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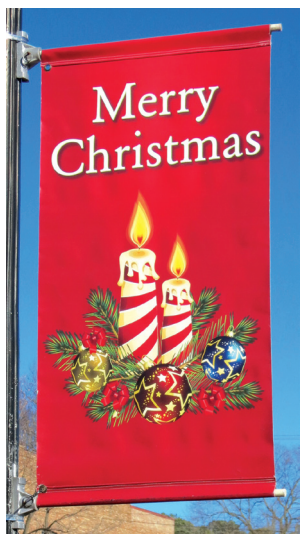
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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Merry Christmas to all of our readers.

If you have not had a chance to do so yet...take a drive around Union County to check out the holiday season light displays. There are some very nice displays again this year...

...and be sure to pay a visit to the Anna City Park to see this year's Gumdrop Drive displays.

Holiday season break time has arrived for Union County schools.

Doesn't look like there is much of a chance for a white Christmas in Union County. The forecast is calling for sunshine and a high temperature near 57 degrees on Christmas Day.

Tuesday was the first day of winter. Very heavy frost at least hinted at the appearance of snow.

Circulation of nominating petitions for the 2022 election is set to begin Jan. 13. Union County offices which will be on the ballot in 2022 include two seats on the board of commissioners, sheriff, treasurer, clerk/recorder. Precinct committee posts also will be on the ballot. More on this to come...

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Union County CEO project highlighted

Local farmers, growers offer unique gift ideas

By Kay Shipman
FarmWeek

With shoppers worried about supply chains and shipping delays, holiday foods and gifts from the farm have never been timelier.

"Everybody is worried about finding gifts and supply chain disruptions. The perfect solution is finding somebody making a gift locally and shopping at a farm nearby for a unique gift," said Dar Knipe, co-founder of MarketMaker, an interactive database.

Farmers and growers are using different options to help shoppers check off items on their gift lists, according to Raghela Scavuzzo, Illinois Farm Bureau associate director of food systems development.

Cross promotions that combine products from different farms proved popular during the pandemic and continue this year, Scavuzzo said. "We're seeing that cheese, honey and nuts go together," she added.

For example, Champagne's Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery is offering gift baskets of the farm's artisan cheeses along with an assortment of regional food products. By joining group promotion and events, farms share the work of attracting customers and increasing brand recognition.



Assembling local gift boxes

Students from the Union County CEO entrepreneurship program assemble boxes with local foods and agricultural products to sell during the holiday season. (Photo by Natalie Brown, 2021-2022 Union County CEO entrepreneurship program participant.)

Scavuzzo pointed out many communities and local chambers of commerce are promoting local holiday shopping and may include local farm stands. She suggested another idea is a farm pop-up shop located in a local business during the holidays.

Through MarketMaker, online shopping with participating farmers is easy at il.foodmarketmaker.com, Knipe said. The database allows buyers to search for growers by ZIP codes, place, point of interest and type of commerce, such as online stores.

Those wanting in-per-

son experience will find business hours, product attributes and other information. "Part of the fun is finding a farm close by that you didn't know existed," Knipe said.

State-sponsored promotions and events give other opportunities. The Illinois Department of Agriculture's Illinois Product Holiday Market featured local foods and goods Dec. 4-5 near the governor's mansion in Springfield.

While the 2021 event just ended, Scavuzzo suggested interested farmers contact the department's marketing



Student entrepreneurs

Union County CEO entrepreneurship program participants assembled and sold more than 200 boxes of farm-fresh products from local farms during the group's second annual sale. In collaboration with the City of Anna, the student-run business also helped install a temporary outdoor skating rink to drive traffic to area businesses. (Photo by Natalie Brown, 2021-2022 Union County CEO entrepreneurship program participant.)

bureau about 2022 holiday promotions.

And several farms are among 20 businesses highlighted in the Illinois Office of Tourism's new "Illinois-Made Holiday Gift Guide" found at enjoyillinois.com/illinois-made/2021-holiday-gift-guide.

For example, Union County's Shawnee Hills Lavender is promoted for hand-blended, lavender teas made by Doug and Charlotte Clover.

Launched in 2016, the Illinois Made program, which includes the holiday gift guide, promotes unique experiences throughout the

state. The program now features more than 200 businesses. To be considered for the Illinois Made program, farms and businesses must demonstrate characteristics that make Illinois unique. Criteria details are available at enjoyillinois.com/illinois-made/illinois-made-criteria.

Union County: Unique Local Product

In Union County, a unique local product gift box was made by high school students participating in the Union County CEO entrepreneurship program.

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Awards presented at annual event

Women in Business have annual Christmas party

The Union County Women in Business recently had its annual Christmas party at member Regina Morrison's StarView Vineyards near Cobden.

The dinner, catered by RE and Sandy, and desserts from Anna Baking Company and Schoolhouse Cheesecakes, were followed by a brief business meeting before the "fun and games."

Union County Women in Business president Leni Lambdin opened the meeting with a welcome and a review of highlights of the last year, including the Adult Prom which raised funds for the four scholarships given each year.

That was followed by the election of new officers for 2022. The officers are:

President: Hope Holderfield, Union County Abstract.

Vice president of programming and internal networking: Jennifer York, Dixie Barbecue.

Secretary: Lindsey Bailey, DVM, Haire Veterinary Clinic.

Treasurer: Danielle Dodd, Taylor, Dodd and Wood.

Membership chair: Melanie Smith, Union County CEO.

Public relations chair: Evelyn Bailey.

Members at large: Sarah Clinton, Anna-Jonesboro National Bank; Jaime Watkins, Shawnee Hills Real Estate; and Kaitlin McWhorter, Duckworks Lawn Care.

Annual awards were then presented by president Lambdin. They were awarded to:

Lindsey J Bailey, DVM,

veterinarian at Haire Veterinary Clinic, member of the year: "In recognition of your time, generosity, and dedication to the organization."

Shelly Pender, owner of Fluttering Bloom Designs LLC, wood flowers, now available at Country Roads Flowers & Gifts, cottage industry of the year: "In recognition of your business and in appreciation of your improvement to local cottage industries."

Nancy Watkins, owner of Shawnee Hills Real Estate LLC, new business of the year (no awards given for 2021): "In recognition of your new business and in appreciation of your improving an existing building."

Leni Lambdin, CPA, partner in Parrish and Lambdin, CPA's: "In recognition of your service as Past President of Union County Women in Business."

The meeting wrapped up with new president Hope Holderfield setting some goals for the year, including a celebration this summer of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of Union County Women in Business.

The group enjoyed an ornament exchange, a photo booth area and the giving of one last prize. Kathy Bryan, owner of Kiki's Coffeehouse, and Alyssa Penrod, co-owner of Schaefer Excavating LLC, won most festive outfits.



Award winners

Union County Women in Business award winners included, standing, from left, Shelly Pender, Fluttering Blooms; Nancy Watkins, Shawnee Hills Real Estate; Leni Lambdin, Parrish and Lambdin CPA; and, sitting, Lindsey Bailey, DVM, Haire Veterinary Clinic. Photo provided.



Union County Women in Business members

Union County Women in Business members include, in the first row, from left, Danielle Stevens, Country Financial; Liz Wilkins, Country Roads Flowers and Gifts; Danielle Dodd, Taylo, Dodd and Wood; Lindsey Bailey, DVM, Haire Veterinary Clinic; Regina Morrison, StarView Vineyards; Jennifer York, Dixie Barbecue; and Kelli Wood, Edward Jones.

In the second row are Hope Holderfield, Union County Abstract; Evelyn Bailey; Liza Buckingham, Posh Peony; Rose Hogan, The Cabin on Mountain Glen; Charlotte Clover, Country Financial; Leni Lambdin, Parrish and Lambdin CPA; Shelly Pender, Fluttering Blooms; Alyssa Penrod, Schaefer Excavating; Amber Belcher, Anna State Bank; Nancy Watkins, Shawnee Hills Real Estate; Kayla Penninger, Anna State Bank; Kathy Bryan, Kiki's Coffeehouse; Sarah Clinton, Anna-Jonesboro National Bank; and Kelly McDowell, Skyline View Cabins and Rustic Hideaway Cabins. Photo provided.



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The Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education has selected retired U.S. Air Force Col. Dona Lovejoy Hanley as the 2021-2022 Shawnee's Best award recipient. Hanley will be recognized during homecoming activities which are planned at the Wolf Lake school on Saturday, Jan. 15. Much more about this to come...

Roof replacement work and other projects have been discussed for Lincoln Elementary School in Anna.

The Village of Cobden is proceeding with acquisition of real estate for a well location. The location has been deemed as a feasible site for a well.

Local gifts

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Students assembled and sold more than 200 boxes that included local foods and agricultural products, said Union County Farm Bureau manager Stephanie Rhodes. The county Farm Bureau office offers meeting space for the class.

Several local farms sell products and/or help sponsor the students' group gift box project, Rhodes said, adding this marked the second year local product boxes were sold.

For farms whose seasonal products aren't available during the holidays, gift cards could be an option.

Consider simple paper gift certificates to allow a future purchase or the gift recipient to select a flavor, style or aroma of his or her choice.

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

A message posted on social media shared that earthquake monitoring stations in the Kentucky Seismic and Strong-Motion Network recorded strong ground vibrations associated with the storms that produced the Dec. 10-11 devastating tornadoes that passed through western and central Kentucky.

A report on ballparkdigest.com shared that Rent One Park in Marion has been purchased "and will transition into a hub for sports tourism." Rent One Park was the home of the Southern Illinois Miners baseball team, which has ceased operations.



Expiration dates extended for driver's licenses, ID cards

Expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional three months, from Jan. 1, 2022, to March 31, 2022.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office said the extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses, CDL, and CDL learner's permits. White noted this will be the final extension.

"During the pandemic, my office has continued to serve the public, including face-to-face transactions, in a safe and responsible manner," Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White said in a news release.

"This extension is necessary as my office continues to address the heavy customer volume caused by the COVID-19 pandemic through expanded online services and the introduction of appointments at select driver services facilities."

Public Act 102-678 authorizes the Illinois Secretary of State's office to extend driver's license and ID card expiration dates to March 31, 2022.

Throughout the pandemic, White's office has launched a diversified effort to address the heavy customer demand at facilities caused by the ongoing pandemic by requiring appointments at select facilities and expanding online services. These efforts include:

- Requiring appointments at select driver services facilities for behind-the-wheel road tests, REAL IDs, standard driver's licenses and ID cards.

Customers may visit ilsos.gov for a list of participating facilities, as well as to schedule an appointment. New appointment slots will be available each day at ilsos.gov.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office also noted that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

Weather

Temperatures ranged from a high of 66 degrees to a low of 21 during the period of Dec. 14-20 in the Union County area.

Precipitation for the period totalled 1.91 inches of rain, which included .44 of an inch on Dec. 16, .69 of an inch on Dec. 17 and .78 of an inch on Dec. 18.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Dec. 14	66	34
Wednesday, Dec. 15	63	59
Thursday, Dec. 16	65	38
Friday, Dec. 17	49	37
Saturday, Dec. 18	57	35
Sunday, Dec. 19	43	24
Monday, Dec. 20	43	24

The Shop Local \$500 grand prize winner, drawn on Monday afternoon, was Helen Blankenship (left), pictured with Cindy Vinson, bank employee of Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Helen split her winnings between Walmart (\$250) and Farmstead Market (\$250).

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Honor Wreaths for Veterans activities held in Union County

More than 1,000 Union County veterans were honored with special tributes on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremonies and wreath layings were held on Saturday at cemeteries throughout the county. Honor Wreaths for Veterans is a branch of Wreaths Across America.

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which was founded to continue and expand an annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery be-

gun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992.

The organization's mission, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at more than 2,500 veterans cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and overseas.

That mission was carried out during last weekend's special activities in Union County.

An Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony was held Saturday morning at

the Anna Nazarene Church. The ceremony was for Anna and Jonesboro.

The program for Saturday's ceremony included: VFW honor guard posting the colors, commanded by Mark Haddick.

Posting of colors accompanied by pianist Carla Anderson, who played "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Opening prayer by Phil Ray, who led the ceremony.

National Anthem, presented by Rachel Norton and members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community

High School concert choir.

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Boy Scout Troop 44.

Message of honor, given by Phil Ray.

Symbolic wreath laying, presented by Melinda Clardy.

Moment of silent prayer to honor all deceased veterans.

"Taps," presented by bugler Rachel Norton.

Retrieving of the colors, VFW honor guard.

Following the ceremony, those in attendance were able to go to the Anna Cemetery and the Jonesboro

Cemetery to lay Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

Anna City Council member Martha Ann Webb has worked hard in support of the Honor Wreaths for Veterans tributes in Union County.

Webb is coordinator of activities which are planned at the Anna Cemetery. Liz Wilkins served as coordinator for activities at the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Webb works tirelessly throughout the year on planning the Honor Wreaths for Veterans activities. Her goal is to have a wreath placed

on the grave of every veteran in Union County.

Several of those who participated in Saturday's activities praised the work Webb does. Jonesboro Cemetery coordinator Liz Wilkins was very grateful for all of the support she received from Webb.

(For more news and photographs from Saturday's Honor Wreaths for Veterans activities, please see this week's Anna News, written by Martha Ann Webb, which can be found elsewhere in this week's newspaper.)



Honoring a veteran
Volunteer Tom Caldwell placed a wreath at the grave of veteran Charles Hicks at the Anna Cemetery.



Preparing Honor Wreaths
Frankie Williams, Katelynn Williams and Bryan Williams prepared wreaths to be placed on the graves of relatives, and veterans, who are buried at the Anna Cemetery. They placed wreaths at the graves of their father and grandfather, Frankie Williams, a Marine who served in Viet Nam; and a great-uncle and great-great-uncle, Don Ray, who served in the Army during World War II.



Ceremony at Anna church
An Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony was held Saturday morning at the Anna Nazarene Church. During the ceremony, Boy Scout Troop 44 led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Girl Scouts help in Jonesboro
Local Girl Scouts were among those who helped to Honor Wreaths for Veterans at the Jonesboro Cemetery. The scouts, from Troop 8533, and other volunteers took time to gather for a photograph with Liz Wilkins, who coordinated Honor Wreaths for Veterans activities at the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Southern Seven COVID-19 update

24 new cases reported in county

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday, Dec. 20, reported 24 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County.

The newly confirmed Union County cases involved three children under 10, one teen, three persons in their 20s, seven in their 30s, two in their 40s, two in their 50s, four in their 60s, one in the 70s and one 80-plus years old.

Southern Seven Health Department's update also showed:

A cumulative total of 3,427 cases in the county since the start of the pandemic. A total of 3,292 recovered cases had been reported in the county.

There were 84 active cases in the county. A total of 51 deaths had been reported in the county since the start of the pandemic.

The health department serves Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties.

Southern Seven Health Department shared information about cases in the region in the update, which was for the period of Friday, Dec. 17, through Monday, Dec. 20:

151 newly confirmed cases. 150 newly recovered. 387 total active cases. 184 total deaths. 11,974 cumulative total cases.

All of the statistics provided by the health department are provisional and are subject to change.

59,312 new COVID cases in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Dec. 17, reported 59,312 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 316 deaths since reporting on Dec. 10.

IDPH was reporting a total of 1,944,056 cases, including 27,117 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois.

As of Thursday night, Dec. 16, 3,783 people in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 70 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose and more than 63 percent of Illinois' total population was fully vaccinated, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC.

All data are provisional and will change, IDPH reported.

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Sports

Cobden runs winning streak to six games

With three recent victories, the Cobden High School boys' basketball team ran its winning streak to six games.

Cobden 61, Century 21: The visiting Appleknockers pulled ahead early in the win Friday, Dec. 17.

Tyler Franklin led the way with 24 points.

Drake Campbell added 12 points, Elliott Lowndes 10, Brock Reynolds 9, Brady Bundren 4 and Cooper Flamm 2.

Cobden 64, Dongola 15: The visiting Appleknockers pulled ahead 29-2 after one quarter on their way to the win Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Lowndes had 18 points to

lead the way. Franklin added 14 points, Kevin Webb 8, Bundren, Reynolds, Campbell and Edwin Funes had 4 apiece and Aaron Funes and Kohen Moore 2 each.

Cobden 58, Elverado 24: The Falcons were held scoreless in the first quarter in the loss at John A. Logan Community College in Carterville Monday, Dec. 13.

Lowndes had 25 points to lead Cobden. Franklin added 11 points, Campbell and Bundren had 6 apiece, Tom Coleman 4 and Flamm and Aaron Funes 2 each.

Cobden, 7-6, is scheduled to begin play Monday, Dec. 27, at the Sesser-Valier Holiday Tournament.

A-J boys play three games in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team played three games in recent action.

Massac County 70, A-J 52: Host A-J and the visitors were tied after one quarter in the game played Saturday, Dec. 18.

Landon Trammel had 25 points and 5 rebounds to lead A-J.

Dylan Harvel added 9 points and 3 rebounds. Ethan Carver had 7 points and 4 rebounds. Bryce Henry had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Dawson Trammel had 5 points and a rebound. Loughton Mixen had 2 rebounds and Joey Sullivan had one.

A-J was 10 of 21 in shot attempts from the floor, 9 of 25 from 3-point range and 5 of 9 from the free throw line.

The Patriots were 18 of 27 in shot attempts from the floor, 7 of 14 from 3-point range and 13 of 19 from the free throw line.

Pinckneyville 47, A-J 27: The visiting Wildcats fell behind early and couldn't catch up in the loss Friday, Dec. 17.

Harvel had 8 points and 3 rebounds to lead A-J. Henry added 4 points and 5 rebounds. Sullivan had

4 points and 2 rebounds. Landon Trammel had 4 points. Carver had 3 points and a rebound. Payton Denny had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Dawson Trammel had 2 points and a rebound. Mixen had 2 rebounds.

A-J was 8 of 19 from the floor, 0 of 2 from 3-point range and 11 of 20 from the free throw line.

The Panthers were 13 of 29 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 9 from 3-point range and 9 of 16 from the charity stripe.

Carterville 47, A-J 32: A-J was outscored in the second quarter on its way to a 47-32 loss to visiting Carterville Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Harvel had 14 points and 3 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Trammel added 8 points and 2 rebounds. Carver had 4 points and 4 rebounds.

