



Sweet Tidings to You,

Our Valued Customers & Friends!

Over the last year, we've strived to bring you the very best newspaper possible and during this Christmas season, we express our thanks for your kind support and our hopes for a very Merry Christmas, abundant in love and good cheer.

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

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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 -----
Sonya Hance, Teacher

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Phone and Lego city And I promise to leave out cookies an milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Coltin H.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to the elves for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old.
This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... A wrumote control car and cat and a dog And I promise to leave out cookies an milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Bryson G.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... A gon and boi n aror And I promise to leave out a milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Easton S.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... A baby horse and puppy And I promise to leave out a snowglobe for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Ella W.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rader for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... lwt my family together and puppy And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Skylar L.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... A golden 22 and a remote control truck And I promise to leave out cookies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Cody H.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to the Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Two lazer-guns and a rock tumbler And I promise to leave out bnanas for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Cason T.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Blixin for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... naughty (but nice!) What I would like most this Christmas is... A figt coob and you And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Karma C.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to evrewoon for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... naughty (but nice!) What I would like most this Christmas is... I DoK Mastutuns baby crib and a Chica Doll And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Sally M.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... A love a Bella doll and a criB for Emma And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Bailey J.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to misis Clas for me!

----- Belle Elementary First Grade -----
Kaci Jones, Teacher

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Phone and air Hockey Table And I promise to leave out cookies an milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, MaKenzee J.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... play dough andzlime And I promise to leave out P cacrz for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Brooklyn H.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolf for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... puppy and Kittin And I promise to leave out Love for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Chaz G.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to me and my family ana llabella for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Felglegg and Hukbrd And I promise to leave out ckochtit cootes for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Marissa A.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Sprkl for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Chrapleh and Paint And I promise to leave out soda and a cooes for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Aryan
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Kole and Izabella for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Track and playdough! And I promise to leave out cookies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Zachary
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to bab for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... lFad and NerfGun And I promise to leave out Cookes for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Waylyn W.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Canday cares for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... A X box and a Nerf gun And I promise to leave out cookies and mike for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Wyatt W.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to my mom for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... X box and kitten. And I promise to leave out Love for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Izavella C.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Chaz for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... dOgs and phOnes And I promise to leave out milk cookies babies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Mia G.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Ashlyn for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... X-BOX 360 with stacee and fizit SPire And I promise to leave out culees and carits for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Cooper K.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Tobeey my elf for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Remote con trolcar and helicopt er And I promise to leave out cooki es for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Kole H.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to tArxan for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... A hatchd more and kids motorsickl And I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, BraYIn R.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Kole for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Pet dinsoor and pet muckey And I promise to leave out Cholit chip coockes for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Cayson F.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to rOodoff for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Babys and Fake Rudolph And I promise to leave out caretS for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Ashlyn H.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... phone and truck And I promise to leave out cookies milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Chase N.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to my cusin for me!
Dear Santa,

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Happy Holidays

May your spirits be warmed and your faith rekindled by the true meaning of Christmas. For the blessing of your friendship and support we offer our deepest gratitude.

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At The Holiday Season

It may be cold outside, but our hearts are warmed as we recall the many kind people who've visited us this year. We're deeply grateful for your support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



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Dear Santa,



Belle Elementary First Grade

Heidi Krieg Teacher

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... A fitbit and American girl doll And I promise to leave out cookies and milk and carrots for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Natalie L.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... A remote-control dune buggy and a painting set And I promise to leave out milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Ashton B.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Hatchanimal and hie heeld boots And I promise to leave out coocees for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Charley G.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... squishies and LOLs And I promise to leave out chesecake for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Fateumn K.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... phone and a re gun And I promise to leave out cinnamon pie for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Lathan M.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to BlitZen for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Remote dino and nerf guns. And I promise to leave out Hot cocoa for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Elijah B.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Remote control dinosaur and nerf gun And I promise to leave out hot coco for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Dane V.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Phone and Hatchanimal And I promise to leave out cookies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Kaylee H.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Elsa toys and Hatchanimal And I promise to leave out cookies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Ignacia C.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Remote control snake and phone And I promise to leave out hot cookies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Carter B.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph the red nous rader for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time, good some of the time, naughty (but nice!) What I would like most this Christmas is... Narf gun and Phone And I promise to leave out milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Easton C.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to my elf for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time, good some of the time, naughty (but nice!) What I would like most this Christmas is... Remote and control And I promise to leave out cookies milk for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Gaige L.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Remote control transformer and choclet And I promise to leave out chesecake for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Anthony B.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to my elf Grim for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... popiy and nerf bolits And I promise to leave out milck and cookies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Mason W.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Vixen for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... shopkins and phone And I promise to leave out cupcakes for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Serenities P.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Mrs. Clauk for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good some of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Painting set and squishies And I promise to leave out cookies and carrots for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Micah S.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to my elf randowe for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been... good all of the time What I would like most this Christmas is... Karaoke and Hatchanimal And I promise to leave out hot cocoa for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Ava P.
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to my elf for me!

Vienna Elementary First Grade

Miranda Bock, Teacher

Dear Santa,
What I wunt forchRistmas us a toy hors and a Dollars and a Doll and a babey Doll and a bats.
Miley Love 17

Dear Santa,
I wunt a bide, more on 1.2 mr. boniaros Ront g trll dong 3 res Siyngs lab - 4 Gowg, snach sath 5
TristAN F.

Dear Santa
guns, pistls, Cars, Busts mathar Busts, CalnaD, lantaotaytlhastpz
frum Ethan

Dear Santa
I wunt 2 Prasis a Barbie, horse, pupes.
Lilly

DeAr SANTA
BALL hAirBow WAtErBottLe
WhitneY

Dear Santa
I what a zoo mshopne, brbdola, ktin, brbdolopuop, ctchrs
Alana

Dear Santa,
I onet a huvrbord.
Nolan

Dear Santa
I want for Christmas is a baby alive magical scoops baby, and a tablet, and a sunny day doll, and a pupie surprise, and a bing bag.
Scarlett

Dear Santa,
I wute a gotre, and I wute a PuPFe, I wute a goldfish I wute a PuPpy surPrises I wute a Pet Pony
Zoey

Dear Santa,
What I wunt is a inmrckdols bookbag book baby a Dive hacthamal
Bella

Dear Santa,
I been a good Girl this week I would like to have Toy Horses, Trolls Gamas, fishing Games, Pop the Pig, PuPpy surPrise
Liberty R.

Dear Santa,
I wat tod hav tow woocegstick! and eklpeelblhxtmllz and a beg hathmll with two hatnrmlsien sid uv the ieag
Zoe "Zozo" H.

