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FRANKLIN COUNTY MAN MISSING FOR NEARLY SIX MONTHS



Cassie Garrett
 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

After nearly six months, 50-year-old Roger Purcell, a resident of Franklin County, is still missing. Purcell went missing on June 21, sometime between 12 p.m. and 5 a.m., from

his home near Johnson Fork Rd. in West Harrison, where he lived with his mother. Purcell did not have his cell phone when he left, and after reviewing text messages and phone calls, there was no indication he made plans to leave his home that night. (See "MISSING" pg. 9)

EDC LOOKS TOWARD 2025

Will Fehlinger
 COPY EDITOR

Franklin County Economic Development Commission met Monday morning for the final meeting of 2024. There were a pair of payments approved and discussion on items that could be impactful as the calendar flips over.

President John Palmer told his board that a new projector is needed to replace an outdated one at the government center. The cost would be up to \$2,000. John Estridge moved to approve no more than \$2,000 toward the new equipment and Greg Orschell seconded. It passed 3-0.

Nick Lawrence/The Wheatley Group, New Albany, had informed

Palmer of a bill coming due soon to pay for Lawrence's economic development work for the county in the vicinity of \$4,000 billed hourly. With around \$35,000 allotted for contractual services, Estridge moved to approve payment and Orschell seconded.

Another piece of housekeeping involved the state of Indiana's new law that wants meeting agendas pre-printed and posted and county governmental meetings broadcast starting in July of 2025. Palmer said auditor Karla Bauman is looking to be proactive and would like to see government entities comply as early as January. This may mean EDC moves from its customary meeting (See "EDC" pg. 9)

FBI executes search warrant at former Pickleball Rocks Owner's home

Cassie Garrett
 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

On the morning of Dec. 4, a significant law enforcement operation occurred at the home of Brookville resident Rodney Grubbs, former owner of All about Pickleball LLC, also known as Pickleball Rocks, as a federal search warrant was executed at Grubbs's home. The FBI was assisted by the IRS-CI, the Indiana Secretary of State Securities Division, the Brookville Police Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. As a result, 11th St. was closed between John St. and Fairfield Ave. for several hours. Agents also interviewed several Brookville residents who invested in Grubbs's alleged pickleball scheme while Grubbs's home was being searched.

The Civil Suit

The Southern Bankruptcy Court in Indianapolis held an Involuntary Chapter



photo provided
 On Dec. 4 11th St. was closed as FBI executes search warrant at the home of Rodney Grubbs.

7 Bankruptcy hearing against Grubbs in January 2024. Several petitioners from all over the United States alleged Grubbs persuaded hundreds of people nationwide to lend him money in exchange for short-term, high-interest investment opportunities with his

company. Each plaintiff who took the stand shared a similar story of how the well-known figure in the pickleball community befriended them at a tournament or some other pickleball event and then offered them an exclusive opportunity to invest in his pickleball company.

Grubbs guaranteed a 12% interest rate compounded monthly and a lump sum repayment after 18 months. Further, the promissory notes stated investors would receive an increased interest rate of 18% if they defaulted. The plaintiffs claimed Grubbs (See "GRUBBS" pg. 9)

Remembering Dairy Cottage icon and former owner, Gary Shaw

Cheyenne Lance
 LEAD STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 8, former Dairy Cottage owner Gary Shaw passed away. Gary and his wife purchased the business in 1969. While working as new business owners, the Shaws made many notable changes over the years to Dairy Cottage, many of which are still enjoyed to this day.

Originally, Dairy Cottage was a simple walk-up ice cream shop that also served burgers and hot dogs. However, after the purchase of a fryer in 1972, Gary broadened the Dairy Cottage menu with dozens of new meal options as well as opened

up the dining room for indoor seating.

To date, you can get more than ice cream, burgers, and hot dogs. You can order shrimp, wraps, hoagies, a multitude of delicious sides, and most notably, fried chicken and Jojos. With the new menu, students from Brookville High School would often walk over during lunch to eat, and previously, used to open at 5:00 a.m. to serve breakfast.

Gary Shaw put in hours, weeks, months even of work into Dairy Cottage. Several menu options are made from scratch, such as ice cream and coleslaw, and sale barn days would bring in the most traffic, so he knew (See "SHAW" pg. 7)



photo by Elijah Dean
 Pictured are current Dairy Cottage owner Jamie Lee and the man who started it all, Gary Shaw.

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Community Calendar

December

A ceremony will be held at Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the mission of "Wreaths Across America." The ceremony will begin in the school remembering the fallen, honoring those who serve and teaching the next generation the value of freedom. It will conclude with placing wreaths on all the veterans graves. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served afterwards. All are invited.

January

The blockbuster Broadway hit, "Les Miserables" will be performed at the Aronoff Center in January and the Arts Council has a block of seats in the Loge to see this extraordinary play. Tickets are \$126 for the Jan. 18th matinee and can be obtained by calling Patti Wilhelm at 765-309-1473. We plan to have lunch at Nicholson's Restaurant prior to the show.

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FC Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator

Veronica Bullock CONTRIBUTOR

Franklin County is known for its vast topography, streams, and rivers that run through the area. Many landowners in the county experience erosion after heavy rainfall, witnessing streams cutting into their property or smaller drain-

ageways eroding. The Whitewater River and Salt-Pipe Creek Watersheds, which cover parts of Franklin County, offer cost-share programs to implement best management practices (BMPs) aimed at reducing water pollution. These programs focus on reducing nonpoint source pollution in the watersheds (See "AG" pg. 10)

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FCCF announces Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipient

The Franklin County Community Foundation is pleased to announce Thatcher "Cole" Kelley of Franklin County High School as the recipient of the 2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship for Franklin County. Cole is the son of William and Elizabeth Kelley. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership.

Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four years. The scholarship is for full-time undergraduate students leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars may also participate in the Lilly Scholars Network (LSN), which connects current scholars and alumni with resources and opportunities to be active leaders on their campuses and in their communities. The scholarship program and LSN are supported

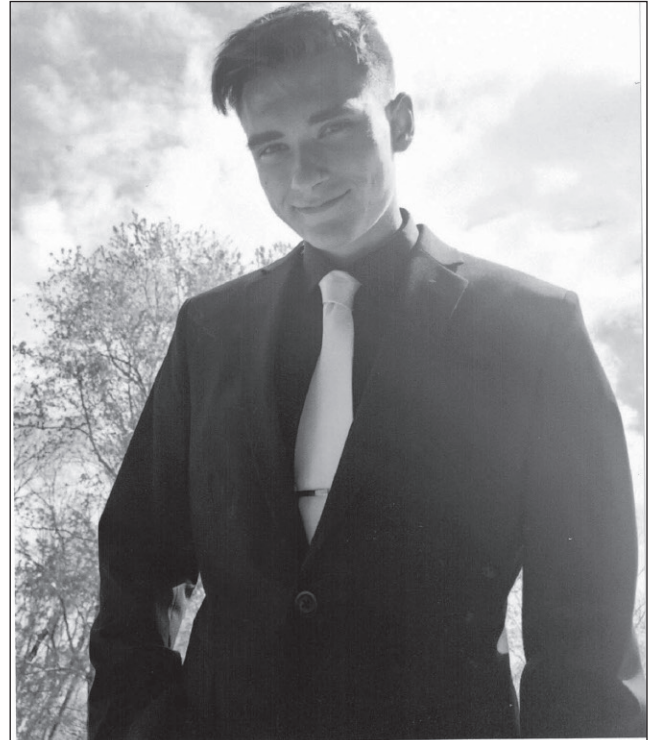
by grants from Lilly Endowment to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) and Indiana Humanities.

The top two scholarship finalists will receive \$3000 in FCCF scholarships. These finalists include:

Loria Allen and Ayla Lienesch from Franklin County High School. Loria is the daughter of Samantha Allen. Ayla is the daughter of Michael and Colleen Lienesch.

The FCCF Lilly Scholarship Selection Committee considered leadership, character, honors, community involvement, written essays, and applicant appraisals to determine Franklin County's Lilly Endowment Community Scholar nominees. After the field of applicants was narrowed down, nominees were submitted to ICI, the statewide administrator of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, which approves the final selection of scholarship recipients.

"Our pool of Franklin County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship applicants was impressive. We are proud to have such a great group of students representing our com-



munity", said Shelly Lunsford, executive director of the Franklin County Community Foundation.

Lilly Endowment created the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program for the 1997-98 school year. Since then, grant funding in excess of \$490 million has supported more than 5,300 Indiana students who have received scholarships through the program.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program

are: 1) to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; 2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and 3) to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

Profitt Family Endowments Established

Two new endowments have been established within the Franklin County Community Foundation to honor the legacy and contributions of the Profitt family, reflecting their dedication to education, service, and community support.

The Profitt Family Education Endowment, created in honor of Ralph and Alta Profitt, will provide scholarships to students and grants to educational organizations. Funding will be available to students, educational institutions, and community organizations that demonstrate a clear need and submit a detailed proposal outlining how the funds will support educational initiatives. Eligible projects may include

scholarships, academic programs, school supplies, technology upgrades, and other projects that enhance learning opportunities.

The Profitt Family Endowment, established in recognition of Christopher and Jennifer Profitt, will at this time support individuals in need of service dogs to improve their quality of life and organizations that use therapy dogs to enhance the well-being of those they serve. Recognizing the high costs of acquiring and training service and therapy dogs, this endowment seeks to reduce financial barriers for individuals and organizations alike. For individual applicants seeking service dogs, documentation of need, including medical rec-



ommendations, is required, along with a detailed explanation of how a service dog would enhance their well-being. For organizations,

such as schools, hospitals, or funeral homes, applying for support in acquiring or maintaining therapy dogs. (See "PROFIT" pg. 10)

County multi-hazard mitigation plan discussed

Cassie Garrett REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Franklin County is in the process of updating the county multi-hazard mitigation plan (MHMP). This plan looks at the potential hazards that can impact the county and mitigation strategies to reduce the threats and consequences of these events. Franklin County Emergency Management hosted a project team meeting at the Brookville Library on Dec. 5. to gather input from community leaders regarding the plan.

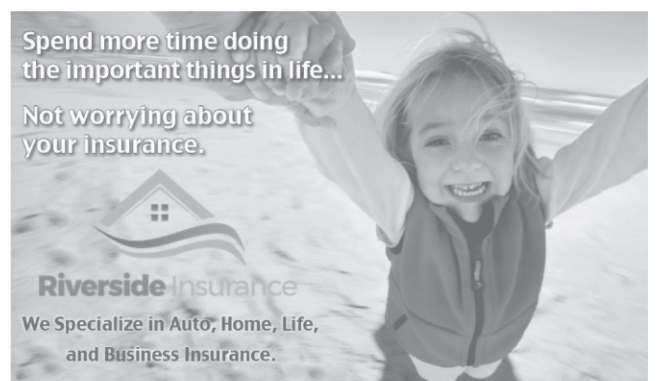
The project meeting was well attended, with

those present assisting in ranking and discussing hazard impacts on the county based on their experience, including:

- Drought
 - Earthquake
 - Extreme temperature
 - Fire and wildfire
 - Flood
 - Hail, thunder and windstorms
 - Land subsidence and FEH
 - Snow and ice winter storms
 - Tornado
 - Dam failure
 - Hazardous materials
- Each hazard was ranked based on probability, magnitude/severity, warning time and duration of event.

Another meeting will be held on Dec.19 to review a list of proposed mitigation measures from the previous plan as well as those gathered from other efforts that may be applicable to the county and the communities within. Attendees will review the measures and pri-

oritize them as High, Moderate, or Low (based on how quickly they can be implemented, cost-effectiveness, etc.). This outlines the five-year plan for the municipalities, agencies, and offices to reduce the impact of hazards on the day-to-day operations of the county.



Brent Leffingwell

Brent R. 'Fudd' Leffingwell, age 71, of Brookville passed Wednesday evening, December 4, 2024 at his residence in Brookville.

Born November 19, 1953 in Bradenton, Florida, he was one of seven children born to the late Bill Dick and Alvera 'Butzie' (Biltz) Leffingwell. On June 24, 1995 he was united in marriage to the for-

mer Ruth Ann Hodapp, and she survives.

Fudd was retired. He was a member of the Bernard Hurst Post #77 Sons of the American Legion. In his leisure time he enjoyed woodworking, watching football and baseball, being with his family and frying chicken for get togethers.

Besides Ruth Ann his wife of nearly 30

years, survivors include two children, Aaron Leffingwell of Brookville, Ashley (Tom Morris) Leffingwell of West Chester, Ohio; two granddaughters, Kadence Leffingwell and Kristin Taylor; two sisters, Lynn Knight and Mickie Sauerland both of Brookville; two brothers, Pat Leffingwell and Brooks Leffingwell both of Brookville; his moth-

er-in-law, Margie Hodapp of Brookville; a brother-in-law, Joseph (Brandy) Hodapp of Brookville, as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Hal Leffingwell and Kelly Leffingwell; his father-in-law, James F. Hodapp, and a brother-in-law, James H. Hodapp.

There was a celebra-

tion of life at the Bernard Hurst Post #77 of the American Legion on Sunday, December 8, 2024 for family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Bernard Hurst Post #77 Sons of the American Legion. The staff of Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home are honored to serve the Leffingwell family, to sign the online guest book or send personal



condolences, please visit www.phillipsandmeyers.com.
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Cleora A. Kuntz

Cleora A. 'Sis' Kuntz, age 94, of Brookville died Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at Margaret Mary Community Hospital in Batesville.

Born February 22, 1930 in Ripley County she was one of seven children born to the late Edward and Ruth (Kirschner) Dierckman. On September 25, 1954 she became the wife of Robert J. 'Bob' Kuntz, and he

preceded her in death on April 21, 2018.

A homemaker, she and her husband also had owned and operated the former Village Bar & Restaurant in Brookville for over 22 years.

She was a member of St. Mary of the Rock/Holy Family Catholic Church. In her leisure time she enjoyed flowers and gardening, cooking, sewing and croch-

ing doilies.

Survivors include three children, Sharon (Tom) Bolser of West Harrison, Patty (Jim) Watkins of Brookville and Dale Kuntz of Brookville; five grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; a brother, Ralph Dierckman of Batesville; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband Bob, she was preceded in death by two sis-

ters, Dolores Reer and Roberta Brunsmann; and three brothers, Joe, Elmer, and Milton Dierckman.

Family and friends may visit from 4 until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home, 1025 Franklin Avenue, Brookville; where the Holy Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. John Barker will officiate the Mass of Christian

Burial on Thursday, December 12, 2024, 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary of the Rock Catholic Church, 17440 St. Marys Road, Batesville, Indiana 47006. Burial will then follow in Ss. Philomena and Cecilia Catholic Cemetery in Oak Forest.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Cecilia Cemetery Fund. The staff of Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home are



honored to serve the Kuntz family, to sign the online guest book or send personal condolences, please visit www.phillipsandmeyers.com.
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Shirley L. Sharp

Shirley L. Sharp, age 93, of Brookville passed peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, December 2, 2024, at Mercy West Hospital in Cincinnati.

Born August 9, 1931, in Cincinnati she was the daughter of the late John M. and Alma

(Teepe) Schleicher. On April 22, 1950, she was united in marriage to Milton L. Sharp, and he preceded her in death on January 18, 2013.

Shirley was a homemaker; and had also worked at the former Shillito's Department Store in Cincinnati. In

her leisure time, she enjoyed nature, bird watching, and traveling.

Survivors include five children, Karen Patterson, Sandra Sharp, David Sharp all of Brookville, Timothy Sharp of Scottsdale, Arizona and Michael Sharp of Brookville;

six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard Schleicher of Cincinnati.

In addition to her parents and husband, Milton, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Kay Sharp, who died December 14, 2013; and a brother,

John Schleicher. Private services were held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home, with burial following at Maple Grove Cemetery in Brookville.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabe-

tes Association or the humanesociety. The staff of Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home are honored to once again serve the Sharp family. To sign the online guest book or send personal condolences, please visit www.phillipsandmeyers.com.
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Janice Halloran

On the morning of December 6, 2024, the unstoppable spirit of Janice Halloran came to rest while in the care of Hospice of Hamilton, ending her 6-year journey with cancer at the age of 86. Preceded in death by her brother, Jay Wehr, she leaves behind her loving husband of 46 years, Barry Halloran, three children, Denise Bolser (Steve), Diana Paxton, and David Paxton (Angela), two stepchildren, Ryan Halloran (Jill) and Jon Halloran (Nita),

10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, sister-in-law Jean Wehr, stepbrother Mike Ramsey (Barbra), nieces, nephews, and "cousins by the dozens".

Born in Whitcomb on April 2, 1938 to Maurice and June (Dorrel) Wehr, Janice June Wehr lived nearly her entire life on a farm in Union County. A 1956 graduate of Union High School in College Corner, she attended Miami University until her marriage to Kirk Paxton on June 14, 1958. Following stays at

Fort Ritchie, Md. while Kirk served with the Army, and in New Lebanon, Ohio, Janice and her family moved back to Union County in 1967, where they built a house on the family farm where she had grown up and there she resided until her death.

Janice was a mother, an entrepreneur, an avid golfer and an accomplished seamstress, to name but a few of her many talents. She excelled at creating community by combining family, friends and farm life through the Com-

munity Club, 4-H, the Bonner Busy Bees, and Liberty Country Club. She was a bookkeeper for University Ford and Redpath Implement, was coowner of JanSue Cake Decorating, and owner of The House Of Monograms which was then purchased by Capital Varsity in Oxford, Ohio where she continued to work until her retirement. Active in the community, she made and altered wedding gowns, did costume work with Richmond Civic Theater and worked with 4-H as

a leader and judge. She actively participated in the LLGA and the Liberty Lassies through Liberty Country Club and extended this golf community into Florida, in the Betmar Community of Zephyrhills, Florida. She accomplished all of this while tirelessly supporting her children and their growing families.

Please join her family for a celebration of her life on December 21, 2024, from 2pm to 6pm, at the Liberty Country Club. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made



to the Union County Cancer Association or the Liberty Ladies Golf Association (LLGA).
Paid obituary

Grover "GC" Anderson

Grover C. "GC" Anderson, 88, Morgan Township, passed away Friday, Dec 6, 2024. Grover was born June 5, 1936 in Breathitt County, Kentucky, to Dewey and Cynthia (Spencer) Anderson. Grover was employed by Ford Motor Company and retired in 1991 after 30 years of devoted service. An avid hunter and love for the outdoors, Grover was

a long-time member of the Butler County Coon Hunter's Club and NRA. A huge fan of the Reds, Bengals and UK Wildcats, but more than anything, Grover loved attending grandkids' and great-grandkids' activities and attending Ross Baptist Church. Grover was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Leona (Woods) Anderson, his children, Debbie (Mitch) Sauerland, Lisa Haynes, Grover (Rhonda) Anderson, Larry (Kim) Anderson, Wayne (Elaine) Anderson; his grandchildren, Brian Sauerland, Renee Sauerland, Chasity (Chris) Metz, Brandon (Amanda) Anderson, Josh Anderson, Jennifer Marsh, Cody Anderson,

Cheyenne Anderson; his great grandchildren, Arlann Sauerland, Andrew Sauerland, Brooklyn Hall-Sauerland, Alyssa Metz, Michael Metz, Kashton Marsh, Denver Marsh, Sunnie Marsh, Aubrie Anderson and Owen Anderson; his siblings Ann Stevens, Clay (Pam) Anderson, Doris Reese, and Faye (David) Lillibridge. He will be missed by many friends and extended fam-

ily. Grover was preceded in death by his parents, his grandson James C. Haynes, his siblings, Ronnie, Charles, Dewey, Earl, John, Leonard, Douglas, Edna and Myrtle Anderson, Jean Bowling and Geraldine Bogolo.