Trammel had 4 points and a rebound. Henry had 2 points and 6 rebounds. Sullivan had 2 rebounds and Denny had 1.

The Wildcats were 14 of 22 in shot attempts from the floor, 1 of 13 from 3-point range and 1 of 2 from the free throw line.

The Lions were 17 of 29 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 14 from 3-point range and 4 of 6 from the charity stripe.

A-J fell to 1-6 overall with the loss.

A-J is scheduled to begin play Monday, Dec. 27, at the Eldorado Holiday Tournament.

A-J girls face Massac, Du Quoin

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team faced Massac County and Du Quoin in recent action.

Massac County 39, A-J 30: The visiting Lady Wildcats let a lead slip away in the loss Saturday, Dec. 18.

Addison Denny had 18 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals, an assist and a blocked shot to lead A-J.

Marlee Smith had 8 points and an assist. Brodie Denny had 4 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. Jenna Sadler had 4 rebound, 2 steals and an assist. Macie George had 3 rebounds and an assist. Riley Cruse had 2 rebounds.

Du Quoin 38, A-J 28: The host Lady Wildcats stayed close until the final quarter in the loss Thursday, Dec. 16.

Smith led the way with 19 points, a rebound, assist and a steal.

Addison Denny had 7 points and 9 rebounds. Sadler had 2 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists and steals. Brodie Denny had 4 rebounds and Crews had 2.

A-J, 5-8, is scheduled to play Monday, Dec. 27, at the Christ Our Lutheran Winterfest Tournament at Centralia.

Shawnee played both games shorthanded with only seven players available. Several players had contracted the COVID-19 virus.

Shawnee is scheduled to return to the court Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Thompsonville.

Shawnee boys fall twice in recent action

The Shawnee High School boys' basketball team lost twice in recent action.

Elverado 46, Shawnee 17: Visiting Shawnee couldn't recover from a 15-3 first quarter deficit in the loss Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Dryden Wills had 9 points to lead Shawnee. Brody Wills and Noah Mayberry had 3 apiece and Koda Abraham had 2.

Joppa 66, Shawnee 39: The visiting Rangers took an early lead on the way to the win Monday, Dec. 13.

Brody Wills had 16 points to lead the Redskins. Dryen Wills added 15 points, Abraham and Allie Myers 3 apiece and Ethan Smith 2.



Jonesboro Elementary School food drive

Jonesboro Elementary School helped to make the holiday season brighter by having a food drive. Items collected in the drive are going to Shawnee Development Council's food pantry in Anna. A total of 3,045 pounds were donated. Organizers reported that more than \$400 had been donated to purchase additional food items from Union County Market in Jonesboro. Those who gathered for a picture with items which had been donated in the food drive included Santa Claus, Miles Delashmutt, Brooke Sheffler, Drake Penrod, Connor Pind, Owen Jiter, Seren Eudy, Ridley Eudy, Caliope Pind, Cooper Gurley, Landon Hill, Collin Staples, Jaycee Clutts, LaVada Kester, Alleynah Smith, David Craig, (middle) Kenzie Miller, Blake Abernathy and Addilynn Ashmann. Photo provided.

A-J wrestlers compete in Tennessee

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team competed at Slamfest 2021 in Clarksville, Tenn., Saturday, Dec. 11.

The Wildcats finished in 8th place with a 3-2 record.

A-J defeated Houston, Tenn., 48-30; Kenwood, Tenn., 49-30; and Northwest High School of Clarksville, Tenn., 60-24.

The Wildcats lost to Brentwood Academy, 42-39; and Franklin, Tenn., 48-29.

The Wildcats are scheduled to compete at the Abe's Rumble in Springfield Thursday, Dec. 30.

State police offer FOID assistance

The Illinois State Police Firearms Services Bureau, FSB, has announced another option for customers without access to online devices (such as a computer, smart phone or tablet) to apply for and update FOID cards.

Customers can utilize FOID kiosks which have been set up at three Illinois State Police facilities throughout the state.

As of Dec. 15, the locations included Illinois State Police District 13 at 1391 S Washington St. in Du Quoin. Regular hours are scheduled Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours are subject to change.

The FSB kiosk system is set up to offer Firearm Owner Identification, FOID, application assistance only.

Services which are available at the kiosks include:

- Assistance with submitting name/address changes, renewals and new applications online.

Taking a photo and uploading it to the application. Assistance with correcting rejected applications.

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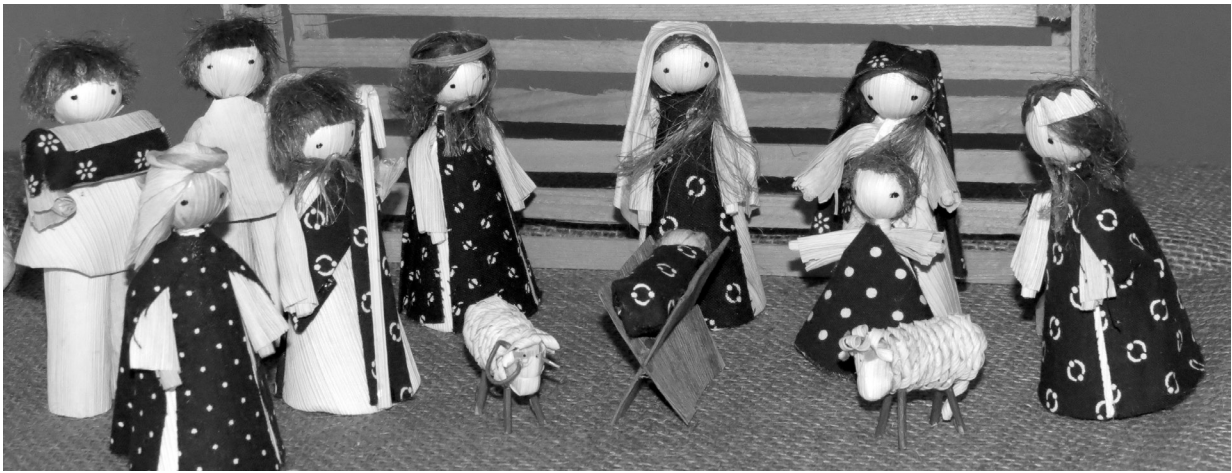
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Matthew	Matthew	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke	John
1:1-17	1:18-25	1:1-25	1:26-56	1:57-80	2:1-20	1:1-18


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County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

Being a grown up is rough. The responsibilities are endless and the frustrations enormous.

Because of this, on many an occasion I used to tell my kids I was changing my name. This was puzzling to them, until they became grown ups. Now they know why.

I've received more than one phone call telling me I should be happy, I was vindicated. I tried not to laugh...but...oh well.

The holidays are upon us. Are you ready? I've tried to be, but I've conceded that some things are just not meant to be.

How many of us that have had to re-adjust something this year? It's quite irksome, to be nice about it. I'm not sure what normal is anymore, or if I will ever get it or want it back. Once again...oh well.

Brother Bob Richardson gave his Christmas message from Luke 1.

We are reminded that the lineage of Jesus's earthly father, Joseph, wasn't perfect... still he was chosen to raise our heavenly father's son.

The shepherds were among the lowest of citizens, yet they were the first to hear the news of Christ's birth and were told to spread that news.

We all have baggage, as none of us are perfect. Yet God has chosen us as Christians to spread the message of His son, Jesus, as well. Let us prove we are worthy, of that task.

We need to remember those in need this season, if only in our prayers. Especially the families of those who have lost loved ones.

My family have lost two in the past two weeks: Jim Vines and Florene Wheaton Smith. Indeed, many have, as the obituaries in the newspapers are numerous.

The holidays make it even more emotional for these families. We feel sorrow, and lift up prayers of comfort for all those grieving.

We also need to continue to remember those in need after the storms. Their needs are so varied.

Also, remember those who are sick, struggling with personal issues, and those that are simply alone. The holidays are especially rough on them.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Barry and Beth Miller, Tommy Hollis, Joe and Joyce Sullivan, Lillian Milam, Elaine Helton, Debbie Watson, Johnnie Warren, Ivy Yana, Vickie Harvel Jacobs, Paul McKee, Marc Osequera, Lou Manus, the Camden brothers, Bon Kohler, Jay Smock, Rikki Hogberg, Ricky Foster, Matt Pearson, Barbara and Bob Layman, JoAnn Yates and Nikki Harvel Bates.

We are thankful that Bon Kohler's knee replacement went well. He is not quite ready to do the next knee, though.

He was blessed to have the care and attention of both daughters, Cheryl McKinney and Gaylen Tunberg during this time.

Various friends have dropped in to visit, Lori Settler, Russ Marsh, myself, and then Mike Whitney who brought a tree.

He's also had medical help checking up on him

and his rehab status. He's due to see the doctor soon to get the stitches out.

While Cheryl has returned to California, Gaylen is still here and was tickled that I brought her favorite cake by last night. I'm sorry I didn't know she wanted that particular cake, on her actual birthday. Her brother, Dalton, needs to communicate these things a little better. Happy belated birthday Gaylen.

Other birthday greetings go out to Karly Sadler and my husband, Richard, who just had a birthday too. My sister- in-law, Martha Harvel has a birthday coming up this week, as well.

My mother-in-law, Shirley Harvel, is enjoying time in Sparta with her daughter Vickie Jacobs and all of Vickie's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Five generations. I hope someone took a lot of photos.

She was also able to attend the birthdays of a great granddaughter, Stella and Stella's daddy, Sean. More December birthdays. Happy birthdays to all. In addition to Christmas, that's a lot of celebrations.

Lula Belle and Junior Tripp had an early dinner with their daughters, Barbara Layman and Joetta Spier, and their husbands, down at Pattie's in Kentucky.

They reported that the place looks great since the rebuild after the fire. The food was great and a good time was had by all.

I was privileged to attend the ceremony of the laying of Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery in

By Suzan Harvel

Mound City on Saturday.

It was rather wet that morning, but dried up just as the service started. It was my first time to attend services at this cemetery. It was very humbling and I was pleased to be able to honor those laid at rest there. Thank you to all those that put this memorial together so seamlessly.

The number of people who came to help in this event was also awesome, especially given the cold and wet conditions.

Young and old were all there to do what they could to help in honor of those men and women, and to pick up wreaths to be laid at other cemeteries as well. I hope to be able to do more next year.

I arrived a bit early and this let me meet quite a few people.

In addition to meeting up with some of my fellow DAR members, Doda Starkey and Melodie Penrod, I met Becky Mueller, for the first time. She is also from my DAR Chapter. She's not been able to attend meetings due to work, so I was glad to finally meet her.

I then met Connie, the sister of Marva Nelson, who my husband went to high school with in Tamms.

I also met Mrs. Charlie Bennett, also from Tamms, who went to high school with my mother-in-law. As Mrs. Bennett said, it's indeed a small world.

It is my sincere wish that all my neighbors, friends, and relatives, as well as all of you have a very Merry Christmas. Stay safe and remember the reason for this season.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Thompson's message Sunday was titled "What Does God Want for Christmas?" Scripture was from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

The message asked: "What does God want for Christmas? God created all things. Therefore, there is nothing material that we can give God.

"Darius Rucker's song should be a challenge to all of us: peace on Earth, no more empty seats in church, every Bible with no dust, us loving others more.

"What God wants is for us to renew our faith and our hearts with a passion for the salvation of others. God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of Him."

During the pre-worship announcements, a love offering was presented to Mary Robinson of the Camp Ground congregation, who had major fire damage to her residence recently.

Rev. Thompson was also presented with a Christmas card and monetary gift from the church.

Donna Williams and Karen Vaughn were the Advent readers and lit the fourth Advent candle representing Love.

Logan Quick rang the bell calling all to worship. Logan and Aldi Gerard took up the offering.

Rodney Miller is Camp Ground Church's head elder for December.

Those in attendance Sunday evening shared an array of finger foods and fellowship prior to the church's annual Christmas program.

Moving from the fellowship hall into the sanctuary, the program consisted of recitations, responsive and scripture readings, carols and candle lighting.

The "Welcome" was by Raelynn Bonner, with recitations also by Aldi and Vodra Gerard and Addi Bonner.

Camp Ground Church invites everyone to join with them in worship during this special season, this time of preparing hearts to celebrate the birth of the Savior.

Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. Those who would like to join in worship via Zoom can leave a message on the church phone with their email address or cell phone number.

Rev. Thompson and the congregation of Camp Ground wish the staff and readers of this newspaper a blessed Christmas, and a happy, healthy 2022.

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12:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Mass
10:00 a.m.

January 2nd
Epiphany Sunday
10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Anna

December 24th
Christmas Eve Mass
5:00 p.m.

December 25th
Christmas Day Mass
8:00 a.m.

January 1
Solemnity of Mary; New Year's Day
5:00 p.m.

Anna United Methodist Church
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8:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve
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December 24th
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Salem and Mount Moriah Lutheran Church

Holiday Worship Schedule

December 22nd at Salem - 7 p.m.
Advent Midweek Service with Holy Communion.
Supper served at 6:00 p.m. preceding each Advent Service.

December 24th
Mount Moriah Worship Service - 5:30 p.m.
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Blessed Christmas

Wishing everyone a very blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank You

Thank you Anna Church of the Nazarene and Phil Ray for hosting and leading our Honor Wreaths for Veterans Ceremony in Anna.

Carla Anderson for playing The Battle Hymn of Republic while the VFW brought in the colors.

Melinda Clardy for presenting the symbolic wreath.

Frankie Williams Scout leader, Tim Casper, David Cook, scouts Anthony Wiseman, Ben Hauser, Joshua Rochon for leading in our Pledge of Alliance to our flag of the United States of America.

A-JCHS choir director



Robbin Mezo was honored for her December birthday at the Union County Housing employee dinner at El Jalapeno Friday Dec. 17.



Union County Housing employees enjoyed a Christmas dinner at El Jalapeño.



Jessica Carrington, Ruth Carrington, Angie McClelland, Tammy Hoffner, Angie Meneese-Lassell, Angie Leon in Franklin, Tenn., at the Dickens of a Christmas Festival.



Union County Housing board met at Brick House Grill in Anna for their Christmas dinner and meeting.

meaning.

You can buy your wreath from me Martha Ann Webb for Anna, Liz Wilkins for Jonesboro, Karen Winzenburger for Cobden, Monica Williams for Alto Pass.

You can also drop your checks made out to Honor Wreaths for Veterans at each city hall and they will see we get the check.

Jim Koonce who lives in Carterville is presidenet of Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

Rhymer News

Willie and Terrie Rhymer have been busy this week attending four Christmas programs of their grandchildren, Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles.

Starting with Ruby at A-J High School and Mason, Violet and Miles at the Anna Junior High. All programs were enjoyed.

Saturday they also attended the ceremony at Anna Nazarene Church for Honor Wreaths for Veterans and helped lay the wreaths in the Anna Cemetery.

95th Birthday

Freda Dillow was blessed on her birthday Dec. 12. Her daughter Linda and son-in-law Doug Reid took her Sunday after they attended Church of Christ in Vienna to the Vienna Diner for dinner.

On Thursday she was honored with another birthday dinner at Lake of Egypt Triple E with friends Joe and Lucille Bierbaum, Mary Karaker, Valda Brown and Arlene Ferguson.

Birthday

Marilyn Halstead and her sister Amy Halstead enjoyed a trip to Champaign to celebrate Marilyn's birthday. They also enjoyed shopping in Chicago.

Sympathy

To the family of Mary Light. She went to be with our Lord last week.

She was a wonderful friend and person. She was always helping everyone.

Mary worked at Choate Mental Heath for many years. Mary loved to travel after she retired.

Before Mary got sick and the COVID quarantine she was in Little Egypt Red Hat Society, GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club, Anna-Jo Garden Club and helped with 4-H.

Mary also served on the advisory council for the RSVP Retired and Senior Volunteer Council for Union County and was a member of the Anna Eastern Star.

Mary attended church regularly and was faithful

to our Lord. Most of all she loved her family. She will be missed.

Sympathy

To the family of Jim Vines and Belinda Lu Rhodes. So many of our loved ones have gone to be with our Lord this year. They will be missed.

Honor Wreaths

Now is the time to buy your Honor Wreath for Veterans until Jan. 12 Wreaths Across America will donate a wreath for every wreath bought. Wreaths are \$15 each.

You can make your check out for \$15 to Honor Wreaths for Veterans and mail to Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906 or leave at Anna City Hall and ask them to put in my mail box there.

2022 Honor Wreaths for Veterans bought this week that will be matched by Wreaths Across America. A special thanks to Bill Wright for his donation to Honor Wreaths for Veter-



Marilyn Halstead celebrated her birthday Friday, Dec. 17, shopping with her sister Amy in Chicago.



Logan Waynick had his school Christmas program at Lick Creek School Dec. 16, 2021.



Nine Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Cordovino's Restaurant in Metropolis for their December Christmas dinner and party.



Question from Weldon Brown about Miller School 1910-1912: Miller School, Springville area Union County, north of Mill Creek. Does anyone know who they are? My Browns lived just south of school. I may have an uncle and aunt in the pic. Grandpa died 1910 Grandma 1912. Pretty sure Marion and Hulbert Miller are in the pic according to Ray Dean Miller. Help please if you can. This was before the school was built near the road, it was back in the field east of present area. Weldon Brown weldonmando@yahoo.com.

ans for Floyd Gibson Alto Pass and Melvin Wright Jonesboro.

A special thanks to Alma Osterholm for her donation for Honor Wreaths for Veterans for 6 Honor Wreaths For Veterans, Virginia Otten for Honor Wreaths for Vet-

erans she bought in memory of her husband Paul buried in Jonesboro. To Carolyn Ury for the Honor Wreath she bought for a soldier in Anna that doesn't have anyone to buy for them. Capt. Norma Lee Hackney and Susan Whitemountain for



Kathy Milam brought display items for the ornament exchange. Martha Schwegman made arrangements for the Dec. 15 Red Hats luncheon at Cordovino's Restaurant in Metropolis.



Lillah Williams has a Jan. 1 birthday. In case weather doesn't permit Red Hats to meet in January, she agreed to pose wearing a purple feather clip on ornament.



