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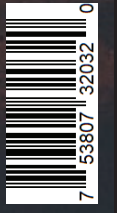
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Pet Columnist**

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Winner will be announced on Christmas Eve.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DLARMC CHANGE IN MEETING
The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Center has changed its meeting date. We will now meet on the 3rd TUESDAY of the month at 6 PM. All are invited to attend.

Coalfield Genealogical and Historical Society Meets the second Tuesday of every month Senior Citizens Building at 6:00pm

Morgan County Republican Party meets the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at the American Legion in Wartburg

BINGO for adults is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:30 - 11:30. Our current hours are Monday 10:30-3:00, Tuesday 3:00-7:30, and Wednesday 9:00-12:00.

White Oak Missionary Baptist Church will be having their "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him" Christmas Candlelight Service December 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Brent Leach invites everyone to come and join us in the celebrations of our Saviors birth.

WEEKLY WEATHER

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Follow our Facebook page for more information about this event!

Check Out the New EV6 at Rusty Wallace Kia of Knoxville Today!

In Loving Memory

Nellie Juanita Lawson Beach, 95

Mrs. Nellie Juanita Lawson Beach, age 95, of Pine Orchard, passed away Thursday December 15, 2022, at Life Care Center of Morgan County, just one day prior to her 96th birthday. She was a member of Pine Orchard Baptist Church. She was a devoted homemaker and loved to quilt.



Ruby Hickman. Five sons and four daughters-in-law: Tom and Beth Beach, Tracey and Stella Beach, Rodger and Pat Beach, Lynn and Karen Beach, and Brian Beach. Along with a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Family and friends will meet Tuesday December 20, 2022, at 12:00 PM in Pine Orchard Cemetery for graveside services with Rev. Ronnie Nickell officiating.

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Nellie Juanita Lawson Beach.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: ww.davisfuneralhomes.com

She is preceded in death by her parents: Walter and Lola Lawson. Her husband: Thomas E. Beach, Sr.

One daughter: Lola Karen Thornton.

Four grandchildren: Geneva Watson, Travis Beach, Brent Beach, and Ryan Beach.

And one great grandson: Joshua Thorton.

She is survived by one daughter:

Della Mae Bell, 59

Della Mae Bell was born February 4, 1963 and passed away December 14, 2022.



She was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel Pat Patterson Byrge; father, Ezra Byrge; and brothers, Ricky and Jason Byrge.

Della grew up in Petros, Tennessee and was a nurse most of her life. She also was a cheerleading coach for Wartburg for many years. Della was a Baptist from the heart.

Della is survived by daughter, Liz Coffy Buttry; husband, John; granddaughter, Emma Buttry

from Rogersville, TN; son, Danny Phillips and wife, Shequoya; grandson, Tyson Phillips; and sister, Margie Hughes and kids, Crystal Shadden, Tess Burgess, and John Burgess.

She was wife of the late, Jason Byrge. Kids: Genny Byrge, Destiny Byrge Bowman, Selena Byrge, Holly Byrge, J.T. Byrge; and a host of family and friends.

The family is honoring Della's wishes to be cremated.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bell family.

Obituaries must come from a funeral home to be in the newspaper.

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Riley Paige Evans, 4

Riley Paige Evans born February 2, 2017 went home to be with the Lord on December 15, 2022 with her mom and dad by her side.



special family member Mackenzie Crowley; great grandparents Roger Brown and Doris Northrup and Eva & Oscar England; grandparents Jude & Teresa Evans, Roger & Genia Brown and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

The family will be having a private service at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Riley Paige Evans.

She is preceded in death by her great grandmother Velma Evans; great grandmother Wilma Brown; aunt Brianna "Annie" Evans.

Riley leaves behind her parents Brandon & Amanda Evans; sisters Bailey and Tinley Evans; brother Bentley Evans and spe-



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Where is Al Qaeda Today?



Michael Nance
Columnist

It has been over 21 years since the Osama Bin Laden lead Al Qaeda perpetrated the devastating attacks

on America. Like many Americans, I still get angry when thinking about the attacks. It is of paramount importance that as American's we don't forget the lessons from this tragedy. For, if as a nation, we forget about the 9-11 tragedy we are doomed to be victims of terror once again.

With the War in Ukraine raging into a cold winter, the U.S. southern border near a crisis, and a politically polarized America, it is almost certain that U.S. policymakers will be preoccupied, which could lead to another great misfortune.

What do we know about the terrorist organization Al Qaeda that perpetrated the attacks on 9-11? Al-Qaeda is an Arabic term meaning "the base". It is a terrorist organization which has devoted its entire existence to attacking western interests around the globe, based on the reasoning that the U.S. and other western nations are "insufficiently Islamic."

Al Qaeda formed in the 1980s and came to power after the Soviet War with Afghanistan concluded. Many scholars and military experts have asserted that the lack of U.S. involvement in a post-Soviet Afghanistan allowed Al Qaeda to gain influence which eventually led to the attacks on September 11.

Osama Bin Laden was eventually brought to justice for his actions as he was killed in Abbottabad, Pakistan, in a raid led by U.S. Navy SEALs. This action occurred on May 2, 2011, almost a decade after 9-11. This action effectively handicapped the leadership of Al Qaeda but fell short of making Al-Qaeda leaderless. Al Qaeda operates in a manner similar to the mythical Greek Hydra, when you cut one head from the snake it seems two

grow back.

Before Bin Laden's death he and his successor Ayman al-Zawahri struggled to keep control of Al Qaeda. The war in Iraq saw the first real splintering of control as

consequence was that internal elements of Al Qaeda were competing for power within the organization. This internal competition kept Al Qaeda from collaborating on large scale attacks.

still have a strong relationship. It is now December, and Al Qaeda still hasn't named a leader to replace Zawahri. This begs the question why? There is a myriad of possibilities why Al-Qaeda is remaining silent on the subject. This absence of action generally supports a lack of organizational capabilities, which is good news for the free world! Admittedly there are a host of reasons why they are being silent. I just hope it is the reason mentioned in this article.

Considering that Al Qaeda has splintered into numerous factions, which one should we worry about? All of them is the correct answer. All of the Al Qaeda splinter groups are anti-western, and the United States is the ideological nemesis to Al Qaeda beliefs. Reviewing the different Al

Qaeda splinter groups two of them appear to have the most capacity to launch well-organized terror attacks. Al Qaeda in the Arabia Peninsula (AQAP) and African stationed elements of Al Qaeda in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). Of these two, Al Qaeda elements the AQIM stationed in Africa appears to have the most capacity for terror. Presently they don't seem to be focusing on the U.S. rather they are attempting to consolidate power in the African Region. Conversely, AQAP doesn't appear to have the current capacity for large-scale operations as their ranks have been decimated in the Yemeni Civil War.

In conclusion, Al Qaeda has a diminished capacity around the globe, but they are far from extinction. It is easy for our policymakers to forget about Al Qaeda when you consider all the distractions. As citizens we must urge our elected leaders to maintain the pursuit of Al Qaeda and its extremist leaders, wherever they call home. For if we do not, we may suffer another terrorist attack.



