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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Snow covered part of a Christmas banner in Cobden early Tuesday morning.

Merry Christmas to all of our readers.

The community is invited to join Steve Hornbeak at historic St. Anne's Church on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. for an evening of Christmas and gospel favorites sung around a piano by special guests, family and friends.

The Union County Highway Department continues to work with FEMA on an assessment of damage caused by flooding in 2019.

The highway department also is continuing an ongoing bridge replacement project in the county. Thirty-four of an original 105 wood-deck bridges remain to be replaced.

The winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere (which is where Union County can be found) is at 10:19 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. On Sunday, the days start getting longer, which means that it's about time to get those lawn mowers ready to work.

The Union County animal control shelter has lots of cats that are looking for a new home. Dogs, too.

Happy new year...with this issue, The Gazette-Democrat begins volume number 171.



### Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony in Anna

The first Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony in Anna was conducted last Saturday morning. The ceremony was at the Anna Cemetery. Many people turned out on a cold and drizzly December morning to pay tribute to the nation's veterans.

## Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony held in Anna

Anna's first Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony was conducted Saturday morning, Dec. 14.

The ceremony was held at the Anna Cemetery. Even on a cold and drizzly December morning, many people were in attendance.

Saturday morning's ceremony was one of many conducted across the nation in commemoration of National Wreaths Across America Day. Honor Wreaths for Veterans was part of the nationwide tribute.

The theme for the observance was to:

Remember the fallen.  
Honor those who serve.

Teach the next generation about the value of freedom.

Organizers noted that in 2018, nearly 1.8 million wreaths honoring veterans were placed on headstones at 1,640 participating cemeteries throughout the country.

The idea for conducting a local ceremony was led by Anna City Council member Martha Ann Webb. Webb writes the Anna News column for The Gazette-Democrat.

In her column for this week, Webb shared that "thanks to Jim Koonce, president and founder of Honor Wreaths for Veter-

ans, we were able to honor our veterans right here in our Anna Cemetery. This was a dream of mine come true. Best Christmas present this year."

"A special thanks to everyone who donated a wreath, helped lay the wreaths and attended the ceremony," she added. "A special thanks to all our veterans past, present and future."

More than 300 wreaths were acquired for Anna's first ceremony.

The ceremony began at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. The program for the ceremony follows:

VFW Posting of Colors: VFW Honor Guard, Sherry Haddick, Jerry Forcht, Bob Shoemaker.

Opening Prayer Phil Ray. National Anthem Band and Choir Director Renee McLain, Karina Griffin, Jessi Riley, Marilyn Musgrave from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Concert Choir.

Pledge of Allegiance Eagle Scout Bradley Casper. Message of Honor Phil Ray. Symbolic Wreath Laying. Moment of Silence. Taps Bugler Jerry Forcht, Closing Prayer Phil Ray.

Retrieving of Colors VFW Honor Guard. The laying of wreaths by family members and volunteers.

Webb noted that many volunteers helped to lay wreaths during Saturday morning's ceremony.

Webb thanked local veteran Phil Ray for planning Saturday's ceremony.

Ray addressed those who gathered at the Anna Cemetery by reminding those in attendance that the freedoms which Americans enjoy today "have not come without a price."

"Lying here before us and in cemeteries throughout this nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom and without fear.

"We can worship as we see fit. We can raise our children to believe as we do. We can travel from one end of this great nation to the other and not have to

ask permission to do so. We are free to vote for whom-ever we want.

"The United States of America was founded on the ideas of freedom, justice and equality. Our nation stands as a shining beacon of liberty and freedom to the world."

To those who have served and were being honored on Saturday, Ray declared: "We shall not forget you. We shall always remember you."

"Many of you here today have answered that call and served your country well. We are here today to say thank you and we are honored by you.

"Our service men and women are part of the best-trained, best equipped force in the world. We honor them and their families for the sacrifices they make each day to keep our country safe."

Ray shared a special message with those in attendance at the ceremony: "When you see a veteran or an active duty member of the armed forces, take a moment to say thank you."

The ceremony included the laying of wreaths in remembrance, and in memory of, all of those who have served, or are serving, in the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Merchant Marines.

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### Honor Wreaths for Veterans distributed

City of Anna public works manager Gary Dahmer presents an Honor Wreath for Veterans to local Boy Scout leader Frankie Williams.

## Fellowship House, Centerstone to align services

In a move that will increase the access for substance use disorder services across Southern Illinois, Centerstone and The Fellowship House on Thursday, Dec. 12, announced that they will be aligning their services through an affiliation which is effective in January 2020.

"We are excited by this move because together, we can improve access to life-saving care across the communities we serve. Our affiliation means a stronger continuum of care for a large, underserved area in Illinois," Centerstone regional CEO John Markley said in a news release.

"Each organization has a strong 50-year history of service, and through this affiliation, we plan to reduce barriers to care, enhance the continuum of services and improve opportunities for staff growth, both personal and professional."

The Fellowship House is a private, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization based in Anna.

The organization provides services to those experiencing substance use disorders and co-occurring problems, and also serves Union County and Massac County schools with a prevention program.

"At The Fellowship House, we know that each person must take things one day at a time. Providing the tools and skills to live a healthier, happier lifestyle has always been our focus, and I'm excited that we will be able to expand upon this through our affiliation with Centerstone" said Mickey Finch, CEO of The Fellowship House for more than 40 years.

"The Fellowship House detox and residential rehab services will enhance Centerstone and, together with Centerstone's services, will

enhance the continuum of services and provide even more efficient, timely excellent services to patients."

Finch said she sees the move as the best way to ensure the best future possible

for those served by The Fellowship House's programs. The new alignment further is seen as a way for The Fellowship House to grow and thrive.

The Fellowship House

has 25 employees. The Fellowship House serves about 20 to 25 people in its residential detox program. Out-patient care is provided to about 30 to 40 people.

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The Fellowship House is located along North Main Street in Anna, near the Illinois Veterans Home.





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Fines and Fees	\$173.90
Grants/E-Rate	\$2,548.09
Miscellaneous	\$64.75
Interest	\$118.20
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$40,772.82</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Salaries Under \$25,000	\$15,372.35
<b>TOTAL SALARIES</b>	<b>\$15,372.35</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Insurance	\$1,785
Library Materials	\$1,876
Library Supplies	\$377
Repairs/Maintenance	\$370
Memberships/Dues	\$685
Utilities	\$3,867
Taxes	\$1,259
Small Equipment	\$94
Legal and Accounting	\$1,187
Postage	\$116
Travel	\$34
Programs	\$295
Consulting	\$300
Banking	\$25
<b>DISBURSEMENTS TO VENDORS \$2,500 OR MORE</b>	
Lazerware, Inc.	\$5,173
Clearwave Communications	\$4,270
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$37,085.35</b>

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Subscribed and sworn to me, this 9th day of December A.D., 2019.  
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**Honor Wreaths for Veterans**  
 Honor Wreaths were presented during Saturday's ceremony in honor of the nation's branches of service, as well as for prisoners of war and those missing in action.

**Honor Wreaths for Veterans**  
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A remembrance wreath also was laid in honor of the 93,129 U.S. service men and women from all branches of the service whose last known status was either as prisoners of war or missing in action. "Those individuals have never returned to their families and homes. We shall never forget them," Ray said.

As the ceremony neared

its conclusion, Ray said: "The wreaths before you represent our commitment as a united America to remember the fallen."  
 "We also want these remembrance wreaths to symbolize our honor to those who have served and are serving in the armed forces of our great nation and to their families who endure sacrifices every day on our behalf."

**Fellowship House**

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As The Fellowship House and Centerstone join together, Finch said that after 40 years of service, she is planning to retire in early January 2020. After joining The Fellowship House as a counselor in 1979, she became executive director in 1980.

Finch said she will continue to serve as a consultant for six months.

In the first phase of the affiliation plan, the two entities will begin to do business as one, under the Centerstone name.

Members of The Fellowship House board of directors will be invited to join the Centerstone board of directors.

Those involved with the new alignment said that current Fellowship House clients and staff should not notice any gaps in their care or employment.

In the second phase, which is slated to begin on July 1, 2020, employees

will officially be transitioned into Centerstone.

Centerstone is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to delivering care that changes people's lives.

Centerstone provides mental health and substance abuse treatment, education and support to communities in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Centerstone offers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities life skills development, employment and housing services.

Nationally, Centerstone has specialized programs for service members, veterans and their loved ones, and develops employee assistance programs for businesses of all sizes.

Centerstone's Research Institute works to improve behavioral health care through research and technology. Centerstone's Foundation secures philanthropic resources to support our work.

**Jury finds Carterville man guilty on drug-related charges**

Union County State's Attorney Daniel Klingemann reports that Aaron Lee Isaacson, 37, of Carterville, was found guilty on two drug-related charges on Dec. 10.

Isaacson was found guilty by a Union County jury on one count of unlawful possession of methamphetamine, which is a Class 3 felony, and one count of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, which is a Class A misdemeanor.

Isaacson was arrested in March 2018 by Union County Sheriff's Office deputies and Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Po-

lice Officers following a traffic crash report in which he was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

The Class 3 felony carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

The case was prosecuted by Union County Assistant State's Attorney Lisa C. Casper.

A sentencing hearing has been set for 9 a.m. on Jan. 30 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Isaacson remains in custody at the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

**County board meets**

Commissioners reorganize, hear praise for work done by sheriff's office, learn about grant, approve appropriations ordinance

Reorganization, praise for work done by the sheriff's office, approval of a budget and appropriations ordinance and news about grant funding were topics of discussion at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, Dec. 13, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The first order of business at Friday morning's meeting was the annual reorganization of the county board.

Max Miller was reelected as the board's chairman. Bobby Toler Jr. was re-elected as vice chairman of the five-member board of commissioners.

In other business at the meeting:

Shawnee School District No. 84 superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill attended the meeting.

Clover-Hill said she wanted to voice appreciation for the continued work that Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel and the Union County Sheriff's Office do for the Shawnee School District.

The District 84 superintendent said that the sheriff and the sheriff's office are "phenomenal" in terms of

the work they do to keep the school safe.

"I wanted to make sure you hear" the positive work which is done, Clover-Hill said. "I just wanted to praise the department."

The commissioners approved a combined annual budget and appropriations ordinance for the fiscal year which began on Dec. 1. The fiscal year continues through Nov. 30, 2020.

Appropriations for the fiscal year total \$36,235,845. The budget will be balanced.

Board of commissioners chairman Miller voiced appreciation to the county's elected officials and department heads for all of the work they did to help ensure that the county has a balanced budget.

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer reported that his office has been awarded a \$30,766.24 grant from the Illinois State Board of Elections.

The Help America Vote Act grant will help to support cyber security for local election authorities.

The commissioners approved two tourism grants: one for \$6,700 to the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail and one for \$2,200 to the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail Lodging Association.

**Chester man sentenced to 30 years in prison for first degree murder**

A Chester man has been sentenced to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for first degree murder.

Special prosecutor Matt Goetten and Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel on Monday, Dec. 16, announced the sentencing of William P. Wasmund, 49, of Chester, on one count of first degree murder, which is a Class M felony.

Wasmund also will serve three years of mandatory supervised release.

Wasmund was found guilty in September after a four-day jury trial.

Wasmund was arrested in February by Union County Sheriff's Office deputies following an investigation into the death of Jeffery A. Spicer, 54, of Murphysboro.

Spicer was found dead along the highway at 7625 State Route 3 North in rural

Union County on Sept. 16, 2018.

Evidence presented at trial showed that Wasmund set a shotgun with a trigger which was set to fire when the door of a shed opened, knowing that such act created a strong probability of death or great bodily harm to any person opening the door of the shed.

The shed was located at the 7625 State Route 3 North property.

The case was investigated by the Union County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police Crime Scene investigators, Carbondale Police/Southern Illinois University Carbondale Police bomb squad, Illinois Secretary of State Police bomb squad and the Union County coroner's office.

**Association president calls for respect for reporters on job**

National Newspaper Association, NNA, president Matthew Adelman this week issued a call for civility and respect for journalists as they do their jobs.

His call follows the release of a news report about a reporter in Chattooga County (Georgia) who was attacked while covering a local meeting.

Adelman is the publisher of the Douglas (Wyoming) Budget. The Gazette-Democrat is a member of the NNA.

Reporter Casie Bryant, who is with an internet publication called All of Georgia, was the victim of battery when the wife of a county commissioner, who was apparently upset at the publication's news coverage, poured a soda over Bryant's head while she covered the meeting. Police were called.

The Summerville (Georgia) News reported that the attacker, Abby Winters, later said she tripped and accidentally poured a dark soft drink over the reporter's head.

But the Summerville police report quoted witnesses hearing Winters say, "she deserved it."

Adelman said the incident was a sobering reminder that journalists at all levels of news coverage can draw violent responses to their stories, even at an event as routine as the county budget meeting that Bryant was covering.

"We are seeing a rise in attacks," Adelman said. "National news may focus upon atrocities committed on journalists in other countries and let us think that our tradition of free press protects community journalists."

"We must be concerned when our domestic tensions wind up focusing on reporters who are simply doing their jobs."

"NNA is calling upon journalists to maintain their professional detachment as they stick to the facts and leave their opinions to the editorial pages, and upon public servants to remember that it is our job to cover their work."

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**'The Year of the Woman' begins**

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council kicked off its 2019-2020 season of plays with "Steel Magnolias," a dramatic comedy written by Robert Harling and best known for its adaptation into a classic feature film. The play centers on a beauty shop in a small town in Louisiana, and the lives of the women who frequent it. The play ran from Dec. 6 to Dec. 8 at the Anna Arts Center.

The cast for the performance included, from left, Elisabeth Collins as Truvy, Nancy Kucera as Ouiser, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student Sophia Dudley as Annelle and Mary Beth Hileman as Clairee. Also in the cast were Angie Gordon as M'Lynn and Morgan Bunch as Shelby.

The performance marked the start of the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's series, "The Year of the Woman," a collection of plays celebrating the anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right to vote to everyone, regardless of gender. The next play in the series is scheduled to be "Women of Choice," a collection of monologues by contemporary women. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

**Notice**

The Christmas holiday will be celebrated Wednesday, December 25.

Due to the observance of the holiday, deadlines for the December 26 issue of The Gazette-Democrat will be changed.

The deadlines for next week's paper include:  
 Classified ads: 10 a.m. Monday, December 23.  
 Display ads: Noon Monday, December 23.  
 Obituaries: 9 a.m. Monday, December 23.  
 News and sports items: 2 p.m. Friday, December 20.  
 Thank you for your cooperation.

*Have a Merry Christmas*

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**Christmas service set at Kornthal**

A Christmas service is planned Thursday, today, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after the service. Kornthal Church is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

**Weather Nearly inch of snow on ground Tuesday**

Union County residents were greeted by nearly an inch of snow as they headed off on their morning commute on Tuesday.

Local weather observer Dana Cross reported that he measured about three-quarters of an inch of snow on Tuesday morning.

The Union County Sheriff's Office reported that there had been no major problems as a result of the snow.

Parts of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri were under a winter weather advisory on Monday and Tuesday.

Union County was included in the advisory, which was issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

Freezing rain, drizzle, sleet and snow were expected in the area covered by the advisory.

Temperatures in the Union County area during the period of Dec. 10-16 ranged from a high of 51 to a low of 18.

Precipitation during the period, along with the snow, included .01 of an inch of rain on Dec. 13, .02 of an inch of rain on Dec. 14, .05 of an inch of rain on Dec. 15 and .94 of an inch of rain on Dec. 16.

Following are temperatures for the period as recorded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

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Tuesday, Dec. 10	36	21
Wednesday, Dec. 11	48	18
Thursday, Dec. 12	51	26
Friday, Dec. 13	45	27
Saturday, Dec. 14	42	32
Sunday, Dec. 15	36	30
Monday, Dec. 16	35	31

**Cross of Peace to host Blue Christmas service**

The Cross of Peace at Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass plans to host a Blue Christmas service on Friday, Dec. 20.

The service, sometimes called the Longest Night service, is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the welcome center at the cross.

Dec. 21 is the shortest day, and the longest night, of the year.

Those who are planning the service note that Christmas is a time of joy and celebration.

But for those who are hurting from the loss of

a loved one, or a difficult change in their lives, or any number of other reasons, Christmas can be a lonely and difficult time.

The Blue Christmas service is a time for people who are experiencing the holidays as difficult to come together for a time of reflection, renewal and hope.

The Rev. Larry Gilbert will be leading a brief service inside the welcome center. No registration is necessary.

For more information, contact Teresa at 618-713-8516 or email director@baldknobcross.com.



**Snow on the streets Tuesday morning**

Snow covered side streets in the Union County area early Tuesday morning. The snow had fallen during the night. Main roads were clear, for the most part. The photograph was taken along Jefferson Street in Anna.



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*The winner of the Shop Locally drawing on Saturday, December 14, was Linda Knauer. Linda was unavailable for a photo. Linda chose to receive her \$100 check from Union County Market.*

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**DEPOSIT AT**



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**ENTRY FORM**

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# Sports

1,000-point scorers noted

## Appleknockers score three wins in recent play



### Special achievement

Cobden High School's Joe Brumleve, left, and Noah Franklin, right, each have scored 1,000 points during their playing careers. Franklin was honored at the school last Friday night. Franklin topped the 1,000-point mark at the recent Vienna Tournament. Brumleve accomplished the career scoring achievement in Cobden's game against Shawnee on Friday night, Dec. 13.

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team won three games in recent action.

**Cobden 65, Shawnee 17:** The host Appleknockers pulled ahead early to win the Hall of Fame game Friday, Dec. 13.

Cobden led 17-4 after one quarter and 23-6 at the half.

Noah Franklin and Dylan Lewey led the way with 17 points apiece.

Joe Brumleve added 11 points for Cobden, followed by Jose Lopez 6, Tyler Franklin and Alex Remsey 5 apiece, Sippy Zamora and Landon Britt 2 apiece.

**Cobden 67, Meridian 50:** The visiting Appleknockers led 18-15 at the end of one quarter and 32-26 at the half on their way to the win Tuesday, Dec. 10.

## Cobden girls score win on road against Hardin County

The Cobden High School girls' basketball team split last week.

**Cobden 61, Hardin County 45:** The visiting Appleknockers came on in the third quarter on the way to their first win of the season Thursday, Dec. 12.

Hardin County was ahead 18-10 after one quarter and 33-29 at the half. Cobden fought back to pull ahead 41-39 going into the final quarter.

Jenna Hartline scored 28 points to lead Cobden. Abby Remsey added 22 points, Aubrey Fisher 5 and Katelyn Shadowens,

Rhylee Sauerbrunn and Gracelynn Fisher 2 apiece.

**Christopher 54, Cobden 35:** The host Lady Cats pulled ahead 10-4 after one quarter on their way to the win Monday, Dec. 9.

Hartline led the way for the Appleknockers with 23 points and now has scored 1,000 points during her high school playing career.

Remsey and Shadowens had 4 points apiece and Aubrey Fisher and Olivia Brumleve 2 each.

Cobden, 1-9, is scheduled to play again at home against Du Quoin on Saturday.

## Wildcat wrestling team 5-2

As of early this week, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team had a 5-2 record for the season.

The Wildcats split at Pinckneyville Tuesday, Dec. 10.

A-J defeated the host Panthers 46-12 and lost to Harrisburg 39-33.

The Wildcats defeated host Carterville 40-36 and then lost to Benton 46-33 on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

At home to open the season, A-J defeated Trico, Red Bud and Goreville on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Following are records for the A-J wrestlers:

Amiyah Hart, 113 pounds, 4-1; Arojae Hart, 120 pounds, 6-0; Blake Mays, 132 pounds, 5-0; Caleb Mays, 138 pounds, 6-1; Barry Johnson, 152 pounds, 7-0; David Kester, 126 pounds, 5-0 and Bryce Lingle, 160 pounds, 6-1.

## Nashville outscores Wildcats

Host Nashville pulled ahead 12-0 on its way to a 49-28 win over Anna-Jonesboro in a Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division high school boys' basketball game Friday, Dec. 13.

Noah McFarland scored 6 points and had a rebound to lead the Wildcats.

Zach Overstreet had 5 points and 3 rebounds for A-J. Blake Pena had 5 points and a rebound. Damarion Faust had 4 points and 2 rebounds. Juan Valencia had 3 points and 3 rebounds. Maddox Thorpe had 3 points. Ta'Kevon Williford had 2 points and 3 rebounds.

A-J was 5 of 19 in shot attempts from the floor, 2 of 9 from 3-point range and 12 of 14 from the free throw line.

Nashville was 14 of 21 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 8 from 3-point range and 6 of 7 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 3-4, is scheduled to play Friday at home against Carterville and Saturday at home against Massac County.

## A-J/Cobden players, coach earn recognition

Four Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden boys' co-op high school soccer players have earned 2019 All-South honors.

All-South players from the Union County square included junior Nick McGrath as a defender, senior Blake Pena as a forward, senior Steen Vaca Diez as a mid-fielder and senior Carlos Valencia as a forward.

A-J/Cobden head coach Mark Boomer was named as the All-South coach of the year.