Dear Santa,
I wunt a Batman Figr and a new vedeyo gem and a cat and a dog and antew Batman move
Noah

Vienna Elementary First Grade

Miranda Bock, Teacher

Dear Santa,
I wood.like a Dort Bick. I hop tat you be ceall mer cismis.
Love, Jeff H.

Dear Santa,
I want a good tare. Fast to fast 7. Poapemogy a Panguin. Fack rooster and Safa. teeth an vampire teeth cooking set. dinorsw bunny panguin
Love Noah R.

Dear Santa,
I Love You Santa. I want to ask Santa for a fown. I want to ask Santa for a Lap top givng me my Lap top.
Love, Bentley H.

Dear Santa,
I hop you will be ceft on Christmas Eve. Santa I wut a dol. I thank Santa.
love, Macie R.

Dear Santa
I wan a pup and cumputr I wut a wubl bubl bol. Mi
Love, Miss Adalynn S.

Dear Santa,
I love you yor the best be Karfi. I want a robot and a FoNu. presints and Santa
love, Shawn F.

Dear Santa
I gist wunt to tell you Thank you. may I have a pack uv Gum and sawices and puppy! Thank you!
Love, Raleigh

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Hashub purple. Brbrs Gtg. Sirlr dl tikis. Santa You my sophera.
Love, Miss Larissa R.

Dear Santa,
to be careful. Hc his crismi a too etigr hd set.
Love, Xoe

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. I want a drttbick and a mostrtuck. a toytuck and a polf set
love, Jack

Dear Santa,
I wt tb pun blablaPc it.
I Love Dreygen

Dear Santa,
I want to ask truck. I want to ask Mistotnu CK Santa
Love Mason



May your spirits be refreshed and your faith renewed, as together we celebrate the miracle of Christmas.

BLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Peace Be With You



May your heart be light with peace, joy and contentment at this special time and all year.

Your support and friendship make us grateful to be a part of this warm and welcoming community. We wish you all a beautiful holiday!



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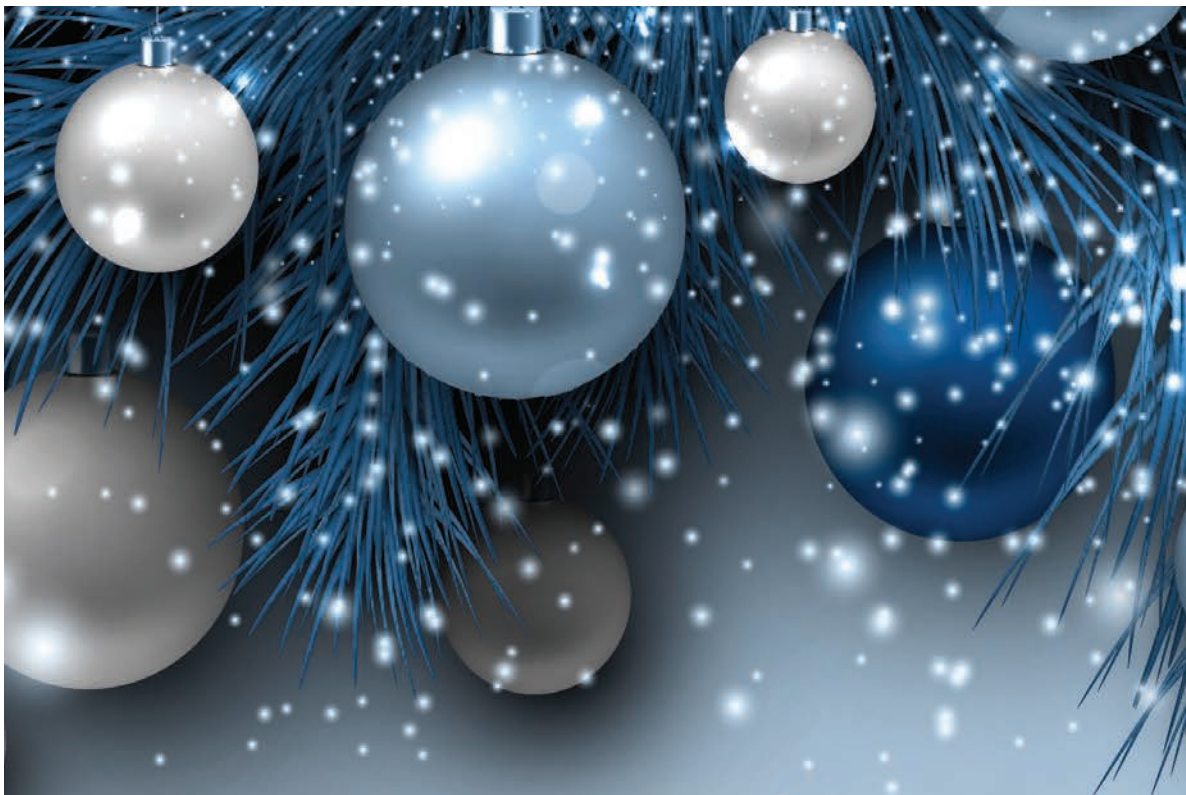
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THE MARIES County R-II Elementary School held their annual Christmas Show on Dec. 1. Students from the first and second grade performed eight musical numbers including; Twelve Days of Christmas, Jingle Jive, Over The River, Trepak (Russian dance from the nutcracker), The Sounds of Santa's Workshop, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. The Belle Music Department is under the direction of Diane Brown.

PHOTOS BY JACOB WARDEN



Happy Celebrating!

At this festive time of year, we count customers like you among our best reasons to celebrate. Thank you for dropping in on us and for trusting us with your business. We are truly grateful for your support and friendship.

May your days be trimmed with every happiness at the holidays and throughout the New Year. Merry Christmas and best wishes to you!



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Merry Christmas




THE VIENNA Eagle Pride Bands held a Winter Concert on Dec. 14 and performed Christmas music for the entire K-12 student body at Maries R-1. More photos from the Band can be found on page 3B.

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Merry Christmas

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O' Come, All Ye Faithful

Christmas Mass Schedule

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Vienna
Christmas Eve Mass (December 24) • 5:00PM
Christmas Day Mass (December 25) • 10:00AM

Holy Guardian Angels Parish in Brinktown
Christmas Eve Mass (December 24) • 7:00PM

All Are Welcome!

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish ~ Vienna
Holy Guardian Angels Parish ~ Brinktown

"Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11

SMILE...IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS!



Nothing brings a smile to our faces faster than recalling the friendship and kindness of all the good folks we've had the pleasure to serve this year.

Merry Christmas and many thanks from all of us.

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Merry Christmas *From all the residents and staff at Victorian Place of Vienna.*

Home. It's a place to unwind. A place to dream. A place you always feel welcome.