Anna and Jonesboro joined together for their Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony at the Anna Nazarene Church with Phil Ray leading our ceremony. Martha Ann Webb is coordinator for Anna and Liz Wilkins is coordinator for Jonesboro. A special thanks to all who attended our service and for all the volunteers who helped lay the Honor Wreaths for Veterans and for all the many donations for the wreaths.



Martha Ann Webb and Phil Ray welcomed State Rep. Dr. Paul and Mrs. Jacobs who stopped for their Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony at Anna Nazarene Church on their way to Mounds National Cemetery Saturday, Dec. 18. There were wreaths laid all over the United States of America in national and city cemeteries.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School choir members Liam Hale and Ruby Yates with director Rachel Norton sang our National Anthem at our Honor Wreaths for Veterans Ceremony at the Anna Nazarene Church Saturday.



Carla Anderson played the piano piece Battle Hymn of Republic while the VFW presented the colors at the Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony at the Anna Nazarene Church.



A special thanks to Aden Bass and Drake Roach for helping lay the Honor Wreaths for Veterans 2021.



A special thanks to Anna city administrator Dori Bigler and public works manager Gary Dahmer for all their help with Honor Wreaths for Veterans. They are shown here gathering the empty boxes to recycle after our Laying of the Honor Wreaths for Veterans Saturday.



A large group of volunteers gathered at Jonesboro Cemetery for the laying of the Honor Wreaths for Veterans. A special thanks to the Girl Scout Troop No. 8533 leader Amanda Sullivan and everyone and especially Liz Wilkins for joining Martha Ann Webb Honor Wreaths for Veterans as the coordinator for Jonesboro.

their donation of 8 wreaths.

Thanks
A special thanks to Peggy and Rich Ferguson for coming from Vienna to Anna to attend the Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony and helping lay Honor Wreaths for Veterans in our Anna Cemetery.

To Geraldine Davis for coming from Jackson, Mo., to help lay her husband's wreath and others.

Willie and Terrie Rhymmer from Dongola. Megan Brown, Bessie Mae, Elijah Glen, Curt Ellis, Linda Hileman, Shirley Page, Judy Wyatt, Jack Bigler, from Anna, Emily Boyd. Delta Theta Tau members, Police Officer Jacob Sanders, Peggy Bittle from Cape Girardeau, Tom Caldwell, and all the others if I have missed anyone.

Maelin Walker and Luke Sadler have helped every year. Maelin was the president of FFA at A-JCHS the first year we laid Honor Wreaths for Veterans and was trying to get more members active.

The last two years Maelin and Luke did it for 4-H and this year just because they have a special place in their hearts for veterans. Everyone is appreciated so much.

Honor Wreaths For Veterans Trip

Marilyn Gates Meisenheimer and her sister Pam Van Alstine put Honor Wreaths for Veterans on their father Fredrick Gates Grave and their grandfather Walter Gates in Harrisburg. They also put an Honor Wreath for Veterans on their maternal grandfather Charles Edward Wing in New Burnside. They bought them from Liz Wilkins coordinator for Jonesboro.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Welcome guests Richard and Kay Johnson from

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A special thanks to Homer Hawk commander of the Anna American Legion for laying Honor Wreaths for Veterans and for all he does for our city and community.



A special thanks to Sydney Ralls from Hebrewz Coffeehouse in Jonesboro for serving coffee in the Jonesboro Cemetery for the laying for the Honor Wreaths for Veterans and to Anna.



Homer Hawk and Phil Ray presented a check to the Boy Scouts at the Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony at the Anna Nazarene Church Saturday.



Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony: Melinda Clardy's son was Brian Romines, SGT US Army Iraq, Oct 26, 1984 -June 6, 2005, Bronze Star, Purple Heart 3-123 FA, Operation IRAQI Freedom. Melinda laid a symbolic wreath for all branches of the service, Merchant Marines, and the 93,129 POWs or MIAs. Martha Ann Webb coordinator for Anna Honor Wreaths for Veterans, Phil Ray, Vietnam veteran, led the ceremony and Homer Hawk commander of the America Legion.



A special thanks to these faithful volunteers for Honor Wreaths for Veterans who have helped every year, attend our ceremony and help lay our Honor Wreaths for Veterans in our Anna Cemetery: Gary Dahmer, Dori Bigler and her son Jack Bigler, Bessie, Elijah and Curt Ellis.



A special thanks to Walter Jackson for helping lay Honor Wreaths for Veterans in our Anna Cemetery.



Megan Brown attended the Honor Wreaths for Veterans Ceremony and helped lay the wreaths in the Anna Cemetery after the ceremony.



During a visit to the Anna Cemetery, Barbara Bauer recalled memories of 1st Lt. Carl N. Garrott.



Boyd, Maj T.V. Honor Wreath memorial: The late Anna native, Maj. Tullie Van Boyd, M.D., was great-uncle to many of Union County's current Boyd residents. He served as a World War I medical technician/ambulance driver in Europe in 1918-19... "keeping the folks back home safe." Since he has no monument here, descendants (Gary) and Emily Boyd Meyer, and Barb Boyd Bauer see to it that he is remembered on the cemetery plot of his parents C.J. and E.M. Boyd. Barbara Bauer says thanks to all who sponsor and manage Wreaths Across America and Honor Wreaths for Veterans that veterans of all ages are remembered.

Anna News

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Vienna.

Natilyn Corbit lit the Hope Advent candle. March to the Manger was led by Rev. Tim Gossett. Cast of characters were Mary-Angel Wiseman, Joseph-Nick Nance, Gabriel-Anthony Wiseman, shepherds Thomas Corbit, Don Pippins, Roger Spurlock, Wise Men Eric Boreup, Dean Corbit, Jack Zimmerman, host of angels Ava Boreup, Paxton Boreup, Ayla Corbit, Easton Corbit, Owen Corbit, Maddie Sullivan, Grace Radcliffe, Micah Radcliffe. Scripture was from Matthew and Luke.

Special music was by Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson. Praises were

given and prayers said for those who are sick and have lost loved ones.

Christmas Eve service will be at 8 p.m.

From Barbara Bauer

Thanks from Barbara Bauer about Honor Wreaths for Veterans, a branch off Wreaths Across America:

Last week, as I stood at the Anna Cemetery monument of 1st Lt. Carl N. Garrott, I recalled the childhood memories I have from the early 1940s.

As a student at Knupp School, I remember that my teacher, Mrs. O.K. (Katheryn) Loomis told her students about “the war in Europe.” She used a map to show us how far away the war was, and that our sol-

diers were keeping us safe.

I remember that my family experienced “rationing” and shortages, but there again, as a child I was made to feel safe...and far from the conflict.

Only later in life did I really understand what sacrifices others have made to allow loved ones back home to “feel safe.”

I remember as a child, seeing the tall handsome young man in uniform at church.

He was family friend Carl Garrott home on leave. He did not come home from that war...keeping me safe. He is buried along with the remains of his Army Air Force crew in the National Cemetery at Fort McPherson in Nebraska.

The monument to his memory in the Anna Cemetery reads: In memory of our son-1918*1st Lt. Carl N. Garrott*1942 Navigator 8th Army Air Force, 93 Group Bomber Sqdn, Lost in combat, Missing over Lille, France Oct. 9, 1942.

Thanks to all the folks who make Wreaths Across America happen. It helps us to honor those of all generations who “keep us safe” and remind us of the sacrifices they made for our liberty.

Note from Pete Housman

Martha Ann Thank you for all you did to allow Union County to participate in honoring our veterans with Wreaths Across America. I know it was a lot of work. Thank you for all your effort.

A bit of news to share. Millie Hankla is back in

town after a nearly two year absence. Unfortunately she fell and is recovering from a broken hip and is not receiving guests at this time. It might be nice if folks wanted to send her a card. Millie Hankla, 1220 Old Hwy 51 North, Anna, Ill. 62906.

Union County Hospital

Marchetta DeWitt is recovering in a swing bed at Union County Hospital, room 167, 517 N. Main St., Anna, Ill 62906. She would love also to get Christmas cards, get well cards or thinking of you. Marchetta

Anna Heights Baptist Church

December birthdays: 26th Shelby Colson and Rick Laster, 28th Bob Dover, 30th Breanna Smith, 31st Derek Thompson.

Anniversaries: 24th Bill and Ann Pace, 30th Dennis and Eva Prater, 30th Jack and Danette Sartin.

Attendance for Dec. 12: 8 a.m. worship 83. 10:30 a.m. worship 138. Small group Bible study 223. 8 p.m. worship 56.

Anna Heights Christmas Eve service is Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

Dec. 26 evening worship is canceled.

Upward workers are needed as coaches, concession workers, clean up and set up. Sign up in the welcome center. Games start in January

Stop by the AHBC post office to pick up Christmas cards.

YAH planned to meet Dec. 21 with entertainment by David Isom.

The Pace and Barringer families announce the mar-

riage of their children Bryanna and Corban Barringer and invite the church family to a reception to celebrate on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the FLC gym.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series on Genesis, the Beginning. This week: Sin, Judgment and Hope for the Future Genesis 6-1-8.

Many small groups have had fellowship this past week with Christmas parties. Have heard lots of stories of great food, and games and great times.

Special Thanks

To Shirley Page for giving me credit when she renewed her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and Earl Miller for giving me credit when he renewed his subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Also a special thanks to Mike and Debbie Fitzgerald and Wanda and Jim Honey for helping lay our Honor Wreaths for Veterans in our Anna Cemetery. If I have left anyone out I will be adding your names next week. You all are appreciated so much.

Also to Dr. Charles Halterman for his donation of 8 Honor Wreaths for Veterans for 2022.

I could never thank everyone enough for making 2021 the best year yet for our Honor Wreaths for Veterans Program.

May God bless everyone with a wonderful New Year and our goal for next year is to cover every veteran in Union County with a Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

Anna First Baptist

Church

The church was treated to several Christmas carols from their children’s Sunday school classes and a song by a few of the ladies in the church.

After the last Advent candle was lit, interim pastor Pete Vinson spoke on the Christmas message that we, like Christ, should live with a servant’s heart. In order to save the world Jesus left his royal position in heaven to humble himself to live as a human. The least we can do is to sometimes forego our own agendas and consider others first.

All are welcome to worship Sundays at Anna First Baptist in person at 409 Morgan St. at 10:15 a.m. or on YouTube-Anna First Live Feed. A blessed Christmas is wished to all.

Special Visit

Norm and Barb Bauer made a Sunday call on Martha Dillow of rural Anna recently. It was a delightful visit with the perky lady who has celebrated her ninetyeth birthday.

A hip fracture last July has slowed her somewhat, but does not seem to have dampened Martha’s spirits.

The aroma of homemade treats she had made for gifts filled the air, and she was happy to show the beautiful knitted items she is working on.

She is somewhat home bound, and uses a walker “for safety” but is pleased to be gaining strength and making plans for the future. That “home bound” visit sent us off with a new spark to our Christmas spirit.



March to the Manger Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church in Anna. Happy birthday Jesus.



Back Porch Company had special music at United Methodist Church Sunday, Dec. 20, to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child: Carla Anderson, Warren Anderson, Richard Johnson and Stuart Anderson.



Brian Thompson entertained the Anna-Jo Garden Club with beautiful Christmas music on the piano at their Christmas dinner party at the Havisham House in Alto Pass. Brian is the son of Shannon and Scott Thompson. Brian is 12 years old and has been taking piano lessons for six years from Carla Anderson.



Marilyn Miller received a picture and Christmas card from her niece Megan, Freddie and daughter Melanie Morse from Alaska where Freddie is stationed in the service. Thanks to them for serving our country.

Television Listings

THURSDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Football	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(10) Landscapers	"The Rocker" ('08)	"The Humans"
7 PM	Santa Claus Is Comin'	Young Ghosts	Call Me	The Blacklist (HD)	2021 Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl UCF vs Florida	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	"In the Heights" ('21) Anthony Ramos. A bodega owner.	"Adventureland" ('09, Comedy)	"It Comes At Night" ('17) (R) (HD)
8 PM	A Very Boy (HD)	TMZ's Merry Elf'n	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Bang (HD)	Bang (HD)	"A Bad Moms Christmas" Rerebellious moms.	Jessie	(48) "The Witches of Eastwick" ('87) (HD)	Dexter: New Blood	★½ "The Survivors!" ('21) (R) (HD)
9 PM	CMA Holiday songs.	Bull "Snatchback" (HD)	Organized Crime (HD)	Organized Crime (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Bang (HD)	Big City	(25) 2021 Rock Hall of Fame Tina Turner. (HD)	"The King of Staten Island" (20)	The Best (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	B/R Gaming (HD)	American	Unstable			
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout UFO experts.	American (20) Man	Sydney Raven			
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night			(50) Man	Raven			Yellowjack

FRIDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	(3:15) "Secrets" ('02)	(5:20) "Movie"	Landscaper Insecure	"Phantom" ('13) ('21)	(5:00) "Minari" ('21)
7 PM	Olaf's Shrek Hall	A Holly (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live)	Home Sweet Home	College Football "2021 EasyPost Texas Tech Memphis vs Hawaii (Live) (HD)	"A Christmas Story" ('83) A boy's life. (HD)	"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" Magic and mystery.	BUNK'D Unstable Owl House (40) Descendant (HD)	"Dinner for Schmucks" The perfect guest.	"Runner Runner" Corrupt world.	"The Descendants" ('11) Family's dilemma.
8 PM	Prep Land.	Rogers (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC Investigative news.	Local	"A Christmas Story" ('83) A boy's life. (HD)	"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" ('05)	BUNK'D How To	How To	"Deadfall" ('12) Casino robbery.	★★★ "The Butler" ('13) Presidential butler. (HD)
9 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Sports	"Christmas Story"		BUNK'D How To	(09) "Compilance" ('12, Drama)	Dexter: New Blood	
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	The Christmas Eve Mass (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)			Sydney Unstable			
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs					Unstable	Curb Your		
	Nightline	Corden						Unstable			

SATURDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	NBA (Live)	Local Programs	NFL (Live)	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	"Christmas Story"	"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" ('10)	(5:20) "Movie"	"Space Jam" ('21)	"Book of Eli" ('10) (R)	★★½ "Queenpins" ('21) Counterfeit scam. (HD)
7 PM	NBA Basketball Brooklyn vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	NFL on FOX	La Brea	NBA Basketball Brooklyn vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	"The Wizard of Oz" ('39) A magical land. (HD)	"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" ('11)	Big City	★★★½ "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" ('12) (HD)	"The X-Files" ('98) Agents seek truth. (HD)	"Zola" ('21) Trip to Florida. (HD)
8 PM	Prep Land.	Rogers (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Utah Jazz (Live) (HD)	(15) "Wonder" ('17) Afflicted boy enters local fifth grade.	"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" ('11)	Big City	(50) Curb Enthusiasm	(03) "Black Christmas" ('19) (HD)	"Boogie Nights" ('97) Mark Wahlberg. An adult film star.
9 PM	black-ish	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	"Ghosts"	(03) "Phoenix" ('07)	Owl House	How To	★★½ "Norbit" Domineering woman.	
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.			Owl House	How To		
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.			Jessie	"Dark Knight Rises"		

SUNDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Videos Holiday gifts.	NFL (Live)	Simpsons	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" ('12) Reclaiming kingdom.	"Get a Job" ('16) (HD)	Dexter: New Blood
7 PM	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune	60 Minutes (HD)	Burgers	Sun. Night Football Washington Football Team at Dallas Cowboys (Live) (HD)	Sports	Bang (HD)	SVU (HD)	Jessie	★★★½ "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" ('12) Reclaiming kingdom.	"Haywire" ('12) Seeking revenge.	VICE (HD)
8 PM	Supermarket Sweep	The Equalizer (HD)	North (HD)	Sat. Night Live (HD)	ESPN Original Documentaries	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	(35) "Domino" ('05, Drama) Bounty hunter. (R)	(35) "Domino" ('05, Drama) Bounty hunter. (R)	Dexter: New Blood
9 PM	The Rookie (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)	Family Guy	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	ESPN Original Documentaries	Bang (HD)	(24) SVU	Jessie	Insecure	"VICE" ('12) Seeking revenge.	Yellowjackets (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	Local	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Curb Your	★★★½ "The Amityville Horror" ('79)	Dexter: New Blood
11 PM	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	Local	(46) SVU	Big City	Insecure		Yellowjackets (HD)

MONDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Hobbie	"A Walk Among the Tombstones" ('14) (HD)	"Kill Bill: Vol. 2" ('04)	(5:00) "The Last" ('19)
7 PM	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune	Neighbor.	9-1-1 (HD)	The Voice Hopefuls coached. (HD)	Monday Football Miami Dolphins at New Orleans Saints (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Big City	"Breakdown" Kidnapped wife. (HD)	"Breakdown" Kidnapped wife. (HD)	Dexter: New Blood
8 PM	The Year: 2021 Milestone events. (HD)	Bob Hearts	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	Local	Local	Bang (HD)		Jessie	First Look	"Haywire" ('12) Seeking revenge.	VICE (HD)
9 PM	Local	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs	Ordinary Joe (HD)	Local	Dad (HD)		Jessie	"Insecure: The End"	(35) "Point Break" ('91) Surfers rob banks.	Dexter: New Blood
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Dad (HD)	Man (HD)	Miraculous	(10) Landscapers	★★★ "Repenance" ('07) Troubled man.	Yellowjackets (HD)
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	(33) Man	Miraculous	How To		VICE (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	NFL Rewind	Burgers	(33) Man	Miraculous	"Collateral"		"Cusp"

TUESDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	(5:45) College Football Mississippi State vs Texas Tech (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	(4:05) "Movie"	Hobbie	"The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" ('13)	"Ricochet" ('91) (HD)	"Six Minutes to" ('21)
7 PM	black-ish	FBI Active killer.	Pregame	The Voice (HD)	College Football UCLA vs North Carolina State (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	Big City	To Be Announced (HD)	★★ "2 Minutes of Fame" ('20) (HD)	Yellowjackets (HD)
8 PM	black-ish	FBI: International	La Brea	Local	Local	Bang (HD)		Jessie	First Look	"Bad Words" Spelling bee loser.	"1917" ('20) Two young British soldiers. (HD)
9 PM	black-ish	FBI: Most Wanted	New Amsterdam (HD)	Local	(15) College Football West Virginia vs Minnesota (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chuckie (HD)	Big City	Curb Your	(09) "The Comebacks" ('07) (HD)	Dexter: New Blood
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Young	Day of the Dead (HD)	Miraculous	Chillin	★★★ "Repenance" ('07) Troubled man.	★½ "The Survivor!"
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	(35) Tonight (HD)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	"The Quarry"		
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Late Night	Young		Miraculous			

WEDNESDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Football Iowa State vs Clemson (Live)	Bang (HD)	SVU (HD)	Hobbie	(15) Landscapers	★★★½ "Runner Runner"	★★★½ "Change Up" ('11)
7 PM	The Wonder	The Price Is Right Anniversary event. (HD)	Gordon Ramsay's Road Trip (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	College Football Valero Alamo Bowl Oklahoma Sooners vs Oregon Ducks	Bang (HD)	(21) SVU	Hobbie	"The Italian Job" ('03) Gang stages heists.	"Wall Street" ('87) Man ponders values. (HD)	(15) ★★ "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" ('08)
8 PM	The Wonder	S.W.A.T. "Lockdown"	Local Programs	Chicago Fire (HD)	Local	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Hard Knocks: In Season "The Indianapolis Colts 107"	"Fatal Attraction" ('87) Dangerous seducer.	"Boogie Nights" ('97) Mark Wahlberg. An adult film star.
9 PM	The Wonder	Local	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Local	Bang (HD)	The Sinner (HD)	Big City	Chillin	"Cinderella Man"	"Sin City"
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	(35) Tonight (HD)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous			
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	(35) Tonight (HD)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous			
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SC (HD)	Young		Miraculous	d. michael		

Stinson Library District’s new director glad to be back home



Bearnard...and new Stinson director
Stinson Memorial Library director Sarah Watkins took a moment to have a photograph taken with Bearnard Bear.