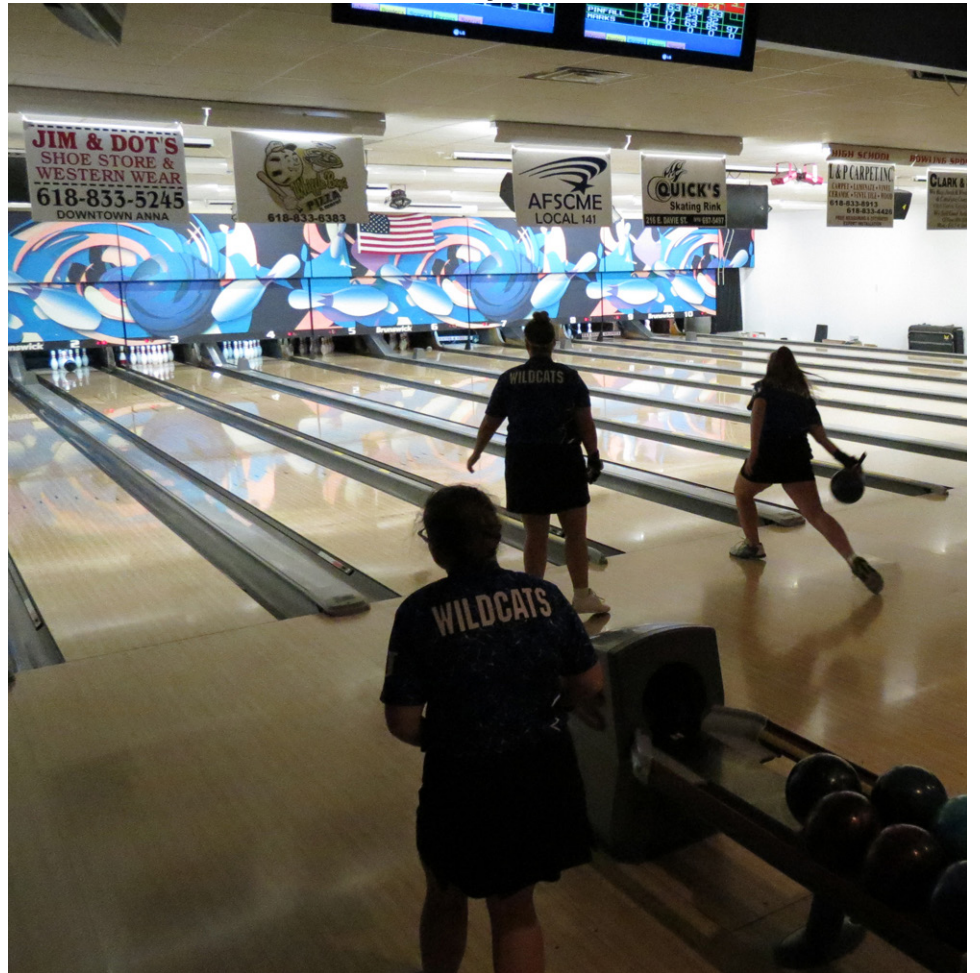


### Cobden, Shawnee in action

Shawnee, in dark uniforms, and host Cobden faced off in boys' high school basketball action Friday night, Dec. 13. Cobden scored a one-sided win in the match-up featuring two Union County foes.

## A-J bowling teams in action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' and boys' bowling teams were in action at home on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 11. A-J faced Herrin in a match which was played at The Strike Zone in Anna. A-J is scheduled to host a Senior Night match on Thursday, today. Senior A-J bowlers include Bre Stone, Jacob Cross and Tyler Sutton.



Members of the A-J girls' bowling team are silhouetted by the lights at The Strike Zone.



A-J's Tyler Sutton lines up a throw during last week's match in Anna.

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## Union County CEO program hosts Holiday Hoops basketball tournament

The Union County CEO program hosted its annual Holiday Hoops basketball tournament on Sunday, Dec. 15, in the Union Hall gymnasium at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The bracket-style tournament featured men and women on over 20 teams competing in 3 on 3 games throughout the day. The Whitney Accounting team was the eventual tournament winner.

The main event of the day was a full-court game featuring teams consisting of area firefighters and police officers. The police won the game with the final score of 54-47. Group photo from Union County CEO program website. Game photos by Benjamin Marxer.



## A-J girls' basketball 1-2 in recent play

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team was 1-2 in games played last week.

**A-J 69, Sparta 32:** The visiting Lady Wildcats built an early lead on their way to the win Saturday, Dec. 14.

Addison Denny had 17 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals to lead A-J.

Mikayla Bundren had 17 points, including 5 3-pointers, 2 assists and a steal for A-J. Raegan Cruse had 11 points, 8 rebounds, 5 steals and 3 assists. Kristin Edmonds had 10 points, 9 rebounds, 6 assists and 4 steals. Anna Hess had 7 points and 2 rebounds. Sydnie Ralls had 6 points,

3 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal. Olivia Capel had 2 points.

**Saxony Lutheran (Jackson, Mo.) 66, A-J 50:** Saxony Lutheran took an early lead in the game on its way to the win over the visiting Lady Wildcats Thursday, Dec. 12.

Hess had 17 points, 12 rebounds, 4 steals, an assist and a block to lead A-J.

Edmonds had 15 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, a steal and a block. Bundren had 8 points, 7 rebounds, a steal and a block. Brodie Denny had 4 points.

Jaylee Watkins had 3 points, a rebound, a steal, an assist and a block. Cruse had 2 points, 4 rebounds, an assist, a steal and a block.

Addison Denny had a point, 2 rebounds and 2 assists.

**Cartersville 48 A-J 43:** The host Lady Wildcats fell behind at the half on their way to the loss Monday, Dec. 9.

Bundren had 14 points, including four 3-pointers, 5 rebounds and a block to lead A-J.

Edmonds had 12 points, 3 assists, a rebound and a steal. Cruse had 7 points, 3 assists, a rebound and a block. Hess had 6 points and 2 rebounds.

Watkins had 4 points, 4 rebounds, an assist and a steal. Addison Denny had 2 rebounds and 2 assists.

A-J, 5-6, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Du Quoin and at Massac County Saturday.

## Cobden outscores A-J Saturday as Union County rivals face off



A-J's Nate Belcher, in dark uniform, and Cobden's Joe Brumleve, in white uniform. Photo by Kaya Coleman.



A-J's Blake Pena, number 12, and Maddox Thorpe, both in dark uniforms; and Cobden's Joe Brumleve, number 32, and Dylan Lewey, number 10, both in dark uniforms. Photo by Kaya Coleman.

Joe Brumleve and Landon Britt scored a pair of free throws apiece to close out the scoring and lead Cobden to a 61-57 overtime win over Union County rival Anna-Jonesboro in high school boys' basketball action Saturday night, Dec. 14.

"It was a pretty exciting game," Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said. A standing room only crowd was on hand for the big game.

The Cobden/A-J matchup has gone into overtime for two years in a row. A-J won last year's game.

With A-J's Noah McFarland scoring the first basket of the game to start the game, the Wildcats pulled ahead 5-2.

McFarland closed out the quarter with a basket and A-J led 14-8 after one quarter.

Juan Lopez made a 3-point and Noah Franklin added a bucket at the end of the second quarter to give Cobden a 22-21 halftime advantage.

Tyler Franklin and Dylan Lewey scored a basket apiece to lead Cobden to a 26-21 lead to open the second half.

The Appleknockers led 50-48 after three quarters. Blake Pena scored to put A-J ahead 52-50 in the last minute of regulation play. Cobden's Joe Brumleve countered with a pair of free throws to send the game into overtime.

Brumleve led Cobden

## A-J's Denny named All-South

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Brodie Denny has earned 2019 All-South recognition in cross country.

Brodie, who competes in Class 1A, advanced to Illinois High School Association state competition this season.

with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Noah Franklin added 15 points and 7 rebounds for Cobden. Tyler Franklin had 7 points and a rebound. Alex Remsey had 5 points and 4 rebounds. Britt had 5 points. Lewey added 4 points and 4 rebound. Lopez had 3 points and a rebound.

Noah Franklin and Brumleve have each scored 1,000 career points in high school. Noah Franklin topped the mark at the recent Vienna Tournament. Brumleve achieved the career scoring mark in the Shawnee game held Friday, Dec. 13.

Zach Overstreet had 18 points and 2 rebounds to lead A-J.

Juan Valencia had 13 points and 2 rebounds for the Wildcats. McFarland had 13 points and a rebound. Pena had 5 points and 2 rebounds. Damareon Faust had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Ta'Kevon Wiliford and Maddox Thorpe each had 2 points apiece.

A-J was 15 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor, 7 of 24 from 3-point range and 6 of 8 from the free throw line.

Cobden was 20 of 33 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 7 from 3-point range and 12 of 14 from the charity stripe.

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**FIRST SOUTHERN BANK, Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**CACHE CREEK ANIMAL RESCUE, INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION, DONNA L. HAWK, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**

**Case No. 2019-CH-14**

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is here- by given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above court

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**vs.**

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Defendant(s).

**Residential Mortgage Foreclosure**

**Case No.: 2019-CH-31**

**Judge: Presiding**

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS, SAID PARCEL IS PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 341, PAGE 282 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF DOUGLAS R. CHARLES AND WENDY L. CHARLES, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN

IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 12' 51" E, 169.80 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO AN IRON ROD SET AT A CORNER OF THE PICKEL PROPERTY (BOOK 195, PAGE 515), THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID PICKEL PROPERTY THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) CALLS: THENCE N 10 DEGREES 47' 32" E, 144.57 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 13 DEGREES 13' 34" E, 126.48 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 17 DEGREES 17' 43" E, 142.76 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 67 DEGREES 49' 24" E, 92.36 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 62 DEGREES 18' 59" , 177.55 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 177.55 FEET, TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF FAIR CITY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF FAIR CITY ROAD THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS: THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH CHORD BEARING S 04 DEGREES 11' 36" E, 75.78 FEET, A RADIUS OF 208.72 FEET, AND AS ARC LENGTH OF 76.20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 02 DEGREES 03' 39" E, 70.87 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 12 DEGREES 58' 32" E, 100.28 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 21 DEGREES 32' 29" E, 124.07 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N 09 DEGREES 12' 51" W, 417.41 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 21.62 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID

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Permanent Index Number: 09-20-06-435

Commonly known as: 166 Fair City Road, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Union County at the Union County Courthouse located at 309 West Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952 on or before January 6, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**FIRST SOUTHERN BANK, Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**CACHE CREEK ANIMAL RESCUE, INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION, DONNA L. HAWK, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**

**Case No. 2019-CH-14**

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is here- by given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above court entered in the above entitled cause on October 8, 2019, the following described real estate will on the 8th day of January, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in a courtroom of the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, IL 62952, be offered for sale and sold at public venue by the Sheriff of Union County.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Lawler Brown Law Firm, 1600 West Main Street, PO Box 1148, Marion, IL 62959, telephone (618) 993-2222.

B. The common address and other common description, if any, of the parcel of real estate is 6535 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, IL 62912.

C. The legal description of the first parcel of real estate is as follows:

THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH,



RANGE, 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE N.89 DEGREES 41' 18" E., 686.81 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUED N.89 DEGREES 41' 18" E., 548.76 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LICK CREEK ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, S.43 DEGREES 10' 50" W., 522.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1116.00 FEET IN LENGTH OF 241.96 FEET (CHORD BEARS S.49 DEGREES 23' 31" W., 241.49 FEET); THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N.00 DEGREES 50' 12" W., 535.32 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.553 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON MARCH 27, 1997, IN RECORD BOOK 141 AT PAGE 369 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS;

**AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO creditors of the death of Ruby J. Hunter of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 6, 2019, to Brenda L. Garver, 271 Lake Hill Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the

Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 12, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: December 6, 2019.

BRENDA L. GARVER  
INDEPENDENT  
EXECUTOR

CAMERON LAW FIRM,  
LLC  
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EXECUTOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE FIRST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF:**

**JAMES R. CASEY,  
Deceased.  
2019-P-39**

**NOTICE OF DEATH,  
INDEPENDENT  
ADMINISTRATION  
AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF the death of James R. Casey, of Anna, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 3, 2019, to Nancy Elizabeth Modglin, 710 Friedens Road, St. Charles, Missouri, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is William B. Ballard, Jr., 500 South Main Street, Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992,

Ch.755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 19, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/19-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

NANCY ELIZABETH  
MODGLIN

WILLIAM B. BALLARD,  
JR.  
ATTORNEY FOR  
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**STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
CIRCUIT COURT  
UNION COUNTY**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE  
OF COURT DATE FOR  
REQUEST FOR NAME  
CHANGE (ADULT)**

**Request of:  
Pamela Jane Thompson  
2019-MR-117**

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Pamela Jane Thompson to the new name of: Pamela Jane Sadler.

The court date will be held on January 21, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL, Union County, in Courtroom #1.

Pamela Jane Thompson  
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NETWORK**

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**Television Listings**

**THURSDAY**

TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Women's College Volleyball	The Misery The Misery	Chrisley Chrisley	Sydney BUNK'D	"The Town" (10) (HD)	"Rampage" (18) (HD)	(15) Shameless (HD)
7 PM :30	Prep & Prep &	Young Unicorn	Last Man Standing	Miss Amer. Harmony		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chrisley Chrisley	Just Roll	Watchmen (HD)	"Get Carter" Enforcer's revenge.	"A Bad Moms Christmas" Rebellious moms.
8 PM :30	American Baking Show	(01) Mom Carol's	Prodigal Son (HD)	Place Will (HD)	Update Women's College Volleyball	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chrisley Chrisley	Jessie Naive nanny.	(10) ★★ "Hellboy" (19) Half-demon man, (HD)	(45) "Deja Vu" (06) Federal agent travels back in time.	Gen. Q "Less is More"
9 PM :30		Evil (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chrisley Chrisley	Coop & Cam Sydney			Work
10 PM :30	Local	Local		(35) Tonight (HD)	Sports	Conan	Chrisley	Raven	"Well Groomed" (19)		Gigolos
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn	Chrisley	Just Roll	"Red Riding Hood"	★★ "Drive Angry" (11)	

**DECEMBER 19, 2019**

**FRIDAY**

TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	"A Christmas Story" (83) A boy's life. (HD)	Family Family	(4:55) "Movie"	His Dark Materials	"Say It Isn't So" (01)	★★★ "Den of Thieves"
7 PM :30	TBA	Love Lucy (HD)	WWWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	Global Citizens Prize	NBA Basketball Dallas vs Philadelphia (Live) (HD)	"A Christmas Story" (83) A boy's life. (HD)	Family Family	Unstable	(15) "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (11)	★★★ "Crazy Rich Asians" (18) Wealthy family.	"Green Book" South tour. (HD)
8 PM :30	20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)		"A Christmas Story" (83) A boy's life. (HD)	Family Family	BUNK'D			(10) Flack "Brooke"
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.		NBA Basketball New Orleans vs Golden State (Live) (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family Family	Coop & Cam Raven	Watchmen (HD)	★★★ "Mean Girls" "A list girl clique."	(10) Q "Less is More"
10 PM :30	Local	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local	Local	(35) Tonight (HD)	★★★ "Hitch" (05) (HD)	Family Family	Unstable	24/7 "Kelly Slater"	"Game Night" A murder mystery.	(10) "American" (17)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local	Local	Local	Local	Family	Family	Jessie	(10) "Shazam!" (19)		

**DECEMBER 20, 2019**

**SATURDAY**

TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Studio	College Basketball	Local Programs	Local Programs	(4:30) College Football (HD)	Sainfield	Sex & City	(5:05) "Movie"	"A Star Is Born" (18)	(4:30) "Traffic" (01)	(15) "Peppermint" (18) Woman's revenge.
7 PM :30	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Young Unicorn	PBC Fight Night (Live)	The Voice (HD)		Sainfield	Sex & City	Big City	"The Sun Is Also a Star" (19)	"Armageddon" (98) Bruce Willis. Asteroid threatens. (HD)	"El Chicano" (19) Detective's revenge. (HD)
8 PM :30		Bob Hearts	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	College Football (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Sex & City Sex & City	Big City	His Dark Materials		
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Sex & City Sex & City	Big City	Unstable	(40) Watchmen (HD)	(35) ★★★ "Hanna" (11) Thriller. Teen assassin.
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Family	Raven	Just Roll	"The Sun Is Also a Star" (19)	Gen. Q
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local	Local	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	The Misery	Family	Just Roll	Jessie		Gen. Q "Less is More"

**DECEMBER 21, 2019**

**SUNDAY**

TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	I Want a Dog	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live)	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	(5:00) ★★★ "Batman Returns" (92)	Law & Order: SVU	Luck NYC	His Dark Materials	"The Tree of Life"	Ray Donovan (HD)
7 PM :30	Kids Say (HD)	The Price Is Right at	Man (HD)	(7:00) Sunday Night Football Kansas City Chiefs at Chicago Bears (Live) (HD)	Sports CFB 150	"Suicide Squad" (16) Will Smith. Villains team-up. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Mr. Robot (HD)	His Dark Materials	★★★ "The Meg" (18) Pre-historic monster.	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	The Year: 2019 (HD)	A Home for	Burgers	Dateline NBC (HD)	College Football (HD)	Mr. Robot (HD)	Mr. Robot (HD)	Star Wars	★★★ "Bridesmaids" (11) Maid of honor. (HD)	(55) "Jaws" (75, Thriller) Shark attacks. (HD)	Gen. Q "Lost Love"
9 PM :30		NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	Sat. Night Live (HD)		Mr. Robot (HD)	Mr. Robot (HD)	Big City	Raven	(10) Dan Soder (HD)	Work
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	"Suicide Squad" (16) Villains team-up. (HD)	Treadstone (HD)	Just Roll	Just Roll	"Green Lantern" (11)	Gen. Q "Lost Love"
11 PM :30	(35) Local	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Mr. Robot (HD)	Mr. Robot (HD)	Jessie	"Green Lantern" (11)	"The Gunman" (15)	Shameless

**DECEMBER 22, 2019**

**MONDAY**

TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Dad (HD)	Family	"Arthur Christmas"	(5:45) "Shazam!" (19) Orphan gets power.	"Regarding Henry"	Gen. Q "Lost Love"
7 PM :30	"Same Time Next Christmas" (19) (HD)	The Price Is Right at	9-1-1 "Triggers" (HD)	The Voice Hopefuls coached. (HD)	Monday Football Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Family	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	★★★ "Good Luck Charlie!" (11)	"Prisoners" (13) Father searches for missing daughter.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30		All Rise (HD)	(01) Prodigal Son	This Is Us (HD)		Fam Guy	Family	Unstable	His Dark Materials	On Becoming a God	
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Bull Return to work.	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Bluff City Law		Fam Guy	Family	Just Roll	His Dark Materials	Gen. Q "Lost Love"	
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	(15) SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Conan	Family	Music	Mel Brooks (HD)	Ray Donovan (HD)	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Local	Seinfeld	Family	Good Luck	Jessie	"The Ice Harvest" (9)	Shameless (HD)

**DECEMBER 23, 2019**

**TUESDAY**

TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	E:60 (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	"Harry Potter and Prisoner"	Jessie	"The Kid Who" (18)	"Mamma Mia" (18)	"Gangster" (07) (HD)
7 PM :30	Prep (HD)	NCIS (HD)	A Christmas Story Live! Christmas chaos.	The Voice (HD)	College Football "2019 SoFi Hawaii Bowl" BYU vs Hawaii (Live) (HD)	"A Christmas Story" (83) A boy's life. (HD)	(28) "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (05) (HD)	Disney	★★ "Little" (19) Adult to child. (HD)	★★★ "Say It Isn't So" (01) (R) (HD)	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	Santa Claus Is Comin	FBI "Closure" (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(01) New Amsterdam		"A Christmas Story" (83) A boy's life. (HD)	Just Roll	Unstable	"The Sun Is Also a Star" Desperate love.	(40) ★★ "Monkeybone" (01) (HD)	Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM :30	Conners	FBI "Scorched Earth"	Local Programs Local info.	Local		"A Christmas Story" (83) A boy's life. (HD)	Raven	Undercover			Shameless (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Fantastic Beasts and Where" (16) (HD)	Undercover	Big City	"Can You Keep a Secret?" (19)	"Quantum of Solace" (08) Market corruption.	Inside the NFL (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Christmas	Local Programs	The Christmas Eve Mass	Local	"Christmas Story"	Just Roll	Luck NYC		"Rambo" (08) (HD)	

**DECEMBER 24, 2019**

**WEDNESDAY**

TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	NBA (Live)	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Sports	"Christmas Story"	(401) "Phoenix" (07)	Sydney BUNK'D	"Jingle All the Way"	"Life of the Party"	★★★ "Bad Moms" (17)
7 PM :30	NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	Neighbor.	The Moodys (HD)	TBA	NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	Raven	"Bohemian Rhapsody" (18, Drama) (HD)	"Skyscraper" Burning building.	"Green Book" (18, Drama) South tour. (HD)
8 PM :30		Mom (HD)	The Moodys	"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (00) (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Just Roll		"Ready Player One" (18) 1980s. Virtual reality.	"Second Act" (18) Jennifer Lopez. New job.
9 PM :30	black-ish	All Rise (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	NBA Basketball New Orleans vs Denver (Live) (HD)	Frontal	(08) "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (09) Enemy's origin.	Big City	"Love Actually" (03) Tales of love and life in England. (R)		
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	(35) Tonight (HD)	Conan	Family	Undercover		★★★ "The Marine" (06)	"Spotlight" (15) (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Local	Seinfeld	Family	Undercover	Austin & Jessie & Ally		

**DECEMBER 25, 2019**

Permanent Index Number: 02-09-00-748.