Skyline of Manhattan with smoke billowing from the Twin Towers following September 11th terrorist attack on World Trade Center, New York City (Photo Courtesy of the Library of Congress)



Osama Bin Laden, (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Government)

the Jordanian national Abu Musab al Zarqawi formed the Iraq-based Al Qaeda in Iraq (AQI). In 2006, AQI renamed itself the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI). In 2009, after the Saudi's had dismantled elements of Al Qaeda within their borders, the remaining cells joined remnants of Al Qaeda in Yemen. They formed Al Qaeda in the Arabia Peninsula (AQAP).

The splintering of the Al Qaeda power structure evidence that the strain of U.S. pressure prevented Osama and Zawahri from exerting effective control over the organization. The downstream

"operational brains" behind the September 11, 2001, attacks. Zawahri lacked the charisma of Bin Laden and Al Qaeda's operational capacity waned under his leadership.

Zawahri was killed by a U.S. drone strike on July 31, 2022, and the United States military had withdrawn from Afghanistan in September of 2021. Zawahri being located in Afghanistan less than a year after the withdrawal should catch the attention of policy makers and military strategists alike. Zawahri moving his command back to Afghanistan proves that the Taliban and Al Qaeda



Ayman al-Zawahri Killed by U.S. Drone Strike July 31, 2022

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from which two New Testament books? *Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation*
2. Who visited Jesus on the night of His birth and found Mary, Joseph and the babe lying in a manger? *Innkeeper, Shepherds, Herod, Magi*
3. Where was the young child when the Magi came to visit Him to present gifts? *Manger, Under the stars, House, Temple*
4. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? *0, 1, 2, 7*
5. Who was King of Judea at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem? *Solomon, Herod, Balak, Belshazzar*
6. Which animals were present at Jesus' birth? *Lions and bears, Sheep and goats, Cows and donkeys, No mention of animals*

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke, 2) Shepherds, 3) House, 4) Zero, 5) Herod, 4) No mention of animals

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a



Potty Tales: Behold the Magic of Shop Towels

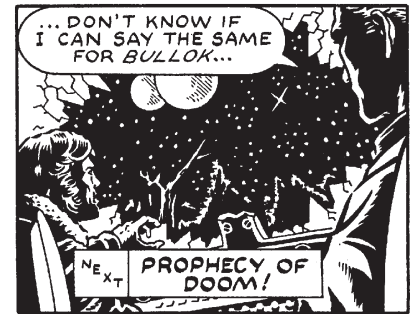
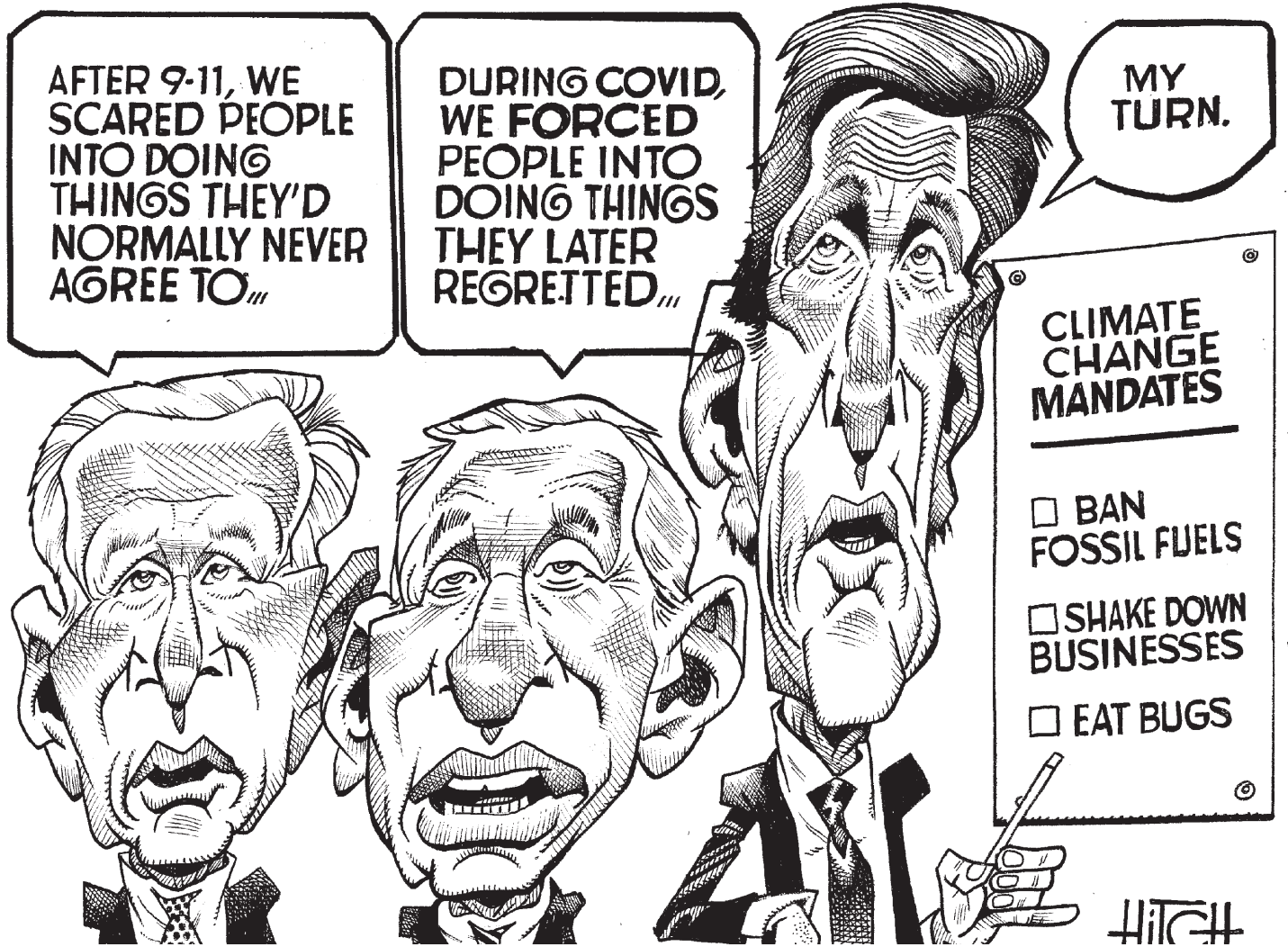
DEAR PAW'S CORNER: When I turned 78 years ago, my wringer washer broke. I hated toting laundry to the laundromat, and I hated lugging home kitty litter to my many cats. So I came up with a solution: I use washable cotton bed pads and cotton shop towels, laid out over plant trays. They can quickly be washed in a big tub with hot water, soap and bleach. My cats took to them right away — the big cats don't miss the cotton pads, and my other cats will use the shop towels and then wrap them over their poop. The savings are tremendous for me, and there is no litter to buy and lug home. The shop towels last for years. It may sound weird to some people, but if you read the reviews under most cotton bed pads, many are purchased by people for their pets. — Eva D., via email

DEAR EVA: What a unique solution. It seems like a lot of extra work compared to just lugging litter home, but then there's the constant scooping and disposal that litter entails. Thank you for the tip!