Visitation will be held at the Brown-Dawson-Flick Funeral Home, 1350 Millville Ave. Hamilton, Ohio on Thursday December 12, 2024 from 9:00

a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the funeral service following at 11:00 AM. Burial will take place at Millville Cemetery. The family asks all memorials to be made to Alzheimer's Association, Greater Cincinnati Chapter: 644 Linn St. Suite 1026, Cin, Ohio 45203 or St. Jude Hospital @// www.stjude.org (Donate in memory of Grover Anderson).
Paid obituary

Gary Shaw

Gary Shaw, of Brookville, was born on April 23, 1936 in Hamilton, Ohio, the son to Virgil and Della Laudemann Shaw. After graduating from Ross High

School, Gary began farming with his uncle. Gary married Nina Shaw on August 28, 1972 in Jellico, Tennessee and together they raised four daughters,

Melanie, Tami, Trisha and Chelsea. Gary farmed for many years, was the proud owner of the Dairy Cottage for 29 years, and was actively involved in the community.

He was a member of the Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church and currently attended Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church. He was a board member at Bath State Bank, served on the

Franklin County Community School Board, was a member of the Dunlapville RC Airplace Club, the Masonic

Lodge, the Franklin County Antique Machinery Club, and was past president of the NFO.

See "SHAW" on pg. 8

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Cats battle in mat opener

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

Franklin County and East Central wrestling have been jostling for top honors in the Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference year after year for many seasons. The latest matchup came Thursday at FCHS in a dual meet between the Wildcats and Trojans. A forfeit by the Cats at 106 pounds was the difference as EC posted a 36-31 win.

The match began at 132 where FC's Colin Troyer faced Brogan Rullman. Troyer posted an 8-1 major decision for a 4-0 FC lead. At 138 Kyle Bolser pinned Isaac Hengehold in the first period as the Cats were up 10-0.

Logan Troyer was next at 144, dropping behind Brett Wilson

3-0 through the first period. No more points were scored as Wilson put EC on the board.

At 150 Trevor Bruns squared off with Tyler Stenger in a high-scoring bout featuring several reversals. Bruns led 7-5 after two and scored two more to win 9-5. Dakota Schwab faced Nyden Euson at 157, trailing 3-0 after one and 3-1 after two; Euson racked up six more and won 9-3.

Tyler Teuschler did battle with Grady Winyard at 165. After getting down 3-1 after one, Teuschler rose up to go ahead at 4-3 and then pin his foe with 47.2 seconds left in the second.

Karter Smith was pinned by Jaxsin Prater at 175 in the second

period. Grant Bohman suffered a similar fate to Brody Wingate at 190.

At 215 Lane Westerman faced Brendin Kolter and trailed 4-3 after two. Kolter finished strong, winning 11-4. Logan Maxie stepped in at heavy-weight for the hosts; he took a 2nd-period pin at the hands of Matthew Mittermeier. The forfeit put EC up 33-19.

Cole Freese pinned Cameron Kissel early at 113. At 120 Bryce Bruns battled into the third period with Jaxon Fliehman but fell 14-9. Landon Myers easily defeated William Lawless at 132 (pin second period).

FC is at Richmond's Tom Hill Memorial Saturday.

Lady Cats fall to Batesville

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

BATESVILLE - Thursday was an EIAC affair between visiting Franklin County and host Batesville in girls hoops. After a 12-12 tie halfway through the second quarter, Batesville held the advantage the rest of the way. The lead grew to as much as 13 at the end of the third period as a Sophie Gesell pass to Lydia Haskamp made it a 40-27 ball game.

Madesyn Sunderhaus assisted Tiffany Billman on a 3-pointer to start the fourth to trim the BHS deficit to 10. A Sydney Campbell jumper made it a dozen-point difference. Billman's 3 from the top of the key put the visitors back within single digits at 42-33. Ruby Singer forced a BHS timeout with a field goal ahead of the 4-minute mark.

Marlee Obermeyer planted a deep 2-point shot ahead of another full timeout at 3:39. Another Billman triple (from Sunderhaus) cut it to six at 44-38. Kaylin Kathman traded baskets with Singer for a 46-40 score. At this point, the Wildcats needed to build up their foul count to get the Bulldogs on the line. Gesell hit 1 of 2 with 1:11 on the



Ruby Singer.

photo Will Fehlinger

Tigers come back on Wildcats

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR



Isaiah Kemp.

photo Will Fehlinger

After a solid first half that saw the host Franklin County Wildcats take a 32-22 lead into the locker room against conference rival Lawrenceburg last Tuesday, the visiting Tigers rallied to take the lead by the end of the third and went on to win 48-45.

After Isaiah Kemp's and-one (free throw miss) made it 36-28 with 3:19 left in the third quarter, Kaleb Cole hit a 3 from the corner and Noah Knigga made both foul shots for a 36-33 score. A tip-in by Evan Lewis made it a one-point game and Knigga got back to the stripe for a 37-36 LHS lead going into the fourth.

Lewis scored to complete an 11-0 Tiger run before Landon Johnson tied the

game on a corner three. Cole answered at 4:38 and JP Izzo added two at 2:30 to



photo Will Fehlinger
Quinn Gillman.

make it 44-39. A basket by Brady Foster brought FC back within a possession and coach Mark Foster called timeout.

A layup for Ollie Safivayan preceded a Nick Vanoven three and FC called time again trailing 46-44 with 38.4 seconds left.

Off a press break, Cole laid one in for a 4-point lead. Foster's FT was the game's last point. In the final eight seconds, Vanoven fired off a three that Knigga secured to end it.

FC was on fire to start the night, going up 11-0 on three Kemp triples and Carson Allen's 2-point goal. Izzo stopped the bleeding with a 3, then hit another at 3:58 of the first. Quinn Gillman drove in for two and Allen made it 15-6. LHS outscored FC 6-2 the rest of the period.

Allen scored to start the second frame and Johnson later hit from deep. Allen made it 24-13 and Gillman had LHS doubled up with the next basket. Knigga put in a 3-point play ahead of four straight by Gillman. Knigga's second 3-point combo of the stanza ended the half.

Keaten McGrath made it 32-24 early in half two. After a steal, Izzo scored to cut the deficit to six.

Knigga and Izzo each scored 14 for top honors. Kemp led FC with 11 and Gillman added 10. Allen and Johnson had 8 each. Foster grabbed 9 rebounds and dished 4 assists.

FC (1-2, 0-2) hosts Rushville Friday and South Ripley Saturday night.



Bailey Kaiser.

photo Will Fehlinger

clock and Obermeyer, likewise, made it 48-40. Singer made two at the stripe and FC coach Kyle VanMeter called a full timeout. Time

before Sunderhaus banked a two in for a 7-6 Wildcat edge. With time running low in the period, Kathman tripled.

ran out on FC's hopes for a comeback as Batesville won 49-43.

Kathman's 3 opened the night's scoring. Bailey Kaiser went 2 of 2 at the line and Billman completed a 3-point play for an early 5-3 FC lead. Obermeyer hit a 3-pointer

Another Kathman trey put BHS up 12-7. Sunderhaus went across the lane for two at 5:15. The latter hit from beyond the arc with 4:08 left in the half to tie it. Gesell hit back-to-back FGs and Maddie Haskamp drilled a 3 off an in-bound play to put BHS up 19-12 at the half.

Kaylee Hanna found Sunderhaus for three to start the next half. A feed to M. Haskamp and 3 for Nora Wiedeman sent BHS up 24-15. Sunderhaus kept her team in it with five straight points. Gesell answered with a long ball and freshman Audrey Mears scored for FC. A 3 by Hanna caused a Bulldog timeout at 4:01.

L. Haskamp and Singer swapped goals, and Obermeyer made it 32-27 on a three. Gesell's 3 forced an FC timeout at 1:42 of the third. Obermeyer hit again from distance for a 38-27 lead.

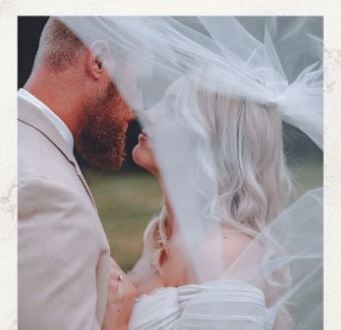
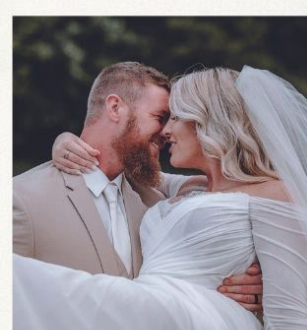
Gesell led BHS with 12 points; Kathman and Obermeyer each had 11 and M. Haskamp 5. Sunderhaus led all scorers with 15 and Billman had 13. Singer added 8. Billman had 5 boards and Singer 4. Sunderhaus added 3 assists and 4 steals.

FC (2-6, 1-2) hosts North Decatur Thursday.

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FCCSC Board covers celebrations and approvals

Cheyenne Lance
LEAD STAFF WRITER

The Franklin County School Board met Monday, Dec. 9th for their last meeting of the 2024 first semester. All board members were in attendance and the room was packed wall to wall with attendees. Kicking off the meeting were four celebrations.

Superintendent Dustin Gehring took the podium to first address two Board of Education celebrations. President Francis Brumback and board member Rick Gill will be leaving the school board and Gehring took a few minutes to highlight each member with their time served, how they have served the board and our schools, and their service has left a huge impact on the community.

Gill served as a board member for 12 years. He also worked with law enforcement to educate kids on drinking and driving, helped coordinate buses on SR-1 and SR-101, and he has helped direct school traffic. While serving on the board, Gill has offered deep insight, factual discussions, and intelligence on projects, trips, student and staff concerns, and educational benefits.

Rick states that while he will miss the board and his time with them, he knows there's more out there for him and he would like to move forward. Gehring expressed his thanks to Rick for everything he has done, before gifting him a custom shirt and plaque.

Gehring next addressed Brumback.

Brumback has served on the board for 16 years, and as the president for the past three years. Brumback has held Franklin County's education closely and for years, put in time and hard work to prioritize the needs of the students and staff. Gehring states that numerous times in the past 16 years, Brumback would drop everything and assist the staff with any needs, would be there to answer questions and never failed to stand behind our education system in order for FC students to benefit from our schools.

Brumback has been an integral part of the board with his questions, his thoughts on policies and school safety, inclusion and diversity, student and staff awards, and offering resolutions to conflicts to help move any high-importance topics forward. Brumback has also been very communicative with the public and their concerns, always offering assistance and working with the board to reach conclusions together.

Gill and Brumback spent years putting the community first, working together with their fellow board members, and building personal relationships that will be greatly missed as 2025 begins. Gehring wished them the best, expressed how grateful he himself has been to have worked with them, and the public attendees were also in agreement as a round of applause was given for both.

Next up in celebrations were Support Staff of the Month, awarded to Nurse Amber Cooper, and Edu-

cator of the Month, awarded to Special Education/Spanish Teacher Lindsay Adams. Both were given a customized decorative glass, a certificate, and their nomination forms.

The last part of celebrations is an award that Gehring has recently introduced. These are highlighting Fall and Winter athletes who have gone above and beyond for their team. Eric Ebrens of FCMS took the podium to award six junior high students for football and volleyball who have improved on the team, who have scored and helped push their teams forward in competitions and shown the utmost dedication to their team. All six were given a certificate and received a personal "congratulations" from the board.

Dustin Riley took the podium next to highlight his FCHS athletes. As there was a basketball game Monday evening, several students couldn't be in attendance, but he highlighted seven students who play football, volleyball, and soccer. They also received a certificate and personal "congratulations" from the board.

Lastly Michelle South, FCHS Principal, highlighted FCHS students who are members of the marching band and color guard. Five students were awarded, and South further stated that she had been a drum major in school, her daughter had been a drum major, and that music and the band has always held a special place in her heart.

(See "FCCSC" pg. 10) With awards

LIBRARY CORNER

Late Opening: Due to staff training, both Brookville and Laurel library branches will open at noon on Dec. 11.

Library Closures: Brookville and Laurel libraries will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 in observance of the holidays.

Vote for your Favorite Tree: Decorated Christmas trees are currently on display at the libraries. You can vote on your favorite from Dec. 9-16. Trees can be taken home on Dec. 26.

Giving Tree: Give back this holiday season by donating to local students. Take a tag off our giving tree located in the children's department. Each tag has an item and a due date. If you would like to just donate, we are currently accepting trapper keepers, colored pencils, mechanical pencils, washable markers, and kids' coats, hats, and gloves in various sizes (boys and girls).

Jingle Books: 'Tis the season for giving, and you are invited to help provide free books to children of all ages during our Jingle Books event! Jingle Books allows patrons to donate new or gently used books with the intention of allowing other families who visit the libraries to choose a free book from the Jingle Books display as a gift for a child this holiday season. Jingle Books will be happening Dec. 2-23.

Cabin Painting: Learn how to paint a winter cabin scene! Dec. 16 at Brookville Library at 4:30 p.m. and Dec. 17 at Laurel Library. RSVP by calling the libraries.

Holiday Game Night: Cold weather is quickly approaching. Learn how to play new games with the family, including Cookie Swap, Trim the Tree, and Pizza Party. Dec. 17 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

Library Board: The Franklin County Public Library District board will meet on Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at Brookville Library. The public is welcome to attend.

Chapter Chasers Book Club: Pick up a copy of "Miss Holly is Too Jolly" by Dan Gutman, read the book, join us at book club for discussion, and play a fun Christmas game! Dec 19 at Brookville Library at 5 p.m.

Charlie Brown Bingo: Bring your preschooler to learn how to play BINGO and win fun prizes! Dec. 20 at Brookville Library at 10 a.m.

Memory Café: Join us at the Franklin County Senior Center for a light lunch and Panel Painting! RSVP is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome! Contact Missy Ratz at 765-647-3509 or by email at fcpt47012@gmail.com. Sponsored by: LifeStream services, Franklin County Senior Center, and the Franklin County Public Library District. Dec. 23 from 12-2 p.m.

Shelfie Squad Book Club: Pick up a copy of "Santa's Puppy" by Catherine Hapka, read the book, and join us at book club for discussion and make a puppy chow dessert! Dec. 23 at Brookville Library at 5 p.m.

Minecraft Challenge: Test your Minecraft skills in a 1-hour creative mode challenge. Details will be given at the start of the challenge. Feel free to bring your own devices and/or login information! Dec. 27 at Brookville Library at 1 p.m.

Rocking Noon Year's Eve Party: Celebrate the new year at Brookville Library! Join us for a special storytime, craft, activities, and a countdown to noon! Dec. 30 at 11 a.m.

Fantasy Book Club: Fantasy Book Club is a flexible, online book club where everyone can participate when it is most convenient. Book discussions will happen online via the book club's Facebook page, which you can find on the library's website. We will vote on a new book each month.

Family Crafters: Come create with us! In this program, we'll explore art through various mediums. This is a bi-weekly program at Brookville Library that will be on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Dungeons and Dragons: Take role-play gaming to the next level with Calloway and Tiffany as your Dungeon Masters. Calloway hosts an 18+ D&D on the first and third Mondays of the month. All D&D events take place at Brookville Library at 6 p.m.

Jr. Crafters: Create with us! In this weekly program, we'll explore art through various mediums. It is recommended for ages 9 and up. Fridays at 4:30 p.m. at Laurel Library.

StoryWalks®: The StoryWalk® continues at Brookville's Town Park, the Mounds State Rec Area's Wildlife Wander Trail, and the Yellow Bank Trailhead. Each trail features a picture book, encourages literacy, physical activity, and spending time outdoors, and is perfect for families of all ages! The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Brookville's Totspot Storytime: Mrs. Herbert conducts story times at 10 a.m. on Mondays. Check our Facebook page for updates.

24/7 Wi-Fi: Please feel free to utilize the Wi-Fi provided 24/7 in our parking lots in Brookville and Laurel.

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Just one of the houses



The house at 912 Main Street in 2009 getting ready for major renovation and restoration work inside and out. The old gray paint was removed with a chemical peel so as to not damage the bricks.

...on this year's Brookville Holiday Tour of Historic Homes.

For many years John Newman, former owner of this house, did painstaking research to try to discover its true history. He spent months combing through local county records and sat in front of a microfilm machine for hours upon hours searching microfilmed newspapers for any mention of its construction or its occupants. This was before any records had been scanned and searchable online so it was a daunting and thankless task. Pretty much what John discovered was documented in Don Dunaway's book *The Houses of Brookville and the People Who Lived in Them*. After you read the few paragraphs in Don's book and think about how old this house is, it's really not that much background information at all. For those of you interested in house histories that's pretty much the norm - months and years of research with minimal results, or minuscule details surfacing at a snail's pace. Detailed house histories don't come quickly and easily.

As most of you know, the Franklin County Public Library District now owns the house at 912 Main Street in Brookville and is in the process of making it the new permanent home of the library's Local History & Genealogy Department. While this building will house the primary research facility, which is the Local History & Genealogy Department one sees today, the department's Archives will remain in the lower level of the old Carnegie library in a climate controlled locked area. Items in the Archives include some of the more unique and rare county-related items like original photographs, signed books and documents, land grants, and a variety of materials Mr. Newman and others retrieved from multiple courthouse attic cleanouts.

Through his tireless efforts John Newman discovered this Greek Revival 1½ story bungalow was completed in 1854 by builder James Reynolds. Reynolds was an excellent carpenter and builder and when he died in 1898 his obituary even boasted that this house (the Judge Swift residence at that time) was a "specimen" of his work.

According to Mr. Newman, Reynolds built this house for a young attorney, Wilson Morrow and his wife, Martha Goodwin, a daughter of Samuel Goodwin. Morrow was prominent in the affairs of Brookville, serving as president of the town board and a trustee of the Brookville College. Morrow held the title of Major, commanding the Franklin Battalion Indiana Legion until he enlisted in Company H, 134th Indiana Infantry on May 6, 1864. Upon his removal to Indianapolis in 1865, Morrow sold the house to John Clinton Burton and his wife. They had a large family, and according to John Newman, the Burtons built a timber-frame kitchen on the rear of the house.