Stinson Memorial Public Library District’s new director is glad to be back home.

She also is looking forward to working with the community to help promote the use and growth of the library – and to bring in more friends for Stinson Memorial Public Library District.

Sarah Wingate Watkins, a Union County native, was appointed as the library district’s new director in late August. The appointment was made by the library district’s board of trustees. She started work as the library district’s director on Sept. 22.

At the time of her appointment, Watkins said she was looking forward to working with the community “to encourage access to the most relevant and timely information, introducing the love of reading to our younger generations and creating more opportunities for continued growth for our residents.”

Watkins, who is from Anna, shared that she was “ecstatic” to be back in her hometown, “particularly at the library that I learned to love reading in.” She is now re-introducing herself to the community.

Stinson Memorial Library, which is a national architectural landmark, is located along South Main Street in Anna.

Prior to accepting the job in Anna, Watkins worked as coordinator of library services for the Marion Carnegie Library.

During that time, she earned a master’s degree in library and information science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

“I focused my studies on public library administration and ethics,” Watkins said at the time of her appointment.

In her post at the Marion library, Watkins focused on adult programs, staff training, grant writing, working with young people in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) activities and even worked on a construction project.

She noted that the Marion library’s former director, David Patton, played an important role in her career as a mentor.

Watkins said she is looking forward “to getting the word out about what the modern library has to offer.

“Stinson Memorial Public Library District is in the unique position to serve such a wide variety of people in Union County.” The district serves some 14,000 people.

She grew up and attended school in Anna, beginning with pre-kindergarten and then attending Lincoln School, Davie School, Anna Junior High School and Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, where she graduated in 2007.

She was among the last group of students to attend classes at Davie School, which has since been closed and transformed into a popular bed and breakfast business.

Watkins recalled that during her years in junior high school, she often would come to Stinson Memorial Library... “to bug the librarians.” She enjoyed the library’s summer reading programs, access to computers and other services which were available.

As a young person, the library was important to her, an outlook which continues to this day.

Retirement reception set at Cobden church

The First Presbyterian Church of Cobden is planning to host a retirement reception in honor of its interim pastor.

Pastor Dan Whitfield has served as interim pastor of the Cobden church for two years.

The retirement reception is planned Sunday morning, Jan. 2, 2022, following the church’s morning worship service. The service is at about 11:15 a.m. The reception is open to all friends and family.

Pastor Whitfield attended Louisville Theological Seminary. He spent 15 years ministering to the Vietnamese community. More recently, he has pastored in Marion and Benton.

John P. Altgeld was inaugurated as governor of Illinois on Jan. 10, 1893.

“I have a real soft spot for children who are in the library,” she said.

After pursuing studies at Shawnee Community College, where she studied journalism; and Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in radio/television and marketing.

Stinson Memorial Library has three full-time staff members, 10 who work part-time and two volunteers. Watkins praised the members of library’s staff and the work they do.

Visitors to the landmark building will find that Stinson Memorial Library offers myriad services. There are books, of course...along with an opportunity to use computers, which offer access to the internet; audio books, DVDs, virtual programming...and more...all at no cost to the patron.

As Stinson continues to move forward in the midst of an ongoing pandemic, Watkins said she is working to offer several new programs and opportunities for the community.

During the holiday season, the library has sponsored a food drive. Items which were donated to the library will go to Shawnee Development Council’s food pantry in Anna.

The library also has offered an opportunity to take a holiday photograph with

Bearnard Bear. Bearnard is the library’s “mascot.”

She would like to partner with the community to offer programs which highlight people’s skills and experiences.

Early next year, the library district’s branch facility in Cobden is scheduled to reopen. The branch has been closed for nearly two years due to the pandemic.

The plan is for the branch facility to reopen in February 2022.

Plans also are in the works for Stinson to offer virtual “evenings with” authors. The programs will be offered through a statewide Illinois libraries coalition.

“An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia” is planned at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Moreno-Garcia is a best-selling author whose newest book is titled “Velvet was the Night.”

“An Evening with Jasmine Guillory” is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Guillory is a writer, lawyer and New York Times best-selling author of six romance novels.

Watkins and her family currently live in Carterville. She anticipates moving to Union County. She is married and has a daughter who is 7 years old. Watkins enjoys the outdoors, kayaking, swimming, taking photographs, writing and reading (non-fiction, fantasy, science fiction, historical fiction and history).

Cobden Branch Library set to reopen in February

After an uncertain few years, patrons of the Stinson Memorial Public Library District once again will be able to visit the Cobden Branch Library.

Stinson Memorial Public Library District director Sarah Watkins has announced that the branch facility located in the downtown Cobden area is set to reopen on Feb. 7, 2022. An open house event is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on that day to celebrate the branch’s reopening.

Visitors from the Village and across Union County are encouraged to stop by and get reacquainted with the library, Watkins said.

“The Cobden Branch is an eclectic space where patrons can pick up books, DVDs, audiobooks and order items from other libraries,” Watkins said.

“The Cobden Branch Library has a very different esthetic than its Stinson Memorial counterpart. Those who visit Cobden will enjoy a cozy and creative atmosphere,” she added.

The new operating hours for the Cobden Branch Library are scheduled to be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The primary librarian at the Cobden location will be Katie Persinger.

“Katie has been part of

the Stinson family for over seven years and will be taking over this role from librarian Nancy West. Nancy had previously run the Cobden Branch for 11 years,” Watkins said.

“Katie is excited to serve and is ready to bring her enthusiasm to the Cobden Branch.”

The Cobden Branch Library is the secondary location in the Stinson Memorial Public Library District.

The main library is located along South Main Street in Anna.

“Some may not know that residents in the library district can apply for a library card at either location,” Watkins said.

“Both Anna and Cobden Stinson Library cardholders can access great apps for electronic books, audiobooks, graphic novels, TV shows and movies.

“Stinson Memorial Public Library District is going to continue to adapt and offer resources to our community. We look forward to seeing you at both locations soon.”

In January 1937, oil was discovered on a farm near Patoka in Marion County. The discovery marked the beginning of an oil boom in Southern Illinois. By the end of the year, Illinois ranked 11th among oil producing states, with about 7.5 million barrels.



Cobden Elementary School 4th grade Christmas caroling project
Fourth grade students at Cobden Elementary School participated in a caring project to benefit residents of the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. The students collected money to purchase gifts for local veterans. Each veteran will receive a handmade Christmas card and a gift of socks, tissues and lotion. Photo provided.

Special Sessions

Four special sessions of the Illinois General Assembly were called during 1932 in an effort to relieve economic distress in the state. An unemployment relief commission and an emergency relief commission were created. A state income tax was passed; however, it was later declared as unconstitutional.

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7540 STATE ROUTE 127 N ALTO PASS, IL 62905

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 7, 2021, Sheriff of Union County will on 02/02/2022, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 07-15-05-396-B COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 7540 State Route 127 N Alto Pass, IL 62905

Description of Improvements: Property is a single family home.

The Judgment amount was \$266,009.08.

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HELP WANTED: Full-Time Fiscal Manager/Support Services Coordinator available at Community Mental Health Center. Must have a minimum of a Bachelor Degree in finance/accounting/or significant fiscal management experience. Qualifications: Knowledge of general financial principles and experience in budget development, monitoring/justification, state and federal grant budget experience. Experience with payroll processing programs such as Specialized Data Systems (SDS). Possess tech-savviness with Microsoft Office, Excel, and other computer programs relevant to daily fiscal operations, 3-6 years of supervisory/team management, leadership, and collaboration experience. Must have excellent organizational skills/communication/operational attention-to-detail.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 2nd day of December, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Young's Landing with the place of business located at 104 Young Avenue, Anna, Illinois 62906, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Samuel Young
P.O. Box 21
Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
52-2gc

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

Ruby Poole, Plaintiff and Brian Henson Defendant. No. 2021-OP-27

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Brian Henson, Defendant, that this

cause has been commenced against you in this Court appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Union County, Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 25th day of January, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the Plaintiff.

Keri E. Clark
CIRCUIT CLERK
52-2gc

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 30th day of November, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Jenny's Coffee Shop with the place of business located at 2635 Old Highway 51 N., Cobden, Illinois 62920, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Jennifer Bucio
320 Baker Hill Road
Cobden, IL 62920

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. JAMES P SMITH; MELLISA HEATH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2020 CH 4

7540 STATE ROUTE 127 N ALTO PASS, IL 62905

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 7, 2021, Sheriff of Union County will on 02/02/2022, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER THAT LIES 110.23 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE NORTHLINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 381.71 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF F.A. ROUTE 144, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE

CONTINUING EASTERLY ALONG THE BACK TANGENT PROJECTED A DISTANCE OF 947.08 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER THAT LIES 110.21 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 93 DEG. 31 MIN. 19 SEC. A DISTANCE OF 1207.26 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHLINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 86 DEG. 39 MIN. 35 SEC. A DISTANCE OF 346.51 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF F.A. ROUTE 144; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE SAID EAST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SAID LINE BEING THE ARC OF A CIRCULAR CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 58 DEG. 16 MIN. 48 SEC. TO THE CHORD THEREOF, SAID ARC HAVING A RADIUS OF 2471.64 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 7 DEG. 30 IN. 44 SEC. A DISTANCE OF 324.06 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHWEST-ERLY ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 86 DEG. 18 MIN. 41 SEC. FROM THE CHORD PROJECTED OF THE LAST AFORESAID ARC OF A CIRCULAR CURVE, A DISTANCE OF 15.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SAID LINE BEING THE ARC OF A CIRCULAR CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 106 DEG. 36 MIN. 02 SEC. TO THE CHORD THEREOF, SAID ARC HAVING A RADIUS OF 2486.64 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 23 DEF. 13 MIN. 04 SEC., A DISTANCE OF 1007.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 07-15-05-396-B COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 7540 State Route 127 N Alto Pass, IL 62905

Description of Improvements: Property is a single family home.

The Judgment amount was \$266,009.08.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that an Order was entered by the Court on December

H. Wesley Wilkins
H. WESLEY WILKINS
Attorney for the Estate
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Obituaries

Belinda Lu Rhodes

Belinda Lu Rhodes, 69, of Wolf Lake, died from an aneurysm the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on Sept. 10, 1952, the daughter of Leda Mae Wallace of Vandeuser, Mo.

She married Phillip Lane Rhodes on Oct. 11, 1974, at Beech Grove Baptist Church in rural Alto Pass, after a two year courtship and on-the-farm training.



She is survived by her most loving husband, Lane Rhodes of Wolf Lake; children Stephanie Rhodes of Alto Pass, Kevin (Darson) Rhodes of Hamlin, N.Y., and Felicia (Jason) Gale of Keokuk, Iowa; four grandchildren, Toby (Kenzie) Gale of Montrose, Iowa, Molly Gale of Keokuk, Iowa, Tyus and Jonas Rhodes of Hamlin, N.Y.; one great-grandchild, Kaesen Lane Gale of Montrose, Iowa; siblings Veda Hafley of Cape Girardeau, Maria (Bob) Cogar of Fort Wayne, Ind. and John (Liz) Stage of Ventura, Calif.; great-aunt and sister Judy Kay Wallace of Vandeuser, Mo.; special friend and bonus mom, Ida May Smith of Anna; other family and special neighbors and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother.

She was a member of Beech Grove Baptist Church and enjoyed supporting the Anna Heights Baptist Church Sunday School Class at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. She and Lane held Sunday school and song services there for 23 years, making friends there to many veterans and their families.

She farmed with her husband, where they raised crops, livestock, many birds and their three children.

Belinda loved flowers and helping people. She loved being a farm wife and forever companion to Lane and treasured their life together in the country.

Graveside funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Jonesboro Cemetery, with Bill Littrell officiating.

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

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home or to the Fisher House in St. Louis.

To visit her memorial page, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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FUNERAL HOMES

Judy Dale Gunn

Judy Dale Gunn, 77, of Cobden, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on June 13, 1944, in Cobden, the daughter of Henry and Vivian Hill Basler.

She married Terry Gunn in 1964. He preceded her in death on April 8, 2001.

She is survived by her daughter, Melissa Gunn of Cobden, a son, Shawn Gunn of Carbondale; three grandchildren, Cheyenne Trexler, Austin and Cameron Gunn; great-grandchildren; a sister, Jane (Don) Cerny of Jonesboro; a brother, Larry (Carlene) Basler; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband Terry Gunn.

She was an avid gardener. She worked at the Florsheim Shoe Factory in Anna, A-J Motors as a car detailer and later as a caregiver.

Graveside funeral services were at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Cobden Cemetery, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating. Interment immediately followed.

Memorials can be made to the funeral home to assist with expenses.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

Agnes Friese

Agnes Friese, 87, of Alto Pass, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on June 30, 1934, in Alto Pass, the daughter of Melvin and Alma Fox Teller.

She married Forrest Ray Friese on Aug. 3, 1957, in Jonesboro. He preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 1991.

Mrs. Friese is survived by her sister, Esther Barker of Anna; a brother, Donald Teller of Vienna; a nephew, Andy (Olivia) Barker; great-nephews Dylan (Merandia) Barker, Justin(Emmelie) Barker, Garrett and Seth Barker; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray; three sisters, Ruby Sims, Ellen Smith and Evelyn Tanner; and four brothers, Elmer, Henry, Walter and Alfred Teller.

She owned and operated the café in Alto Pass many years ago.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at the Alto Pass Cemetery, with Danny Miller officiating. Interment will immediately follow. Those attending are asked to go directly to the cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Alto Pass Fire Department. Envelopes will be available at the cemetery and at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass is in charge of arrangements.



RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

Mary D. Light

Mary D. Light, 78, of rural Dongola, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 5, 1943, in Waukegan, the daughter of Harold James and Esther Ethel Bourland Frick.

She married Robert Carlyn Light on Sept. 28, 1963, in Mt. Pleasant.

She is survived by her loving husband, Carlyn Light of Dongola; a daughter, Darla (Jason) Lingle of Dongola; granddaughters Cheyenne Lingle and Shaylee Lingle (Zach O’Neal), all of Dongola; three sisters, Maxine (Michael) Pixley of Basalt, Colo., Janice (Harold) Davis of Conway, S.C., and Barbara (Juan) Hash of Plano, Texas; two brothers-in-law, Gaylon (Cindy) Light of DeSoto and Lee (Betty) Light of Dongola; several nephews and nieces; special friends Lou Curdie and Bobby Stevens; other relatives and many friends. She leaves two fur babies, Holly and Tracy. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church in Perks and enjoyed attending the Southern Range Cowboy Church in Goreville with her husband.

She retired from the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, where she worked 20 years as a tech. She loved raising vegetables and goats on the farm.

She was a member of the Anna Order of the Eastern Star and the Red Hat Society. She was a social butterfly, and loved attending events and traveling.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Jason Forby officiating. Interment was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorials can be made to the Southern Range Cowboy Church or to Maple Grove Baptist Church.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



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FUNERAL HOMES

Bro. Johnny Warren

Bro. Johnny Warren, 58, of Marion, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, at 2:38 p.m. at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1963, in Cairo, the son of Elige and Lois Robertson Warren.

Mr. Warren attended school in Dongola. He then went in to business with his family, working in tower construction and painting. He then became a flooring contractor and a Baptist minister. He specialized in epoxy flooring and coating. His work was known all over the United States.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa; four children, Jennifer Stafford (Mat Wiseman) Nicole Johnson, Misty Johnson (Chris Macovey) and Sammy Johnson (James Macovey); four grandchildren, Jaden Wiseman, Levi Stafford, Cas Stafford and Crowley Kostansek; nine brothers and sisters, Darrell (Pearl) Warren, Clint (Shirley) Warren, Deloris (Woody) Martin, Link (Cathy) Warren, Shirley (James) Dunn, Danny (Jane) Warren, Rick Warren (Scarlett), Terry (Darlene) Warren and Tim (Teresa) Warren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Buddy Warren.

A pass through viewing will be Wednesday, Dec. 29, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Graveside services will be Thursday, Dec. 30, at 1:30 p.m. at Friendship Cemetery, with Bro. Ken Wilson officiating. The funeral service will be live streamed on the Crain Funeral Home Facebook page.

It is the family’s request that masks be worn.

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

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainsonline.com.



Crain Funeral Home

News from
Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Dec. 19 in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

Special music included a

News from
First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Dec. 19, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both of the church’s services.

In the morning service, he addressed the question: “Are you prepared to meet Jesus Christ?” The message was based on scripture from Luke.

Music director Dee Rose led the worship. Debbie York was the pianist.

The youth choir presented a song, “Away in a Manger.” Molly Jones sang “Oh, Holy Night.”