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Disposable potty pads can be expensive, and their plastic lining seems like a disaster for the environment. But my 15-year-old Chihuahua, Shemp, has incontinence problems and can't make it outside when he needs to pee. Instead of going broke buying the pads, I line a plastic tray with newspaper and a cotton shop towel. I change this padding each time Shemp uses it, around two to three times per day. The newspaper is disposable, and I wash the shop towels in the laundry sink with soap and hot water. — Jane K., Lexington, Kentucky

DEAR JANE: Thank you for sharing this handy tip! Readers, note how frequently a potty pad must be changed to keep the area clean and odor-free and, most importantly, to keep your pet healthy.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

 * "Set up a phone call between kids and grandparents a week or so before visiting. They can talk about what the kids might like to do. It gives the grandparents time to prepare, and it gives kids a chance to build excitement before the trip." -- G.R. in Ohio

* Clean and disinfect a wood cutting board with salt and lemon juice. Sprinkle the board with a healthy dose of plain salt (kosher or coarse salt works best), and scrub it with a cut half of a lemon. Rinse and clean with soap and water.

* Hairspray spritzed on the end of a thread will stiffen it long enough to get it through a needle head. You also can thread your needle in front of a surface that's an opposing color (i.e. a white piece of paper while threading a needle with black thread).

* When shopping for seamless bras, bring a T-shirt that is relatively tight-fitting to wear over the bras. You will know right away if there are seam lines or if the cup is too small. These sometimes get overlooked when a bra is worn under a looser shirt. -- E.D. in Ontario, Canada

* Another use for baking soda: It's a perfect exfoliator. It's good for the whole body and is pH neutral, so it won't overdry skin. To use it, just make a paste and rub onto skin. Rinse and enjoy the softness.

* Cold and flu got you down? Once you clear those symptoms, try gargling with saltwater. It reduces inflammation in your throat and washes away irritants and bacteria.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* When Ivan the Terrible's young son Dmitry died, a bell was rung to mark the occasion. The bell was later lashed, tried for treason, found guilty and exiled to Siberia. Why? Local legend had it that the bell rang of its own accord, which was considered an evil omen.

* Each team must provide the referee with 24 footballs for each NFL game.

* A neuroscientist suffered a series of strokes that left him with an irresistible urge to rhyme and rap. He made the most of this unusual side effect by going on to pursue freestyle rap and improvisation as a hobby.

* Almost every New York City

alley scene in the movies is shot at the same location.

* Nigel Richards won a French Scrabble World Championship without actually knowing how to speak the language. He just memorized words from a French dictionary.

* We hate to disillusion you, but pumpkin spice and pumpkin pie spice contain no pumpkin whatsoever.

* There is an asteroid named after Kurt Vonnegut.

* The world's oldest known rose bush, which grows up the side of Hildesheim Cathedral in Germany, was planted more than 1,000 years ago and even survived a World War II bombing.

* In some cities, road crews use pickle juice or beet juice to combat winter's icy streets.

* Got a mouse problem at your house? Your grocery store might provide a quick and easy answer in the form of bananas. Male mice are scared of their scent -- especially virgin male mice.

* American radio broadcaster Art Bell stayed on air for a world-record-setting 116 hours and 15 minutes as part of a fundraiser to bring 130 Vietnamese orphans to the U.S. for adoption.

Thought for the Day: "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." -- Shirley Chisholm (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Feedbag bit
- 4 Chilled
- 8 Theatergoer's souvenir
- 12 Show to a seat, slangily
- 13 Cleopatra's river
- 14 Poi base
- 15 Dance syllable
- 16 Fabric fastener
- 18 Klum of "Project Runway"
- 20 Hide-hair insert
- 21 Early birds?
- 24 Apple intruders
- 28 Wind-driven toy
- 32 Tidy
- 33 Altar affirmative
- 34 Fussess
- 36 Log chopper
- 37 Region (Abbr.)
- 39 Flag-shaped blazer accessory
- 41 Pago Pago's place
- 43 Sleuth Wolfe
- 44 Sphere
- 46 Lively dance
- 50 Yankee uniform pattern
- 55 Squeak stopper

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- 58 Buddy
- 59 Conks out
- 60 Like lemons
- 61 Supplement, with "out"
- 7 TV chef Paula
- 8 "Sophie's Choice" author
- 9 Spigot
- 10 Swiss canton
- 11 "— voyage!"
- 17 AAA job
- 19 Morning moisture
- 22 Earth sci.
- 23 Auto style
- 25 Harvest
- 26 Extra-long
- 27 British gun
- 28 Plum centers
- 29 Notion
- 30 Standard
- 31 Easy gait
- 35 Eden tempter
- 38 Perches
- 40 Privy
- 42 Illustrations
- 45 Telly watcher
- 47 Earring site
- 48 "Star Trek" captain
- 49 Medicinal plant
- 50 Prof's degree
- 51 Three, on a sundial
- 52 Away from SSW
- 53 "— Little Teapot"
- 54 Standard

DOWN

- 1 "That hurts!"
- 2 Tennis great Arthur
- 3 Bangkok language
- 4 Perception
- 5 Espionage org.
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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