Margaret A. Rockwood bought the property in 1920, and in August that year, she added the front and rear dormers, had it wired for electricity, and installed plumbing and central heating. Margaret died in 1923 but seems to have been the owner who did the most updating of the house in just the three short years she was there. The 1920s Sears & Roebuck-style ceiling lighting still hung in the house until John Newman bought it in 1988. We were lucky enough to retrieve two of the old light fixtures John saved before they hit the dumpsters during clean out after John's passing. More than likely it was also Margaret who created the interior basement steps. A small section along the south wall of the center room was partitioned out and a hole cut in the floor to allow for easy access to the basement from inside the house. Prior to these wooden steps there were stone steps leading from the basement to the outside, and more than likely, they were covered over with a large heavy bulkhead.

It was in 1932 that the best-known residents of the house purchased it, Judge Roscoe O'Byrne and his wife Estella. Roscoe died in 1950, but Estella remained here until near the time of her death. So the house remained with the O'Byrnes for over half a century. Roscoe was the judge who presided over the notorious Head & Hands murder case, and Estella was installed as President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1947 and appeared in *Life* magazine acknowledging her efforts regarding the expansion of the DAR complex in Washington D.C.

John Newman purchased the property at the estate sale of Estella O'Byrne in 1988 and had it restored inside and out in 2009-10. John passed away in 2023, and the library bought it in 2024.

Once the house was cleared out after John's passing, we could see every nook

and cranny, and the basement foundation seemed to tell a slightly different story. The stone foundation was not the size of the built structure. This is not uncommon as many houses of the time only had small cellars, so for any old house to have only a partial basement is pretty common - what was uncommon were the more than one egresses in the basement and a large brick fireplace hearth that had been bricked in.

A brick hearth in the basement should be more indicative of a slightly earlier structure than one built in 1854. Was a smaller house added on to? Was an older structure on this lot before the Morrrows built? Was this hearth used for cooking, heating, or???

Most of the basement floor is beautifully bricked in a herringbone pattern - which may have been done at any time in the house's history. Were these bricks recycled from an older structure on this site? Was the brick floor laid in the 1850s or the 1920s?

The house is also odd in the fact that other houses built at this same time usually had a somewhat prominent central stairway to the second floor. This house does not. It has a small stairway hidden by a door which makes it appear to be a closet. The narrow simplistic stairway has a sharp turn at the top with pie-shape steps that take you to the top of the rise. This is somewhat atypical for this style and size of house and indicates perhaps an older

structure was added on to or that components from an older structure were recycled into a new building. Right now, it is very difficult to determine which theories might be correct.

With no unequivocal documented historical statements to substantiate any of these comments, I can only say at this point that a lot is missing from the historic written record. I would surmise that the house we see today was actually built on the basement of an older structure that sat on this lot previously. Maybe the older house was destroyed and the Morrrows bought the lot and the remnants cheap. If the basement we see today was original to an earlier structure, I would guess it to have been a small brick house. To have a frame house with such an extensive basement layout was not out of the question - just not as likely. Anything here prior to what we see today was probably a much smaller house of just two, maybe three rooms.

To loosely interpret why I believe this to have been the case, I found a reference in the county recorder's documents that states Martha Morrow was actually the purchaser of this property - lot 26 in Amos Butler's plat of Brookville - not her husband. She purchased it from Abner and Jane McCarty for \$600 in "1855." Going backwards a few transactions I found that Abner McCarty got it from the James Lindsay estate in March 1850, for \$200. It was in this 1850 document that it was referred to by the lot number in addition to being stated as "said premises" more than once. Since McCarty owned it for about five years before selling it to Mrs. Morrow, I would think McCarty bought it as an investment and possibly rented whatever house or structure may have been located here. In old documents "premises" generally refers to both land and the buildings on it.

Does this interpretation make sense considering I have found a few contrary newspaper accounts? The May 1854 *Indiana American* claimed "Wilson Morrow has moved to his mother-in-law's until his new house is finished." And the June 6, 1856 *Indiana American* claimed Wilson Morrow was tearing down old houses on the Main Street property he just bought.

While Martha Morrow's purchase of lot 26 falls between these two years, the newspaper comments do prove that much older houses did exist along the main drag that were demolished or repurposed, and that at this time, the Morrrows were building a new house. After looking at the recorded documents, I think the date it was purchased by Mrs. Morrow was just a typo as it was actually recorded by the clerk on Oct. 3, 1862. It must have been discovered by the Morrrows that the 1854 purchase was never filed so once the omission was discovered, it was officially recorded a few years after the fact. It's a convoluted interpretation but one that fits the suspected timeline.

This fantastic house has so much history that we have yet to discover, of which it will probably take decades to find.

Why am I telling you this - because if you want a chance to see the ground floor of this outstanding house in its most stripped down simplistic form, the house will be open from 1-4 p.m. on this year's Holiday Tour of Historic Homes in Brookville. The interior colors of ochre, green, and red are indicative of what would have been seen in homes 170 years ago, and the exterior of this home is one of the few in the county that still retains large slabs of locally quarried Laurel limestone for its sidewalks.

For safety reasons the basement and upper level of this house will not be accessible during the tour because of the heavy traffic expected. However, since those are two of the most interesting areas of the house and the ones most people will want to see, we will have lots of photos to share.

NOTE: If you are in the market for a special gift for that hard to buy for person - why not consider a few of the Franklin County histories that the library's Local History Department has to offer. Visit us during the home tour for an extra special collection of oddball items or stop by the Brookville Library's History Department any time to see what's available.

Julie Schlesselman
Local History & Genealogy Dept. Manager, FCPLD
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Throughout the house the doors still retain their original hardware and locks.



The bricked up hearth in the basement was an unexpected and curious find.



The house as it looked circa 1890, prior to its 1920s additions and updating.



Since houses built at this time did not typically have closets, these were probably added during the 1920s. These closets are significant because the original large plank flooring dating from the house's construction still remain.



The simplistic stairway to the upper level, hidden behind a door in the center room of the house.

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Members of American Legion place annual wreath in honor and memory of those who can't be home for Christmas with their families.



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John Palmer received the 2024 Impact Award, presented by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce for his ongoing work in the community throughout the last several years.

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Zimmer Tractor Toy Drive update

Cheyenne Lance
LEAD STAFF WRITER

Zimmer tractor has been accepting donations of toys and money to fill up the old truck at the Zimmer building. These donations will be given to families who can't afford gifts so that nobody is left out on Christmas.

The community has really stepped up to as the truck is now overflowing with dozens of donated toys for boys and girls and they're still coming! Donations are still welcome until Dec. 16th, to which they will then be turned over to BES counselor, Erin Lambert.

Erin will be taking the donations and

having them wrapped and ready to go for delivery. As for the monetary donations, these will be put toward any essentials families may need such as clothing, food, or toys.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated toys so far and remember, donations are still welcome until Dec. 16!

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to start frying early in the day.

Eventually, Gary Shaw and his wife sold Dairy Cottage to family friends, Michael and Dave Holman, who later sold Dairy Cottage to

current owner, Jamie Lee.

Gary helped build one Brookville's most popular eateries, and over the years, it has only grown and continued to serve some

amazing food. Gary will be missed by everyone, including all those who have worked for the Dairy Cottage family, continuing to honor him as they move forward.

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MINOR CARE WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED IN OUR ER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6.



Shaw ■ Continued from Page 3

When not frying chicken, Gary enjoyed roller skating, pulling his John Deere tractors, working on the farm, flying model airplanes, driving his sports cars and spending time with his family.

On Sunday, December 8, he passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones.

Those surviving who will cherish Gary's memory include his loving wife of 52 years, Nina Shaw, daughters Melanie (Dale) Hanson of Hamil-

ton, Ohio, Trisha (Brian) Abbott of Huntingto, and Chelsea (Matt) Siedling of Brookville; siblings Brenda (Warren) Merrill, Hamilton and Lisa Donelson, Hamilton. Other surviving members include grandchildren Blake (Reagan) Shaw, Loveland, Ohio, Megan (Matt) Stasi, Richmond, Ky., Jennifer Hanson Hamilton, Tyler (Chelsie) Abbott, Huntington, Briley (Chris) Kraut, Markle, Ind., and Garrison, Isaac and Ross

Siedling of Brookville. Great-grandchildren include Rowan, Asher, and Bennett Shaw, Brandon Hanson, Mia, Owen and Levi Stasi, and Quinn and Everly Abbott. Gary is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews who admired him. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Tami Glaub, brother, Wayne Shaw; and nephew, Curtis Fike.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 4

until 7 p.m. and again on Friday from 11a.m. until time of service at 12 noon at Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home, 929 Main Street, Brookville, Indiana, 47012. You are welcome to wear a John Deere hat in support of Gary's love for tractors. Burial will follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Mt. Carmel.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorial contributions be directed to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation at t2t.org, the

United Way of Franklin County at uwfcin.org, or Loving Hearts Hospice, 4109 North Dearborn Rd Lawrenceburg IN 47025. Donations can also be brought to the funeral home. To sign the online guestbook or to leave a personal memory, please visit www.cookrosenberger.com. The staff of Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home are honored to care for the family of Gary Shaw.

Paid obituary



Robert A. English

Robert A. English (Bob), 84, of Cincinnati passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 28, 2024. He was surrounded by family just as he wished, at his home.

Bob was born January 26, 1940 in Cincinnati. He was one of eight siblings. Cincinnati is where he spent his childhood, early adulthood and in 1958 he met the love of his life and soulmate, Shirley. They later married on July 15, 1961 at Sacred Heart Church. In 1980 they moved to Brookville with their two children Rob and Michele.

Bob retired from General Motors after 40 dedicated years. He was a member of

St. Michael Catholic Church in Brookville and a former member of the Knights of Columbus. After retirement he worked alongside his son Rob at their family-owned business on Yellow Bank Road. Bob was a lover of the outdoors, and many wonderful memories were made with his family and friends on Brookville Lake boating, fishing and laughing. He also spent many deer hunting seasons on his farm with his brothers, son and grandchildren. In 2017 Bob and Shirley moved back to Cincinnati to be closer to their daughter Michele, who was his caretaker in his final years. Bob lived a long, wonderful life and will

be deeply missed by many.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years Shirley English (nee Douthitt). Loving father of Rob (Jennifer) English of Brookville and Michele (Ed) Alfonso of Cincinnati. Cherished grandfather of Craig (Dustiny) English of Liberty, Cole English of Liberty, Alyssa (Anthony) Moorman of Osgood Indiana, Kylee (Steven) Cherry of Chicago, and Max Alfonso of Cincinnati. Great-grandfather to Madi, Maci, Ashlynn, Abbie and Adam. Devoted brother of Edith (John) Guth, Tom (Karen) English, and the late Jim, Joe, Tony, Bill, and Mary Jo (nee Holton) English. Dear uncle of many nieces and



nephews. A Celebration of Life Memorial will take place on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with a brief service immediately following at 11:00 a.m., at the Hodapp Funeral Home in Carthage, 7401 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH 45216.

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3-Day Prayer to Sacred Heart Dear Heart of Jesus. In the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for the very special on (mention favour). Take it Dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your won broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer for three days,

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Oldenburg alumni performs in "Christmas at Belmont: Live from Nashville"

Former Oldenburg student, Carter Bohman, will be among more than 600 student musicians and vocalists to perform in the beloved annual concert tradition, "Christmas at Belmont: Live from Nashville."

Beginning tonight at 8 p.m. this popular holiday spectacular will stream to a global audience on Prime Video and the Amazon Music channel on Twitch and will be available throughout the holiday season via streaming. This year marks the first time the event has been available on a global streaming platform. A showcase of Belmont's musical talent through an array of traditional

carols, classical masterworks and seasonal favorites, this tremendous opportunity exemplifies the enduring value of a Belmont education.

"It's not just a stage of choral orchestral people singing Christmas song after Christmas song," explained Director of Choral Activities Dr. Jeffrey Ames. "We could have a poignant piece by a loft choir followed by pop ensemble singing the latest Christmas chart, then percussion ensemble, country, bluegrass - and then the orchestra shows their skills."

"Christmas at Belmont Live from Nashville" highlights Belmont's commitment to fostering

innovative creativity and providing comprehensive training. The 90-minute performance will feature more than 600 student musicians and vocalists where viewers will witness the depth of Belmont's musical education. Filmed live in front of an audience at the University's Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, more than 15 student choirs and ensembles will perform including the Belmont Chorale, Symphony Orchestra, Southbound (country) and Voxology (Gospel, R&B), among many others.

This year's performance features special guest appearances by acclaimed Belmont alumni

Ashley Cooke, Cody Fry and Dwan Hill. Student ensembles will gain invaluable exposure by sharing the stage with these rising star alumni and interacting with them in the wings and for practices.

Ashley Cooke, a 2019 corporate communications graduate and a rising country music star, recently celebrated her first No. 1 song and earned the Breakthrough Female Video of the Year at the 2024 CMT Awards for her song, "your place."

Cody Fry, 2012 commercial music alumnus has garnered him widespread acclaim, including a Grammy nomination for his orchestral version



photo provided by Belmont University Facebook Page. Catch Oldenburg alumni Carter Bohman in "Christmas at Belmont Live from Nashville."

of "Eleanor Rigby."

Multiple Grammy and Dove award winner Dwan Hill brings his extensive musical experience to the performance featuring The Choir Room, a non-profit he founded. Hill,

a 2008 music education graduate and 2013 Master of Music graduate, now serves as an adjunct professor in the University's songwriting program.

Missing ■ Continued from Page 1

However, Ruth shared, "The thinking is he was picked up by someone and taken somewhere. This has been mentioned before, and no one has ever re-

sponded about seeing him on the road."

Volunteers and the Cincinnati Search and Rescue team conducted a series of searches, utilizing both on-

foot efforts and drone technology. Despite the efforts, no leads emerged.

According to his mother, at the time Purcell went missing,

he was suffering from mental health issues, hearing voices and acting on what the voices told him.

Roger is 5 feet 9 inches tall and 250 pounds.

He has black hair with some gray and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a gray cutoff tank top and white shorts.

If anyone has any in-

formation on Purcell, call the Franklin County Sheriff's Department at (765) 647-4138 or message his mother, Ruth Cheek Purcell, on Facebook.

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spot on the first floor to the commissioners' room where Zoom capability is in place.

Palmer recapped for the board a presentation he recently gave to commissioners that meant to start a countrywide conversation on what commercial enterprises are desired in Franklin County that could ultimately bring higher-wage jobs and take some of the burden off resi-

dential taxpayers.

He said that while median salaries have gone up to the \$70,000-\$90,000 range over the past two decades, poverty levels have also risen by as much as 25% and unemployment remains at around 4%. Another issue is the availability of transportation to allow people to pursue better positions.

Palmer pointed out the differences between

the county's overall tax levy and fluctuating tax rates, saying the county may request a larger levy each year to build funds over time. His primary point was that if the county doesn't begin looking at possible commercial ventures, there will continue to be reliance upon property tax increases. Stable businesses, however, would be assumed to pay personal property tax on

equipment, inventory and buildings and additional taxes would come out of employees' income.

Orschell said sometimes the county believes there's new business ready to bring a financial windfall, when it would be more prudent to evaluate the existing commercial landscape and maximize their economic contributions. Palmer gave an

example of residential housing projects that could help raise the tax base.

The president also noted that the existing TIF (Tax Increment Finance) districts are reaching a positive point where revenues can help with infrastructure needed to lure potential companies. An additional commercial TIF could be explored around the airport/3 Mile Road in

the southwest corner of the county, as an example of increased business opportunities.

All these things Palmer would like to discuss in open forums with community and business leaders, as well as the tourism board, sometime in the new year. Lawrence would preferably lend his economic expertise to lead these focus group discussions.

Grubbs ■ Continued from Page 1

misled them, and when the notes began to come due, Grubbs was unable to repay them.

"Grubbs is a serial defrauder who has victimized at least 100 people, and upon information and belief, continues to take money from new victims," the petition filed against Grubbs stated. "Upon information and belief, Grubbs's fraudulent scheme has netted him at least \$10 million and perhaps much more in money wrongfully obtained and retained. Grubbs has also admitted paying earlier investors with money borrowed

from new investors."

Instead of providing a defense, Grubbs, who represented himself at the hearing, openly admitted to the allegations against him. However, Grubbs said Chapter 11 bankruptcy would be a more appropriate way for investors to get their money back, citing that the sport has exploded and this asset can make a lot more money for investors if it is reorganized with new ownership. During the hearing, the million-dollar question was one Grubbs wouldn't answer. When the plaintiff's attorney,

Matt Foster of Foster Law LLC, asked Grubbs where the money was, he pleaded the 5th.

Judge Robyn L. Moberly, who presided over the hearing, shut Grubbs's sales pitch down. Moberly stated, "Mr. Grubbs, you may be able to sell ice cream to an Eskimo, but not today, not in my courtroom." Moberly ultimately granted the order of relief on behalf of the creditors and appointed a U.S. trustee to investigate and find all of Grubbs's non-exempt assets and sell them. The proceeds would then be distribut-

ed among the creditors.

Since the initial filing, over 335 creditors have stepped forward in the bankruptcy proceedings against Grubbs, claiming that he collectively owes them an estimated total of approximately \$57 million. While Grubbs has consistently denied any allegations of wrongdoing in this matter, he has acknowledged, through his statements, that he is indeed indebted to these creditors for at least \$47 million.

Cease and Desist

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales announced on Jan. 19 the Indiana Securities Division issued a Cease and Desist to stop the al-

leged fraudulent investment scheme because he wasn't registered to offer short-term, high-interest promissory notes.

The FBI is seeking victims' information in Rodney Grubbs investigation

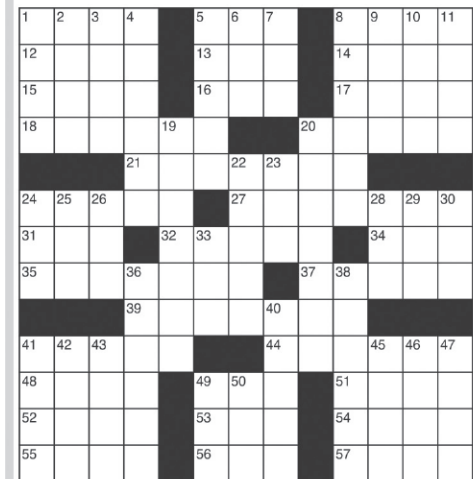
The FBI's Indianapolis Division has released the following: The FBI's Indianapolis Division is seeking to identify potential victims who invested with Grubbs.

If you were victimized by Grubbs or have information relevant to this investigation, please fill out a short form, at (<https://forms.fbi.gov/IPPickleball-victims/>). If you know of someone else who

has possibly been victimized by Rodney Grubbs, please encourage them to complete the form themselves.

The FBI is legally mandated to identify victims of federal crimes it investigates. Victims may be eligible for certain services, restitution and rights under federal and/or state law. Your responses are voluntary but may be useful in the federal investigation and to identify you as a potential victim. Based on the responses provided, you may be contacted by the FBI and asked to provide additional information. All identities of victims will be kept confidential.