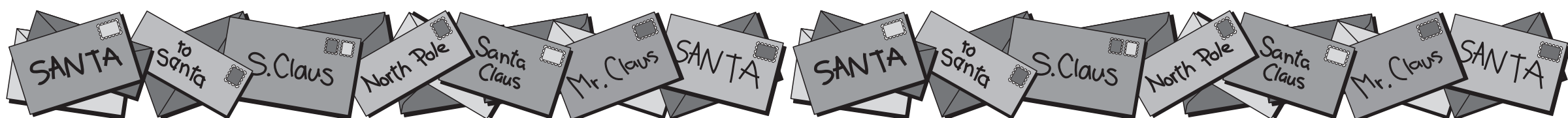
For the hospitality and goodwill you've shown us this year, we are deeply grateful. We will always be proud to call this town "home" and wish all of our neighbors, a very merry holiday season.



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----- Belle Elementary Second Grade Mandy Seaver, Teacher -----

Dear Santa:

Is your elves working so so good? Are you good and ready to fly your sleigh? I am really thankful for your elves working hard. I wish you could bring to my house a D.S. Game. I want it to be Miro kart 8. I wish for a tablet with a blue case.

Your friend, Isaiah

Dear Santa:

How is Rudolph? How is Blaze, my elf doing? I am thank full for. My Presints. I WISH to have a nice chrismits. I WanT a new dirT bike.

**Your frind
Jace B**

Dear Santa:

Is Mrs Claus coming with you? Are the elves busy macking toys for Boys and grils on christmas day? I am thankful for my famaly and frinedS. I thank you for dillvering our presents. I would like a watch. I would like an art case. I want a tackel Box for christmas.

**Love
your frend Peyton valley**

Dear Santa:

HOW IS Rudolph been? Are the elves busy? Thank you for the presins. I wishes for are truck. I wische for a are jeep.

**Your friend
Koltin S.**

Dear Santa:

Will Rudolph comewithyou? Will your sleigh work for Christmas? Thank you for presins. I want a puppy. I want a remote control boat that is big and it can go in water.

**Your friend,
malachi F**

Dear Santa:

Is Mrs. Claus or Santu geting RUdOlPh redey? Are the other reindeer's calling RudplPh names? Thank you for all the gift's. Can I have a crown a paint set and a hat chamal. Pleas

**Your freind
Ivory I.k.**

Dear Santa:

You are rilly nise to us on Christ- mas. I wish I can have a reborn baby. What time do you jrop presents off at houses? I wish I can have a hatchomool for christmas. how do the elves behave?

**Your friend,
Tristyna. A**

Dear Santa:

Do you have any elv's for my home? Are you ready to ride your sleigh? I'm thankful for Christmas. I wish for a shopkins bag. I wish for a soft blanket.

**Your friend,
kyrie w**

Dear Santa:

Is Rudolph ready to fly the sleigh yet? Are your elves busy? I am thankful for my toys last year. I wish for 2 baby's that look real. I wish for a i.Pod for Christmas.

**Your frend,
Hayden F.**

Dear Santa:

How are Dasher, Rudolph and the other reindeer too? Are the elves working hard? I am Thankfull for the reindeer. I wish I could see you every day. I wish christmas was every month. I wish my dad is on the nice list. I wish I could have a new Calendar.

**your: frenid,
Emilee L**

Dear Santa:

Is Mrs. Claus comeing with you? Has enebote bin naughty?? I'm thankful for my frend Peyton Valley. I wish I hand a reindeer. I wish I handa kintten.

**Your friend,
Allania M**

Dear Santa:

How is the reindeer? Are They good? IS anyone on the naughty list? I loved What you got me last year. I wish you will get me a puppy. I wish you will get me a kitten too.

**You friend,
MCKenZie.T**

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa are you ready for Christmas? How are your reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus making cookie? How are the elves? Is Rudolph driving the sleigh? I am tankful for all your toys. You are the best man on the earth. I want a dirt bike. Also a tackle box

**Your friend,
Cameron R.**

Dear Santa:

Is your reandeer doing good? Are you doing good? Thank you for my toys. I wish for a real phone. I wish for a real baby carseat. I wish for a laptop. I wish for a real baby clothes. I wish for real baby shoes. I wish for a fake baby.

**Your friend
Makenna L**

Dear Santa:

Is Mrs. Claus comeing to deliver PreSents With You? Is Rudolph ready to guide your sleigh? I am thankful for You bringing joy to the world. I wish that I could have a PUPPY for Christmas. I would like to be an elf.

**Your friend,
Gage V.**

----- Belle Elementary -----
Second Grade

Vickie Dickneite, Teacher

Dear Santa,

My name is Diego and I am 8 years old. This year I could have better. Something good I did this year was play soccer. I would like to give my Mom a present. This year I might like to receive I wut a pauk crshs. My Christmas wish this is to have fun.

I have a question for you! Do you have presents for us?

**With Love and Gratitude,
Diego**

Dear Santa,

My name is Zoe and I am 8 years old. This year I've been really good. Something good I did this year was going to school. I would like to give I would like to give to foster car. This year I might like to receive I would like an elf on the shelf. My Christmas wish this year is My Chrismis wish is a merd tial.

I have a question for you! How does roodoff shin his noes?

**With Love and Gratitude,
Zoe**

Dear Santa,

My name is jenna and I am 8 years old. Something good I did this year was helpt my mom cline. I would like to give you a presint. This year I might like to receive a JoJo Siwa my life dol. My Christmas wish this year is to get prect,s.

I have a question for you! How do you aet that much cookees?

**With Love and Gratitude,
Jenna**

Dear Santa,

My name is Sophia S. and I am 7 years old. This year I've been really good. Something good I did this year was Helping my mom and dad with chores. I would like to give A dog to Mrs.D. This year I might like to receive A robot dog. My Christmas wish this year is I hope everyone is going to have a good Christmas.

I also have a question for you! How did you grow your beard?

**With Love and Gratitude,
Sophia S.**

Dear Santa,

My name is William and I am 8 years old. This year I've been really good. Something good I did this year was I helped my mom walk and get up. I would like to give Kenadie a gift. This year I might like to receive A very cool monster truck. My Christmas wish this year is for Santa not to give me coal in my stocking or in my presents.

I also have a question for you! Why do you write letters to some children on a plate?

**With Love and Gratitude,
William**

Dear Santa,

My name is Jase and I am 7 years old. This year I've been really good. Something good I did this year was I'm doing a sleepover this Saturday. I would like to give Lukus a ball with a basketball course inside it. This year I might like to receive a drone. My Christmas wish this year is to have a Pug, the Emoji movie and and despible me 3.

I also have a question for you! Where do you get the reindeer?

**With Love and Gratitude,
Jase**

Dear Santa,

My name is harper and I am 7 years old. This year I've been really good. Something good I did this year was be nice to people. I would like to give hugs. My Christmas wish this year is a galixypilow and a galixy blanket a elf on a shelf a pushing sleep mask a real dog.

I also have question for you! Haw do you eat so meny cookees and milk ?

**With Love and Gratitude,
harper**

----- Belle Elementary Second Grade Trishalana Shanks, Teacher -----

Dear Santa:

Thank You for hot wheels you got me the past year. Why do you only give us one gift? How are the reindeer dooing? Thank you for giving us toys for Christmas. I always wanted a dirtbike. I would want to have a gocart for Christmas. My sister Barella would want some more Baby dolls. She mite evins want some more hot whells. My mom wants more iron woman Plates and dishes. My Dad Mark would want Peterbilt glasses.

**Your freind
Kyler**

Dear Santa:

Thank you for my purple char santa. How are the reindeer? My brother Shane wants a pair of Beats. My mom's boyfriend wants an airplane. My other brother his name is Dru and he wants a new video game. My mom wants some new jewelry. My Dad wants me for every holiday. My GrandPa wants tools. My Grandma wants shos. I want a hoverboard.

**Your friend
Ellie**

Dear Santa:

All I want for Christmas is a American girl doll anb a shopn and a teddy Bear.

Cloie

Dear Santa:

Thank you for the hatchamal I got last year. Do you skoop the raindeers poop? What does your houce look like? For christmas I would like a new metal detector. For christmas I would like another hatchamal. For christmas I would like fishing stuf. For christmas I would like a bonch of figit spiners. For christmas I would like like 1,000,000,000 dollars. For Christmas Miles would like a phone.

**Your friend
Ryder B.**

Dear Santa:

Thank you for my movie. This year I ld like a Phone. How are yur Reindeer.

**Your friend
Donnie M.**

Dear Santa:

Thank You for my gift from Last Christmas the Baby go Bye Bye You are a massing you are my frined. I hop you will eat the cookies and the milk. I want A Baby

Your friend, Johanna

Dear Santa:

Thank you for the lighteaber last year. How are the reindeed? For Crisimes I would like one videoegame.

**Your friend,
Michael F.**

Dear Santa:

Thank you for the dolls last year. How are you doing? I want a American girl doll. My brother wants a phone.

**Love,
Kennady**

Dear Santa:

I would like to thank you for my American girl doll stuff from last year. How are you and Mrs Claus doing? How are the reindeer? How is Sparkles the elf doing? For Christmas I would like a American girl doll, stuff, Lol dolls, a Goust book, Smile book, Sitters book. My sitter would like the emoji movie. I like you a lot Santa.

**Your freind
Cloe J.**

Dear Santa:

Thank you for my legos last year. Wood you or wood you not get me what I want this year? For cristmas a dunny and a pug.

Sincerely, Jack

Dear Santa:

Thank You for My teddy bear That You brought Me last Year. how are the Raindeer? For ChristMas I Want cool Make uP. MY SiSter Would like a fYing unicorn.

**Your friend,
Vayda**

Dear Santa:

Thank you for the Elsa doll that you brought me last year. Santa how are you, Mis. Claws, and the reindeer doing? For Christmas I went a new doll. My mom would want some new necklace and earrings. My sister would like a hair in the are popy. My brother would like some new tracks. My dad would like a new chille pot. My pap would like some new tools.

Sincerely, Ava

Dear Santa:

Hello! I know I have already saw you at the bransa zoo. How is mrs. Claus? I walld like world of nintendo sets including New Super Mario bros Wii aka nsmbu and new super mario bros u aka nsmb4.

Zayne L.

Dear Santa:

Thank you for my sword. I love it. I play with all the time. How are the elvs doing there? How are the reindeer? For Christmas I want a golden fidgget sppiner.

Your friend, Roegan

Letters to Santa
Continued on Page 7B

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THE VIENNA Eagle Pride Bands held a Winter Concert on Dec. 14 and performed Christmas music for the entire K-12 student body at Maries R-1. Band Director Ray Spiller said about 100 students participate in the bands, grades 5 through 12. At the concert they played all Christmas music, from Jingle Bells to The Polar Express. Some parents also attended and Spiller said the band members received many compliments from students, faculty and parents.

PHOTOS BY JACOB WARDEN



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Winter concerts

Maries County R-2 held two winter concerts last Thursday. The high school choir (top), directed by Mrs. D. M. Brown held their concert at the small high school gym at 6:30 p.m.

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*Merry Christmas
Happy New Year*

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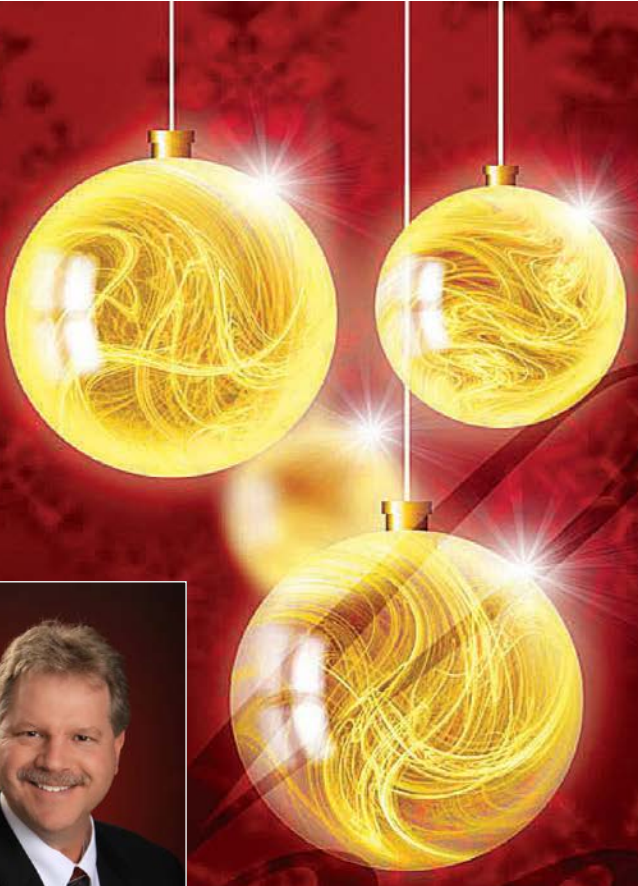
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"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

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THANK YOU
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Merry Christmas

Here's hoping your holiday season is a whole lot of merry and bright! May your Christmas and the New Year deliver an abundance of health, happiness and good fortune to you and the ones you love.

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THE WHOBILATION CELEBRATION was the theme of this year's Maries R-1 Elementary PTO Carnival held December 1 in the school cafeteria. The carnival was very successful with a big crowd and a lot of fun for the students and their families. Money raised will be used to pay for items such as playground equipment and field trips, whatever the PTO determines the school needs.

PHOTOS BY JACOB WARDEN



YaYa's helping family in need

Belle YaYa's invited Santa Claus to a special meet and greet with local children Monday. Belle YaYa's are proud of their relationship with Kris Kringle, whose collaborative efforts were able to assist eight people this year. The YaYa's close association with Santa Claus helps provide a merrier Christmas for families that can use a little extra help around the holidays.

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From Our Family to Yours...



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Winter band concerts

Maries County R-2 held two winter concerts last Thursday. Band director M. J. Orf held a winter band concert at 7 p.m. at the Bland gymnasium. The concert included performances by the 6th grade band, the 7th and 8th grade band (above) and the high school band (below).

PHOTOS BY Dennis Warden



Oh, What Fun It Is to Celebrate With Good Folks Like You!

To our friends near and dear, thanks so much for stopping here. We wish you all a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!



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Vienna Elementary Second Grade

Mandy Mickem, Teacher

Dear Santa

I want a trutr. cush it is very cool. It well be fun to Play wish. Then I can dive it in my yard. Then I can make durt. I can soy it to my sister.

Tractor Kevin

Dear Santa

I want some toys. I want cool stuff. I want stuff. I want new stuff. I want new shoes. I want new cloes.

Love Kieghlyn

Dear Santa

I want a play set with a white barn. Because it is going to be amasing. I want a rtuck with raser. It is going to be funny. I want hot weels. Because it is going to be so exsiding. RC cars because they are amasing.

love Beau D.

Dear Santa Claus

I wut for Crismis is makeup, Toys, and Cloze. I want that because I can play dressup. I also want to hug you. I also want to know if you feed your raindear cairis. I also want to knowe if you are thestee after the milk. I also want to knowe if you have en elf named Lizzie

Love Elizabeth C.

Dear Santa Claus

I want a hover board. because they are odamadice. I also want a remokintrol trans-former that has a camra. because I can scar people. and I do not have to look where it is going.

Talan

Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus I want a pocket Racer for Cristmas. How do you eat all them cookies? Can I git for cristmas this year? Do you drink all that milk? Santa can, I feed the raindeer. Santa how are our elfs doing this cristmas?

Love Rylan

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for christmas Trix trux, long shot nerf gun, minecraft lego set, and RC pocet car. I would have a nerf gun fight with my brother and race my RC pocet. play with my lefo set and do tricks with my trix trux. Santa is one of your elfs named Tyler? how do you make toys. how do you get to everyone's house in one day. I hope you have a good christmas.

Sincerely, your friend, Tyler

Dear santa,

Dear Santa for Christmas is mastre High bolls and cooking splies. fac food, rill marker for me school. Because i rill wut it. wiy Dor you eat cookie

Love Alexis

Dear Santa Claus

For Christmas, i want a flying skate bord with a rokit booster but no weels because i can fly onto my roof. and i want a dirt bike because i can speed up the ramp. and i want a tazer gun because i can shok my brother. and i want a sister because i will love her with all of my hert. and i want a insid hot tube. because i want to be warm. and i want a cotin candy machine because i can be a cotin candy master i will eat it and i want a roceweller because i can take it hunting.

Love Wyatt

Dear Santa

I want a Hoberboarb because my ant and unkle has one. I want 100 cars I have a littil amont of toys. I want Legos Starwars adison so I can billd Starwars. I want a Soccer ball so I can play Soccer. I want a fuor weeler so I can biver aronb the propby. Do you get a belly ack after the cookies and milk?

Love Jordan H.

Dear Santa

I wants catche gere. I wants catch gere becoen it is gete rade for baseball. it will be fun if You beetn it. I will ciei to be good. Me and my borther fished late. It is hard for me.

Love, Kelhen

Vienna Elementary Second Grade

Shanda Snodgrass, Teacher

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. I would like to tell Rudolph thank you for the letter. This year I would like a new tablet please and thank you Santa Claus. Santa how are you, Mrs. Claus, and the reindeer this year? How are the elves doing? Are they making lots of toys? I will leave some cookies, and milk for you Santa Claus. I will also leave some carrots for you reindeer.

Love, Lilli B.

Dear Santa,

Happy December Santa! I hope you have a happy year. This year I think I should only get one thing. This year I have got in trouble a lot. Even though I want a lot of stuff, the only thing I would really like is a phone. But if you wouldn't want to do that I would be happy with whatever you went to get me.

Your friend, Delaney

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and your reindeer. I would like some chaps, a rest, a bullrope, a bell, and spurs.

Love, Max

Dear Santa,

I want tonka trucks so I can dlig in my back yard my mom said no ant I will go back in the house how are you doing Santa.

Love, Greyson

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa! I think you've been working very hard. I have been very good to my friends. How is Rudolph? I've been wishing for a Barbie doll and a house. I'm getting Rudolph some carrots. I need some shoes. I will leave some cookies and milk.

Sincerely, Ava

Dear Santa,

I know you work so hard delivering presents to other people who are good and not bad. I want a guitar for Christmas. on Christmas Day I hope everyone can go out and play in the Snow.

Love Alex

Dear Santa

Merry Christmas Santa! I hope you have a great christmas this year. Does Rudolph still have his red nose? I have been a good kind kid. I hope that you are having a good year. I want a dirtbike 4 and an xbox please. When you come down this year I hope you give Rudolph the carrots.

Loves Peyton

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa! How are you now? I wish for an ipod. I would like to share my cany with you. I will give Rudolph some carrots.

Love, Kenna

Dear Santa,

Happy holidays Santa, and have a great Christmas! Have your reindeer been good? I want Tv and a Xbox 36D. I plan on leaving you some cookies and some carrots.

Sincerely Zeb W

Dear Santa,

Thank you for delivering presens to us. I hope you have a good Christmas. Does Rudolph still have his red nose? I wish you could shar cookies with me also this christmas I wish for an xbox1s. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love Zach

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa, from Emma I have been keeping my room clean. One thing I want is some nike shoes. One thing I need is a new bed. I will leave some milk, too.

Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

Have fun delivering presents to people. How are the elfes doing? Is Rudolph being very good? I would Share my toys. I needa TV in my mom room. I want adirt bike. Im going to leave cookies for you.

Love, Gunner R.



Santa visits the courthouse

Santa was in Vienna on December 9. Alberto Esquivel, age 10, and Gael Esquivel, age 2, were some of the children who came to the courthouse last Saturday to visit with Santa. Not all of the children wanted to do this, but most of them did. His annual visit to the courthouse was sponsored by the Vienna Lions Club.