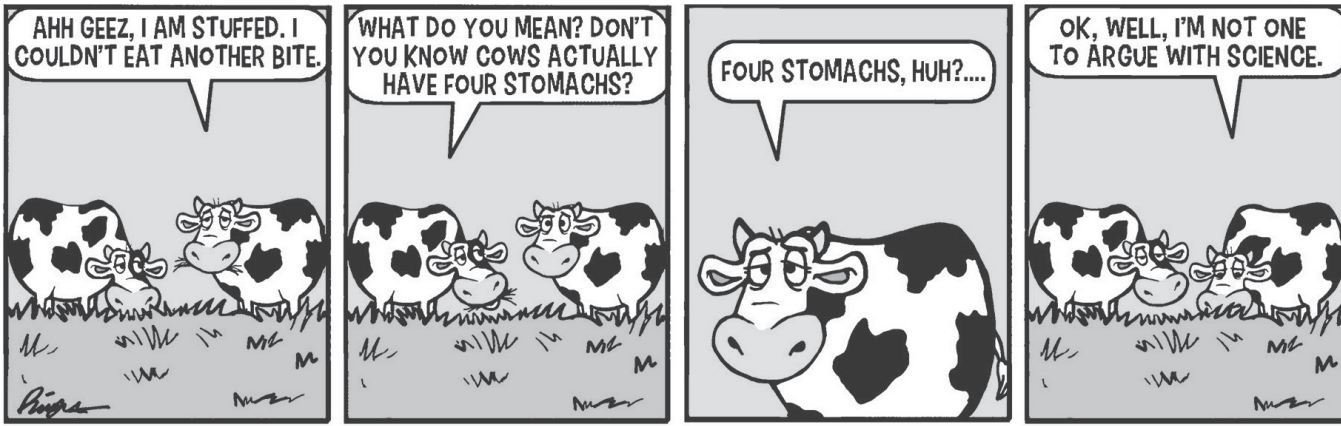
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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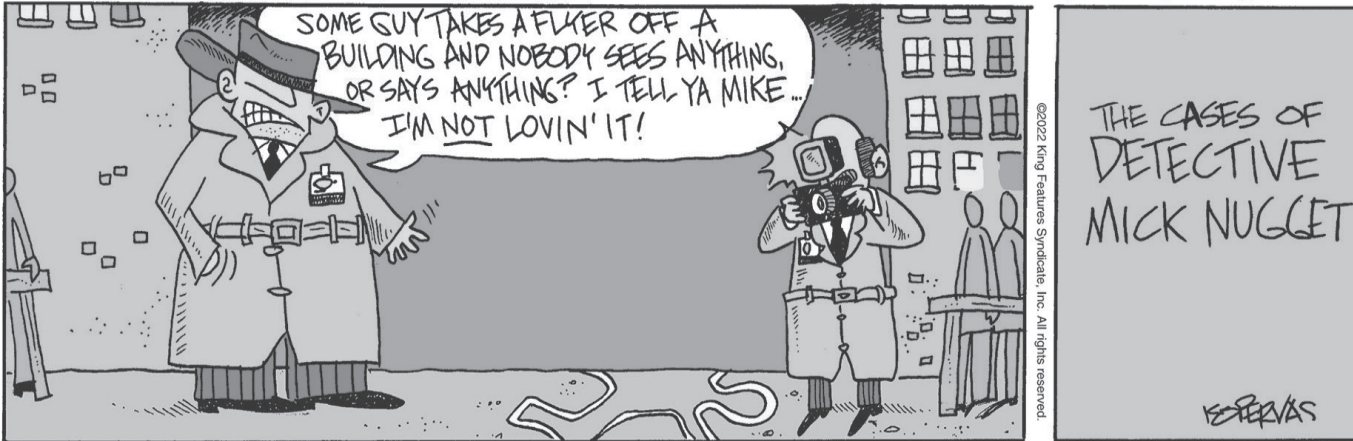
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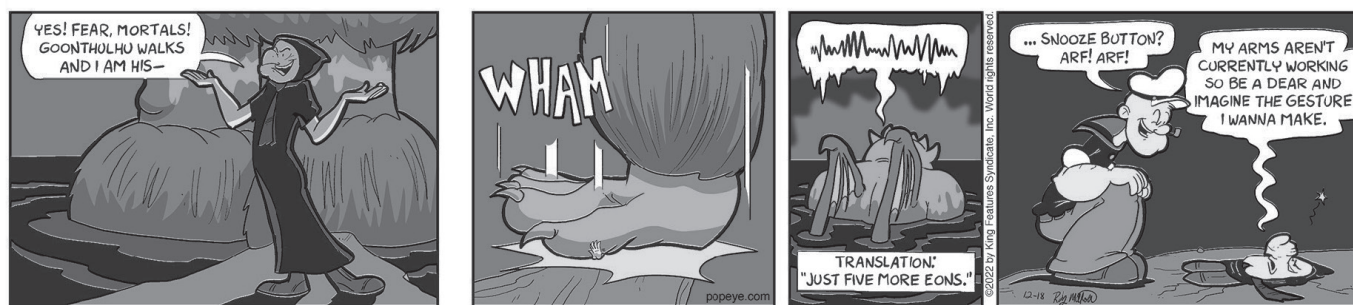
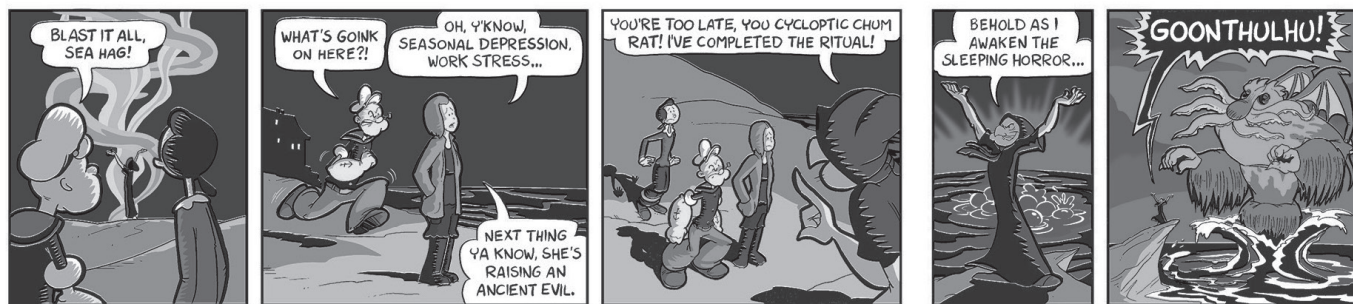
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Jan. 5, 1914, Henry Ford introduced a revolutionary pay deal of \$5 per day wages for all of his employees. When asked about it, he told reporters that he wanted his workers to earn enough to be able to afford to buy a Ford motor car.

* On Jan. 3, 1938, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who contracted polio at age 39, founded the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, later renamed the March of Dimes Foundation. The moniker came courtesy of comedian Eddie Cantor, who said in a donations appeal: "Nearly everyone can send in a dime, or several dimes. However, it takes only 10 dimes to make a dollar, and if a million people send only one dime, the total will be \$100,000."

* On Jan. 2, 1941, The Andrews Sisters recorded "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" for Decca Records, about a Chicago trumpeter drafted into the Army in World War II who shakes up "Reveille" with his masterful licks. Originally intended for Lou Costello to perform in the comedy "Buck Privates," it was reworked for The Andrews Sisters, who introduced it in the film.

* On Jan. 6, 1973, the 1939 Mercedes-Benz 770k sedan that Hitler was said to have used in a parade march was sold to Earl Clark at an auction for \$153,000. Clark planned to exhibit the vehicle at his Dutch Wonderland Amusement Park in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

* On Jan. 7, 1981, truck driver Peter Sutcliffe admitted to being the "Yorkshire Ripper," who killed 13 women in northern England over five years. Sutcliffe was caught on Jan. 2 after being stopped by the police with Olivia Reivers, a prostitute, and was arrested for having fitted his car with fake license plates.

* On Jan. 4, 2012, Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah decreed that men could no longer sell female underwear in lingerie shops. The country previously allowed only men to work as shop keepers, but after female customers complained that they made the women uncomfortable, a new law allowed women to take their place.

* On Jan. 8, 2014, Mexican officials found two gray whale calves in a lagoon. The case was even more unusual because they were conjoined. Though found alive, the whales died soon after, and samples were taken for scientists to study their rarity.

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

By Rich Lowry

Elon Musk Is the Nation's Foremost Culture Warrior

Elon Musk, who has never called himself a conservative, is now the nation's foremost culture warrior.

