

Throughout the year, we strive to bring you the very best publications possible, and during this Christmas season, we express our thanks for your kind support and our hopes for a very special holiday, abundant in love and good cheer.

Take time to enjoy the letters to Santa included in this edition, made possible by the many businesses, organizations, churches, individuals and industries delivering you a Christmas Message during this blessed season.

Also inside are over fifty full color Christmas photos.

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Take some time to read the enclosed "Letters to Santa." from local 1st 2nd & 3rd graders. They will fill your heart with joy and laughter. But remember, they are just learning to spell.

They were typed exactly as they came to us.

Let the Christmas Greetings from area merchants remind us of the caring community in which we live.

Belle Elementary First Grade — Mrs. Daugherty, Teacher

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Santu is well. Thank you for the babe dol you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: dol, brbe dol, cdelse brbe. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Kylah C

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Santu is well. Thank you for the lipsick you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list:ustufeeyuvroodof,lwasa soman, tooy I was a for. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Gracie J

Dear Santa,

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How are you? I hope missis clos is well. Thank you for the Barbee cichin you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: littet is petshops, hach imoels, beenee boos. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Violet J

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Root of is well. Thank you for the uoonkom Slim you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: BLuypuzl, Raenboew Hidol, lit luliev pets. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Chandler N

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Podgwins is well. Thank you for the elf you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Fon, baskitball gol, bed. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Bailey N

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope the raderes is well. Thank you for the doll you brought me last year. This year I have been: A little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: brbetoys, Ababetoy that looklike a rel babe, Alpad. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Jaelyn P

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope your elf chippy is well. Thank you for the monstertruckyoubroughtme last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Bob ros Boblle head, a tittle christmas tree, a black cowboy hat. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Brayden

Dear Santa,

Howareyou? Ihopemis Klas is well. Thank you for the hors you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: huvrbord, fon, rodof stufd animal. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Madilynn

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Jack is well. Thank you for the Lago Set you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list:abigrieinschresherchest, a new PS5, a ne4w Lago set. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Gabriel H

Dear Santa,

Howare you? I hope Mis Cos is well. Thank you for the Ty citenyou brought me last year. This year I have been: A little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: macup set, synelasis, tol set. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Alyssa B

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope miSis Klos is well. Thank you for the pupeyou brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: barbe drem hows, Strbelee draem lit, toy kr and madrsikl. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Lena S

Belle Elementary First Grade Mrs. Roningen, Teacher

Dear Santa,

Howare you? I hope Mrs. Claus is well. Thank you for the Lego truck you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: 1000 Dollor's, lego ninjago Lego set, nerf Guns. Thankyou, Santa.

With love from, Cav Z

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Rande is well. Thank you for the Nrf Gun you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: \$10000000000, DrtBik, Forwilr. Thankyou, Santa.

With love from, Cooper S

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Chippy is well. Thank you for the Rudolph you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: mochuc moch, etche on the cb, af lofmune. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Kaydyn P

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Mrs. Claus is well. Thank you for the jeep you brought me last year. This year I have been:

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Merry Christmas



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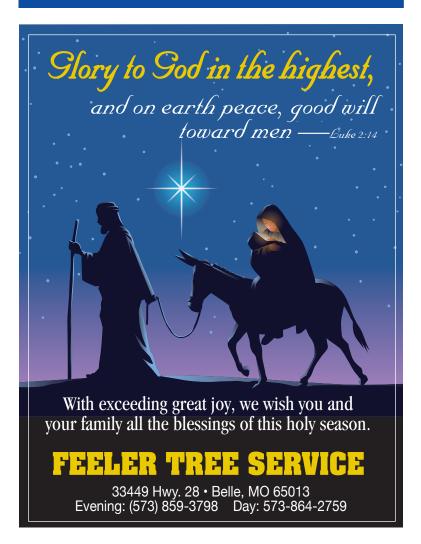


reason to smile at the holidays and all year!

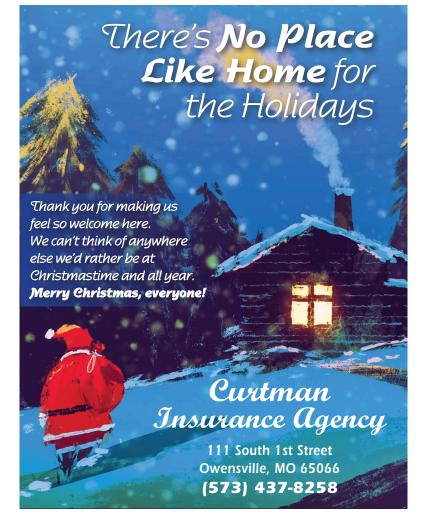
We hope you have a merry and bright Christmas and a dazzling New Year. Best wishes to you and yours!

203 W. Third Street Belle









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Goodallofthetime.Here is my Christmas list: wotr Bulons, BuBll Gun, APrite necklace. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Kinsley F

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Chippy is well. Thank you for the Baby alive you brought me last year. This year I have been: Goodallofthetime.Here ismyChristmaslist:mini Brand, RoBote, a desk like Hunters. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Mackinley B

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope chippy is well. Thank you for the Blitzen you brought me last year. This year I have been: Goodall of the time. Here

is my Christmas list: dBicx, drpicecrdc, nrf gun. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Oliver D

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Rudolph is well. Thank you for the Dol you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: a tin, chutor, tarantular. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Randi K

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Jasper is well. Thank you for the Colgi you brought me last year. This year I have been: Goodall of the time. Here is my Christmas list: 1000\$, pucman game, top. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Jett R

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Bfofm is well. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: fit and toy, dog, Lol De house. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Madeline P

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope chippy is well. Thank you for the 4Weeler you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Mocrsickaire, cat stufanimal.chipwonmy farml. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Gracie W

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Blltzen is well. Thank you for the maghit luis you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: maon its ty ives, saaterbed, legeos. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Emmett S

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope good is well. Thank you for the Mrs. Claus you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Chippy, bubble gun, Kayle Duke Reane. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Kaylie D

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Bubble ouheis well. Thank you for the how clas so mucyoubroughtmelast year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: LOL dolhouse, real gire pig, dizhe land shrt. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Beckett R

Dear Santa,

Howareyou?IhopeElf is well. Thank you for the Goodtimesyoubrought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmaslist: nerfaun, watergun, PC. Thankyou,

> With love from, Levi D

Belle Elementary Second Grade Mrs. Giesey, Teacher

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Clauss,

Thank for last year's Christmas, How many elves work for you? Something I need is a new pair of Shoes. I would like a soccer ball and a soccer net.

Dear Sata Claus,

Thank you for lat year's scooter. How many elves work for you. Something my family needs is food. I would like a PS 5, and new PS2 games.

Love, Kwinton G

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for last year's scooter. How many cookies do you usually eat? Something my family needs is food. I would like a PS5 and Pokemon cards.

Love, Grayson E

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Belle Elementary First Grade Mrs. Graff, Teacher

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Sata and Misi K is well. Thank you for the Fortnite Gun you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: PS4, kamafloj gun, even a kamaflj hat. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Emmett M

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Elfs is well. Thank you for the hedfons you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the

time. Here is my Christmas list: a goldenrod Doodll, Pllees, art Box, a picchr uv my flamllee. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Reese K

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Santa! is well. Thank you for the candy you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Xbox and gamies, candy, toy Santa. Thank you, Santa.