D. A description of the real improvements on the real estate is commercial property.

E. The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 2020, inside the Courthouse in Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois.

F. The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified check or the equivalent thereof at the time of sale. This property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

G. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate.

H. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Dated: November 25, 2019

LAWLER BROWN LAW FIRM  
By: Adam B. Lawler

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**IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE FIRST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS**

**ESTATE OF  
RUBY J. HUNTER,  
DECEASED.  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 2019-P-41**

**NOTICE OF DEATH  
INDEPENDENT  
ADMINISTRATION,**



# Obituaries

## Ronald M. Davis

Ronald M. Davis, 44, of Anna, died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on April 3, 1975, in Murphysboro to Marvin Dean and Karen Lee Galbraith Davis.

He was a 1994 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. He currently worked at ILS as a caregiver. He was formerly an over-the-road truck driver.

His passions were the St. Louis Cardinals and hard rock music. He attended the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

He is survived by his sister, Amy (David) Casper, and nieces Kaitlin and Emily Casper, all of Anna; an uncle, Gary (Cathy) Galbraith of Carterville; cousins Twila Godinez and Isaac Godinez, both of Texas, and Talia Miller of Carterville; lifelong friend Jason Hess of Anna; and numerous friends at Anna Vista.

He was preceded in death by his parents and uncle, Jerry Lynn Galbraith.

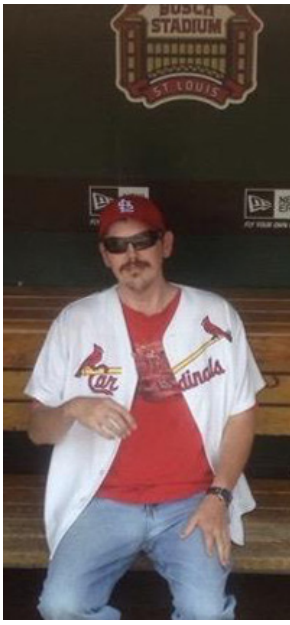
A memorial gathering was held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Family and friends shared reflections at 2:30 p.m.

Inurnment will take place at a later date in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.



## Nathan Anthony Bell

Nathan Anthony Bell, 37, of Anna, died Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, 2019, at 1:52 p.m. in Anna.

He was born on Dec. 20, 1981, in Carbondale.

He married Ashley Sullivan on Jan. 21, 2012, in Mill Creek.

Mr. Bell is survived by his wife, Ashley Bell of Anna; his parents Daryl and Barbara (Bell) Turner of Ullin; four stepsons, Joseph, Noah, Bryce and Trystin Sullivan, all of Jonesboro; a brother, Jessie Bell; and two nephews, Camryn Bell of Kentucky and Austyn Bell of Ullin.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Raymond and Rosa Lee Bell; his paternal grandparents, Carol and Kathrine Turner; and by two sisters, Candy and Amy.

He worked along with his father, Daryl Turner, on grain bins throughout the area. He enjoyed the outdoors and especially enjoyed fishing.

He loved spending time with his wife, kids, mom and dad and nephews. He enjoyed being with his family all the time, making sure his family was happy and loved.

A service honoring the life of Nathan Bell was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna, with Pastor Darryl Williams officiating. Burial was in Ebenezer-Hall Cemetery near Lick Creek.

Memorials may be made to the family to assist with expenses and can be mailed in care of Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, Ill. 62995.

To share a memory or to leave an online message of condolence for his family, visit [www.baileyfh.com](http://www.baileyfh.com).

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna was in charge of arrangements.



## Geraldine I. Winstead

Geraldine I. Winstead, 96, of Carbondale, and formerly of Cobden, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, at her home.

She was born on July 31, 1923, in rural Cobden, the fifth of 13 children born to William Herman and Ruth Rose Brown.

She married Glenn Winstead on Feb. 4, 1945, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

Mrs. Winstead is survived by her husband of 74 years, Glenn Winstead of Carbondale; sisters Betty Ruth Hutton of Bourbonnais and Margaret Santos of Huntington Beach, Calif.; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 10 brothers and sisters, Frances, Charlie, Mary, Helen, Janet, William Jr., Walter Allen, Kenneth, Harry Joe and Lena Jane.

She graduated from Cobden High School in 1941. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cobden for many years.

She and her husband lived on the farm while she worked for Kroger for 17 years and then retired from the First National Bank in Carbondale after 28 years of service.

Graveside services were at noon Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Limestone Cemetery near Cobden, with Pastor Ed Falgot officiating. Interment followed.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden was in charge of arrangements.



## Ray Sadler

Ray Sadler, 95, of Jonesboro, died at 7:04 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on Jan. 21, 1924, in Anna, the son of William and Carrie Wray Sadler.

He married Margaret Hankla on April 13, 1946. She preceded him in death on Dec. 7, 2008.

Mr. Sadler served in the U.S. Army. After serving in the Army, he hauled milk for Prairie Farms Creamery from 1949 until the mid-1990s.

He also was in used car and salvage sales. He loved racing stock cars.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW and a 50-year member of the Jonesboro Masonic Lodge and a Shriners member.

He is survived by his sons, Wesley (Deborah) Sadler and Dale (Tina) Sadler; a daughter, Juvata (Mike) Carter; grandchildren Angela (Chris) Boyd, Jason (Jenny) Sadler, Carrie (Leon) Alsip, Callie (Brock) Eaker, Haleigh Sadler, Morgan Sadler, Dustin Ryan and Brianna Mull; great-grandchildren Hunter Boyd, Jenna Sadler, Abby and Ally Williams, Grace and Madison Mowell, Maislyn Smalley, Avery, Evelyn and Bennett Eaker and Journey Hancock; a sister-in-law, Helen Sitter; a daughter-in-law, Barb (Alan) Casper; numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Wayne Sadler; a grandson, Tim Sadler; a great-grandson, Austin Mowell; a son-in-law, John Carter; and six brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with Pastor Randy Morgan officiating.

Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery, with military honors accorded by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna and the Illinois Honor Guard.

Memorials can be made to Illinois Veterans Home of Anna.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Betty Loraine Irvin

Betty Loraine Irvin, 74, of Champaign, died at 11:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, at the University Rehabilitation Center in Urbana.

She was born on April 29, 1945, in Cobden, the daughter of Ralph E. Irvin and Mabel G. Jackson Irvin. Her parents and her brother, Earl Irvin, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her brothers, Robert (Marilyn) Irvin of Bonnie, and Harold (Clarabell) Irvin of Urbana; her sisters, Jane Woodcock of Urbana and Sharon Rhoton of Philo; 11 nieces and nephews; and many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

A private family service is planned Saturday, Dec. 21, at Mt. Vernon Memorial Gardens in Woodlawn.

Condolences may be offered at [renner-wikoffchapel.com](http://renner-wikoffchapel.com).

**Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox**

We all measure ourselves in some way, in achievement, in money, in status, in friends . . . but how many care enough about life after death to measure themselves against Jesus, Who can save them from death to life? TRUE!

**Congregational Church of Alto Pass**  
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship-Message at 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
 Book of Revelation

## Wanda R. Lovitt

Wanda R. Lovitt, 93, of Belleville, was born on Jan. 14, 1926, in Ullin, and died peacefully on Dec. 13, 2019.

She grew up in Ullin. She graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a degree in both home economics and special education.

A member of the First Baptist Church in Anna, she attended St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville after relocating to Belleville in 1992 upon retirement from Tri-County Special Education Association, where she taught for 25 years.

A member of Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in retirement, she enjoyed volunteering as a "pink lady" for 20 plus years as well as working part time as a senior companion.

She had many interests and hobbies. She was fond of traveling with family and friends and especially loved history and ancestry. She had a wonderful sense of humor and left a legacy of love for her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy E. and Lois A., nee Dillow, Mowery; a brother, Roy Bruce Mowery; and a sister, Violet Eddleman.

Surviving are her three children, Connie Darnell (Don) of Belleville, Harlan Lovitt (Nancy) of Jackson, Mo., and Gina (Steve) Stolton of Mt. Prospect; two granddaughters, Erin (Adam) Hallihan nee Darnell of Naperville and Gabriell Stolton of Mt. Prospect; and two great-grandchildren, Emerson Reese Hallihan and Finnegan Mathews Hallihan of Naperville; and many other family members and friends.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.kurrusfh.com](http://www.kurrusfh.com).

Memorials can be made to the St. John's Cemetery near Dongola or to the Cedarhurst Activities Fund/ Attention: Activities Director.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the First United Presbyterian Church Chapel in Belleville, with Pastor Rob Dyer officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola at 3:30 p.m.

## Eugene C. 'Gene' Schaefer

Gene Schaefer, 94, of Navarre, Fla., and formerly of Anna, died Saturday, Dec. 14, at his home.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

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## Irene Tellor

Irene Tellor, 81, of Dongola, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, at her home.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1938, in Alto Pass, the daughter of John Wallace and Georgia Linton Smith.

She married Walter Tellor on March 20, 1954, in Jonesboro. He preceded her in death on October 23, 2013.

Mrs. Tellor is survived by her children, Ronnie (Lois) Tellor of Dongola, Butch (Jeannie) Tellor of Elco, Rickie Tellor of Tamms, Carla (Kenneth) Chapman of Jonesboro, and Junior Tellor and Billy Tellor, both of Dongola; several grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; siblings John Smith of Carterville, Bob Smith of Jonesboro; Betty Hutchinson of Anna and Mike Smith of Kansas City, Kan; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter Tellor; daughters Patricia Broadway, Shelba Reed and Debbie Dukes; sisters Marcella Tellor, Helen Smith and Geraldine Yates; and brothers Randy and Jerry Smith.

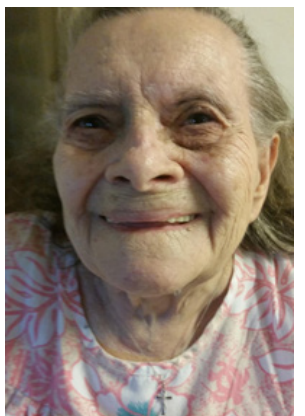
She was an avid animal lover. She enjoyed flower gardening and spending time with her family.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Richard Reynolds officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.



✠ "The Preaching Pen" ✠

*The Spirit of Christmas*

I truly enjoy Christmas, and it's almost here! The Christmas season is known as a time of giving. Friends, relatives, and loved ones exchange gifts. Some churches give baskets of food and packages to the poor and needy. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 10:35).

All of this is fine, but why should this spirit not prevail at all times? Do our friends and family merit a demonstration of our love only once a year? Do the poor only make an appearance once a year?

Jesus Christ Himself went about doing good (Acts 10:38). His generosity knew no seasonal limitations, it was His disposition of life. The spirit of giving characterizes the entire Christian life.

Secondly, this time of year is characterized by a spirit of receiving. We all like to receive gifts, for it proves others love us and are thinking of us. We receive gifts daily - gifts from God that show His love for us (Ps. 68:19). When we receive them, we receive Him. Do we appreciate them? Do we show it in our prayers and in our lives? We must give thanks in our prayers, as we ask for God's favors (Phil. 4:6). Let us not be like the Israelites, who manifested an attitude of ingratitude, murmuring, and complaining (Numbers 11:1-15). I Cor. 10:10: "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." Let us receive our gifts with gratitude.

Finally, we see a spirit of forgiveness. Things that would cause petty quarrels at other times of the year are lightly cast aside, such as bumping into one another, minor wrecks - "fender benders," and family estrangement.

Isn't this a fine spirit? This is a fundamental doctrine of Christianity, why then should it be lacking at other times? Matt. 18:21-22: "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." Repentance is a condition that must be present for true forgiveness to be granted (Luke 17:3), but we can manifest a forgiving attitude that doesn't hold a grudge or stay mad - even in the absence of repentance. That's part of the spirit we see at this time of year, and should see all year. That's another aspect of the "Christmas spirit" I so much enjoy. We at the Anna church of Christ wish you a Merry Christmas and invite you to visit us whenever you can.

R.W. McAlister, Minister  
 Anna church of Christ



# News from Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs for Sunday morning's worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Matt Macy, T. J. Macy, Jason Elkins and Terry Wiseman Sr.

District superintendent Terry Armstrong brought greetings from the district. He shared that he was here to serve the churches on the district and was looking forward to working together in the future.

The third Sunday in Advent reading, "The Candle of Joy," was read by Wendy Wiseman and Lilly Hancock.

Special music was provided by Harley and Madison Schnaare.

The morning message, "Inward Joy," was brought by Pastor Randy Wright.

Congregational songs for Sunday evening's worship service were led by Pastor Wright and the worship team.

Ushers for the evening worship service were Mark Smith, Robert Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr. and Jason Elkins.

The evening message, "Stay Strong in Your Faith," was brought by Pastor Randy Wright.

Birthdays: Jacob Wright, Dec. 15; Michelle Tallent, Dec. 18; Matt Macy, Dec. 20; Drake Wiseman, Dec. 21.

Christmas program practice is planned at 10 a.m. on Dec. 21. Pizza will be served at noon.

On Dec. 22, a Memorial Roll Certificate will be presented to Jerod and Erin Berry in memory of their daughters, Anna Faith and Sophie Grace Berry.

The Christmas program is planned during the morning worship service on Dec. 22.

An all-church Christmas party is planned at 6 p.m. Dec. 22 in the fellowship hall.

A candlelight service, with Communion, is planned at 8 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Quizzing is at 5 p.m. on Sunday for children in grades 1 through 6. Youth services and quizzing are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

## Ice melters can cause harm to trees

Homeowners should be careful when using ice melters close to trees this winter, said a University of Missouri Extension forester.

"Nearly all ice melters are salts," said Hank Stelzer. They work by lowering the freezing point of water to well below 32 degrees.

This can make sidewalks and driveways safer, but these same chemicals may poison trees if care is not used.

Once the salt crystals have done their job, the resulting saltwater solution can splash onto trees or enter from runoff into the trees' roots, he said.

Both can lead to stunted, deformed growth and leave the tree vulnerable to insects and disease.

Over time, the salts can accumulate in the soil to the point where they can kill trees.

To protect trees close to sidewalks and driveways, choose alternatives such as sand, cinders and biodegradable de-icers, Stelzer said.

### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

**COBDEN SCHOOL UNIT DISTRICT 17**      **413 APPLEKNOCKER COBDEN IL 62920**      **618-893-2313**      **9AM-3PM**  
School District/Joint Agreement Name      Address      Telephone      Office Hours

Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net).

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

#### Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2019

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	881,183	196,119	258,833	80,565	145,625	0	20,319	84,711	19,982
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	3,460,782	0	0	212,601	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	422,102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>4,764,067</b>	<b>196,119</b>	<b>258,833</b>	<b>293,166</b>	<b>145,625</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,319</b>	<b>84,711</b>	<b>19,982</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>4,523,145</b>	<b>246,843</b>	<b>280,955</b>	<b>356,248</b>	<b>157,734</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>84,711</b>	<b>34,509</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2018</b>		<b>2,600,941</b>	<b>586,763</b>	<b>79,230</b>	<b>106,014</b>	<b>22,887</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>311,405</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,943</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2019</b>		<b>2,841,863</b>	<b>536,039</b>	<b>57,108</b>	<b>42,932</b>	<b>10,778</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>331,724</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,416</b>

#### SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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#### GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
Millie Anderson Daniel Brumleve Jennifer Buchheit Andrea Burnett Daniel Cirilla Penny Costa Molly Davidson Monyska Haralini Jacquelyn McDole Amy Nance Carolyn Sauer Carolyn Schramka Genie Schropp Candace Smith Elliott Smith Stephanie Stroehlein Kyra Hutchings Judy Thomas Jack Trexler Alyssa Tripp Tami Ury Wendell Wheeler Gary Wiggs Dawn Wilson	Carissa Coleman Jennifer Eagle Angelica Gujjon Ethan LeFevre Kathleen Rumpfelt Rachel Seever	Amy Allen Haley Anderson Emily Boie Kacey Brinkerhoff Stephanie Brumleve Brooke Bundren Kristen Cameron Jared Clutts Jeremy Crawford Nathan Emrick Justin Engelmann Karen Engelmann Vanessa Ferrell Kelly Flamm Christine Genung Nicholas Grossman Shannon Guardian Rebecca Hale Holly Hurt Allison Jackson Lindsey LeFevre Emilee Marks Tara Marks Sarah Morrison Brett Pinnon Christina Poirier Tina Reames Justin Recuero April Reiman Wendy Ronna Amanda Sheridan Leslie Stark Ashley Taylor Gwen Tripp Miriam Urbe	Michael Bell Angela Gearhart Anita Kerley Glenna Tripp Erin Wiltowski	Edwin Shoemate

#### GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
Abigail Barrow Margarita Bartolo Jamie Basler Bobbie Borgman Kylie Borgman Theresa Borgman Stephanie Bowen Karen Boyd Abigail Brumleve Keri Campbell Andria Chapman Tyler Evans Emily Flamm Brittney Franklin Joshua Franklin Chelsi Graff Larry Joe Hackethal Jr. Danny Hartline Sharon Holderfield Anthony Howell Kimberly Howell Richard Howell Eric Jarrell Shannon Kaszubski Judy McCann-Stearns Robert Moreland Sherry Murray Bradley Nance Lynda Palmer Dana Pearson Kayla Quertermous Malinda Rafael Juana Ramos Susan Reed Adam Reynolds Julie Roberts Katherine Russell Beverly Schaefer Kelli Schluter Gabriella Shepherd Angela Smith Brandon Smith Melanie Smith Rebecca Smith Wanda Spurlock Gary Sweltzer Heather Thorn Karen Winzenburger	David Ardrey Donna Brumleve Maria Carmona Diana Duty Mary Emmon Leigh Anne Flamm Melinda Goodman Charles Hankins Julia Long Susan Penrod	Michael Callaway Ardia Conroy Nancy McNitt Timothy Smith Sharon Sweltzer	

#### Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

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COBDEN SCHOOL UNIT DISTRICT 17

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
Amazon	16,211	Guin, Mundorf	12,130
Ameren	3,604	Hall's Service Company	3,176
Amsan	10,091	Heartland Bank and Trust	280,955
Anna Jonesboro High School	4,482	HealthScope	44,941
Anna Jonesboro Bank	10,800	Horace Mann Ins.	2,648
FIT/FICA/Medicare	407,583	HSG Mechanical Contractors	4,608
Baysinger Architects	5,300	IASB	3,814
Beaver Janitorial	4,361	Illinois Department of Revenue	137,979
Beussink and Hickam	9,600	Illinois Municipal Retirement	111,473
Blue Cross/Blue Shield/VSP	376,542	Illinois School District Agency	56,410
Building Services	3,977	Johnson Controls	5,690
Character Formation Project	30,497	Johnston Supply	2,507
Chester Dairy	21,705	Kohl Wholesale	76,485
Cobden Education Association	39,203	L and P Carpet	3,580
Cobden School Visa	14,202	Lee's Sports	7,859
Cobden Unit School Gen. Account	7,550	Lewis Bakeries	3,145
Common Goals	7,095	Lick Creek Grade School	4,110
Cope Alternative School	3,000	Madison County ROE	2,860
Costa Law Office	4,801	McGraw Hill	13,059
Creative Data	33,966	Mediacom	8,490
CRS Onesource	61,824	Metropolitan Life Ins.	17,343
CWI of Illinois	5,603	Nathan Emrick	5,487
D.E. Martin Roofing Company	12,705	Newegg Business Inc.	8,378
Dongola High School	4,100	NextEra Energy Services	99,274
Egyptian High School	4,000	Osborne Office Equipment	15,369
Egyptian Seal Coating	6,018	Quill Corporation	8,041
Egyptian Trust Insurance	105,250	Renaissance Learning Inc	7,530
Emilee Marks	2,682	Repperts	9,568
Everbind/Marco Book Bind.	3,762	ROE #30	2,381
Farmers State Bank Athletic Rev	15,462	Schemel	18,200
First Southern Bank	9,096	School Specialty	10,063
Five County Regional Vocational	7,219	SHI Corporation	18,715
Farmers State Bank Athletic Rev	12,231	Teachers Retirement System	339,229
Silkworm	2,733	True Green Landscaping	9,093
Solution Tree	8,516	Union County Counseling	3,381
Southern FS, Inc	39,449	US Games	3,433
Stalker Sports Floors	4,972	Village of Cobden	36,945
STEM Guitar	3,401	WCSIT	15,662
Sullivan Plumbing	13,832	Wrightway Transportation	320,543



## Illinois Veterans Home hosts Christmas party

The Illinois Veterans' Home in Anna hosted an annual Christmas party for residents on Saturday, Dec. 14. Veterans home staff members served lunch to residents, their families and their guests. Christmas gift bags were presented to each resident.

Veterans home administrator Angela Simmons said the turnout for Saturday's Christmas party was the biggest ever. She credited support from staff, volunteers and the community for the success of the holiday season event.



## Harvest running behind schedule

Record spring rainfall led to late planting; below-average crop anticipated in Illinois

**Peter Hancock**  
**Capitol News Illinois**  
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SPRINGFIELD – As the month of December arrived, many Illinois farmers were still working to harvest their corn and soybeans, the state's two largest field crops, and agriculture officials are anticipating one of the smallest harvests in recent years.

As of Nov. 24, only about 88 percent of corn acres in Illinois had been harvested, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, down from 100 percent at the same time last year.

Soybean harvesting was 95 percent complete, down from 99 percent a year ago.

That delay is the result of historic rainfall in the spring that drenched many

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Happy belated birthday wishes to Sue Rendleman of Anna, whose birthday was Dec. 13, and to Ervina Johnson, whose birthday was Dec. 15.

Sunday visitors of Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Emma Eudy and Jonathon Bohnert, all of Cape Girardeau.

Sue Eudy of Anna visited Thursday afternoon with Ervina Johnson at River to River in Anna.

Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch hosted a get-together at their home Saturday. Those present were Richie and Amy King of Anna, Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City, Josh, Heather, Chesleigh and Slayton Miller of Tamms, Shelton, Kayde and Ridge Pender and Leslie Grace of Olive Branch.

Those eating at Cracker Barrel in Cape Girardeau Thursday night were Ermadell Elkins of Anna, Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Vivian Bennett and Shirley Miller of McClure.

Julie and Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo., visited Saturday with Shirley Miller.

Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure, Tessa and Julie Burtin and Shirley Miller enjoyed eating at a Mexican restaurant in Cape Girardeau after church on Sunday, Dec. 15.

You are invited to attend services at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship service is at 6 p.m. Rev. Jamie Bridgeman is the pastor.

## Broadband infrastructure funds announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, recently announced the investment of \$12.8 million in high-speed broadband infrastructure that will create or improve e-Connectivity for more than 1,650 homes in rural Illinois.

The funding for Illinois was announced as part of the first round of USDA's ReConnect Pilot Program investments.

Wabash Telephone Cooperative Inc. will use a \$12.8 million 50 percent loan-grant combination to deploy 298 miles of fiber-optic cable in unserved areas of Jefferson and Wayne counties in Illinois.

The investment is anticipated to reach 1,684 households, 31 farms, 29 businesses, nine educational facilities, two critical community facilities and one health care center.

parts of the state, preventing farmers from getting seeds into the ground in some cases until as late as June.

Officials at the Illinois Department of Agriculture say the final, official numbers for the 2019 growing season won't be known until early January.

But Rodney Weinzierl, executive director of the Illinois Corn Growers Association, said all indicators point to a below-average year.

"Our acres of corn this year was the lowest we've had probably since the late 1980s," Weinzierl said in a phone interview.

"Just because of that corn that was prevented from being planted, just because of such wet conditions."

Weinzierl said Illinois farmers planted about 1.1 million fewer acres of corn this year, compared to a normal year, and there was also a big drop-off in soybean acres.

"So it's just something that we've not experienced before," he said.

In addition to fewer acres planted, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is projecting that each acre will produce less this year than in the recent past: about 179 bushels per acre this year, down from 210 bushels in 2018, which was a record for Illinois.

Last year, Illinois harvested roughly 11 million acres of corn, according to USDA estimates.

Those acres yielded about 2.7 billion bushels which, at an average price of \$3.62 per bushel, generated \$8.2 billion in farm income.

Soybean farmers harvested 10.5 million acres, producing nearly 667 million bushels. At \$8.74 per bushel, that generated about \$6.3 billion in income.

Most farmers who left acres unplanted this year had insurance coverage, but those policies only cover farmers for their input costs such as the seeds and fertilizers that went unused.

They do not cover farm-

ers for the loss of income or the cost of land for farmers who lease acreage from other landowners.

"So farmers that rent ground would still have an overall loss," Weinzierl said.

"But it's like any other insurance, it's meant to kind of allow you to be able to

farm again next year."

A spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Agriculture said final numbers for the 2019 growing season are due to be released Jan. 10.

A separate report will be released in February detailing the state's first year of legal hemp production.

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Section B

## Girl Scouts donate Kindness Kits, go Christmas caroling at nursing homes



Girl Scout Troop No. 8597 donated Kindness Kits to the Carbondale Warming Center. While at the center, the girls served guests warm drinks and soup when they arrived for the night. Photo provided.



Girl Scouts from Union, Pulaski and Alexander counties visited local nursing homes, where they sang Christmas carols and visited with the residents. Photo provided.

## Garden club has Christmas luncheon



The Anna-Jo Garden Club gathered for a Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna.



The club's new officers have been installed. The officers are, from left, treasurer Betty Sirles, secretary Darlene Lingle, president Nancy Kucera, vice president Marge Selinger and parliamentarian Shari Sweeney-Sadowski. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



## Early Christmas feast

Jonesboro Grade School kindergarten students recently visited Giant City State Park and Giant City Lodge near Makanda. The students had an early Christmas feast at the lodge. The students also toured the lodge, went up the tower near the lodge and visited the playgrounds. Everyone voiced appreciation to Richard and Mike Kelley for graciously hosting the visit. From left are Jayda Mayes, Nora Wheeler and Emma Lambdin. Photo provided.



## Kindergarten students spread Christmas cheer

Jonesboro Grade School kindergarten students recently spread Christmas cheer for their friends at the River to River Community in Anna. During their visit, the students sang Christmas carols, including "All I Want for Christmas," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and "Jolly Old St. Nicholas." From left are Shirley Kohler, Elijah Brock, Alma Linson, Emma Lambdin and Margaret Bloemer. Photo provided.

## Daniel Chapman Chapter, NSDAR, holds memorial service in Vienna

By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter NSDAR met Monday evening, Dec. 2, in the community room at the Vienna Carnegie Library for a Christmas dinner and memorial service.

Hostesses included Juanita Broyles, Tess Ford, Bonnie Hogue and Lillian Milam.

The call to order was presented by regent Doda Starkey.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States was led by Ruth Brown. The Preamble to the Constitution was led by Dixie Terry. The American's Creed was given by Alice Thodoropoulos.

Prior to dinner, grace was said by chaplain Carol Palmer. The business meeting followed the meal.

The president general's report was presented by Lynn McCreery. The national defense report was given by Bonnie Hogue.

The program was a memorial service presented in memory of DAR member Joyce Elaine Terry Stryker, who died on Jan. 14, 2019.

"Amazing Grace" was sung by those present, accompanied by Cara Webb on the keyboard.

Chaplain Palmer presented the "Call to Remembrance," with responses by those present. The "Opening of the Bible" was by Bonnie Hogue, with the "Lighting of the Candle" by Lillian Milam.

The eulogy was given by regent Starkey. Chaplain

Palmer read Psalm 23, followed by the benediction. "Silent Night" was sung by all.

The memorial wreath for the memorial ceremony will be placed on the grave of Mrs. P.T. Chapman, founder of the Daniel Chapman Chapter.

The business meeting was continued, with reports from the regent and chaplain. Recording secretary Cara Webb asked for any corrections on the November minutes. None were reported.

Due to absence, both corresponding secretary Melanie Penrod's and registrar Marilyn Meisenheimer's reports were read by regent Starkey.

Committee reports included: American Indian by Sandy Boaz. Community service award by regent Starkey. Conservation by Martha Schwegman. DAR Schools by Suzan Harvel. Service to America volunteer hours by regent Starkey.

Wreaths Across America was scheduled at 11 a.m. on Dec. 14, at Mound City National Cemetery. The chapter planned to provide a memorial wreath to be placed, as well as one to be placed on Daniel Chapman's Memorial Ledger.

The chapter officers plan to meet at the Vienna Library at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, to complete annual reports and mid-year planning, with all chapter members welcome to attend.

Members who attended

the December meeting included Sandra Boaz, Lee Hackney, Susan White-mountain, Anna. Ruth Brown, Juanita Broyles, Goreville.

Suzan Harvel, Tamms. Bonnie Hogue, Margaret Mathis, Carol Racey, Doda Starkey, Virginia Street, Irene Webb, Barbara Williams, Vienna. Elizabeth James, Buncombe. Cara Webb, Tunnel Hill.

Lynn McCreery, Ozark. Lillian Milam, Carol Palmer, Jonesboro. Martha Schwegman, Metropolis. Dixie Terry, Marion. Alice Thodoropoulos, Golconda.

Guests included Tandra K. Cain, Debra J. Simmons, Tom Simmons, David Hogue, Brian Marshall McCreery, John Schwegman, Margie Roger, Preston Brown, Ramon Webb, Alan Racey.

## Ullin to host holiday parade

A Christmas parade is scheduled Saturday evening, Dec. 21, in the Village of Ullin.

The parade is sponsored by the Ullin Fire Department.

Line-up for the parade is scheduled at 5 p.m. on Butterridge Road - weather permitting.

After the parade, Santa Claus will welcome visitors at the Ullin Fire Station.

Santa will pass out Christmas treat sacks which will have an apple, an orange and a candy bar.



News from

# Walnut Grove Church

On the third Sunday of Advent at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Sandy lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano and Layleigh collected the offering.

Layleigh, Abigail and Barb read the third Advent litany that was about "Joy" and lit the first three Advent candles.

Pastor Bobbi read scripture from James and Matthew about waiting patiently, because the season of Advent is about looking forward to the celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ.

Prayers were requested for Jennifer, Jackie (Carol Harwood's daughter), Don Ballestro, the Rev. Potter and Katie Willhoyt and family. Also at least 25 members of the United Methodist Church in the

Congo were among 100 people massacred so that region is desperate for many prayers.

The church repeated the "Walk to the Manger" to give gifts to Jesus, as was done on the previous Sunday.

On Christmas Eve, Walnut Grove plans to have a traditional candle lighting service at 5 p.m. with the Jonesboro Methodist Church and many friends being welcomed.

The next ladies' lunch is planned at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 3, weather permitting, at a location to be determined.

The church's Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., near Cobden, and near Route 127.

News from

# Camp Ground Church, Community

The congregation of Camp Ground Church would like to wish the staff and readers of this newspaper a blessed Christmas, and happy, healthy 2020.

The Rev. Rob Betts filled the pulpit Sunday, as the Rev. Thompson is recuperating from surgery this past week.

Rev. Betts' sermon was titled "It's What's Inside That Really Matters," with scripture from Isaiah and Luke.

The message shared that "when Jesus was 'given' to the world, he wasn't robed as a king, but in clothes of the common people. When we judge by looks, they are often deceiving.

"Inside 'the package' that God chose to send His son to Earth was everything mankind would ever need: salvation, joy, strength, blessings, faith and victory over the evil one."

Rev. Betts closed with the challenge "to receive Christ in your heart and 'open' the 'package' that God sent."

Addie Bonner lit the Advent candles, symbolizing Hope, Peace and Joy. She was assisted by Aldi and Vodra Gerard.

Aldi and Vodra Gerard received the offering.

The Middler Sunday School class brought the puppets back to life as they

presented "The Christmas Miracle."

Tony Gerard is Camp Ground's lead elder for the month of December.

Having birthdays this week are Lara Crane, whose special day is today, the 19th; and Sandy Boaz and Billy Williams, whose birthdays are Saturday, the 21st.

Camp Ground Church invites the community to join them Sunday evening, Dec. 22, for the church's annual Christmas program and candle light service.

A finger food fellowship begins at 5 p.m. The program is at 6 p.m.

Camp Ground rang the bells Friday evening at Kroger as part of the Union County Alliance of Churches' annual fund-raiser for needs within our community. Those who participated were Tony, Berna, Aldi and Vodra Gerard, Rodney and Donna Jean Miller, Tanner Roach, Reed and Kayton Crane, Phillip and Linda Brown, Addi Bonner, Karen Vaughn and Sandy Boaz.

Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in Bible study and worship. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

News from

# Mt. Moriah Lutheran

Dec. 15 was the third Sunday of Advent. In the children's sermon, Ms. Paula explained to them that "God made us a certain way with a certain purpose. He also made Jesus the same way for the purpose of saving us." Ms. Paula then gave all of the children a sticker book about the Christmas story.

In the main sermon, Pastor Mark talked again about John the Baptist, and why he questioned Jesus' purpose on this earth.

Prayers for healing were offered for Ann West, Marlee Smith, Becky Poole, Abbie Ed-

News from

# First Baptist Church, Anna

The church plans to have a candlelight service at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22.

The service will feature a violist, vocal solos, instrumental solos and the singing of carols. All are welcome.

In the Sunday morning service on Dec. 15, Pastor Nick DiMauro's sermon was titled "The Two Ways." Scripture was from Matthew.

Mary Knight was guest music leader. She was joined by special guests John Zeschke, Brad Zeschke, Lindsay Zeschke and Erica Zeschke.

In the Sunday morning service on Dec. 8, Pastor DiMauro's sermon was titled "Behind the Veil." Scripture was from Hebrews. Doug Allen was guest music leader.

wards, Giovanna Hill, Jackie Myers, Jon Watson, Randy Bridges, Sue Ann Kaufman, Carla Sims, Nancy McNealy, Craig Bass, Jean West, Shawn Knupp, Nancy Lyerla and Hope Singleton.

Prayers were also offered for those grieving for Bob Lyerla and Gladys Freeze.

Adult Bible study at Mt. Moriah for both churches was held Tuesday night, Dec. 10. Bible study is scheduled to resume after the first of the year.

The Union County Alliance of Churches thanks everyone who rang the bell at Kroger on Dec. 7.

A combined Christmas program for Salem and Mt. Moriah is planned at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro.

On Dec. 29, a combined service is planned at 10 a.m. for the fifth Sunday. The service will be at Salem. A meal will follow the service.

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

# Christmas Eve service planned

An annual Christmas Eve service is planned at 8 p.m. on Dec. 24 at the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle Church in Jonesboro.

The church is located at 955 State Highway 127 S.

The Christmas Eve service will feature singing and speaking. Rev. Mark and Denise Goins say that all are welcome.

# Governor proclaimed Dec. 12 as Jesse White Day in Illinois

On the 60th anniversary of the Jesse White Tumbling Team, Gov. JB Pritzker issued a proclamation which declared Dec. 12 as Jesse White Day in the State of Illinois.

"Secretary of State Jesse White has set a tremendous example for all of us to follow, not just as a public servant, but as a neighbor, a mentor and a friend," the governor said in a news release.

"On behalf of a grateful state, today we honor Secretary White's dedication to lifting up our youth, to giving hope and inspiration to so many parents and families, a cause that stretches back before he ever swore an oath of office."

An Alton native, White began his lifelong commitment to public service in 1958 as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. He has

served as a member of the Illinois National Guard and Reserve.

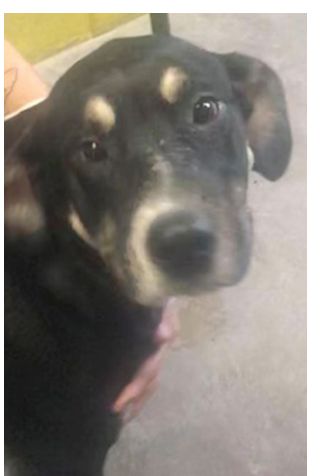
Upon his return, he spent over three decades at Chicago Public Schools.

White served 16 years in the Illinois General Assembly before becoming the Cook County recorder of deeds and Illinois Secretary of State, a post he's honorably held since 1999.

White is the longest-serving Illinois Secretary of State and the state's first African American man elected to the position.

For the past 60 years and counting, he has led the Jesse White Tumbling Team, a program that has served over 18,000 children in Illinois.

# Looking for a home from the Union County animal control shelter



Muskrat, a 3-year-old male German shepherd/border collie mix, is available for adoption from the Union County animal control shelter.

Muskrat has been looking for a forever home since October.

Hours at the shelter are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 833-4915.



# Walking history tours presented in Cobden

Walking history tours were offered during Cobden's Christmas in the Village celebration on Saturday, Dec. 7. The first of two tours was held Saturday morning. The tour was led by Judy Travelstead, left, of the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. The second tour was held Saturday afternoon. The tours highlighted the history of the Downtown Abbey block, the history of the bridge and the history of the Broadway house and Phillips house. A group which included Meg Simonds and Kate Stevens, both of Cobden, and Cindy Broeker of St. Charles, Mo., was on the morning tour. The bridge which carries old U.S. Route 51 over railroad tracks in Cobden was the backdrop for the photograph. Travelstead shared that the bridge is the fifth such structure of its kind to have been built in Cobden. The first two bridges were made of wood. The next two were made of steel. The fifth bridge, a concrete structure, dates to 1997 and was built at a cost of \$1 million – compared to the third structure, built in 1894, which cost \$960.

News from

# First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Dec. 15, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message at both services. Dee Rose led worship.

Dee Rose and Debbie York provided special music.

Appreciation is voiced to Dee Rose, the Celebration Choir, the hospitality committee and to all of those who had a part in helping to host this year's Gift to

the Community cantata and meal.

Birthdays: Ervina Johnson, Dec. 15; Cynthia Boehne, Dec. 18.

Anniversary: Jerry and Jean Hunter, Dec. 20, 56 years.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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# Opinion and Commentary



The light from a candle was shining on a December afternoon during the recent Carols at Candlelight Christmas season event at historic St. Anne's Church in Anna.

## 'Good news of great joy'

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." — from the Gospel of Luke

## Merry Christmas

## Letter to the editor A spark for change

To the editor,

A recent piece in The Southern talked about an article in a national publication about Anna and its history as a sundown town. I went online to find the full piece and found it fair and balanced. It appears in the Atlantic, a publication around since the 1850s. It is a nationally distributed print magazine with additional online articles.

Even though there were hundreds of sundown towns in Illinois, the author chose Anna to visit. This article puts Anna in the national spotlight, not in a positive way. Much of that is because of the way some people still repeat how the letters of the town's name stand for a very ugly history.

I had many similar experiences as described in the article, of people I barely knew explaining to me what the letters stand for. When working in education I had students volunteer to explain to me what the letters stand for.

What happens next is up to the people of Anna and Union County. They can ignore the article or they can use it as a spark for change. The change needs to start with city and county leaders making a public statement which acknowledges the history and pledging to make whatever changes are necessary to make sure we are not repeating the mistakes of the past.

Next, it would be very beneficial if the public schools throughout Union County could develop a curriculum that helps young people know this is not something to be proud of. It would be a perfect opening for an entire unit that reveals the history of segregation north of the Mason-Dixon line and the rough road we have been on since Reconstruction.

Churches should also be a great place to start a discussion about our history and how we move forward. Lastly, it's important that we let other people know it is not funny or appreciated when they continue to repeat this sad acronym.

Signed, Barb Woolard, Jonesboro

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

### Merry Christmas...with apologies to Mr.

Christmas is nigh, I thought with a sigh...  
...more silly rhyming to come in just a bit. Before we get to that, I wanted to share some Christmas humor with you. I had so much fun doing jokes for Thanksgiving that it just seemed right to do it again for your Yuletide enjoyment. Here we go, with a few ho-ho-hos which were discovered on the internet...

One night, a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain."  
His wife asked: "How do you know?"  
"Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."  
\*\*\*

Why did Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer get a bad report card?  
Because he went down in history.  
\*\*\*

Why did Santa put a clock in his sleigh?  
Because he wanted to see time fly.  
\*\*\*

What's black and white and goes around and around and around...  
A penguin in a revolving door.  
\*\*\*

And now, with more apologies than could ever be written to Mr. Clement Clarke Moore, and to everybody else who appreciates good writing...

'Twas hours until Christmas, even the mouse was asleep,  
our cats seemed quiet, too, not making a peep.  
Bird feeders were hung in the cold winter air,  
in hopes that cardinals and finches would soon be there.  
My sweetheart was napping, snug as a bug,  
shouldn't wake her, even for for a hug.

Your writer was reading, he was barely awake,  
when he heard a loud noise – did something just break?  
I sprang from my chair, to see what was the matter,  
the blankets that covered me, boy did they scatter.

Away to the back room I flew like a flash,  
slipped on a rug, and fell with a crash.  
Got back on my feet, no fractures to see.  
That noise in the night, what might it be?

I got to the back room, and much to my surprise,  
out of the dark shined two glowing eyes.  
I knew in a moment it must be a cat,  
probably Bob – I was right about that.  
More rapid than eagles, Bob does fly,  
he meows and meows as he zooms right by.

Bob ran and he ran, as he often will do.  
Bob bounced around, sometimes he flew.  
As leaves that before a wild hurricane fly,  
Bob will leap and leap, up to the sky.  
Bob ran and he jumped, from room to room,  
a furry feline going zoom, zoom, zoom.

And then to my amazement, oh, my dear,  
Bob was chasing eight tiny reindeer.  
He was on the heels of Dasher, and Dancer, and Prancer,  
and Vixen,

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, Dec. 18, 1969

In this community, as in cities and towns throughout the nation, and around the world, days and weeks of Christmas program rehearsing is reaching a happy culmination. It expresses itself, most deeply, in private devotions and in special services such as those scheduled by local churches. A wide variety of activities have been planned, ranging from simple candlelight services to more elaborate musical programs.

With only six more shopping days until Christmas, last minute shoppers will have to get busy. Merchants in the area report their stores are still well stocked and they will be happy to help shoppers with their selections, or shoppers may feel free to come in and browse at will. All Anna stores will remain open until 8:00 p.m. each evening until Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, when they will close at five.

Christmas programs at area schools are continuing through Friday, Dec. 19, when schools will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. for the Christmas holiday period.

Children in Anna Thursday night had an opportunity to see and visit Santa while their parents shopped at Bass' ladies clothing store.

The first annual Christmas Ball, a tournabout dance, will take place this Saturday night, Dec. 20, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. in the Girl's Gym at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The band featured at this dance will be the "Great Escape."

The last day to file nominating petitions in the Union County Clerk's office was Monday, Dec. 15, for the March 17, 1970, primary election. To be nominated in the county: County Clerk, Superintendent of Education Service, Treasurer, Sheriff, County Commissioner and Precinct Committeemen.

A large group of concerned citizens (from) the Jackson-Union-Williamson County area met at the Carbondale East High School Monday evening, Dec. 15, to protest the holding of a giant rock festival in the Giant City area May 8, 9 and 10.

The Union County Board of Commissioners met Monday, Dec. 15, at which time officers for the year 1970-71 were appointed. County Clerk Fred Blaylock reports that Ned Foley was elected chairman of the Board for the coming year.

Winter officially begins Sunday, Dec. 21, at 8:44 p.m. C.S.T. Although the weather has seemed "winterish" this past week, the low was only 18 as compared with last year's low of 11 recorded Sunday, Dec. 15.

The annual Woodrow Wilson dinner will be held at the American Legion Community Center, Saturday, Dec. 27.

The current Canada goose hunting season in Illinois came to an end Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 3:00 p.m.



On the 12th day of November, Mother Nature gave to us, snow in the morning...so your writer had a little bit of fun.

and Comet, and Cupid, and Donner, and Blitzen.  
To the top of our porch, to our entry way hall,  
Bob chased them, he chased after them all.  
Bob even chased Jolly St. Nick, that was a feat.  
Then he purred when Santa gave him a treat.

I laughed while I watched this, in spite of myself;  
Bob gave a wink of his eye and a twist of his head  
and soon let me know I had nothing to dread.

Bob's really a good kitty, a warm friend with fur.  
And most of the time, he likes to purr.  
After zooming like crazy all around our abode  
Bob was worn out, it was time for pause mode.  
He plopped down again on our big kitchen floor,  
and looked at us with big eyes that said feed me some more.

We've about reached the end of this silly yuletide piece,  
tell your friends, even your niece.  
And as we say a goodbye, or two,  
here's a special message from Bob to you...  
Meowy Christmas to all,  
and to all a good night.



The first heavy frost of the season gave me an opportunity to scratch a message on the windshield of the vehicle I drive to The Paragraph Factory. I also managed to get some very cold fingers.

## Illinois state fire marshal stresses safety when decorating, celebrating this holiday season

The holidays are here and that means many people will be decorating their homes. Hanging up decorations is fun, but keep in mind, holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than two of every five home decoration fires occur due to decorations being placed too close to a heat source. More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.

"More than half of home decoration fires in December are started by candles," says Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. "The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Day and New Year's Eve. Before you head to bed or out for the evening, blow out all lit candles. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed."

Here are some tips to keep in mind to stay fire safe when decking the halls this holiday season.

Be careful with holiday decorations. Make sure decorations are either flame retardant or flame resistant.

Keep lit candles at least 12 inches away from decorations or anything that can catch fire.

Keep children and pets away from lit candles.

Check to make sure your lights are rated for indoor or outdoor use or both.

Replace any light strands that have worn or broken cords. Make sure to read the recommendation for number of light strings you can string together.

If you have a real Christmas tree, make sure to check water levels daily. It is not unusual for a tree to drink two gallons of water the first day it is in the stand.

Keep real Christmas trees away from a heat source. It can dry out the tree quickly.

After a busy cooking day, before firing the oven back up to prepare the next holiday meal, make sure to clean it. In case of an oven fire, turn off the oven and keep the door closed until it is cool. Clean cook tops, since left-over grease can catch fire. Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, but Christmas and Christmas Eve follow closely behind.

If you are planning to host family and friends during the holidays, make sure they are aware of your fire escape plan. Show them where all the exits are in your home and make sure they are aware of the meeting spot's location.



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Christmas Greetings Section



## Las Posadas celebrated at Anna Arts Center

A Las Posadas celebration was presented Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. The celebration recalled the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus. Las Posadas included the singing of Christmas carols and the presentation of a skit. Las Posadas was presented in memory of Father Federico Higuera. Participants in the skit included, as listed in the Las Posadas program, Mia Kell, Cheyenne Thorn, Cierra Thorn, Elizabeth Back, Victor Zamora, Naomi Frey, Cora Frey, Mia Comte, Madison Moore, Jayci Hopkins, Pete Housman, Nick Sanders, Maeve Kell, Lucy Kell, Alec Charles, Victoria Frey, Ethan Dillman, Susan Sheffer and Rachel Kell.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Christmas Greetings, Letters to Santa

This special Christmas Greetings section features Letters to Santa. The letters were written by children from throughout the Union County area. Merry Christmas to all of our readers from the sponsors of this section and from The Gazette-Democrat.

### Cobden Elementary Kindergarten Mrs. Sheriden

Dear Santa,  
I would like Candy Cane Legos Drone Ryan toy Smashers Puzzel.  
Nathan Webb

Dear Santa,  
My mom would like Pair of ear rings!  
Callie Duckworth

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Hot Wheels tower shark Loop race track and a dinosaur.  
James Gurley

Dear Santa,  
I want Colosso Crash racetrack, and Combo helicopter from Ryan's World. I want the movie Toy Story 4.  
Love, Shepard Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I want a mini olaf. I love you and mommy and brandon and daddy. I want real makeup. Bye  
Laylah Raines

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy car, a bike, a real puppy, a tablet, a bouncy ball, and a coloring book.  
Damian Zamora

Dear Santa, Will you tell the elves I said Hi! May I please Have a frozen guitar, a minnie mouse kitchen, a barbie airplane and a backyard play house? Thank you.  
Henley Rogers

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like Pokemon toys & Scooby Doo characters and Lighting McQueen cars. I have been good this year.  
Love, Rider Ford

Dear Santa,  
Are you having a good day at the North Pole? For Christmas I want a wagon, and a collar for Cleo and a shovel for the beach. Thank you Santa.  
Logan Brumleve

Dear Santa,  
I would like new sweat-shirts and shoes. I would also like a big book and a little book to put my Pokemon cards in. I hope you are doing well. I can't wait for Christmas.  
Love, Easton Lyerla

### Cobden Elementary Kindergarten Mrs. Genung

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy doll. I want a book. I want a scarf.  
Love, Lydia Uribe

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a LOL camper. Descendants dolls, and a Baby Alive Doll.  
Kendall Sweitzer

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard and I would like some glitter glue. And I want some baseball tickets to a Cardinals game. And another skateboard for my brother. Than you Santa.  
Austin Hawthorne

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a bunch of books that are about space. And a bunch of Nerf guns that are Zombie nerf guns. And some keychains. I would also like some clothes.  
Zeke Hawthorne

Dear Santa,  
I want A robot, I want A remote control car and a diasaur I love santa.  
By William Kaszubski

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing at the north pole? Can you please get my sister a rainbow dress like mine. I like Christmas and I like you Santa and I will make you cookies. I would like the new Elsa movie. Can we have snow for Christmas?  
Avery M.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a big Dimetrodon. A Godzilla. A real Bigfoot like Harry. And a scary ghost. Thank you.  
Jack Ingold

Dear Santa,  
Thankyou for all the presents you bring every year. Please bring me a safe. How are you so magical?  
Wyatt

Dear Santa,  
Peace on Earth. Merry Christmas!  
Mya Buchheit

### Cobden Elementary First Grade Mrs. Cameron

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I want a baby doll for my sister June. I have been good.  
from, Jayden

Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL doll. Is Ms. Claus alright? I want a gingerbread man. I want a horse. I want a microphone.  
Love, Isabelle

Dear Santa,  
I want \$20. Thank you. I will be good. Hello, goodbye and thank you.  
Love, Kai

Dear Santa,  
Everybody loves you with all their hearts! Be careful on your way to deliver presents. Watch out for seagulls! I want ballet shoes and a phone.  
Love, Kinnley

Dear Santa,  
I want a real Falcon wing and a Paw Patrol set for my cousin. Be careful of the hooks on the tree.  
Love, Eustis

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a barbie.  
Love, Melanie

Dear Santa,  
I want some Robucks, a new cup, a new toy with songs in it, a coloring book, a new notebook, a computer, and a stuffed animal.  
Love, Lilly

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard, decorations for my house, a countdown to Christmas chart, a coloring book, a pencil case, an i Spy game, a computer, and a toy tinker supply.  
Love, Blake

Dear Santa,  
I want 100 gingerbread men. I will give you some cookies.  
Love, Odin

Dear Santa,  
I laid you out milk and cookies. I would like Robucks.  
Love, Myles

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Nintendo Switch. How is everybody?  
Love, Zander

Dear Santa,  
I would like cars, grocery gang, and more super hero toys.  
Love, Ethan

Dear Santa,  
I want Ryan's toys, Barbies, American Girl doll kitchen, a LOL camper, a banana. How are the elves doing? How is Rudolph?  
Love, Marlee

Dear Santa,  
I would like some camo pants, boots, a camo vest, a shirt, pants, pencils, erasers, paper, crayons, markers, and a coloring book.  
Love, Maddex

Dear Santa,  
I want a Ryan's Mystery Egg. I want an ipad and a giant toy Rapunzl. I also want a pet fish. How are your elves doing? How is Rudolph?  
Love, Daphne

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy. I also want a kitten and also ear muffs. I really want Frozen 2 the movie and Frozen 1. Also a pink wig.  
Love, Lindsay

Dear Santa,  
I want a phone and a teddy. How is Rudolph doing?  
Love, Chasidy

Dear Santa,  
I would like a big Barbie house and more slime. I would also like a squishy and a Barbie.  
Love, Judith

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Alive Mermaid and a car. I will leave you some cookies.  
Love, Olive B.

### Cobden Elementary Second Grade Mrs. Tripp

Dear Santa,  
I'm grateful to spend time with my family and to celebrate Jesus's birthday on Christmas. I would like Santa to bring me LOL Dolls and a mermaid trail. I have been very good this year. Will you please bring my 4 brothers something very very special.  
Aubrey Cast



# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas because of the Christmas trees. Christmas is Jesus's birthday. I like going to church and learning about God and Jesus. What do I want for Christmas, Superpowers. A Christmas star that lights up on your ceiling. A calendar for my room. I like going to all 7 house Christmas and Christmas Eve. We are very very busy. And happy too.  
Jaylyn Stroehlein

Dear Santa,  
Christmas means to me spending time with family and giving and sharing with family and freinds for Christmas. I want a new transformer.  
Oliver Shalosky

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is about celebrating Jesus. I want a horse. I want a VR Headset.  
Sincerely, Clara Long

Dear Santa,  
I hope your work shop is going well. Our town is great and are school is too. I have a great teacher!  
Finn Kaszubski

Dear Santa,  
I have been a nice kid all year long. I want a 1.) A dragon toy 2.) An octopus toy 3.) Pokemon toy.  
Amesquita

Dear Santa,  
Christmas means to me spending time with family. Spending time with friends. It also means looking at Christmas lights, and celebrating Jesus birhtday.  
Keylee Moore

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want toys, clothes, and most importantly to spend time with my family.  
Mark Pitts

Dear Santa,  
Christmas means to me is I get to see my family every Christmas.  
Jesse Miller

Dear Santa,Christmas means a lot to me becuse I get to see family and friends. What I want for Christmas is cars.  
Conner Schroeder

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas because I love to go up to Chicago. It's amazing there because some of my people live there. Dear Santa this is what I want I want an ipad and crutches too.  
Annaleiah Kaszubski

Dear Santa,  
I love spending time with family and playing games with old and new friends. I want roller skates and a huge teddy.  
Harmony Hillard

Dear Santa,  
I want an unspeakable toy. I will leave cookies for you. I want a Papa Jake toy.  
Osvaldo Zamora

**Cobden Elementary  
Second Grade  
Mrs. Brinkerhoff**

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is my favrite time of the year. I love Christmas. I want some bakugan so I can battle with them. I also want a pet owl to play with. I also want for everyone to be happy.  
Love Jacob Roberts

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas. I would like a LOL glitter Globe because so my LOL doll can have friends. I would like an American girl hoverboard so they can have transportation. I would like hapinss for all.  
Love, Hailey Max

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas! It's one of my favorite holidays. This year I want peace so everyone can get along. I want a puppy so I can play with it. I want a swing set so I wouldn't get bored.  
Love, Jimmy Bergseth

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is my favorite time of year. I want a lot of squioshmalows because they are fun to hold. I want a dirt bike because so I can go on tricky trails with my dad and cousins. And I wish we always have enough.  
Thank you!  
Love Gus Stevens

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas! It is my favorite time of the year! This year I want a smart watch "kids." I can use it when I get lost. I want more books. I can get more points in school. I want peace. Thank you! I appreciate! you.  
Love, Cooper Duckworth

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot so I can do stuff and play with it! I want a hoverboard so I can ride on. I also want for everyone to get a long nice, no fighting and no bullies.  
Love, Alexander Miranda

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas! It's my favorite time of year! This year for Christmas I want a DVD player so I can watch a movie in my room. I also would like a slime maker. So I can make slime. I also want peace. Thank you! I appreciate you!  
Love, Maci Escue

Dear Santa,  
I think Christmas is the best holiday. It makes me happy. I like to give people presents. This year I would like a big pool so my family can have a fun way to cool off in the summer. I also want a barbie set so me and my sister can play with something. The last thing I want is peace and love in the world and for everyone to care about each other. Thank you!  
Love, Emily Greable

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas! This year for Christmas I want LOL dolls because I like them. I also want a new phone because I lost my old one. I also want everyone to have enough food and water.  
Love, Addie Jo Lawrence

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas! This year for Christmas I would lik a smart watch so I can be smart in school. I would also like a great year in school with my teacher. And for my last wish I would like to stay healthy.  
Love, Caroline Taylor

Dear Santa,  
You are the best. In my imagination you're a superhero. I want alot of Grumpy Cat books because I can have alot of AR time. I want people to be happy.  
I wanta phone so I can play games on it. Thank you!  
Love, Gadiel Uribe

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas. It is my favorite holiday. For Christmas I want an xbox is because I love video gaems a lot. One of my presents I want is that my family is ok. I hope people are ok and they get presents. I wish for a nitendo swich because I love mory gaems.  
Love, Tyson Hernandez-Hicks

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas. It is my favorite time of year! This year for Christmas I want a xbox 1 to play with Cooper and Gus. I hope my family will be safe. I like happiness. Thank you I appreciate you.  
Love, Aubrie Banker

**Dongola Elementary  
Kindergarten  
Mrs. Schnicker**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Dream House for Christmas  
Natilee

Dear Santa,  
I want a Lego set for Christmas.  
Carson

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want bouncy balls.  
Michaela

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want LOL dolls.  
Paisley

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a monster truck  
Axex

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a hover board.  
Ellie

Dear Santa,I want toys for Christmas.  
Hunter

Dear Santa,  
I want war toys for Christmas.  
Levi

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a watch and a stuffie.  
Isabel

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a skateboard.  
Aubreem

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want trains.  
Kai

Dear Santa,  
I want a turtle for Christmas.  
Landon

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want my family to get along better.  
Sophie

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a toy truck.  
Adam

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a nerf gun.  
Anthony

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I hope I get a cat.  
Jaxon

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a doll.  
Kylee

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a nerf gun.  
Bentley

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a doll house.  
London

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot for Christmas.  
Carsen

Dear Santa,  
I want a hoverboard for Christmas.  
Emilia

**Dongola Elementary  
First Grade  
Ms. Ward**

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this yer. If I'm on the nice list. heres are what I'd like mtrv head, remote controlled jeep, transformer's toys, and chew toys for my puppy.  
Love Colton

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this year. I'm on the nice list heres A few things Id like. Funnel vision toys/shirts iphone 11 computer xbox Live race cars Hot/wheels.  
Love Lukas Hoffner

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this year. If I'm on the nice list, here's a few things I'd like: Fortnite toys, Pokemon toys, Spiderman toys, Ninja turtle toys, and Lion King toys.  
Love Raylan

Dear Santa,  
iphone 11 a computer new Xbox controlers 2 \$100 Xbox cars.  
Love Kaden

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this year. If I'm on the nice list, here's a few things I'd like. a picture of my dog and a picture of my sisters dog and a Hatchim.  
Love Tori

Dear Santa,  
I like it a tchpm woih ftoqs they big elsa castleand a phone I would a soil a toys.  
William



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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this year. if I'm on the nice iPhone 11.

Love Ben

Dear Santa,  
I've been really I'm on the nice list, here's a few things I'd like go.cort Phone xdox Live desk lap top.

Love Breslyn

**Dongola Elementary  
First Grade  
Mrs. Parr**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Iphon. I want an X-Box. I want an Intendo. I want a toy car. I want a tv.

Kasen

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy turtle and a rainbow key chain. and 20 scrunchies.

Harper

Dear Santa,  
I want to see my friend.

Drake

Dear Santa,  
I want ntendo switch I want pop the pig I want stuff animat I want xbox one I want Lego Laser tag set.

Love Rem

Dear Santa,  
I want to see my friend at christmas. I want a bedroom. I want a room. I want a baby.

Huntley Hilliard

Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL Dolls and an xBox 1 and a Nintendo and a real turtle and a baby Doll, LOL Dolls and a controller 1 and 3 American dolls.

Love Ali Baker

Dear Santa,  
I want to have phone X-box one and a Tablet switch.

Livingston

Dear Santa,  
I want to have a American Girl doll and x-Box5 and some American Girl doll stuff.

JoJo

Dear Santa,  
I want an xbox one and a Remote control for it.

Justus

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll. I want teddy bear. I want to see my friend. I want a ball. I want tablet.

Jacklynn

Dear Santa,  
I want a Minecraft. I want a LOL big doll, I want a baby doll. I want a game. I want LOL doll.

Izzy B.

Dear Santa,  
I want LOL doll 4. I want a Nintendo switch. I want Legos. I want an American doll. I want phone I want Baby doll I want an American doll stuff.

Kadence

Dear Santa,  
I want laser Tag set. I want a phone.

Terry K.

**Dongola Elementary  
Second Grade  
Mrs. Pulley**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. How have you been? since I've been so good I want a nerf guns nerf remote control, and fortnite giant set.

Love, Laye

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. How have you been? since I've been so good I want a dirt bike, drift cart and a remote control car.

Love Hunter

Dear Santa,  
I have been vere good this year. How have you been? I've been good so good I want a computer iPhone 1 Baldys Basics and Educachiana 1.

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. How have you been? since I've been so good I want a. for christmas. Love your name.

Paxton

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. How have you beed? sance I vebee so good I want a 2x nerf guns skate board and duoled set.

Antony

Dear Santa,  
I haf deen var gud How have you bee? Since I've been so good I will Barbie doll iPhone doll-house.

Arabelle

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. How hava you been? Since I've been so good I want a cmpter hoverbard and iPhone 11.

love Liam

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. How have you been? Since I've been so good I want blue slime, cupcake squishy, and cupcake squishy for christmas.

Love, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year how have you been? since I've been so good I want a \$100 sixx card xbox nintendo switch and iphonex for christmas

love Colton

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. How have you been? Since I've been so good I want a gift card a hamster a mouse for christmas.

Love Bailey

Dear Santa,  
I heve been very good this year. How Have you been? Since I've been so good I want a dirt bike remote control car a bunch of nerf guns.

Jonah Kennedy

Dear Santa,  
I heve been very good this year. How yo been ince snake dinosaur brason ieroneil.

Jovi Carson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. How have you been? since I've been so good I want a nerf gun big legos and hoverboard.

Love Brantley

Dear Santa,  
all I want is this Hoverboard, my life to be better, and to help my family.

Dear Santa,  
nerf Blaster a rpewe I have been very good thos year Ho have you been.

Eli

**Jonesboro Elementary  
Kindergarten  
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Mrs. Susan Ramsey's Kindergarten Class 2019  
Dear Santa,  
I want bells so if someone comes to my house, I will give them candy. Santa, do you like candy? If you do, I will give you some. I would like juice for Christmas. Pineapple juice, please. I would like a pet puppy for Christmas. I want a Ninja Turtle car. I love you, Santa!

Gunner Brame

Dear Santa,  
I love you. How do your reindeer fly? I would like a real tv., maybe two t.v.'s, because our t.v.'s don't work. I would like a box of donuts. I would like a real Christmas tree because we don't have a Christmas tree, ours broke. And, I want some toys and a real pet kitty, that's all I want. I love you, Santa!

Elijah Brock

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Elijah Brock

Dear Santa,  
What is the North Pole like? Why are you so fat? How do you get down tiny chimneys? How do you get to each house? Is it your magic hat? Santa, can you bring me a Stuffy from Wal-Mart that I can sleep with, a cat one, please? Please make sure it's a big Stuffy, not the small or medium, large please. I need a new bike because mine has three wheels and I want a real bike. I would really like a Nerf gun, please. I really need another sword, but I need a fake one! Can you bring Mom a super soft pillow? See you soon!

Bradley Brinkmeyer

Dear Santa,  
Why do you come to my house? What toys are you going to bring me? I would like Ryan toys and baby shark puppets and lots of games to play with. I would like lots of candy, some apples would be nice and some bananas with peanuts for Dad. He likes cheese sticks and I do too, so we would like some. I want a phone and chocolate candy. Ryan's World books would be great for me. Some chocolate milk would be so good. I need some new shoes, some light up shoes, please, but not PJ Masks. I would like some bread for jelly and butter toast. My Dad's phone doesn't work very well so I would like him to have a new one please. I love you, Santa!

Zayne Clay

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new car and a wall for driving on, and a remote control car. I would like you to bring Dad new tools. My Mom needs a new phone for her to call people. My Granny wants something like a costume, like a Super Girl. My sister needs Barbies and Mom needs a SpongeBob book. Merry Christmas, Santa, come on down! I am going to the North Pole to see you! What do you feed the reindeers and how do you work them? See you soon!

Kellan Cross

Dear Santa,  
I would like some new boots for Christmas, mine are ripped. And, I want like a toy doggy that is black and walks and talks. And, I would love a doll that does everything we do, walks, talks, and walks. Also, a diaper bag, stroller, and diapers. My most favorite thing I want is a high chair and table and chairs. I want a blow up couch that you sit on, and it turns into a bed. I want make-up for my Nana because she loves it so much. Paw Paw really wants a tool because he really likes tools. Please bring him one. I need a real computer, I mean real, not play. I would like a riding unicorn, please.

Mahayla Dukes

Dear Santa,  
How does your reindeer fly? How does your one reindeer, have a red nose? I would like you to bring me a Lego tower with dinosaurs. Can I also get some blocks to build something? I want a recliner, just like Rick's, so we can watch t.v. together. Can you bring my sister one Barbie? Can you bring Aunt Cathy a heater, because she's cold sometimes. Can you bring Uncle Rick a new lunch box, so he can bring it to work? Can you bring Aunt Meagan a pretty lunch box? Can you bring Uncle Josh a new lunch box, also, because he works on wheelchairs. See you soon!

Emmitt Hileman

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents you give to me. How does your sleigh be so magic, and Santa, how does the elfs make all those toys? Santa, I want my own skateboard, please. I also want my own minibike so I can tell my Mom I want to check on my Dad on my minibike and she would say, "Okay!". And

then I want a waterloo boy. It's the first tractor John Deere made, for my Dad, please. I want my own float toy that you can pull with a boat and you can drive it on the water. I want you to bring Mom a chair, just for her. I will see you next month!

Landon Hill

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeers magic? How do you get to everybody in one day? I really want Ryan's toys for Christmas, and can you bring me a brand new Christmas tree with Pokémon on it and some Paw Patrol toys? We really need new furniture for our house, too. We could really use some light bulbs, too. We need some new peek-a-boo

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# Letters to Santa

balloons. I would really like some dog food, and can you bring me kitty cats, please? See you soon, Santa!

Jackson Jordan

Dear Santa,  
How do you fly? I would like a big Barbie house. It is at Wal-Mart. I would like some cool Barbies and shoes for Barbie. A Barbie cot would be nice. Can you bring my brother some clothes for daycare, please, because her runs out of clothes there. Can you bring some tools for my Dad, please? I would like for my Mom to have her own tablet. My dog would like some reindeer toys and some treats from Wal-Mart. Please bring my Mom some p.j. tops and some comfy pants to wear to bed. I love you Santa, and your girlfriend, and your reindeers. Thank you!

Jayda Mayes

Dear Santa,  
Santa, how do you get in everyone's houses even if they are locked? How do you find all these magic reindeer? And, I want one, because I don't like doing any of my chores. Santa, I would like bubblegum, and a lot of it. Also, a lot of baby dolls, colored pencils, and a desktop computer. I love going to the computer lab, so I would like my own. I would like a t.v. for my Mom and Dad, please, because they gave me and my sister their t.v. I would like you to bring Gracie lots of toys, please. I hope you come soon!

Lillian Newberry

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Batman new toy, and I really need a new punching bag to hit because mine has a hole in it. I would like a Scooby-Doo movie, a new one, and a Sponge Bob new tent because mine is broke. I need some new toys because all I have is baby toys. I am not a baby anymore, so I don't need those baby toys. I want a drum set and a rock with something painted on it, SpongeBob coloring book and some number things and ABC stuff so I can learn the ABC's. A Batman pencil would be nice. I would like a train, too! Santa, how do you get the toys inside our house? Happy Christmas, Santa!

Kheaton Rains

Dear Santa,  
I want dinosaurs for my brother. I want Minnie Mouse toys. See you, Santa!

Kynleigh Shepard

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a toy robot frog? Santa, how do you make your reindeer fly? Santa, can you bring me a little bitty toy gumball machine? I would like a toy lion. I only like tigers and lions. So, we have Christmas trees at our house and we eat cookies at my Grandma's house and we sit at little tables and little chairs at Grandma's. So, do you want to come over? I would like a present for my Mommy, Daddy, and sister. I would like a new gun for my Daddy and a new pan for Mom, and for my sister, a new dress. For my bubby, I would like him to get

a new truck, a Chevy, please. One more thing I want for my Bubby, a knife. My Mom wants a new washcloth, new boots for my Daddy, and dress shoes for my sister. I love you, Santa! See you soon!

RJ Turner

Dear Santa,  
I want a drum for Christmas. Santa, how can you fly? Why do you come when it's dark outside? I really, really want a pink drum. I really, really want a wand, two Snuggles, and a Elsa and Anna real wand, so I can bring them to life. I really, really want a toy sticker book of Anna and a pen with Olaf and Anna on it. I want you to please, please bring my sister a blue and white Snuggle. I want vampire teeth emoji pillow for Autumn. I want a door for my brother and a toy that talks back. I want a blanket for Mommy, a blanket for Daddy, and a pillow for Grandma and a real phone, with a Dora the Explorer phone case. Thank you for getting me toys.

Karmyn Wallenmeyer

Dear Santa,  
How are you magic? Have a great Christmas next month! I want almost everything for Christmas. I want my own camera and makeup and some jewelry and purses. I want you to bring a vacuum that cleans the floor because my Mom and Dad don't like to clean. I don't want anything else, that's it! Bye, Santa, I love you! See you later!

Nora Wheeler

**Jonesboro Elementary Kindergarten Mrs. Ellis**

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle, a remote control airplane, a new bike, a remote control dump truck. That's all.

Love, Cason Penninger

Dear Santa,  
I want a piano, Paw Patrol toys, and Paw Patrol Lookout.

Love, Nathan Beasley

Dear Santa,  
I want a Paw Patrol Set, a Lightening McQueen, a race car Set, Hot Wheels, and Mine-craft toy.

Love, Alec Charles

Dear Santa,  
I want an LOL OMG! doll. I want a Baby Alive doll.

Love, Charlotte Ottolini

Dear Santa,  
I want a Minecraft Lego Set, a planets Lego Set and I think nothing else.

Love, Mikey Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard, Leo, a video game phone, robot, Minecraft toys, and a big Chase from Paw Patrol.

Love, Ben Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I want Minecraft Legos.

Love, Storm Darling

Dear Santa,  
I want an X-max remote control and some security cameras, a drone, a remote control helicopter.

Love, Chase Heern

Dear Santa,  
I want a car, a ball.

Love, Wyatt Holshouser

Dear Santa,  
I want a train, a trumpet, blocks, Legos, a robot, toy boat that will actually move, a pottery machine and that's all I want.

Love, Owen Houseman

Dear Santa,  
I want a phone, a crown a picture of me. I want a pet deer. I want new shoes. I want to learn math. I want a unicorn in space book. I want a picture of an ocean.

Love, Emma Lambdin

Dear Santa,  
I want Fortnite guns, Nerf guns, a Nerf pickaxe and that's it.

Love, Riley Lyons

Dear Santa,  
I want a telephone and a car for my dollhouse.

Love, Rylynn Turner

Dear Santa,  
I want coloring stuff because I like to color. I also want Legos. I want X-box games. A new tablet case that's black and blue.

Love, Dylan Walker

Dear Santa,  
I want trucks.

Love, Landon Nance

**Jonesboro Elementary First Grade Marggrat**

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I will give you half of my change, if bring me 5 nerf guns. You know what I want a baby kitten. I wish you a merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Carter

**Jonesboro Elementary First Grade Mrs. Miller**

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to klip up. How do your rainerd fli? Plees can you breing me A real baby pupy And A remote kin trol car? I love santa.

Payton Parrish

Dear Santa,  
I like to play with my brothers. How are your reindeer? I wanta tablet. Thank you. Merry christmas.

Aidan Diaz-Kelly

Dear Santa,  
I am good. I get on green lots of the time. But do yoo like to play? Plees can I have a cat? yoo are good.

Gage Musgrave

Dear Santa,  
I like football bukus I like to run. What are you doing Santa? I like you. I want tieboots and sox.

Landon Miller

Dear Santa,  
I like to play socr. What have your elves bin doing? I would like a LOL confetti pop. I love your reindeer.

Marin Eudy

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to be good. How are your elves and reindeer doing? Would you please give me a hyena and Mario figurs for Christmas. I Love you.


Conner Pind

Dear Santa, I like to play sockrball. How do you bring toys? I please want a RC car and I want a prayer book for my mommy.

Aiden Shepard

Dear Santa,  
I like soccer. How are yoor reindeer? I want to have a remote cinchrol car and a Barbie. I Love you

Maislyn Smalley



May the many blessings of the season shine upon you and yours throughout the year. Peace be with you always.

**City of Jonesboro**

Dear Santa,  
I have bin on slow dow. How are your rander? I wut a tablit and A new Harry Potter wand. I Love you.

Ivy Kirk

Dear Santa,  
I love to do math at school. How are your elves doing? Would you give me a toy Barby? I Love you Santa.

Jordan Lovell

Dear Santa,  
I love to read. How does your sled fly? I want a funny Batman, a toy bendy, a Spanish book for my dad and a heart thing for my mom. It says love on it. How do your reindeer fly? Reindeer are awesome!

Emilio Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I have ben good at school. How are your Randeer? Can you please get me toys Dolls? I Love you Santa!

Jaelyn Khurana



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**Jonesboro Grade School**

Dear Santa,  
I was trying to be good. How are your ranedeer doing? What I want for Christmas is a fortnit figr and poke mon sord? Thank you for all of the toys for kids. marry Christmas

Collin Staples

Dear Santa,  
I like baskubol. How is roodoff? I would like a nintendo swich. I Love you.

Daniel Sopczak

Dear Santa,  
I like to play upwards! How do you fit in chimneys? I want a fortnite rocket launcher, nerf gun and anew skateboard. I like your hat.

Toby Snell



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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to make good choisis How are your randeer doing? I want a ntindo swich. I Love you.  
Love Kevin Pearson

Dear Santa,  
I make good is choy-ses. How are your rein-der. doing? All I wan for christmas a cri babe and a noow clothes a hda tv. Love  
Addison Macintosh

Dear Santa,  
I like to plae Leggos. How do you. make toys? For crimis I want slime. I Love you santa.  
Jayden Benefield

**Jonesboro Elementary  
First Grade  
Mrs. Kirk**

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are well. Thank you for all the presents you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl this year. Here is my Christmas list: 1. A box full of golden horses, 2. A pet kitten, 3. A box of My Little Ponies, 4. A book about horses. I will leave some cookies and milk by the tree for you and a carrot for Rudolf. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Olivia Shriver

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope Rudolf is well. Thank you for the present you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: 1. American doll, 2. Barbie, 3. Baby dog, 4. Makeup, 5. LOL big doll, 6. Big hatchimal. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Madi Wilkins

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are well. Thank you for all the presents you brought me last year. I have been a very good boy this year. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Clothes, 2. Presents, 3. Hoverboard, 4. BMX bike, 5. Fortnite gun. I will leave some cookies and milk by the tree for you and a carrot for Rudolf. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Fabian Guijon

Dear Santa,  
My name is Creighton. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. I hope the elves are working hard. Is Rudolf ready for Christmas Eve? Here is my Christmas list: 1. Super hero VR games, 2. Water guns, 3. Transformers. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Creighton Todd

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jordan. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Stuffed unicorn, 2. Baby shark puppet, 3. Unicorn puppet, 4. Kitten. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Jordan Henshaw

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are well. Thank you for all the presents you brought me last year. I have been a very good girl this year. Here is my Christmas list: 1. American Doll, 2. Teacher Barbie, 3. LOL big girl, 4. A real puppy. I will leave some cook-ies and milk by the tree for you and a carrot for Rudolf. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Eva Meisenheimer

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brooklyn. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. I hope the elves are working hard. Is Rudolf ready for Christmas Eve? Here is my Christmas list: 1. I want 10 LOL surprise dolls, 2. A scooter, 3. LOL big girl. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Brooklyn Cross

Dear Santa,  
My name is Emily. I have been very good this year because I helped someone when they got hurt. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Polly pocket play kitchen, 2. Horsey arena, 3. Elsa and Ana set, 4. Toy unicorn. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Emily Duncan

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope Donner is well. Thank you for the army set you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Iron man lego set, 2. Batman and Joker lego set, 3. Deadly Joker action figure, 4. Heath Ledger Joker action figure. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Christopher Campbell

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are OK. Thank you for all the presents you gave me. I have been a very good boy this year. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Bey blade stadium, 2. 6 bey blade sets, 3. 5 pokemon cards--3 for me, 2 for Owen, 4. Xbox 3 and an Xbox 360. I will leave some cookies and milk by the tree for you and carrots for Rudolf. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Ethan Jiter

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you feel well. Thank you for the new tablet you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Wrestlers, 2. Wrestling stuff, 3. Nintendo switch. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Charlie Barlow

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kayleigh. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: 1. I want a special surprise, 2. I want 100 LOLs, 3. I want a bike, 4. I want an LOL big girl. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Kayleigh Davis

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are well. Thank you for all the presents you brought me last year. I have been a very good boy this year. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Guava juice box, 2. Toys in the box, 3. Puppet. I will leave some cookies and milk by the tree for you and a carrot for Rudolf. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Nolan Newberry

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are excit-ed. Thank you for the skateboard. I have been a very good boy this year. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Fortnite Monopoly, 2. Fortnite Jenga, 3. Legos, 4. Nintendo Switch. I will leave some cookies and milk by the tree for you and carrots for Rudolf. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Eli Cohen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Blake. I have been very good this year because you are very nice and lucky because of your reindeer. Here is my Christmas list: 1. A nintendo switch, 2. A bey blade set, 3. A baby puppy, 4. An Xbox 360. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Blake Edwards

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lawson Ury. I have been very good this year because I picked up my toys. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Nintendo switch, 2. Computer, 3. Laptop, 4. Bey blade set, 5. Xbox. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Lawson Ury

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sophia. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Shimmer and shine, 2. Book, 3. Paw Patrol toy, 4. Slime. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Sophia Hale

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hunter. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Here is my Christmas list: 1. RC car, 2. Nerf gun, 3. Toy monster truck, 4. Farm set, 5. Toy Spider Man. Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Hunter Dunn

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope Mrs. Claus is well. Thank you for the Hatchimals you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: 1. Real baby doll, 2. Bobble doll, 3. Pixie Belles Thank you, Santa.  
With love from Emery Wheeler

**Jonesboro Elementary  
Second Grade  
Mrs. Carver**

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Alanna and I am 8 years old. How are you and your reindeer? Thank you for the presents last year. Could I get a robot unicorn, dolls, books, puppy, and Boxy Girls. Thank you.  
Love, Alanna Brock

Dear Santa,  
How are you? My name is Isaac. Can I please have a radio, a dirt bike, and a headset for Christmas? Thank you.  
Sincerely, Isaac Janke

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How is the North Pole? I would like Luigi's Mansion 3 game, a bike, a cat, nerf gun and candy. Thank you.  
Love, Andrew Ebberts

Dear Santa Claus,  
& How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you're okay. I have been a good boy. I would like a big coloring set, a police set, a comfy blanket, new boots, new toy derby cars, pocket knife and a big car set.  
Love, Gavin McFadden

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Arianna and I am 8 years old. I hope you have had a great year. I would like LOL dolls, slime, LOL house, a squishy and a My Life doll. Have a great Christmas! Thank you.  
Love, Arianna Black

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Addison and I am 7 years old. I am good every day I help my parents with the dishes and laundry everyday. I would like books, a dog, Chrome-book, \$100.00 and Slime for Christmas. P.S. What kind of cookies do you like? Thank you.  
Love, Addison Ebberts

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the reindeer doing? What is your favorite part of Christmas? Mine is spending time with my family. I would like a LOL dollhouse, cat ears, more cats, a spy kit, notebook, playdoh, club-house and peace and happiness. Thank you.  
Love, Ryli Houseman

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been good. I am 7 years old. What is it like at the North Pole, I'm sure it's cold. Could I have a non gravity racecar for Christmas? My mom would like some new clothes. My dad would like a new truck and my sister would like cow halters for her cows. Thank you.  
Love, Drake Penrod

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hank Goss. I have been good. You are awesome. I would like a Yamaha gas dirt bike, it has to be the shortest version because I'm not that tall. I also want an electric scooter. Have a good Christmas. Thank you.  
Love, Hank Goss

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice Christmas with your reindeer, Mrs. Claus, and your elves. I would like a nail stamper, American Girl doll and Lego set. P.S. What kind of cookies do you like? Thank you.  
Love, Ryley Nance

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you are ok. I love your reindeer. This year, I would like a punching bag, diary, puppy, dirt bike and a basketball. Thank you.  
Love, Graydon Marks

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like the toys and candy you gave me last year. I will leave some yummy treats for you and your reindeer. I would like a watch that has games on it, a santa baby doll, computer, Baby Alive, Mickey and Minnie blanket, and a play concession stand that comes with food. Thank you.  
Love, Maddie Hopkins

Hope your holiday season is filled with lots of wonderful surprises.  
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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your elves? I have been a very good girl this year. Could I have a phone, slime, Boxy doll, sloppers and Baby Alive doll for Christmas? Thank you.  
Love, Avery Smith

Dear Santa Claus,  
I think I have been good this year and I think I am getting smarter. Can I have the Hatchimal, LOL doll, coloring book, clothes, nail polish and something unicorny.  
Love, Emme Stewart

Dear Santa,  
How are you. My name is Baleigh. I would like clothes, boots, shoes, a bike, toy cars, a jump rope, unicorn stuffed animals, and make up for Christmas? I have been good. Thank you!  
Love, Baleigh

**Jonesboro Elementary  
Second Grade  
Mrs. McFadden**

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Am I on the nice list? How is my elf, Jasmine doing? For Christmas, can I have my own elf? Also, there is a toy dog at Cracker Barrel that I've been asking for a long time. I also want a slime kit, Maryellen's Diner, and crystal kit. I'm going to make you peanut butter cookies!  
Merry Christmas,  
Hailie Sullivan

Dear Santa,  
Hey Santa! How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I really want accessories for my life doll, an art kit, a nickelodeon slime. I hope you have a good flight! Merry Christmas,  
Madilyn Smith

Dear Santa,  
I am going to make you a present! What is your favorite kind of cookies, because I am going to make you some? This year for Christmas I really want a train track. I like how they go in a circle. I also want a brand new notebook to color designs in. Finally, I want a toy cash register so I can play store with mom and dad. I hope you run into some snow on your flight.  
Merry Christmas,  
Blake Wells

Dear Santa,  
How are my elves? Can Buddy and Joy come back? Can you get me a hoverboard for my American girl doll boy, clothes, and a school set? I also want a kitchen for them. Thank you for always giving me gifts!  
Merry Christmas,  
Reagan Cheek

Dear Santa,  
I want a bake and a tablet and a American Girl doll and a Barbie house and a good christ.  
Your Friend,  
Raelynn Bigham

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing this year? Do you ever get a gift for Christmas? This year I really want a Baby Alive, poopsie slime, and some new clothes. I will leave you out some cookies and milk.  
Love, Amani Messerly

Dear Santa,  
How's Griffden, my elf on the shelf? I'm going to give you ten cookies and Coca Cola because you are awesome! For Christmas, I want a PS4 and a cotton candy machine. I hope you're doing great! Your Friend,  
Coby Sawyer

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving us gifts. You are the best, so is Mrs. Claus! Can you get me unicorn stuff for my life as doll? I also want a slime making kit, some baby dolls, and a Bulldog stuffed animal. Thank you for everything! Merry Christmas,  
Clareisa Lyons

Dear Santa,  
I hope I'm on the nice list this year for Christmas! I would really like a slime kit and a sloth blanket. I would also like a book, soccer ball, coloring set, my life doll, bracelet maker, and a hoverboard for my doll. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!  
Love, Jaycee Clutts

Dear Santa,  
I am going to leave you a ton of cookies! I hope you have a great Christmas Eve. This year for Christmas I would love toy trucks, a remote control boat, and a ton of popcorn! I hope you have a safe flight!  
Merry Christmas,  
Adam Nance

Dear Santa,  
I hope I leave you enough cookies! This year for Christmas I would really love some Legos, Hot Wheels, and a new float for my pool. Have a safe flight!  
Your Friend,  
Blake Penninger

Dear Santa,  
I love you. You are so nice. For Christmas, I really want a toilet paper Nerf gun, a slime kit, and a hat and time game. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas!  
Love, Eli Fehrenbacher

Dear Santa,  
How is my elf, Henry doing? I'm not on the naughty list, am I? I've been good! This year for Christmas I would really love a big remote control monster truck and a big Nerf gun. I would also like a new Monopoly game. I hope the elves and Henry are behaving for you!  
Merry Christmas,  
Colton Barnhart

**Lick Creek  
Kindergarten  
Mrs. Knueven**

Dear Santa,  
I want a slinky. I want a car that disappears and my grandma thinks I'm floating. I want a robot and dump truck. How does elves talk? Why does your reindeer fly? Why does you wear a magical hat? I never seen you before and why do you live at the north pole?  
Wyatt B

Dear Santa,  
I want a fast race car that is a remote control race car that smokes and has wheels. I want a Army set that has Army men and canons and cars and Army mens that has rockets.  
Wyatt H

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie camper. Then you know like the polka dots you can trace? I want those.  
Blakeley

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy man and it has two dinosaurs, a baby, and a doll. It has a grass trap cage. It has like some bombs and the man has gear to shoot the dinosaur. Two has kind of like dead, it has bones. Santa, thank you for sending the elf. I love you Santa.  
Eli

Dear Santa,  
I want a Elf on the Shelf. I want my family to have a happy Christmas. I want walkie talkies.  
Henry

Dear Santa,  
I want a big Barbie house. How does the elves fly? Are you going to come to my house this year?  
Harper

Dear Santa,  
I want slime. Makeup and toothbrush, and color change hair, and a Mal wig, a phone, a computer, mouse toy, and toys.  
Mackenzie

Dear Santa,  
Why did you bring us this elf? Can you bring me a blinger for Christmas? I like to read, bring me a book. I want a coloring book. I want one of your elves to watch me at my house.  
Alexa

Dear Santa,  
I like a teddy bear. I like Christmas. It's great on the holidays. And fun. I want a Nintendo Switch. Just some toothpaste and bandaids.  
Sam

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot drawing. I want a potato head. I want a scooter that you ride on.  
Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I want toys for Christmas. RC car. I want a Batman car. A dump truck.  
Liam

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for giving us an elf to keep an eye on us for you for Christmas. I want a new Hot Wheels set. A new plane. A toy cat. A toy dog.  
Kameron

**Lick Creek Elementary  
First Grade  
Mrs. Banks**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving us presents. This year for Christmas, I would like LOL Surprise, a Horse Rocker, a Teddy Bear, and a Magic Keyboard. Have a Merry Christmas!  
Love, Emmie

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy Barbie doll, and a LOL , and a doll house. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Cami

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Shopkin Hotel, LOL Hotel, a notebook, and a coloring book. Also, a white fox stuffed animal, and a notebook with a dragon on it. The pink sparkly purse with gems and a diamond would be great. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Kaitlyna

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy remote control car. One that goes up the walls. I also want an action figure playset and Legos. Have a great year!  
Love, Titusa

Dear Santa,  
I love Santa! You bring me presents. I would like a huge bed and a huge puppy. Also anything with a fox, or a little baby fox. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Averya

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy horse and I want an American Girl Doll. Also a board with markers. I want a toy dog that barks. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Serenity

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving me the things from every single year. I want the LOL Chalet, American Girl clothes, Shopkins, and Hatchimals. Thank you!  
Love, Maggie

Dear Santa,  
I like Ryan toys. I want a toy car, Mario Kart video game, clothes, a soccer ball, and a football. I have been really good this year. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,  
I want some LOL dolls and stuff, Barbie dolls, and American Girl doll stuff. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Ayla

Dear Santa,  
This is all the stuff I want for Christmas. I want a pink makeup vanity, a Barbie camper, a puppy, a JoJo bed, a horse, a baby doll, LOL camper, a Barbie camper, a glittery purse, and a baby cat. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL chalet, a bracelet maker, LOL camper, a JoJo toy, a new baby lizard, sight words, and a Shopkin toy. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Kayleigh

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuffed animal wolf, a stuffed animal white wolf pup, pancake mix, and a year full of joy. I would love candy, please! Oh Santa, will you please get me these presents?  
Love, Abbi

Dear Santa,  
I like your presents! I'm going to like them this year. I would like a computer, a huge candy cane, a toy tractor. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Daultan

Dear Santa,  
I want a gift for everybody in my family! I would like a Minecraft monster called a Creeper, a toy truck, and a Mario candle. Happy New Year, Santa!  
Love, Owen

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a Barbie camper, a Chuckie doll, a Barbie doll, and a Frozen doll. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Sofia

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Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I want a monkey blanket, a monster truck school bus, PS4 game, and a PS4 controller. Happy Holidays!  
Love, Logan

Dear Santa,  
I really want to talk to you about letting my mom play with me more because she has to work a lot. I want a big barn that comes with horses, cows, goats, and sheep. Have a nice Christmas, Santa Claus!  
Love, Alayna

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Can I have a plush Creeper, Halo game, hover board, stuffed pig, Goosebumps book, and a Beetlejuice bobble head. See you now, Santa!  
Love, Jet

Dear Santa,  
I hope you bring lots and lots of toys and Legos. I really like Minicraft Legos. I want a firetruck with a hose that can spray real water. I would like to share with my brother. Santa, I hope you have a Merry Christmas!  
Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control speedboat and an electric scooter. Also, I want a remote control car, a four-wheeler, and a three-wheeler. Happy Christmas!  
Love, Colton

Dear Santa,  
I have been good today! I want for Christmas a tablet, a Car-Car tank, and a Nintendo Switch. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Love, Tuffy

Dear Santa,  
I want a four-wheeler, candy, a bike, and most of all a good Christmas! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,  
I want a pocket knife, a little car, a toy fox, a toy tool kit, a trampoline, a kid's bounce house, a little wooden house, and a deer blind. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Holden

**Lick Creek Elementary  
Second Grade  
Mrs. Cerney**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Hover Board for Christmas. I also want Preditors. I want a new bike. I want a red one. My orange one is broke. I also want a new Ipod and a Fit Bit that counts my steps. Thanks for my two elves.  
Love, Camden Kneeven

Dear Santa,  
I want a blue fuzzy chair and girl Legos. I really want an R.C. car. I would also like a tablet. How has your day been going?  
Love, Payton Brown

Dear Santa,  
I want a new R.C. truck. I want a dirt bike. I want an orange one. I want a 4-wheeler and I don't know what else I want. I am going to leave you cookies and milk.  
Love, William Brown

Dear Santa,  
I would like a giant stuffed animal. I also want a real puppy dog. I want a bungy chair and a hundred dollars. I want a Mac Book Pro and a Fit Bit to track my steps. I want an iphone 11 Pro. I wanted to ask you if you are the guy texting my mom about the elf?  
Love, Jordan Starr

Dear Santa,  
How do you get around the world to give people presents? I would like a tent for Christmas. I would sleep in it at night. I want a basketball court. I will probably leave you out some cookies and milk. I will probably leave carrots for the reindeer.  
Love, Gibson Cox

Dear Santa,  
I want to ask you for Christmas presents. Can I have a Baby Alive? I want a truck Power Wheels. I also want a blue 4-wheeler. I want a horse that you can ride on. I also want 2 chapter books. I want a watch that counts my walking and a diary. And that's it. I care for you Santa. I am going to leave you out cookies and milk. I will then give you a card. I will also leave Mrs. Claus a present.  
Love, Macy Clutts

Dear Santa,  
I would really like for my dad to be happy. I also want a remote control car. I would really like it if I could spend some more time with my mom. I would like to have fun with my brother and play with my sister. I want a puppy, a real live one. And, I want to spend some time with all of my family. That is it! I am going to leave some cookies and some milk.  
Love, Lane Wright

Dear Santa,  
What do the reindeer do at the North Pole? Thank you for giving us toys and things we need. Thank you for coming to our school and eating breakfast with us. Can I have an electric car for Christmas? The kind you ride in. I have asked my parents and family

for one and I never got one, so now I am asking you for one. I will ask my parents if I can leave out reindeer treats for your reindeer.  
Love, Kelly Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a R.C. boat for Christmas. Thank you for giving me my air hockey table. I want a knife to cut stuff. I want a dry erase chalk board. I want one of those curvy things that turns i to a pillow and then a cover. I also want step counting watch. I want to know how many steps I take. I would like a gun to go squirrel hunting with and that's it. I love you Santa!  
Love, Chevy Mays

Dear Santa,  
I want a R.C. car and a R.C. boat. I want remote control 4-wheeler that is 4-wheel drive. I also want a real 4-wheeler with a motor. I want a tablet. And, I want a kid elf. I want a reindeer that is remote control that you can make move and stuff. I want a bath tub for my baby dolls. I want a Barbie that has a soccer goal and a soccer ball and soccer gloves. It comes in a set. I want a Hover Board for myself. Thank you for the presents.  
Love, Kaylee Ford

Dear Santa,  
I want to ask you for any kind of R.C. car and I want a real go-cart. I would like a Lego Mine Craft set. I want a toy money bank set. And, I want a remote control grave digger with a camera in it. I also want a remote control semi and laser tag and that is it.  
Love, Rylie Linton

Dear Santa,  
I want a power wheel for Christmas. I also want roller skate shoes with rollers on the back. I want a phone, like an iphone or something. That is all.  
Love, Parker Nalley

Dear Santa,  
I want another elf. I want to keep him and touch him. Can I get an elf that can move too? I would like him to move and watch me. I also know something else I

want for Christmas. I want a regular tablet. I want something else, an ipod. My sister wants an ipod too. My brother wants something, but I don't know what. I think he wants a 2 seater go-cart for him and me. Either big or small, but it is for outside. It can be big or small, but I don't know. Can you give me some of your reindeer food? I would like to feed my horses some reindeer food at my house. There are also reindeer on my road and I might want to feed them some too. I also want those reindeer cookies too, but not the yucky kind, the good kind. I love you Santa  
Love, Alex Wright

**Lincoln Elementary  
Kindergarten  
Mrs. Staples**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a unicorn robe. I would also like a Bo Peep doll and a mermaid doll.  
Love, Sophie

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie jeep. I would also like some pink, blue, and purple hair dye.  
Love, Vayda

Dear Santa,  
I would like a nerf gun. I would also like some monster trucks.  
Love, Brayden

Dear Santa,  
I would like a hover board. I would also like a remote control car.  
Love, Zack

Dear Santa,  
I would a rocking horse, a trumpet, and a bouncy ball. I would also like a Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer.  
Love, Lyla'

Dear Santa,  
I would like \$100. I would also like a new phone. I also want a Minnie Mouse motorcycle.  
Love, Kalynn

Dear Santa,  
I would like an Elf on the Shelf. I would also like a Mickey Mouse Clubhouse puppet.  
Love, Jase

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Nerf gun. I would also like a green bike.  
Love, Lakelyn

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dog and a Rainbow Dash.  
Love, Eliana

Dear Santa,  
I would like an American Girl doll. I would also like a Barbie Dream House.  
Love, Julia

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie Dream House. I would also like Barbie clothes and shoes.  
Love, Addy

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote control dog. I would also like Pokemon cards.  
Love, Chase

Dear Santa,  
I would like an OMG doll. I would also like a Barbie jeep and a unicorn desk seat.  
Love Rylan

Dear Santa,  
I would like an LOL glamper. I want all of the OMG dolls.  
Love, Evanne

Dear Santa,  
I would like some makeup and a Barbie house. I would also like Barbie jeep and a new chair.  
Love, Jacelyn

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a nerf gun. I would also like an army suit.  
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,  
I would like an American Girl doll that has a red sweat-shirt and black jeans and boots.  
Love, Chesney

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Nintendo Switch. I would also like a car that drives on the wall.  
Love, Gabe

Dear Santa,  
I would like Minecraft Legos. I would also like a new razor with six wheels.  
Love, Lucas

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Chomp Squad dinosaur. I would also like an Otis wrestling figure and a hockey crocodile thing.  
Love, Brycen

Dear Santa,  
I want a flatbed truck that is black with no ramps. I would also like a red RC razor.  
Love, Cole

**Lincoln Elementary  
Kindergarten  
Lannom**

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me cars and the Hulk buster.  
Bryson

Dear Santa,  
Thank you! I want a paw patrol bed set and LOL dolls.  
Morgan

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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want an LOL doll and JoJo Siwa. I want a big Barbie house.

Madison

Dear Santa,  
I want a big gumball machine and a Christmas toy.

Jax

Dear Santa,  
I want an electric glide, a bouncy ball with handles on it, and a paw Patrol track.

Christian

Dear Santa,  
I want a Mega form Alolan Raichu and a Picachu.

JJ

Dear Santa,  
I want a car. I want a fire truck.

Jesus

Dear Santa,  
Thank you! I want remote control cars. A remote for my playstation.

Adam

Dear Santa,  
I want a dollhouse. I want dolls to go with my dollhouse.

Zella

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll and a pig. I want a puppy.

Alaina

Dear Santa,  
I want an LOL little sister. I want a puppy.

Bella

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby kitten. I want new art supplies.

Kailyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy and a toy unicorn.

Cassidy

Dear Santa,  
I love him and I want a new train.

Knox

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I want a kitchen, scooter...a really fast scooter.

Addison

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll and some baby clothes for the baby doll.

Kenslie

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot raptor. I want a bouncy ball for Dayton. He's a little cutie.

Jayse

Dear Santa,  
I want a hoverboard.

Calvin

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa! Thank you for giving me presents.

Logan

Dear Santa,  
Thank you. I want a Barbie house.

Maddux

## Lincoln Elementary Kindergarten Mrs. Rich

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new reindeer Christmas stuffed animal named Dasher. At my dad's, please bring me a tree house and a Santa Barbie doll & Elf doll. At my mom's can you bring me Christmas books? Please get me a stuffed animal turtle, too and a new picnic basket. Please don't forget my family this year. My grandpa needs a scarf. My momma wants a dress, and my aunts need tennis shoes. My uncle loves bow ties, too.

Love, Adelle

Dear Santa,  
I am a good girl. I listen to my mom all the time. I will leave cookies and milk for you at my house. Would you please bring me a big Barbie house with a slide on it?

Love, Blakleigh

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a skateboard for Christmas. I would like the Hot Wheels garage that can hold 140 cars. I will leave you some cookies.

Love, Brayden

Dear Santa,  
I would like a skateboard and a motorcycle. I have been a little bit good. You will find carrots for your reindeer at my house. I will have you chocolate cookies from Wal-Mart on the table in the living room. Can I get a tire swing, too?

Love, Dalton

Dear Santa,  
Do you know what? I have been waaya good this year!! My mom, dad, and teacher tell me I am good all the time. Please bring me a gold treasure box so I can have 2. My grandma has lots of toys, so can you bring her one more like card games, ok? There is one wish I have...Can you bring me seeds to grow my own apple tree?

Thank you! Henry

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie House for Christmas, please. And, Barbies to go with it. Please bring my mom a new pillow, my dad some new pants, Carson wants a new penguin remote control truck, and Carly wants an Apple watch. I love you Santa and my family too!

Love, Kamiya

Dear Santa,  
I went to shop with a cop and got some cool stuff. Can you get me a fake unicorn and a stuffed animal that's a dog, and a elf for my house that is like the one in my class? It's easy to be good at home and school. I haven't even moved my bee.

Love, Karlee

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie, a puppy, and a baby boy. I have like 20 puppies but I'm giving them away. I really want to keep just one. I would name her Piglet. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Karly

Dear Santa,  
I like the Barbie movie. So, I would like a new Barbie toy and an ipad. I am a very good girl. At my house, you will get cookies for a snack.

Love, Kenzie

Dear Santa,  
I like you. You give the best presents. This year, please bring me a unicorn that moves, a Barbie head to decorate, and a water blaster. Vivie wants Baby Shark dolls and Jaxon wants a watch. I will make you chocolate chip cookies for a snack.

Love, Lillie

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a cotton Candy maker. It is my favorite candy. I really want the new Hot Wheel track, too. I am a good boy especially at my mom's house.

Love, Lucas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a pink bike with a special seat for Bunny Bear, a pointer like Mrs. Rich has-it has an apple on it, a pair of new shoes with stars on them, and ice skates. Thank you Santa.

Love, Madelyn

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. You are the best! I would like new shoes that are red for Christmas please. I like to play school, so can you please bring me a blue or orange pointer. Also, I would like a Harry Potter book, wand, and that's all. I hope Rudolph is ready for Christmas!

Love, Merric

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an Elsa doll, a crib for her, and all the things she needs. I will leave lots of goodies for you to eat.

Love, Melody

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a riding unicorn, a flying saucer, and that's it!

Love, Marley

Dear Santa,  
I love unicorns. Can you bring me some shoes with unicorns on them and a REAL unicorn? Thank you, Santa!

Love, Paisley

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a dirt bike, 4-wheeler and RC car. I have been good at my house.

Love, Reed

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me an LOL house, a phone for just me, and a new Barbie. My brother, Camden, would like a video game and Taj new headphones. My dad wants cooking stuff and my mom wants a new heating pad. I would also like a Barbie truck and airplane. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for Rudolph and the other reindeer.

Love, Quincy

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a REAL dirt bike and a new bed. I think you can bring my sisters some Barbies. My mom doesn't really want anything.

Love, Ryder

Dear Santa,  
I really want a Go Kart so I can drive fast on the road. Matthew will ride with me. Lena wants a toy Lego car and Matthew wants a drone and a computer. We have been really good kids and listen to Mommy and Daddy. Also, please bring me a new Razor

Love, Tinsley

## First Grade Mrs. Dallas

Dear Santa,  
I want anything Pokemon!

Tucker

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a phone? Thanks

Cain

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Nintendo Switch for Christmas. I would also like Fortnite items.

Ramiro

Dear Santa,  
I want LOL dolls, baby car-seat, a baby doll, and to meet JoJo Siwa.

Love, Addy

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote control truck, toy truck with trailer, dirt bike, and four-wheeler, semi-truck with car and tractor.

Bentley

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy train and clothes.

Logan

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have toy makeup? I want math flash cards. How are the elves?

Love, Molly

Dear Santa,  
How cold is the North Pole? I want a real pony for Christmas.

Love, Raelynn

Dear Santa,  
I have been good and would like clothes for Christmas. And maybe a Barbie movie.

Thanks, Izzy

Dear Santa,  
I want a sled, a Hat-chimal, and a crown please.

Cassidy

Dear Santa,  
I was a good girl this year. I hope to get a kitchen, desk and clothes. Be safe on when you ride the sled.

Niah

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing good. I want an American Girl Doll, couch, and food.

Kensy

Dear Santa,  
I want FBI and Army costumes. I also want a Nerf gun.

Rylan

Dear Santa,  
I want slime for Christmas. I would like clothes, and baking supplies, and makeup supplies, hair accessories, and bath bombs. I will leave milk and cookies for you. How is Mrs. Claus? How are the Elves? I am excited for Christmas! Be careful on your sleigh.

Love, Jenna

Dear Santa,  
I would like a truck and a train. I would like a farm house.

Jimmy

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like three things. A read dog, Bendy toys and a LOL dollhouse. I will leave the lights on.

Love, Kimber

Dear Santa,  
I want a Basketball, an umbrella, and a dog and a horse.

Alexia

Dear Santa,  
I would like a fun holiday. I want a snowman. I want video games.

Bryn

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Xbox1, nerf gun, Fortnite sweat-shirt and necklace. Michael Jordan shoes Fortnite plush. I love you. Merry Christmas!

Cash

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a toy pony and makeup. Please bring my sister a Elmo toy.

Love, Gracelynn

Dear Santa,  
I want pizza. I want toys. I want hugs.

Landon

Dear Santa,  
I want a Frozen castle, Elsa and Anna dolls. I want a watch for Christmas and Olaf toy.

Love, Juliet

## Lincoln Elementary First Grade Mrs. Youngman

Dear Santa,  
I would like the Frozen 2 movie, I would like a dreamhouse with a pool, I would like a phone Barbies, a Ken doll, a cat that is baby.

Love Kyleigh Shepard

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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
Here is my List. a dress, a baby, doll clothes, doll horses, BrBe airplane, poopsie, LOL Boys.  
Luve Ali

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Star Wars fighter. I have tried to be good and I know you have been working hard. I'm your biggest fan.  
Mankell

Dear Santa,  
I like the LOL Big surprise I like Barbies I like the twisty pets I like a omg doll.  
Love Nevaeh

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I wow Like a robot dog a baby doll Disney princess Rainbow Surprise toy and a giant Ryant gg.  
Love, Shelby Bird

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I would like LOLs. and frozen stuff. I would also like teddy bears. Hope to see you!  
Skie

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like Barbies, Lego Friends, Boopi the llama, hatchimal wow, craft supplies, MC2.  
Emma W.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would really like 4 Lego sets, A fun book, and a good, glodel!  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
Please give me presents, I like LOLs Barbies, stuff pipnee pops. hachmlz.  
Addie

Dear Santa,  
I want a train truck remote car remote toy box a book and a tow truck.  
Connor

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a cotton candy machine, a pony and clothes from Justice.  
Love, Aniston

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline. and a doll. I want a bell. a doll. Thank you Santa.  
Love Addilyn

Dear Santa,  
All I want For Christmas is 1. Legos 2. Cars 3. Lego 2 the movie 4. I want my bubby to have a good Christmas 5. Mega Blocks For Hayden  
Thank you.  
Cas

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD and Hatchimal wow. I would also like a Santa snow globe. thank you.  
Rowan

**Lincoln Elementary  
First Grade  
Mrs. Suggs**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dirt bike set, a fortnite set, a jurassic park lego set.  
Lakein

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a drone for Christmas. Merry Christmas!  
Keion Carter

Dear Santa,  
I wouldlike a Hatchimal and a LOL doll. I also want a Frozen doll. See you on Christmas!  
Love, Emma Kohler

Dear Santa,  
I want books and barbies for Christmas please! Thanks!  
love, Patty

Dear Santa,  
I want a hoverboard please. I want A X shot nurf gun Please.  
Andrew

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doll-huse, I would like legos, LOL surprise Doll.  
Rilee

Dear Santa,  
I would like A monster truck, teddy bear, toy combine, truck, trailer, dirt bike. And to spend with my mom and dad.  
Bryson

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow. Red sneaker sand. a nintendo DS.  
Easton

Dear Santa,  
I would like PS3 games and Hot wheels and mighty pups.  
Sawyer

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Nintendo Switch with Luigi's haunted mansion 3, some minecraft toys and to have a good time with Family.  
Gavin S.

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I like Christmas. I would like an untamed and minecraft legos.  
Alexis

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie camper, a big unicorn and LOL surpris. I will leev you coocees.  
Love Katie Stegle

Dear Santa,  
I would like a piece of gold. I would like a rock polisher. I would like a diamond.  
Jack Bigler

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl. I would like some toys please.  
Thank you, Zeppie

Dear Santa,  
I would like A Key-Board, A LOL Doll And A LAMP.  
Peacelyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie and a new bike this Christmas.  
Love Payton

Dear Santa,  
I want Fortnite backpack Fortnite shoes Fortnite blanket punching Bag.  
from Jake

Dere Santa,  
I want twisted pet and i want blinger and i want luckee charms. forchisms.  
Kenley

Dear Santa,  
I want an Xbox One for Christmas. I have been really good this year.  
Brett Allen

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy horse and a barbie airplane. I would like a barbie mall.  
Ella

Dear Santa,  
I would like a horse and a robot. I would also like a barbie.  
Eva

Dear Santa,  
I love you very much and I hoap that I get aLots of presents.  
Love Waylon

Dear Santa,  
I want a dit for christmas... I want a toy truk... I want a new bagpack... I want a lunch box.  
Kenny

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa, I like a dog. I like a tranpoline. I like a unicorn. I like a tea set. I like a stepovrs.  
Allyson

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a RC car, Ryan purple egg, Pokemon cards and nerf gun. Thank you Be good.  
Jonathan

Dear Santa,  
please bring lots of Fortnite toys. A ps4 game and hunting gear. And toys for Nash and Luci.  
Love, Knox

Dear Santa,  
I want time to stop so I kan stay little Forerver  
Gabriel

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like two Elf's on a shelf, L.O.L. stuff And Mom to be well.  
thanks Journey

Dear Santa,  
I wnt a Box of toys like toy storee lazr Jeep with a remote and a p.s.=3  
Jadon

Dear Santa,  
How are you. I am fine I want A Renote control car. thank you  
Jack Gaddis

Dear Santa,  
Pop out Books. thank you for my sister and moma and family  
Bryson

**Lincoln Elementary  
Second Grade  
Mrs. Feloni**

Dear Santa,  
I would like garrysmod game, fnax help wanted game spring trap plush, creeper pj,s, a tablet, a new calender.  
Love Christopher James

Dear Santa,  
for christmas I would like LOLs, Blume Dolls, a sewing machine and a guitar.  
Love Ella

dear Santa,  
these are the tings that I want fortnight chapter 2 and pokemon shield.  
Ian

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? Could I have a phone, camera, and a twisty pet please. Have a good christmas.  
Sabrina

Dear Santa,  
this year I have been good. Is it cold at the north pole? I will make you cookies and milk. Merry christmas!  
Mayli

Dear Santa,  
I would like mighty twins pups, pawpatrol mighty tower and the mighty plane.  
Love Michael

Dear Santa,  
I want a hoverboard, Armytoys, Headphone, Cell8+, Beef Jerky, and I wish my Teacher a good Day.  
Benito

Dear Santa,  
I want for christmas is a big nerf gun and a little Nerf gun, lego toys. Fivenights at freddys toys.  
Maxwell

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dog I want some clowse I want a ball I want a crismus doll I want a Bike I want candy.  
Brooke

Dear Santa,  
I want A gymnastics bar, science kit for my americin girl doll, LOL doll, mermaid tail that goes in the pool, bab-yalive hope you have a merry christmas!  
Kaegan Craig

Dear Santa,  
How much candy do you make each year? How many presents are you bringing me? We are spreading reindeer food. We might have milk and donuts for you.  
Love, Kai

Dear Santa,  
I want a tree house, makeup, kids cooking set, barbie stuff, and can you bring my brother some monster trucks!  
Macy

Dear Santa,  
Are you having a happy time? Can I please have a camera, a twisty pet, a elf on the shelf and a poopsie? Have a happy christmas.  
Katryna

dear Santa,  
i want a 22 rifle, shotgun mega Hot weels garage, Ipod 100,000,000,000 Hot weels cars Legos, books, whatever my Family wants.  
Nolan

Dear Santa,  
I want a hand-boardskateboard a nintendo switch. I tried to be good this year.  
Love, Lucas

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bonnie plushy, spiderman toys, SuperMario Maker 2 galfe, and a golden Freddy plushy.  
love, Nicholas James

dear Santa,  
I want a dog dress for Ryuvki and a hover board.  
Jetta

Dear Santa,  
I want a fone for christmas.  
Bentley

**Linclon Elementary  
Second Grade  
Mrs. Rathjen**

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Clos and the rendeers? I wont furby creck frind.  
By: Liam Brazil

Dear Santa,  
how are the reindeer? Merry christmas!  
Love Matthew

Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL doll, Make-up, phone, shoe's and a new bike this year I have been a very good girl.  
Love, Alyssa McKee

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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
is your reindeer doing ok? i'm doing fine. can you tell rudolph Hat i said hi.  
Tyesen Newberry

Dear Santa,  
how are the raindeer doing. I am very excited about Christmas. hope your doing Good wrapping all the Gifts.  
Love Chanel Short

Dear Santa,  
How are your raindeer? I want a blanket with a bear picture. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Chelsea Vaca

Dear Santa,  
Hi santa I hope you are doing good I would love if you get me a nintendo swich.  
Wyatt Vaughn

Dear Santa,  
How old are you? What do your reindeer look like? What does your home look like?  
By Luke Dallas

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I want a tractor for christmas.  
thanks, Ben Thompson

Dear Santa,  
i hope i get a lot of givets. And i Lovwe christmas. And i Love you santa. I love the raindeer.  
Emma Sanders

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a dert bike. I would like a trasik park mjerrex how are the deer feeling how are you feeling to sante.  
Braxton Law

Dear Santa,  
What do your reindeer like to eat? Can I have a real dirt bike?  
Cash Quick

Dear Santa,  
How do youre reindeer fly? Can I have a box of legos this year?  
Love Landon Lee

Dear Santa,  
I want a Rc car for christmas. The one with a remote control. Have a merry christmas.  
Riley Rowan

Dear Santa,  
how are you doing how are the reindeer and the elves how is Mrs. claus.  
Love Paxton Bore up

Dear Santa,  
How are things at the North Pole? Are the reindeer good? I would like a Prank kit, go cart, boxing gloves, and a tube race car track.  
Gabe Hammer

Dear Santa,  
hew are you doing today. I hope you have a very good christmas and I hope you had some good cookies and I want is an LOL.  
Tymber Roach

Dear Santa,  
how are you. I am good. How are the reindeer.  
love Aligah

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer I want a Barbie house for Christmas.  
From Kameron Hall

**Lincoln Elementary  
Second Grade  
Mrs. Smith**

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like for you to give my gifts to a kid who doesn't have anything.  
Love, Savannah

Dear Santa,  
I wade like for crismis cutetitos, potato chips, iphone X, a dog toy for booboo, Xbox one, gum, and itunes card.  
Love Tillie

Dear Santa,  
I want JoJo stuff, and Elsa stuff. I been a good girl this year. I'm going to leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you, and reindeer food.  
from Jordan

Dear Santa,  
I want more Barby dolls and Barby cloths. how are your elfs and reindeer? I have bend good.  
by Layla Leek

Dear Santa,  
I want a twistee pet and some teenkr bell komitk books.  
Love Lydia

Dear Sanute,  
I want a rc car and a xbox and a new shoes and a new bike.  
Love Jeremy

Dear Santa,  
I would like a puppy and a BlueS bedding set and a chalkddoarb with doarb.  
Love Loyla Carney

Dear Santa,  
A nerf gun, and a pocket knife. Also a pool table for my new house please.  
Love Karson

Dear Santa,  
can I have makeup, real dog clothes, calico criteer house and calico criteer bunny, a alarm clock, a Jewelery box.  
Love Bryue

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I would like a pet zebra, a sling shot, candy, skyram and pokemen cards.  
Zander

Dear Santa,  
i want film for my camera and a skech pad. how are the Raindeer doing and how are you doing have a good day thank you.  
Love Pipeu

Dear Santa,  
I want a Lego classic Large creative Brick Box set 10698.  
Love Aaron

Dear Santa,  
I have Been good this year. I want a twisty pet, slime, we will leave you some cookies and milk out!!  
Love Riley Barnhart

Dear Santa,  
for crismas I want call of duty 1 and PS4 a PS4 contrer legos bat man a slum xbox 1 Spider-man game.  
love Knox

Dear Santa,  
I want fishing stuff. I want xbox one games. I want a ping pong table. please! I have been good this year. I have been nice to my Sisters.  
Liam

Dear Santa,  
I would like a pink apple watch and a purple Intax camera.  
love, Violet

dear Santa,  
I a barbie dream camper. i want a LOL. I want a LOL pet, and lol little sister.  
Thanks Abigail

Dear Santa,  
I want a iphone 12, bike 2 foot, elf on the shelf, another xbox 360 controller, PS5 + 3 controllers ps5 games, and an xbox 2, and Merry christmas to ms Smith dont forget xbox-l-s.  
love Braiden

dear Santa,  
for christmas I want Some american Girl doll accessories. and a boxer Robot.  
Love Addyson Alley

**Shawnee Elementary  
Kindergarten  
Mrs. Courtney**

Dear Santa,  
I am being good. Thank you for the toys. Can I get a Buzz toy and Power Rangers? I love you Santa!  
Love, Randall Neilson

Dear Santa,  
I want some toys from Puppy Dog Tales and some hot wheel cars. I love you Santa!  
Love, Kannon Recar

Dear Santa,  
I would like an LOL Surprise doll. My baby brother needs a few toys and a binky because he always cries. I really like that you give us toys. I love you Santa!  
Love, Zoey Welker

Dear Santa,  
My Elf has been so good. I miss you Santa. Sometime I would like to go to the North Pole. I am trying to be good. Maybe you could bring me a RC car? My baby sister needs a binky. I love you!  
Love Cooper Sullivan

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I really want a dirtbike and a drum set with all the stuff. Also a soft Christmas blanket and soft pillow. I do want my own Elf! Thank you for all my stuff! I love my Elf Tootles.  
Love, Jarett Pickel

Dear Santa,  
I would like checkers, hot wheel cars and the Hi-Ho Cherry-O game. You are good Santa!  
Love, Brady Mayberry

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I would love super colossal T-Rex and Spinosaurus. Also a forklift and truck and trailer. I love you so much Santa!  
Love, Mason Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I really want presents. I want karate Mario and Luigi. I will leave you milk and cookies!  
Love, Reed Sissom

Dear Santa,  
I want some decorations for my house. A robot and an airplane and PJ Mask toys. I like how you make toys for me and Maddie. I love you and that's it!  
Love, Connor Patrick

Dear Santa,  
I want a box of pens, a new coloring book, dry-erase board and some cars. I thank you for getting me presents. I love you Santa!  
Love, Luke Nax

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had magnet blocks, my own Elf on the shelf and the new Playdoh. Thank you for decorating our class for me and Mrs. Courtney. I love you!  
Love, Zane Carter

Dear Santa,  
I want a dollhouse and Barbies and a Barbie car. Thank you for sending the Elf and being kind and bringing people presents. I love you Santa!  
Love, Aubree McMahan

Dear Santa,  
How are you feeling? I hope you are good. I like your Elf and your reindeer. I would love Mickey Mouse and Lion King toys. That's it! I love you!  
Love, Clayton Hubbs

Dear Santa,  
I want a pink slime girl. Also a fairy garden and my own real life makeup. You are the best Santa on Earth!  
Love, Ella Hale

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie Doll house and a LOL doll surprise. Thank you for giving me toys!  
Love, Ashlynn Gollilier

Dear Santa,  
I love your outfit that you wear at night. I would like a princess set with a dress and jewelry. Thank you for the presents. You are so quiet! I love you Santa!  
Love, Mavis Ford

Dear Santa,  
I love your Elf and your books. Thank you for bringing Mrs. Courtney those pens. I would love you to bring my friends some presents. I gave my mom my list. I love you Santa!  
Love, Aydon Elder

Dear Santa,  
I love you! Can you please get me a lot of presents? I love nerf guns and Nintendos. I am going to leave you some milk and cookies!  
Love, Dewey Ellet

Dear Santa,  
I want a playhouse and a Frozen 2 toy castle. I would love a princess carriage. Santa you are the best!  
Love, Annabelle Davis

Dear Santa,  
I really want a baby doll and a pool raft and a real puppy dog. Also some coloring books. I love you Santa!  
Love, Jenna Dodson

Dear Santa,  
I love the presents you got me last year! Can I please have more LOLs for Christmas. Also, a big Hatchimal. I really did like the presents last year!  
Love, Emmy Bendick

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents! I love you!  
Love, Damien Barnes

**First Grade  
Mrs. Lomax**

Dear Santa,  
I want a RC truck, a cotton candy maker and an ultra nerf gun and some little cars.  
Kamedyn Gregory

Dear Santa,  
I want some nintendo switch games, new roblox figures and a monster truck. How do elves get the toys to Santa for the good kids?  
Drake Chapman

Dear Santa,  
I want RC cars, dirt bike toys, a 65, trucks and trailers, and a fast toy that hauls stuff.  
Easton Bigham

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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a purse and gymnastic set. I would also like some peppa pig or polly pocket toys.

Bailee Duran

Dear Santa,  
I want princess toys, Barbie house and a dancing kit.

Kenzie Duran

Dear Santa,  
I want a nintendo switch with games and a unicorn watch, a baby-doll, notebook, and a computer.

Brynleigh Ellet

Dear Santa,  
I want a race car track, new stuffed animal and a cot.

Randi Ellet

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV with a power wheel and volcano set with a dinosaur.

Adyen Griffin

Dear Santa,  
I want to ask for a car, a TV, tissues and hand sanitizers.

Kolsyn Kaufman

Dear Santa,  
I want headphones and a nintendo switch.

River Kelley

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation, a toy racecar, and a trampoline.

Camden Keppner

Dear Santa,  
I want a real live puppy! Also I would like a phone.

Joselyn Matlock

Dear Santa,  
I want a phone, a guinea pig bowl, a squishy, a Ben 10 watch with 4 games, pokemon cards and a tablet with a bunch of pokemon games please.

Charles Moore

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby reborn, a bubble gum machine and a toy puppy.

Tally Myers

Dear Santa,  
I want a phone and a hoverboard and a karaoke machine!

Mykell Presutti

Dear Santa,  
I want RC cars, a ski boat and monster trucks.

Ryland Rhymer

Dear Santa,  
I want a phone or a new tablet. I wish I could have some music with DJ headphones and a notebook I can bring to school.

Dakoda Ross

Dear Santa,  
I want RC racing cars with digging tires and a remote control combine.

Christopher Trandel

Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL doll and a Barbie dreamhouse and a skateboard.

Keri Wills

Dear Santa,  
I want a BIG toy car, a grey digger and a robot.

Jackson Weber

Dear Santa,  
I want a train set.

Evan Andrews

Dear Santa,  
I want a booty shakin llama, a princess car and a unicorn suitcase!

Kylee Bade

## Shawnee Elementary Second Grade Mrs. Mc Kinney

Dear Santa,  
I want A cotton candy machine, LOL dolls, and bath bombs, and a doll house.

Love Chelsie

Dear Santa,  
I want a omgdoll, LOL dolls, and a amarican girls clothes.

Love Kinleigh

Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL cool surprise, books, Elf on the shelf plush, Justice Pet shop toys, LOL toys, bunny clothes and moves.

Love Carlie

Dear Santa,  
I would like a pair of Adidas shoes, clothes from Justice, Squishy , bath boms, Magnettiles, Justice lunch box and backpack look the same.

Love Tinley

Dear Santa,  
I wanta breyer unicorns and a breyer horses cowgirl boots and a hat and pants and shirt please.

love Mia

Dear Santa,  
I want a car, and phone for my sister.

Love, Max

Dear Santa,  
I relly want a brand new pair Ua shoes and some Nike shoes to and some Ua pair of clothes and a pair Nike clothes.

Love Kash

Dear Santa,  
I want a xbox 1 with a call of Duty black ops2. and Fortnite a iphoneX and a tablet an military man.

love Rusty

Dear Santa,  
I want a iphone and slime and olypic bar and a fealdog and a iphone tablet

Love Ty'Liyah

Dear Santa,  
I wont a cotton candy machine, LOL Dolls, makeup mermaid paris Dolls bathbomb, Granny Game and a toy phone.

Love Madison

Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL doll and a phone for my brother a real pupy dog a LOL doll-house barbiu free tickets to go to disneyworld a new car for my mommy and with tv inside.

Love RaeAnne

Dear Santa,I want a fortnit game that goes with xbox one, computer, nintendo switch, super mario odyssey that goes with nintendo switch, Lego jurassic park.

Love Conner

Dear Santa,I cotton machine LOL Dolls hot Justis stuf wee is make-up bath bombs Paris Doll A Justis backpack and lunch Box And Justice elf gog Justice cup makcup And machup Box.

Love Lilly

Dear Santa,  
I want a link sawakening animal crossing, super Mario odysse Mario one and pixel link a mibos.

love Carter

Dear Santa,  
I wut a tablet and a 8 ball and a battury car that I can drive.

Luv Chase

Dear Santa,  
I would like a hover board that is sparkle pink and rainbow lights, a real bunny, another Elf on the Self that is a girl, a fancy long dress that is red, gold high heels and a iphone 11 Pro that is pink and gold pop socket and a case that is pink and a computer.

Love, Madelyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a fortnite play stashin four and a Crash game.

love Bentley

Dear Santa,  
I want a frameoline, I phone 11 pro, dirt bike, four wheeler, biggest Nerf guns, bouncy castle.

Love Bentley

Dear Santa claus,  
I want a trampoline at my grandmas and at my dads and a dirt bike 1,00000 dollers and a Nerf guns and a fort

Ryder

Dear Santa,  
I want a car and some toy cars and a poll and some money and a ps4 and four ps4 controllers and some ps4 games!

Love Chase Temke

Dear Santa,  
I want a LOL doll house for crismis and a rainbow bath bomb

Love Aubree

Dear Santa,  
I want a dollhouse with a waterslide, squishy I phone 11 pro max and a new LOL doll

Love Journey

Dear Santa,  
I want a elf on the shelf, baby stuffed bunny, volleyball, a picture of you and Mrs. Claus, clothes, boots, holy jeans and a fuzzy squishy.

Love, Adalyn

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas can I please have an Elf on the Shelf, a Fortnite Nerf gun, a Ryan toy, and a Hot wheels Monster Truck and a game gift card. Thank you!

Clayton

Dear Santa,  
I want a stretch Armstrong computer and Phone

Love Clayton

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! You're really cool! Can I please have an Ipad, a blue & red bike, a football, & a bunch of books for Christmas? Thank you!

Love, Autumn



### O, Christmas tree

Lights shine on a Christmas tree which is on display during the holiday season on the square in Jonesboro.



### Reindeer in the night

A lighted display of Santa's reindeer can be seen in front of The Davie School Inn in Anna during the holiday season.

**HOLIDAY STYLE**

*The lights are strung,  
The gifts piled high,  
Stockings are hung,  
And the time is nigh.*

*We're wishing you  
Good cheer abound,  
Peace and joy, too,  
And love all around!*

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Have a joyous Christmas season with your family and friends.

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Lance  
Meisenheimer**

We'd like to thank all of you who have helped to make our spirits bright this year with your friendship and support.

**Merry Christmas, everyone!**

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**Special message for the season**  
 A special message was shared on a sled which was on display during December at the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden.



**Merry Christmas**  
 Santa Claus and his helper Elf, with some help from Asa and Tiffany Busby, wished everyone happy holidays during the Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration on Nov. 30.

Happy Holidays!

To our friends, family, and community.  
 May you have a wonderful Holiday Season!



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