CROSSWORD



- 51. Lump of earth
- 52. Eliminate
- 53. Hole punch
- 54. Lullaby
- 55. Gets hitched
- 56. Follows ess
- 57. Witnessed
- 26. Tourist lodging
- 28. ___-key
- 29. Deserter
- 30. Porky's place
- 33. Strong brew
- 36. Fools
- 38. Builds
- 40. Humdrum
- 41. Opposite of fast
- 42. Clock a race
- 43. During
- 45. Depressed
- 46. Single
- 47. Adam's garden
- 49. Square of butter
- 50. Lamb's parent

DOWN

- 1. Competent
- 2. Persuade
- 3. Every
- 4. Fears
- 5. Artist's aid
- 6. Mouth part
- 7. Insect pest
- 8. Determine
- 9. Pain
- 10. Rug type
- 11. Faith
- 19. West Indies' ___ Islands
- 20. Homesteader
- 22. Wrong
- 23. Positive word
- 24. Stick
- 25. Respectful



ACROSS

- 1. Served perfectly
- 5. Legendary toymaker
- 8. Rush
- 12. Male pig
- 13. Feel unwell
- 14. Mountain sound
- 15. Handkerchief material
- 16. 007, e.g.
- 17. Crack and roughen
- 18. Breathe

outward

- 20. Blockade
- 21. Late
- 24. Grow
- 27. Shooting stars
- 31. Acknowledge
- 32. Belt locale
- 34. Corpulent
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- 39. Bureau
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through BMPs such as cover crops, nutrient management, livestock exclusion, and the establishment of riparian buffers. Funding for the program comes from a Section 319 grant under the Federal Clean Water Act, which helps cover a portion of the costs associated with implementing BMPs.

Purdue Extension Franklin County, the

Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Whitewater River Watershed, and the Salt-Pipe Creek Watershed are partnering to host a stream permitting and stabilization workshop on Thursday, Dec. 12. This workshop will focus on the permitting process and stabilization methods for stream banks. The first set of

speakers will include David Cohen (Indiana Department of Environmental Management), Scott Dean, and Scott Matthews (Indiana Department of Natural Resources), starting at 5:00 p.m. They will discuss the permitting process. At 6:30 p.m., Robert Barr (IU Research Scientist) will present on stream movement and stabili-

zation techniques.

There is no cost to attend the workshop, but registration is required. To register, please email Heather Wirth at heather.wirth@in.nacdn.net or call Franklin County Purdue Extension at 765-647-3511. A meal will be provided at the workshop by the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation

District and Purdue Extension.

What: Stream Permitting & Stabilization Workshop

Where: Brookville Public Library (919 Main Street Brookville, IN 47012)

When: Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024; 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sponsors: Purdue Extension Franklin County, Franklin County Soil

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Contact: Heather Wirth, heather.wirth@in.nacdn.net or Veronica Bullock, bullockv@purdue.edu

Registration: Email Heather Wirth at heather.wirth@in.nacdn.net or call Franklin Co.

Purdue Extension at 765-647-3511

FCCSC ■ Continued from Page 5

With awards wrapped up, Gehring allowed the awarded students and staff to get photos taken solo and with their families before dismissing them if they chose to leave.

The board approved

the consent agenda items.

Discussing personnel new hires, the board approved three new hires to the FCCSC staff.

With personnel extracurriculars (ECA), 12 staff were approved

at FCMS and 18 were approved at FCHS.

FCMS is asking for a grant of \$1000 towards a new printer/copier. Gehring also listed off several businesses who have donated various sums of money and thanked them for their

donations. These were approved.

Read the rest of the FCCSC story on line at

www.whitewaterpub.com.

Profitt ■ Continued from Page 2

a proposal outlining the intended benefits to those served by the therapy dog program is required.

Both endowments

offer the possibility of matching funds, allowing recipients to attract additional support and maximize the impact on the community.

To learn more about the Profitt Family Endowments or to contribute, contact the FCCF at www.fccfin.org or office@fccfin.org.

2024 Calendar of Events

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

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

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

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

Merry Christmas!

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Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claws?
How old is the rander?
I love my elf. I want
a toy amgus! I want a
new back pack. I want a
quiche mele. I love you.

Grayson Alcorn
Dere Santa,
Are your elf doing
good? Circle yes or no.
I am in frst grade. How
is Mis Clos? I whant a
squash melo, a cputer,
and a magnick blume.

Reagan Bauman
Dear Santa,
I bin good. Sants, wut
ar the elths dwn? San-
ta, wut is rudof dwn?
Santa, I whut a bik.
Santa, I wut a Xbox.
Santa, I wut a fon.

Kaiser Brackney
Dear Santa, For
Christmas this year i
want a phone, watch
and minecraft toys. I
have been good. Do you
like the cold? I have two
sister's and one brother.
I love them a lot. I don't
like the cold.

Ellie Brown
Der Santa,
Haw r u doin? Haw
r Mis Clas? Haw r the
randr? Haw is the elvs
dwn? I wutt a mocrol
exsvatr? I wunt a toy
malbocs. I wunt a toy
gas jep.

Dawson Daniel
Der Sontuh,
I wot a fon. I wot a
unikon. I wot a ton of
poknmon. I love you.

Elanore Dole
Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
How miny peple are
bad? I am Cruz Foster.
Santa makes 900000000
gifts. I play foot ball.
I am good. Is the elf
okay? I am so sorry
for knocking the elf
down. Santa please, please
give me presents.

Cruz Foster
Dear Santa,
How old are you?
How is Mrs Closs doing?
This is the best
year ever. I want Joe
Burrow jersey and Pack-
ick Mahomes jersey and
a hat. I want a Ameirica
hat. Do you like your
cookeis? I need a NFL
football.

Kase Kennedy
Dear Saunta,
I louve you Santa. Ho
aer you doing? I want a

fon for Crimis. Your the
best.

Jaylynn Kuntz
Der Santa,
How are you? How
is Mrs Clos? How are
your randere? I want a
Kar Bar. I want a frbe.
I want sum pains and
papare.

Opal Lucas
Dir Santa,
Haw is mis Cloos?
Haw are you? Wat ar
you dowing? Can I hav
a dog K9. I want a WWE
reslr, Onjr the Jint and
Hot Wils cars.

Timothy McKeown
Dear Santa,
I love Crismus. It
is my most fabrit. So,
hal aer you doen with
Mis Clos? Hal aer you
doene? Aer the radere
god? I wunt a pilo. I
wunt a lot uv smelet-
sticrs. I wunt a lot uv
sprcle sticrs. I wunt
sum squish melose.

Aubree Meyer
Der Santu,
Haw are you down? I
will seng for you. I love
you. I wod like a big drt
bike.

CJ Miller
Deer Santa,
Are you o ckay Santa?
Is the rengdeers o ckay?
I hav a toy deer. I want
a big dirt bick and a dino.

Colt Noah
Drer Santa,
Haw r you duong?
Haw is Mis Klose? I wut
a bunsh of Stitch blakts
and Stitch makup and a
blue kwod and a xbox14.

Karmon Parsley
Der Santa,
You are the swetise
man. I wut an MewTew.
I wut an Pokemon. I
wut an Eekee. I wut an
Mew. Haw did you mace
the seerum?

Rebel Patterson
Dear Santa,
Haw are you duwing?
Haw are the elfs? Haw
are the rader? I am a
good boy. I want a trap-
plen, and a motcinc-
hrold shrc, and a huvr-
bude.

Jay Powell
Der Sata,
Are you o ckay San-
ta? I wut a big dit bick.
Haw aer the shers doin?
Haw is the dops doin?
Haw is the els doin?

Alex Roark
Dear Santa,
Whta do you eat? I
have brown ies. I have
brown her. I wnta a cat.

I wnta a kite. I wnta
close. I love you Santa
Clos. You are the best
prsin. By, by Santa.

Harper Smith
Dear Santa,
I ben a gud boy. Haw
are the radeder down?
I want a dr bike. I want
a kichin. I want a home.

Luke Trammell
Dear Santa,
Haw r u down? Haw
r the elff? Haw r ud
down Mis Klos? I wat
a blankis, an clos, an pil-
low, an a Stitch, an slim,
an a red pandu.

Olivia Uhl
Der Santa,
Haw ar you duen?
Haw ar the lfs duwen?
I wut a mocatrl, a stice
geco and a gor cot. I
wunt a gren ras car trac
with a dinosaur that ets
cors.

Waylon Vanmeter
Dear Santa,
How are you duwing?
How are the elfs? I want
the whole culeckshin
of LOLs. I whant a ule-
chreck scooter. I whant
a puppycorn. I love you
Santa. I am bing good. I
am seven.

Sofi Ward
Dear Santa,
I like ur presents. I
like the deer. I an gud
at home and scul. I like
scul I like the North-
Pole. I like gifs. I wut
toys. I wut a bluey fam-
le. I wut a dol that sleps.
I wut a IPAD.

Love, Dixy
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa! You
giv us presis. You hav
elfs. I like your deer. I
like your elfs. I was good
at home and at scool. I
hep uthrs. When do you
giv us the presis? Santa
I wut a doctr kit. I wut
doctr klos. Santa I wut
sum Elsa and Onna
kloz.

Love, Thea
Dear Santa,
You are sopr nise. I
like your elfs! I like your
toys. I like your deer. I
am good at school and
home. Wut is it like at
the North Pole? I want
a PS5 and a Astrobot-
tiks for the PS5. I want
a Astrobot stuff anuml.
I want a race kar track.

Love, Noah
Dear Santa,

Ur the best! Ur so nis
kuz u giv awt presints.
Santa ur the star! I like
ur elfs. I am gud at scol.
I am gud at home. What
do you do at the toy
shop? I want a plushee
lizard. I want mine
craph blocks.

Love, Brantley
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa! I like
your elfs bekus they are
working rilee hard. I
like your ranedeers. I
like the North Pole. If
you have little dogs let
me now. If you have
a rele rele fox let me
nowe.

Thank you for evre
thing. Is it cold at the
North Pole? Santa do
you have a barn? Sum-
day can you fly me to
the North Pole? I like
my frends Santa. You
are relee reel Santa. I
want a relee relee little
abee dog. Can I have a
IPAD? I want hachubuls
for Christmas. I want a
LOL doll.

Love, Emma
Dear Santa,
Hey Santa Clos! Mer-
ry Christmas! I like
your presens! Do you no
how I past extra math?
It was becas I oways
prtisupate at math. I
want a jet pawerd ra-
motcintrol X1A and
a sled with a sterying
welle and brakes. I want
a ramotecintrol wildcat
fiter plane from World
Wor 2. Thank you. See
you on Christmas nite.

From, Wynn
Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer
and your presents! I like
your elfs. You are cool.
You are nice. Santa, you
rock! Mis Clos I like
you! I am GOOD. I re-
cycle. What I want for
Christmas is all of the
Pokemon cards. I want
a live kitin. I want a lu-
luloopee doll. I want a
bunch of scwishmellos.
I want sum close. I want
some make up. I want a
toy that looks like taste
and comes with anum-
als.

Love, Thea
Dear Santa,
I like your elfs! I like
your deer! You give pres-
ents. Your nice Santa! I
met you at Brookville.
I just had my birthday,
I am 7 now! I want a
munky plush. I want a
lego set. I want a grilla

tag plush game. Thank
you Santa!

Love, Leon
Dear Santa,
I like your elfs. I like
your deers. I like your
little toys. I like your
presents. I like the snow
and I like you. You gif
me givfs evey Christ-
mas. Thank you for giv-
ing me toys. Santa you
are the best! Is it snow-
ing in the North Pole? I
am kind and I am nice.
I help my mom. I want
cloes and a plush and a
pen. I want a tiger plush
and a pupit.

Love, Jace
Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for
the presents. I like that
you come every Christ-
mas Eve. I get exsiteid
to opin the presents. I
was good this year. Can
you please bring me
presents? I would like a
pet tornado roblox and
a box of legos.

Love, Warner
Dear Santa,
I love your elfs! I love
your deers! Can you
make snobol the elf
come back? Can you
make a Elf come back
Santa Clos? I want a
new pupe. Can you get
me a new tablit? I want
a new room.

My bruther makes
a mess in my room. I
want all of this Santa
Clos! Marreo toy, mon-
str hiy dol, pupe, and a
rele ise creme stand.

Love, Hadlee
Dear Santa,
I like your presents. I
like your deers. Thank
you for your gifts. I
love your priests. I love
your elfs. I am good at
home and school. I like
school. Everyone is nice
at my school. My class
room is beutefall. I help
people. I am nice to my
mom and dad. My mom
and dad are nice to me.
I love my mom and dad.
I love my brothers and
my sister. I love my dog.
I have a grate time at
home. Santa you are
nice. I love you Santa! I
love my frinds and my
cat. I love my techer.
Santa is it cold at the
North Pole? I want Bar-
bies, scwishmelows,
stitch toys, baby doll,
stitch shos, fake nals,
stitch clos, stitch jackit,
candy, stitch hed fons,
stitch notebook, stitch

backpack, stitch blaket,
stitch IPAD, Stitch little
book bag, blue Stanly
cup.

Love, Bristyl
Dear Santa,
I like you Santa so
much. I like your elfs
so much. I am good at
school. I am nice. I get
my wirk dun. I help my
mom. I want a new call
of duty. Can you giv me
a game pass? I want a
ras car. I want a nrph
gun. I want a nrph toy.

Love, Jacob
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I am
good at cartweles. I like
presents. I like a elf. I
like to giv you kucees
and milk. I like Christ-
mas so much and it is
omose Christmas. San-
ta I love you vrar much!
I want American Girl
Doll school set, Wednes-
day monster High
Doll, Enid Bech Mon-
ster High Doll, magnet
blocks, LOL surprise
tween doll, land toy
dog, Pokemon cards,
Farey make up, nail kit.

Love, Ava
Dear Santa,
I love you tiny elfs be-
cus you tell them whut
to do. I am Ellie. I am
vary vary nise to the
holl scroll. Is it osum
in the North Pole? I
love my female. I am
vare good at hellpyn
peepoll. I rilly love pee-
poll. Thank you Santa.
I wunt a picr of me and
my dog Sheebu. I wunt
a lecktric scoter. I wunt
a lecktric snake and I
wunt a pogo stick.

Love, Ellie
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa! I
like yr elfs and yr ran-
deer. I like yr presents
too. Also I like yr hat!
I am going to giv you
a presit of milk and coo-
kees. Thank you for my
presits. I am beeng nise
to my Mom and Cedric
and Allen. I am in frst
grade and made frens
with Brantley. I want
a toy snipr and also I
want watr balloons to
thro and a watr slide
that looks like a warwlf.
I will bowns on it like a
keeng. And also I wuld
like to say that Santa is
the best!

Love, William
Dear Santa,
I like ur randers.
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I like ur elfs. Thank you for evrytheng even the sno and Christmas. Thank you for presits. I hav bin in frst grad. I am smart and helthee. I want a blue ramot kintrl car. I want a umbrlu so I can bring it to skool in cas it rans. So me or my bacpac dusnt get wet.

Love, La'Mont

Dear Santa,
I like ur elf. I like presis. I like ur deer and I like the snow. Thank you Santa. I like how you bring presis to me. I hav ben trieng to be good. I want a robot dog. I want a dog mask. I want a robot snak. I want a a nerf gun for me and Stew to have a nerf gun fite. I want a robot scorpeun to scar my mom. I want a gekko that can clim on the wall. I want a gold-en ackshun figur with wengs and 3 arms on his leg.

Love, Chad

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I like your elfs. Thank you Santa for my woch. I've bin good at home and at school. I kepe my room clene. I help a lot of peepel. How do you go urand the world? I want a phone. I want a Bengals jersey.

Love, Porter

Dear Santa,
I like your elfs and I like your reindeer. Santa I love Christmas. Santa I love you. Thank you Santa for gifs. I help my babe bruder and I help my babe sisder. I want makeup and I want a tedebare.

Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
I like yur presents. I like elfs. I like your deer. I like the North Pole. I love you. Thac you for nis gifs. I am gud at home and scool. I am nis to my mom. I wold like a go cart and a brbee drem hos.

Love, Aneysa

Dear Santa,
Thank you for givin gifs for us. I like your reindeer. How do your reindeer no how to fly? I wunt a doll with a pupe and a giraf sguishmelow. I want a barbee dog set, a barbee car, a hart purs, a stich plushee, and a cher.

Love, Shaylynn

Dear Santa,
I like gifs that you giv. I love yor elfs. How ar you so far away but bring me toys. Thank you my toys and stuf. Ples bring me toys. I halp my mom. Can I hav a stijch toy? I wut a hrs toy and a liun toy. I wut a toy jaraf.

Love, Nevaeh**MRS. DUDLEY/PIERCE'S 3RD GRADE CLASS - BES**

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I would like a drone and a yeeps plush. Thank you for the huggy last year.

Your friend, Dean.

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can I have a drone, a apple visen, a VR head stet, and a ps5. Thank you for the switch.

Your friend, Charlie.

Dear Santa,
Are you good? For Christmas I want a Fort nite Lego set, and a Xbox with a game. Thank you for the MineCraft lego set.

Your friend, Elijah.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Can I have a drone, a vr head set, a new account,

and new shoes? Thank you for my Xbox-X.

Your friend, Ryatt.

Dear Santa,
How are you! Can I have a medddd-quest2, vr head set and mony to get two games for it? Thank you for the durtl bike that you got me last year.

From, Jake.

Dear Santa,
How is Dasher and the other reindeers? I would like a iPhone ten and a Demon Slayer Lego Sword. Thank you for last year!

Sincerely, Luca.

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I would like a drum, electric guitar, light-up book, Busters Brother, dragan ring, and mood neckle.

Your friend, Dominic.

Dear Santa,
I would like a trip to Disney World with a stary at Marriott Hotel. I would like a dog, Iphone 16, a new Ipad, and VIP pass for a Noter dame game. Ok Santa?

Love, Beckett.

Dear Santa,
How are your elves and your reindeer, especially Rudolph? I would like a set of 5 twins with a bassinet! I would love a Barbie hotel! I am sorry that I was mean to my mom.

Love, Addie.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I would like a set of cordles head phones. and a new Apple iPhone. Thank you for the gifts last year!

Your friend, Sawyer.

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ipad, a kids iphone watch, a new pair of head phones, and a gift card for Rollblox, and Fortnite. That is it. Thank. How are the reindeers, and you?

Love, Maci.

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer this year? I would like a PS4 and a laptop and night vision goggles. Thank you.

Love, Easton.

Dear Santa,
How have you been I've been good. I have a question. Can you send all my elves Please? Here is what I would l like for Christmas. I would like Vidcon tick-ets and some aphau Squishies. Thanks.

Love, Everlee.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a real house and four rooms. Thank you for the presents last year.

Your friend, Magaly.

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the reindeer okay? I would like some coloring books and jell pens. I would like some water bottles for my mom and dad, and some splushies, and some monster high dolls and toy food and some necklaces and fake pearls. Please and thank you, I hope you make it back safe.

Love, Kiera.

Dear Santa,
I have a question. How is Rudolph? I would like a drone.

Your friend, Bentley.

Dear Santa,
How is Dasher? I would like a KG fanny pack, and I would like a DeForest Buckner jersey.

Love, Colton.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like a new tv, a new fluffy green blanket, and slime for Christmas. Thank you for all you

do for all the kids in the world.

Love, Elise.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like an iPad. Thank you Santa for the items last year.

Your friend, Paxton.

Dear Santa,
I want to know if Mrs. Claus is good? Oh and I would like a phone please. Thank you, Santa!

Your friend, Olivia.

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing lately? And how is my elf Dash? Anyway, let's get to my Christmas list! First, I think I would like a bunkbed bedframe. Next, I would like this thing called a Fufu Squishy in a cat paw shape. And lastly, the book Rain Reign by Ann. M. Martin.

Your friend, Hendrix.

Dear Santa,
I have a a question. How many reindeers do you have? I would like a sonic toy that talks and copies what I do. Thank you for everything. All of the presents are awesome! I love your holiday! Oh I almost forgot to ask this. Can you give me stuff for April fools tricks?

Love Maddox.

Dear Santa,
I really want to know how Dasher is? I hope he is good. I want some makeup and squishmel-low.

Your friend, Hope.

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves? I would like Nintendo Switch game, and everything on my Christmas list. I would be very grateful for everything you give me. Thank you for everything.

Your friend, Brayley.

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I would like a camera and a puppy. Thank you Santa.

Your friend, Olivia.

Dear Santa,
How are my elves? Are the reindeer ready to fly? I would like two guinea pigs, Mario cart disk on the wii, Needoh ball twelve pack, a cage for guinea pig and Prime.

Thank you, Grayson.**MRS. GALYEN'S 1ST GRADE CLASS - BES**

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wunt a drone.

Love, Emmett

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a barby dol.

Love, Ally

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I want a rel modersikol.

Love, Indy

Dear Santa,
How are you, I'm fine. For Christmas I want komat rome troll truck.

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want ded pol towes.

Love, Rosstin

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a huvirbord with a set.

Love, Rylynn

Der Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. For Christmas I want a LOL doll and a hover borde and a baby doll.

Love, Brynlee

Der Santa,
How are you. I am fine. For Christmas I want a phone or a woch.

Love, Brynn

Der Santa,

How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a woch.

Love, Nayomi

Der Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a phone, futbol cards, a futbol binder and USA flag.

Love, Abel

Der Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want Batman achin figers.

Love, Adrian

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a hover bord and a tablitt and a scissameln!

Love, Lillyan

Der Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want goldn neclis, wwe acshin figrs and a dert bike.

Love, Waylon

Der Santa,
How are you? I want a phone.

Love, Mercedes

Der Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a toy sonic.

Love, Cristian

Der Santa,
How are you? I am fine for Christmas I waunt a kulering book with a kase that is ran-bo.

Love, Rylyn

Dear Santa,
How are you. I am fine. I want a rel motrsikole.

Love, Korbin

Der Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I wunt a huvrbord with a sete.

Love, Oberyn

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a phone, I pad, nikes.

Love, Stella

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wunt a LOL mirmade. I wunt a fake dog.

Love, Elaina

Der Santa,
For Christmas I want fingrnale polish.

Love, Camilla

Der Santa,
For Christmas I want playdo and makeup.

Love, Lexi

Der Santa,
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I want a dert bike and four weiler.

Love, Gavin**MRS. HENSLEY'S 2ND GRADE CLASS - BES**

Dear Santa,
I want iphone pro. i want a fortnite ball to pass. i want a xbox and ipad. and I want a bunny and kittin too. and a dog.

Love, Logan.

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Doll for Christmas. Also som skin care lotion. I want 4 Barby Dolls, and a Spotted Guinea Pig. Also a hammock. I would like some Christmas Jammies.

Love, Jaycee.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll house. I want a kinetik sand ice cream maker. I want a purses. I want a play kitchen. I want a i-pad. I want a Phone. I want a Big trampulene. I want a Swingset. I want a Big Pool. I wnat a robot. I want a bicke.

Love, Ashlyn.

Dear Santa,
I would like Stich, makup Skincare, wenrdog, Paw Patrol.

Love, Kyndall.

Dear Santa,
I want a big godzilla toy, woody doll too. can

I have garys mod. May I have a computer also.

Love, Mason.

Dear Santa,
I want an Xbox com-troller, football Bronco tickets, five of them. WWe tickets. Give me a car. Give me fortnite battle pass. I want to see my mom.

Love, Denver.

Dear Santa,
I love you so much. I hope I been goot for crismas. I want a mak-up lit and makup desk to like a vanyte like my sistiser to. I want a carpet to. I want a Pink Monster Truk. I want to see You and Mises Clos to and the randers to are you doing fine and misees clos I want to see you. I want Santa Clos socks to.

Love, Sailor.

Dear Santa,
I want a golden neckles and monster trucks and fly traps and spider traps and a toy hors. and carpet for my Room and hot wheels and a foto camra spungBob socks and a hats and Books and a Football and thats all. Ho Ho Ho Mary Christmas!

Love, Coltyn.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a how vantude Pless and thaek you. and I like a doll haws. and Barbies and dalls clothing and a skatbord. I would like a giftcrad frum Suphru it will have a lo dallrs, Babes dalls.

From, Madi.

Dear Santa,
I'm writeing this letter because my teacher told me to. And christmas is the best hollday so your lucky! I woder what I'm going to get from you this year.

From, Zayden.

Dear Santa,
can I pleas have 3 horses and a big cwad and 6 dronds and a secret rome and a little sister and a desk and a gust a 16 born pupy's and a pet fist and a hamster and a pet gelie fish pleas.

Sinsery, Charlee.

Dear Santa,
Haw is the radere doweg to day. Is misis Clos doweg good. I want for crismis is a LOL and a spugBoB toy and anything els. Ples and thak you.

From, Layla.

Dear Santa,
I want to hav for crismis is i lorilic nancns, dayde drabes, u tehr unamcy doll, a launlch for the doll, a fon, a dopk bok, a pupy, noow cloog, darde campr and darde blmlist.

Love, Addie.

Dear Santa,
I really really want some new coloring pencil's. And I really want a stufed amainal that looked like my old cat that died. And I really want every-body to be helfy! And kind. And nice especiany Bes.

Thanks, Eve.

Dear Santa,
if I am on the nice List. can i get a PS5, a basket ball, V-bucks, candy, Phone, apple headphones, Pet Cat, 100l bucks.

From, Chase.

Dear Santa,
I want a monsttr truk thrur and I want for crismis a gam.

From, Christian.

Dear Santa,
I want a Fish. Thak you for crismus. I Love Crimus. Pleas give me a Fish. are you real? Pleas make mom beter! and let the wrold shine bbyy!

Love, Chelsea.

Dear Santa,
I want a vande. I want a mackupe. I want a hoverboard. I want a wolscase. I want sum brfume. I want sforu. I want a marcangandll. I want you to have a donld carismis. I want a pnll.

Love, Aleah.

Dear Santa,
I want a robot For crismis. I want a are c car But it Has to Be a moster chruok. I want Boxing gluves. I want a Huge trasFormr. I want a Huge car Lagoe set. I want a new trampulin. I want a ginte swing set.

Love, Michael.

Dear Santa,
I whould like a cat pleas. I whould re-aly like a snack pleas. could I Pleas get a Ipad. I I should really like a dog. could I get a elec-trick blanket. can I get a ticet to a Aric Church concert. I would like a I Survived book. Who Would Win book. could I get a hundred bucks.

Love, Will.

Dear Santa,
I want taylor Swift ticketsShe is my dream. iPhone 16 Prow. to meet airiana grande to go to new York city. to have a melen sQWishmelows. to be in a Slebertos movie German Sheperd. to make Youtube videos Lambergeni.

Love, Hallie.

Dear Santa,
I would like an Electric Bike. Also a Donald Trump poster and a ski mask to wear in the winter. I want a watch. Lastly I would like aVR Headset.

Love, Greyson.

Dear Santa,
I would like knee pads for my bike. I love my presents from last year. I would like elbow pads to and gloves. What do you feed your reindeer? I would like a drone to. I like a pokee mon bindere.

Your friend, Lorelai.

Dear Santa,
I hope your having a great time at the north-pole. And I would like bellbottoms. I still don't now what I want for christmas. I hope you have a great year.

From, Kendall.

Dear Santa,
I really want a axalott and a hulk fist and a toy of you and a Letter from roodof.

Love, Scott.

Dear Santa,
I really love Chrisomas. I want a 3ds for Chrisamas and Mario Kart 7. pleas.

Your friend, Sergio.

Dear Santa,
I would live for you to get me a slime kit and I would love for you to get me a phone and can I get Nike and jordan 1 black Red and white. Thank you!

Love, Benjamin.

Dear Santa,
this Christmas I want a cristmas tree. then I wold want a xbox for christmas. and a ac-nen Figher. hexb a elf on the Shelf.

Your friend, Owen.

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego please.

Love, Eli.

Dear Santa,
I would love airbous. I would like a slime kit. Am I on the good list? may I have a Bunny and a ginne pig, I would love to have miss prisell again.

Love, Macy.

Dear Santa,
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Hi! I'm Ivy Jones. I am so glad I can talk to you using letters! How are you and your raindeer? Oh! And Mrs. Claus! I can put carrots out for raindeer! Anyway, I wanted to ask you if I could please have some earrings and I really, really want a fish! And if you can add some something else. I would Love a robot!

Well see ya! - Ivy.

Dear Santa, I really enjoy Christmas. I wonder if I can get robux Pleas? can I Pleas Pleas get a VR? Will you get me a big nerf gun and a lot of nerf boolets? Can I Pleas get a Big basketball hoop?

Love, Colt.

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the presents you have given me! I love you. You are super nice, kind, smart. How many elfs do you have? What kind of cookie do you like suger or choclet? I would love a puppy and, swoushmellows, stickers, funko pops. I would love this all. You are awesome.

From, Archer.

Dear Santa, Hello Santa can you get me a dargon plushy? I have a quaseten how is Roath doing? May I have a pokdex?

Your friend, Quinton.

Dear Santa, I owuld love to have these things. Am I one of the good kids? Can I have a Snow globe, coloring things, Squishmellows, puppy, Nike shoes. Are you having a good day?

Sincerely, Lillian.

Dear Santa, I want evry wan to have a good Chrismos on erth and I want a doll and a coffy that has a doll in it and a Hocis Pocis book to and I want some istat okay I want to maksor?

Love, Addy.

Dear Santa, What I would like for cristmas is I would like a nintendo switch (Please). May I Please also have a kitten and lots of cat food? I would also like some mittens. If I may ask...can I Please have a game nintendo Switch fortnite and Splatoon 1, 2, and 3 Please! I would like a drone too Please!

Sincerely, Alana.

Dear Santa, I would Love slime. Im i on the good list? Merry Christmas have a good Christmas.

Love, Braylee.

Dear Santa, I will like a toy kittin i love kittins and i will like a toy fire dragon i love fire dragons how is the wether down their.

Love, Sophia.

Dear Santa, Can I Please have a drone. Have I been good? can I Please have New boots Please? Can I have a coat too Please?

Love, Caleb.

Dear Santa, are you having a good christmas? I love kittens there so cute. I would love one. and i relly want a miny fridge. thank you so much santa. you the Best. are you having fun at the north pole? i cant wait intill christmas. can you? happy Christmas snata. I cant wait to see the presents you give me.

Love, Skyleigh.

Dear Santa, I want for Chrismas is To see my granny and My PaPwa, Plese. Can I

have a Slim ket. Can I have my Family back together. Can I have a phon so I can call my cusens and. my granny. Am I on the nice list? I wish you cold do it.

Love, Lilly.

Dear Santa, HI I'm Cali ellis I've bin wondering hav I bin a good girl I've tride My best and all i want for christmas is a Black kitten that is 12 weeck's old for my brother Pleas! Ar eyou having a good time?

Love, Cali.

Dear Santa, I would love to have a puppy but I Might get one so I'm going to think of something right now ok I thoght of what I want led light's. And want a drone if that's ok. I want a bigger gymnastics bar. and a very big blow up gymnastix mat. oh and can you tell me if I was good.

Love, Vera.

Dear Santa, how are the raindeers and the elfs. I would like a puppy and i would like skincare stuff and i would like droen.

Love, Tori.

Dear Santa, this Christmas may I have a real snow globe. How do you deliver presents all around the world in one night? This year can you please send a elf to my house.

Sincerely, Max.

Dear Santa, I relly want a Kitten as usal I know you troble with anmols thouth. But you maneched to get me another elf. And I Love slime. I would love a desc. Oh and how are the raindeer doing? How misses clase and the villege? I relly would like a new pillo or cumfey suite. Sorry if my hand righing is bad I have a Broken finger. My cristmas wish is that my family stays very helthey and loved.

Love, Laylee.

Dear Santa, I would like some vbuks and may I have some robux and a new chair and some Pokemon cards and a binder for them and a IPod and a new nintendo.

From, Owen.

Dear Santa, can I get a miney drit bike. and a drone with a camru. a flatubll pool, and a tablet. alechrickl bike. and a fornite ak-chik figyar, fgteer mrch. hot weals costumis, PS5 conchrlefr. a math book, jorden Shos. a gost stuffey, slab braslit anml, football glasses, jorden sweter, bearcat football Led lits. Sam fam mrch Jeses pilow a football.

Love, Kiya.

**MRS. MITCHELL'S
2ND GRADE CLASS - BES**

Dear Santa, mph rmeimi taes naycod Tos nsz Gtatos, actn figurs, Jowt Codtos.

Love, Joey.

Dear Sant, Santa I want a VR head set. Santa are you real? do you play RoBlox? I want V Bucks. do you have a IPad.

Love, James.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Santa you are The best! am I on the noty or nice list? Please can I have pandd dunks. I love you Santa. I want a PS5 and a mini T.V. Thank you.

Your friend, Emmett.

Dear Santa,

can I have a iPhone and a Xbox Far Christmis. Can your elvs make a hacker corn putter?

Your friend, Leri.

Dear Santa, Hello I am Kensley. I wanted to know if I mad the nauty or nice list. I want a lot of baby doll things and robux for roblox. I love crismas so much I want my grandpa back.

Love, Kensley.

Dear Santa, I mis my elf. He is the best elf. I rille wunt a stuff anml Baset Hound. He is the funest elf ever. I bin nise. I love crismise so much. If is the best halday ever. I wunt Ducks Shouse. I wunt a ipade. I want a ipade cass. I want nickes. I wunt a pet dog. Haw are the randeer? I Love elfs so so so much. I wunt a braslit macking kit. I want a dog books. What are the elfs doing? I want askwishmelowe. I wunt sume slime, sume fidichits.

Love, Baleigh.

Dear Santa, How is rewaade what kind of coke do you want? I was good this year. I want a PS5. I want a new set of shose. I want a real NFL football. I want a cross nek-lis. I want a new water bottle and. a red dirt-bike. can I have new head phones a Iphone 10 air Pods, a Xbox and some jibits for crocs?

Love, Corben.

Dear Santa, How are you? How are your randeer? How are the elfs? How is the Noth Pole? I wunt a Stricht sprix toy.

Love, Elizabeth.

Dear Santa, Haw are you. I am rilly exited for crissmis I rilly wunt to have a Axollol. Plece. Are you exited? I want a fidgeit toy piece.

love, Sophia.

Dear Santa, I wunt a iPad I want Scats I wunt a umarikan Girl doll I wunt a babe doll that blinks I wunt makeup for my sister.

Love, Jeniyah.

Dear Santa, May I ahve football cards and may i also have a football case and may i have dior savage colglone and may i also have nike air jordon shoes and could i also have. stuffed animal and LED lights for my room and hot wheels and may i also have a cross necklace and a Bengal Poster and a car Lego set.

Love, Benny.

Dear Santa How are you doing? How are the rander? How are the elfs doing? How many randers do you Have? How many elfs ar ethere? I want fijit toys. I want a slap braslit. I wunt slime.

Love, Ariana.

Dear Santa, How can you mak the randeer fly? I want a NFL football. How are you? How can you mace the sled fly? I want a iPod can I have a football card case? Can I have now Nick Shos?

Love, Kaiser.

Dear Santa, What is yor elves names? How old are you? How many cookes do you eat? Why cant we see you? How do you make toys how old are your elves? Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Daislyn.

Dear Santa, What is your favrit food? What do you like

the most? How many rander do you have? do You have a Pet? What i want for Chrimis is a dog Do you like my Do you like your elves? I want a nowe Phone fo rChrimis. Merry Chrimis.

Your friend, Steven.

Dear Santa, I know I said I want more squishmallows, but I want to spend more time with my family to. So I wanted to rite this to you Santa but not onley that, I love you Santa. You are the best Santa!

Love, Addy.

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Closs? How are the randeer and the elfs? For christmas I want a umaricin Girl doll wele charset, and slippers and erings. Thank you. plese can I have a bracelet making set? don't work to hard on making toys for boys and girl how dos the slay fly what dos the Northern lites look like I will set a lot of cookies out for your. What are elfs names who is your faveret randeer?

Love, Kylie.

Dear Santa, Can I have a Nintendo Switch? Can i have a phone? Can I have a Snackable? How are the rander today? How are you today?

Love, Audrey.

Dear Santa, I want a PS5. I want a fotball Cards. I want a dritbike. am I on the noty list. Can I have a Xbox Seres 2?

Love, Zander.

Dear Santa, How do you live in the North Pull when it is cold? Can I please have a girl puppy? Can I please have a Furby? Can I please have a biarby? Can I please have a skate board? Can I please get Morio 8 Plucks racing card? Can I please have a phone?

Love, Amelia.

Dear Santa, I'm excited for Bubblegum to come! How are your reindeer doing? Anyway, what I want for christmas is a puppy, mostly to snuggle with. I love christmas! To be honest, it's my favorite holiday. I fyout cant get a puppy, that's ok. Could I have a guinea pig instead?

Love, Leah.

Dear Santa, can I have mini Brans? could I have an orgnizer can I have a sticn pup it horr bo you make tos. How have you been How has mirs. closs been I want all my friencis and family together for crismis. I have been rely good.

Love, Jenna.

**MRS. PRINCELL'S
2ND GRADE CLASS - BES**

Dear Santa, I love yous fo moch! I been good. I hope you give me alot of toys. I want arccar an argramtos an alot of stuf I bin wishing about. I hope you have a good Christmas how is ms. cloc can I git a clutch Bike But i want a gas one an i want a fast one!

Love, Kyle.

Dear Santa, can I have a phone Please! I have been nice and kind. can I also have a cat Pleas! Can I have a camera?

Love, Heavenly.

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Mrs. claus? I have been very good. Christmast

list. I would like a side table please, skincare, and some makeup. P.S. if you can not get that it is ok. And if posuble can you get some dog treats for Dixie And Thank you for the best Teacher ever!

Love, Roslynn.

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? Are the elves working hard? May I have a new cyber truck pull and release with a cyber quad and trailer. And a new robo 13 Titan And thats it. Thank you.

Your friend, Nixon.

Dear Santa, How are you doing And Mrs. claus? I have been good this year! I hope the reindeer are good. Can I please get a squishmallows, and a ring, and a new soccer ball Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Love, Ava.

Dear Santa, Hi! How have you been? How has Mrs. Claus been? How has the reindeer been? I will leave your favorite food. I have been very remarkable this year. for Christmas, I want a turtle purse! a squishmallows and PLEASE can I have an Ipad Thank you. Bye Santa!

Love, Quinn.

Dear Santa, How many kids have been good for Christmas? So how is your day? I am ready for my list I want a remote car and stuffed animals!

Love, Leland.

Dear Santa, How is claus Are the elves? I have been a little bit good. How are the randeer can I PLEASE get a lot of snow and snow geer and a basball mitt. And a pair of Nike shoes and a thousands v buks.

Love, Oliver.

Dear Santa, How are the elves and Mrs. closs, and the relindeer? I been good this year. How are you doing? and I been kind this year to. The Holiday of Christmas is the best day. Can I PLEASE have a good pair of Nike shoes and can I have a good bakpack and can I have a quad.

Love, Camden.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Can you please make a punching bag and punching dummy?

Love, Jaxon.

Dear Santa, Hi How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I have been really good this year. For Chrismas can you Please get me a vanity like my moms and grinch slippers and some makeup for my vanity. thank you. You are the best. Merry Chrismas.

Love, Brynley.

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope the Grinch is no bothering you. PLEASE bring me a mini pet shop I been rely good this year. and can I have a monster high doll. and some bracelets and necklaces.

Love, Aria.

Dear Santa, I have been a good kid this year. How are your reindeer and Mrs. Cloc? I hope you have a good Christmas. How is your slay. I want a deadpool and wolverine toys.

From, Ledger.

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want two squishmellows and they are a cow and chicken. and

a farm barn and lots of farm toys.

Love, Levi.

Dear Santa, How have you been doing? I have been good this year. Please can you get me a stitch shirt. My size is a large, stitch squishmallow candle, smelly good stuff, journal kit. Thank youS-anta.

Love, Layla.

Dear Santa, How is The reinbeer and Rudolph and The elves? I want Grinch stuff.

Love, Johanna.

Dear Santa, How have you been this year and Mrs. Claus? I want eight Bitsies and I also want makeup and 3 fingerlings.

Love, Kynlee.

Dear Santa, Has your day been good? Has Mis Claus been good to and have the reindeer been good too? Happy Christmas! This year I want an Ameran girl doll and soccer ball and please can I have slime?

Love, Sydney.

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the rendeer can I PLEASE have these 2 things for Christmas: a squishmellow and a VERY VERY strong pokemon card.

Love, Silas.

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How is Reindeer doing? PLEASE can you get me a tub of legos and lego wheels and lego hitch. Thank you.

Your friend, Preston.

Dear Santa, How the rindeer? How's Mrs. Claus? How are you? I would like a remote control car and a lego Star Wars Set.

Love, Tucker.

Dear Santa, Hi Santa I hope you have a good year. How is Misses Claus doing Is Misses Claus doing good or not. Can you get me a lmar jaxon jersey. PLEASE and I want a kicking stand. A ravens football gloves. Ravens helmet. Please. A ravens football. Thank you.

Love, Weston.

**MRS. SHARP'S
1ST GRADE CLASS - BES**

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf doin and the uthr randers? I would like a Kylo Ren mask and a Kylo Ren toy lite sabr. I would like a KyloRen costume and Strwars books. I will give you vere good cookies.

From, Grant

Dear Santa, Hie Santa. How is Mis Cloc? I would like a pla stashn. I do not have one. I love you Santa.

From, Levi

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf? I would like a new bike. I love you Santa!

From, Emma

Dear Santa, Who r the elfs? I would like toys like a rme truk and taker. You r my friend.

From, Sawyer

Dear Santa, I would giv you good cookes. I would like a X Box and BB gun. I love you!

From, Peyton

Dear Santa, I am a good boy. I would like a toy cr that I can rid in. I want a geco to stik on the wall. Love (See "SHARP" pg. 15)

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you.

From, Ryland

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I would like a gymnastix bar because I don't have one. Love you.

From, Audrey

Dear Santa,
How r u? I would like a gecko and a PS 5. Tanks

From, Whiautt

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a gymnastics mat please. I would like a cheerleading barbie please. I love you Santa!

From, Hailey

Dear Santa,
Haol is Rudolf flien? I love you. I would like a baby husce. I would like a fife munstr hidals and a diree book with a lock.

From, Raegan

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like a PS 5. I luv you.

From, Bentley

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers? Would you please bring Elmo? Thank you.

From, Adeline

Dear Santa,
You are the best. I would like a siber because I cold rid it around are farm. I would like a pet trtle. I love you.

From, Knox

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I would like a frbe. Guss what? I do not have wun. I would like a Stich. I love Santa.

From, Evy

Dear Santa,
How are the rander?? I would like a box of snoglobs. My sistr broke my snoglob on axcdint. I love you.

From, Paisley

Dear Santa,
I want to no how is Chipe doen? I would like a frbe and I would like an apple wah. I love you.

From, Morgan

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I would like a toy car to ride in. I would like a toy geco that climbs walls. I love you Santa!

From, Anna

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I would like a pair of new conversis. I owt groo my other ones and I would like a new lego set. I will giv you a picture.

From, Bentley M

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. Right? I would like a Apple wach. I would like a diery. I love you Santa! I will give your raindeer carits.

From, Lilah

Dear Santa,
I would like a VR headset. I would like a frbe. I love you.

From, Ivy

Dear Santa,
I like you. I would like a robot. It wil be cool. I love you.

From, Reuben

Dear Santa,
How is Rodlof? I want a puppe. I love you.

From Nova**MRS. STEPHENSON'S 3RD GRADE CLASS - BES**

Dear Santa,
My name is Emmy. I have been good this year and I'm hopeful for a exiting Christmas season. This year I would like Some nike dunks. And I would also like a jamar chace jersey. And alo like a Joe burrow LSu jersey. Also

a new fotball. And some cloths. And a bengals full Size helmet that fits me. And Chace and Jefferson LSU jursey. Merry Cristmas.

From, Emmy.

Dear Santa,
my name is Bailey and I am 9 yearls old I have ben good this year and am hopful for ik-sitig Crissmisses this year I would like bottls dolhaas I want a sete of 2 babbysdols and doll haosis. Mary Crismis.

From, Bailey.

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old. This year I wold like a real brid. And a osow wold like a Otc shot. Merry Christmas.

From, Braxton.

Dear Santa,
My name is Julian and I am 8 1/4 years old. I have been extra good this year an hopeful for an exciting Christmas Season. This year I would like a Microphone with voloume, Echoing, and power buttons. And don't forget my brothers and My teacher Becuase she is the best!

Love, Julian.

Dear Santa,
My name is Adam and I am 9 years old. I have been good this year and I'm hopeful for some good Presents wittch you do but this year I want a c2 cans, a watch Plese. thank you. My name is Adam. My teacher is good and Please give her some thing good. Myery Christmas.

From, Adam.

Dear Santa,
My name is Maelee and I am 8 years old. I have been good this year and am hopful and excited for this Christmas season. This year I would like Cookez Makery fridge, pan, and taster, Rise of Red doll, a watch. Make sure chippy does some noty thing and thank you for him. Marry Christmas.

Love, Maelee.

Dear Santa,
My name is Avery and I am eight years old. I have been good for a exciting Christmas season. This year I wold like a rug for my room. I wold like a cat and a litter box and a cat house and it wold only like me and I want it to be mine. I wold like a phone pleas. merry christmas.

From, Avery.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason and I am 9 years old. I have been good This year well sortof. And im exited for christmas season. This year I wold like a skateboard, newest VR1 tree house, shotgun, knife, computer, phone, Pul-lup bar, remote car, and a hovver bored. Merry Christmas.

Love, Mason.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sebastian I like mincraft, trains, dols my teacher is very nice. Merry Chrmtis.

From, Sebastian.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this years and am hopeful for a exciting I have been go I haveen good at schhol and home I have been go to my brother and my sister, and M.ms Stephenson and my mom and Dab. I what a cat. Candyane and Beytoven and fox-es. And I whatn clothes and a Lsa borrow and chace and Jeffersony. Jursey. Merry Christmas.

From, Kellen.

Dear Santa,
My name is Carson and I'm 8 years old. I have been good this year and am excited for a awsome Chrstimas season. This year I'd like a pet ham-ser named puffy and a crunch labs set and a drum kit (not eletric) with a china sumbyl and a pencil holder plus Mrs. Stephenson is the best on friday afternoon. We do all kinds of fun stuff and after you comming, all the 3rd graders are going to make a room of Christmas room that might have candy in the room. Merry Christmas.

From, Carson.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ella and I'm 8 years old I have been good htis year. Cristmas senson what i want a new watch. I also want uggs. Then I want bubble skincare with 49. My teacher is really kind. then I want. can I have a new computer. Merry cristmas.

From, Ella.

Dear Santa,
My name is Remington and I am 9 Years old. I have been good this Year and am hopful for a wonderful christmas season. this year I whoild like a Phone Please and I wish for. my family to be happy and have a wonderful christmas Season this year. and my teacher is the best teacher ever so I thank god for a whonderful teacher and merry christmas.

From, Remi.

Dear Santa,
My name is colton and I am 8 years old. I have been good this year and im exited for a wonderful Christmas Season. this year I would like a air hokey table, a heve mega fire mihygun, and a 6 lane hotweels race track and dont forget my brother. My teacher is awesome. Merry Christmas.

Love, Colton.

Dear Santa,
My name is Gracie I am 9 years old. I have been good this year and am hopful for an exciting Christmas Season. I would like Baby sister Club, short Uggs, Skin care and make up, brats dolls, rainbow high bowls. Alos teacher said hi. How are the efls and rainder how re you and Mrs. clause. Merry Christmas.

From, Gracie.

Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua and I am 9 years old. I have been good this year and am hopeful for a exciting Christmas Season. This year I would like a meta quest 3, a Lamar Jackson jersey, Justin Jefferson jersey. Also my teacher is the best ever! Its like she is a present to me. Merry Christmas.

From, Joshua.

Dear Santa,
My name is Harper. I am 8 years old. I haave been good this year and am hopeful for a exciting Chrimast Season. This year I wold like coloring stuf, bracelets, panda dunks, skincare, and leco's.

Love, Harper.

Dear Santa,
My name is Elliemae and Im 8 1/4 years old. I have been good this year and I'm hopeful for a exciting Christmas Season. This year I would like a motercikle that runs on gas, make up, a lot of squruish-meloe except the ones I have, a real micrphone,

roller scates, playful monkey toy, hot wheels, and a real puppy husky.

From, Ellie.

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter and I am 9 years old. I have been good this year and I'm hopeful for a exciting Christmas season. This year I would like an NFL helmet set. And can I please have a freedom sweat-sheat. And a Bengals Joe Burrow jersey.

From, Hunter.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kinley and I am 8 years old. I have been good this year and I'm hopeful for a exciting Christmas season. This year I would like electric scooter, slime, squishies and hoverbord oh and don't forget my siblings! Merry Christmas!

From, Kinley.

Dear Santa,
My name is Eastyn and I am 8 years old. I have been good this year well sort of and I'm hopeful for a exating crismas season. this year I wold like a Justin Jefforson, Jamar Chase and Joe Borow and george kittle jersey. Iphone 16 Pro. WWE acthion fugoar. WWE Wip ticket for my DAd and Josh. White purple Jordans. Merry Christmas.

From, Eastyn.

Dear Santa,
enexthing you can get me a toy if what to i want a toy dirtbike. i what a toy razer, and a cwond. i want a PS5 and a xbox x. and dont forget my brothers. mary crimies.

From, Hunter.

Dear Santa,
My name is Tristan and I am 9 years old. I have been veryvery good this year and im hoping for exciting Chrismas season. this year i woud like more games on my VR. Also I want Kinetic Sand. Lastly I watn my teacher to have a great year.

Love, Tristan.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaidyn I am 8 years old. I have been good this year and I am hopeful for a exciting Christmas season. is a police radio and a police suit and a dirt bike. and 30 bucks Pleas. and a robiax gift caard merry chiristmas.

From, Kaidyn.

Dear Santa,
how are you? So Santa I want Legos and how are the elfs. I want a gizzmo watch and I want books. I mostly want little sister baby sitter. I know you like cookies and milk.

From, Harper.

Dear Santa,
How are you? could you get me a Apple iPade PLease. Can you get me a akeeto What looks Like my Prodigy math Chareter with a gold wrench a blue cat and the puppet master thank you.

From, Bruce.

Dear Santa,
I want for xmas a Ronaldo jersey.

From Declan.

Dear Santa,
How are you I would like Dinos and mario toys I want shock toys I want to come to take pictures from canterm.

From, Carter.

Dear Santa,
I want a Pair of Nikes. and pants. and a apple phone.

From, Jaxson.

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I tmust be cold up at the North Pole. I hope I am on the nice list. Because their is quite a few things I want. May I please have some rare and common te-anpmates. Maybe twist-er, some football and basketball cards, and some Roblox please. I would want 2020 foot-ball cards. I hope you have a good Christmas night. May I please have a Joe Burrow Jersey. I will hopefully make christmas cookies you like. And I wont forget about the reindeer to. I will give each one a snack.

Your friend, Leo.

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can I please have a bunkbed for me and my sister, a Stanly, one big squishm-ellow, ten little squish-mellows, two bows, and a toy squirrel.

From, Ruthie.

Dear Santa,
I want slime and a squishers and a hover-board.

From, Maddie.

Dear Santa,
how are you? I want a Roando jersey. and A Joe Burrow jersey. Can I hae a football caeds? I want a lot of shoes that are jordans or nikes. Can I have a nfl helmet? Can I hae a PS5 or I want to have a iPhone. Can I have a ipad?

From, Colt.

Dear Santa,
how areyou doing? I will like a hoverbord and a. bownee ball, guitar, a fortnite game in 360 disk please.

From, Tyrion.

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I want a Phone for christmas because my brother has a Phone and if something hapens. and I want slime and a backPack that Looks just Like Lea gibbs Back Pack, and a Stanley, Football, comPutere, and I want to Be a teacher when I grone up! Please give me a reale unicorn that is alive and my Brother to have a marry christmas!

Love, Finleigh.

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a LOL roller-skates, and LED lights.

From, Annie.

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas can I please have a cross body purse. I also want a light pink stanly. I want relal make up kit and a little Christmas tree for my room. I also want squi-mellows. I want new cute nike shoes, figits and a relal camra. I also want christmas litghts for my room. And a American girl dolls and accessories. I want lego kits, craft stuff a phone, jewelry kits, cute clothes, roler skates, gymnastick stuff and electric scooter.

From, Sophie.

Dear Santa,
how are you? I want a nintendos witch and I want a heales. I want a makeup and some skates. I really want a Phone and a candle for my mom, a watch for my Dad and some taylor swift tickits with a mickoPhone.

From, Joslyn.

Dear Santa,
how are you? I want electric scooter and LOL. I want barbie and a polypocket. I want a new pair of rollerskates and a fuzzy blanket. I also want a new barbi

house!

From, Elizabeth.

Dear Santa,
how are you? I want a key bord basket ball barbie. I watn a microphone and stanly. I would like slime and craft stuf and alot of squish melose. A alot of legs and alot fidets and of Amerecengirl doll I want a camrue and a phone and stuff animals. I would like a gumnastics bar and jewelry.

Fromm Lillie.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I know that I mite be bad Sometimes but am sorry for being bad but I Love you and my efeics. I want to tell you want I want I want gLoves for Horses. reins for Horses and bubble Skincare, and a Horse book so I can write in it Please.

From, Avan.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a dog for Christmas an a doll.

From, Rachel.

Dear Santa,
I want to have mare care. and I want to have mare box and I wane to a Phone. and I want to have a mare degs.

From, Harper.

Dear Santa,
You can give Me Want ever You want for Cristmis I Wont Care. You can give me a toy Yet or little live Pet dog or a Nintendo Swich or a unicorn. I want earrings or an iPhone.

From, Ava.

Dear Santa,
I want a xbox and I want a PS5 and a iPhone. I want a Nfl ball and a XVfl game.

From, Wesson.

Dear Santa,
I want a iPone 16 Pleas. and thank you are a PS5 and I a Shok colla and a lot a V Wrld stuff. and a cop ifi get the PS5.

From, Grayson.**MRS. ANGEL'S 2ND GRADE CLASS - LES**

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryleigh. I am 7 years old. this year I have been some-time. I my haughty. And I my nice I want is dirt-bike and. my decoration. and a blanket and slime. I will make sare to leave you some cookies carrots milk.

Love, Bryleigh.

Dear Santa,
My name is River I am 8 years old. I have ben naughty and nice I wont a pare of wintr bbots I need a mikes clos and Santa clos swet shrut. i hop You and mrsis clos you and the reindeer are dooing well I will set uot cookies and milk and car-rits.

Love, River.

Dear Santa,
My name is Loki. I am seven years old. This year I have been nice. One item that I want is a Switch. Pne item I need is bateries. i will make cookies, milk, and cupcakes for your reindeer. Safe travls.

Love, Loki.

Dear Santa,
my name is Elizabeth. I have been noty and nice. This yrae one item I want is a vet kit and a owfit. one item I need is my famly. Are you doing good? I am.

Love, Elizabeth.

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. One item I want is a Phone. And Uggs. One item I need is earPod. I am 8 (See "ANGEL" pg. 16)

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years old. I will lev you cookies and Milk and carrots!

Love, Cora.

Dear Santa,

My name is Autumn I am 8 years old. I have been a little naughty and a lot nice. One item I want is a puppy. One item I need is shoes. How are you? How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Santa? I will leave you cookies, milk, and carrots. Safe tripping!

Love, Autumn.

Dear Santa,

My name is Ivyn. I am 7 years old. and this year I been naughty and nice and one item I want is a Fake Hello kitty and FlipPhone and one time I need is Fod and I will make sure to leave you some cookies for you and Ill make sure to leave your reindeer some carrots.

Love Ivyn.

Dear Santa,

My name is Wyatt. I am 7 years old. So how have you been I was both nice and naughty. Have you met my Family? can you get me a PS5 and come claeftm. I will make suer to save you some cookes and milk! Have SaFE travels.

Love, Wyatt.

Dear Santa,

My name is Braxton. I am 7 years old. How do you mack mageick? How do You wotch us? How is your radeers dowing? Are they dowing well? I want a cuad but I need a bed. Be C irfoll on the rid. I will be nice an dI will mack same cookies and milk and same carrots for Your randeer.

Love, Braxton.

Dear Santa,

My name is Piper. I am 7 years old. This years I have been Nice one item I want is \$200 and a Phone one item I need is a neckless a BeBe gun \$20 and \$50 and a Stanley I will make sure to Leave you some milk cookies and carrots. have a holly Jolly Chrismas.

Love, Piper.

Dear Santa,

My name is Aria. I am 7 years old. Sometimes I have been good and sometimes I have been naughty. And what I want is L.O.L., Makeup. What I need is nale polish eye shadow, fase powder, hare stuff, lipstick. I will mak sure to leave you some cookies carrots and milk.

Love, Aria.

Dear Santa,

My name is Melanie I am 7 years old This year I have been a little naughty but I been nice I want is squishtemel-sowl one item I need is furniture I will make sure to leave you some cookies and cupcase and milk and carrots for randers.

Love, Melanie.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jordan Bennett. I am 7 years old. Some times I have been naughty. Some times I have been nice. One item I want is a new red controler. One item I need is sun glasses. I will make sure to leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Jordan.

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old. I was a little naughty but there were tims that I was nice also I need was a huous a rof a bed a cara box of food also I am makeing kookies with milk for you.

Love, Isaiah.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sophia, I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice, One item I want a phon, One item, I need a new colat and a Stanly. I will make some cookies and milk. Haw have you ben? Have a good christ-mas Santa!

Love, Sophia.

Dear Santa,

My name is Nash, I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. One item I want is a iPhone 14. One item I need cloths. I will make sure To leave you some cookies, milk, and carrots.

Love, Nash.

Dear Santa,

My name is Asher, I am 7 years old. This year has been a little naughty but some times I have been nice. One item I want is a dirt bike because I want to ride whith my dad. I will leave you and Mrs. Clause and you cookies and milk.

Love, Asher.**MRS. BAKER'S 1ST GRADE CLASS - LES**

Dear Santa,
How have Rudolf been. Can I please have a watch and one more chance to see nan. How have the elves been?

Love, Maddie

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? Can I pleze have a outfit and shoes. How have the elves been? How is Mrs. Claus? Mery Christ-mas.

Love, Samiyah

Dear Santa,

How have you bin in the North Pole? Can I have a stufe gene pig ples and a vet kit ples? I will give you hot milk. I love you Santa and Mrs Claus.

From, Rowan

Dear Santa,

How are you doing thes yere? Can I ples have a 10,000 \$ dollrs and red lamrgene? I wel lev you cookies and milk in the living room. Thank you for oul the presis.

From, Logan

Dear Santa,

How have you been doing? Can I have a ntindow ples. Osowe a soft blacit pres. I am going to give you milk and cookies. I love the elfs and Mrs Claus.

From, Whitley

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? Can I have a toy dirtbike and a toy truck. I will get you cookies and milk. I hope you will have a wonderful Christmas.

From, Lucas

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? Can I plese have a huvr bord and can I have a skatbort. I will leve you cookies and milk. I hope you have a wundfo Christ-mas.

From, Michael S

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? I want a fam-ily crismis. I want a fijit becus they are fun. I am going to leve you cook-ies and milk. Have a grat crismas. I love you.

From, Mia

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? Can I ples have a babe dol has and I wut a beelckick hors. I will lev cookes and milck. I love you.

From, Mickayla

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? How do you get to hawsis? I wut a

badlolde and a poke-mon disk!

I wil lev you kookes and melk. I luv you are the best.

From, Ethan C

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? I wunt for crismis is a big barbie and a pupe. I wil lev cuces and melc for you.

From, Journey

Dear Santa,

How is your reindeer? Ples can I have macup and a new stuff anumol. I will leve cookise and hot coca. I hop you will have a wundfor for Crismis.

From, Paislee

Dear Santa,

How are you going to be this winer and this year? And can you bring Bishop and Kor-din a ps3 and can you bring Brody a mostr truck and Kinley a babe toy and I will love you.

From, Kiah

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? Plez can I have a cwod and drbike and a dog and a new craft and a new mine jeep?

From, Kylynn

Dear Santa,

How are your rander? Wut I wut four criswis is rourscats. I will get cookies and milck for you. Thank you Santa.

From, Ella J

Dear Santa,

Haw have the elfs bin? I wut a babe doll and a babe bune and a dog and a box and a elf. Santa how hav you bin?

Love, McKenzie D

Dear Santa,

How have the elf been? I want a puppy and a hores. Cookies and hot cocoa will be on the table. Love you Santa.

From Harper M

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolf doing? Can I have a cwad and a powrwel truck with a black truck and a white tralr. Mere Christmas. Thank you.

From, Kaison

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I wut a vr hed set for Christmas.

From, Harlan

Dear Santa,

How are you. I have been extra good. I howp you can get these items. I won't is a tv and a ps5 and a reel fone and a rc car and a diert bike and a piano and a hat and cheens and can you get my mom a naow tall how.

Sinsirily, Ashton

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a prpole dress to match my sister. I also wod love to have shoes and more jense so I'm not colde.

Sincerely, Kyra

Dear Santa,

I want a ocuelus for me and my brother James can play it and my Mom and Dad if they want to and a play station five and a gam-ing ned set because I do not have one and I want one. One more thing is a remote control car.

Sincerely, Pheonix

Dear Santa,

I bet you are so busy getting ready. Can I get a few things? I want bottle skincare, body stuff with a baby doll. Squishmellow stuff, lots and lots and lots and lots of skecher stuff. Good luck deliver-ing presents this year.

Senserly, Sarah

Dear Santa,

I've been very good

and helpful this year. I would like to have stuff for my room and what I need is a blanket for my bed. What I wold reilly like is 4 size nikes and a basketball. Hope you have a grate crismas and hope you don't get full whith all of those cookies.

Senserly, Benson

Dear Santa,

I been waiting to talk to you for a very long time! So I hope you listen! Well what I want for Christmas is an Xbox. I want some Lego games. Well that's all I want so I geust this is goodbye. So goodbye.

From, Myllseli

Dear Santa,

It's nice to meet you. I hope I am a good boy to you. I really would like to get random presents only if I am on the good list. I'm really sorry if I'm on the naughty list, if I am I will cook hot coco.

From, Waylon

Dear Santa,

I would like bubble in my room, a puppy cus I only have nine of them, teal paint for my room, daisy wall stickers for my room, yellow rug for my room, light that says Aria for my room.

Thank you, Aria

Dear Santa,

I would like to meet you pleas. I love your randeer and you and your elfs too. I want a toy for everybody in the house, a hoverboard and skateboard.

Sinsirily, Miles

Dear Santa,

In case you did not know I want some things. I want an ocules 3, it is VR. And a album burnout it is from boy-withuck. I also want ps5 and a Aphmuw plush. Oh sorry I wrote too much. Well I'm done so have a good Christmas.

Sincely, Lydia

Dear Santa,

How are you. I've been very, very good. I would like a forwheeler, and I would like a hoverboard, air pods, swich, slippers, close, high heels, makeup, skincare and heat blankets.

Sinsirly, Olivia

Hi Santa,

I am so exsited for Crismas this year. This is what I want. Peacock checkers pjs. I wear size 14 16. And I want coloring stuff. I love animals. I also want nail glue oil please. I will make sure to leave cookies and milk.

Senserly, McKinley

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas this year is a new iphone 14 and a bunch of toy dirt bikes and tractors. I want a big xmax rc car and play station 5 and that is all. Thank you Santa.

From Weston

Dear Santa,

How are you. I have been waiting for this moment. This is my list. Piano, clothes, hoverboard, air pods, uggs, vinyl record player, taylor swift record, shoes, dacore, art, hair stuff, quad, new playground, iphone and that is the end. Oh and blankets.

Sincerely, Novalee

Dear Santa,

I have been waiting a long time to talk to you because I have an important wish/want that is to be able to one day ride in your sled and see your workshop. I want this because I have seen many many movies about you and the kids in your slay and get to see your place. My wish

is to be able to see your place. And that is all. Bye

Sinsirly, Mahkenzy

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presin! Santa I want for Crismis is a phone and a paint set and a lot of highheels and doll set and pudev pinall and squishmellow and dancing santa clase.

Sincerlly, Jasmyn

Dear Santa,

I am really excited for Christmas. This is my Christmas list. I want a new phone, a toy sword, a nerf gun, a trampoline, car, basketball, toy axe. That is all I want for Chrismas.

Sinsirly, Ikerle

Dear Santa,

I could talk to you all day so lets get started. I really want skincare, makeup, iphone 16 and phone case, phone holder, kitten, new cute clothes, shoes and socks, hair clips, dolls to practice hair on, new backpack, folder, and nails. Please.

Sinsirly, Paislee

Dear Santa,

MISS RAAB'S 3RD GRADE CLASS - LES

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a psfive and noth gone. How are the reindeer doing and how is my elf on the shelf doing. How is Miss Claus doing. I want a spider man game and remote controller for pes five and one remote controller. Hot rod cars and gone game and fortnite for pesfive.

Love, Lincoln

Dear Santa,

How are you doing. But can I git a red scooteer and can I git a rc car, can I oso git a drt bick bat hawis ruldoph the red nosreindeer.

Your friend, Blaze

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a great day. Please can I have buteaful cothes and how is miss claus is she having a great day? If she is you can give me a letter back if you won't I hope you have a great day. Santa and you can give me any thing you won't and have a merry Christmas santa and and miss claus.

Love, Angelina

Dear Santa,

Have you been doing well? Will you please get me some fake nails and a kitchen set with fake food and some oth-er stuff that comes with it? Guess what Santa, my dad bought 1,000 christmas lights. Your elf buddy has been a bad boy. He taped the grinch to the mirror in the bathroom. He also spilled four on the stove and wort on the frig.

Love, Novalee

Dear Santa,

How is you and miss claus? I hope you give me a xbox, lol and drbike. I am going to back cooke and happy Christmas.

Love, Madilynn

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs Claus. Are the reindeer ready for the big night? I would like to know when my elf is coming. I would like a kitten and a rainbow high doll.

Love, Adalind

Dear Santa,

May I pleas get two pit bikes, one minney green jeep for Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a quest 3. How are the raindeer?

Sincerely, Trisden

Dear Santa,
I would like a clowl miceing and how do you like your cookies and what kind. I wish I was in the north pole with you and your elves. I bet it is so fun up there. If you could I would want a puppy golden retriever, well whatever you want to get. I just want my fam-ily to be happy please if you could do just one favor that would be amaz-ing. I wil make sure to leave the raindeer some yummy, yummy carits. I know they will just gobble them up.

Sincerely, Kynlee

Dear Santa,

I hope I get what I want and I hope you and Mrs Claus is ok. I want a tablet and these vishin with controller and take me with you. I want to see roodoff and the other raindeer. I love Santa and Mrs Claus.

Love, Rhialane

Dear Santa,

Haow is mis claus. But anyway can I have a rillistick baby doll? And some pajamas for my baby in the size new born and some outfits for my baby and some blankits and pilose and a bed for my baby and some shoes for my baby. Some socse and some toys for her some hats for wen she gets cold and some jarits.

Love Bella

Dear Santa,

Can I have a dirtbike plees and a dogtag for my dog. Plees can I have a swich game fortnite an hog warts and plees a longbord.

Sincerely, Oliver

Dear Santa,

Greetings. I would like to have an xbox and ps5. Please can I have some white and pink high heels. Can I get a play pink car with some keys that go with the pink car. I would like to have some crop tops and can I please have bounce ball chair.

Love, Carolyn

Dear Santa,

MRS. SUMMEY'S 2ND GRADE CLASS - LES

Dear Santa,

I wish you a happy Merry Christmas. I have ben nice. Could you get me a horse. I'm 8 years old. I need you to help my Mom because she is sick. I will get you cookies and milk. I wish you can help my family. I love you Santa.

Love, Myla

Dear Santa,

I have been a little bad and really good so I want a baby doll and Barbie doll and puppy. Something I need is gymnastic mats and bars and a gymnastic suit and I will give you cookies and milk and carrots for your raynders.

Love you, Bella

Dear Santa,

I hope everything is alright at the north pole. I am seven years old and I was nice this year. Ples can I have bordgame and books and toys! I need food, money, shoes and clothes. I will leave you some cookies and carrots and milk.

Love, Hanna

Dear Santa,

I hope everything is going well in the north pole. This year I have ben good. One item I want is squishes, glow sticks and vanity, skin-care, gas for my quad and clothes. I am hoping you are having a good (See "SUMMEY" pg. 17)

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time at the north pole. You help a lot so I will make sure to leave some milk, cookies and carrots for you and the reindeer.

Love you, Anna

Dear Santa,

Can I have a mini fridge? Also I am 8 years old now. I have been very nice this year and I need food and clothes and I want a chair and a desk. I will make sure to leave some cookies, milk and carrots. Make sure to give Rudolph some carrots.

Your Friend, Braden

Dear Santa,

I am 8. I want an Iphone. I want a gokart. I want a horse. Me and my family need food and money and clothes. I have been naughty and nice this year. I will give you cookies and milk. I hope you guys get set up for Christmas early. I love my aunt.

Sincerely, Titus

Dear Santa,

I hope you are going to be safe. I have been naughty and nice. I want a skateboard and a quad. I need more clothes. I am going to lay out cookies and carrots and milk. I love you Santa.

From, Leland

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a great day. I have been nice. Three items I want is barbeyes, getar, and a pretend resturant. My brother Landon needs clothes. He puts his clothes in the washer when we fold them we can't see them. I will leave you milk and cookies. PS I am 8 years old.

From, Leah

Dear Santa,

I hope everything is going good. My name is Olivia and I am 8 and I want a ball and a goal and I need blankets and sweaters and I will leave cookies and milk. I love you Santa.

From, Olivia

Dear Santa,

Do you have any spare time tom read this? I have been naughty and nice. I am 7 years old. I want a new puppy and a golden retriever and I need a tool box, tools and water flavoring. I will leave some cookies, carrots and milk.

Your Friend, Ben

Dear Santa,

I hope it is going good in the north pole. I have been nice this year so can you give me a dog, quad, and Vbucks. And I need a new washing machine to wash our clothes. I will leave you some cookies, milk and some carrots for the reindeer. And I wish you a merry Christmas. And I am 7.

Love, Bryar

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing good. I have been nice and bad. I want a pc and a xbox gift card. I need a new washing machine. I will leave carrots, milk and cookies. I might eat some.

Love, Tate

Dear Santa,

I wish you a happy holiday. I have been nice and naughty. I am sorry for how I have been. Could you bring me a drumset, piano and nerf gun toy. I really need a dirt bike and mountain bike. I will leave out cookies and milk and carrots. I love you Santa.

From, Easton

Dear Santa,

I have been nice to my Mom and Dad and some of my friends. I want a transformer and doctor kit. I need a fuzzy jacket. I am going to set out cookies and milk for you and carrots for your reindeer. I will give my old toys to kids who don't toys.

Love, Rayleigh

Dear Santa,

I want army books and outfits and toys and hats and gloves and I will leave cookies, milk and carrots. I have been naughty and nice. I love you.

From Axel**MRS. COCHRAN'S
2ND GRADE CLASS - MCS**

Dear Santa,

Is Chrissy doing good? Srcler the word good or bad. The word good means I have been good this year. First I want to see Santa I want this because I need to see you. I also want to see the elf moov because I will be happy. Thank you for being kind.

Love, Greyson.

Dear Santa,

How are my elfs Sofey and Gumdrop? I think I have been Pretty good this year! The first thing I want is an actual iPad. I want this because my other one broke. Next, I want Some new pajamas because we get them every year. Thank you for always getting me Presents!

Love, Harper.

Dear Santa,

How is my elf Chip-py? I have been great this year! First, I want a Gan Speed cube. I want this because I am a cuber and it would be good for a compitition. Next, I want a erinormous lego set because my baby sister destroys my sets. Thanks for making christmas special!

Love, Micah.

Dear Santa,

Are you feeling good? I have been good this year. First, I want a huge axolotl toy. I want this because I am a huge fan of axolotls. Next, I want an rc track because it will remind me of when my pap would take me on a ride in his truck. Thank you for awase giving me Presents.

Love, Maxton.

Dear Santa,

Do you make stuf or Buy stuf? I have been great this year. First, I would like Robux. I want this so I can buy stuff. I also want blue bubble lip bom because my lips are crustye. Thank you so much for everything.

Love, Evey.

Dear Santa,

How are you and the elves doing at the north pole with Mrs. Claus? I think I have been pretty good this year. First, I want a phone. I want this so I can cmornkate whith my family. I also want a real puppy german sheper so my dog will have a friend. thank you so much for cristmas.

Love, Jade.

Dear Santa,

What is it like up their? I have been spooner this year. First, I would like a Iphone 16. I want this because I want to wach YouTube. Next I also want a camera because I want to take pichers. thank you Santa for making cristmas.

Love, Scarlett.

Dear Santa,

Are you excited for

Christmas? I think I have been great this year! 1st I want a teal horse blanket! I want this because we don't ahve any for this winter! Next, I also want teal feel pertecters for my horse because his old ones don't fit. thank you for chirstmas.

Love, Josie.

Dear Santa,

Am I going to get a Elf Santa? I have been pretty good this year. First, I want a VR head set. beucase me and Jaxton can Play with all my friends. Next, I want a four weeler. I also want a bubblee transformer.

Love, Braxton.

Dear Santa,

How are the elfs doing? I think I have been fantastik this year. The first think I want is a Phone. i want this because my other Phone fell in the rain. Next, I want a doll house I have five girl dolls. I want boys doll and a doll house. you are the best.

Love, Annabelle.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing over there? I thin I have been pretty good this year. First, I would like a Lego starwars set pleas. I want this because I can have a lot more to play with. Next, I want a basketball because i sind up for basketball. Santa you are the best.

Your friend, Jesse.

Dear Santa,

Are the reinders ready? I have been pretty good this year. First, I would like a apple iphon 16. I want this because if I git lost I can call my mom if I dot have my ipad. Next, i want a dirtbike because mine isint working that well. Thank you for making this day so spehool.

Love, Nolan.

Dear Santa,

How is Dasher DO-ing? I think I have been Pretty good this year. The first think I want is a Bin of VBucks. I want this because I can get Skins. Next, I want a red dead because I Need it. Thank you for being nice.

Love, Cian.

Dear Santa,

what do you like a bot my elf chrsif? I have been good this year. First, I want a big Sqpi-smellow. I want this because I love love love Suqismellow.

Love, Emmalyn.

Dear Santa,

I have been awsome this year. first I want a computer so i can edit. Next I want a basket ball. Because I want to play basket ball, thank you so much for chistmas.

Love, Jaxton.**MRS. FAIN'S
2ND GRADE CLASS - MCS**

Dear Santa,

I've been good this year. First I want a tinny roller coster for my toy cats, Because it would be fun to ride them around the house outside. Second I need new close. Because I am running lowe. Marry Chrismis.

Love, Nora

Dear Santa,

How are things at the North Pole? Are you excited for Christmas? I have been good this year. I wut a mini car because I wat to play wif my stistr. I nednoy stistr for the wwintr snow.

Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year. Can I have a Nintendo Swich because I want to play Minecraft. I need new hunting gear because my coat is too small and they have holes. Merry Christmas.

Love, Kaya

Dear Santa,

How are things at the North Pole? I have been good this year. I want a big frozen car, because I can ridite road with my sister. I need a big fluffy pink dress for Crismiss. Merry Crismiss.

Love, Lahnae

Dear Santa,

Am I on the good list? I have been good this year. I want a Xbox because my brother wants to play his game but I want to play. I need new pants because all my pants are torn. Merry Christmas!

Love, Tate

Dear Santa,

Are you excited for Christmas? I have been good this year. I want a phon because I want to chat. I want to belg years old because I want to drive. Merry Christmas

Love, Logan

Dear Santa,

How are things at the North Pole? I have been good this year. I would like a iphone 16 pro max because my phone is broken. I need a house so my family can live in it. Merry Christmas!

Love, Isaac

Dear Santa,

How are thing in the North Pole? I have been good this year. I want a gold necls because I want to look rich. I want a new brother because I only have one. Happy Christmas.

Love, Christopher

Dear Santa,

How are things at the north pole? I have been good this year. I want a gocart to ride with my brother and sister and my momand dad. I want 300,000 dollars to git a rell simi with a grane tereller.

Love, Jack

Dear Santa,

How are things at the north pole? I have been good this year. All I want for Christmas is nteedo swich because I want to play on it. I need shees. Maree Kris-mos

Love, Kailynn

Dear Santa,

How are things at the north pole? I have been good this year. I would like a sianyloho American Girl Doll because I saw it at womat last year and I did not git it, a frozen blanket for my American Girl Doll that way we can be worm in witer.

Love, Madison

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I have been good this year. I want aa desep-tocon jets. I want this because I can fite with them. I need a sweat shirt. I need this because mine are all stretch out. Merry Christmas.

Love, Eldon

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year. I would like those pens where you wite on yourself. It's inviable to see without light. I need a carheatt swet shirt because it keeps me warm in the snow. Merry Christmas!

From, Myla

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Maneup, a toy

game and clos. How are you doing? Mare Crismis.

Love, Breanna

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. A robot toy to bring to my frineds hows. New matres my matres is to smol for my twin sised bed. Merry Christmas.

Love, Ryan**MRS. MEIER'S
3RD GRADE CLASS - MCS**

Hello Santa,

How are you in the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a puzzle kebord that plays music, an Ipad, art like markers and color pensels, squishey and squishmellows and the Wild Robot books. I hope you have a great Christmas.

Love, Carmen

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa. How are you doing? I would like some hot wheels for Christmas and a Uno game. Have a good Christmas Santa.

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,

I hope thing are going good in the North Poll. I hope I am on the nice list this year. By the way, I have a new sibling his name is Cole he wants more baby toys. Now don't know about this one his name is Charlie. I'm not so wared if he is on the noty list but if he is not I'm fine with that to. He wants remote control tradders. Finly me. I would like a huvr bord, a rock tubler, more craf splise. That is for me. Merry Christmas Santa!

Emma O

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a new Iphone, nentendo switch, neck cooler, mini Iphone, live stream stuff for You tube and a web cam. Merry Christmas Santa

Avander

Dear Santa,

How are you? All I want is ten games. I will give my ten games to the orphanage and to the homeless. I want a robes for my sister. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Mason

Dear Santa,

XXX I hope you are doing fantastic! This year all I am asking for is hunting supplies, hunting license for 2025, farm toys and show supplies. Merry Christmas.

Dierks

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having fun. I want college maden 25 for my ps5. Next I want an Eagles football helmet. I also want a new bike. I want a silver chain. I want a NBA 2k 24 for my ps5. I want a Jordan sweat-shirt. I want some crocks. I want a Florida Gators jersey. Happy Christmas!

Love, Jack

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? I'm fine, as you know I'm in 3rd grade and 9 this year. I only want 1 thing and that is a Elly day la Cruz card and I want Camden to be happy. Tell Percy and Penny hi for me!

Love, Carly

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a good day. For Christmas I want a I pad. 2. I want 1 million roblox. 3. I want 3 million Mine-craft coins. 4. I want farming similitore 25. 5. I want yarn and cro-

cheting books for my mom. Thank you Santa.

Kolby

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs Clouse. Santa what I want for Christmas number one a quad. Number 2 a xbox seres X and the xbox series xbox game hunter call of the wild. Number three a new tablit. Number four 500 quadrillion robucks and roblox. Number five 10,000 mine coins in Minecraft. Number six I want five lego sets. Number seven a nerf gatling gun. Number eight a Nintendo game called plague ink evolves.

Sincerely, Jax B

Dear Santa,

Last year was awesome. How is Mrs Claus and how are you for Christmas? I want a stuffed animal badger and a stuffed animal skunk. Mery Christmas Santa.

Love Miles T

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs Claus? I hope you are coming this year. How are the raindeer? My List. 1. Skates 2. 1 dog 3. Flute. 4. Squishy 5. Big squishy 6. Water bottle 7 water bottle stickers 8 sunglasses 9 4 rings 10 ipad 11 1 cat. Thank you.

Sincerely, Evelyn F

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? Can I have a telescope, a real iron man helmet and 3 new puppies. I wish you a Merry Christmas!!! Thank you for all you do on Christmas!

Xaner M

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa? For Christmas I want an Iphone. I also want a seal picsh. Merry Christmas!

Owen T

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing good. I want a crossbow, a twenty two and a basketball. Merry Christmas. Thank you!

Cade B

Dear Santa,

I hope everything is good at the North Pole what I want for Christmas

Mario Sweatshirts size 10-12. Mystery poppy playtime plushie, and Mystery toy.

Your friend, Jaxson C

Dear Santa,

XXX I hope you have a delightful day. I love you. Can I have paint and canvases and candy? But I want them in different sizes. I hope you have a good day.

Fiana M**MRS. REED'S
1ST GRADE CLASS - MCS**

Dear Santa,

I love Rudolph. He is so cute. I have been nice and bad. I'm sorry for hitting Isaac and Eeve. I think you will like home made cookies. How are my elves? Sorry for being bad. Can I please have a Stich plushe and a Rudolph plushe and cat plushe?

Your Friend, Faith

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? Are they rede for Christmas? Can I have a blow gun and hors?

Your Friend, Lincoln

Dear Santa,

I hope Buddey is working hard. I have been a litool bad. I want to see how Rudolph is doing. I hope you are redey for the snow. I want a frbey this year.

Love, Nora
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Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Have I been good or bad? How is Rudolph doing? Are you getting your sleigh redee for Christmas? Can I have a quod for Christmas?

Love, Jacen

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? What dus it look like in the Northpole. What are your favrite cookies? I want an American girl doll haws and slime and Desdendents books.

Your friend, Aubrey

Dear Santa,
Is your reindeer good? Can I please have a Gabe doll hous? Can I please have a cande kane? I want a pupe for Christmas. I am so excited for presents. I love Christmas. I bin good.

Your friend, Quinn

Dear Santa,
Are you rile friends with my Dad? My Dad told me. I have been partle good this year. Please can I have a Mario Cart and Dispicauble Me 4 and the coolisitoy in the world. How are your elves? I bet their working vare hard for Christmas. Merry Christmas. Thank you. Have the best Christmas.

Love, Owen

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Can I ples have a Baby Alive pet? I will mack milk and cookies for you. I am trying to be good. How is Mrs. Claus? Merry Christmas.

Your Best Friend, Grace

Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing? How are your reindeer? Is your sleigh rede to drop sum presents off? I will give you cookies and milk. I was good. I bot presents for Samee. I want a lava scorpion please.

Your friend, Dhamon

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? How old are you? How are you? I am nice. Are you nice? How are your reindeer? Can I have noo Brbe klos? Can I have sum noo Brbe Shos? Can I have a noo baby doll?

Love, Layla

Dear Santa,
I am so exitied for Elfy to come this year. I am alsaw exitied for Christmas. Thank you for my presents last year. I was a littel bit naughty but mostly nice. I have been fighting with my brother. I woed like a Cindreila carig and the mermade owfit and a shorkel.

Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? Are they wring hard. I promis I will leev cookies and milk out for you. Is Roodoff getting his nose retey for Christmes? I hope you are retey for Christmes. Can I please have a ps5 and a drtbike and please a modersisicl.

Your Friend, Charles

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and the elves doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Can you please trie to get me 10,000 pesis of snow? Please Please!! I have been nice but I have still been fiding with my sister. Merry Christmas.

Love, Crosley

Dear Santa,
I want to be your best friend. What is your favorite cookie? How old are you? I want to see Rudolph! I have been good.

Your friend, Rylie

Dear Santa,
Are your reindeer redey for Christmas? I have been good for Christmas. I want a nintendows-wich and slime and lots of poke kards. Merry

Christmas!

Your friend, Bryar

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus? I want a nerfgun for Christmas and a fart bldgr and a rumot control car for Christmas. I have been nice all year.

Your friend, Levi

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. Thank you for all of those present. Merry Christmas. I have ben good. I would like a laptop for Christmas. And an xbox and a dirt bike.

Your friend, Jake

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? Is your sleigh redy? What is your fayvvrit cookie? I am redy for Christmas! I have been nice. Can I have a bebe gun and a big buckity of slime? Merry Christmas.

Loove, Finnigan

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I love you Santa! What is your fravrrite cookie? What is your favrite milk? How are your reindeer? Make shor that the grinch doesn't stele Christmas. I was good and bad. Can I have unspekeubull merch and pokemone dekrachins and a lot of snow.

Your Friend, Carter

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Santa can I have a barbe dremhows with a famuli? Can you bring Christmas stuff for the barbe drem hows? I have bin mosle good.

Your friend, Kynlee

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? Are you redey for Christmas? I am going to leve a cookie and milk. I have ben good. Is your sleigh doing good? I want an RC truck and RC bote and traler.

Your Friend, Mason

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? Is it nice and cold? I have been nice all year. Can you please get me a marel cart trach and remote control T-rex and pak of dinosaurs this year?

MISS TUSSEY'S 3RD GRADE CLASS - MCS

Dear Santa,

I love Christmas so much. Not one present I got to spend time white my family and the most important thing is Jesus bday I want nice clothes and the thing I want the most is a loftbed. I have always wanted it but if I don't get it, it's ok. I would rather give to a kid in need. Thank you. Happy Holidays.

Love, Brooklynn H

Dear Santa,
Can I have iphone, ninento, snake, 2 powerful, a bunny squishm-ellow, a panda, circuit board.

George K

Dear Santa,
I want a miny mouse camper. I also want a miny mouse kitchen set. I always wanted a miny mouse shopping set. I want a princess castle with princess barbie. I also want a baby alive. I want stuff for my baby alive. I also want a barbie set. Last I want a elsa set of toys.

Thanks, Briella S

Dear Santa,
I think that you and your elves have been working really hard for Christmas Eve. I am wanting blue converse and sephora please and thank you. I would also like a new bike for my age. PS I would like size 5 converse. Thanks for all the presents.

Karlee R

Dear Santa,
I really, really want a

camera. But I also want a snap circuit board. I really want one of those car lego sets. And if you think I like anything else you can defently get me it.

Thank you, Corbin M

Dear Santa,
I want a pack of markers please because I love art and I am an artist. Can I please get a space kit and I want a plushie of a red panda please.

Thank you, Lilli

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy for Christmas. That I can play with and cuddle. I want an American Girl Doll and I want it to have curly hair and blinking eyes and a cute outfit. Thank you and have a good Christmas this year!

Love, Hannah M.

Dear Santa,
I have a Christmas list. I want barbies, American Girl dolls a puppy and a kitten. Merry Christmas!

Sensearly, Lorea B

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a like lazer tage, nice cube and nerf guns.

Jackson S

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me presents through the years of Christmas. On Christmas will you please get me slime paint rocks, squishmellows, a warm robe for when I get out of the hottub because it will be cold outside.

Love, McKenzie K

Dear Santa,
Hi! I have been pretty nice all year. This year for Christmas I would like: Nintendo Switch, toy grinder and Mine-craft lego set.

From, Grant

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas my own Nintendo and some gamer gloves and gamer shirt and pants. I want the game Zeldu tears of the kingdom.

Love Phillip M

Dear Santa,
I wunt a ant farm and a orea flotte and foot of snow and a pet fox. Ples

From, Noah B

Dear Santa,
Can I have rc snakes so I can play with it. Can't Have the big indomuns rex. That is the top of my wish list. Can I have ni-jogo shark.

Abel

Dear Santa,
I want a mini brand even calendar, a camera that prints pictures and a mini I phone.

Liam W

Dear Santa,
I wan for Christmas is nerf guns, Nintendo switch and Minecraft figures. Oh how is Vicsin doing? I hope Frost sits in my Christmas tree. You now Santa is it true that you pick up Frosti.

By, Oliver

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a smartwatch, I want Christmas pjs, I want games for my Nintendo, I want a cone to hold my football and I want nerf guns and nerf gun bulits. So Santa get anything else that you thank I like get me anything I like pleas and thank you Santa.

Love Otto S

Dear Santa,
I wunt a kids smot wach and an iphone and a RC Grave Digger. Mar-ey Christmois and mor love.

Bentley F

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas I is super mario party or monster hunter rise. I hope you have a great Christmas. You don't have to get it but I would really like a stuff animal giant goose. Have

a Merry Christmas. Or my most wanted one a phone.

Love, Charlie G**MRS. BACK'S 1ST GRADE CLASS - SMS**

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer? I would like a new set of drawing stuff, a new set of sharpies and colored paper, and coloring books please. Have a good Christmas.

Love, Adelle

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year's presents. I like the saw you gave me last year. This year I want a football kicking tee, some new books and some new lace boots. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Howard

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good. Thank you for last years presents. I would like a Rubicks Cube, a pack of Coca Cola and some Legos. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Dawson

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs Claus doing? Are the reindeer doing good? I would like a Joe Burrow jersey, a squishmallow shark and a kicking tee. Thank you for last years presents.

Love, Graham

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year's presents. How are the reindeer? I would like a bracelet maker, a play doh set for my sisters and me, and a squishmallow.

Love, Charlotte

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year's presents. I have been trying to be good this year. I would like a whole collection of Furbys, craft stuff, and a squishmallow triceratops.

Your friend Scarlett

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year. How are you doing? I am doing good too. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Nick

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a tic tac toe game. I will leave you cookies.

Love, Ezra

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I have been trying to be good. I would like a gel nail kit, a Furby and stuffed dog that is super soft. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Kaitlynn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year's presents. How is your family? I want a new Bible, a new dress for my American Girl doll, some easy to read chapter books, and the interrupting chicken book. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be good in class. I want a remot conchol airplane, a high swing set, and a Lego rockit ship set. Thank you for last year's presents.

Jonas

Dear Santa,
Are you getting ready for Christmas? I've been helping out at home. I want a new bike, an Ipad, and some Legos. Thank you Santa!

Carter

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been helping at home. I really want a robot dog that comes with food. I also want a doll that has eyes that open and close. I would like a dog stuffed animal.

Love, Colleen

Dear Santa,
Do your reindeer like cold or warm carrots? I want a car that can drive on walls, a hamstr and Ipad.

Love, Klayton

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year's presents. I have been good. I would like an American Girl doll, clothes and shoes for the doll and a barbie set.

Love, Gwen

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I have been good. I want a little Furby, Barbies, play doh and craft sand. Have a good Christmas.

Love, Amelia

Dear Santa,
I love how nice you are. I want you to get me a bike and a trampoline. I also want a baby doll. Thank you Santa.

Love, Dilyn

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Have you been eating cookies? I have been good? I would like like a sleeping mask, a pink tree and a light up star.

Your Friend, Lilly**MS. JONAS' 2ND GRADE CLASS - SMS**

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a good day. I hope you and Mrs Klaus are having a great day. You guys are nice. Thank you for everything you did to make Christmas come true. I will never forget about you guys. Can I have an I phone?

From Oliver

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts that you gave me last year. So may I please have a golden retriever puppy? Can you bring him with a cage or dog-house? Hasel won't get him and can he be a stuffy please? Can I have some new clothes? Can I have a stuff raindeer too?

Thank you, Willow

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents from last year. Please can I have a Nintendo Swich and a water bottle? Can I have an art kit? You are the best person. Can I have a doll and a slime kit? Thank you Santa. You give the best presents.

From, Catalina

Hi Santa,
I hope you are eating cookies and milk and your deer are eating carrots. And thank you for the presents last year. Can I have a motor for my dirt bike, Elf pet, a survivail kit, collar for my dog. Thank you for everything.

Love, Memphis

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year's presents. I will see you on Christmas. I will act better this year. We are in second grade. My name is Kate and I love you so much. I want for Christmas is a dart blow gun and a slime kit. I love you so much Audrey, Maddie and Mom. Thank you Santa. I love you.

From Kate

Dear Santa,
Have a lovely Christmas day, Santa. I have been good this year. Thank you for your elves. Please leave some presents. I want a long spear and dinosaur equation planet and a sleigh. I love you and Merry Christmas. I will see you on Christmas Eve.

Love, Ollie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I really liked it. I really love Elvie because he is funny. For Christmas I want Eerie Elementary

Books. I love you Santa and Mrs. Klaus. Mary Christmas.

Sincerely, Dakota

Dear Santa,
Thank you for our elves. I Want a drum set please. Can I have an Xbox and 50 V bucks. I want a mini bike. Thank you for my last year presents.

From, Henry

Dear Santa,
Thank you for Christmas. Please can I have an American Girl Doll Julie. Thank you for the presents. I love your presents so much. I hope you can give me a present because I have been good this year. I will leave carrots, 2 cookies and milk.

Love, Paige

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas amierophone, a big Barbie doll, makeup set, a hard coloring book, and a new coloring set. Thank you for the gift.

From, Scarlett

Dear Santa,
Can I have some toys for Christmas? Was I good or bad. If I was good can I have an ipad, Mo-ster High Doll. What do you mean, fluffy slime, cotton candy cutie? Thank you for the presents.

Love, Rylan

Dear Santa,
Thank you for gifts last year. Thank you for elvs. I love them. How are you doing? How is Mrs Klos. I love Mark the elf so much. Thank you. May I have gifts. May I have a football helmit, a football pad and jersey and mouth gard and raindeer.

From, Kaden

Dear Santa,
How are you? Thank you for my last year presents. For Christmas can I please have an American girl camper, iphone 16 pro, a bunny and a goose-bump cup. Thank you for making Christmas come true every year. PS Thank you for my elf.

Sincerely, Maddie

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. My sister and my brother loved them so much. Clippy was the best Elf we ever had. Thank you for everything you do for us. Please can I have a phone and some pokemon cards. Have a wannerful Christmas eve. Merry Christmas.

From, Eleanor

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for this years Christmas celebration. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a book to read and new shoes and clothes.

From, Avery

Dear Santa,
I want might Robot books. How's life at the North Pole? Thank you for the presents last year.

From, Eddy

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a good time in the North Pole with your elves. I want a robot dog, Xbox, PS5, and a bearded dragon? I woold like a John Deer kids tractor to ride on.

From, Braxton

Dear Santa,
7 year old. I really want a present for me. I want a squishy oreo for Christmas. I am sorry for last year because my brothers woke up and almost saw you. Thank you Santa for my presents.

From, Elia

Dear Santa,
I am seeing you on sa-tur. I love your presents every year. I please want 13,500 V bucks, paintball gun and an electric scooter. I love everything you get us.

Love, Briggs