That he's achieved this status without espousing anything remotely like social conservatism illustrates how important a set of hothouse progressive pieties have become to the nation's political debate.

We've come a long way from the days of Pat Buchanan or Pat Robertson.

Simply by refusing to play by the rules that so many in corporate America accept without hesitation, Musk has made himself Public Enemy No. 1, a figure of fear and loathing that his critics desperately want to fail and the more humiliatingly so, the better.

Not that Musk is shy. He has taken over Donald Trump's championship belt as the troll who most dominates the consciousness of the country's journalistic elite. His puckish tweet the other day tweaked both the fashionable practice of declaring your pronouns and the secular saint Dr. Anthony Fauci: "My pronouns are Prosecute/Fauci."

This little 5-word haiku of provocation predictably created a storm of "How could he?" outrage.

The Atlantic responded with a piece arguing, as the headline put it, "Elon Musk Is a Far-Right Activist." The only thing the article lacked was a shred of evidence that Musk is either "far-right," or an "activist."

Yes, Musk said before the midterms that he'd vote Republican, but that doesn't make him far-right any more than voting for Democrats necessarily makes someone far-left. News flash: About half the country votes for Republicans.

And he's obviously doing everything he can to garner attention for Twitter as he tries to make it a sustainable business. That's marketing and showmanship, though, not political activism.

In releasing what he calls "The Twitter Files," exposing the decision-making of the company's prior management, Musk hasn't been working with conservatives. One of the writers, Matt Taibbi, is a progressive, while the other, Bari Weiss, is right of center, but by no means a right-winger.

What Taibbi and Weiss share, along with Musk, is an unwillingness to swallow the orthodoxies of the elite media and progressive establishment.

It is this posture that makes Musk an intolerable dissenter. Far right now means saying things that you aren't supposed to say -- not racist things or extreme things -- but things that have been deemed unsayable only recently. Several years ago, no one would have thought it was terrible offense to refuse to adopt the weird obsession with pronouns gaining traction at some liberal-arts colleges; now, it's practically a hate crime.

Musk is also a traitor to his class. The tech elite was supposed to be libertarian but in a left-aligned way, maintaining a belief in the profit motive but otherwise moving along in the slipstream of progressive culture.

Musk has refused to do it and is highlighting what is ultimately a clash of values. It's independent-thinking v. the herd mentality; free speech over and above an ideology of "safety"; a tough-minded focus on work and the bottom line in opposition to the priorities of an entitled woke workforce.

This is all playing out in the battle for the soul of Twitter, assuming it has one. The platform had become a progressive playpen. Woke writers and activists expected it to be run according to their worldview and by rules favorable to their interests -- for good reason.

Not anymore. The fearless, shoot-from-the-hip Musk is, like Trump before him, a barbarian at the gate and a heretic. His takeover of Twitter is like the Vikings sacking the famous English monastery of Wearmouth-Jarrow in the 8th century. Questioning Fauci is like the Albigensians challenging monotheism in the 13th century. Mocking pronouns is like questioning divine-right kingship in the age of absolute monarchies.

This is why the fight over Twitter, which is itself not that important--- "Twitter is not real life," as the cliché has it -- is so heated and bitter. It's ultimately over whether progressive ideology will maintain its default status in elite precincts of America, and whether a high-profile dissenter can survive and thrive.

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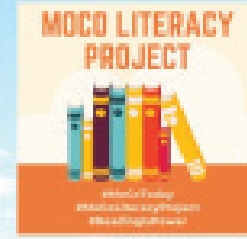
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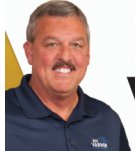
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Tom Redmon
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On Top of the World The Blimp Hangars at Moffett Field, California

I really would like to see an old time Christmas this year. I want to go out into the woods and cut me a little cedar for a Christmas tree.

I would like for my sisters to still be around to make the decorations for the tree. No store-bought bulbs because I wouldn't have electricity. The girls would spend most of the day making decorations out of crepe paper and other colored paper. They were good at it.

There would be no big box stores so shopping at Walmart and Target were out. We might have to make a lot of our gifts or look for a dime store. Down in the flat woods we could find those little evergreen shrubs that grow in certain damp places and we could cut us a lot of holly trees. If we were lucky, we could even get some mistletoe. Here we would have our home really decorated and it would cost us nothing.

My mom would start baking cakes and pies two days before Christmas. We had gotten lots of kindling and wood for the cook stove. With the warm morning stove going in the living room and the kitchen stove burning all day our house should be warm. It was always good for the entire family to sit around the big table at suppertime. Seven kids gathered around the table the night before Christmas – five of them on the big bench that my great uncle had built. Mom really knew how to cook and make the food taste so good, and to think she didn't have home economics in school. At the end of the meal mom brought out the molasses with plenty of cow butter and biscuits. When she pinched the doe off and put it in the pan, those cat head biscuits would turn out just right every time. We would save the pies and cakes for Christmas day.

The night before this we all had walked out to Liberty Church for our Christmas program and a little gift bag of fruit and candy. My Sunday school teacher had gotten all the boys in her class a gift. It was so nice of the preacher's wife to do that.

My brother and I had already gotten one gift. My oldest brother was in the Navy and his wife always tried to get all the little kids something. We had to walk out to Mabel's parents' home on Liberty Road to pick up the gifts but it was well worth the hike. We got guns that shot wooden pellets and I had fun with it for years. I remember Mabel getting us gifts several Christmases in a row and believe me I loved her for doing that. There were seven socks hung up behind the warm morning stove. I always knew what would be in mine – or at least one thing – marbles, or a sack-of-shootings I called them. If I had a pocket full of marbles, I usually had a big smile on my face.

There was never much under the Christmas tree

but they made certain all of us had something. Our big treat was on the kitchen table because mom had showed her love for the family by working hard for two days. We always had at least four or five different vegetables, a meat, either ham or chicken and all kinds of pies and cakes with milk and tea to drink. Our little stomachs were so full when we went to bed we had to toss and turn and think about what we had gotten for Christmas.



Everything back then was simple. No smart phones, no expensive toys, and no big bills to pay after Christmas. We might get a new pair of shoes or a new shirt but you can bet we didn't

feel the closets and dressers drawers up. Were we thankful? You can bet we were. We knew deep inside our hearts and minds what Christmas was all about. We had learned this in Sunday school and church. Jesus was born on this day and since there was no room in the inn Jesus was put in a manger. Later we learned that Jesus was our Savior. He came into the world that we might have eternal life. He loved us so much that he gave his life on that old rugged cross. Through Jesus Christ we have hope today. If you are born-again you will go to Heaven.

So, you see Christmas day is a very important day for all of us. Not just a day to get presents or to have a lot of food to eat. Jesus lived on earth for 33 years as both man and God and then shed his blood for us to be saved. He died on the cross, was put in a tomb and rose again in three days. So, you see it all started on Christmas day.

A Modern Christmas
Today, the way we celebrate Christmas in a totally different way. Stores have big sales as they hope to get out of the red. It is so commercialized. People shop weeks ahead and after Christmas they find they are in debt.