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More Letters to Santa found on Page 2C

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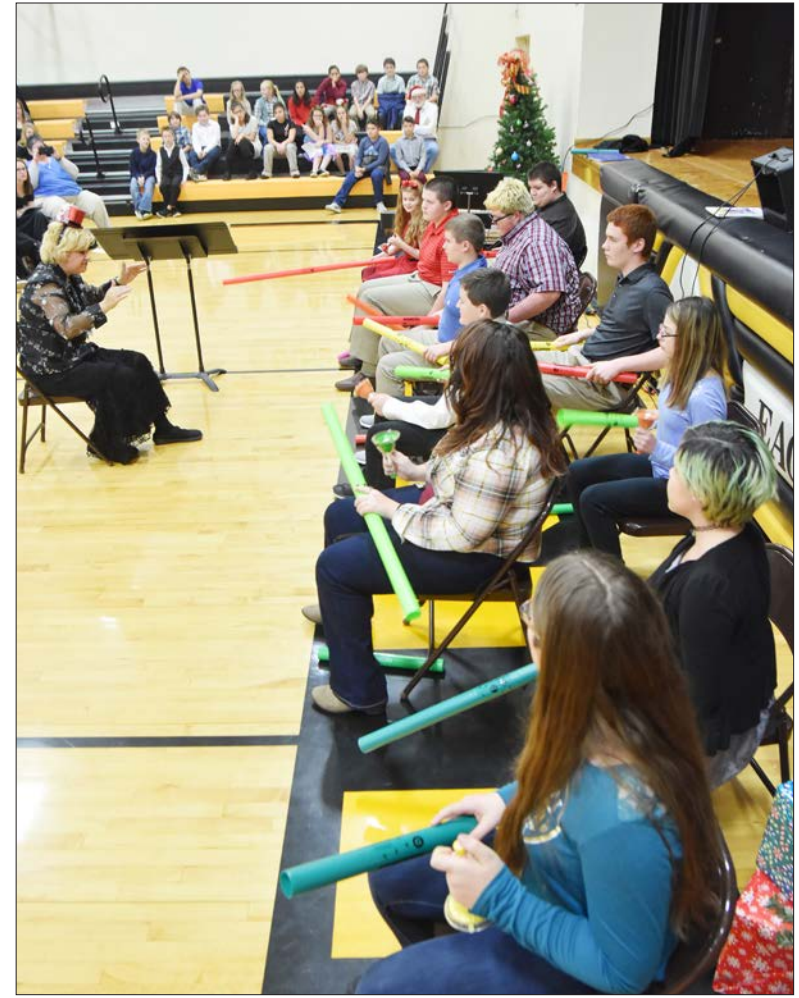
Thank you for lighting up our year with your visits!

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THE WINTER Christmas Concert for pre-K through 12th grade was held on December 5 at the high school gym. There were about 170 pre K through 4th grade students participating and about 55 students in grades 5 through 12 who sang winter and holiday songs from "Snow," "Deck the Halls," "Mary, Did You Know," "Blitzen's Boogie," to "Santa is The Man." The high school choir of 17 members, The Choir One, is hosting a fundraiser for the choir's Chicago trip. They will host a dessert auction and will perform a special singing program, "A trip through the Decades" on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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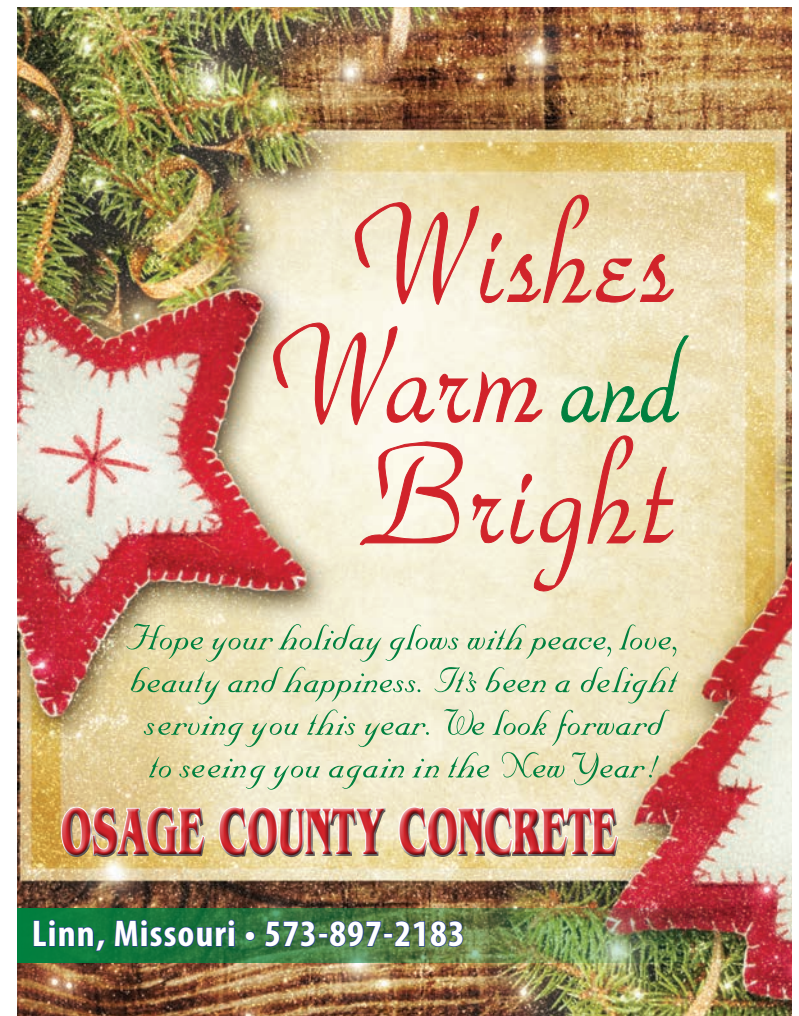
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STUDENTS AT Visitation Inter-Parish School performed for The First Christmas, a nativity musical for young voices. Pictured are Grace Veasman as the Star, Alexis Curtis as the Angel, Claire Canuto as Mary, Paxten Jeremy as Joseph, Garrett Branson and Jake Rowden as the Shepherds, and Katie Kloepfel, Claire Neier and Emma Sandbothe as the Kings. The other students were story tellers and the choir.



Santa spotted at Victorian Place

Santa came to visit the residents of Victorian Place of Vienna on Saturday. He also brought gift bags for the children.

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Belle Elementary Third Grade

Joni Grellner, Teacher

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Thank you for the new videogames. this year I would like a camofauge gator with a guy in it. I also want a new jonndeere tractor with a bucket. The other thing I want is a brand new bulldozer. Santa don't forget to stop at my house.

**Love,
Jancen S.**

Dear Santa,

How has Rudolph been? Thank you for the pellet gun last year. This year I would like an Xbox 360 and a new bike. It would be cool to get a swimming pool for my whole family. I will make sure to leave out cookies and Milk.

**From,
Brayden N.**

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? Thank you for the presents. This year I want a hoverboard, Mintindoswitch, a coin book, and some clothes. I got you some chocolate chip cookies this year. Also I want to get my brother an Xbox game.

**Sincerely,
Benjam J.**

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph and the other randeers? I really want a baby alive doll that talks and eats. I am getting three friends necklaces I love your elvs that help you. And then I want close and makeup and lipstick and chapstick.

**Sincerely,
Payton D.**

Dear Santa,

How are your elves doing this year? I like the presents that you get me every year. I wish for a durtbike, skope for my 22, and a hover board, and a battery for my 4 wheeler. I wish that Ridge had amow for his airsoft gun. I got you chocolate cookies these year.

**Sincerely,
Austin F.**

Dear Santa,

How are everyone at the North Pole? This year I want you to have a good Christmas. This year I want an elf on the shelf. I want a hover board. I want a new fidget spinner. And a hatchamal. And I want a flat screen TV. I hope you have a great Christmas.

**Sincerely,
Shea G.**

Dear Santa,

I am wanting to know if you are ready for Christmas? Thank you for the nerf gun last year. This year I would like an Xbox and a remote control truck. I would like a tv for my whole family to share. I will not forget to put out cookies and mick.

From, Kayden L.

Dear Santa,

I hope you and the elves have a great Christmas. Thank you for the presents they were great. Want I want for Christmas is a phone, a drone, and a baby doll and a pair of elfs shoes, and a black horse. I want to get MRs. Grellner a presents. You are the best Santa.

Sincerely, Stevie V.

Dear Santa,

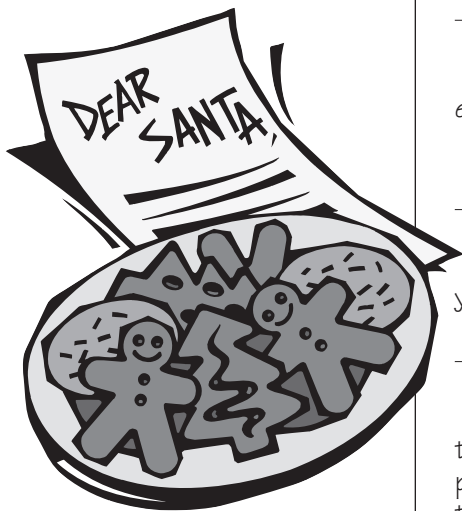
How has Rudolph bin doang. Thers a present in frosty. Hers a few thangs I want a crossbow wath a skope a jacked up toy truck, dragen's breth booletes for a 243., and a 243. The family needs some ornaments. I'll try to make some shuger cookies.

Sincerely, Grayson B.

Dear Santa,

I want to know how you deliver presents around the whole world without gowing to sleep. I really love the giant stuffed animal you got me last year. I really hope that you can get me a gift card, and a remote controlled car, and a video game, and a Drawing board, and a picture frame for my mom and a new soot for my dade and I got you a present insted of you getting me one.

**Sincerely,
Kooper E.**



Belle Elementary Third Grade

Kayla Wood, Teacher

Dear santa

Thank you for the present to my family. I will give you milk and cookies and carrot for your reindeer that are good. Have a good christmas!

**love
Gunner B.**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the presents last year. Did the reindeer like the carrots? Also did you like the cookie or the milk? All I want for christmas is a Xbox one bundle with Madden 18. I also want NBA 18 for Xbox one. Also I want some candy in my stocking. Also I want to have snow this year. Can you get me bluetooth headphones? Can you get Diesel a pack of toys? Also can you get my dad some tools.

Love Cooper G.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for toys and all different stuff. So if there's anything else you want to give me, thanks for all these years.

**Love,
Lukus N.**

DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for gifts and I want to get a tablet this year. Santa, you are very nice to me and my family.

Frankie T.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the present last year. I will give you a present and the present's I want are a book about you and a little tree and a plushie of you. And I leave you some cookies, milk, and carrots for the reindeer. Christmas I love to spin time with my family. I would love to see you. Oh and I hope you will like my smartie cookies. I believe you are real. Love you Santa.

**Love Your Friend,
Sophie P.**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for everything you did last year for me. And i need you to tell me that your dear Mrs. Claus is ok. I want two dresses for Rebecca and Mulie, please. And for my barbie doll, I want a bed, please. But I really want stuff for beds to make for Rebecca and Mulie's pets, please. I will make sure i give you milk and cookies.

**Love,
Jaydynlee H.**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for presents. Thank you for the gifts. I am thank ful for my family. I Will put cookies and milk out for you. I wish for Christmas a new baby and baby clothes.

**Your Friend,
Peyton L.**

Visitation Inter-Parish School

Dear Santa,

This year I will b good I all read been a good girl I hope you have fun time passing out presents to children and I hope I have a good time opening them

**From
Claire C.**

Dear Santa,

I want real puppy. and a toy puppy I want color cubes I want a Kdoe I want a stubt hat moos I want a sup cat

From Alexis

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa I am getting a new christmas tree next year. I love pigs. What is your favroite color?

From Jake

Dear Santa,

Haw is it aging at the -1 norf pul? U pikcr of my elf

From Garrett

Dear Santa,

How is Elfy doing? can I pleave have some new books. And a new puzzle. And some new toys.

From Grace

Dear Santa,

I want for cristmas and I mite put some coockes, milk, and A toy jet. Some, A new dog, A nerf gun, A rock book, A rockstar cutar, A reemot cuncherl car, A dirt bike with a hellmelt, LAGOs, four-wheeler, A beebee fun with beebees, A new game for the ps4, I phone, Xbox-1, A tackle box, bow and arrow, A reemot control.. boat, A sleeing shot, rocket fishing rod, A TV, homework rodot, A spy drone

Dear Santa,

How is it going at the nore ple for cimsie I want a lego set I hop you have a gud time dlrvn all the puspe

**From
Paxten**

Dear Santa,

I did my list I hope you are okay this cristmas? Thank you for my dabs Elf and we named him halo, Merry cristmas

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Belle Elementary Third Grade

Casey Stockton, Teacher

Dear Santa,
This is Lydia here, I know you exist and can get these toys for me please. So I want a new bike. Then, I want new makeup. Next, I want two video game controllers. The last thing I want is a Mc Square purse. If you please give me these toys I will say thank you. Merry Christmas.

Your Friend,
Lydia J.

Dear Santa
I want ot wheel cars and control cars too. I you like white milk. Also I want a new blanket. What are your elves name? I want aelf that talks to me. I hope you have a good christmas.

Your friend,
Ben T.

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want xbox one x and gta 5. Also a 32 inch tv. A deer rifle would be nice. Am I on the naughty list? I HOPE NOT!!!
Your friend, Rydge B.

Dear Santa,
What is it like in the North Pole? How are you? I have been good at school. My sisters have been good, too. I what an easy bake oven, pokemon, pokemon cards, pokemon book, and a treasure box. I am grateful for all this stuff.

Love, Alyssa F.

Dear Santa,
How fast is your sleigh? Thank you for the tractor last year. This year I would like a real dirt bike, fourwheeler and a tractor. This year I wish for my family to be healthy. I hope you have a safe flight.

Love, Dominick E.

Dear Santa
Santa for Christmas I want a snack, a flat screen TV, and a cat please. I would also like a great white shark please. What are the elves like in your work shop, and are you real? Do you even eat cookies and do you drank milk?
Love, Ayden S.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing and how are you doing? I will give you a lot of cookies. Can I have board games for Christmas? I you don't get stuck in the chimney. Don't eat too many cookies.

Sincerely
Madison D.

Dear Santa,
Can I have a elf on the shelf for Christmas? Can I have a puppy Christmas? Can you a saltwater croc to me? I want a dolphin for Christmas. Can I have seventeen pigs for Christmas.

Love
Noah



Vienna Elementary Third Grade

Jennifer Freeman, Teacher

Dear Santa,
I might be getting a hoverboard for my birthday but I still want to ask you for one. I want an Atari for Christmas. Also I want a blue drone. This is the last thing I want. I want to meet Stephen Curry and I want some of his hightops. Just kidding that's not the last thing. I also want a elf on the shelf. This is the last thing I super duper promise I want a Samsung tablet.

(I also want a Iphone 7 and real live pig.)

Merry Christmas,
Ella H.

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa, Thanks you for the stuff you got me. For Christmas I want a phone, Hot Wheels, and phone case. I love your elf's and your reindeer. My list HotWheels, Phone, computer, racecars, LEGOS, hunting stuff, Nerf guns, football, coloring books, calender, colaring stuff, science, Christmas shirt, clo-ees, lava lamp, Mockatrala, Note book, camoflage case, U.S.A. flag, Books
From: Hunter S.

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a LoL, a big hatchimal, charer, cloves, more stuf for me small horse, a card to go to 6 flags, a friend like Earn and Dad am I on the good list.

Merry Christmas,
Chesny T.

Dear Santa,
I am just wanting a few St. Nick. I want a toy motorcycle with the one wheel in front and the two wheels in the back and in is red and I can ride in around the farm. And just in case you do not get my homemade letter this is what I want from my other letter. A car that is red that I can drive in. Santa Pixey your elfe that watches over me I hope she tells you I wished for and she is a good elf. And St. Nick I really love you every year you come. I don't just love you because you give me presents I love you because you are the most giving man I have ever heard. And a hatchamal twins.

Thank You
Love,
Gracelyn W.

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a hoverboard, shootout, clothes, socks, fourwheeler, slime, basketball, baseball bat, baseball glove, baseball bag, basketball shoes, tinnies shoes, cleats, x box, playstation, indindo switch, lservived book series, rip stick, Tablet, I phone 7, Legos, far play set, toy backhow, toy bobcat, art box, colord pencils, books, trapelean, miniture pony, nike squeeze water botel. Have I been good Santa.

Merry Christmas,
From Teagan

Dear Santa,
I have been good and you are very nice so for Christmas I would like a drone and a xbox 360. I would also like a machanical bull were it can be outside and has a cusin for wene I fall off it will save me from getting hert. I also want a ripstick. And I want to know if I'm on the good list and if I ain't I would like to be.

Sincerely,
Ace H.

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a hole bunch of slime. what I want for Christmas is ripstick for concket. I want to have a good Christmas. I want a new basketball for Christmas. I want a Atari I would like a hatchimal. I would like another phone. I would like a electric scooter.

Merry Christmas,
Love,
Lainey M.

Dear Santa,
I have been good today. I want a fitbit, tablet, and a new coat. I would take a Phone, T.V and a computer. I wish I could get a dog for Christmas. But I also want a hatchimal. I wish I could be in basketball. Have a verry merry Cristmas.

Merry Christmas,
Love
Brooke C.



Vienna Elementary Third Grade

Rachel Hays, Teacher

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a I-Pod, Baarbies, decorations, Cloths (size 7-8) my own room, American girl dolls, Phone, Phone case, fit bit, candy and Lots of Slime stuff.

From Lillian F.

Dear Santa,
I want a xbox and a farm set for Chitmas or mony and BBshells because I need more farm toys and I spill my BBshels so please can I have what I need. I've been good by the way.

From Lane H.

Dear Santa,
I don't know if I've been good but if I am I want a butt load of lego's, xboxonex, boom-chair, nerf bullets, phone, new tablet, and more long johns please. I thing that will be enough for me because I'm sure you got more kids to do. I think I deserve it because I do my chores every day without having to be told.

From Chase W.

Dear Santa,
How many Christmas lists have you got already? I think I deserve an ipode, lipstick cart, and a nailpolish cart. I think I deserve all these because I've been really good this year and I've been nice to my friends. That why I think I deserve these. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From Izzabella D.

Dear Santa,
I want a phone, tablit, XBoxone, and games for the XBoxone, because I have been so good.

From Noah T.

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of brown high heels for Christmas concerts. I've been good because I have been nice to my friends! I definitely want new socks because I had to wear my brothers socks today. I also want a new bike for Christmas.

From Larissa M.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want to have a doll and a computer desk and a new fashion book. I think I deserve a new fashion book because I have been good by taking care of my brothers and Merry Christmas.

From Rose M.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Like clean the house, help the family, cut wood, and get the mail. So I think I could get a fitbit, legos, school supplies, books, socks, clothes, a big art box, a big art pack, candy, a phone, and a new bike. Thank you Santa!

From Lillian C.

Dear Santa,
I am glad you are a part of my life. I want a go cart I deserve it because I have benn very good. I also want a remote controlled car. I like to play with remote controlled cars. Last, I want candy because I like candy.

From Gage T.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas my sister Elayna want a tea party set. I'm really excited about my elf Fisby and her Elf Pet Cookie, they said they would bring me and my sister a special present. I got my elf a puppy to help watch over me I named him Pudggy. For Christmas I want an American girl doll set with a scooter and a computer desk. I deserve that because I got an award for being really humble!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From Kaylee B.

Dear Santa,
I want a fitbit and a slime kit for Christmas. I think I deserve this because I was good. Can I get a new Phone case.

From Grace M.

Dear Santa,
I want oonies and makeup and LOL dolls, shoes, clothes and socks, pens, and mechanical, clay, paints, BTS tickets, 200 Geral and piggie, Book, a BaBy brother I have been good and Bow and arrows, guns, and movie name is Addams Family I want all of them.

From Kia R.

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To our dear friends near and far, go our very best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. May your Christmas be filled with the warmth of friends, family, peace, goodwill and contentment.

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