With love from,

Aria D

Dear Santa,

Howareyou? Ihope ILOVE is well. Thank you for the Santa I have you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: PS4, fornit, toy truck. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Samuel R

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope brtdik is well. Thank you for the Dog you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list:

PSe5 and mindkft and a nee bed. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Kristen L

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope G Ld is well. Thank you for the FLhitbmpatyoubroughtmelastyear. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Fortnit badjfaix, Dog, Cat. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Landon A

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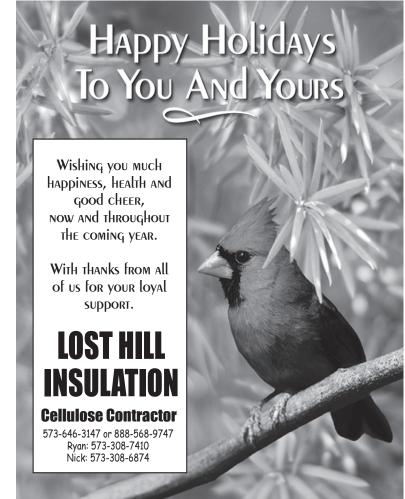


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Dear Santa,

Howareyou? Ihope Dansris well. Thankyou for the monster truck you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Xbox 1, framing simulton 19, Drt Bike. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Sawyer C

Dear Santa,

Howare you? I hope Roabof is well. Thank you for the prespt you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time, good most of the time and a little but naughty. Here is my Christmas list: PS4, plastdshin, ipod. Thankyou, Santa.

With love from, Payslea B

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope WODOF is well. Thank you for the UNiuACM you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time and a little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: pupee, choochran, BABeeMuCee. Thank you,

With love from, Lilly B

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope all of you ar doeng gud. Thank you for the trbox you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Xbox 1, framing simulton 19, Drt Bike. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Kamdyn C

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Santa is well. Thank you for the nrfe guns you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time and a little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: dreeckool, gunsaffor my nrfe gun, ps5. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Braxton H

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope the raindeer is well. Thank you for the competer you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: I want a unicorn to sit, and a dog with a bow, and a dino that Grows. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Alice M

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Santa is well. Thank you for the tablet you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good most of the time, good most of the time and a little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: PS 4, Play Stashen, PS5. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Aspen V

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope Mis clos is well. Thank you for the curpuoowdry you brought me last year. This year I have been: Good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: I woot a rabit, I woot a snoophe, a ckoot. Thank you, Santa.

With love from, Haven V

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifts last year. This year I need a new hat. I wowd really like a new TV for my room. Thank you. How are the reindeer?

Love, Brandon G

Dear Santa,

Thankyou for the presents. The truck it. Ths year I neea new for my tablet need wanos parn most likg to game.

Love, Carter L

Dear Santa,

thack for the presents last year you are the best person in the world. So is Mrs claus. This year I need new ShoeS. I also need a new back pack. If you can I wowld really like a hover board how many elves

Belle Elementary Second Grade Mrs. Skelly, Teacher

do you have?

Love, Maison P

Dear Sonta,

Hello Santa farst I want to thank you for the figit Buckit. Now this year I would like a now vucuvm cleaner. I would like a Lol dolls. How is miss claus?

Love, Zoey W

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa I want to thank you for my gifs last year. How is Mrs. Clolw. How are You? This Year I want a ornamet for my mom I need food aad water.

Love, Ava H

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for the toy puppy. I need shelf and a dog. I want another horse. How is Mrs. Claws doing?

Love, Stephanie K

Dear Santa.

Thank you fer the presents last yer. I wantagrinch. I need sume new shoes. How are the elves?

Love,

Emmett S

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for the presents last year. This year ineed socks and shoes. How are the elves? I wood like a skateboard.

Love, Ava J

See **Skelly** on Page 4C

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Dear Santa Claus.

Thanksforlastyear's Christmas. What dose your workshop looklike?SomethinasIneedare a coat and a beaie. I would like a gameing set up and an elf on a shelf, Pokemon cards, and a loft bed.

Love, Adelyn H

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you last years gifts. How does it feel to be Santa? Something I need is a hat and gloves and a blanket. I would like Basket ball and a Basket Ball hoop.

Love, Olivia H

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for last year's Pokemon cards. How meny elves work for you? Some thing my family need is a house. I wold like an Elf on the shelf.

Love, Leia R

Dear Santa Claus,

Thankyoulasyearselectric piano. What's is the North Pole like? My mom nees a house. I would like a PS5 and an Elf on the Shelf and a drone.

Jason S

Dear Santa Claus,

Thankyoulastyears Christmas. What is the North Pole like? Something my Family needs are aloves, an Elf on a shelf, new Pokemon cards.

Love, Kalia D

Dear Santa,

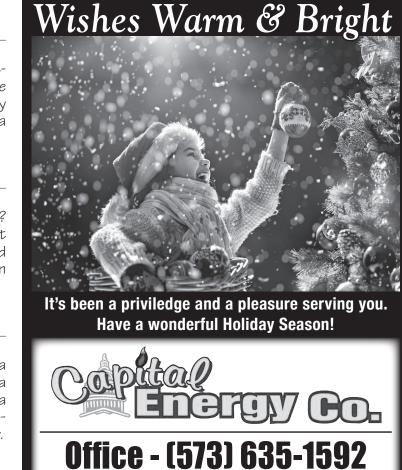
Howareyourreindeerdoing? Thank you for the game that you gave me last year. I would like to receive the Pokemon violet game please.

Thank you, Michael S

Dear Santa Claus.

Sometning Mom needs is a coat I would like these toys: a remote-controldinosauranda toy stuffy and kitchen an optimus Prime transformer toy.

From, Sam Y



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Looking forward to seeing you next year!







Peace and joy and friendships true, we hope this season brings all the best to you!

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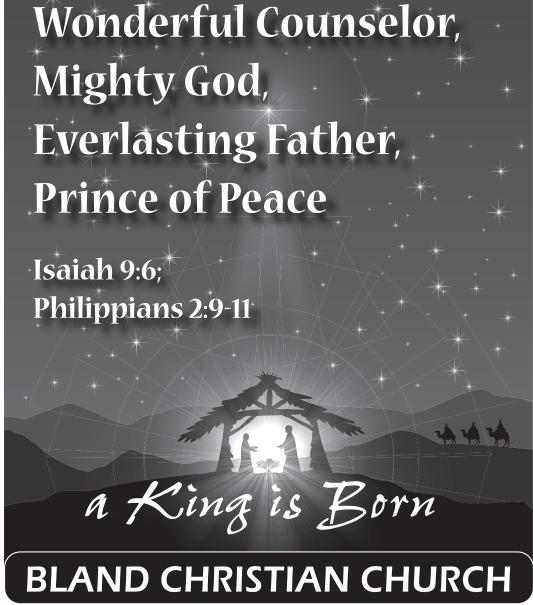
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Winter concert

The Maries R-2 middle and high school bands and choirs hosted their 2022 Winter Concert on Thursday. The sixth grade band performed first, followed by the junior high and the high school band performances. The bands $are \, under \, the \, direction \, of \, Church$ Butler. Photos of the Maries R-2 choir can be found on page 5C.

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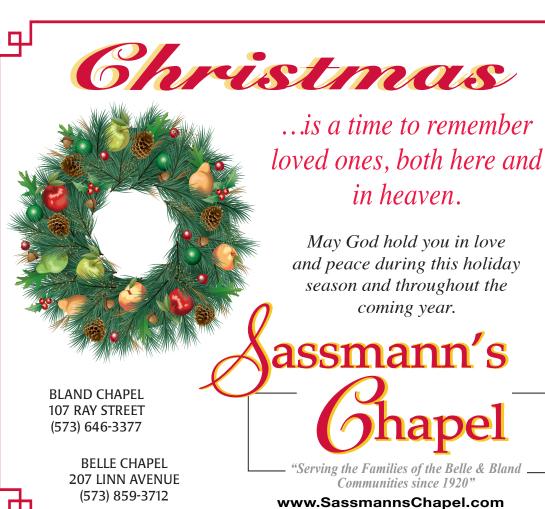


























THE MARIES R2 Belle elementary Christmas program was held December 13. The first grade class performed "Santa Shark", Reindeer Hokey Pokey Dance", Oh what a Special Night", "Wheels on the Bus-Lights on the Tree". The second grade class performed "Frosty the Snowman", "Silent Night", "Jingle Belle", and "Can't Sit Still". The third grade class preformed "Revvin'Up the Reindeer", "Raining Tacos", "White Christmas" and "Joy to the World". More photos can be found on C2.

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May you enjoy all the blessings this wonderful time of year has to offer. Your generosity and support have meant so much to us.

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Christmas on the Square

The Vienna Chamber of Commerce hosted a Christmas Around the Square celebration on Dec. 3 in downtown Vienna. Outside the Maries County Courthouse, kids jumped in a bounce house, food trucks offered meals and dancers and bell-ringers performed for the crowd. Inside the courthouse, lines formed as kids waited for their turn to put the finishing touches on their Christmas lists by telling Santa what they wanted to see under the tree Christmas morning. Across the street at the Vienna branch of Heartland Regional Library System, visitors warmed up, made crafts and decorated Christmas cookies. After dark, crowds gathered back around the courthouse to watch a light parade.

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It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas!



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Vienna Elementary First Grade Ms. Parsons, Teacher

Dear Santa,

I Santa I wou like a pet, Spider jan a pie watches, a manster tuck. I hope you have a merry christmas.

Love, Isaiah K

Dear Santa,

I would like a new I phone, a bunny, and a cat for christmas.

Love,

Meredith T

Dear Santa, I want a dino egg pen. I have been good

this y. I love you be fast this year. Love, Amelia M

Dear Santa,

I want a Kitty com and a puppy com because puppy and kitty are so cuty because I Love puppy and Kitty.

Love, Della R

Dear Santa,

I wunt a truck and a bus a neew buck and a noow wagin.

Love, Andy R

Dear Santa,

I would like a truck, a calo and a truch. I hope you have a Meyyy Chrstmas!

Luve,

Aaron C

Dear Santa,

I would like an electnic scooter, a Pluchy, soinc shoes, 2 tails, khacle boxing gloves a clronesana hot wheels.

Love, Mark S

Dear Santa,

I want a touch screen computer. A real life baby doll, a barbie boat, A barbie doll with puppies, a killy com, A pappy com, barbie dream.

Love, Ana A

Dear Santa,

I want a Dino egg. I have been good this year. I would also like a computer. I love you santa! Sonic shoes. santa will you Be fast this year?

Love. Gentry R

Vienna Elementary Second Grade Ms. Schell, Teacher

Dear Santa,

I wut a pet pupee shoe dog. I wud like a pistll. I wunt a fun globe. I wud want choclit. I wud like a pipl dog.

Luv, Noah E

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few things ! want for Chrismas frist I want a barbie camper. Next, I need a quitar. lastle, I want a unicorn dirary to write in.

Love, Addison E

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few things I want for Christms. My dad rilly needs a nother enagen. I wnt a gass powered go cart monster truck for Christmas. Also a rea mot cun chrool but gass powered. A gocart truck.

Love, Rustin R

Dear Santa,

Iwurtaminifrijandantendo ples. Dear Santa I wurt you to getmybrotheradrtbick. I wurt a toy tracter.

Love, Grayson R

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few things Iwould like for christmas. First I want shopKie Next, I need a mat. I also would like a dirary to read. Lastly, I want to give a dig stuff animal to Preston.

Love, Ivory H

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few things I would like for Christmas. First I want a watch so I no the time. Next, I need penecils so I can right. I also would like a diary book so I can right above my day. Lastly, I want to give my

mom a flower for be the best mom.

Love, Kassidi R

Dear Santa,

I want get in your sled tonight. I like toys. Please in join my cookies.

Love, Andrew T

Dear Santa,

This year I would like a water fiter. Let me tell you a few more thags I would like a yoyo. I want a biare. I would like a hamster.

Love, Maci C

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few tings I wantforChrismas.Iwantagutar because my brother broke mine. I want some farm toys because Idon't have any. I want a new phone charger because my mom took mine. I need new pencils for shool. I want to give Blakelyn new close.

Love, Tye H

Dear Santa,

Can I please tell you want for Christmas. I want a pohe and a dress and a wadid baby doll gril and now I want to give my mom and dad a gift cared.

Love, Kaleigh M

Dear Santa,

To whom it may conern, Pleese lisin closlee. I want a newsetofplierse. I Need jeans. Last of all I want to Read a anumll magseens. But Now I want to give sum jeans to my

Love, Valton O

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Merry Christmas!

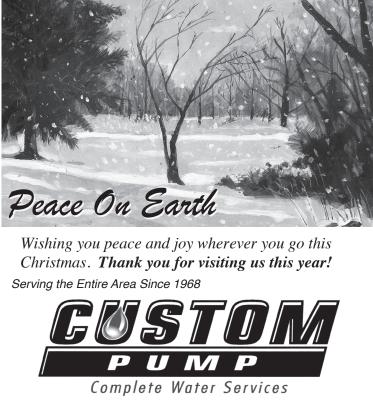
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Vienna Elementary First Grade Ms. Willoughby, Teacher

Dear Santa,

Thankyou for visting last year. For hristmas I would like bisn.

Max K

Dear Santa,

I fawnd the elfs. How is Rudoph? For Christmas I wunt a fous wheeler and sum nrfe guns.

Love, Liam C

Dear Santa,

Idonte no quite wut I wunt for Chrismis. But I have sum idele. How are the rander inclooding Roodf. Tel the rander sed hi.

Greyson G

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents! Can I have a horse and a diyre please? How is yr reindeer?

From, Ella W

Dear Santa, Thank you for presils. How is the elfs doing? Can you please ait my family another doa?

From,

George S

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents. For Chrstmas I wunt ps4 remote. Thank yu for the snow. For Chrsimas I wunt ps4 games. For Christmas I wunt juarissi am.

From, Micah M

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> Merry Christmas, Everyone!

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Vienna Elementary choirs

Students from Vienna Elementary preschool, kindergarten, first grade and second grade classes stepped up on the choir stand to perform classic Christmas songs and deliver readings from Christmas stories in their Dec. 7 winter concert in the gym. Music teacher Anita Phipps put together the program called A Child's Christmas. The preschool classes began the program by performing Little Snowflake and Jingle Bells. The kindergarten classes sang Santa Claus is Comin' to Town, Up on the Housetop and Jolly Old Saint Nicholas. They also read from Twas the Night Before Christmas. First graders sang Silent Night, It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas and Deck the Halls. They read from the poem December. Second graders sang Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman and Away in a Manger. The concert ended with the crowd joining in to sing We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

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Willoughby • from page 2B

Dear Santa,

You are the best Christas person evr to be with. I will like a diary for Christmas. Do you know if I've been good?

From, Emeri H

Dear Santa,

Canyougetmesomebasketballshoos? Can you get me some cloes? Can you get me a basket ball?

From, Noralynne J

Dear Santa,

Iwantscwoshmellos.Iwantaroommake over. I want robus.

From, Raelynne J

Dear Santa,

Can I get a elf on the Shelf. Make sure you be careful win you go up the chimnee. I will make sure I make extra coolkies.

From, Raylan D

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Frog. How is Rudop? I would like a dog.

From,

Trenton S

Dear Santa,

I want a Roblox set. I want a cichinset. I want a toy tablit.

From,

Emerson A

Dear Santa,

Iwanta Cat. I Wanta Dog. I Wanta parrt. From, Reyna N



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VIENNA CHRISTMAS Around the Square brought many kids to the Maries County Courthouse to meet with Santa. He gave the reindeer the day off and made his grand entrance in a horse-drawn carriage. A line of people followed him into the courthouse where they waited to get a photo and ask for their most important gifts. A total of 97 kids waited to see Santa.









VHS choir

The Vienna High School choir performed a program on Dec. 7 called "A Christmas at Home." They dressed in pajamas and sweaters while singing classic Christmas songs and reading selections from poems. Some of the students wrote original poems, and others shared their favorites. Song selections included "O Christmas Tree," "Silent Night,""Away in a Manger" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

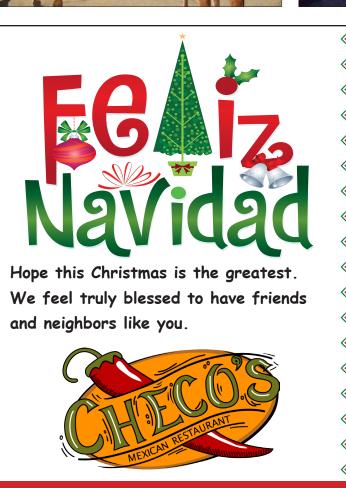
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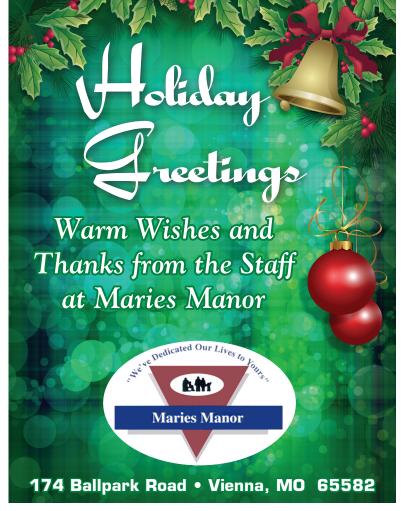
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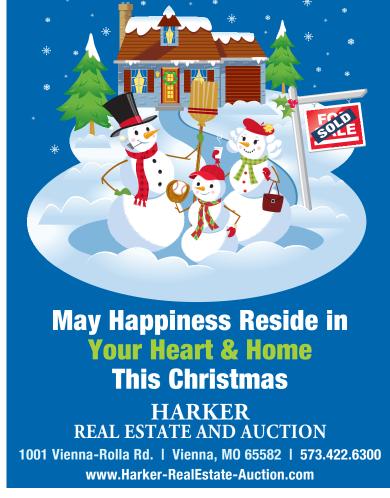














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Visitation Inter-Parish Vienna Second and Third Grade Mrs. Elliott, Teacher

Dear Santa,

Iwould like for you to get me a off brand fitbit, a American girl bed, a Americangirl kitchan, a leago friends tree house, a lego friends day care, American girl clothes American girl coffe shop, and a American girl kitchen. P.S. please send the elfes on my birthday.

Sincerely, Emily R

Dear Santa,

Ihopeyoubring megifts even though I've been bad. You watch me all the time. I'm really sorry I've been bad. I'll try my best to be good before Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a fitbit, a quilting set, camo gloves, mudboots, bathbombs, and three more things. I hope you make to my house. Merry Christmas. Santa!

Love, Nicole R

Dear Santa,

I really want a guitar, go to Disney World, boxing gloves, a punching bag, Christmas stuff for Molly, Slime (any kind), art supplies, harry potter bed sheets, books, math cards (any kind), Wings of Fire books, gum, kinetic sand, legos, sharpies, smelly stickers, Jennie Willimson song CDs, bookmarks, erasers, pencils, Lols, Barbies, braclets, Jewlery, space planet squishes, fidets, history books, nintendo switch, computer, drawings, and puppies.

Love, Josie H

Dear Santa,

Iwantago cart, hat rack, big blanket, and a bunkbed. I want a fitbit, pencil bag, trash can, and a radio.

Your friend, Blake K

Dear Santa,

I just want a couple things. This year I new a lot of people are getting sick so I just wish they wern't. Also I wish I could have some nerf guns and som legos. p.s. Thanks!

Love, Luke J

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a bike for cristmas. And I would like a tracter for cristmas. And I want a trapoin for cristmas.

Love, Isaac O

Visitation Inter-Parish Vienna Kindergarten and First Grade Ms Gruenefeld, Teacher

Dear Santa,

I wut fom crimiss is trgts and bugee.

From, Cody W

Dear Santa

I wut basketball shos. I wut a huvbod. I wut Lol Dolls. I wut lagos. I wut a Baskball gol. I wut kanls.

From, Lettie B

Dear Santa,

I want a tliscoe and a plae set. I will set owt some cukees for you.

From, Bonnie F

Dear Santa,

I wold like cop Lago's oso a Lago board, a stuf ratcoon, oso a white board, oso a weel bal, oso a lot of stuf amls.

From, Ben R

Dear Santa,

I wut nac crng, mack snlg. I wut leg becjb hutn, mel gn, I wut hows cag wtjd.

From, Jack R

Dear Santa,

I wunt a huver bord and a boerbe brem home to and a baby doll to and a happy famule.

From, Peyten S

Dear Santa,

Iwantbathbonbs, blue, green, stocking hat, and shoe stick. I also want puzzles and play nine, draddle.

From, Sadie R

Dear Santa,

I hav ben god. I wt po ptrl and t prte.

From, Annie N

Vienna Elementary Second Grade Ms. Weidinger, Teacher

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few thins I want for Clristmas. First I want a dog to play with. Next I need shirts to wear. I also want a book diary journal to read. Lastly I want to give my mom an exerciser. I also wut a tooee trakr.

Lov, Grant K

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you what I want for Christmas. I want anerfgun. I need new shoes and backpack. I want to give Isiah a new remote control car. I wwont my mom to help me read a Christmas story.

Love, Rayne H

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few things I want for christ-mas. first I want a soft ball bat beeccus my bruthrs mak it have dits. Next I need a homit for soft ball practice. I also want a diuree so that I can rit in it. I want to give a bible to my mom beecus her is ripping. I also want Blue, pink, red, orange, yellw, green purple hair chalk.

love, Trinity C

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few thing I want for chirst-mas. First, want a cat For a pet. Next, I need a helmet because me helment is to small. I also want a Dictionarg. lastly I want to give santa a present. I also want hair chalk in color that are clue, teal, aqua, green and navy blue.

Love, Flayna B

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Weidinger • from page 5B

Dear Sata,

Let me tell you a feu thing that i want for christmas First, I want a art kit so I can sketch and draw. Next, I need a sketch book so I can use my art kit. I also want to give it highlighters last but not least 50\$ to my mom.

Love, Noah H

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few things I want for Christmas. First I waant a caamera for taking pictures. Next, I need a cat. stroler for my cats. I also want a cat book. I want to givee my Mom a hug. I also want sum rainbow hair chalk.

Love, Heidi O

Dear Santa.

I want a barbie camper so I can play with it. I want to give Molly more Sonic Games. I also want some mini brands to play with it. I need more pants and shirts. I want amoungus plushey. I want a diary so I can

write in it. **Love.**

Savannah W

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few things I wantforchristmas. First I want Preston Plays. hoodie so it can keep me warm. I also want to read a minecraft book. I wat to give Pake aa controller to play games. I will like a Bible. I need a basket ball Jerseg.

Love, Ellarie M

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few things I want for Christmas. first, I want a horse. Next, I need a dictionary and cats book. I also want a horse book. Lastly I want to give my mom a horse to ride.

Love, Cameron S

Dear Santa,

I need pupy food becase in this note well all tell you I want a pupy to play with. I want a Bible for church. I need a Pockit Knife. I want to give Tye a Pockit Knife to be do not tell Tye.

Love, Cora W

Dear Santa,

I whnt a 4 ten. I want a survival boock. Here's a givt.

From,

Dakota H Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few things I want for Cristmas. First, I want a buckil wheel excavator. Next, I Need a pillow. I also want a bible to reed it. I want to give binoculars to my sister. I also want the Lago Titanic set.

From, Matthew C

magnew C

Dear Santa,itisgunabeeawudrfichristmas. I hope you have a wudrfichristmas to. I want a iron man

tooth brush. wut is yor afres?

Love, Logan T

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few thing I want for Christmas. First, I want a bb gun. Next I need a 22 mag. I also want a PBr bullriding book. I want to give to my cousins Jett and Ace Yellow stone hat.

Love, Jay H

Dear Santa,

Let me tell you a few thing I want for Christmas. First I wantahorse. NextIneedhorse food cause my horse ran out of food. I also want a book to draw in, it is a comic book. Lastly, I want to give a belt to my mom. I want sum rainbow hair chlalok. And an I pad And boots.

Love, Leah S

Schell • from page 2B

Dear Sants,

I will want a lols dols. I will want a legos. I need a new Shorpners.

Love, Brooklyn R

Dear Santa,

I want to tell you a few things I want for Christmas. I need a noo crafting set. Can you give me a makupe set. can you giv Kyleigh a lelo and stich pusl. I am so sore ubat ling abot the moshmelos.

Love, Emarie F

Dear Santa,

I rily want a desk. Let me tell you a few more things I would like for christmas. I want my family to have a good time. Next, I need Hannah Montana. I also would like a diarg to read. Lastly, I want a telscope.

Love, Kloee P







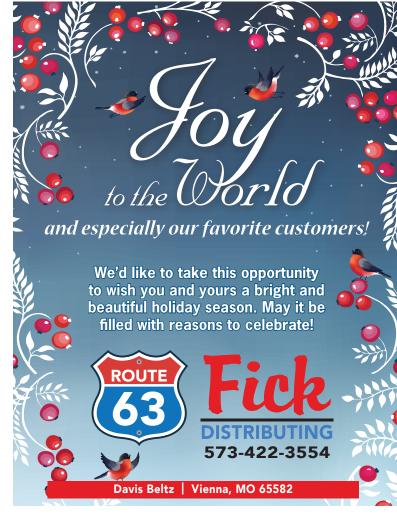




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Vienna Elementary Third Grade Ms. Mickem, Teacher

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is Mrs Claus doing? How is the elves doing? How are the Raindeer doing Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen!!!

Love, Barron H

Dear Santa,

Iwanta Pocket Knife. Iwant a set of rattling horns. I want a toy inernatinal tractor. I want a pellet gun. I want some 1.77 caleber pellets.

Love, Trevor B

Dear Santa,

How do you remember all of your reindeer's name's I only know all of them because they are on the board I can prove it. Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer, Prencer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen. Am I on the good list? My family might not put up christmas light's this

year. Your the Best! Oh! And I made snowflake a present if

you don't mind. Love, Audrey C

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolphreal? What is your favorite Raideer? How is Mrs. Claus? Is Donner our favorite Raindeer? How long dose the Elvs work?

From, Haven T

Dear Santa,

Howdoyougetintoahouse that doesnit have a chimkey? I would like an Easy Bake oven. Maylhaveaschoolsetfordolls from Wal-mart? please send me a letter before christmas. Thank you!

Love, Emma N

Dear Mrs. Claus,

Hi Mrs. Claus, How was your day? I got someting to ask. Do you help Santa diliver presents? I hope you have a good long break every year. I wish I can see you. Bye Bye see you again. What I want for Christmas is a new mini brand set a big one.

Love, Aniyah G

Dear Santa,

I'mi on the nice list or not! How are your raindeer? Does your elves work all nigh and day? Thank for prizs at chrismas.

Love, Eli M

Dear Santa,

How is rudolph doing? I want clothes, and shoes, and a manacan, and desighner clothes, and is Mrs. Clauss happy?

Love, Lakota

Dear Santa,

How many kid you diliver presents to? how long do your . Elves work?Please can you get me the 32\$ nerf gun. And I want a 22 scope. Can you get my Mom a kichen set. Shes hard working with dinner. Can you get me art suplise. how many presents do you diliver?

Love, Coen S

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? Am i on the nice lest? dose your elves work all night and day? How do you get in are house at night? How do you get your majic? How is Mrs. Claus? How do you dulever al of thos presints? Do you like us? Do you reid books? Do you help your elves? Chrismis time is the best time of the yere. Diye Santa.

Love, Bella K

Dear Santa Claus,

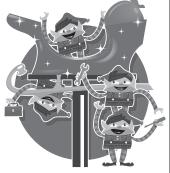
How is Rudolph and dasher and Dancer and prancer and vixen and comet and cupid and donner aand blitzen and Mrs. claus and the elves? You and Mrs. Claus are the Best. how do you delivere presents all night? Is Rudolph on the slay yet? how old is Rodolph? I love you so much. how old are you and mur claus?

From, Emory H

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Vienna Elementary Third Grade Ms. Ives, Teacher

Dear Santa,

I only want a few things for Chrismas. first I want a ploydo ice cream truck. and for my family to be happy for the holadays. Oh and Santa Marry christmas.

Love, Kamryn K

Dear Santa,

HowisRoudofdoingandthe randeer? Santa how are you doing today? If you are going good, how is Mrs. Clas doing and My elf Sed? She is back. She was in a burriton. Can you bring me pom poms? Thank you!

Love Addison R

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want an oc ulas. And I want you to find my package that my dad ordard when I was little. And im sure snowflake has told you about my phone case that does not fit. Can you get me one in a iphone-II pro. And for next christmas can you please get meareal smart watch. Can you please get me new film for my camra. Can you please get me a nintenda switch. Your the best Santa ever.

Love, Koralynn L

Dear Santa Claus,

Are you cool? Do you like cats? Do you like dogs? I like

Love, Tucker W

Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have? what is our favorite coler? Whicch reindeer is your favorite? Have a holly joyyl christmas!

From, Tanner J

Dear Santa,

Iwudlikeanintendo DS and a puppy. How are the elves? How are the raindeer? wut kind of cookies do you like?

Love, John S

Deer Sant,

i rily want a big husky. you are my vrate. You get me every thing. you are so nise.

From,

Dear Santa,

Can I have some O Ohwoh makers 320 pls. Can I have some hair tenisl plz. Can I have a laptop plz. Can I have some snekes plz. Can I have a new bed/ bunkbed plz. Thank you.

From, Madelyn R

Dear Santa,

Can you give us a another nintin sectn. you are the best. Canyou bo majcik. canyou gtive me 20 binosaurs?

Love, Noah R

Dear Santa,

Can I have a pogo stick? How is Mrs. Claus doing and the

elves? How are the reindeer? Merry Christmas!

From, Jovie

Dear Santa,

Can I have some slime plz. Can I have some squishys plz. Can I have some books plz. Can I have some candy plz. Can I have some posters plz.

Love, Sadie G

Dear Santa,

How th s Rubdolph relly reipey ou fly.

is vixen good how maks your hot coco. have i bin good. has my Momgot Cool on christmas wsene she was a kid yes or o.

Love, Joliene S

Dear Santa,

I would like a construction simulator 2022, tv, a relly big rimote contral truck, elf an a shelf, four wheeler and no chapstick. hou is the Randere? howismrs.claus?Areyougood Santa?

From, Henry R

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa have I been good. How are you today Santa. Hey Santa I want a dron for chrismis. I will give you cookie.

Love, Aniaya H

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa you know i traded my Xbox 36 for that oclus. could you brang me an Xbox one or a PS5 could you do whhat you did in the 1970s. Could you brang me what kids liked in the old days. how about a little anflatblesanta.Weaahugeone of you in are yard.

Love, Michael P

Dear Santa,

I would like you to give me a dirt bike. And a xbox. And a inteno switch. how old are you? l want a new basket ball.

From, Jace S

Dear Santa,

CanThavesumebollmagnits Howe are your raindeer doing and howe are you doing? Do you prefur tea or coffey? Have a good Criristmas!

Love, Kyler M

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolph reell. Can I have a phone. A meedem sliney a green bochu gon. A big Trex That can moov a rond and let me rid it if I trane it. Dino closs and under

Frum, Bentley K



Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas!

No matter where you're headed this Christmas, we're hoping your holiday leaves you laughing all the way!

Loyal & Stephanie Henderson

On the farm or in the city...



With sincere best wishes from our flock to yours this Christmas. We hope to see you again in the new year.



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Vienna bands

The Vienna sixth grade band, Vienna Middle School band and the Vienna High School Eagle Pride band hosted a winter concert on Dec. 8. Sixth grade selections included "Jingle Bells." The middle school band played "The Christmas Song" and "Jingle Bells Upside Down." The high school band's performance included "The Polar Express."

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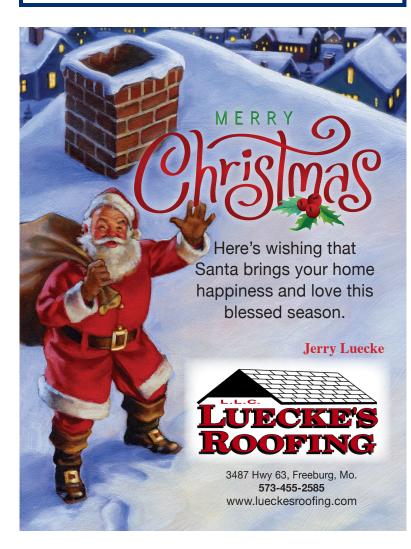


We'd like to share our well wishes with our fellow Americans near and far this holiday season. All the best to all of you!





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Live nativity hosted by Bland Christan Church

As visitors drove into Bland City Park on Dec. 18 to begin the Nativity journey, ladies from the Bland Christan Church passed hot cocoa, cookies and coloring pages through vehicle windows. They informed drivers they could tune into 94.5 to listen to hymnals as they drove to each scene. "It reads like a storybook," Jessica Thomas, Nativity Coordinated for the church said about the drive-through that was not interactive between people and characters. "Each scene had a billboard with words that explained what was happening in that scene and then the next scene, like turning a page. People were acting out the scenes from the book." Some scenes included live animals with characters, others had a stuffed 3-D version."It took about 15 minutes to get through the whole thing,"Thomas said. Church members have been working on the project since September, building the nativities and painting backdrops to display behind each set of characters. "We really have been working hard and wanted to portray the story of Christmas in the right light," she said. "Tell the true meaning of the Christmas Story. Lots of people who liked it appreciated it. It is great to have something like that in the little town of Bland."

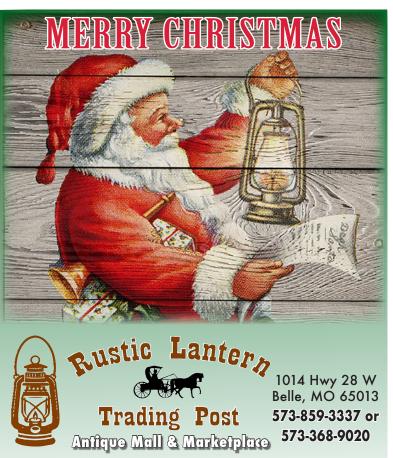
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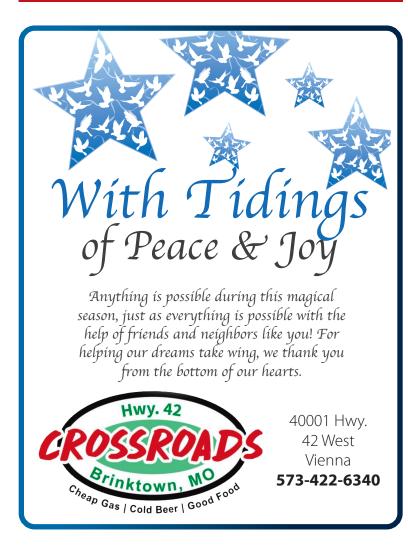
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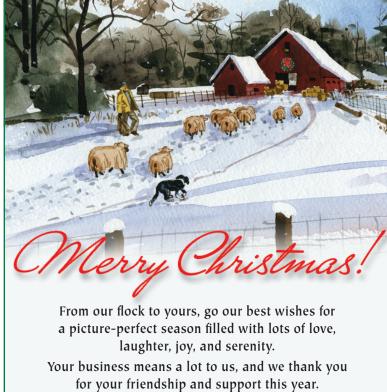












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Early Learning Center AM Class Mrs. Snodarass and Mrs. Edwards, Teachers

Dear Santa,

My name is Gracelyn and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a toy airplane with a remote control, a racing car with a racing track and remote control, a Spiderman scooter, a Spiderman guitar, a remote control fire truck, bracelet, necklace and a toypet frog.

Love, Gracelyn

Dear Santa,

My name is Sophia and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like an Elf on the Shelf - the kind like a girl with white hair. I also would like a flower.

Love, Sophia D

Dear Santa,

My name is Brody and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a remote control boat, a remote control wagon and a remote control truck. But I really want a remote control boat.

Love, Brody

Dear Santa,

My name is Kasen and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Nerf blaster that shoots balls and remote control robots.

Love, Kasen

Dear Santa,

Myname is Oaklynn and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like some painting stuff. I would also like a vest and a hat so no paint gets on me. I also want a doll house and doll toys.

Love, Oaklynn

Dear Santa,

My name is Rhett and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a remote control airplane that is green, a remote control dump truck that is orange, a remote control motorcycle that is red, a remote control car that is green, and blocks.

Love, Rhett

Dear Santa,

My name is Carson and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a remote control car and a remote control T-Rex.

Love, Carson

Dear Santa,

My name is Bodhi and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Transformer, a T-Rex and Magna Tiles.

Love, Bodhi

Dear Santa,

MynameisLandreeandlam4yearsold. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like remote control Barbie camper van, bumper car and a Hoverboard.

Love, Landree

Dear Santa,

My name is Kylan and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a combine, a tractor, and a banana.

Love, Kylan

Dear Santa,

MynameisReddingandIam5yearsold. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a remote control car. I would like you to bring my brother some chocolate milk and a big tractor.

Love, Redding

Dear Santa,

My name is Christine and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a dinosaur robot, a kitty robot and an alarm clock because my parents always have to wake me up.

Love, Christine

Dear Santa,

My name is Landrie and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a teddy bear.

Love, Landrie

Dear Santa,

My name is Easton and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a remote control excavator, a Transformer and a toy bow.

Love, Easton

Dear Santa,

My name is Sophia and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like buttons to play with and different things.

Love, Sophia G.

Dear Santa,

My name is Olivia and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a shot gun for turkey hunting and a big water bottle - like HUGE - like what Ms. Nichoel has.

Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,

My name is Trent and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a snake rifle. That's one of my favorites.

Love, Trent

Dear Santa,

My name is Levi and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like an alarm clock.

Love, Levi

Dear Santa,

Mynameis Howard and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a remote control dinosaur that is red.

Love, Howard



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My name is Chase and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a big tractor and a little tractor, too, so my family can ride.

Love, Chase

Dear Santa,

My name is Violet and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like 5 LOL's and 2 Barbie dolls with 2 bathtubs.

Love, Violet

Dear Santa,

My name is Sawyer and I am 3 1/2 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Princess toys, a choo choo train, and Princess Legos.

Sawyer

Dear Santa,

My name is Kollin and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a real phone and toy tractors.

Love, Kollin

Dear Santa,

My name is Peyton and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a new bike.

Love, Peyton

Dear Santa, My name is Jaime and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Legos and dinosaurs.

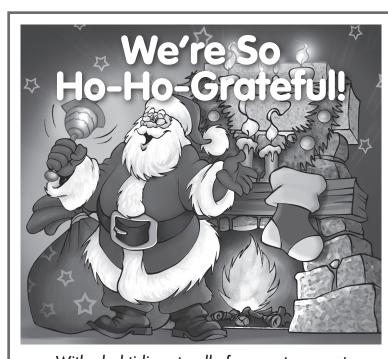
Love, Jaime

Dear Santa,

My name is Macklen and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like farm animals, toy trucks, toy tractors, a new ball, a new phone and new toy trains.

Love, Macklen

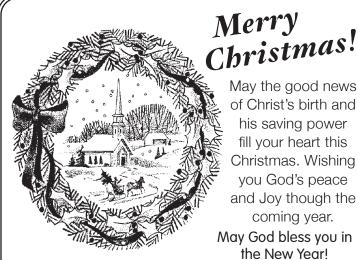
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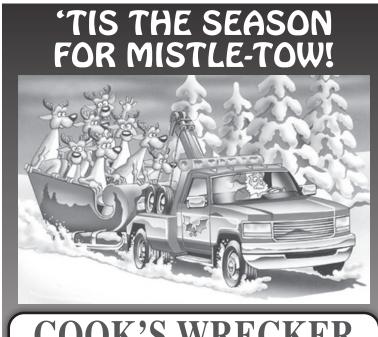
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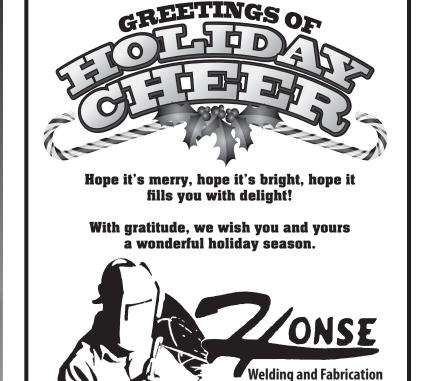
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Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Dear Santa,

howareyoudoing. Something I need is in elf. Something I want is a i-Phone 14 and a Lambergeeny, also a rc car. haf a nice trip.

Love, Zach B

Dear Santa,

hou ar you dooing? I want hot dogs. I need good to soor vive. and one mer thaing can I have a lambambergeenee.

Love, Jude D

Dear Santa.

What is your favorite kind of cookies? I need a new para of boots pleas. I want a new bik pleas. have a nise trip.

Love, Skyelynn F

Dear Santa.

I wunt a huvr bard and a rel fon, a i-fon II. Wut tim do you kum at nite? Kood I hav chapder books.

Love, Blake G

Dear Santa Claus,

How are your reindeer? I need a new

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kitten for my grandparetns. May I have a monster truck, Lego and a elf?

Love, Gavin H

Dear Santa,

Are you doeg god Santa? I May need hed fons. May I haf a dron. I ike you Santa you are nis.

Love, Julius J.

Dear Santa Claus,

How are your raindeer? how are you? I need turttle food for my turtels. I want a sckate bored and maybe some wias for my mom to try on and can I have a dog and a elf for me.

Love, allison L

Dear Sata Claus,

gloves. I want a horse.

Love, Avaleigh P

Dear Santa,

hope that you are redy for chrismas. And

Santalwantaelfforchrismas. Iknow that you love cookies and milk and that is what you are getting.

Love, Eva P

Dear Santa Claus,

How have you been? This year I need some money because I need more clothes for my new baby brother. I would like a tabblit and a hoverdord. thank you Santa!

Love, Calleigh R

Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? How are the elf and the reindeer? I need a new coat. I need new sows. I want a vanidee. I want a relle Phone. I want new books. Plese.

Snodgrass • from page 3C

Dear Santa,

My name is Marcus and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like tractors, dinosaurs and toys.

Love, Marcus

Dear Santa,

My name is Matthew and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like farm animals

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,

My name is Dallas and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Transformer toy, a firefighter and something big and blue.

Love, Vallas

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Blessings At Christmas At this joyous time of year, we'd like to join you and your family as we give thanks unto the Lord for the precious gift of our holy Saviour. For the gift of your loyal and generous support, we offer our sincere thanks.

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Skelly • from page 4A

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa, I'd like to thank you for the presents last year. How is Mrs. Claus? I need a new coat.antrytomakeitasworm aspossible. And if you will I want a new Lol doll!

Love, Emberlynn M

Dear Santa Claus,

Tanks for what I got last year.Ineedsocksplease.Ineed socks please. Please can I have Lol Queen dolls. Is mrs claus stil making cookes?

Love, Anya S

Dear Santa,

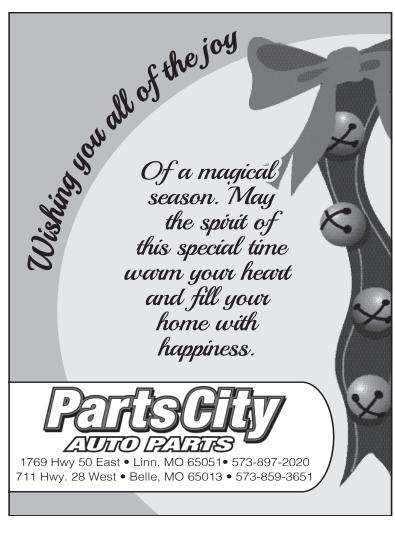
Thank you for the presents last year. This year I need a water sotliner. And for Chrismis I want a gaby doll house. How are the elvs doing?

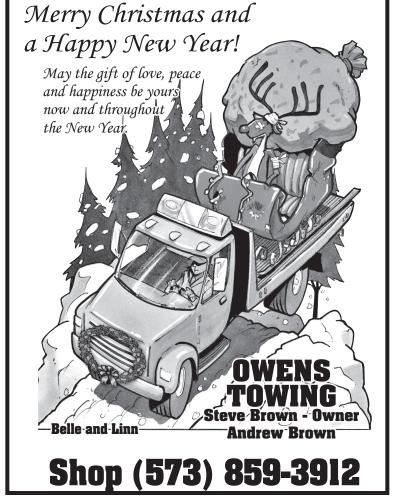
Love you Santa

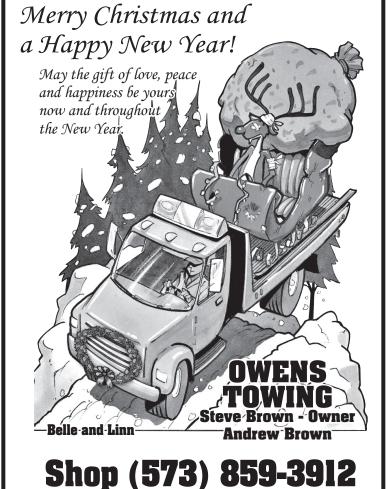
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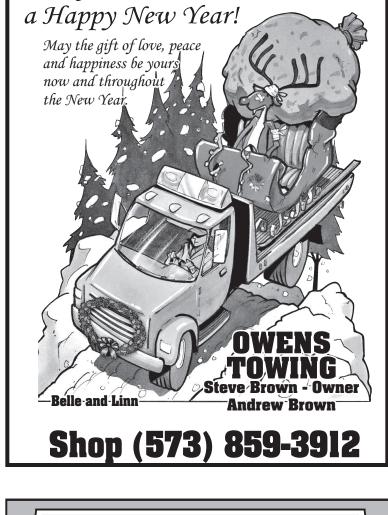
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Drake H



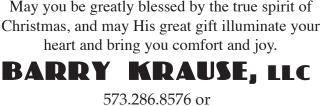




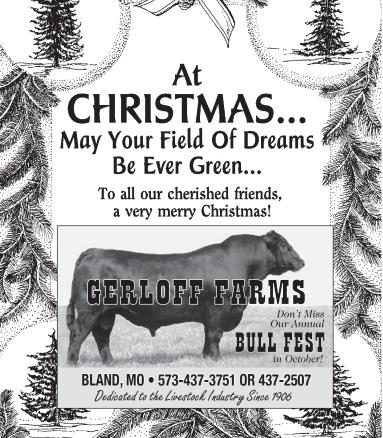








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The combined Maries R-2 middle school and high school choir performed during the 2022 Winter Concert on Thursday. The choir sang songs including: A Christmas Song, Carol of the Belles" Silent Night and Feliz Navidad. The choir is under the direction of Chuck Butler.

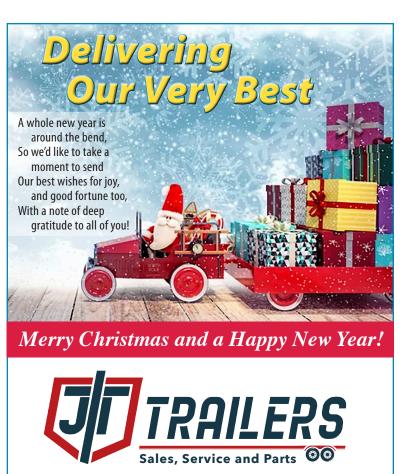
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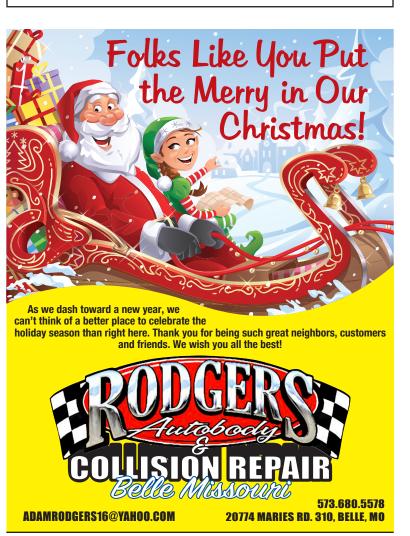


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Dear Santa,

MynameisJansenandlam 4 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and alittlebitnice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Christmas tree in my house and a Halloween toy.

Love, Jansen

Dear Santa,

My name is Reece and I am 4 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like another big Mario toy that goes with my other one, a farm with some animals and a toy Bluey. I don't know what Naomi should get yet.

Love, Reece

Dear Santa,

My name is Cole and I am almost 4 years old. I will turn 4 years old on Christmas Day! This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a tractor. I think Brooklyn should get Baby Yoda and Addie should get nothing!

Love, Cole

Dear Santa,

MynameisPaytonandlam 5 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a toy firetruck, a toy telephone and a stuffed frog. I would like you to bring flowers for my mommy.

Love, Payton

Dear Santa,

Myname is Paisley and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and alittlebitnice. For Christmas this year, I would like Adorables, farm animals and two Christmas trees for me and Piper. I think Piper would like bath toys.

Love, Paisley

Dear Santa,

My name is Shaynne and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been a little bit naughty and a little bit nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a tablet and headphones. I also want a robot.

Love, Shaynne

Dear Santa,

My name is Zeke and I am 3 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like trucks and cars.

Love, Zeke

Dear Santa,

Myname is Harley and I am 5 years old. This year, I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like Paw Patrol and Smurfs toys.

Love, Harley







As we welcome in another holiday season, we are filled with gratitude for the wonderful people all around us. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!

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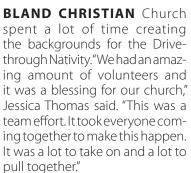


SANTA CLAUS was hosted by the Belle Masonic Lodge Dec. 17 at the four-way stop on Alvarado Avenue and Third Street. Families braved the cold to get in one last Christmas request before the big day. **PHOTOS BY ROXIE MURPHY**















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From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

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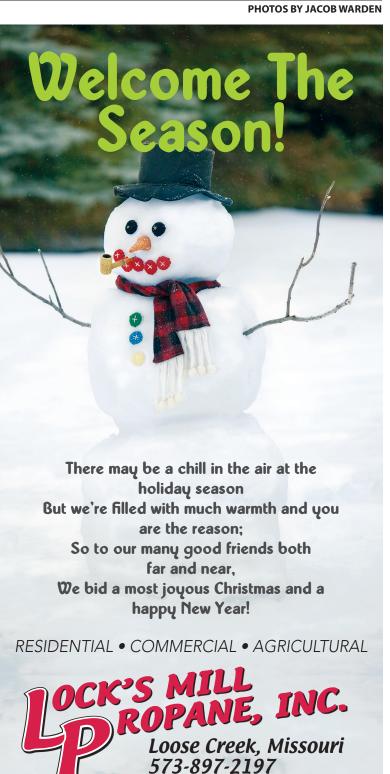


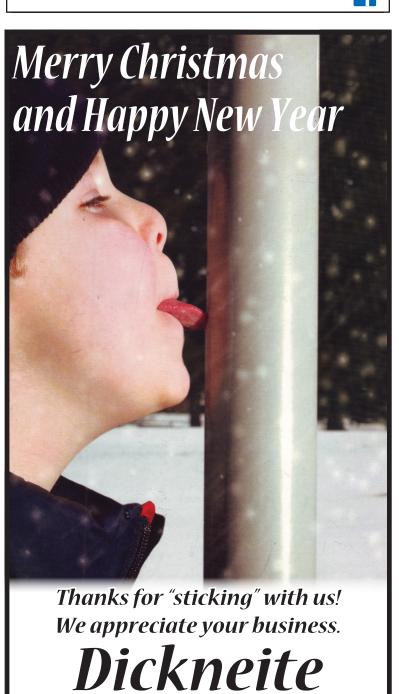
We sincerely appreciate your support, and we wish you and yours all the very best. Merry Christmas to you!



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