I wonder if people are as happy as we were when we opened our presents that cost less than a dollar. Are they happy when they spend big money on a Christmas dinner? Would it be better to have the family at home together?

Material things are exhibited so much today that the true meaning of Christmas is missed. I want to reach out to someone in need this Christmas and show the love of Jesus Christ. I believe Jesus would love that.

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David Zubler
Columnist

Year-end business tax strategies for 2022

As the end of the year approaches, tax planning can provide significant tax savings. Tax planning should take into consideration recent tax law proposals and changes.

One strategy is purchasing assets provides the opportunity to expense the asset or a portion of the asset. The amount of the asset to be expensed after the year is over. Buying assets provides flexibility when it's time to file your tax return.

Another strategy is deferring revenue and prepaying your expenses to reduce your profit.

Deferring revenue and accelerating expenses can be used to reduce taxes for the year. You will need to quit billing customers at the end of the year. Customers can't pay when they haven't been billed.

Prepaying expenses will also reduce your taxes. Using the IRS Safe Harbor to prepay your bills allows you to pay your bills a month in advance.

Before using the strategy of deferring revenue and prepaying expenses, you should determine if this strategy makes sense. If you expect to have a larger profit next year, this strategy may not make sense. You will also want to determine whether it's best to reduce your profit this year and create a different business entity to provide substantial tax savings in both years. I've advised many businesses to use the available strategies for the current year and change entities for the following year.

The best business entity may change as a business's profit changes. When the profit of a sole proprietor begins to exceed \$75,000, it may benefit from forming an S corporation to reduce self-employment (SE) taxes. For example, if a sole proprietor has a \$150,000 profit, SE tax is paid on the entire profit. By forming an S corporation with a salary of \$50,000, the business would avoid paying SE taxes on \$100,000. The SE tax rate is approximately 15%, which would provide federal income tax savings of

about \$15,000 a year.

Another strategy to reduce self-employment taxes is to rent assets from your spouse. Your spouse will have rental income, but rental income isn't subject to self-employment taxes.

Hiring your spouse can save thousands of dollars without spending a penny. Employee benefits are deductible to your business but are not taxable income to your spouse. Employing your spouse lets you deduct expenditures you are already making, such as medical expenses, life insurance, and tickets to concerts and sporting events.

You should also take into consideration recent federal tax law proposals with the intent to increase corporate and personal income taxes.

The 2023 federal budget proposal proposes increasing corporations' tax rate to 28% for tax years after December 31, 2022 (up from 21%). With the proposed tax rate changes, maximizing income tax savings is even more important.

New tax credits should also be considered as part of your tax planning. This includes credits for clean commercial vehicles and credits for improving the efficiency of commercial buildings can provide tax benefits.

Using year-end tax planning strategies can substantially reduce business taxes.

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By Matilda Charles

Finding Assisted Living

Is 2023 the year when you have to consider moving into assisted living? Or perhaps helping an elderly relative make the move? In either case, your first steps should be gathering as much information as possible.

What type of care is needed? Daily help with everything from bathing to eating to remembering to take medications? Or is a more specialized, secure location needed for memory care? Or something in between?

What facilities are in your area? It will be important that friends and family can visit easily, as well as having access to the same medical care after the move. Going out for lunch locally can go a long way toward keeping relationships intact.

Once you've selected a few facilities to explore, start digging for information. Call the state and ask about the licenses, accreditation and safety

track records. Call your local fire and police departments about potential safety issues.

Do you know anyone who works in one of the facilities you're considering, or who knows someone who lives there? Their input could be crucial when it comes to learning about any rules the facility might have, or any staff shortages that could lead to problems with client care or any ongoing complaints about the food.

Then ask for a tour at every facility on your list. Stay as long as you can and ask a lot of questions. Get a copy of the potential contract to give your attorney to review (ideally one specializing in elder law).

Money: You'll need to know what everything costs, and by everything, that means all the fees that might not be included in the overall amount. Are clients charged for field trips or special entertainment, for example? How about laundry costs?

As part of your information-gathering, go online and search for "how to select an assisted living facility" or something similar. Look for checklists of questions to ask. You'll need all the information you can find.

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FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

1. What was "Calypso" about?
2. "Give Me Back My Man" appeared on which album?
3. Why was "Heaven Must Be Missing An Angel" split between the A and B sides of the single?
4. Which artist legally changed his name to Sananda Maitreya?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Seven thirty seven comin' out of the sky, Won't you take me down to Memphis on a midnight ride."

Answers

1. John Denver wrote the 1975 song as a tribute to Jacques-Yves Cousteau and the oceanographic research vessel Calypso.
2. The song was released on "Wild Planet" by the B-52's in 1980.
3. The 1976 disco song by Tavares was 6 minutes, 38 seconds long. While it didn't top the Billboard chart, it did reach No. 1 on the Hot Dance Club list.
4. Terence Trent D'Arby, in 2001. His debut album won a Grammy for Best Male R&B Vocal Performance in 1989.
5. "Travelin' Band" by Creedence Clearwater Revival, in 1970. In 1972, the group was sued for plagiarism for the music, with a claim that it was too similar to another song, "Good Golly, Miss Molly." The suit was settled out of court.

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2 Timothy Chapter 3

(2 Tim. 3:1-9) Prophecy concerning apostasy: Paul will now sketch a preview of horrible days of apostasy that loom on the spiritual horizon. The reference to “the last days” is a general expression for the entire Christian dispensation (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17; Heb. 1:2). During the course of this dispensation, stressful times of digression from divine truth will arise. These are: (a) “self-lovers” (selfishness, consumed with self-interest); (b) “money-lovers” (obsessed with materialism); (c) “boastful” (the egotistical braggart who aggressively seeks attention and is utterly lacking in humility); (d) “railers” (disrespectful, slanderers, tongues filled with poison); (e) “disobedient to parents” (those who disrespect parents with abusive language, violent actions, or infidelic neglect) (1 Tim. 1:9; 5:8); (f) “unthankful” (the deplorable sin of ingratitude (Lk. 17:17); (g) “unholy” (attitudes and actions antagonistic to the very nature of God, devilish); (h) “without natural affection” (a bizarre, anti-social personality who seems repulsed at normal affectionate relationships---abortion is a concrete example); (i) “implacable” (one who unreasonably exhibits a non-reconciliatory disposition); (j) “slanderers” (those who circulate false reports concerning others); (k) “without self control” (wantonly indulging in fleshly desires); (l) “fierce” (brutal, uncivilized); (m) “no lover of good” (void of interest in the welfare of others); (n) “traitors” (prone to betraying relationships); (o) “headstrong” (reckless, uncontrollable); (p) “puffed up” (self-inflated, conceited); (q) “lovers of pleasure” (preoccupied with this-world trinkets, without time for the spiritual); “form of godliness” (hollow, religious façade).

Paul’s mandate regarding this “who’s who” of religious rebels is: “from these turn away” (literally, “be turning away now!”). Have no fellowship with such renegades. The form of the verb indicates that the “grievous times” of the “last days” had begun already, and certainly would continue to develop (v. 5). These traitors of truth operate covertly. They “creep into houses” and “take captive silly women,” those spiritually weak. There was a “woman” problem in this church (1 Tim. 2:9); the false teachers had overloaded these women with sins, easily led away by different desires. They were enamored with “learning” (likely a proto-Gnosticism) but unable to grasp the knowledge of truth (v.6-7).

The apostle mentions the incident of certain magicians who withstood Moses. He notes that the heretics in Ephesus withstand the truth in similar fashion. They are “corrupt in mind” (thoroughly perverted) and reprobate (failing the divine test), namely “the faith” system (v. 8), thus are rejected by God. They will be stopped, however, and their exposure will be widely known (v. 9).

(2 Tim. 3:10-12) Reflections on the past: Timothy is commended because he had not yielded to the corruption of these teachers. He had remained faithful, patterning his life after the example of his teacher in: (a) “teaching” (the gospel); (b) “conduct” (Paul’s pattern of living); (c) “faith” (the apostle’s trust in God); (d) “longsuffering” (endurance under trials); (e) “love” (dedication to serving God); (f) “patience” (not giving in to pressures); (g) “persecutions” (undergoing hostile treatment); (h) “sufferings” (both physical and emotional).

Specific historical situations are cited, the turmoil at Antioch (Acts 13:44-52), at Iconium (Acts 14:4-6), and at Lystra (Acts 14:19). But God deliv-

ered his apostle. This principle must be learned, however. Persecution for the Christian is inevitable (v. 12; 2 Cor. 11:25-27).

(2 Tim. 3:13-17) Warning and exhortation: In spite of deliverances from persecution at times, this does not mean the Christian is permanently exempt from trials. No indeed; evil people and religious impostors will be around always. Corrupt teachers will grow increasingly vile, being victims of deceit and deceiving others as well. But Timothy must remain rooted in the solid truths he had learned, and remain assured of their integrity. His confidence was emboldened by the quality of his Christian teachers (v. 14). From the time of his infancy, Timothy had been exposed to the “sacred writings.” Jewish history suggests that Hebrew children were taught the Scriptures beginning at about age five. The “sacred writings” (embracing New Testament Scripture as well) are able to make one “wise unto salvation.” The Old Testament alone is incapable of doing this. Apart from biblical revelation, one cannot know of the salvation which is through faith and which is resident “in Christ Jesus” (v. 15; 2:10; Gal. 3:26-27).

Paul therefore makes a general propositional statement (16-17). It embraces “all scripture,” Old Testament and New Testament. Too, since “scripture” (writing) consists of words, the implication is that the very words of which the larger body is composed are inspired. “Scripture” is “inspired of God.” Its source is divine, and its conveyance was protected from all error. It is practical for: (a) “teaching” (imparting information)---there are more than three hundred explicit quotations from the Old Testament in the New Testament, and thousands of allusions; (b) “reproof” (in exposing error and false teachers); (c) bringing about “correction” (repairing that which is broken); (d) “instruction in righteousness” (training and discipline).

The ultimate goal is that the Christian may be “complete, furnished completely unto every good work.” “Complete” refers to that which is sufficient to meet all demands. “Completely furnished” reflects a grammatical form which indicates the “fitting” is by God, and the result is a permanent mode (namely the Bible) of completely qualifying man for “every good work” needed to pursue the service of God.

The scriptures consist of words by which God communicates with us. When one says: “I don’t care what the scripture says, but I know how I feel in my heart”. Cain believed in his ability to choose contrary to God’s words and Able did not accidentally get it right, but acted per God’s word. The lake of fire will be full of good people who do not care what the scriptures say. Multitudes of religious people believe they are headed to heaven, their preachers say they are. Jesus says: Matthew 7:13-14 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Matthew 7:21-23 “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

Religious people today resist the gospel truth just as viciously as the Jews did when they stoned Stephen to death (Acts chapters 6-7).

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Historically Speaking

Julia Hopper Daniel

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Benita Albert brings us insight into a family history that is both unique and typical of other lost or potentially lost histories. Her interest in this family's history, generated through her story of Molly Brown, takes us back fully to some of the earliest settlements along the historic early route west, the Emery Road. The plantation purchased prior to the Civil War begins a history of the family and interesting an original smokehouse and well house still exist there! Now, those structures may well be among the oldest structures in Oliver Springs and should be noted along with such others in the area as the Freels Bend Cabin in Oak Ridge built in 1844, and the Morgan County Stonecipher-Kelly House built in 1814.

You will enjoy this adventure back in the history of our area that is not well known or appreciated nearly as well as it should be. I am pleased to learn of the coming Tri-County African American Cultural Museum in Oliver Springs. Now, learn some history you did not know: ***

Julia Hopper Daniel is a historian, genealogist, archivist, and an enchanting storyteller. Her Hopper family roots in Oliver Springs date back to the mid-nineteenth century. Her great-great-grandmother Adeline was brought as a ten-year-old slave to work on a plantation in Winters Gap (now called Oliver Springs). The plantation land was purchased in 1855 by William Staples of Morgan County. Adeline remained in the Oliver Springs community until her death at age 84 in 1929. Adeline's great grandsons, William Julian Hopper, Jr. and Benton Howard Hopper, purchased approximately 200 acres of the original Staples farmland in the late 1940s.

Julia Daniel fondly recalled her early childhood home as a large, wood-framed antebellum home with deep porches, a home that was included in the Hopper land purchase. Though this house was demolished when a new brick rancher was built in 1960, the original plantation smokehouse and well house still exist on the property. Now there are a total of eight family homes sitting alongside fertile cornfields, other vegetable and fruit gardens, and bucolic pastures on the Hopper land located a couple of miles outside of Oliver Springs.

Julia's brother, William Julian Hopper III, is well known for the truckloads of delicious, Silver Queen corn he sells at the Oak Ridge Farmers Market, an annual tradition since 1967. Julia remembers that the federal government's "opening of the Oak Ridge gates" in March 1949, provided access to many new customers eager for fresh farm products which the Hopper family often delivered residentially. The family was also well known to Knoxville's Western Avenue Market where they delivered fresh produce for over thirty years.

Julia holds in highest esteem her upbringing and the values instilled: close family ties, a strong work ethic, educational goals, and a spiritual foundation. She described her parents, William Julian (June) Hopper, Jr. and Nannie Lamar Smith Hopper, as strict disciplinarians but also as examples of unconditional love and benevolence within the family and beyond.

A charming story, so descriptive of everyday life on the farm in the 1940's was written by Julia's mother. The story highlighted events of an ordinary workday turned special by the birth of Julia.

"Monday, February 23, 1948, was wash day at the Hopper household. Monday was always wash day unless there was rain. The water was drawn out of a well on the porch and carried to the big tub on the Home Comfort wood and coal cook stove for heating. In those days we washed on a rub board, boiled the white clothes, and rinsed the colored clothes twice. There was no wringer type washing machine let alone an automatic washing machine. They (the family) teased me about going to the Stone Clinic on that day saying I would do anything to get out of helping with the washing." By the time Julia was born in early afternoon the day's wash was already drying on the clothesline.

Julia said, "My parents took in many people, extended family and others who worked on the farm. Some lived in three small houses provided on the farm property, but also some boarded in our main house. Momma would cook for all the farm workers preparing hearty meals befitting their big appetites. The children ate last and that meant we sometimes missed out on the tea and cornbread." Speaking to her farm tasks, Julia said: "My older sister Abigail and I would deliver heavy glass jars of well water to the field workers, making multiple trips on hot days. I once had the bright idea to cut our walking down by stopping at a closer stream branch to refill. It was muddy water that was not well received and quickly spit out." At this point in our conversation, Julia confessed to being somewhat of a prankster and a young girl who would rather have been in the field pulling corn, or better yet, driving the mule-drawn

wagon.

Stories of her parents included their Sunday afternoon visits to the sick and needy in their Little Leaf Baptist Church family and to neighbors with whom they shared farm goods and prayers. A customer who bought food from Julia's father recalled his generosity. She remembered that when he learned she was a widow, he quietly filled her sack with extra food at no charge. Nannie became a deaconess in her church and was responsible for preparing the Communion Table. June was a deacon who, along with his brother Benton, served as lead crew members in the construction of the new, brick sanctuary built in 1964.

As early as the 1850's, William Staples wanted his slaves to worship with his family. He provided seating for them in the back of the sanctuary on a raised balcony in the Fairview Church. Adeline first worshipped at Fairview, the church building sitting on a hill above the Staples plantation. Later, Adeline Staples Crozier's status is recorded as one of the founding members of The Little Leaf Baptist Church. That church today counts seven generations of the Hopper/Crozier clan and extended family who have actively participated in a variety of church leadership roles. Julia Daniel has served faithfully as an archivist of the church history.

The five Hopper children of June and Nannie are in birth order from oldest to youngest: Abigail (Gail), Julia (Judy) Smith, Minnie Louise (Lou), Anna Jean (Jean), and William Julian III. Two other siblings died at childbirth, Gail is now deceased (2011), while Lou lives in Oak Ridge, and Jean in Smyrna, TN. Both Julia and Julian III as well as their cousins from Uncle Benton's family live on the Hopper farm compound. Julian III continues the tradition of the Hopper farm learned under the tutelage of his father



Julia's parents Nannie Lamar Smith Hopper and William Julian Hopper Jr.



Julia working in the Hopper family cornfield

and Uncle Benton.

Julia wrote in a tribute to her Uncle Benton of the strong family ties she knew as a child: "If my Grandmother Hopper (my father's mother) and Aunt Mamie Lou (my father's sister) went to the store and bought fresh strawberries or new tomatoes, they would always buy the same for our family. You were just family and that was the way it was. Our Grandmother Hopper would make our clothes; or our Aunt Josephine, or Aunt Sylvestia, or Aunt Gladys would give us clothes. It would be what we called second-hand clothes, or hand-me-downs, or used clothes. I would call them 'love clothes.' I wore a beautiful white dress with a bright red sash tied around the waist to all the high school proms I attended. The dress was a hand-me-down family gift, that I dearly loved." As she related this, Julia's eyes sparkled with a delightful 'belle of the ball' countenance.

Aunt Sylvestia (wife of Benton) hired twelve-year-old Julia for her first paid job of babysitting their three youngest children for a week. Julia was shocked when they offered to pay her \$5, and after telling them that was too much money, she accepted \$3.50. She used the money to purchase her first "store-bought" dresses, one pink with lace accents and the other a sky-blue attire that evoked smiles as Julia described them some six decades later. She praised her Grandmother Hopper's skilled hands that made many a full skirt, the fashion of the day. Julia commented, "We did not know we were poor; we had so much love and family support. Our combined family contributions made us largely self-sufficient."

All Hoppers worked and contributed to the family welfare. Julia listed some farm jobs completed by the children: sewing sausage pockets to be ready for the annual hog slaughter, feeding the livestock, milking cows, churning butter, gathering hen eggs, harvesting, accompanying parents to market and bagging produce or collecting money, and helping can and preserve foods. "The smokehouse always had hams hanging, the cellar was filled with food for winter, and delicious homemade jams and jellies were preserved. The watermelon patch provided the children's afternoon snacks. We had everything we needed. We were blessed to have a farm," Julia reminisced.

Julia's parents emphasized the importance of education. Her father attended the Oliver Springs Colored School (first established in 1879) for grades one through eight. Subsequently, he traveled to a high school for Afri-

can American students, The Nelson Merry High School, in Jefferson City, TN. Given that the school was approximately sixty miles from his home, Julian had to board in Jefferson City. He was able to travel home only rarely. His high school education ended in his sophomore year due to the sudden death of his father. It was at Nelson Merry that William Hopper Jr. met his future bride, Nannie Lamar Smith. Nannie graduated from high school and attended one semester at Morristown College before she chose to elope and marry William in 1944.

In Oliver Springs, William's first eight years of education were under legendary teacher Mayme Carmichael, a woman who eventually taught three generations of children. To this day, former students prefer to name their elementary school 'Miss Mayme's School.' The one-room schoolhouse provided the elementary schooling for Julia and her siblings.

Julia's older sister, Gail, enrolled in Campbell High School in Rockwood for her freshman year of 1958-59, followed by Julia two years later. They rode a school bus route with their farm being one of the first, pre-dawn stops followed by numerous other stops for black students across Roane County. Julia chuckled when recalling unscheduled stops for cows crossing the road, sister Gail asking her mother not to be milking the cows where the afternoon bus students might see, and the many new friendship bonds and budding romances made on the long, daily trips. Julia noted that riding a school bus was a big change from their earlier three-mile walks to 'Miss Mayme's School,' walks that required crossing Indian Creek. Fortunately, a kind neighbor provided safe transport via a ride on his mule-drawn wagon when the creek got too high.

Gail graduated as the Campbell High School class valedictorian in 1963. She enrolled in the University of Tennessee in the fall of 1963, two and a half years after UT had admitted the first black undergraduate student in January 1961. Julia was the first of two black students to graduate from Oliver Springs High School in 1965 after Roane County Schools desegregated their student population effective as of Julia's senior year. Julia's younger siblings (Lou, Jean, and Julian III) were later Oliver Springs High School graduates. All the Hopper siblings went on to higher education and/or specialized training.

Julia's father died in 1983 at the early age of 61. His passing was eulogized by a long-time neighbor and friend, the Rev. Kenneth Stubbs. Rev. Stubbs conducted the funeral service in which he often repeated the phrase, "He was a good man." Using scriptural teachings and words of solace, Rev. Stubbs offered touching observations on the man, nicknamed "June," and his influence. One of many examples the Reverend cited was: "Any time I went somewhere, and I said I live in Oliver Springs; somebody said, 'Where about?' I said, 'Down in the country.' 'Anywhere close to my friend June?' I said, 'