat. More meaningfully, the team honored #Bubstrong with their off-mat character: unfailing support of teammates and unparalleled sportsmanship with officials and opposition alike.

See the wrestlers in action at the Connersville Classic Dec. 28-29 at the Spartan Bowl. Wrestling starts at 9 a.m.

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# **LIBRARY CORNER**

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Holiday Crafting: Join us for a day of winter crafting. From essential oils to pine cone Christmas trees, there is something for everyone! Examples will be laid out for patrons to use as inspiration, but there are no rules for creativity. Dec. 20 at Brookville Library from 4-6 p.m.

**Dungeons and Dragons:** Our Dungeons and Dragons group will meet on Dec. 21 and 28 from 5:30 – 8 p.m. at Brookville Library.

Escape the Naughty List: There has been a mix-up at the North Pole, and you have accidentally been placed on the naughty list! Solve a series of Christmas clues to get your message to Santa before time runs out. The game will be reset and begin again at the beginning of each hour. Bring a team of friends with you! Dec. 21 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m. and Dec. 22 at Brookville Library from 12-4 p.m.

Family Game Night-Cookie Swap: Learn how to play this fast-paced cookieflipping and finding game! Dec. 28 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

Candle Painting: Design and paint your own tapered candle sticks! We will be using colored wax to create the designs. All materials provided. There is a limit of 12, so please RSVP by calling the libraries. Jan. 2 at Brookville Library at 5:30 p.m. and Jan. 9 at Laurel Library at 5:30 p.m.

Salt Watercolor Snowflake Art: Create a beautiful snowflake masterpiece using crayons, watercolor paints, and salt. Jan. 2 at Brookville Library at 2 p.m. and Jan. 4 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

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Family Night at Laurel Library: Spend some time with friends and family at Laurel Library on Thursday evenings. Activities will vary each week.

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# Brookville Chapter of Tri Kappa applica seeking scholarship

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# Mrs. Chelsea Stenger announced December "Educator of the Month" Mrs.

Tammy Chavis, is pleased to announce that Mrs. Chelsea Stenger, 4th grade teacher at Mount Carmel Elementary, has been selected as December's "Educator of the Month."

Mrs. Stenger has been with the Franklin County Community Schools for 18 years. Chelsea attended Franklin College and received a B.A. in Elementary Education. She went on to continue her education at Indiana Wesleyan University and received a Masters of Education. She also completed 12 hours in Digital Instruction for IU East.

Mrs. Stenger was nominated for this honor by a parent of a Mount Carmel Elementary School student. When asked why Chelsea should be considered for this recognition, they responded, "Mrs. Stenger goes over and above for ALL students in her classroom, daily. She is resourceful and creative in the ways she ensures her students have equal access to content, materials and opportunities in her classroom. Mrs. Stenger is not afraid to try new things and works tirelessly to meet the variety of needs of her students. She is creative in her

Superintendent, Ms. teaching presentation, has high expectations for her students, and they work hard for her in return."

> When asked what makes Chelsea stand out from her colleagues, they responded, "The hours that Mrs. Stenger puts into her "job," whether it's creating content and materials, coaching the robotics teams, supporting athletics at MCS as well as her sons' teams is admirable. (And exhausting to watch, from the sidelines.) She never stops striving to grow herself. She is a great role model for her students as well as newer educators."

In addition to educating children, Chelsea is the co-athletic director, robotics coach, her husband and she are the leaders of the 4-H Dairy Cattle project, and also an active member of Brookville Road Baptist Church. Previously, Chelsea was awarded 2015 Teacher of the Month for April. In her free time, when she has any, she enjoys reading, hiking, baking, crafting, and hanging out with her sons and husband.

When asked what she loves most about her job, Mrs. Stenger responded, "The best part of my job (and the most challeng-



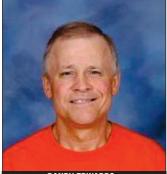
ing) is inspiring students to want to learn and love it. When I can make learning fun and engag ing, I get to see the true student and the eager ness to learn inspires me Another amazing part of my job is all the support I get from co-workers, administration, and family members who spend end less hours helping me to be successful; painting murals, cutting things out, putting up bulletin boards, cleaning up after ball games, and so much more."

The purpose of the "Educator of the Month" program is to recognize outstanding Franklin County educators who demonstrate excellence in the classroom, leader ship in the school, dedication to the students. and involvement in the community. Nomination forms for "Educator of the Month" can be found on the school corporation website at www.fccsc.k12.in.us.

# Mr. Randy Edwards announced December "Support Staff of the Month"

Director of Operations, Mr. Keith Isaacs, is pleased to announce that Mr. Randy Edwards has been selected as December's "Support Staff of the Month." Randy currently serves as an IT Support Staff, Auditorium Manager and a Bus Driver at

does nothing but impress us on how passionate and hardworking he is." They also noted that, "He is a Chromebook Tech that covers all of the highschool AND he drives a school bus every day. He should be recognized for this incredible hard



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To apply, students must be currently at least a sophomore or be in the second year of a community or junior college and transferring to a four-year program at the time of application and plan to be enrolled fullhours completed: applicants must have completed at least 30 semester hours (36 quarter hours) prior to application. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are academic achievement, strong goals and extracurricular and work experiences.

#### \$1,000 Key and **Vocational Scholarships**

Key scholarships are directed to those students who have no previous degree beyond high school and have had a lapse in their education for at least five years. Those students enrolled in an accredited school offering an associate or baccalaureate degree who have completed one semester may apply.

Vocational applicants

certification program.

Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee for these two scholarships are academic achievement, strong goals and community and work experiences.

#### \$1,000 Fine Arts **Scholarships**

Students majoring in art, art therapy, dance, drama, music or music therapy are eligible. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree program, having completed at least one academic year following high school graduation.

**Twanette Nutter** Fleming Music Award Amount varies, currently \$1,000. (See "KAPPA" pg. 10)

Franklin County Community School Corporation.

Randy joined FCCSC as a substitute teacher for 10 years, then making the switch to a support staff of 9.5 years ago, making this his 19th year.

Randy attended the University of the Cumberlands, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, then continuing his education at the Southern Seminary receiving a Master in Divinity in Theology.

Randy was nominated for this honor by a teacher at the Franklin County High School. When asked what makes Randy stand out from his colleagues, they responded, "He is incredibly hardworking, organized and

work.'

Outside of school, Mr. Edwards participates in the community as a pastor of the Elm Grove Southern Baptist Church and Sings with, "For The King" Quartet. In his free time Randy enjoys spending time with his wife, Tonia, their children and their growing families as well. He also enjoys exercising, reading his Bible and working on music for the quartet he is involved in.

When asked what the best part of his job is, Mr. Edwards stated, "Trying to make a positive impact in the lives of students, faculty and staff. Resolving Chromebook issues for students. Projecting a daily positive thought on the screen in my office and hearing the comRANDY EDWARDS

what the positive thought means to them. Helping a student realize, "If you are afraid to fail, you will never do the things you are capable of doing," John Wooden.

The purpose of the "Support Staff of the Month" program is to recognize outstanding Franklin County Community School Corporation Support Staff who demonstrate dedication to his/her job, school, students, and community. Nomination forms for "Support Staff of the Month" can be found on the school corporation website at www.fccsc.k12.in.us.





# FORGOTTEN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Since there is very

little about this

business or family the

best way to share this

story is through the

An interesting

donation arrived at the library via postal mail

this past summer, a tiny album of five

photographs. In the

envelope was a short

recollection to go with

them. What a treat! And

it contained a new topic-

one that I asked a few

people about, but to

photos we have.

DECEMBER 20.

# Schenkel Bros. Co.



The Schenkel Bros. sign as photographed by the Jacksons. It was right on US 52 at the entrance to the Schenkels' home and business.

most, it didn't sound familiar - the Schenkel brothers.

The little note in the package said the photographs were taken by Edward A. Jackson of Oxford, Ohio when his family's trailer was under construction.

Mr. Jackson's daughter, Nancy, said in the note: "I believe that my parents got their trailer from the Schenkel Brothers between 1958 and 1960. I recall driving to check on the construction progress (or lack) of our trailer frequently....To get to the factory we turned left...out of town [Brookville] on a bumpy dirt road, sometimes with huge holes filled with water. There was a tobacco field on the right side of the road going to the factory. I think there was a very old house on the left, and the factory was at the end of the road. There was a large gravel parking lot in front of the factory. I recall

there being a stream nearby."

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I was curious exactly where this business was. My estimate of where the house and factory were once located was near the Ariens' property south of Brookville. Unfortunately, I couldn't just look it up 📕 because rural routes FCPLD collection. were used at that time,



in the phone book The Schenkels' factory as photographed by the Jacksons.

not specific addresses unless one lived in a town. The Schenkels were on RR2, Brookville. Wonderfully, Gary Higgs had known the Schenkels' location as he had been there. Over 40 years ago, Gary Higgs went to see the brothers to get some materials to repair a boat. Gary helped pinpoint the exact location of their business. It was located at what is today 10025 US 52.

Gary recalled the travel trailer sign the Jacksons photographed, which was right at the road - and you did drive down a long lane to get to their shop a shop which was packed to the rafters - and organized in a manner in which only the brothers could find things.

Despite their organized chaos, apparently the Schenkel Bros. were masters at their craft - constructors of recreational fun - tiny travel trailers and boats of all sorts.

#### Craft was found.

The May 14, 1957 Richmond Palladium-Item had a story mentioning the Schenkels, "Franklin Co. Gets Rescue Boat." The article said it was built by the Schenkel Brothers, "local boat and trailer builders" and was unsinkable. It was a 16-ft. all aluminum boat to be used for rescue work for any local entity that needed it.

The January-March 1962 Popular Boating magazine had a blurb for the Schenkel Bros. It advertised: Schenkel Bros. Mfg. Co., Brookville, Ind. White-Water Mermaid 15' runabout has all fiberglass construction, double floor with foam flotation, completely equipped with hardware and running lights, upholstered and is priced at \$695. Other models include 17' Sealiner, 15' Sportsman, 12' Fisherman, 10' Cartop and 19" to 24' fiberglass pontoons to



The Schenkels' canal boat as photographed by Carl Higgs. Courtesy of Gary & Angie Higgs.

make your own party boatorhouseboat.

If anyone remembers a half century ago when Metamora launched its first canal boat for tourists - that first small motorized canal boat was constructed by the Schenkels. Not much about it appeared in local newspapers, but the Richmond paper ran a few articles and included a photo of its construction. The little

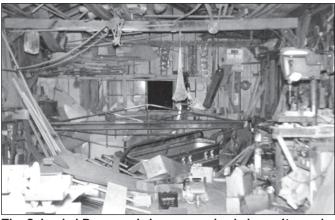
boat was officially launched on the Whitewater Canal in July of 1964.

The July 9, 1964 Palladium-Item said it was a 30-passenger canal boat with a tiller at each end (since the boat could not be turned around in the canal) and bench seats on the deck. It was 30 feet long, 10 feet wide and 8 eight feet high. It was powered by a 120-horsepower Ford engine, but the motor was governed so the top speed would only be from five to six miles per hour. The canal boat was made of fiberglass, and the plywood deck had a fiberglass coating.

In the January 1974 *Boating* magazine the Schenkels were credited with building ski boats, runabouts, houseboats, pontoon boats, and sailboats when the boating business started or if the boating and travel



A July 9, 1964 Palladium-Item article featured a photo of William Schenkel and the construction of the first tourist ca-



The Schenkel Bros. workshop - organized chaos. It may be difficult to make out, but in the center appears to be a modified coffin - maybe a coffin with a metal insert to be used as a water trough?

Word of mouth must have been the primary means of advertising, as practically nothing was found regarding their enterprise, and ads were virtually nonexistent.

Even the website for the Classic Boat Library "says there is very little information available about this company." That i s a n understatement basically there is NO information about this company. They operated

under "Schenkel Bros." and may have also been known as "White Water Boats."

The only clue discovered was that the Plaza Craft Boat Company of Dixon.

Missouri advertised "they had a houseboat division of their firm. They had three different models ranging in size from 24' to 36'. Plaza Craft builds the hulls in their Dixon plant, while Schenkel Bros. of Brookville, Ind. builds the cabins." This was in the 1950s. It is uncertain for how long or how many boat cabins the Schenkels built, but nothing else regarding their collaboration or association with Plaza



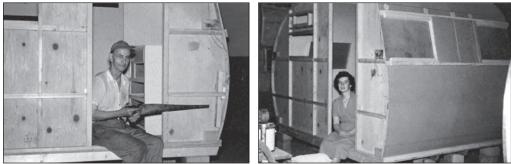
From the May 14, 1957 Palladium-Item showing the rescue boat that the county just purchased from the Schenkels.

nal boat (a motorized one) used on the canal at Metamora. It is unknown exactly Amos Walls is in the background inspecting the motor mount.

trailer manufacturing were simultaneous. If just two brothers were working on projects, I would think the items produced by them were limited in number. It's unclear what happened to the Schenkels' company or when "Bill" retired. The end - and the beginning - at this time are just not clear. If you know more-give mea call.

The brothers in business appear to have been two, but there were three brothers: William John Schenkel (1901-1981); Ferdinand Jacob Schenkel (1905-1985), of Indianapolis; and Earl Schenkel (1914-1982). All three are buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Brookville.

William Schenkel's obit said "Mr. Schenkel had retired from his occupation of building canoes, boats, and trailers in which he operated Schenkel Brothers with his brother Earl, before retirement." He was a lifelong resident of the area. Earl's obit gave no further clues, and only said



Left: William Schenkel with the Jacksons' trailer. Right: Mrs. Jackson inspecting the trailer's progress.

that he was a self-employed farmer and was found dead at his residence.

Don't ever think a donation to our library's Local History Department might be too small or insignificant. If we hadn't received five little 3x5 color photographs - the Schenkel Bros. business really would have become a part of our forgotten Franklin County history. These images were priceless! Julie Schlesselman

Local History & Genealogy Department Manager, FCPLD 765-647-4031



#### **DECEMBER 20, 2023**

# Breaking Down Barriers: Union County students speak out about drugs and alcohol

#### **Mary Apel STAFF WRITER**

You may have seen posters online from an initiative called "Prevention is the Cure" that promote being "part of the majority", using statistics of local teen drug and alcohol use. Prevention is the Cure is a state funded grant from the Department of Mental Health and & Addictions and is run through the Union County Health Department. The objectives of this grant are to work on drug prevention education, awareness and try to reduce alcohol and drug use by using four different strategies.

Recently, Prevention is the Cure hosted a "Red Ribbon contest" for this year's Red Ribbon week. Red Ribbon

Week is a national aware- tries between Liberty ness campaign in the US that focuses on drug prevention and education. It is typically observed during the last week of October each year. The campaign aims to empower individuals, especially young people, to make positive, drug-free choices and to promote a sense of community responsibility in addressing the challenges posed by drug abuse. Red Ribbon Week encourages conversations about the consequences of drug use and advocates for a supportive and drug-free environment.

PEOPLE

Union County Program Director Kay Riker-Peyton was very pleased with the turnout, and reported that the contest had over 30 essav entries from UCHS students, 15 poem entries from UCMS and over 50 smile contest en-



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I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU, YOU STILL MAKE ME PROUD

Elementary and College Corner. "The judges had a very hard time deciding on winners because they had so many quality entries in the essay and poem contests," she said. "And all those smiles that were entered!" Riker-Peyton She said that Visa gift cards were awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place entries in each category, honorable mention placings were given as well, along with ribbons. All participants received a bag filled with fun things and educational materials. Writer's note: As one of the contest's judges, I can attest to the difficulty in selecting winners. There were several truly excellent entries. Moreover, reading through the essays gave a voice to our local youth, and it was clear that we have many kids and young adults in the area who speak from a place of maturity beyond their years. Kudos and thanks to all who entered! Our kids are paying attention!

#### STUDENTS ESSAYS

Two participants were willing to have their essays printed in the newspaper; please take a moment to read these:

We All Know Drugs and Alcohol are Bad

Ever since we were little we were told a few simple rules. We all know them by heart. But which one was typically pushed upon us the most? Don't drink and don't do drugs. It's a simple rule, yet after years and years of this rule being repeated, people still disobey it.

Why? Why do so many people fall trap to the luring and temptation of these harmful substances? I can tell you a couple of reasons. Peer pressure, popularity benefits, or an escape. Oftentimes the people we surround ourselves with are the people who affect a decision like consuming harmful substances the most. They'll make fun of you if you don't or they may even threaten you. Maybe it's something else. Maybe, you just want to be considered "cool." Maybe you only do this in order to gain popularity or authority in vour school. Or maybe vou use these substances as an escape. They distract you from your reality. They take your mind off of what is actually bothering or hurting you. But are you really escaping?

No matter the reason you use them, you know it's bad. You don't have to be shown the statistics of alcohol or drug related deaths, injuries, or accidents. You don't have to have people come into your school for an intervention. You don't have to be told the same thing over and over again. You know it's bad, we all do.

So why don't you stop? Many times people don't think they can stop these substances for many reasons. "It's already caused enough damage, there's no point in

stopping now." You can still be very harmful when it's seek help and recover. People may think, "If I don't stop then we won't be friends anymore." Were they ever your "friend" to begin with if they let you and encouraged you to keep harming your body? "I'm addicted." Seek help, you can still recover. It may not be easy, but trust me it is worth it.

Think long and hard for a second. Is having this drink worth not getting your bills paid on time and losing your family's home? Is having this drink worth not spending time with your daughters so that they grow up and have to find attention elsewhere from someone else who will hurt them? Is this drink worth losing your children, your job, your life?

If we know this rule, if it's been repeated time and time again throughout your life, why do you still abuse these substances? It's not good for you, but you already knew that. If you have ever wanted true happiness, true success, a good life, don't pick up that drink. Don't try those drugs. Do what you know is right and what you know is good. We all know that drugs and alcohol are bad, so don't do them. It's not worth it.

The harmful influence of drugs and alcohol on humanity

Drugs are bad, everyone has heard it whether it's been from the doctor, at school, at a funeral, in church or on social media. Alcohol can also



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misused. Sure they're bad, but why? Well, drugs and alcohol have taken control of the nation and have caused nothing but destruction. Of course prevention is the best way to avoid the terrible effects of drug and alcohol use, but there are also ways to treat addiction. Drugs and alcohol can have many negative effects on the human body, they can open the mind to mental illnesses and disorders, and can also negatively impact the relationships of the user.

The human body was not built to constantly consume harmful substances. Although there are organs. such as the liver, that help filter toxins out of the body. they weren't made to consistently filter out highly venomous substances. Most heart and blood vessel problems are linked to drug and alcohol use. Many of the different health issues caused by drug and alcohol use often lead to stroke, heart attack, organ failure and even death. Drug use can be particularly harmful to the kidneys and can cause them to have to work much harder than normal. Drug and alcohol use, especially combined, is very hard on the liver and can lead to harsh liver damage and even liver failure. The use of these substances has even been traced to causing many different varieties of cancer. The physical health risks such as seizures, heart attack, stroke, cancer, organ failure and death are not worth the risk. Prevention is the best and most effective way to avoid these intense health conditions caused by drug and alcohol use.

Drug and alcohol use doesn't only negatively affect the human body but also the human mind. Drugs such as LSD can cause users to become paranoid and have intense hallucinations which are closely related to symptoms of schizophrenia. The CDC also claims that the use of marijuana is directly linked to memory loss, learning, attention, and even decision making. These mental illnesses and disorders are treatable but not completely curable. The long-lasting effects of these substances are not worth risking a perfectly sound and sober mind. Prevention is the cure. Now, the harmful effects on relationships. I've personally experienced the harmful effects of drug and alcohol abuse as a daughter, granddaughter, niece and girlfriend. My dad used to abuse opioids and was mentally and emotionally absent but then he turned to Jesus and made the choice to turn his life around for the betterment of himself and his family. On the other hand my uncle and grandma both have unfortunately passed away due to overdose. Too many lives have been lost to drug use. The most personal experience I've had has been my past relationship. Thankfully I didn't physically lose him to drug use but I did lose him mentally and emotionally to his drug use. So tell me, why are drugs bad to you?

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### **Lunes** <u>• Continued</u> from Page 5

"Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," and "Holly Jolly Christmas" were all written by Johnny Marks, who was Jewish. The proudly Jewish Irving Berlin wrote "White Christmas." "Let It Snow" and "The Christmas Song" were written by Mel Torme, who was also Jewish.

"You're a Mean One. Mr. Grinch" was sung by Thurl Ravenscroft who was also the voice of the Frosted

# Wreaths Continued from Page 1

spect.

Cemetery.

Armv

Navy

Marines

Air Force

Coast Guard

POW/MIA

Honored were:

as they place a wreath on these marked graves, giving remembrance and honor to those we have lost.

Prior to our crowd assisting in honoring the servicemen, an emotional ceremony is held. Here, a veteran from each branch of the military presents an individual wreath in honor, remembrance, solidarity, pride, and sacrifice. The wreaths hold a heavy weight for the family and friends lost, so thank you to the veterans who honored

Flakes cereal mascot, Tony the Tiger.

Jingle Bells: Originally intended as a Thanksgiving song titled "One Horse Open Sleigh", "Jingle Bells" was written by James Lord Pierpont in the mid-19th century. Pierpont had a fascinating life, and while we remember him primarily for his authorship of this holiday favorite, it was not the overwhelming achievement of his life at the time.

He set out west to discover gold at one point, and fought in the Civil War. Despite having an abolitionist father, Pierpont was devout in his support of the Confederacy and joined the Confederate army. He lived out the remainder of his days in Georgia, where a plaque in his honor can be found in Savannah, across from the Unitarian church

the fallen with grace and re-Wreaths Across America is a beautiful organization Here in Franklin County, who comes every year to help honor those who have wreaths were placed in Holy Guardian Angels served and those still serv-Oratory, St. Peter's ing. As we are right before Cemetery, and St. Michael's the holidays, the wreaths serve as a connection to those we have lost and have

> them celebrated with us. "TAPS" was played for the servicemen following the wreath placements, and thank you to Drew Selm who sang the National Anthem.

#### Center <u> Center Continued from Page 1</u>

Laurel, requested to meet with a board member and attorney to resolve a complaint. Seig said if she intended to resolve the problem, she would have attended the December meeting. Kramer moved to file suit and Seig seconded. The motion passed with Christine Rains abstaining.

There are new owners of the Oxford Pike parcel in Bath previously owned by Daniel and Nisha Sizemore. Kramer moved for Sterwerf to evaluate the site to see if the complaint is still valid, then start the 30-day process. Rains seconded; motion carried.

The Sturwolds (2139 East Road, Brookville) made no contact after Davis had sent a letter. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management had made a

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site visit in July and found no violation. The APC and a neighbor see otherwise. Also, viewing the violation beyond the main road requires entering the residents' property. Kramer advised Wesling to send a letter and for Sterwerf and him to arrange to meet the owners of the property.

Davis was to get Wesling up to speed on 8143 Silver Creek Road, Metamora (descendants of Augustus and Phyllis Washburn). There are several issues; Wesling said the answer may be for the county to get a court order to place a lien on the property.

Grove Street Properties (11225 State Road 1 North) did not respond to a second letter, so an attorney letter is the next step.

The BZA also had a variance request for a deck extension off the home of Beverly Ellis (1109 Main Street, Brookville); the lessthan-required setback had already been okaved by the town. The builder, Clyde Johnson, and surveyor (Seig) spoke for the homeowner. Johnson said the adjoining homeowner also had no objections.

Braun moved to approve the variance contingent upon a small detail being changed on the application; Rains seconded and the board approved.

In other items, Kramer was reappointed for another two-year term on APC by the school board. Braun inquired whether Patrick Bedel (representing Purdue Extension) was still interested in serving on APC as he's missed several consecutive meetings.



# Kappa - Continued from Page 7

Applicants for this award must be enrolled in a fully accredited course of study leading to a degree to teach music in a private,

public or parochial school. They must have completed at least one academic year following high school graduation.

Nearly 400 wreaths were

placed on Saturday.

Students wishing to apply for any of these scholarships are encouraged to contact Karen Bergin at 765-309-5436 by Monday, Jan. 8.

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Public notice is hereby given to affected property owners pursuant to 170 IAC 4-9-4 (f) that within two (2) to six (6) weeks of the date of this notice, weather permitting, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC will be performing vegetation management as part of its power line maintenance program in the area described below. As part of this project, one of its contractors that employ qualified utility line clearance tree workers will be trimming and/or removing trees and brush to clear the lines of vegetation to provide safe and reliable elec-

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47. Prod 48. Crazy bird Donald III has filed a petition in the Franklin County Court requesting that name changed to Brian Morse Zwick.

Notice is further given that the

hearing will be held on said Petition on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at 1:15 p.m.

Brian MacDonald III

Petitioner Date: November 20, 2023

J. Steven Cox, Judge Franklin Circuit Court

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Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice of administration, or within (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Brookville, Indiana, this 29th day of November, 2023.

Neysa R. Raible Clerk of the Franklin County Circuit Court Attorney for Estate Lillie Mae Hubbard

Attorney No. 32369-81 Hubbard Law Office 1 East Union Street Liberty, Indiana 47353 765-458-5388

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tric service. Vegetation management will be performed in/near Brookville on or near streets identified below:

Beginning at the substation located near 10058 US HWY 52, to include the areas around & near: N of the substation, E of County Park Rd, S of W 4th St, E of Little Cedar Rd

The date this notice is published initiates the two (2) week period for calculating implied consent by an affected property owner under 170 IAC 4-9. If you have any questions, you may contact the Duke Energy Vegetation Management toll free number, 866-385-3675.

Duke Energy Indiana, LLC

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

The New Point Stone Co., Inc. with Corporate offices at 992 S CR 800 E, Greensburg IN. 47240 is submitting an NOI letter for our Derbyshire Quarry located a t 24031 Derbyshire Road, Laurel IN 47024 to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the require-327 ments under IAC 15-6 to disstorm charge water exposed 0 industrial activities. Run off from the facility will discharge to Derbyshire Creek a tributary of t h e Whitewater River. Questions 0 comments should be

directed to Ken Wanstrath at 992 S CR 800 E Greensburg.IN 47240 New Point Stone Co., Inc

Derbyshire Quarry 992 S County Rd 800 E

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN CAUSE NO. 24C01-2312-EU-000658 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSU-PERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JEAN MARIE DREWES, DECEASED

# NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

TO DEVISEES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on December 4, 2023, Stephen Drewes, was appointed Personal representative of the Unsupervised Estate of Jean Marie Drewes, who died October 31, 2023

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the

STATE OF INDIANA IN THE FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF FRANKLIN CAUSE NO. 24C01-2312-ES-000667 IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF MARK KEITEL, DECEASED NOTICE OF

#### ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of December, 2023, Sue Keitel was appointed personal representative of the estate of Mark Keitel, deceased, who died on October 13, 2023.

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT) SS: COUNTY OF FRANKLIN CAUSE NO. 24C01-2311-PL-000651 STATE OF INDIANA, Plaintiff,

)RONALD W. RITZ; DONALD NEWKIRK (DECEASED); THE UN-KNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGA-TEES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, EX-ECUTORS, TRUSTEES, RECEIV-ERS, AGENTS, AND REPRESEN-TATIVES OF DONALD NEWKIRK ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PER-SONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DE-SCRIBED HEREIN; AND FRANK-LIN COUNTY. INDIANA Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF SUIT WITH SUMMONS BY PUBLICA-TION

Pursuant to a Praecipe for Summons by Publication filed by the Plaintiff, State of Indiana, in the abovecaptioned cause of action, you are hereby notified that a Complaint for Appropriation of Real Estate has been filed in the Franklin County Circuit Court, Cause Number 24C01-2311-PL-000651, regarding an action to acquire real estate by eminent domain, said real estate more particularly described in the attached Exhibit A (the "Real Estate").

The above-named Defendant: (1) "Donald Newkirk and Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Legatees, Successors, Assigns, Executors, Trustees, Receivers, Agents, And Representatives Of Donald Newkirk And All Other Unknown Persons", may claim an interest in the Real Estate, de-

scribed in the attached Exhibit A. The name and address of the attorneys representing the Plaintiff is

Jeffrey L. Simnick and Thomas M. Bright, Office of the Indiana At-

Clerk of this Court located at 459 Main Street, Brookville, Indiana 47012, within three (3) months from the date

of the first publication of this notice of administration, or within (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Brookville, Indiana 12/5/2023Neysa R. Raible

Clerk of the Franklin Circuit Court Attorney for the Estate:

Brenda L. Wilhelm-Waggoner, WILHELM-WAGGONER & BUNDY,

LLC, 424 Court Street,

> Brookville, Indiana 47012, Telephone 7655-647-0488

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All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice of administration. or within (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Brookville, Indiana, this 13th day of Decemberr, 2023.

Neysa R. Raible Clerk of the Franklin County Circuit Court

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must respond to said suit on or before the expiration of thirty

(30) days from the date that the third notice of suit is published, or judgment by default may be entered

against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint for Appropriation of Real Estate, and any interest you may have in the abovedescribed Real Estate may be terminated. Dated at Brookville, Indiana, the18TH day of December, 2023.

Neysa R. Raible Clerk of Franklin County Circuit Court 24C01-2311-PL-000651 24-16-03-300-001.000-003 EXHIBIT "A"

A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 8 North, Range 2 West, Franklin County, Indiana, and being that part the grantor's land lying within the right of way lines depicted on the attached Right of Way Parcel Plat marked Exhibit "B", described as follows: Beginning on the west line of said section North O degrees 35 minutes 12 seconds East 298.85 feet from the southwest comer of said quarter section; thence North O degrees 35 minutes 12 seconds East 50.67 feet along said west line to the centerline of U.S.R. 52 (Brookville & Harrison Turnpike Road); thence South 80 degrees 03 minutes 50 seconds East 86.67 feet along said centerline; thence South 9 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds West 50.00 feet to point "608" designated on said plat: thence North 80 degrees 03 minutes 50 seconds West 78.44 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.095 acres, more or less, inclusive of the presently existing right-of-way which contains 0.024 acres, more or less, for a net additional taking of 0.071 acres, more or less.

This description was prepared for the Indiana Department of Transportation by Beam, Longest and Neff, L.L.C.

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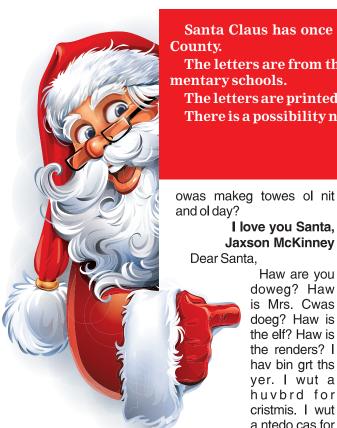
It is the little things that make the holidays special, like the moments we share with our customers and friends like you.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you here in town, and we really appreciate your trust in us.

Thank you for your kind patronage.



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#### Mrs. Barker's **1st Grade Class, BES** Dear Santa.

Haw are you. Haw are the rander,. Haw is mis clos? I wut a flufe stuffe. I wut another flufe stuffe. I wut rox.

#### I love you, **Elizabeth Almon**

Dear Santa, I'm sre i got in trubl at skol.

l love you santa. I love the presnts from last cris. I wut a remot kuntrl cr for cris. I wut sum crs. I wut a spiderman kostum. I wut a jron.

#### From, Weston Elza

Dear Santa,

Hal are you and Mis Klos. Ples can you bring me a babe dall. Thank you Santa. You are the best bcus you rspet me. I love you Santa and Mis Klos. Santa is the best bcus he brengs presins to me. Mare Crismis!

#### I love you, Leah Gibbs

Dear Santa,

Haw re you dowen. I hopp yrre randers are dowen good. Ralfee is ben good and so are the elf pets. Tis is what I wntt for crissmus...I wntt a flufe sufe and I wntt a big Squamellaey!

#### Love you Santa, Roslynn Graf

elf.

Dear Santa,

I bin good to mi mom and mi sistr has bin good to. Mi Dad has bin good to and mi Mom has bin good to and mi dog has bin good to. I what a

### Dear Santa,

I love you Santa,

Haw are you

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**Colt Parkhurst** 

I love you,

I love you,

Love you,

With love,

Sophie Rauch

**Quinn Rauch** 

**Madilyn Perry** 

for christmas. I wut a hedid

Tanc you for giveg me

prezis. Are yor elfs doen

dod? Are vor randers doen

god? Are thay helfey? I bin

god! I wut a VR headset and

slimu. I wut pudey! I wut

Haw has the rander bin?

Are the rander retey to fli?

Haw have you and Missis

Clos bin? Thack you for my

gifs last yer. I miss you alot. I

can't what for you to come

back. For Chrismis I what

sum new Nickes and barbes

Is Mrs. Clos doing ok?

Haw are your rander doing?

Haw are you doing Santa

Clos? I love wut I got last yer.

For Crisis I wunt Dog Man

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Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa.

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Dear Santa,

Jaxson McKinney

Dear Santa,

I wodr haw your randers aer doweg. I wodr haw you and Mis Clos aer dowg. Can you ples git me a phon and a babe dol and I wod like a pohon cas and a mak up set and babe dal clos. I wod like threy necklis.

The letters are printed with the students' unique spellings, as Santa requested.

#### Love you and Miss **Clos, Madilyn Stamper** Dear Santa,

Wut do I wunt for Krismis? I wunt a LOL and a par of sliprs and a unikon. How are the rander dowe today? I hop you had a gud day. How is Miss Clos dowen today? I thenc you are reyl!

#### From, Layala Thomas Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa. I wunt a Pokemon gold fowl box. I wunt a Charzar Ulchr Preeme box. I wunt Pokemon erpods. I wunt 151 box. I wunt a futbol.

#### From, **Camden Trammell**

Dear Santa,

Hal is ur rander and the elfs? Hal r you Santa? Can you giv me a notebook and a pen and a babe dol for Crisms?

#### I love you, Addie VanMeter Dear Santa,

Do you have a favrit culr? Do you have a favrit reindeer? Whats the best presint you given to a kid? Thank you for the gifts you given me and I whant a woke toke robot and a dragon puzl and one mor thing, I whant a ovr sisd monster truck.

#### Good by Santa, William Zimmer Mrs. Calihan's

#### **1st Grade Class, BES** Dear Santa.

I love chocklit andere. I love snooman. I love a reel elf. I Love Love dogs. I want montstor hie doolzz. I want lol doolzz and lphone 15 and a choklit santa. What cinde of cookees do you love? I help my mom.

Love.

#### Love, Harper

Dear Santa, I like reeden books. Do you like cucees? I want colrng books. I help my sistr paint her nals. I want a Ifon 15. I want Lol dolls. I want a barbee. I am kind to my frends.

Santa Claus has once again allowed Whitewater Publications to collect his mail from some of the children of Franklin

The letters are from the first through third grade students who attend Brookville, Laurel, Mt. Carmel and St. Michael ele-

There is a possibility not all the letters were published, but all the letters were forwarded to jolly old St. Nick.

#### Love, Baleigh

#### Dear Santa,

I like my mom and my dad. Do you like your elffs? I want a scoodr and a numbr chrt. I want a fone and a toy cra and a thrack with it. Thak you Santa!

#### Love, Steven

Dear Santa, I like Pocemon. I sol you

Santa Do you lik deliven presis to kids? I want a nintdo swich. I am kiad to mi frins.

#### Love, Leland

Dear Santa,

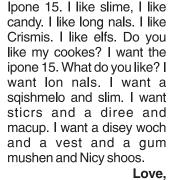
I like playing wef monster truks. I want mot cybtrl bot. I halp my mom do the dishs. Do you like cooces? I want a tiunse. I want Ifonn 15. I

#### cards. I want 1,000,000 foot-Love, ball cards. I want a tablet. I Kaiser help my sister. I am nice to

I like minecraft. Do you like cookes? I want a play stachin. I help my teacher wif ideeus.

I like to have Monster Hie Dols. I like your elf. Do you love me? Do you like choclit cookees? I want Monstr Hie Dolls. I am kind to Lillie.

Dear Santa,



I like Crismus. I hope Elffe

comes bac. Are you dooen

good? Did you go to scool? I

want a bote that is powered

bie a bloon. I am good at

I like pupys. Do you have

a pupy? I want a Barbe. I

want a Elf. I want a monstr hi

doll. I want Bath and body

wrks. I want a sukr. I help

Can I have a Hover bord

and some patches? I like bas-

ketball cards and football

cards. I want a lot of football

my dad. I want a Justin Jef-

I like a tramplre but make

shor my Dog will not choo it

up. Do you still have Roodoff

the red noose reindeer? I

want a girls yete. I am kind at

school. We have a kind

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

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ferson jersey.

Dear Santa,

school.

Jeniyah.

I like dogs and elfs and I like cars. I met your elf at my house. Do you have a lot and a lot of elfs? I want a phone and a trampling and I want Boxing gluvs. I halp my dog and take care of her.

#### Love, Coltyn

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas!

Hallie

Love,

Oliver

Love,

Love,

Benny

Love,

Ava

Charlee

I like lifsizdall. Do you like the snow? I want a ifon 15. I want books I want a lifsizdall. I want cloze for my lifsizdall. I want mostrhidalls. I help my famlee.

#### Love, Layla

Dear Santa,

I like you. What do you like? I want a PS5 and a iphne15 and dog toys and a Oculus and a bat. I want Niek shos. I am kind to Corben.

#### Love, Grayson

Dear Santa,

My name is Corben. I like football cards. I like basketball cards. I met your elf. Do you like snow? I am kind to Grayson Hall. I want a pupey. I want 1015 football cards. My bruthr wants a Oculis.

#### Love Corben

#### Dear Santa,

I like ELFS and I like plushy. I like smock mask. I like babby chiks. I want a plushy trke. Do you mak scot elfs that you can tuch? I love you Santa and I love your elfs.

#### Love, Greyson

### Dear Santa,

What time do you come to my house? I put a note in my mailbox for you. I want a toy remote control cop car. My elf if going to be a mommy.

Love, Jacob

# Love, Bruce Dear Santa,



want a nintndo switch. Dear Santa,

#### PS5. I love you,

#### Logan Hamilton Dear Santa,

I love the gif tat you got me in 2022. I wot games and a spidr man tow. And I love all of the toys you got me in 2021.

Love,

#### James Hertel

#### Dear Santa,

Last yer I loved the presins you gave me. I still have them. I love the elf you gave me sow much. I whunt more squich melos and a doel haws and a Brbes haws.

#### I love you, Addyson Hoppenstand Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are the Elfs? How are the Raindear? I want a Nendendo Swich. I want some Transformrs.

#### From, **Declan Kaiser**

#### Dear Santa,

Haw ar yo doweg. I wunt gams for mi nitindo switch. How ar the randers and the elfs and Mis clas and you Santa? Ar you god or bad? Ar you tird evre nit? Ar you

today? I wut a Gabe Dol hos toy and hos. I oslo wut a LOL hos. I want 2 squishmllos.

Dear Santa,

#### From, **Kynlee Reuss** Dear Santa,

Is the rander doeg good? How are you and Mis is Klos doeg? Santa are you wrkeg in uer shop? My frafrit rander is Dashr I wut a intidow swij and alot of kande kans. I wut a kar set and I wut a robot dog and a pekok stuf anmoo and a snak stuf anmoo and a now sled!

#### I love you, Ledger Rosenberger Dear Santa,

I love the przis last yre. Can you ples get me a XBox? You are my ferret prsin. I wut a Nintdo swish, ples. I love you. I rile wutt Pla Stasin 5 and Pokemon and a hunte gam for my XBox. I love you so ples. I wut a now bakpak. Can I have a kids kwodu?

Thank you Santa, Zander Schnecker

Dear Santa,

I yor wif ok? Can I hav a bab and a bab bed?

I love you, Johannah Shoemaker

#### Finleigh McCann Dear Santa,

I like Lols and Brbees. Do you like cokes and mlc? I want Brbees and Iol dols. I want colrn books. I hlp my mom klen.

#### Jeniyah

#### Dear Santa,

I like chocklit. Do you like kids? I want a Brbe campr and monster Hie Dolss and culrnig books. I want a BrBe Bote. I help my mom. Thak you Santa for giving us gifs! Love,

#### Lillie

#### Dear Santa,

I like your shop I met your elf Do you like me? Do you have 6000 elfs? I want kop armee men. I am kind to Greyson . I want a play station 5. Hove Santa.

> Love, Joey

#### Dear Santa,

I like the Ipone 15. I like nals. Do you like cookies and melk? I want lphone 15. I want nals. I want a letcheck skooder. I want a bitzee and I want mackup. I want a Gumball misheen. I want the picksee Lol. I am kind to my brothers Henry and Heston.



(765) 647-5451

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Wishing You MERRY CHRISTMAS



#### Mrs. Cates' **1st Grade Class, BES** Dear Santa,

Hi! I'm on the nice list this year because I say sare to pepl. One thing I want is a gabby crou ship. I love gabby. Another present that I want is lago for crismias. I like to bild lago. The last present I want is skin kar. I don,t have much.

#### Your friend, **Evey Bauer**

Dear Santa.

Hi! I'm on the nice list this vear because I can clen. One thing I want is a toy chickon because they are cute. Another present that I want is a robot becaus it can help me. Last present that I want is a book because I want to lern.

#### Your friend, **Eldon Sauerland**

#### Dear Santa,

Hi! I'm on the nice list this year because I help my mom with logrey. I help giv my dogs a bath. One thing I want is humin pupits becayse I watched a pupit showe. Another present that I want is a now wotr balltl. Min is old. The last present I want is a now dall. Some of them are old.

#### Your friend, Harper Hughes

#### Dear Santa,

Hi! I'm on the nice list this year because I make the bed and take the trash out! One thing I want is a carmra because to play with. Aother present that I want is a cherledr oufit because I dot have one. The last present I want is a water botel that is a higl flas.

#### Your friend, Myla

#### Dear Snanta,

Hi! Snanta I'm on the nice list bcas I fed my baby cuozin. One thing I want is a lago set bcus I want to bild it. Anatr presint that I want is so toy cars so I can ride thim. The last presnt I want is a pop-it thing becus it looks cool.

#### Your friend, Jaxton

#### Dear Santa,

I'm on the nice list this year because I clen the bathloom. One thing I want is to have a radeo with a microfon. Another want is a dog. The last present i want is a Gorg the monkey.

Your frind, Lahnae trtol toy bekas thay are qyot. Another present I wan is a randeer with a bell bekas I like ran deer. The last thing I want is a trtol toy. bekas they are qyot.

#### Your friend, Dawn

Dear Santa Hi! I am on the nice list this year because I cleen the snck and I tak the dog owt sid. One thing I want is a pool bekause I swm in the summr. and a ulechirck car and a bab dall that ess and pottess. I bin ascing for a ulechrick car for a long tim. That is yeh I want one. I like to brtind to jriv that is oso. Yeh I want a ulechrik car. To me it is just so fun to jriv in a car.

#### Your friend, Nora

#### Dear Santa

Hi! Im on the nice list this year becuase I help get the medr fro the wof and the medr fof the siden. One thing I want I want farm equipment to play with. Another present that I want is a tractor becus I like the wels. The last present I want is a drt bik.

#### Your friend, **Jack Bolser**

Dear Santa. Hi! I'm on the nice list this year because I help my dad. One thing want is a jiant sqishmala Another present that want is slim because

my old wun did. The last

#### present I want is a craft kit. Your friend, Scarlett

Dear Santa Hi! I'm on the nese list this year becaus itf suwun falls down I help them up. One thing I want is a pool stick cus all the pool sticks are to long. Another present that I want is jordins cus my Bruthr has los of jordins and I jest Ird haw to tiy my shoos. The last present I want is a foot bol cards cus they look cool wen sun rrflex off them. Your friend,

#### Nolan, Kist **DEAR SANTA**

I am on the nice nice list this because I cleaned the tub for my mom when she was sick. One thing I want for christmas is a nail machine so I can paint my nails when I play.

#### Your friend Breanna

Dear Santa,

and I want a rel fon and I want chransformrs and hot wels and monstar chrks.

#### Thank you Santa, **From Michael** Der santa,

How are you? I am good. For Crismis I want a umaracin gril doll stuf and er buds.

### Thank you santa, **Kylie**

### Dear Santa,

How are you? I am grate. For crismas I want a phone and roler scats. Thank you Santa.

#### Love **Brynley**

#### Der Santa,

How are you? I am good. For crismis I wanta BorBe chrem haws and a now tablit.

#### Thank you Santa, Kyndall

Der Santa,

How are you? I am gret. For christmas I want a Brbey has and a pupey and i wut it to nam him Westin and i wat slime and a fon and I wat it to be a reyl fon and a lamrgeney. I Love You Santa

# Love,

Joslyn Der Santa.,

How are you? I am grat. For Crismis I want a rel pupy and a rel pfon.

#### Love, Heavenly

Der Santa

How are you? I am. good. For Crismis I want a i fon 13

#### love, Kyle

### Dear Santa,

How are you? I am good. For Crismis I want a barbe hows and a barbe car and a myliv cowch and kitchen and a bild a bar and a now pai of shoos.

#### Thal you Santa

#### Love Elizabeth

Dear Santa, How are you? I am good. For Crismis I want pokamon crds and a playstaschan.

### love Silas

### Der Santa,

thank you

How are you? I am gud. For Crismis I want a fone and baby dall.

#### Thank you Santa from Audrey

Der Santa,

How are you? I am good. For crismis I want relol iuping shoos and a towy tran

set and fisin pol and a

Holiday Greetings

playstashon net wrk. Thank you, Santa.

#### Love. Denver.

### Der Santa,

#### How are you? I am grat. For crismis I want a rele fon and a fon charger. I Love You Santa

# Love

#### Maelynn. Der Santa,

I am good. How are you? For Crismis I want hedfons and roldrskats.

#### Thank you Santa. Love Amelia Mrs. Sharp's

#### 1st Grade Class, BES Dear Santa,

Houw are you doing? Cud I ples have a rifl with a usa flag on it and a buck to praktiss shooting a buck for Christmas.

#### Love, Nixon Dear Santa,

Can I ples have a venom. I love you Santa. Love, Tyrion

#### Dear Santa, Haw are your elfs? May I have a big gun and a toy robot with a controlr and a new gutar and a teeny mates goden josh allen. Have a

merry Christmas! Lolipop is good! Love, Jaxon Dear Santa, Hi my name is Kensley.

Can I have a baby dol for Christmas. Are you bpsp today? This is your noel. Mary Christmos Santa.

Love, Kensley Dear Santa,

#### Are you a bise persn. Can I have for Christmas a USA grl doll and I mist you Santa and pels can I a big squshmlly? Happy Christ-

mas! Love, Sydney Dear Santa,

How are your elfs? I hope ther doing good. I wish for a skatbord because I what tv and I see a lot of people and I like cool stuff.

#### Love, Zayden Dear Santa,

Can I hav a tran? May I hav a monctr truk? Can I have a quad. Hike you. Love, your friend and

#### **buddy Christian** Hi Santa,

Ma I have ouw cubels broko with a bot and with a fralr and a bodlcovre go tran and a yel baschr trap and a the randee and I been a trtl van? How are the rader

Hi how are you? I hop you are haven a grat day. So then I want in the hol wrld is a kidin ples? O! I wish! You have a good day? Kiss and hugs. Sow um can I 3 thes to. I want to is a gud Christmas and a habe Christmas. Chelsea

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How have you been

Santa with Mrs. Claus? I

hope Christmas is awe-

some this year. I want you to

take care of you and the rein-

deer. I want for Chrismas a

fluffy stuffy. Happy

How are you and Mrs

Claus doing today? Thank

you for what you have done.

Can I have a mini back-

packs please? And can I

have stitch stuff for Christ-

mas? Thank you. You are so

nice. Thank you so much.

Have a great day. Have fun.

Hello! What's happening

at the North pole? Can you

take me on a sleigh ride? I

belive in you! May I please

have: Ipad, goldfish,

Nintendo switch and a

dozen of candy canes.

Please me a lego and

I hope ever boddy has

Christmas spirit for the

raindeer. I hope all of you

guys are feeling good. Can

you get me a PS5. And

I hope you and Mrs.

Claus are ok. I have been

pretty good this year. I love

this year of the holeday. I

could use a scooter. I was

thinking about it and could I

How are you and Mrs.

Claus. I hope the reindeer

and the elves are ready. I

have been a pretty good

boy. Here are some things I

want, pokemon cards and a

diglett stuffed animal. I hope

the northern lights guide the

I have been really good

this year, I would like

pokemon scarlet, and I

would also like every single

pokemon card and

pokemon binder to put all of

my pokemon cards in. I will

have a mini brats dolls.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

way.

Love Max

Love, Magaly

From, Braylee

Alana

Eli

Love, Luca

Love, Skyleigh

Love, Colton

switch please.

Chrismas.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Thank you.

new dog.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

dragon ball Z toys.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, Can I pls have a bike? I have bin good.

#### Love, Your Buddy Isaac

Dear Santa, Is your rander ok? I wunt

a nrf gun. I wunt a big crane. I rile want a Nintndo Swch. And a big nrf gun.

#### Love, Wesson Dear Santa,

I help at you are okai I help yor rander are okai. Can I ples have a play hows at I can fit in and I can kol you and looks like a rela hows and daresis and a wienrdog.

#### Love, Ruthie Dear Santa,

Happy Christmas. How are you doeg? May I have a elv on a shelf and a kid car and a slay and I bin vare gad! Have a Mary Christmas! I am upartmit 5.

yere. Santa and I hope the

rander have a good yere.

Can I have a toy please. I've

ben a good boy santa. I like

Christmas so much. I wont

be a bad boy. This yere

Santa. I reely like Chrismas

Haw are my elfs? You are

gud. Hav a good day. Is my

efl Snoblle gud. I wut a dol

ples. I wut a mar dol ples,

Hape Mare Christmas Say

Hay to mis clos. I wut a

Haw is mis clos and haw

are you to. Can I ples have a

lol. Hav a vire nis Christmas.

I was gud. Pls tel Mrs Clos I

Can I ples hav LOL. Can I

Your Friend, Annie

ples hav a brb. Can I ples

Ms. Hensley's

2nd Grade Class, BES

How are you doing? Whit

hav a squichsemelow.

Dear Santa Claus,

so much.

Dear Santa,

squishe. Thak you.

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

said hey.

#### Love, Aria

Love, Chase

From, Rachel

Love, Jemma

Dear Santa, I hope you had a good

#### Dear Santa,

I am on the nice list this vear because | be gud. | am not bad. One thing I want is a terex that chirasformr in to a cor. I wut it. Another present I want is a cor so dad cus I help my dad. The last present I want is a wun hunrld dolr bll.

#### Your friend, Emmett

#### Dear Santa.

Hi! I'm on the nice list this year because I play with my sistr. I help mom klen. Won feg I want is an xbox because I want to play on it with my bruthrs. Another present that I want to play on it with my bruthrs. The last present I want is a remot for xbox to play the xbox.

#### Your friend, Tate Bruns.

Dear Santa,

Hi! I'm on the nice list this year because I turn off my sound mushen and my lit. One thing I want a stuft anamamol jagwir beks I don't hav one. Another present I want is a randeer with a bell bekos I like ran deer. The last present I want is a

Hi! I'm on the nies list this year becuse I help mom and dad. One thing I want is a storm tropr lago set. Another present that I went is a lago umgsඞ set. The lest present I wunt is a touee indoe raptre that can macke sawnd.

> Your friend, Jesse G.

#### Mrs. Galyen's **1st Grade Class, BES** Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. For Christmas, I want sensory stuff and toys. Thank you santa.

#### Love, Leah

Der Sata,

How are you? I am good. For christmas I want a tratsfomr

#### Thank You Levi

#### Der Santa,

How are you? I am good. For Crismis I want now hed fonse. Thank you Santa Love

Zola

Der Santa,

How are you? I am good. I want ps fiv and a rander and LOL pepl. I want to ples and a towy haws.and a rel fon ples to Santa

#### Love Sailor

#### Der Santa,

How are you? I am grat. for crismis I want maching pjs for my famile.

Thank you.

Love, Ariana

Dear Santa, I want a dinosaur. I want a

transformer. I want a toy sak to put my toys in.

> Love. Carter

Der Santa,

How are you? I am good. For crismis I want a squishmolo.

thack yu Santa

### Love Sophia

Der Santa, How are you> I am good. For Crismis I want roler skats.

Thank you Santa.

Love,
Eve

#### Dear Santa, How are you? I am good. For Crismis I want a VR hed

doing? How are uou? Love, Tucker

# Dear Santa,

I have bin good and my sistr oih good too. Sow how have you bin? Sow I wut presits and my sistr to.

#### Love, Preston Dear Santa,

Cab I have PS fivv and can I hav mostr jhrucks and can I have the best Christmas.

#### Your bude, Owen

Dear Santa, Can I ples have a ten swimelow for Christmas and a sof blat ples and nleris for Christmas.

Love, Ava

Dear Santa,

How are the raindeer doing? Could I please have some football and basketball cards. And maybe some teeny mates. If you could do that it would be the best Christmas ever. Are you busy? Are you reading diffrent kids notes? Any way bubles is doing good! I'm being a good boy. Beckett is to. Have a merry Christmas.

Love, Leo Dear Santa,

goot boy. Can I get a nrf gun please. Thank you. And can you get me PS5 please and thank you. And can you get me a new PS4 please. Thank you. Colton

# Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are your reindeer and your elfs? I wish your a PS5. Owen

Dear Santa Claus,

I hop you are feling god I wunt adorre hous for crismis. And a dade doll to and sum dade doll closto.

#### Bailey

Dear Santa, How have you been? I've been a very good girl. Can you give me a phone and a squichmellow, and some lights Also a bag of cadycone also and a mini backpack.

#### Love, Avery

Dear Santa, How have you and Mrs Claus been? I hope the Christmas spirit is high! Also I am soroy if I have been a little naughty! I will try to be a little better. Thank you for my Christmas present late this year I want a Nintendo

leave you 11 cookies and 9 carrots for your reindeer and a glass of milk or cocoa.

#### Sincerely, Julian Dear Santa,

How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I hope the elves are ready for Christmas. I have been wondering how the Northern Lights look? I hope you and Mrs Claus are having the best time ever. I would like an Xbox one and I would like a ps5.

#### Love, Eastyn

Dear Santa,

How are you? Can you please give me a Nintendo switch or xbox please? Can you please give me pokemon cards and a pokemon book please? Can please have an rc hellucopter please?

#### Love, Adam

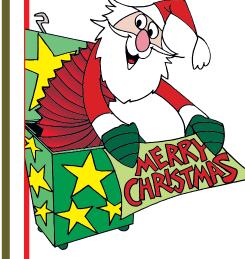
Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,

How have you been this year? Is it going to snow on Christmas? May I have a havorbord. And some jell pens. May I have 300 pieses of paper and a kit of science. I have been a pretty good girl. Love you Santa.

Love, Vera



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# **OUR BEST**

With glad tidings from all of us to all of you at this festive time of year. We truly appreciate your goodwill and support.



How are the elves and you? Are the reindeer ready for cookies and milk to? I been kind of good. Just every year me and my bubas fite. Can I have a phone, Ipad, Mini Brands.

#### Love, Maci Dear Santa,

Can I have a new drone for Christmas and a new pair of socks. Also the new smash bruthers and ps4 and I want the game fornite and rowblocks. And that all I want for Christmas.

#### Love Ryatt Mrs. Pittman's 2nd Grade Class, BES Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer doing? Is it cold there? Am I on the nice list or the naughty? I want Whatever you would like to give me. Here are some ideas spider, pokemons, squishies, Bizzy pop' its, Majic Chicks, Majic Pixie, candy, pets, lipstick, Rainbow High doll, 3 little christmas tree, remote control spider, Christmas trees, the Chrismas toy keychains, a iPad jingle bell,

decerations in my room, earrings, stamps, ink pens. Love Lorelai

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing todav? Fro christmas I would like a stuff and a mole I. would like a lego set and a x box the last thing is a couple of t-shirts.

# Love Elijah

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? For christmas I want some stitch show. also, I want a stitch water bottle. want some stitch Air Pods too a stitch mirror. I want some Angel Show too. As well as a stitch bed.

#### Love Remi

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? Santa can I please have a very very very big teddy bear. Snata can I please have a skateboard too. Santa, cah I a dall house and more lol dalls. and a barbie house. I would also like a disco ball. Snata cah I have a very very very big barbie. Snata cah you tell Dasher I siad hello?

#### your friend Ellie Dear Santa,

How are you and the reindeer? Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like a VR headset. I also would like color changing slime! I would like a pop-it, slime, a iPad, a rainbow pencil, and a dog.

Claus? Has it been snowing in the North Pole? I was wondering if I could get a new puppy? I was also if I could get an iPhone and Air Pods? Can I Please get a Barbie? and can you tell rudolph that I said hi! Love Ariel

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? I would like four wheeled roller skates. I would also like a Barbre pop it real! How many reindeer do you have.

#### Love Harper

#### Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer? I was wondering if I colud get a Jamar Chase jersey also a Tee Higgins jersey. Also I want the football that thay use in the NFL. Another thing is tickets to a WWE match. I also want new cloths.

#### Love Joshua Dear Santa,

How is your reindeers? What are you and Mis claus doing? How arexoy? For, christmas I would like a bribe hotel with farniture Another thing I would like a bbuhkbed! I would love to have two Baby Alive dolls and as tuffietoo!

#### Love Addie

Dear Santa, How are your elves? I would really likea ps5 please. I would also like a xbox, bucks and robux would also benice. I would lika reindeer.

#### Love Jayden

Dear Santa, How are you are Mrs. Claus? Are your reindeer reddy to fly? For Christmas would like ah xbox and I will like a trahset to. I would also like a pet dog. and cab I also like a hertb vub.

# Love Caleb

Dear Santa, How are the reindeers? How is Mrs. Claus? Can I have watch? Can I have fake nails? Can i also have a PS5? I also a want a toy thats tooks a Nova. I hope you have a merry chrismas. Love Ella

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus at the Northpole? Are the reindeer doing okay too? Is it snowing yet there? This year I want a Rainbow High Doll. I also want a stitch bedset. I want new

want a puppy and a giant Squishmallow, ear hings. merry christmas

#### Love Archer Dear Santa,

How is suger Plum working?Is She working hard? Tell her to work hard! How is misses Claus and the elvest hope your doing good. Ive been really good. Wnat I want for christmas is a house for strawberry and a bikeseat for strawberry.

#### Love Everlee Dear Santa,

Are you having a great year so far? Can i have a bottle of happyiness and a new binder how many cookis do you eat in a nidt? how is mrs. clus? How do you land on the roof puftly.

#### Love Owen Dear Santa,

Hello Satna! I hope you have been great. I have been good. How is mrs. clus doing? thanks for all the presents from the last year they were awesome especir the gammg chair. I would I also want airpods. Like some Jordan 11's. I would like a iPhone 11. can I have a Santa hat and some Santa clothes and Pokemcrse.

#### Love Benjamin Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope your reindeers are okay. What are your elves doing? I want a SnowFox and the dog and the reindeer. I want a baby toy Elf. I want another ornament for Mrs. Princell. I want another giant Magic Mixie like my other one. I want a ornament for me.

#### Love Addy Dear Santa,

Hello! Are you doing great? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the rein deer? How are your elves doing? Santa you are the best Santa ever. The elves work a lot. I want a cat. I want a new water bottle.

#### Love Gracelynn Dear Santa,

Hello! I hope you have a merry Christmas Do your elves make Sleighs? my list battery operated nerf gun please. and a wats pleas. and sum helys.

#### Love Easton Dear Santa,

Hi I have a question for you. How manyelves do you ahve? I like your red coat. can I havea dirt bike? Love Jake shoes? Love Maelee

#### Dear Santa,

Holiday Greetings

Hello! I hope you had a great year! Also What do you do when it's summer? I have been REALLY GOOD this year. I would like a cat, stuffed animals, Rudolph, a coat, and some new books this year. Hope you have a good Christmas!

#### Love Hendrix Dear Santa.

Hello! I hope you had a great Christmas. I have been Really Good. In the morning do you reward your elves? Can I please have heeleys? Can I please have an elf? Can I please have weights? Can I please have a frog? Can I please have a watch? Can I please have v bucks?

#### From Mason Dear Santa,

Hello! How are you? How old are you? I have been good. Can I have candy please? Can I have a lion please? Merry Chrismas!

> Your friend Cillian

#### Dear Santa,

How have you been and Mis. Clauss and the elves been? I have been really really good this year. What have you been doing? May I have some maycup wipes and some unicorn ermuffs. And some more squishmallows And a panda and a kangaroo with a baby

#### Your friend Macv Dear Santa,

Hello How are you boing. I have been good. I wish for web shooters. I want a spidman acton figer. How are the reindeer doing?

#### Scott Mrs. Bachus' **3rd Grade Class, BES**

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How much snow have you got? How is Rudolph? The elves were bad the days they have been with us, just so you know. I've been good. But I've told some lies. But me and my sister is not going well. And Santa Mrs Bachus is getting a tree so can hou send 21 + 30 elves. I am doing good in school. May I have a diamond ring, shark teeth, shark teeth necklace, shark tooth ring, money ring, money necklace, air pods, jetson

P.S. do elves make flying have gone to My Gramal's ball cards. house. Can I please have some LOL dolls and some Gaby dolls.

#### Love, Addi Dear Santa,

Hi Santa what is it like in the North pole? What do you do in the north pole? How are you Santa? How are the reindeer? I have moved to Connersville and Brookville. I have dogs. I have one at Dads and one at my Moms and Dads dogs name is Dessle and my moms dogs name is Coco. Can I please have a lphone please? Can I please have a hoverboard.

#### Your friend, Olivia Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you? Has it been snowing? How are the reindeers? How are the elves? I am nice to my sisters and nice to my mom, my brothers and I love them so so much. Can I please have an iphone. Can I please have slime please can I have a bunch of toys. Please can I have a bunch of emuji squishies, please can I have a uintendo switch.

#### Your Friend, Tori Dear Santa,

How are the elves? Mine is good. Are they still working? Or are they all gone? I have two elves. They are kissing right now. I was playing football this yeare. We were pretty bad but it was really fun and it's not about wining it is about having fun! I am playing basketball too. We are two and 0. Can I please have a tv, air pods, a laptop a thing of air pods, a sister, a RC, a boat, some crocs and cereal themed I want fruit loops, a spider man, bed with a desk, some ear rings for my Mom and a friendship bracelet and necklace for my two friends. That is it!

#### Love, Beck

Dear Santa, What is it like in the North Pole? How are the reindeer? Are the elfs being bad yet? Is it snowing at all? I am being good? I am getting my feelings hurt. Thank you for the happiness you gave us. And you do so much more than give us presents you give us joy. I love my teacher she is the best. I have a new best friend she is nice and she helps me with stuff. Can I please have a pet hamster for my room. Can I please have teacher clothes. Can I please have a American girl doll hospital set. Can I please have a giant squish mellow that is an elephant.

How are you? How are your reindeer? Has it been snowing yet? I have been good this year. This year I am turning 8. My birthday is on the last day of school. Can I please have a Jammar Chase jersey? Can I also please have a PS5? May I have a Juston Jeffrson jersey. May I please have a popit for Christmas? Can I also please have shoes? Can I please have some sweat shirts? May I please have some paints.

#### Your friend, Emersyn Dear Santa,

How are you? How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? I am going to make home made cookies for you! How is Mrs. Claus? How are you doing? I moved so I am going to tell you where I live. I live in Indiana. Make sure to tell this to my elf Kathy. am doing great this year. I am doing great on multiplication.

#### Elise

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi how are you doing? How are the reindeer? Is the sleigh ready? I killed a big buck. My dog buck help me kill a squirrel. I got a fire TV. Buckey and Bell have been going crazy. I got a new room. Its like a man cave. I love it. I am going to have a baby! May I please have Lego city, prison lard with a jail too and can I please have a Grizzly on a log archery target and a tv?

#### Your friend Hunter Dear Santa.

How are you? Has it been snowing much? I hope you get your work done. I learned a lot of math this year. I learned subtraction and extra math. I am good. I have a good job. I want a nswitch my favorite game is Mario Kart 8Delux.

#### Your Friend, Sergio Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? How are you? How are the elves? I hope you're all doing fine. I'm doing fine in school. I'm having a great year. I have been very good. I went on a trip to Florida. Can I please have a drone, phone, a electric scooter, American Flag, a harmonica, pot holder set, Christmas puzzle, ipad and sewing kit.

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#### Kellen

# Dear Santa,

#### Love Tristan

Deear Snata Claus, How are your reindeer do-

ing? What type of cookies do you what? Can you get me a frog also what earpoas. I would also like a cat at my dad's house.

#### Love Quinton

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and there reindeer doing and Mis. Claus I hope I can get a PS5. can you get a bike for. me? can you also get me Electnoscooter for me? can you get me a hot wheelsset for me and a pony and air pods.

#### Love Kiya

Dear Santa,

clothes to. The last thing I want is my family to be together.

#### Love Gracie

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? One thing I want for Christmas is a Nintendo Switch! Another thing I want is Slime! Can you mabye tell Rudolph I said hi?

#### Love Brayley

#### Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Caus? How is your reindeer? if I could get a xbox? for chrismas! I would also like a snake. A iso a toy lizrd be to. and a toy wolf would grea!

#### Love Braxton Mrs. Princell's 2nd Grade Class, BES Dear Santa,

Hello! Have you had a good year? How do your elves make all the toys. How are you and Mrs. have been good this year.

#### Dear Santa,

Hi! I missed you from last year! Hey...I have a question for you. Have you ever been caught? May I please have a robo dog? We look for one at target to prove were real. And we found one! Yay! Party! Party! Any way May also have a snnow globe? Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

### Love Ivy

Dear Santa, Hi, I hope you have a lovely year.I'm REALLY SORRY if I made a few mistakes. I will upollugys. For Christams please can I have, a cookoo clock, a lock up diary, new earrings, and last, but not least, Barb and the Last bzrcer two. Do elves get a break on christmas?

hoverboard, electric scooter, \$5,000, a hamster and a gumball machine.

#### Your Friend, Grayson Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are your reindeer? I am excited for Christmas! I am ready to cut a Christmas tree. I have learned how to count by 25's. Can I please have N-Switch. I also want a bb gun. I also want a VR.

Your friend, Dean Dear Santa,

Hi! How is my elf snowflake? How is Mrs. Claus? How is the reindeer? Are you ready to eat cookies and milk? I have been good and nice. I love, love, love Christmas. I believe in you and I love my family. We have gone to skizone and

#### Your friend, Sawyer Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? Have it been snowing much? How is Rudolph? How are you? We gave pictures to Rex. I am doing good. Rey is doing good as well. I mise you. May I please have a Bengals Sweat Shirts? Bengals plushie. May I please have a TV? Can I please have iphone fifteen prow please, please, please. May I have a pokemon cards and foot-

#### Your Friend, Dominic Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. How are the reindeer? How are Mrs. Claus cookies? Are you in a jolly enough mood for this year? How do you deliver so much presents in one night? Youa re my favorite person in the world. I love my family. My Mom, sister and Dad. They are good people. They should get presents too. I love Christmas! It is my favorite holliday. Can you get pretty pretty pleeeeease get me two kittens? I know you are having a hard time with pets. I also want a VR set and squishmellows.

#### Love, Laylee



May the magic of Christmastime fill your heart and soul with gladness!

**Best Wishes & Many Thanks!** 

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How are the reindeers? How are you? I will have cookies for you. I will have milk for you. How do you go to everyone's house in one night? I have a big brother. Can you please get one elf for me and one for my brother. I am 7 year old. Can please have a lego set that's spiderman. Can I please have a guinea pig, a puppy, a rabbit, an electric scooter and a blue camera.

Your friend, Paxton Dear Santa Claus,

Are you good Santa? And your elves being hard and good? Does every house have an elves looking at us? Can you tell God to dump water on Brookville Indiana? My classroom teacher is Mrs Bachus. I'm in 2nd grade. I'm doing good so far. My schools name is Brookville Elementary school. We do Saturday and Sunday breaks all the time. May I please have wood golf club, mario monopoly board game ad a Battatt RC blue tarantula and mario kart, 24v ride on razor for me and sis?

Love, Carson Dear Santa,

Hi there Santa,

Are you doing good on the presents? I hope you are! I learned how to read some big words! I also know how to do big math problems also. Can I please have a monster truck, and a sonic robot and ninja monkey, sonic pjs and a link shield and a link bow and arrow with a pouch, and a new link game and twenty new play doh?

#### Love, Maddox Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? Has it been snowing much? think LULU the elf has a crush on a fake elf. Rudolph is my favorite reindeer. Santa sometimes my sisters be mean to me. I like my teacher very much. I like being fancy and I like crop tops! I like subtraction problems. I like coloring hard things. I made a speech for Christmas and I made cards for my family. I like big, big crafts. May I please have a bunny, a iphone, please please please. A pink desk with a mirror, makeup that's not messy please. My first fashion designer please.

Your friend, Kinley

good Christmas! Thanks! Well, actually just forget about that topic. Can I have Lindoor, Beef Jerkey, and Talkies in my stocking.

#### From, Ava

I am so excited for Christmas. How is Rudolph doing. Chippy is doing good, but can you tell him to do something funny. I only want three things. I want some football cards, a watch, and Nintendo Switch, and a Michigan football.

#### Love, **Cooper Dudley**

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! and I hope you and your elves are doing good. My elf, Snowy, is amazing because she was doing the splits on our microwave. I Also want to say happy Saint Nick's Day! I hope you have a great Christmas!

#### Love, Emily

#### Dear Santa.

may I have a Gaming PC and the Holv Bible (the adult version) please and thank you. I hope to see you sometime.

By Rhys Joseph

How are you? I am so excited for Chritmas. Today my Elves were in the fridge! My Elves names are Jack Frost and Chip! I hope I get lots of presents for Christmas. I would like to have a blanket for Christmas. I would also like a new barbie. I hope you have a great day!

#### Love, Chloe

Dear Santa,

May I have a Nightmare cupcake. I hope I can get a bike. May I have a drone.

#### From.

Mason You are the best. I love Rudolph. He is the best. I hope I got madden 24 for my xbox one. You are the best. I will never doubt you.

#### Love, Quinton

#### Dear Santa,

I am very happy youre coming once again! Did our elf show you my Christmas list? I think it is cool you get to bring joy to all the children. Also thank you for the things gave me the past years. I hope you have a happy holiday Thanks.

Dear Santa, I am so excited for Christyou, and I will leave carrots and reideer food for your reindeer.

#### Love, Megan

Dear Santa, Santa you are the best. I love your raindeer. I love your presents. Thank you Santa. Please, can I have a skateboard and mermaid tail please. I love Christmas! I do! I do! Thank you, Santa. Merry Christmas!

> By: Ellie Schirmer Dear Santa.

I'm so glad Christmas is here. Also, I've been a little bad, but my mom and dad said if we be really good we will not get coal. So this year I'm hoping to see holy and fammer. Also I might add a few presents too like some Christmas glue fake nails and Christmas roller blades. But, I won't ask for too much this year, and I'll miss you.

Love, Caroline Dear Santa,

How are you? I am so happy for Christmas. is year my elves are so funny. I love your elves on the shelf. I love Christmas This year I can't wait for you to come and leave presents under the tree. You are the best in the world.

#### Love your friend, Lula

Dear Santa,

Santa I hope you and Mrs Claus are ok. I hope the elves are ok. I am going to ask for some things. I would want PJSC they need to be flannel, and I hoping I can get an elf this year.

#### Love, Sophiya

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I am so excited for Christmas. I can't wait to spend time with my family. Me and my family will have a great time. I love when I see people happy. I hope you have a great Christmas.

#### Love, Nolan

I think you are a very nice guy. I have a question, How are the elves doing? I hope I am on the nice list this year. know I have done some bad things this year. You don't have to give me presents this year. Also, I hope all of my famly gets all of the presents they wanted. I have a From Cole Poe another question do you know where heaven is? I just want a letter from my papal.

Emery

Dear Santa, I hope you bring presents to me and my Brothers and sisters. You are the Best! Santa, we wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy new year. but can I please get a swich and a Batman lego set. Please have a good time, Santa.

> From Amari Johnson Mrs. Lee's

#### **3rd Grade Class, BES** Dear Santa,

I am so excited for Christmas because we are going to Florida two day's befor Chistwas. Were you ever a kid? How are you doing? Am I on the naughty or nice list? Your friend,

Cooper Dear Santa,

Am I on the naughty or nice list? I am hoping for a Spiderman P.S.5., a six foot slinky, dumb bells, a Shashquash squishmello and a Christmas mug. I wish everyone a merry Christmas.

Your friend, Luke Dear Santa, I am so excited for

cnirtmas. How are your elf's? Also this Chistmas I hope you can make it snow? I have one question how is Ruldough? This year I wish for a wonderful time with my family. P.S. Merry Christmas.

#### Your friend, Annabell

**Dear Sant Nick** 

What I whut for Chrismas is my two front teef. I would alos like machboxes. a invissoble siter, a cow pach and a caw bull hof and a bull. Landon M

Dear Santa,

I am so excited for Christmas. This year I want a big Squishmelon. A new pair of gloves would be great. I like when it shows on Christmas, but my mom does not. I also would like purfume, you pick the scent. I hope you have the best Christmas of your life.

#### Your friend, Kenzi KEM

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this and the raindeer? Dear Santa can I have a new controller with Tyreek hill on it? Dear Santa can I also have football cards and Tyreek hill jersey? Dear Santa can I

do you ever get sick in the north pole? I'm wondering that because It's really cold and what do you feed the rain deer? When I get the cookies I will get the food. do they eat vegetables?

#### Your friend, Hunter V.

Dear Santa,

I am excited for Chistmas, are you? Can I please have a violet purple camer? Can I have some I Survived books. Can I please have a Elf? Can I please have a squishmallows.

#### Your friend, Brooklynn

Dear Santa,

is Rudolf sill the leader of the rain dear. Can I have a foot ball visor. and some foot ball cards. I hope it swons a lot this year.

#### Your frind Keagen

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? For Christmas I want more baby yoda stuffed animals, more O.M.G. dolls, a baby alive doll, and I.o.I. flyers.

#### Your friend, Molly N.

Dear Santa,

I am so happy Chirtmas is coming. For Chirtmas I want Legos, nerf guns, Surper Smash Borther's. For my Switch, Mario carts for my Switch, battle shop, guess who, chekers, football cards, baseball cards, clothes, pants, shoes, puzzles, football, head gear for wesling, and a good day. Santa how did you become Santa and become magic and get Raindeer?

#### Your friend. Riley

#### Dear Santa,

I hope your elfs are doing good at the noth polle. And I hope the elfs are doing good at macking toy's. I hope everbutey have's a good Charismus and I hope they don't get colle on Chresmus. I want a drt bick and a lerkit bik and im I on the notey list or nice list. and I want eney theng you want me to have.

#### Your frend, Everly

Dear Santa,

I am so exited for Christmas. This year I will make sure to leave three cookies, a glass of milk, and some carrots. Also I have a question for you, am I on the naugty list. P.S. If I'm not would like a I-pod for Christmas.

now I want one because I played his.

#### Your friend Lane Q. Dear Santa,

I hope my family has a great Christmas. how is old dulfy doin'? Are the elfs doing what you tell them? I hope I get a few Squishmellos, a few bags of marshmellows, caft items: that I don't have, thanks by! Merry Christmas!

#### Your friend, Noah

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing great this year. I am hoping I will get a bag of marshmellows, black cat squishmellow, cam the cat squishmellow, brush, Monoply game, oxilotel squishmellow.

Dear Santa,

I am so excited for Christmas. I am hoping for a big squishmellos for Christmas. I wont my race car to get powtercowed. I would like a new room and a phone. and have a vever mary chrismis.

Ana.

#### Mrs. Stephenson's **3rd Grade Class, BES** Dear Santa,

Im' excitedt for chrimas. I whant a remote control car that take's AA batteries and a dog, puppies and a surprise I will put food out for your reindeer named Rudolph the red nose reindeer. I thik I deserve it becaus I think I have been good. Luky twinkeltoes your the best elf that can be in a classroom Love Santa Luky twinkeltoes to love you, one more thing, a hug from you.

#### Sincerely with love, Weston age 8 <3 Love <3 Love Santa

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want a playstation 5 and a vr headset, 2 robot arms a rion man helmet and rc airplane. I deserve them because I have been good this year. Lucky has been aood

#### Love Keith

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year and I hope you come to our home and I want a toy guitar and I want a brabe dolls and in Mrs. Stephenson's class we love Lucky Twinkletoes and I have been veay good.

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa? Are you coming in 20 days? Can put carrots out? I moved to town! I don't know that I have a chimmey. It's not fun being alone. My teacher is the best of the best. Shes super fun. Can I have glock 19 and it has to be a bb gun and Lamborghini.

#### Your Friend, Kaidyn Mrs. Brach's **3rd Grade Class, BES** Dear Sana,

I know I already sent you a letter, but we are doing this one for school. I am really happy that Buddy followed us to Nana's. It has been kind of hard. I think you know that. I hope you like this letter. And... oh, please let Dad and Bubby have a

mas. I've been waiting all year for Christmas. I've been very good this year. I would love to get the scaled up lego mini figure set and that's all I want for Christmas. Santa I've got a question, Should my Christmas Tree be Roblox themed or among us themed? Good bye and have a merry Christmas!

#### Your friend, Hunter

#### Dear Santa,

How is it in the North Pole? I am so exsited for Christmas this year. Two things I would like for Christmas this year are a seal squishmellow and some new Barbie doll stuff. I will leave milk and cookie for

#### From Rustan White Dear Santa,

How is it in the noth Pole? Can I have a dog for Chrismas and an elf. thank you, Santa.

#### Josefina

Dear Santa, I think I have been verv

good this year. It must be hard making toys for all of those kids, when you didn't have to. If I could be Santa I would say Yes, even though it might be hard, I would do it to give presents to kids. One of the things I want for Christmas is Bluey, Spongebob toys and a PS5. I hope you have a great Christmas. Love,

have a dirtbike? Your freind Logan

#### Dear Santa,

I wish for a merry Christmas. I love you santa. I wish for a good Christmas. I wish for a good Christmas, and a good Christmas to all.

#### Your friend Jayden B. Dear Santa,

How have the reindeer been? Am I on the naughty or nice lish this year? I'll make sure that I leave cookies and milk out for you. I'm hoping for Books, Squishmellos, Ipad, Intindo Swich, Iphone. I wish me and my family will all new cars.

#### Your friend Kennedi

Dear St. Nick, How are you doing and

#### Your friend, Addie <3

Dear Santa,

Were you ever a kid? Are you even real? For Christmas I want some I SUR-VIVED book, Legos, and snow mobile. Instead of giving presents to the world you should get presents for you and the world.

#### Sincerly, Elijah P.

#### Dear Saint Nick,

Do you decerate for Christmas at the north pole? I also wonder if Rudolf is still the lead raindeer? This Christmas I am going to try to get enough money for a playstation 5. My uncul got a playstation 5 last year so

#### Snsairly, Alexis Dear Santa,

I have been good this yar I have cukes, I wich I have a pef 5 for crism and fornight and deta and mincraf and howil a intendow swith and gold pocenom corst and a basball bat and basball mit and basball hInit and basball gier

#### I love sonto Lukas

Dear Santa.

I have been good this year. I am soso! exsited for christmas I got you a christmas tree! I hope you like it! Lucky twinkletoes has Been watching us I have Been good. I while take ineyfing. :)

Mevdeh D.9 hear is some love <3<3<3<3<3<3

May your holiday season be merry and bright. fcnbank.com

Can i please have a squishmallow and your beard and mastache. And can I have a Lamborgini and I want the rest to be surprises. My brothers been bad, my sister been bad, and I been the best at of all of them.

#### Merry Chirstmas love Jaxsen

#### Dear Santa,

All I want for is a American airl doll school and thank you for the elf on the shelf. Her name is snowflake. How is Rudolph doing? And how is Mrs. Claus doing. Oh and has Snowflake ben bad at the North Pole? I hope she have been. And she got into CANDY!

#### Sincerely, Emma C. Merry Christmas! <3 Dear santa, <3

how are you doing Santa? Can I have some anime dolls and anime plushes too. and I am thankful fur you too. Can I get a elf pet and a baby elf and a Adult elf too.

#### Love Santa <3 Dear Santa

I'm not asking for much all want is Lego star wars set's

# and a huver bord and that is

#### Sincerely Ryder2

Dear Santa,

I hop you have been well. Lucky Twinkletoes has been very good this year. I have been good this year. I want a new stuffed animal pig, peachy babies slime, a new chair for my desk at home, colering books, more pens, new water bottel, a cat bed, cat brush for my cat named Timmey. Don't forget my mom my dad, my brother and my other brother don't forget me.

#### Love Kenlee Merry Christmas

#### Dear Santa,

I hope you will eat my good Christmas cookies. Mv teacher, brothers, sister, and parents say I'm good at math and reading. What I want for Christmas is some sweat pants, books, figets, and gymnastics stuff. Tell Rudolph I said hi. I deserve these things because I get strate A's. I help out with my brother Levi. My favorite movie is Zombies 1, 2, and 3 i'm thankful for mostly anything. My Christmas tree is bigger this year.

### Have a good Christ-

doing good. My elf Brody put have been good. I want sticky post it notes on our window as a tree. Alright heres some of what I want. A Digimon, more Legos, Mario games, a 3D pen, a jornal, and chrono bomb game.

#### Your friend, Oaklen Dear Santa,

I hope you are well. I wish for a vr headset Transforming Axylotle squishmallow, Transforming swoed and pickaxe, Mincaft, Dog Man Twenty thousand fleas under the sea.

#### Wish you a merri Christmas Ryder Mills Dear Santa,

How are you doing? and I have been doing very well this year. And my family is proud of me. And im greatful for my family as well as my aunts and unkles and for a roof over my head. I am so so exied for Christmas iv been waiting all year for this. My hole family says iv been good this year. And I have a christmas tree for you to put presents.

#### Wish you the merriest Christmas Chase

#### Mrs. Baker's 1st Grade Class, LES Dear Santa,

How do you fele santa? You are happy Santa. I want a box of makeup. I love you Santa.

#### Love, Aria

Dear Santa, How have you and your reindeer been? Am I on the nice list? I want calesh of scwlitsam and canvas and paint. Love you Mrs Clos

#### Dear Santa,

How have you and your reindeer been? Am I on the good list? I want a b/c and doll? I love you santa.

#### Love, Aleah

Olivia

Dear Santa, How have you been? Am I on the good list? I want spienoesoris and Trex and crocudles and left won olnd and a fish.

#### From Isaiah

Dear Santa, Am I on the good list? I want a dog and a fish. I love you.

# Love, Tate

Dear Santa, How have you been? I have been good. I want a quod and a scwishmil kol ecnein. Hove you Santa. Love Sophia

canhuvis and pante. I love you santa.

#### Love, Anna Dear Santa,

How have you and your reindeer been? Am I on the good list. I want a braslet set. I want a dieere. I love you santa.

#### Love, Hadley Deear Santa,

How have your reindeer bin? Am I on the nice list? I want a big hass to pla in. I love you Santa.

#### Braxton

Holiday Greetings

Dear Santa, How have you and your radendeer been? I want a toy car and a stufe. I love you Santa.

#### Emily Mrs. Fain's 2nd Grade Class, LES Dear Santa,

I have been very good. I will make you a snack. I will not forget about the raindeer. I will make them a snack to. but santa can I have a flying fairy? Really I went my brothers to quit being mean to me and tell kash to quit shooting me all the time with nurf guns.

#### Love, **Novalee Miller**

Dear Santa,

I have been so good this year. I can't wait for cristmas. I want a new pare of jordens for cristmas. I want to now what you and Mrs. Claus want for cristmas? I will make sure to leave you all a snack, and i will leave some carots for the randeer. and I will leave cokies and milk.

#### Love, Weston

#### Dear Santa,

Sens I have been on my bbest behavyure, can I have a plastashine 4, a headset, a remote for a plastashin 4, and a lamourgeney remockincheroll? and a miklarrn remockincheroll. Thats all I want but you can give me more if you want. Have a merry Chiristmas.

#### Love. Phoenix

Love.

#### Dear Santa,

I have been so good this year. I can,t wait for you to come to my house. Wen you visit, could you please bring me a braselet maker. I was wondering what you would like for chrismas and rudolph to. I will make sure to leav you cookeis and milk to.

for you guys. Can you bring my dog a dog elf tonight? please.

#### Love, **Trisden Sailor**

Dear Santa, What do you like? I made a ginger bread rain deer on a peice of paper. How do you get your raindeer in the sky? Our elfs are really fun and when is your birthday? I want to give you a present and your raindeer. I wish you a very merry christmas!

#### Love. Myles Cowan

#### Dear Santa,

I've been so good this year. I can't wait for you to come to my hous! When you visit this year can you pleas bring me a squishmelo cow and a ipad? What do you and Mrs. Claus want for chishmas? Have a happy Christmas.

#### Love Adalind

#### Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a nintendo swich and I want nike shoes. For christmas I want a new elf on the shelf. How is it at the north pole? How is the elf at the north pole? Happy new yers. How are you doing at the north pole.

#### Love Lincoln Madden

Dear Santa, I can't wait for christmas. I want a hoverbroad. I am going to bring a snack for your reindeer and you too. I want a switch and makeup and a fourwheeler to and junie b jones books. happy christmas.

#### Love, Olivia Karnes

Dear Santa,

I have been so good this year I want kid high heals and a glow in the dark meaer and a doll santa. When you come to my home, I will leev you some candycanes and carits and a doll far you. I can't wat to see wat you leav me.

#### Love, **Rhianne Grubb**

#### Dear Santa,

Santa I want a toy for cusen and a ps3 cusen. Can have a ps4? My mom L wants a picture of me and her. I wish to see my dad again and can I have a rc car. Merry Christmas santa.

> Love, Charlie Laird

let I wish you have a good day. Love,

#### Oliver John Dear Santa,

How many elvs do you have in your work shop? You're awsome! I have tried extra hard this year to be good. I would relly like to move houses but still go to Laurel school. I need a new pare of showes and that is all I need. And I wish that my mom and dad would get to have a vacaton to flord for weeks.

#### Love, Mahkenzy

Love.

Kyra

Dear Santa,

How do you fly to evry hows in wun night? You are amazing. I want a laundry stichty's. I need slipers. I have bin both nouty and nies. I wish for you to have a good night dlivring presinsts.

Dear Santa, How do You deliver so many presents? Your good! I have been really good. I really like to have a toy cat and I really need a snow glowb pleas! I hoap you will git

#### cookys and milk. Your friend, Angelina

Dear Santa,

How do you have so meny reindeer? Your amazing. I need a art box. I want toys. I have been good. I hope you get a lot of cookies. Love,

Miles

Dear Santa, Do you like hot coco, cookies and milk? If so, I'll put some out for you. I want a igloo and a new blue toy car. I need new glasses. I've been nice. I hope you have a nice night.

#### Senserily, Aiden

#### Dear Santa,

How do you make so many presents for all the kids? Well good luck doing that! Oh I have ben good this year. I woud like to have a jumbow scichmello. But I need a new bed spred. Oh how many cookies do you want?

#### Love. Kynlee Johnson

Dear Santa, How are you so quiet wen vou deliver all the presents? You are grate. I have been both noty and nice. For Christmast I want a dirt bike and a robot and a monster truck to. I dont need ineything. I hope you get a bunch of cookies.

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Is Rudolf even rel? Do you axely love cookes and hot coco?! How howe do you love kids for rel? Have I bin noty or nise? Can you brang me a hat like yors? My mom needs a snow dress. Dad needs a mor bolits.

#### Love, Abby

#### Dear Santa,

Do you actley like cookies and milk? Your great. I have been nice. I would like a sled, an xbox, and shoes. I wish you luck delivering those aifts.

#### Your friend, **Iker Runyon**

Dear Oliver C,

How do you chavl urand the erth in won nit. I sanck that is asum. I hav bin noty and nis. I wood like a xbox 360 and lif for dead. I ned a noow per of snoboots. Good luck goigh to evry hous.

#### Your freind, Oliver C

Love, Brayson

Love Danny

From Carter

Love, Braxton

Love, John

#### Mrs. Mefford's **3rd Grade Class, LES** Dear Santa,

You are the best for giving

presents to kids. How do you

go all over the world so fast?

This year I will love a puppy.

Please can I have a appl

You are the best Santa.

How do the elfs fly? Can you

ples get me a jursy. And to

meet the Bengals. And plies

get me a drone? Thank you

You are my favret. I wot a

pupepies and mamaw and

rope. I do you can not get me

Thank you for giving me

toys for Christmas. Am I on

the very top of the nice list?

Can I please have a Xoxs

and a new V and looo\$. I

Thank you for spending

your time on Christmas eve

giving lots of kids around the

world gifts. Do the elvs make

all the presents? This Christ-

mas I wold apreshat makup.

puppys and a baby brother

wotch. A pllashint

Thank you Santa!

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

atripmepard.

for everything.

that.

love you

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

#### mas Lillie, age 8 years old

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Here is want this year. Classic Monopoly game. Hogwarts legacy for the PS5 A 3x3 rubix cube. You don't have to get me those thanks :)

#### Sincerely, Hunter Dear Santa,

I relly want squishmellows I think I have been good. And my mom has been a littile mean. Also I want a lphon 14.

#### Love You Hannah Age 8

#### Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I hope you are doing good this year this year for Christmas I want ainstant Polaroid camera, a really pretty gold fish, a girl elf on the shelf, a lot of clay, a ipone, and a Axolotol.

#### Love, Dellainey Perry, Age 8

#### Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I wish for Christmas robox cloths figits matching outfits necklices that cunect. Love Savannah!

#### Love, Savannah

#### Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I wish for a Harry Potter Wizarding World Enchanted Hedwig, I have been reading Harry Potter this past two months. and I am really interested in it. I also wish for a rubberband bracelet set, I want it because I enjoy making bracelets. I think I deserve my wishes because I have been good all year.

#### With joy, Kathryn Z.

Dear Santa, how have you been? I'm

# Dear Santa,

How have you and your reindeer and your elfs? Am I on the nise list? Have I bind on the nodey list? I do not no. I want a gutor with the pick that goes with it and a wond has majick. Ples santa and a fon too. I love you santa and you mrs clos!

#### Leah

Dear Santa, How have you and your reindeer been? I hope I am on the good list. I want scwishmlos and hamster. I love you Santa!

#### Love, Jaycee

Dear Santa,

How have you and your reindeer been? I been good. I want a majickmixe. I want a toy elf. I love you Santa!

### Love, Autumn

Dear Santa, How have you and your elf been? Have I been good? Am I on the nis list? I want the Xbox cheex? I want a vbox I want I want 13500 vbci. Hove you Santa! Love, Bryar

# Dear Santa,

How have you and your reindeer and am I on the nis list. I want a americin boy dol and ulot of macup. Haw is misis clos?

#### Noelle

Dear Santa,

How have you and your reindeer been? Can I have optimus prim ststouwooshes and adrion. I love you santa.

#### Love, Bradley Dear Santa,

How have you and your elf been? Am I on the nise list? I want legoextub and cleschin of rock 5.

#### Love, Ben

Dear Santa, How have my elf been? I Merry chrismas.

#### **McKinley Lakes** Dear Santa,

I have been so good this year santa. I want for christmas is a real micrphone and some rings and a lot of candy. and a new bike too. I will get you a gift for you santa too. it will be a cut out paper hart for you santa. I hope you will love it. I hope you get all of this stuff that I have on this paper.

#### Love, Carolynn

#### Dear Santa,

I have been so, so, so, so good this year. I hope you oot me a good gift. I no you guys have ben working so hard. I will bring you guys a gift. I hope you will like the gift.

#### Love, **Paislee Saterfield** Dear Santa,

I have been so good this year. I think that Christmas is the best time of the year! I can't wait untill one of you're elfs comes to my house. I want for Christmas is Fnaf plushie for chistmas.

#### Love, Waylon Cregar

Dear Santa,

I have been so good this year. I wish for a tv with a nintendo. I wish for RC car and drone. I wish for a real cat. I wish for a nerf gun. I need a new sherts. I need a new hat. I hope you get a present from your elfs. Hav a good day!

#### From, **Ashton Sizemore**

#### Dear Santa,

I have been so good this year. I want a puppy please and spider man 2 with a ps5. I will try to leave cookes for you and reindeer oh and milk Dear Santa,

I have been trying to be on the good list for a very long time. I have been waiting so long for christmas to be here. Please don't be sarced. I want to see you on christmas morning. your elf you sent to my house is very funny and nice. Can you get me stuff to put in my room?

#### Love, Nova Moore

# Dear Santa,

I wish for a pupy. Thay are so cute! My brother is going to be born on Christms day. want a squishmeloa tree. I want a unicorn stufey. I want a cat for my cusin. I rilly want a skechbook for Christms.

#### Love, **Ruger Frank**

Dear Santa, I wood like if you can tell me how you get into people's howsis with no chimney. Sins I bean good this yer, I want you to give my mom a preasint that will help my mom feel better. I would like a new art suplies. Merry Christmas. I will bring you cookies and milk.

Love,

#### **Benson Conley** Mrs. Summey's 2nd Grade Class, LES Dear Santa,

How many reindeer do you have? I guss 31! I have been both! I would really like a Barbe Dream house. And paint markers that are shiny. And I need a water filter for me. And I need a new back pack! Good luck.

> Love, Sarah

#### Dear Santa,

Do you antchle have roodoff the red nose reindeer? I think he is real. I have been good. I want a videogame. I need a new tab-

#### Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,

Do you aktuly hav a Rudolph the red noce randeer? Can you make these things? I want a new swich and games for my new swich. I want a new tv and a new lamp. I hope you hav a good night.

#### Your friend, Blaze Walston

Dear Santa,

How many raindeer do you have Santa? You have 9 or 8. I want a VR and borderlands 3. I need food for me and my mam. And do you have a raindeer named Rudolf?

#### Love, Lydia

Dear Santa,

Do you just like cookies and milk? I want to leev you bakin. I've tried extra hard to be nice. I would like some scquishies. Could you get my dad a new truck. hope you have a good Christmis!

#### Your friend, Lilly.

#### Dear Santa,

Haw in the world can you fly the reindeer? I have bin good! I want for crismin is a real phon and a real pearl and a real peridot. Grate luck delivering all those gifts.

#### Love, Jazmyn

#### Dear Santa,

How do you git to evereebodees home in wun night? You are good. I want a huver bord and a new blankit. I need a shoose.

> Love, Madi

or sister. Can you tell Mrs I said helloe? Thank Clos you!

#### Love Reese

Dear Santa,

Thank for the toys. How do you go all around the world? Can you please get me a xbox and a ps5. Thank you.

#### Love, Robert Dear Santa,

You are the best in the world! How old are you? Can you please get me a gamingmonitor and sum legos and pokemon cards and a toy helicopter? Thank you Santa!

#### Love Aiden

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving me gifts every year. How do you go around the world so fast? Het Santa while you are read ing this list I want you to read my Christmas list. I want track for a horse. And I want led lights and I want xxI bully puppies. Have a great day Santa. Thank you for reading my list.

#### D'kyrra

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for bring me happins. What is your froverit tipe of cookes? Can you plece get a phone for me? Can you get me some more shoes and some more clos? And some books so I can read. Thank you so much.

#### Love, Harper

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing gifts around the world. How do you bing gifts arreurd the world so fast? Can I have a call of dutey wwii? Can I have a drone with a catru? And I have usa flags? Can I please have the things I named off the list for Christmas? And thank you for wut you do.

Love, Drayke

Thank you for bringing me gifs. How tired are the raindeer? This is what I want for Christmas. Big legos, and computer. Thank you so much.

#### Love, Harper G Dear Santa,

If we did not have you wouldn't have gifts on Christmas Day. How do you get around at night? Can I have a PS5 pleas. Thank you for all the gifts and love.

#### Love Kaide

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing toys around the world. How old are you? This year for Christmas I would like unspeakable merch, squishmelows, babyyoda. Thank you.

# From Elijah K

Dear Santa,

Thank you for getting us gifts. Can you plece get me som close. All I rilly want skin care. And can you plece get me fijits. Thank you.

#### Love, Mia

Dear Santa,

You are the best person on earth and I love you sow much. How many people do you give presints to around the world. For Christmas I will rilly like a ps5 please and sum relistick hotweel pack pleas. And thank you sowe much reading thes.

# Love, Keith H

Dear Santa,

You are the best because you bring us presents. How do you bring presents to every kid? For Christmas can I have a lego house and a brand new puppy for my dog. Thank you for all you do.

#### Love, Emma Mrs. Raab's **3rd Grade Class, LES**

# Dear Santa,

I love the elf that you sent for me, he is so funny. Mrs Raab said to say what I want so! Size 7-8 close, 2 art boxes. 3 poopy to makeup for my first poopy lost. 4 your hat. That is it. I will have your elf and your cookys and reindeer carrot ready.

#### Emmerson

Dear St. Nickles, I have been gode thes year. I hope you and mrs claus had a grat brake from making toys.i want a samsing Verizon phone ples ples and I want a ps5 and a

appol watch.

mas?

#### Sincerely, Braxton K Dear Santa.

I hope you have time because I have a long list. Ok..the thing I want for Christmas is a nerf gun, phone, and a gitetare and vase it for my mom, skatbord and rc monster truck dascitirdall hoop and a rc card that I can sit in a mario car and a gocrat. And a ras car a little one.

#### Love Waylan Dear Santa,

How are you this year and may you bring me these things this year? 1. Rare pockymon b hello rader cards 2. I phone 3. Fgtvee toys 4. Lanckybox toys 5 crafty toys 6. Walmart geft cards.

#### Joshua

Dear Santa, I tride my best to be good. Can I have a monster lab kit? And you was allwas nice but can I have a portable ps5 and a new virtual relity and a new spxxk and a new car and pls make it a monster truck and a new house and a lambo.

# From Nick

Dear Santa, How are you and mrs claus? I hop you are doing good! I like to ride my god so vou can get me a good cup holder, I would love that! I oso would love a binbag so would my couns. And wouw about some sherpees! I need them for crafts! I oso want two or three pulshes! I love dogs so can you get me a dog outfit for my dog ranger! Have a good Christmas with Mrs. Claus and

#### Love, Finley

Dear Santa,

your reindeer.

I wta xbox. How is your reindeer? Mrs Claus is gudat braiding her hair.

#### Love, Zarinan

Dear Santa, I hope you are ohok I hope the reindeer are ohok the north pole is ohok to and how is mrs claus is doing ohok I like the elf that you sent us from the north pole. I love it santa. I want sum cow souf shirt

#### Love, Jessie

Deer Santa, I hope thet all of you are dog will. I hope I can get a ps5 portable nintendoswitch

oled wecter robate mx rubix

for you.

#### Love, Jade Zloba Dear Santa,

Holiday Greetings

Т

Haw are your 100 elves? Are tiy redee for Chismus? I have ben nice this yere I awas get retee for school. Thats wie I am good. May I please have a spier man soot with the mask and with webs and venom and a carnigee lago set. Hey santa I will leve owt milk and cookees.

#### Love, Micah Moreau Dear Santa,

How are you? How are the reindeer? I am nice. I take care of my dog. Can I please have a Nintendo switch with a controller with fortnite? I hope you have a merry christmas.

#### Love, **Cian Newkirk**

Dear Santa, Are you rede for the big day? I have bin good. I love you santa. Can I have omegus suprem and a 3D pen and a bumblebee lego set? Dont get hrt on me

#### Love, Maxton

Dear Santa,

santa.

How are you dowing I have bin good this year please can I have an American Girl Doll, JoJo shoos, clothes, and Avatar legos? Luve vou! :)

#### **Madison Pence** Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Hove you. I was good. Can I have

#### a phone and airpods? Love,

Logan Smith Dear Santa,

What duss your slay look like? I have been goood but my sistr started it. Can I ples have a fortnite S kar and Sirin hed and new Nikes shoes.

#### From, Christopher Stanley Dear Santa,

Have you bin working hard Santa? I love you santa I am at shool. I am nise and I help my mom and dad. Can I pless have a VR set Santa?

#### Braxton Wahl Dear Santa,

How are yor elves? I brn good. I brn nice. I hlp ym mom. The christmas tree. Can you please bieg mey a phone I hop you have a gud

love you. I will make a hart I am nice. I share toys with Joffry. Please can I have a fake elf for christmas? I will get you cookies.

How are the elves doing?

have been good! I want

makeup, headphones for my

phone, a lotion kit, and lip

Mrs. Cochran's

2nd Grade Class, MCES

Are you busy right now? I

want a remote control air-

plane so I can have fun with

my new toy that you got me.

I have always wanted to

have a PS5. Can I also have

a mini dirt bike? Can I please

also have a mini dirt bike?

Can I please have some

lego sets and some hot

wheels too! How many elves

and reindeer do you have? I

hope you have a great

Christmas and a great

Hi! I am so excited to see

you! I am excited for Christ-

mas Eve too. I am going to

make cookies for you with

milk. Can I tell you what my

favorite movie is? It is Frosty

the Snowman. Can you get

me a remote control car? But

I am grateful for whatever I

I know how busy you are

there. You and your little

elves are so busy getting

stuff ready. If you have these

that I am about to tell you I

would really want it! I want a

microphone, makeup and a

baby doll. Please and thank

you! Thank you for helping

Are you happy? How

many toys did you make?

Santa I want you to be

happy. I will make a surprise

for you. Is a cookie good for

you? Is tree lights cool? I like

How are you doing? How

are your elves being? I want

an elf! I love you Santa! Can I

please have an RC car?

Love, Brooklyn

Love, Hannah

Love Lillian

Love Hunter

gloss. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Christmas Eve!

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

people in need.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

you a lot!

aet.

#### Dear Santa,

Love, Greyson

Josie Beal

Love, Liam

Love, Kolby

Dear Santa,

How are you and the reindeer doing? I have made cookies for you. I hope you get to my home safe. I would like a fortnite gift card.

nament. IT was very funny

just like you! Have a funny

#### Love, Jackson Dear Santa,

Can I have a Nintendo switch and a heater? Because I am building a clubhouse for me but I am going to need some help with it. So as I was saying, if somebody else needs it give it to them.

#### Love, George

Dear Santa, How are you? How are the elves? Has it been busy at the North Pole? I would like a stuffed elf with her ears pierced. I love to go sledding! Do you? What is your favorite cookie? I love my elf. He is so nice and so funny! Love, Carly

# Dear Santa,

I want two toys. It's a hamster and a new Apple tablet please. And a diet coke pillow for my mom and a grill for my dad. And a toy pig for Henry. I also want a fast pass for a Harry Potter ride for Chrlie. And a new phone for Charlie.

#### Love, Noah

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Can I have a cookbook? I also want a pet if you are ok! I also want people to have a great Merry Christmas day.

#### Love, Fiana Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am looking forward to Christmas this year. I hope you come to our house! I really want a Nintendo Switch for Christmas this year. I hope you have a good Christmas! Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

Do you ever get cold down there? I really want my old bebe gun that is easy to cock. Please give my sister a purse. Will you give me a scooter and I really want a hoverboard. Thank you.

#### Love, Corbin Dear Santa,

I hope you are not having trouble with all of the elves. Let Cindy Loo know how she looks! I want to know what your favorite thing about Christmas is. I only have 2

#### From, Phillip

Dear Santa,

I'm excited for Christmas! How are you? Zelda tears of the kingdom, He-man action figures, TMNT akedo, TMNT sewer lair are what I would like to get.

### Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,

I want a new iphone for Christmas, a grave digger, and a big monster truck. I want a kid go kart, a radio for my go kart, and a radio for my guad. I want a big house for my toys and a tent. I also want a coff blocker to block my sister from my food and microphone. I have good grades. I am good.

#### From, Avander, Love you Dear Santa,

Thanks for all of the toys you gave me. You and your elves are hard workers. I only want three things this year. I want a PS5, Minecraft game, and Iphone 5. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you have a merry Christmas.

### Sincerely, Owen

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all of the presents you gave me last year. All I really want for Christmas is a hoverboard and squishmellows. I hope vou have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I will leave the reindeer carrots. Thank you so much and merry Christmas!!!!!

# Love, McKenzie

Dear Santa. Thanks for the PS4. How are you? I hope you are good. How is Mrs. Claus. I want Messi crocs, a suitcase full of candy, and VR games.

I hope you have a safe flight. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I hope you are safe. Have a jolly Christmas. Merry Christmas.

#### Love, Cade

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Thank you for what you got me last year. I want a Barbie dream house and mini refrigerator. The thing I want most is an American Girl doll kitchen and a washer and dryer. When will my elf come. Thank you so much.

# Love, Karlee

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you have a great flight. Can I please have colorful crocs? Can I please have a hoverboard? Merry Christmas

#### Love Evelyn

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time with your elves. Have the funniest Christmas ever! Love, Otto

#### From Bryson

#### Dear Santa,

You are a great gift giver do you have real puppies out there? Will you give me a puppy with Christmas. How do I pay you. What do you want.

#### Love Braxton S

Dear Santa and Mrs Claus,

I would like a phone, watch and hoverboard. I have a queshtin do you and mrs claus are doing good. I would like a gaket, 3 blanckits penisol holder lip glouss, chapstick, slime, braslet, hare stuff, squishmallows a big pack of gum clips stick stuff stick shous mackup mackup holder. I hope you are good.

#### Love Oakley Dear Santa,

I hop that you are doing good and your reindeer to and your elf and I was good to and I hop that your reindeer are redy to fill oh Christmas and Santa thank you for what you do and going around the eath to give us presints and santa I no your real and thank you for being nice.

#### Love, Henry

#### Dear Santa,

What do you do when its not Christmas? Santa do your elfs make tech like phones? Santa what do your elfs do when it's not Christ-



Dear Santa,

cobie

How high is the snow there. How are the elfs at the north pole. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are ok when it snow on Christmas. Can I have a hoverboard and squishmellow and 5 sputishirme.

Hi Santa is Rudolph ok can I hava I phone 15 or 14 and can I hav a m rodux gift card ples and can I have a tablet ples and a puppy germen shepbred and a taslu theat g rivsats sauf and tongs for the tablet the end Thac you santa

#### Love Ava

Dear Santa,

ranedeers and how are you? And I wunta vase fore my mom and I wunt a nuowe phone and a elf and a bick a borne and a hovs and I wunt in my stockegis a big sucker and a kinder egg like a lotss of kandey and a

#### Love Faith

#### Mrs. Reed's **1st Grade Class, MCES** Dear Santa,

Love Riley day.

Lydia

How is Mrs. Claus and the

squishmello.

Are your elves doing good? Santa I have bin good and bad. Can I pls have a phone, airpods, a laptop, and new hey dudes. I hope you are wrm an a long jerne. I will leve cookes and milk. I

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#### Love, Emma Cable Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? Are you ready for christmas? I have been nice becuause I made presents for Mama and Dad sis and sis. May I please have.....a Starbux cup? I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Thank you! Love,

# Kava Harris

#### Dear Santu,

How many elves do you have? I am I have and can I please have a Barby dreem hows? Plse hav a noo saoomlo of bat plse can I have a noo watr bottle! Plse can I have a jeep?

#### Love.

#### **Emmalyn Hoff**

#### Dear Santa,

You are the best. Thank you santa for the present. I been good this year. This is the best year. May I please have a phone and a video game. I love you santa.

#### Love,

**Annabelle Knapp** Dear Santa

Santa how your elf doing?

Dear Santa,

How big is your sleigh?

I have been good, have you? This is what I want. A toy lizard. It has been a great year. Have your elves been good? I love my family!!

#### Love, Oliver Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I have not put my tree up yet. My holiday tradition is me and my brothers named Preston and Jennings usually wake up before our parents. Then we open our gifts. What I want for Christmas is more American Girl dolls. If someone else needs it more than me, give it to them.

Your friend, Lorea Dear Santa,

How are you? Are you busy? I'm going to bake you cookies. I want legos for Christmas. I have been good. I hope you have a happy Christmas. I hope everyone is good.

#### Love, Mason Dear Santa,

How are you? Are you busy? I am not busy! I can't wait to open my presents. Thank you for the stuff in my stockings. I want a PS5 please. Thank you for the or-

things that I want for Christmas. I want an Among Us blue character and a Lankey Box Adventures book. Please and asantel!

#### Love, Jaxson

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year for Christmas I would like a chess set, a remote control monster truck, Big Nate series, football and baseball cards and legos. I have a few questions for you. How many elves do you have? Which reindeer is the oldest one? Does Mrs. Claus fly with you in your sleigh? Merry Christmas!

How have you been?

How has your reindeer

been? I will put reindeer food

out for your reindeer. May I

have some Who Would Win

books? I forgot to put that on

my list at the Bath State

Ms. Cowen's

2nd Grade Class, MCES

headset and I want a flying

For Christmas I want a VR

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Bank.

ball.

Love, Grant

Love, Direks

#### Dear Santa,

I want a phone for Christmas and a Nintendo Switch and a PS5. Thank you for doing all this stuff for us. I hope Mrs. Claus is doing good.

#### Love, Bentlee

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my presents last year. This year I want an Xbox, hoverboard, Fortnite, Nintendo 5 Switch card, and a grinch costume. My Christmas wish is that my cousin Finley is on the bad list for Christmas. Santa can you send me a new elf?

Love Xander





# PEACE BE WITH YOU

May faith be your guide and may His good graces follow you wherever you go during this season of enlightenment.

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas with our heartfelt thanks.

# Four Seasons Florist

Roy and Cindy, Dee Dee, Carol, Brittany and Emily

### Dear Santa,

Thank you for my barbies last year. I want a Minnie Mouse computer computer and I want polly pockets. I even want a princess castle with princess barbies. I want an animal that you can really touch and is in a box. Hope you have a merry Christmas.

#### From Briella

Dear Santa.

How is it going at the North Pole. I want another Scooby Doo movie. Oh, and a cool RC car

#### Love Abel

Thanks for giving me a Nintendo Switch for Christmas. I want a PS5 and a football game.

#### Your friend, Jack Dear Santa,

How are you this year? I would like Tavlor Swift friendship bracelets and a puppy please. I really want a phone, BUT I have been bad. I hope you have a great Christmas.

#### From, Carmen Dear Santa,

How are you, Santa? Thank you for the trey you got me last year. It was awesome. How is Mrs. Clause doing? Did your Christmas go good last year? This year really want a phone and maybe a stuffed animal, but if you don't bring it I don't mind. Merry Christmas.

#### Love, Miles Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the gifts last year. I want a soccer goal for Christmas, a deer simulator, a Nintendo Switch and Fornite on Nintendo Switch.

#### Love, Jax Ms. Tussey's **3rd Grade Class, MCES** Dear Santa,

How are you doing today. For Christmas I want a phone and I also want the one and only ruby. And I want a new lpad and the last thing I want is a grinch stuff animal.

#### Graham

Dere Santa, How are the elfes? Is snow ball being good? Is want I wunt for Crismos is a big skishe that hase a smilie face and the backrawnis perk and wren you flipe it over it is a mad fase and the bakerawn is blow and tell me if snowball is being bade and if he is not it is fone.

#### Austyn

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and the elves. Santa can I please have a puppy for Christmas. I've been nice and all year. I hope I can have a mini astralian shepard.

# Sincerely, Celia

Dear Santa,

How are you. I am doing great today. For Christmas I want to have a revel dolls and a doll house that has a slide and a pool and a bunch of other things and that should be it. Have a

what id like for Christmas. An etcha sketch, new American girl doll, clothes a sketch book. Thank you Santa!

# Love Shelby

Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? How is Jingles? Jingles might of got a little hungry last night because he got into our cereal. This Christmas I would like a electric scooter. Thank you for all you do (and the elves). I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

#### Love, Jaycie Dear Santa,

How is the north pole? I would like a lego batmobile, a lego Harry Potter Hogwarts a golden dragon, diary, quiz book for spies, a pair of lego shoes, a digital watch, a dozen figit toys, and a copy of the 5th 6th and 7th Harry Potter books and 4th 5th and 6th Percy Jackson books. Thank you so much Hove you.

#### Sincerely, Reagan Dear Santa,

I would like barbi sets, Nintendo mario, monkey see monkey do and American Girl Doll. Now questions. How old are you? Who is the kindness kid. Who is the nody kid? Please give this to snowflake. PS can I have another elf I think mine is lonely.

#### Love, Lacey

Dear Santa, Can you bring an elfe to my house? Can I have a rocking horse? Thanks

#### Love, Savannah Dear Santa,

How are you and the elfs. I'm good so you know. Santa one thing I really want is...a black jerman shepered. The taco squashmellow. That's the things I really want. Oh I forgot how are the raindeer. Do you know my sister ella and my Mom Gwen and my dad Jason. I hope you have a great Christmas.

#### Love, Kilian

Dear Santa, How do you know where everyone lives. Santa tell me how you eat all those cookies and drink all that milk. For Christmas I would like LOL dolls, mini brands and art supplies. Have a great winter.

#### Savannah K

Dear Santa,

arena and pack and diary of a wimpy kid book and that is all! Thank you for everything you do to everyone and we all love you.

#### Love, William Dear Santa Claus,

How coldy does it get at the north pole? If you could get these things for me I would realy appreciate it! Could I please have a rat wheel, new Nintendo switch chips, a 3d pen, and a skylist. But most of all I want to spend at least one more minute with my Daddy Nathen Meyer. Merry Christmas Santa.

#### Love, Katherine Dear Santa Claus,

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Are you busy. Can I give me a dirt bake please I rile wunt one to drove and one to ramp and have fun and traping jump on and flip on is fun.

#### Love Nolan Mrs Back's **1st Grade Class, SMS** Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa! Can I please have a puppy, a desk to do my homework, and a little shed so I can do gymnastics. Thank you for the gifts. How are you doing. I hope you have a good Christmas.

#### Love, Catalina Dear Santa,

Oliver

I hope you are having a good year. I would like tax money, a robot police, and Thomas the toy tank engine from Shrek's swamp. Thank you for the presents.

#### Dear Santa,

I'm sorry for what happened last year. I would like an iphone 14 and a bell and a baby doll car seat. Thank you for the presents.

#### Love, Elin Dear Santa,

Hello! How are you? I would like a remote control blue spider as big as my hand, a toy crane as big as me and a mario truck set with a car you can ride in. I hope you have a good Christmas.

#### Love, Braxton Dear Santa,

Thank you for my elves. I would like some clothes for my elves, a stuffed animal Rudolph and cleaning supplies. I hope you have a good time with the elves board and a computer mouse. Hove you Santa.

### Dear Santa,

Holiday Greetings

I hope you are feeling good. I would like a walkie talkie robot, a blonde hair baby, and a furbee. Thank you for the presents. I hope you have a good day. Love, Willow

Dear Santa,

How is it at the North Pole? I would like arts and crafts. Hope you are fine.

### Love, Avery

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like a pink desk, a painting kit and some new hand sanitizer. Thank you

#### for the presents. Love, Scarlett Dear Santa,

How are you doing. I would like a magnet, an elf and a gnome. Thank you for the presents.

#### Love, Eddy Dear Santa, How are you doing at the

North Pole? I would like an American Girl Doll, majic mixie and a stuffy sloth. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Paige Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I would like a slime making kit, a mermaid makeup kit, a new little mermaid dress. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### Love, Dakota Ms. Jonas'

#### 2nd Grade Class, SMS Dear Santa,

Can I have a 4x4 quad and dirt bike and a mountain bike and a 3d printer and a computer.

# Love, Drew

Dear Santa, How are things at the north pole? Is it cold there? I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want more figit toys. And more slime.

#### From, Ellie Dear Santa,

I lik wen ou visit baestit and tous and dakinsand a lot.

#### Love, Aaron Dear Santa,

Have you had a nise day? Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want spiderman squishy that I broke. I want paint.

Your Friend, Luke Dear Santa,

#### Christmas I want a nentendo switch and a Love, Oliver

hoverboard. I want a frosty the snowman toy. Love, Ruby

#### Dear Santa.

May I have a new bike and a 3d printer.

Your friend, Leo Dear Santa,

I hope you have a holy joly Christmas. Where is my elf. My brother wants a barbie and LOLs. Thank you!

#### From, Gideon

Dear Santa, I wunt a bunkbed, a babidol, a makeup set and a dressr and decrasins and diprs and a desk and a mear and a piksn and some school splis. Hove Santa.

# From, Zora

Dear Santa, Please may I have LED lights for my room, a 3d printer, jewelry rings too. I would like a pet bird and its cage and food. I would also like some bright colored paint. Thank you for coming to my house.

#### Paige

Dear Santa, Hows it going in the north pole? For Christmas I want manatee stuff animal, LOL dolls, Barbies, the Gabbys doll house, a LOL coat, polly pocets, Nancy drew book collection, a baby alive doll, another elf on the shelf, xbox, earmuffs, squishmellows, unicorn plushie, otter stuffed animal, mamatee blanket, cookbook, a fire tablet, Really want it cause mne broke.

#### From, Tayler

Dear Santa, I like a go cart, bp gone like a go cart to be fast and I want a dirt bike. I love you.

#### From, Logan Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas and your elfs. I wate for Christmas is a barbie doll and a Elisa doll and Anna dolls. Thank you santa and Elfs.

#### Love, Ava Dear Santa.

I hope you are ok and hour elfs are very funny. Today they are in the bathtub they are having a pool party. From, Nora

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I wunt skin care Protik like bubl. I also

How is the Grinch? For Christmas and I hope you do too.

#### From, Joel Mrs. Kolks' **3rd Grade Class, SMS**

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# Dear Santa,

I want a chane geasue I need to look cool. I dsrv it because l've been cool, but not too cool that's why I need it. I want chreelys so I can go zoo.

and a squeaky chicken last I

want a horse mask. I want

an xbox 1 so I can play

games with my brothers

and friends and cousins. I

want a phone so I can play

I want an electric scooter

for Christmas please. Next I

want a shark squish mello.

Third, I want Micheal

Jordans shoes. I would like

a shark football to play with

my brother and sister. I

would really like some win-

dow markers so I can write

"Go Wildcats" on our car win

dows. I have been paying at-

tention at school. I have

been trying to do what mom

and dad say. A surprise

Your Friend, Lucas

For Christmas this year I

want a PS5. I want it be-

cause it looks very cool. I

think I deserve it because I

want a PS5. I want it be-

cause it looks very cool. I

think I deserve it because I

have worked really hard in

school. And I have gotten

I want a ps5 for Christ-

mas whi you ase because I

ben good this year and why

I want it because my ps2

I really, really want a little

kitten because ive done re-

ally good this year in school.

I am also going to research

it. I also really want a book

called corey's underground

railroad. Diary. It's the sec-

ond one. I also want a little

pop up pet it looks like a little

box then when you open it

theres a pet inside. I also

want an elf and elf pet.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus,

Gunner

Owen

pretty good grades.

Dear Santa,

dusnat do good.

would be really good,

Dear Santa,

#### Grayson

Desmond

Dear Santa, I want a xbox, a iphone

games on the bus.

Dear Santa,

great day today. Goodbye Santa

#### Dear Santa,

What kind of cookies do you like? What I want for Christmas is lip boom, lipgloss, LOL, OMG, high heel like shoes, cowgirl boots pink. Thank you so

#### Love, Adeline

Paislev

Dear Santa,

much for presents.

How are you? Hopefully good because ive been good. How are the elves? Hopefully not making a mess. I would like for you to bring me a sweat shirt with a candle lotion (both smell like flowers) and five heights at Freddys books. Thank you.

#### Love, Kinley

#### Dear Santa,

What's your favorite kind of cookies? My favorite kind are with iceing. One thing I would like for Christmas is Legos and a watch. Thank you so much for everything you do for us.

#### Love, Henry

#### Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer know how to fly. Santa can you get me some pop figure bobble heads, Robux, and football and basketball cards for Christmas. Thank you Santa for all you do.

#### Love, Christian Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a pet snake and lego friends. I also whant a Stanley water bottle. I hope your elfs didn't make to much of a mese at the North Pole and I hope you have a happy Christmas.

#### From, Paislie

#### Dear Saint Nick,

How are you and the elves? Is sparkles nice at the north pole? Also, this is

Can I have an elf next year please? How are the elves? These are the things I want for Christmas an RC car, an elf, a phone, pokeymon cards, stylist and a bunch of figits. Hope you have a grate day.

#### Love Lynnlee Dear Santa,

What are your favorite cookies. Santa please please have your elves

make these for me please. I want a drone not the one that controls by hand I want one that has a controller, rc car, and miilatary toys of lego. And hot wheels.

#### By, Johnathon

Dear Santa Claws, How do you eat all those cookies and drink all that milk? Also how was cupcake doing before she

started coming here? For Christmas I want... an arctic fox, a horse, horse equipment the new trolls movie the paw patrol movie, both grinch movies, a traker pup car from paw patrol baby yota water bottle. Thank you so much for what you do for everyone. Thank you.

#### Love, Izabella Dear Mr Claus,

How are things at the north pole. Are the elves working hard now. How are the raindeer let me guess, good. One last thing I want a new pair of headphones and a new PS5 controler.

#### From. James

Dear Santa, How are the elfs at the north pole. I want iphone 13 and a 4 weler.

#### Love, Kaleb

Dear Santa Claus, How are you this year? For Christmas I would like new colored pencils, new markers, new 64 crayons pack, bayblades battle and reindeer.

#### Love, Kaden Dear Santa,

Can you please help gingerbread mack pet better. I would a good Christmas gift, a drone and an Ipad. Thank you Santa!

#### Love, Memphis Dear Santa.

Thank you for my elves! I would like a bruder snowmobile set, a cat compact track loader and bruder police set. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Henry Dear Santa,

Thank you for year's presents. I would like a stuffed anumal raindeer and 2 wallkie talkie. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Rylan Dear Santa,

Hello Santa! I want shoef depot for my mini skateboard, a Home Depot gift card and tools for building. Thank you for my presents.

# Love, Briggs

Dear Santa, Hi Santa how are you? I would like a game a robot

dog and some toys. Thank you for the presents.

Love, Kate Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas. I hope you've had a good year. I would like a puppy, a desk to do my homework and a cloud slime. Thank you for last years presents.

#### Love, Madelyn Dear Santa,

I hope you get a good gift this year. I would like to get an apple watch, new shoes and a slime kit. Thank you for all of my presents.

#### Love, Eleanor Dear Santa,

Hello, haw was your day. I would like a PC, a key-

I hope your having a good time at the north pole! I've been trying to be good this year.

#### Colton

#### Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing good in the snow. Is it ok if you get me a mintendo switch, ben ten watch, avenger lego mech set, hulk bustorse and a big tablet with a night sky care that folds down into stand.

#### **From Chase**

Dear Santa, Youa re the best. I love

#### you. Thank you. From Waylon Dear Santa,

I will try to be good. Can you please give me one of these things. Little live pet bird, barbie farm, baby alive doll and also wanted to ask how you doing at the North pole.

#### From Brianna Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the north pole? I want a huver bord and scwishmelos for Christmas. I love snowflake she is very silly. How are the rest of the elfs doing? I loved the stuff that you gave me. Crismas is my favorite holliday! I need some more film for my camera.

#### From, Addy

hope it is good. I would love it if you would tell my elf to be notey. Santa are you notey? Thank you Santa.

#### From, Brooklyn Dear Santa,

#### Your Friend, Stella Dear Santa,

I hope youa re doing ok.

want a hoverboard. I want ultu bure products. I want the biggest squishmellow allows in the world.

#### From, Nora Dear Santa,

You are nice to children and people.

#### From Lucas

Dear Santa,

Football cards, xbox, ps5, gaming computer, moon pod sooper mario mash up, Kirby forgotten land, giant Kirby squishmellow, shelded sunglasses.

# From, Liam

Dear Santa, Play station, star wars lego set, air pods, star wars lego set and assenwall wsutanml. Mine figrs.

Liam

### Dear Santa,

I saw buddy tongold In the blids today. There is 3 things that I want. I will tell you them I want a mikrefon from my you tud rc rod in. I want a candmru for my you tud video and my cpredre that remtd mid me that I want a crepre mine frig. Thank you for that I wish you have a grd Christmas.

#### Jaxson

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the North Pole? I would like to ask for a Charizarddox I would like a pokemon lamp for my room. Any surprises would be great. Merry Christmas.

#### From, Austin

Dear Santa,

Hows santa paws doing. I hope everything is doing well. I want a play station 5, a hand saw, pokemon cards, and a chootoy for Zues. And one last wish. I want the Bishoff family and bruns family to have a great

it because so I can call my mom and dad and so I can play games on it. I dzrvit because I have bin good in school.

I want an iphone 5. I want

#### Julia

#### Dear Santa,

I want action figures because I lost my other ones when I was playing with them and I have been very good!

#### Weston

#### Dear Santa.

I want a big lego set because I think I have been good this year. I also want four more things. I also want a pollypocket because ive been really good. I want a lot of makeup and jewelry and I want to look good at parties. I want a lot of chapter books because I want to get a lot of knowledge. I would like to get a Christmas craft kit. I want some clothes for all of the holidays and bathing suits. Can you give me surprises. I want all of that because I have been really really good this year Santa Claus. Thank you for everything.

#### Your friend, Charlotte Dear Santa,

I want 15 PSA 10 Football cards 1 Reggie Wayne incloted. I want it so I can be cool. I deserve it because I won in Rroky Top. I want an Apple watch. I want it because I want to know the time. I want a huscy dog so I will care about pets more. I deserve it because I help my dad.

#### Maverick

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a blue Iphone 8 because I have been very good this year. I also want a Apple Ipad because I've been super nice.

Dear Santa, How is the noth poll? I

Please can I have jewelry, nail polish, stuff for my hair, I would also like any surprises you want to bring me.



For Christmas I would like a hoverboard and shopkins. I want a hoverboard so I can play on it. Why I want shopkins so I can put them on my pencils. Why I deserve it I have ben trying so hard to be nice to my sisters. Audrey

Santa, Dear I want a Jell kit. I want a jell kit because I like to do my nails. Why I deserve it because I get up and do my sisters hair. I want a apple watch because I like to play games. I deserve it because I feed the animals every night. I want smelly crayons cuz I like to coler. I deserve it because ive bin good.

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a iphone 8. I also want airpods and a new basketball. Why I want the basketball because my basketball is not good at all. Why I want a

Greta

the time and I deserve it and I've been good this year. I want call of duty modern war far 3 so I can play it when im bored. I deserve it because I have been good in school. Will

#### Dear Santa,

I want a puppy for Christmas. I deserve it because I help Wyatt and am always paying attention in all subjects. I have good grades. I am also the printer girl. Think you should visit me sooner. Thanks Santa!

#### Claire Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a mini black backypack. I would like it because it is cute and is relly handy. Iv tried to be good at home and school! And I want a I phone 8 pirtty please that has music because I love music like I sid. Iv ben good in school.

#### Claire S.

Dear Santa,

'I want Madden 24 for Christmas because I like to watch football. I would also like free tickets to the bengels. I think I deserve that cause I was good this yar. Maybe a google in our house I want it cause would talk to it. Also some football cards. I deserve that cause think I was also good. Love Caleb

- Dear Santa,

I want a cry baby. I want a polly pocket and makeup, a teacher barbie. I would love to get a science kit. I want an art kit. I really want surprises the most. I have been trying hard at school. I listen to mom. Thank you for everything.

#### Love your friend, Katrina Dear St. Nick,

I don't have a lot to ask you but my little baby cousin doesn't have a lot of toys. So I want a baby rattle for her to play with. Another thing I For Christmas I want a Ap- want for Christmas is a older

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year can I please have a poloride camera? I want to take pictures on it. I think I deserve it because I have been good

this this year. Love, Rayna Dear Santa,

I want a electronic scooter and a camera because ive been good in 3rd grade. I want is a baby doll to take care of because so I can be like my Mom. I want fore Christmas is a watch so I can play games on it with my sister and share it with my twins Hank and Sophia. I want a chapter book of Diray of the wimbey kide and some feathers to put in my hair.

#### Georgia

Hello Santa Claus,

I would like air pods, red ryder, pink bb gun, Grinch pajamas, makeup, Bratz dolls and a lot of other things too. I deserve allot of these things because I have been good and nice to all my friends. The end. Merry Christmas.

ratch. I would also like a 1/7 slyping bag and a nice ratch. I would also like a blankit and Pelow yiutoub good set of potch. I would chanol and I want to be rily also like a set of metch and smrt and I dsrv it bcos iv bin standet tatch rinches. I a good boy. would also like a 1/4 dep wel

#### John

Dear Santa,

and sholow sokis. So I can

I want a ques 3 and I think

I should git it becise iv bin

good boy this year. Alsew I

want 20,000 shiny roks and

vebuks and robuks and

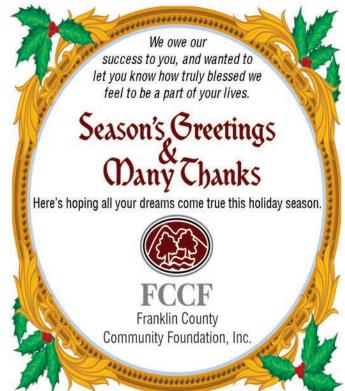
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wick on stuf.

Dear Santa,

I want a watch that can tell me haw mankstees and talk everday. I also want to know how many laps I take. I want a timer on a watch. Also I want it to reset my ps1.

Wyatt



lphone 8. Why I want airpods is so I can listen to my own muice. Kendall

#### Dear Santa,

I want a apple watch for Christmas because I can tell

pel watch because I never know what time it is. I also want makeup becus I don't have very mutch and I need it to inerton me.

Dear Santa,

sister LOL doll to play with my sister because she likes to play with barbie dolls. I also want a stanly for Christmas because I need a new water bottle. Abigail

Evelyn Dear Santa, I would like a 3/8 25 inch

Thank you for all the wonderful letters and good wishes for Mrs. Claus, the Elves, the Reindeer and myself.

> Merry Christmas! Love, Santa

Isla



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