Men’s Bible study was planned Monday night, Dec. 20.

Bible study was planned Wednesday evening, Dec. 22.

The church office is scheduled to be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Birthdays: Carolyn Harvel, Dec. 24; Rachel Poole, Dec. 26.

Anniversary: Jerry and Jean Hunter, Dec. 20, 58 years.

Adalee M. Davie

Adalee M. Davie, 79, of Wolf Lake, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Feb. 6, 1942, in Herrin, the daughter of William J. and Marjorie Mae Cobb McPherson.

She married Robert L. “Bob” Davie on July 21, 1962, in Springfield. He preceded her in death on March 29, 2004.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandy (Andy) Schaefer; her grandchildren, Samantha and Andrew Carver, Alexis Oxford and Kalen (Caitlin) and Nathan (April) Livesay; great-grandchildren Camden and Cash Keppner and Harlow and Posie Oxford; a sister, Virginia Johnson; a son-in-law, Kevin Walker; bonus children Dea Ann Boner and Roger (Teresa) Harris and her good friends, Delores Landreth and Mary Helen Ury.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a daughter, Lisa Livesay; a niece, Kimberly Hanson; and a good friend, Kay Schaefer.

She was a member of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jonesboro. She was an avid reader and loved to crochet and go fishing. She was a loving mother and proud grandmother who enjoyed going on rides with her grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services for Adalee M. Davie will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, at the Anna Cemetery, with Kenny Verble officiating. Interment will follow.

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

Memorials can be made to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

To visit her memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

David Rushing

David Rushing, 64, of Anna, died Thursday, Dec. 16, at his home.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

James W. Vines

James W. Vines, 76, of Iowa City, Iowa, and formerly of Union County, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, in Iowa City.

Mr. Vines was born on Jan. 4, 1945, in Cairo, the son of Lloyd and Edna Landis Vines.

Jim was father to three girls who learned about the importance of family because of him. He cared for them, worried about them, prayed for them and fought for them. He instilled the importance and value of family which has carried on to his grandchildren.

Jim was a quiet and contemplative man who enjoyed making others laugh through his good-hearted nature and his practical jokes. He loved to tell a tall tale to elicit a smile and was happiest when those around him were happy.

Jim was very talented. He could build just about anything, having built two houses and remodeled many others. He could do everything from electrical to paint and enjoyed putting his talents to use.

His personality and kindness will be missed, but his legacy will be carried on by all who knew him.

Surviving him are his beloved wife of 57 years, Shirley; children Kim (Steve) Norton, Karen Shay (David) Bean and Kirsty Gardner; grandchildren Jared (Ashley) Norton, Ethan Norton, Sabrina Gardner and Elliott Gardner, great-grandson Bert Norton; a brother, Donald (Bonnie) Vines; siblings-in-law Cindy Vines and Barney Barnhart.

Sadly, Jim was preceded in death by his siblings, Virginia Adams, Lloyd Vines Jr., Joyce Barnhart, Linda Hopp and Jean Marie Vines; siblings-in-law Basil Adams and Gordon Hopp; and his parents, Lloyd and Edna.

Graveside funeral services for Jim Vines will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Ebenezer Hall Cemetery. Interment will follow.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

piano solo by Jaida Smith, a piano solo by Brian Thompson and “Joy to the World” sung by Kaylee Smith, Cameron Moore, Cooper Moore, Jaida Smith and Peacelyn Benefield.

The morning message

by Pastor Wright was titled “God’s Gift to Us.” Scripture was from 1 John, John, Ephesians, Matthew and Samuel.

The message can be found on the church’s website at annanaz.com and on the church’s Facebook page.

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

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26.

Adult and children’s Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26.

A morning worship service, with special music provided by the children, is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26.

The church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

Talking Ovarian Cancer Project receives key funding

The Talking Ovarian Cancer Project, TOCP, in the Southern Seven Health Department has received a \$3,500 grant from GRAIL for use in ovarian cancer education and survivor support.

GRAIL is a healthcare company which is focused on improving health by pioneering new technologies for early cancer detection.

GRAIL developed a multi-cancer early detection, MCED, test that can detect more than 50 types of cancer including ovarian cancer through a routine blood draw by detecting abnormal DNA from cells in the bloodstream with a very low false positive rate of less than one percent.

When a cancer signal is detected, the test predicts the type of cancer and where the cancer is located in the body with 93 percent accuracy.

“This is good news given GRAIL’s test can detect cancers that have no recommended screening tests today, such as ovarian cancer, and for this reason, more than two-thirds of cancers go unscreened,”

Rudy Bess of The Hope Light Foundation said in a news release.

“With early cancer detection, the burden of cancer can be reduced and many lives can be saved which is the main reason behind the GRAIL test and TOCP’s mission.”

In September, GRAIL announced that the New York State Department of Health has approved its Galleri MCED blood test for residents in the State of New York to complement existing single cancer screening tests.

The test requires a prescription from a licensed healthcare provider for use in addition to recommended cancer screenings, such as mammography, a colonoscopy, a prostate-specific antigen, PSA, test or cervical cancer screening.

The test is intended for use in people with an elevated risk of cancer, such as those aged 50 or older.

Being able to access the right cancer screenings at the right time is a key component to improving health equity, health officials noted.

GRAIL’s new, early detection technologies will be able to be performed by primary health providers with minimal additional training.

This will help the uninsured, the underinsured, and those who don’t live close to a medical specialist detect cancers before they spread throughout the body.

GRAIL’s grant for the TOCP followed a \$1,000 donation from The Hope

Light Foundation that will be used to promote early ovarian cancer detection in the absence of a reliable ovarian cancer screening test throughout the Southern Seven Health Department counties.

The Talking Ovarian Cancer Project was created earlier this year by Rudy Bess, founder of the Hope Light Foundation, in an effort to increase education and awareness, and thus give women the tools they need to be proactive in their healthcare.

The Hope Light Foundation and the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition out of Chicago are partnering with regional health care facilities and providers to reduce late stage ovarian cancer for women living in the Southern Seven region.

Among those include Community Health & Emergency Services (CHESI), Hardin County General Hospital, Massac Memorial Hospital, Rural Health Inc., Southern Seven Health Department and Union County Hospital in Anna.

Increased awareness and education about all forms of cancer is the key to saving lives.

More information is available by contacting Rudy Bess at coastallt@sbcglobal.net or Shawna Rhine at Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297, extension 9161. Information also is available for healthcare providers who may want to be involved in the project.

Local business continues holiday tradition

Union County students share what Christmas means to them



Winning writers

Rusty’s Home Center in Anna continued its holiday tradition with its “What Christmas Means to Me” writing contest. Six creative entries were chosen from the six Union County elementary schools, with contest winners each receiving a jumbo-sized Christmas stocking filled with toys. This year’s winners included, from left, Jaelyn Khurana, Izabelle Bracken, Parker McCann, Kayleigh McMahan and Brett Allen. Also pictured, separately, is Easton Bigham.

A Union County business again this year continued a special holiday season tradition.

Rusty’s Home Center in Anna invited elementary students at Union County schools to share, in their own words, what Christmas means to them.

The winning entries each received a giant Christmas stocking from the business. This year’s winning entries follow:

Izzy Bracken Dongola

Christmas is to have fun and joy and to be with your family and friends. Christmas is to buy gifts for people or family or friends and you. Christmas is to see santa and your elves and your gifts.

Christmas is to get a tree to decorate and put gift’s under. Christmas is making cookies with candy with grandma.

Christmas is to open gifts and play with it. Christmas is joy Christmas all month long.

Jaelyn Khurana Jonesboro

What Christmas means to me is joyful and happiness. I love Christmas it makes me calm.

Why I like Christmas is I like the lights and having elves. The big thing I like about it is because its Jesus’ birthday. Should celebrate Christmas is its Jesus birthday Christmas to me is Love.

I love Jesus and its his birthday. Christmas is not about gift its about family and friends.

The first thing we do is make cookies and warm up some milk. Then sprinkle some oatmeal outside for the reindeer.

My favrite thing is when we have a sleepover with my whole family my cousin and uncle and aunts come.

For Christmas eve dinner we have ham, mashed potatoes, corn, and green beans. After Christmas eve dinner we play games.

I really want a dog. I want to get my mom candles and stuff she been wanting. The reason my family celebrates Christmas is its Jesus’ birthday

Parker McCann Cobden

Christmas is very special to me so I’m going to tell you what Christmas means to me.

My first reason is that everyone shows love for each other and really means it. My second reason is the fun of baking or cooking for Christmas. My final reason is that no matter where you go your family will be there.

I love Christmas traditions like baking or cooking, showing love, and that your family is always with you. Sure, Christmas is fun but so are other things.

Feliz Navidad!!!

Kayleigh McMahan Lick Creek

What Christmas means to me is first Jesus’s birthday, which is important to me. The next thing for me that Christmas means is spending time with my family, that is something I like very much. The other thing that Christmas means to me is giving to others. I love to be able to give to other people and make them happy.

The reason Jesus’s birthday is so important to me on Christmas is because He died on the cross for us. I love to celebrate His birth and I am thankful that He gave His life for us all.

Another reason that His birthday is so special to me is because He loves us all so much. The last thing I love about celebrating Jesus’s birthday on Christmas is because He brought me to life and I love Him for that.

Another thing that Christmas means to me is family. I love spending time with them and doing fun stuff. Lots of my family lives far away from me and when I get to see them it makes me so happy.

My family loves me so much and I love them too. When I get to see my cousins, it is always so much fun. We get to play the whole time and I get to see my grandparents too, and I love that.

Lastly, what Christmas means to me is giving to others. This is important to me. I love making other people happy.

I like to make cookies and candy with my mom and give them to my Papa’s they love sweets. I love being able to make crafts for friends and family and give them as gifts. They always like them so much and that makes me happy. To see someone smile that I have given a gift to makes me feel so good.

My parents have always told me to pay it forward and I never know for a long time what they meant, but I do now. It is nice to give to others.

So, what Christmas means to me is all these things. It is not just one thing. Celebrating Jesus, seeing all my family, and giving to others is what Christmas is about. It is nice to et things but giving them to other people is also nice.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and sees what exactly it is all about. Jesus is the reason for the season. Merry Christmas everyone.

Brett Allen Anna

Oh what Christmas means to me. It means love. I love Christmas because I can be with my family and they won’t all ways be there.

Christmas is not all abot presents or the deciratins it is about LOVE and being with family not toys!

And now I am going to tell you what I do, Me and Mom make jinjr bred. Me and dad go out and make snow men and go sleiding. And drive fourwheelers in the snow. And we love doing snow ball fites and making forts.

We all ways pull the sled with me on it. He pulls it with his fourwheeler and when I come in we drink hot choclit. And every morning we all ways git up and look at where elf went. He is all over the place, like today Dec 14 2021 he is gone!

This page I am going to tell you about elf and going outside and doing snow ball fites. At first elf didn’t move but now he is on the mantel and now he is on the lamp. And he is not a normil elf look at the bottom of the page.

And now I am going to tell you about snow-ball fites. It is normily me and dad but Sometimes mom joins. Me and dad dodj, jump, dive, throw, slide, and run. I stil think the funist thing is to drive fourwheelers and sled. I tink driving fourwheelers are the funist because you slip around. Thank you for reading.

Easton Bigham Shawnee

Christmas means alot to me because friends family friend and christmas lights. I love christmas sprits santa and of course presents and christmas tree and i love family dinner and Jesus and god.

The reason I love all of thes things is spending time with a coupol reasons I love Christmas.

Now I cam going to tell you why those little reasons mean so much to me. The reason why christmas lights mean so much to me is my family does it ever year. The reason I love santa so much is me my family and friends take pictures with him every year. The reason I love the christmas tree is the lights and the Star on top. the reason I love Jesus is he died on the cross for people that he did not eveknow. Those are my favorite reason why I love christmas I celebrate every year. No matter if you are good or bad it is what you do in the future.



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Opinion and Commentary



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

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, December 23, 1971

Friday, Dec. 24, marks the “real” beginning of one of the most beloved of all celebrations throughout the Christian world – the one evening when Christians join together in services, midnight mass, candlelight and in their homes to wait for the joyous hour, the anniversary of the birth of the Savior. And in this community, as in cities and towns around the world, people will gather in the churches to join in the special services being held to commemorate his birth.

Disappointing to those who enjoy snow on Christmas: the weatherman is not predicting any snow for the holiday! The area was without snow last Christmas, but the year before in 1969, two inches fell on the four inches already on the ground, for the first “White Christmas” since 1963 in Union County.

The Cobden High School band will depart from Cobden Wednesday, Dec. 29, to participate in the Sun Bowl Parade in El Paso, Texas.

Union County’s Community Action Committee, with goals for better living, is working hard for the establishment of Community Meals Delivery to the elderly and infirm.

Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town will hold its 14th annual all-night New Year’s Eve party for Teen Town members, their guests and non-members.

Members of the Davie School P.T.A. and many parents and grandparents were guests of Davie School for the annual Christmas musicale, “Christmas Cards For You,” presented Tuesday, Dec. 14.

From the Shiloh news: We wish you all a Merry Christmas wherever you are.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Canada geese, January 27

'Tis the season...

...for traditions...

A few years ago, don't remember exactly when, I decided, for reasons unknown, to share a few of my favorite critter pics from the year with you. As you probably have been able to tell over the years, I kind of like taking photographs of critters...

...all kinds of critters...

Birds. Lots of birds. Guess 'cause we seem to have lots of birds in our little corner of the world. Sometimes, I find them in our backyard. Sometimes I find them while wandering around on one of my daily walkabouts.

Sometimes we'll see them while motoring around on a Sunday afternoon.

Turtles. Lots of turtles, too...which, by the way, I did not expect to see on the 16th day of December...and yet, there they were...and there they are...

The occasional groundhog, also known as a woodchuck. And, of course, squirrels. Lots of squirrels. In keeping with tradition, we'll check them out next time...

(For whatever it's worth, all of the critters featured in the photos on this page were seen right here in Union County.)

In the meantime, enjoy whatever special holiday tradition you might have...and...

Merry Christmas



Bluebird, August 5



Ground hog, AKA woodchuck, August 21



Hawk, December 7



Bald eagle, December 8



Turtles, December 16

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Christmas Greetings Section



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 Gazette-Democrat.

Letters to Santa

Cobden Elementary
Mrs. Sheridan
Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want
pokemon cards,
dino dig, and trea-
sure x.

Flynt

Dear Santa, I
would like some
barbies, a hat for
winter, a blankie,
new shoes, some
gloves, and a scarf
for winter.

Nathalie

Dear Santa, I
want a LOL doll, a
big sister LOL doll,
a pop-it, and some
clothes.

Maira

Dear Santa, I want
a unicorn LOL doll,
new headphones,
new watch, scooter,
and a new bike.

Reece

Dear Santa, I want

a puppy, a robot, a
set of cowgirl crit-
ters, and a tool
box.

Lydia

Dear Santa, I
want 10 LOL dolls,
a bear, and a blue
alphabet.

Fiona

Dear Santa, I
want a blue huggie
wuggie, a butterfly
scooter, some pop-
its, and some christ-
mas books where
pictures pop out.

Paytin

Dear Santa, I want
a new scooter, a
new barbie dream
house, new dolls,
and a new summer
dress.

Macy

Dear Santa, I want
a new tablet. I want
Thomas the train
track. That's it.

Stephen

Dear Santa, I
want binoculars, a
kid bow and ar-
row, a trail cam,
a security cam-
era, an outfit like
Santa Claus, boun-
cy shoes, a punch-
ing bag, punching
gloves, and a baby
yoda stuffy.

Arthur

Dear Santa, I want
a dog, my own
Christmas tree, and
a cat.

Keegan

Dear Santa, I
want Ligin, sonic
plushie, a scooter,
legos, pop-its, lego
batman legos, a
dinosaur pop-it, an
among us pop-it,
and a heart for my
mom.

Ryker

Dear Santa, I
want a gabby's
doll house, and an
American girl doll.

Hasely

Dear Santa, I want
a bunny stuffed

animal, a huggie
wuggie stuffed an-
imal, an xbox, and
a cappie stuffed
animal.

Vai

Cobden Elementary
Mrs. Rumpfelt
Second Grade

Dear Santa, I want
a golden chain, a
gaming chair, 3 dog
man books, and
nintendo switch.

Love, Jonathan

Dear Santa, I want
a chapter book,
some pound pup-
pies, and a fam-
mly pitchure. Also, I
want a science book.

Love, Logan

Dear Santa, I
want a pss. I want
a pokemon video
game and animal
crossing monoplom,
and a go cart and
a gaming chair and
a guitar merry ch
and a badguy book.
celeton and a ps-
five. and a xbox.

Love, Shepard

Dear Santa, I want
a new pss, and I
want a new gold
chain and I want a
new gaming chair.

Love, Damian

Dear Santa, For
christmas I want
new shoes, new
doll, a baby doll,
a popits, and maek
up. I also want a
key chain and new
squishies.

Love, Kylee

Dear Santa, I want
a dirt bike, ham-
ster, guienapig, a
drum, and a guitar.

Love, Austin

Dear Santa, I
want a slime ball,
7 squishies, and a
squishmellow.

Love, Avery

Dear Santa, I want
new games and a
godzilla popit. I
also want a king
kong popit.

Love, William

Dear Santa, I want
a nintendo switch

and I want gift
cards.

Love, Nathan

Dear Santa, For
christmas I want a
4-wheeler, infin-
ity cube, nintendo
switch, and a gift
card.

Love, Eva

Dear Santa, For
christmas I want a
toy godzilla, king
kong and king
gadorra. I also
want little dino-
saurs.

Love, Jack

Dear Santa, For
christmas I want a
sling shot, shotgun,
money and toys.

Love, Zeke

Dear Santa, For
christmas I want
LOL dolls, pokemon,
and barbies. I also
want candy.

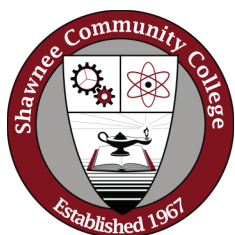
Love, Lydia

Dear Santa, I want
toys and games.

Love, Elaina

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Mrs. Tripp
Second Grade

Dear Santa, I want a bendy lego, a sonic watch, bendy shirt, fgteev toy, a puppy, a leash, a collar, dog food, cage, fgteev toy, bendy blanket, cat-lie plush, kend-all plush, dog bed, ipad, bendy back-pack, bendy face-masks, sonic face-masks, snowman plushy, new shoes, a unicorn shirt for Fiona, unicorn pants for Fiona, unicorn hat for Fiona, lunch box, christmas face-masks, unlimited quaver coins, dog clothes, dog blanket, dog pillow.

Finn

Dear Santa, I want toy train please. I want a wii station. I want a remote plane. I want a remote boat. I want a battle blade.

Landen

Dear Santa, christmas is about happiness. It is not always about toys. It is also about being kind to other people on christmas.

Ryatt

Dear Santa, For christmas I want some books and my own necklace and a giant popit and a ball. Christmas is my favorite holiday it's not because of presents, it's family. I love my family and we always make gingerbread cookies.

Henley

Dear Santa, I hope your haveing a great time and I would like some barbys and robots and doll cloths, toy candy canes, a big bear stuffy, a poodle, siri bear, horse robot that you can ride does not have bateres and carged.

Esther

Dear Santa, What I want is another little puppy and a nother realistik baby doll. I also want a good happy life. Santa clase what christmas means to me is I love spending time whith my family.

Callie

Dear Santa, you are the best person ever! The things that I want for christmas is a gaming chair and a laptop and Lots of rare pokemon. You can give me more toys but you don't have to. I will be a ok have a really good christmas. bye.

From, Easton

Dear Santa, I want a quaver coin and a bike.

Miguel

Dear Santa, I want a book. I want a bike. I want toys.

Wyatt

Dear Santa, I want makeup and dolls. I like christmas

because of you, santa.

Izabell

Dear Santa, for christmas I whant a loads of bebe bo-lits. What christmas mean's to me. is spending time with my family.

Karson

Dongola
Elementary
Mrs. Pulley
Second Grade

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want family, friends and love for christmas.

Axel

Dear Santa, Lol dolls, popits, Nintendo switch, aloy-no crossing, xbox 1, and a computer for christmas.

Michaela

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want an iphone 12, xbox, hoodie, 5 shirts, and 2 pairs of pants for christmas.

Levi

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a suit for sonic xbox super mario legos red and blue for christmas.

Briley

Dear Santa, yoyo and pokemon din-mahd for nintn-do play station 5. I have been very good this year.

Carsen

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want an xbox 360, playstation siphone nintendo switch and a book for christmas.

Adam

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a nerf gun, iphone, xbox 360, and pokemon cards for christmas.

Brayden

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a boxer robot popit and a raccar. for christmas.

Jaxon

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a hover board, a toy cat, a doll, a hula hoop, and an LOL doll for christmas.

Ellie

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I weat 3 Dongola hood-ies, 4 shirts, a ring, Dongola cup and necklaces for christmas.

Emilio

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want a make up kit., elf on the shelf and small doll bed for christmas.

Natilee

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year I want nintendo switch, plastation 4, the biggest possible monster truck for christmas.

Joseph

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I want an iphone nintendo switch baby doll and chocolate for christmas.

Kreah

Dear Santa, I have been very good this

year. I want make-up makeup brushes and a nail kit for christmas.

Emilia

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. Iwant a for wheeler a mini motorcycle and a wooden gun and sword for christmas.

Kyson

Jonesboro
Elementary
Mrs. Ramsey
Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a lot of monster trucks for Christmas because they are cool and I want to play with them outside. The only reason I want monster trucks is because I saw them on YouTube and they were really cool and awesome!

Saul Ambrocio

Dear Santa, I want a Dino Fury Morpher. It turns you into a Power Ranger. I like the red one. I want another Nintendo Switch for a Donkey Kong. It's in the game. My Mommy would like a new cup, a Christmas one. My Daddy

needs a new fridge. He wants the gray one 'cause it has ice in the fridge. My Mawmaw and Paw-paw need a Ninten-do Switch at their house and games for their house, so I can play when I go there. I need a case for it, too. I also want a Alexa for Christmas. I am going to leave you chocolate chip cookies. Thank you!

Corbin Barbee

Dear Santa, I want a giant Venom. I want a Huggy Ruggy. It's a new thing that came out and I want an action figure of it, and a little Spiderman figure. Brooks wants a PJ Masks toy. Emme wants a giant Barbie toy. My dog, Lokey, would like a little mouse toy. My little dog pup-

py, Ego, would like a little shoe toy. Gomorrah got her Christmas present. It's a rope. Santa, how do you make those toys so fast? Thank you!

Jace Campbell

Dear Santa, I want a Christmas tree and I want presents underneath it and a Nerf gun. My Mom wants a bus, a toy bus. My brother is a lot older than me. My brother wants a set with Legos on it, and also a train with a lot of train tracks. My sister is ten. Her wants a clock and a train like me. I also want a train. I have a new haircut. I would like you to give Alex a Pop-Its. I want everyone in the class to get a Pop-Its if they're good. Thank you!

Elijah Chauvin




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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Christmas dream house. I want a ballerina Barbie, just like my sister. My Mommy would like a new coffee mug. Baby Waylon would probably like some baby toys. Arian-na wants a Barbie dream house with a Santa Barbie. I want my Daddy to get a little thing that plays songs. It's a Alexa, like Miss Gail got. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies. Thank you!

Savanna Coe

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart, a blue one. My brother wants a tractor, a red one. My sister wants a Pop-Its. My Mom wants a new phone. My Dad wants a gun for deer hunting. My Mimi wants a four-wheeler. PawPaw wants a four-wheeler, too. My Dad also wants a new fishing pole. I have been good this year. Thank you!

Hunter Dial

Dear Santa,
I want a kitchen for Christmas. I need some food stuff to go in the kitchen. I want a Barbie house. I want Hunter to play with me, with the Barbies. Hunter wants Broncos stuff. My Mommy wants a carpet for the kitchen. Daddy wants a carpet for us, blue. I love you!

Abbie Dunn

Dear Santa,
Lucy wants dolls for Christmas, more dolls. Knox would like a Nerf gun. Isla wants a baby doll. My Mom wants that thing that you grab on and you peddle. It gets you exercise. My Dad wants that black thing that you spray and it smells good. You get it at Wal-mart. I want for Christmas, more Pokémon packs. Thank you!

Nash Harris

Dear Santa,
I want a pony, a music box, a doll house, and a garage. I have a garage, but I want a girl one. We

only have a boy garage. My Mom wants books about the beach. My Dad wants new shoes, basketball ones for daddies to go to the soccer ball game. My brothers want toys. Thank you!

Faith Holderfield

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll. I want it to be 'Chelsie.' She has long hair, and she has a skirt, and a lot of dogs. Her hair is blonde. My brother wants fifty V-Bucks. It's a card that you can spend the money off of it. My mommy only wants everything to be good for us. My Daddy wants a new garage because it's full of stuff. He builds a lot of stuff for me, my brother, and my mom. I want to know if you will have a good Christmas. I want you to know that I can do a front flip. Thank you!

Adley Lewis

Dear Santa,
I want a PJ Masks Catboy monster truck, space toys, Spiderman Legos, a Catboy house with controllers, and a toy bow and arrow. I want you to bring Naomi some Mickey and Minnie things like a clubhouse with all of the Mickey Mouse friends. My Grandma would like a new, little heart, because hers is not working right. Grandpa would like some real tools. Thank you for giving me toys!

Waylon McCowen

Dear Santa,
I want a hoverboard. I want this cool coloring book because it has this cool, Barbie thing. Lillian wants this computer, and it comes with a computer pen, and there's games on it you can play. My Mommy needs a printer because her computer won't print out papers, because hers ran out of paper. My Daddy really wants a big, grownup sized, baby Yoda. Santa, I am smart, be-

cause I actually know how to spell 'cat,' and my sight words. Thank you! Gracelynn Newberry

Dear Santa,
I want a PS4. My sissy wants a doll. My Daddy wants a Michael Myers mask. My Mommy wants a Jack and Sally picture. It's a Halloween movie and a Christmas movie. My Grandma wants tea, sweet tea. I love you! Kadence Oduola

Dear Santa,
I want an Elsa dress with an Elsa doll. My Mommy would like a new coffee pot. My Grandma likes cooking so she needs cookies. I want my Grandpa to have a new horse. I would like animals to come to me so I can pet them. Thank you! Jacelyn Pecord

Dear Santa,
I want a phone. My brother wants cars. My other brother wants a baby toy. Gigi needs a new shower, 'cause the old one broke. I like you 'cause you put presents under our tree. Thank you! Zyeliana Richardson

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy for Christmas. One that moves. It's like a dinosaur that walks. My Mom would maybe like some new boots. My Dad would like some more screws for the barn. My brother needs new leads for his dog. His dog's name is 'Wallis.' Are you even real? I like getting Christmas presents. Rebekah Stewart

Dear Santa,
I like reborn babies. They look like a real, live baby, but they're just baby dolls.

I like LOL dolls and American Girl Dolls. I would like you to bring me some Pop-Its and fidget toys. My Mommy needs a mug, a Christmas mug. I want my Dad to get matching cups with my Mom. Please give matching pajamas to everyone in the house. Christopher needs some new jeans. I would like Troy to get a new Nerf gun. I would like my pets to get a dog toy and two cat toys. I miss my elf. He is at the North Pole. Please make Elfie come back because I really miss him. I have been a good girl. I love you! Frankie Tucker

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. Mom needs a new phone. Her phone might be broken. My Dad needs a new phone 'cause it's cracked. Snow, the kitten, wants some more pet toys. Karmyn and Erin want some slime. Thank you! Alex Wallenmeyer

Dear Santa,
I want a t.v. I want one in my room. I like to watch PJ Masks. My Mom wants a waxy burner. My Dad wants a cross that says, 'John Williams.' Chloe wants a computer. Frankie probably wants some clothes. I also want a turtle, a snapping turtle. I love you! Troy Williams

Jonesboro Elementary
Mrs. Ellis Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
What do you feed your reindeer? I would like a baby Yoda toy for Christmas. Thank you, Caneh B.

Dear Santa,
What does a rein-

deer eat? I would like a thing that pops out of a present and knocks you out, a squirrel toy, a big swimming pool, a zebra toy, a dinosaur toy, and another chocolate truck. Thank you, River B.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Rainbow High Doll. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Thank you, Ridley E.

Dear Santa,
I would like American Girl Doll clothes, a Christmas tree for American Girl Dolls, tiny Barbies, a Barbie House, tiny Little Lunchbox for our dolls, a tiny Harry Potter Book for my dolls, tiny paper, a color changing doggy, and a lot of ornaments. Thank you, Sereh E.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer toy, a camera because I am good at taking pictures, and a fence for my Rudolph the Red Nose

reindeer toy. What do you feed your reindeer? Thank you, Kylie F.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I would like a Nerf Bow and Arrow with a string. Thank you, Adam G.

Dear Santa,
I would like LOL Dolls, Barbies Glow in the water, a real dog (a bulldog) and that's all. Thank you, Brenlee G.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I really want a big, cool transformer, a Corvette Remote Control car, a cool dually, and that's it.
Thank you,
Owen L.

Dear Santa,
I would like some paints, a Doll House, more llama toys, more nail polish, and more markers.
Thank you,
Althea L.

Dear Santa,
I would like the Dino Smashers Egg. Dino's from Jurassic World, a Grinch Book, a glow in the dark T-Rex, and thats it.
Thank you,
Asher M.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a Rainbow High Doll, some fidgets, some slime, a big giant fidget DNA ball, an infinity cube fidget.
Thank you,
Meredith P.

Dear Santa,
I would like a big tent to camp out in, make-up, lipstick, all kinds of Mermaids, and that's all.
Thank you,
Hannah N.

Dear Santa,
I would like LOL clampers, little and big LOL's an LOL house, boy stuff for my brothers, an LOL airplane, matching jammies for my sisters, brothers and doggies, house shoes, a picture of my family together, and my own chrome book.
Thank you,
Addison N.

Dear Santa,
I would like a bridge, a robot, a Power Wheels, a fake Elf, and that's all.
Thank you,
Karson V.

Dear Santa,
I had a good day at school. I like Christmas. I would like stuffed animals, a new water bottle for school, a gray and black teddy bear that's really soft, a toy robot that goes in those houses, and thats all.
Thank you,
Maverick W.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nerf Gun, a toy bell that rings, a Zebra stuffed ani-

mal, a teddy bear, an inflatable bouncy house, and a stuffed toy that talks. I like you Santa.
Thank you,
Keaten W.

Dear Santa,
I would like Barbie Dolls,a Rainbow High Doll and that all! Hi Santa!
Thank you,
McKinley P.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bendi Ink Machine toy, a Venom Toy, a smaller Spider Man Toy, a Camouflage Black Spider Man, and a Ryan toy.
Thank you,
Weston R.

Jonesboro
Elementary
Mrs. Kirby
1st Grade

Dear Santa:
My name is Arianna and my favorite color is Pink. Do you give your elves gifts on Christmas. I would like a toy Santa that makes stuff, some Barbies, Barbie cam per and a Santa Barbie. I love you Santa, you are the best.
Love,
Arianna Coe

Dear Santa:
Hi my name is Riley and I Love to cook with my Mom. Is your Suit magic that keeps you warm while flying in the sky? I would love to have my own cell phone and some toys that look like the Reindeer. Thank you and Christmas is the best.
Love,
Riley Petzolt

Dear Santa:
Hello my name is Gunner and I love to play games. How many cookies do you have to eat while bringing presents? I would love to have a play Stations, Air glow in the dark Frisbee, and a puppy for Christmas. Thank you and I love you.
Love,
Gunner Brame

Dear Santa:
Hi my name is Lincoln. I have a dog and a trampoline at my house. Do Rudolph's nose really glow? For Christmas I would like a Jumbo Plushie, a green joy-con for my Nintendo Switch and an Xbox. I love you and all the reindeer.
Love,
Lincoln Jones

Dear Santa:
Hi my name is Cooper and I love my brothers. What does the toy workshop look like? I would like to have 2 soccer goals and a new glow in the dark basketball for Christmas. Thank you for being so nice.
Love,
Cooper Gurley

Dear Santa:
Hello my name is Owen and I have two brothers, Ethan and Lincoln. What do your elves really look like? For Christmas I would like to have an Apple Phone with a red case, Red Christmas shirt to put on Christmas day and a real drum set. I love that you Shout Merry Christmas to All and to All a good night.
Love,
Owen Jiter

Dear Santa:
My name is London and I have to play with my baby brother. How many cookies do you eat on Christmas? I would like a doll house, JoJo Siwa microphone and a Princess doll. I love you Santa.
Love,
London Miller

Dear Santa:
Hello my name is Margaret and I have a twin sister, Ella. We are about to get another baby. Is there any other Reindeer and what are their names? I'd love a Beginners Party Mix II DJ controller set, Electric guitar and AC Remote Control Car. I love you and the reindeer and the elves.
Love,
Margaret Bailey

Dear Santa:
My name is Reata and my favorite color is pink. Does Mrs. Claus help you make the list? I would love to have a pet frog, and art stuff to draw pictures for Christmas. Thank you for coming to my house.
Love,
Reata Wenger

Dear Santa:
Hi my name is Kharmadi and I love to play with

my sister. How are the reindeer doing? For Christmas I'd love to have a piano, Rainbow High dolls, and a Stars glow in the dark canopy net bed curtain. Thank you and I love you.
Love,
Kharmadi Hurst

Dear Santa:
Hi my name is McKenzie. I love to paint. What does the elves do at the North Pole? I would love to have a real piano that is pink, some new ornaments for my tree in my bedroom and I would like to have things to paint pictures. Thank you for bringing the presents at night time.
Love,
McKenzie Spurlock

Dear Santa:
My name is Cali and I love to cook with my mom. Do the elves like to hide up high in places? For Christmas I would like pop its and L.O.L. Barbies. Thank you for coming all over the world to give the kids their presents.
Love,
Cali Pind

Dear Santa:
My name is Cain and I have a dog and cat at my house. What does your reindeer eat? I would like an Xbox, Xbox headset, and a cell phone. I love you and the elves.
Love,
Cain Daniel

Dear Santa:
Hello my name is Hallie and my

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favorite color is green. Is the North Pole full of snow? I would like a new pillow and blanket for my bed, a vacuum cleaner and a Stars glow in the dark canopy net bed curtain. I love you Santa.
Love,
Hallie Miller

Jonesboro
Elementary
Mrs. Miller
1st Grade

Dear Santa:
Hi I am Kenley. I love Christmas time. How big and pretty is the North Pole? I would love an L.O.L. dolls, Barbie dolls, and a Barbie Dream House. Thank you for bring my presents.
Love,
Kenley Rains

Dear Santa:
My name is Karcen. My favorite color is red. How can your reindeer fly? Here is what I'd like for Christmas. I would like hot wheels cars, transformer toys and an AC car. Hope you have a wonderful night.
Love,
Karcen Easterly

Dear Santa:
My name is Jayce. I love to play Soccer. How does Rudolph's nose glow. I would love to have am electric kid's car and pj's. Thank you Santa for being so nice.
Love,
Jayce Khurana

Dear Santa:
My name is Rome. I am a very nice boy who loves hunting. Why does your reindeer have antlers? I would love a hunting set, fishing set and a RC speed boat for Christmas. I love you Santa and thanks for the toys.
Love,
Rome Isom

Dear Santa:
My name is Payzlee. I am a sweet and kind girl. I want to know how your reindeer are doing? I would love to have a Dream House, Popits and I would love for it to snow at my house. I love you and Thank you for all my gifts.
Love,
Payzlee Anderson

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa:
I love the elves at the North Pole. How fast do they make the toys? This year for Christmas I really want a pop-its, a talking doll, and a play horse. I hope you have a great trip!

Love,
Charolette Goss

Dear Santa:
I love spending time with my family. How can you fly around the world in one night? This year for Christmas, I would like a Hogwarts Castle playset, magic mixies, and a Hermione costume. I love you Santa!

Love,
Ella Bailey

Dear Santa:
My favorite color is Blue. How does your beard grow so long? This year for Christmas, I really want a baby bunny, LOL dolls, and a white Christmas! I hope the elves are being good for you!

Love,
Mariah Miller

Dear Santa:
Hi my name is Lily and my favorite color is pink. I would like to know if there is an elf that brings you hot chocolate? Here are a few things I would love for Christmas:

1.) A Rainbow High doll. 2.) Mystery Baby. I want to say Thank you so much for my gifts. Hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Love,
Lily Dallas

Dear Santa:
My name is Athena and my favorite thing to do is play at home in my bedroom. I would love to know how your reindeer get their magic? Here are a few things I would like for Christmas. I would like "My Life Loft Bed," My Life Doll, and a Dream House. I want to say thank you for all my toys.

Love,
Athena Aldridge

Dear Santa:
My name is Cooper. I like to play soccer. How do you build all the toys? I would like to have a minion blaster and a Nerf Bow and Arrow. Thank you for my wonderful toys. Have a great night.

Love,
Cooper Dallas

Dear Santa:
My name is Koralynn. My favorite color is pink. How do the elves get all their magic? Here are a few things I'd like for Christmas: A pink kids Gator UTV, Crayola Masterwork Art Case, Scented Marker unicorn set with case and I love the L.O.L. dolls. I love you Santa.

Love,
Koralynn Treece

Dear Santa:
I like to ride four-wheelers. I really want to know where the North Pole is at? This year for Christmas, I really want a remote control car, a remote control four wheeler, and a remote control dump truck. I think it is nice that you give everyone toys. Thank you.

Love,
Knute Toedte

Dear Santa:
I like to play with my dolls and I like to draw. Do your reindeer like carrots? I would like girl legos. I want a bike with training wheels. Thank you for all the presents you have given me. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Kate Cohen

Dear Santa:
My name is Warner and I am 6 years old. How many cookies do you eat on Christmas night? For Christmas, I would like all of the amiibos that I don't have on Super Smash Brothers. I would also like 10 fidgets of any kind, please. Thank you for all of the gifts you have given me.

Love,
Warner Wingate

Jonesboro
Elementary
Mrs. Eddlemen
2nd Grade

Dear Santa:
I would like a remote control car, Nintendo Switch, and Mario Kart Nintendo Switch game. I hope you have a Merry Christmas Santa!

RJ Turner

Dear Santa:
I am 7 years old. I want a new iPad and some Space Racks. Merry Christmas!

Cason Penninger

Dear Santa:
Merry Christmas! I want a new bike and clothes. I really like to draw too.

Kamiya Velasquez

Dear Santa:
Hi Santa. How are you and the reindeer doing? I would like a Barbie that has a face mask, an RC car, and LOL Surprise Dream House. Merry Christmas!

Laylah Raines

Dear Santa:
How are you feeling Santa? For Christmas I want some Hot Wheels, a rumble buddy, and monster trucks. Happy Holidays!

Wyatt Holshouser

Dear Santa:
How are you doing? I like Batman toys, Ryan's World, and Minecraft. Merry Happy Christmas!

Samuel Warden

Dear Santa:
I want a 22 rifle, John Deere tractors, and a new gaming

chair. When will the elves come? Merry Christmas!

Landon Hill

Dear Santa:
I would like MX Verse ATV All-Out and hunter call of the wild. Happy Holidays!

Cole Bartruff

Dear Santa:
I want a Mario Odyssey game and Minecraft dungeons action figures. Merry Christmas!

Storm Darling

Dear Santa:
What is your favorite cookie? What's Mrs. Claus' favorite color? I would like an American Girl Doll wheelchair, American Girl Doll clothes, and American Girl Doll shoes because my doll has no shoes. Merry Christmas!

Lilly Newberry

Dear Santa:
I want one of those life-like baby dolls, Polly Pocket, and fidgets. Happy Christmas! Love you Santa!

Emma Lambdin

Dear Santa:
Merry Christmas Santa! I would like anything Denver Broncos, any Legos, and anything with Von Miller my favorite player. Happy Holidays!

Hunter Dunn

Dear Santa:
How do you get your elves here? I want some art stuff, drawing supplies, craft stuff, and dog shoes. Merry Christmas!

Mahayla Duke

Dear Santa:
How are the reindeer? I want Barbies, a Guess Who game, and some paints. Merry Christmas!

Zella Baggott

Dear Santa:
I like just about any kind of toys. Anything would be great. Merry Christmas!

Jackson Jordan

Dear Santa:
I would like a Minecraft bow, a Minecraft set, and Batman figurines armor. Merry Christmas!

Kheaton Rains

Jonesboro
Elementary
Mrs. Carver
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like Army toys, a Nintendo Switch, an X-Box, a PlayStation 2, a new controller, a TV and some socks. That's all I can think of. Your friend,

Eli Brock

Dear Santa,
I would like some pottery, a lot of gumballs, and a pet rabbit. I will name her Ruby.

Love,
Marielena Brown

Dear Santa,
I would like Transformer toys but I already have Bumblebee. I want the red one. I want a puppy toy that walks. I also want orange and red Playdoh.

Your friend,
Zayne Clay

Dear Santa,
I want an Iphone 5C and a lunchbox. I also want a Spiderman and Batman toy. I also need two Spiderman costumes. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Your friend,
Kellan Cross

Dear Santa,
I would like an Xbox 1, and Xbox controller that's red and a real car.

Ben Daniel

Dear Santa,
I want an Xbox, VR headsets, and Iphone 7. I'll love you Oreo cookies!

Chase Heern

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle and a remote control car. I have way too much to say, so that's it!

Love,
Riley Lyons

Dear Santa,
I would like a real phone so I can call my little brother. I would also like you to fix my dad's motorcycle. My mom would like some socks and so would I. My little brother would like Monster trucks.

Your friend,
Jayda Mayes

Dear Santa,
I would like a Minecraft blanket, stuffed animals and two controllers. I will leave you whatever kind of cookies you want. Merry Christmas!

Landon Nance

Dear Santa,
I would like Polly Pockets. Will you please bring Rex a toy hammer? Merry Christmas!

Charlotte Ottolini

Dear Santa,
I would like a horse, a horse pillow for her bed, and a real saddle.

Ava Reagan

Dear Santa,
I would like a drone, a remote

control car, a Batman toy and a Minecraft figure.

Your friend,
Mikey Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like toy cars, remote control cars, and a Nerf gun. I would like a pop-it for my sister. I would like some pop-its, too! Merry Christmas!

Bentley Tollison

Dear Santa,
I would like a ballet suit with ballet shoes and a lot more dresses. I hope you have a safe way up to the North Pole. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Karmyn Wallenmeyer

Dear Santa,
I want two baby dolls, one girl and one boy. I want to name them Max and Elizabeth. Will you please bring my sister Emery baby dolls and mermaid things? I would also like unicorn things in my stocking.

Love,
Nora Wheeler



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Letters to Santa

Lick Creek School
Mrs. Elkins
Kindergarten

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a pop-it and dolls.
Thank you,
Matilda

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a pogo stick and dolls.
Thank you,
Ella

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a big Barbie doll and a horse that I can ride.
Thank you,
Maddie

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a yo-yo, a Barbie, and a LOL doll.
Thank you,
Paula

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like Pokemon cards, an Elf on the Shelf, and a stuffed animal Rudolph.
Thank you,
Lawson

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a horse, a unicorn, a LOL doll, the Anna doll, and a pop-it.
Thank you,
Tanner

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a pop-it and an Elf.
Thank you,
Taylynn

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like Pokemon stack - box of Pokemon, a fake horse, a robot, and Batman.
Thank you,
Alex

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a pony, an elf, and a necklace.
Thank you,
Lexie

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like Pokemon cards and a Pokemon binder.
Thank you,
Fritz

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a pop-it, Pokemon binder, an Elf, and Harry Potter Legos.
Thank you,
Walker

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a Barbie doll, a real pig that I can ride, rainbow butterflies, and Dolly Parton.
Thank you,
Emma

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a necklace, a jewelry box, and a pony that I can ride.
Thank you,
Brooklyn

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a pony that I can ride, a ninja shirt,

ninja swords, and Pokemon cards.
Thank you,
Reagan

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a big Batman that is as tall as me, a spy kit, and a little camera.
Thank you,
Keagan

Lick Creek School
Mrs. Bires
First Grade

Dear Santa, Hi, I would like to have Pokemon's, Star Wars Legos, Remote Control car, A bike.
Thank you
from, Wyatt

Dear Santa, I would like a 3DS. Thank you!!
Love,
Lucas

Dear Santa, Hi, I hope you have a good year. Can I have pokemo's. And can I have some LOL. And can I have a Baby it looks real.
Love,
Bella

Dear Santa, Hi, I would like a black vest please thank you.
Love,
Elijah

Dear Santa, I would like x-box Pokemon's a bike Ryan's toys star wars legos, Have a safe trip/travel.
Love,
Daniel

Dear Santa, Hi I hope you have a good year can I Please can I have big Teddy bear.
Love,
Valorie

Dear Santa, I am trying to be good I love my famy can I have a 3DS and pokemon cards.
Love,
Sam

Dear Santa, Hi, hope you are good cah I have some Lol items bath bomb christmas bress.
Thank you,
Paisley

Dear Santa, Hi I am trying to be good. can I have Pokemon and Mad-den 21.
Love,
Hayes

Dear Santa, Hi, hope you are fine. cah I have a pc4 and a Rock star Guitar. Thank you please.
Love,
Kooper

Dear Santa, Please I would like to have some LOL items.
Estella

Lick Creek School
Mrs. Cerney
Second Grade

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I will leave mik and cookies for you. I will leave reindeer food too. I would like some Christmas presents here is my list: baby dolls and baby dll accessories. and I

would lik slime. and I would like the stand up scooters and close and wit bord. and I want paints and borbs to paint on. pso oh and I we will aske my brothers to leave food for your elfs.
Love,
Blakeley

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Here is my list: tel my parints to get me in gymnas-tics plees and a balurenu soot and shoes that goes with it 0 and a nenten-do swich I wunt a Rainbow high bolls a lot pleesu! a tot of pokemon kors. and wun of thos that Avv Haze. a lot of LOLs and big sister Lols! and baby Lols! adn a pretty American girl dolls adn Shoes for it too.
Serentity

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I will leave reindeer food too I would like some Cristmas presents here is my list: I would like a pokemon ball and a pss, a barby, doll and a giant ex, a skool binder and some slime. and a new falder and some pretty mark. and a Crist-mas mericul and to have fun at my new skool. happy new year XoXo I Love Cristmas I Love santa I love you.
Love,
Harper

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I will lev you cookies and milk. I will lev yor rande cookies. Here is my list: I want Ballerina stuff and shoes. and close and a toy ballerina. pokmon toy. now ballerina shoes inintin swisa and ipone and Lol and lol close and lol shoes and lol toys.
Savanna

Dear Santa, I have been good this year.

I would like a toy cat and a toy dog and a toy squirrel. I will leav u milk & cookies.
Love,
Alexa

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I will leave milk and cookes for you. I will leaveve too I would like some Christmas presents here is my list: an atv and a for weelr and toy truks and monster truks. 10 poke'mon binders with 72000 poke'mon 2a boort packs.
Love,
Liam

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I wont a set of halos olnlee ten. I wunt a molkh chrol truk and a Toy sirinhead and I want a molckrol rodot.
Love,
Wyatt

Dear Santa, I have been good this year I will leave milk and cookies. I will leave rain dear good too. Here is my list: plunts vs zombies battle for the navervill they video game a lego mine craft under water city. P.S. Destroy this letter!
You'r friend
Eli

Dear Santa, I have been good this year I leave milk and cookies for you I would like some presents. Here is my list: A Call of Duty Suit and Nerf gun. Pokemon Ex x10 and ball computer. P.S. I will give you a gift for you Santa you are the best ever!
Love,
Kameron

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I would like some Christ-mas presents. Here is my list: pokemon binder and 2,000 pokemon. a iphone. a pokemon ball. a new bike. a water gun. a new basket-ball. a new computer. a Roblox suit. A minecraft lego set. a lot of good boock's.
Henry

Dear Santa, Can i have a big all rain bow cheer lead-er dolls and can I have all saishy melch doll?
Love,
Mackenzie

Lincoln Elementary
Mrs. Rich
Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like an iP-hone 13 and a nin-tendo & train. I have been good at school and other places. I will make you chocolate chip cookies.
Love Kevin

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I want some presents, please. Like, maybe a robot, crayohs, and stuff like in my classroom. Can you send me a elf named Rudolf?
Love Sebastian

Dear Santa, please bring me a huggy, wuggy plushie so I can lay down and hug him. I have been good this year.
Love RJ

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl by helping others at school. Please bring me a Harry Potter wand, legos, and that's it. At my house, come hungry because I will have food for you and the reindeer. I will leave you cookies and a candy cane with carrots for the reindeer. Also, I would love an elf like Mrs. Rich's!
Love Lyza

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a puzzle set and a train. My brother has been good. He gives me lots of hugs. So, please bring him a puzzle, too!
Love Dayten

Dear Santa, I would like a new side by side RC for Christmas. I also like legos, dino-saurs and maybe a

stretch ball. Fid-gets are cool, too!
Love Bryer

Dear Santa, I would like an Elf on the Shelf pet, a package of Bendy toys, and a hug-gie wuggie plush. I will leave you some milk and cookies, too. Can you get my elf a plushy, too?
Love Drake

Dear Santa, Please bring me a white toy car this year. That will be all, I dont want any-thing else!
Love Zeke

Dear Santa, Please bring me a husky dog that can pull me in the sled in the snow. I will name him Dallas, take care of him, feed him, and play with him. If you can't get a dog, I'd like a dirt bike and a saddle for horses.
Love Xander

Dear Santa, I want monopoly, Pokémon stuff, and more race tracks. I like to play bingo at school, can you bring a sight word game for me too? Monster trucks are cool, and I think I'd like some of those too.
Love Lucas




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Dear Santa, I would like a scooter, 2 twins that are baby dolls, a stroller for them, a toy grill, a watch, a dr. kit for dogs, and one for people. I have been good at my house this year. My sister and I will make cookies for you. They will be yummy.
Love Brianna

Dear Santa, Please bring me makeup, a makeup bag, rings, the lol camper with toys, an lol, a notebook to color inside of it, a horsey and a electric scooter. I have been very good; my teacher even says so! I would really love a unicorn bike and play doh!
Love Emerson

Dear Santa, My name is Lincoln and I am in Kindergarten at Lincoln school. I want a guitar and drums for Christmas. That way I can sing and make music. Please bring my brother a drum too.
Love Lincoln

Dear Santa, Please bring me a toy 4 wheeler to ride when I go back to mom. There's only like 25 days till Christmas. I am going to stay up and watch for you at my house. I have been good more than sometime this year!
Love Ramon

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like an lol doll surprise, a coloring book, and a scooter.
Love Teagan

Dear Santa, Please bring me blasters for Christmas! I like to blast my daddy! I would also like a nintendo switch game, transformers, and a new Clifford movie. I will give you candy when you come to my house, chips (Ranch ones) and fruit snakes too! Can you get my some new pants and socks because I am running out of them?
Love Emery

Dear Santa, I would like a Bluey camper and a hedgehog.
Jacob

Dear Santa, I would like a LOL doll.
Arianna

Dear Santa, I would like a toy elf. I would also like a toy Santa. I would also like nine toy snowmen.
Laken

Dear Santa, I would like a tram poline. I would also like a kitchen a frozen house.
Madison

Dear Santa, I would like a chihuahua. I would

Lincoln Elementary
Mrs. Staples
Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a choo choo train. I also want a horse.
Hartley

Dear Santa, I would like a notebook because I have two and I don't have many pages left.
Coleden

Dear Santa, I would like a tablet and a black motorcycle with red stripes on the trees and the tires are black.
Malychai

Dear Santa, I would like a happy family and some plushies. Also some new legos for my brothers.
Rossi

Dear Santa, I would like a big Barbie dreamhouse. I also want a toy car.
Amariah

Dear Santa, I would like a toy farm.
Drew

Dear Santa, I want some big John Deer stuff. I also would like a remote control race car and some super powers.
Aiden

Dear Santa, I would like a truck.
Hunter

Dear Santa, I would like a Bluey camper and a hedgehog.
Jacob

Dear Santa, I would like an LOL doll.
Arianna

Dear Santa, I would like a toy elf. I would also like a toy Santa. I would also like nine toy snowmen.
Laken

Dear Santa, I would like a tram poline. I would also like a kitchen a frozen house.
Madison

Dear Santa, I would like a chihuahua. I would

like a baby doll. I would also like to see my whole family.
Kaia

Dear Santa, I would like a claw machine that has eggs in it. I would also like a big pool.
Josey

Dear Santa, I would like a black watch and a Mario car.
Greyson

Dear Santa, I would like five more dogs. I would also like five more cages for them.
Micah

Dear Santa, I would like a horse barn with actual things that you can open the doors. I want a package that has a horse and a saddle and some barrels.
Jacie

Lincoln Elementary
Mrs. Lannom
Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Would you bring me a racetrack that has a dinosaur that chomps the race cars? I want a flower for mom and a brand-new truck for dad that's green.
Spencer

Dear Santa, I want slime and playdough and a kitty rocking horse.
Sesiley

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo Switch and dragon toys.
Gabe

Dear Santa, I want a Sonic toy and a doll for my sister.
Holden

Dear Santa, I want a camera and games...like an Uno game. I also want a little bear.
Eliza

Dear Santa, a Wall-e toy and Optimus toy. I want

dragon toys and candy.
Typhon

Dear Santa, I want a baby alive and a puppy dog for Christmas.
Memphis

Dear Santa, I want a Bluey house and some goggles.
Daleyza

Dear Santa, I want new toys. I want a new race car.
Urijah

Dear Santa, I want Paw Patrol toys.
Brighton

Dear Santa, I want a lot of stuff. A bat cave, the bat mobile that turns into a flying one, a helicopter, a drone with remote control, and paint. I want the thing you paint with.
Aden

Dear Santa, I want a puppy an R.C car, candy, a lunch box.
Kaysen

Dear Santa, I want LOL house and LOL dolls, a puppy, and some slime.
Avery

Dear Santa, I want Sonic shoes and a kitty cat and a puppy.
Lucas

Dear Santa, I want a skateboard and a remote-control monster truck.
Kenny

Dear Santa, I want a skateboard and a baby doll.
Lucy

Dear Santa, I want a toy train. I want crafting clay and some legos.
Hudson

Dear Santa, I would like a baby horse and a nintendo switch. I would like game too, a dog one and a horse one.
Aubrey

Dear Santa, I would like my family all together. That's what I want for Christmas.
Kaden

Lincoln Elementary
Mrs. Youngman
First Grade

Dear Santa, I will like to have a nice police car and a firetrucks for Christmas.
Angel

Dear Santa, I want Lion King toys and LoLs for Christmas. I will have milk and cookies for you.
Love Laylah

Dear Santa, I want Pokemon, Ghostbusters and Art stuff. Hi! See you on Christmas eve. I will leave cake.
Love Greyson

Dear Santa, I really love this time of year! I like my elves because they move a lot. I would like to have a I pad, fidget packs and a American girl doll.
Caroline

Dear Santa, I would like a bbgun and hunting stuff. I hope you have a good flight with your reindeer and elves.
Dayton

Dear Santa, I want number blocks mathling cube sell and set1 and set2. I also want It's Christmas David.
Love Carson

Dear Santa, I want barbies. I want lol dolls. I want some barbie cars. I want pop its. I want a umong us popit. I also want a lol popit.
Klaira

Dear Santa, I would like a big popit a baby that look real, and a dog. Tell the reindeer and elves hello for me. I love you Santa!
Paisley

Dear Santa, Hello Santa, this is Dallas, I would like a minichr hors and Uno Attack agame. Fly saflee.
Your Friend Dallas

Dear Santa, My name is Parker. I am 6 years old. I have been very good, I have straight A's. I really want my very own computer and pet hamster too!
Parker

Dear Santa, I want a baby alive doll and my life doll and a LOL doll and fruit col-

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London

Dear Santa, For Christmas Iwant a Magic Mixie, more Barbies, and also an activity book. Please tell Mrs. Claus hi!
Love, Meredith

Dear Santa, I have been very very good this year. Could I have a gaming camera and Xbox controller, and kids skateboard for Christmas please.
Love Matthew

Dear Santa, I would like a big blue slinky, lego mario luigi and ipad. Merry Christmas.
Miles
Lincoln Elementary
Mrs. Dallas
First Grade

Dear Santa, I Love you Santa. I want a pop gun, popit and a toy dragon.
Josh

Dear Santa, I want a mommy rescue tail, a rainbow high howse, and an our generation doll. Merrry Christmas.
Brooklyn

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I would like a Ps2, a guitar and something to ride, a phone and a xbox.
Tyson

Dear Santa, This year I want a "Lit-Elle Live Pets-Sparkle Pets Boutique. I will have carrots for your reindeer and mile and cookies for you too.
Love, Maya

Dear Santa, foot-bll. cand. train.
Emiliano

Dear Santa, For Christmas. I would like a Lego fire Truck set. I really like your reindeer. Do you have a red nosed reindeer?
Adrien

Dear Santa, How are you? I want hot Lava the book. and robux. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love, Corey

Dear Santa, How are the elves? I want a Mario game and Pokemon. Can you get Kamryn a doll house.
Hellen

Dear Santa, I wud lik a blow up tent, and a computer and lagow brix.



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like a droher. I re-ally need another nerf gun. My sissy wants baby dolls. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Kennett

Dear Santa, I want love for mom. I want a cat and gecko. I want toys and video games. I want to stay with keka and hana and mom.
Love, Brian

Dear Santa, My name is Bentley Bittle. I would liek a hover board and a puppy. My sister wants a new doll. Thank you Santa.
Bentley

Dear Santa, I would like a tab leart supplies make-up, sqish-ies, ballpit, doll and bouncer. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Thank you!
Lillian

Dear Santa, My name is paisley. I would like a pair of head phones please. Thank you Santa.
Love, Paisley

Dear Santa, I hop you had a good wint. I want some cuapt books. My sistr wats peppa toys.
Knox

Dear Santa, I want a pink and black backpack and cotton candy lip gloss. I also want a watch. Santa can you read my brain?
Laetyn

Dear Santa, I want a Lol doll. An OMG doll and a Magic mixie. I hope you like the cookies and milk. Have a safe trip.
Rilynn

Dear Santa, I am iksitid. I hope I get a Arora Barbi and a rambo scooter and some twisty colord pensils.
Nora

Dear Santa, I want a cat and a hot tub but I do not want a cat in a hot tub.

I have chockco-let chip cookies for you.
Jude

Dear Santa, I want baby alive doll clothes. I love you santa. Please bring my family gifts cause I love them.
Kyndal

Lincoln Elementary
Mrs. Smith
Second Grade

Dear Santa, How are the efffs? I would like a stuffed wolf. I would like a book. And a new water bottle. I would also like a new eraser.
Love, Adelle

Dear Santa, I will give you coolies and milk. I would like a big nerf gun and a model of sans from under tale.
Love, Logan

Dear Santa, How old are you? I would like Toy army men and a ntindo and a tadlit and 3 books. And I will give you a present.
Love, Hunter F

Dear Santa, How are you doing San-ta? How is Rudolph? I would like a xbox 360 and I would like a phone.
Love, Isabel

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like some LD lites and a skate-board. I would also like a giutar. I will give you a really good picter.
Love, Vayda

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like some games for ninten-do switch.
Love, Brayden

Dear Santa, I want a skateboard and a bike. How is Rudolph doing?
Luv, Lakelin

Dear Santa, I woud like nothing for Christmas. How is Rudoph doing and how are you?
Love, Chase

Dear Santa, I want a comput-er for Christmas and I want a head phones. How old are you?
Love, Jaylon

Dear Santa, How are you? Santa I would like a Pss for Christmas. I will live cookies and millk and I would like a ryah toys.
Love, Clayton

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like a huvubord and I would also like a ps4 that's it.
Love, Jesus

Dear Santa, I would like a ti-tanic submersible model and some toy nascars too.
Love, Tinsely

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like LoLs. I would like lot of toys. I would like books. I would like a toy cat.
Love, Karlee

Dear Santa, How are you? I want a new controller and I wont a new switch.
Love, Brycen

Dear Santa, How are you elfs doing for christmas? I would like lots of toys for christmas and I want more toys for christmas.
Love Alaina

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like ld lights and a scooter.
Love, Cheshey

Lincoln Elementary
Mrs. Feloni
Second Grade

Dear Santa, I hope your having a good year. I'm ready for Christmas. I really want a new Lol doll and a new tablet.
Love, Melody

Dear Santa, I want skates and I want

ear pods. Hey Santa im going to disney land I want you to come. Santa can you get us disney tickets please for Christmas. I will give you cookies.
Ella

Dear Santa, I'm excited for you to come to my house. I will fall asleep and your presits are amazing. I want an elf. I hope you like my cookies.
Love, Eva

Dear Santa, I hope you are having a good year! I love christmas. I really want a new pair of boots. I hope you stay healthy.
Merric

Dear Santa, Hi Santa. I hope you are having a good year! I want a go kart and a elf. I hope you get lots of yammy cookies.
Love, Allyson

Dear Santa, I re-ally want a pair of knee boots! I hope you are have a good time.
Reed

Dear Santa, I want 2 things but 1st I hope you hav a god year. Please let the elf stay for longer. I wont a ginger bred house.
Kalynn

Dear Santa, I want a VR. i hope you are having a good year! I hope you have fun!
Gabe

Dear Santa, I am thankful for you! Is roodoff really in the northpoll? And what I want for christmas is a barbie school and I have a wish that my moms work gets easier.
Love, Rylan


Dear Santa, Can we get Mrs. Mill-er back? She's so nice? We Love you Mrs. Miller so much! Can I get some

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Love, Karly

Dear Santa, I would like a nintendo 4 and I hope you like one cookies and I want a very cool ironman toy.
Knox

Dear Santa, Hi Santa. I hope you are having a good year! Can I please have a makeup set and christmas pajamas.
Love, Quincy

Dear Santa, I would like a toy cat in the box. and a Indoraptor and a toy tails and a skateboard! do you hav a freind santa?
Jenna

Dear Santa, I hop that youre reindeer are healthy. Please can I have a new scooter.
Love, Jayse

Dear Santa, I hope you are having a good year. I want a barbie doll. Is rudolph really a red nosee reindeer.
Love, Molly

Dear Santa, Do you want fudge this year? I want a bed hover board, and a Oralbio tooth brush.
From, Lucas

Lincoln Elementary
Mrs. Duke
Second Grade

Dear Santa, I would like an american girl doll. Your elfs are funny.
Your friend,
Kailyn

Dear Santa, I would like a reindeer from the North Pole. And tell Buddy hi.
From,
Teaghen

Dear Santa, I would like a Godzilla toy. Thank you for all you do.
Your Friend,
Calvin

Dear Santa, I would like 100 toy cars. I love Santa.
Love, Bryson

Dear Santa, I would like a big boat lego set. By the way how many reindeer do you have?
Your friend, Jax

Dear Santa, I would like a pet bunny. The elfs are funny.
Your friend,
Evanne

Dear Santa, May I please have a slime set. My mom wants to know how many reindeer you have? May I please have a jumbo slime set? Pleases and thank you.
Your friend,
Bella

Dear Santa, Can I please have an elf? How many reindeers do you have? I live you Santa/
Your friend
Morgan

Dear Santa, I want a lego set, for

christmas. And how are your elves, and reindeer doing?
Your friend,
Henry

Dear Santa, I would want a barbie gymnastics set. And how may elf do you have? I love you.
Your friend,
Addison

Dear Santa, I would like a popit please Santa. How are you doing santa? And I want to know how many reindeers you have?
Your friends,
Kenny

Dear Santa, I would please like a electric scooter. How are you doing with the toys santa?
Your friend,
Maddie

Dear Santa, I want my little ponies from the new generation. How are your reindeers?
Your friend,
Sophie

Dear Santa, I would like a bike, a water bottle, necklaces, some books and note book. Tell sparkle I love her.
Your friend,
Jocelyn

Dear Santa, I want WWE guys. Slime and a phone. I would also like a tablet. How many reindeers do you have?
Your friend,
Lakelyn

Dear Santa, I would like a popit please. How do you do Santa? I love you cupid he is awesome.
Your friend,
Mackenzie

Dear Santa, I would like a sharpie. Thank you for all of the toys. I would like to know how many reindeer you have?
Your friend,
Cassidy

Dear Santa, I would like an Elsa doll. How are your elves?
Your friend,
Kynleigh

Shawnee Elementary
Kindergarten
Mrs. Rudloff

Dear Santa, Thankyouforthe joyand present! Pleasebringme LOL. OMO.DOL. 2 PUPZ. Dog. Merry Chnstmas
Caydence

Dear Santa, Thank you for the joy and presents! Please bring me "a drawing thing" I can draw on.
Selah

Dear Santa, Thank you for the joy and presents. Please bring me A cute puppy.
Sydney

Dear Santa, Thank you for the joy and presents! Please bring me a puppy. Merry Christmas,
Aubrey

Dear Santa, Thank for the joyand presents please s brin esn 3 puppies.
LYdian

Dear Santa, thankyoufor the joy and presents! Please bring me a baby dog.
Bryson

Dear Santa, Thank you for thejoy and presents! Please bring me a Barbie Dream Camper.
Clara

Dear Santa, thank you for the joy and presents! Please bring me a Barbie Dream House.
hadley

Dear Santa, "I like the way you deliver toys. Please bring me a t-rex"
Juron

Dear Santa, Thankyo, you for thejoy and present. Please bring me Play-Dough dolls.
Hariom

Dear Santa, Thank you for the joy! Please bring me makeup and a puppy. Thank you, Santa!
Izabella

Dear Santa, "Please bring me a baby doll house."
Paige

Dear Santa, Please bring me a fake car that turns on with the key in it.
Leeman

Dear Santa, Thank you for the joy and presents! Please bring me a LOL doll. Merry Christmas,
Ashlin

Shawnee Elementary
1st Grade
Mrs. Lomax

Dear Santa, I want a real horse to ride for Christmas! I also want an Elf on the Shelf so it can spy! I'm going to give you chocolate chip cookies when you come! Thank you!
Gracen

Dear Santa, I want an Elf pet reindeer so I can sleep with it and an Elf on a Shelf. I'd also like a real motorcycle that I can ride. Thank you, I'm trying really hard to be good this year! Love you!
Colton

Dear Santa, I want a fidget

pop-it spinner and to make a new room for me. Like a new blanket that says my name in cursive and lights to put on my desk. A real Life bunny, too, please with a cage! Thanks! Love you Santa!
Lily

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a baby Yoda sword so I can play with my brother. I'll put cookies and milk out for you. Love you!
Aubrie

Dear Santa, I want a girl baby doll - my mommy will send you a picture of the one I want! We will leave you chocolate chip cookies and chocolate milk and we will see you soon at Patty's Thank you, Santa!
Quinn

Dear Santa, I want some Mini Brands and baby dolls and LOL's. I have been really good because I listen a lot. Thank you!
Pyper

Dear Santa, I would like a botley robot and a new game for my Xbox. Thank you! I will give you some cookies and milk when you come!
Mason

Dear Santa, I want a toy four wheeler so I can make it into a Ghost Buster one. I want Ghost Buster stickers for the car. I will drive it around my yard! I want a Play Station, too! Thanks!
Blake

Dear Santa, I have been good so that you can get me some toys for Christmas. I wanta panda bears and barbies and little cups for them, a dream house and LOL's. Thank you, Santa!
Aryonna

Dear Santa, I want a four wheeler & a side by side for Christmas because I really like them. I would also like some Hey Dude shoes and

a Christmas book just because. Thank you!
Landon

Dear Santa, I have been good. This year I would like Hatchimals and Christmas books. AN Elf on the Shelf would be so awesome to have, too. I love you Santa!
Love, Makena

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a lego set to build and play with my brother with. I would also like a pop it. Thank you Santa!
Love, Annabelle

Dear Santa, I love you! For Christmas I would like a skateboard and a dirt bike to play on. I will have a thank you note waiting for you when you come. Thank you!
Gage

Dear Santa, I think I have been a good boy. I want a dirt bike and video games for Christmas. Thank you!
Love, Tripp

Dear Santa, I want a Ghost Buster toy gun that makes sounds for Christmas and a Power Ranger saber. Also a Woody doll! Thank you. I'm trying to be good!
Tanner

Dear Santa, I want a toy John Deere combine and a semi truck and trailer. Also a tractor with tractor trailer. Thank you - oh. also a John Deere mower!
Vincent

Dear Santa, I want a sno cone machine because I

want to make my own. I also want a narehal and rain-bow pop-it and a medium sized teddy bear and baby doll.
Love, Kaitlyn

Dear Santa, I want some hatchimals and a Nintendo Switch with a Paw Patrol game, I also want Paw Patrol toys and a tablet. Thank you Santa!
Love, Charleigh

Shawnee Elementary
2nd Grade
Mrs. McKinney

Dear Santa, I want Liberty Paw Patrol and I like PJ Mask too.
Randall

Dear Santa, I want games, I want a X box. I want cool games for xboxes.
Reed

Dear Santa, This year I want a PS4 anda huvr bord.
Love, Kannon

Dear Santa, This year I wunt a trampleen for crismis
luv, mason



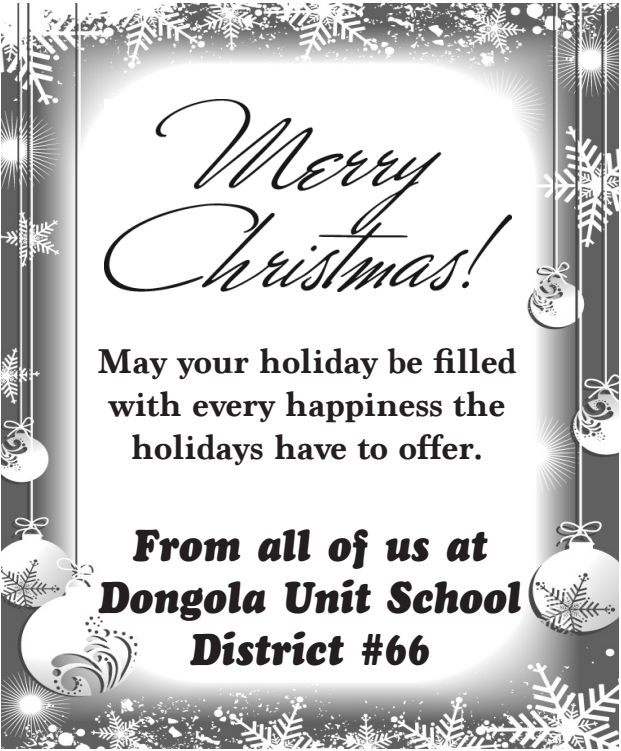
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milloin dollar.
Love, Luke

Dear Santa,
This year I want a
dog and a cat and
a wodr bodl and
a Lol.
Love, Molly

Dear Santa,
This year I want a
ps five and a phone
and a drt bk.
Love, Alexander

Dear Santa,
This year I waht
adrone and a Ps-
five and aneml
and a new flrwilr
and a dog, xbox.
Brady

Dear Santa,
This year I want
a iphone. and a
dirtbike.
Lov Jarett

Dear Santa,
This year I want
a phone, sum muny,
a game's a i pad, a
bike schooll splise,
a bedset.
Love Aubree

Dear Santa,
This year I want
to see my mom and
I want a hrs and a
laPlP and to see
my dad but I just
want tow my mom
and dad.
Love, Raelyn

Dear Santa,
This year I want
a lol dr. kit, books,

pss, rambo hiy doll,
popit, money, fijits,
slime
Love Annabelle

Dear Santa,
This year I want
a noowh tablit and
a nell kit and a
little cat.
Love, Mavis

Dear Santa,
This year I wut a
bean bag, a ram-
bo, hiy doll, popit,
mony, fijits, klos
Love, Zoey

Dear Santa,
This year I want
a phoe, and a
xbox1, and candy,
and fack nells.
Love Keri

Dear Santa,
This year I want
like a new tablit.
and a Bublm sen.
and facknls.
Love Ella

Dear Santa,
This year I
want I want some
noowvitgas. I want
hud dolrz. I want
a fon. I want Xbox.
Love Cooper

Dear Santa,
This year I want
a apple phone 6.
and a jombow pop-
it and a lot uf fijis.
thanks santa,
Love, Ashlynn

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ipad screen pa-
tecter, computer
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mouse, rings,
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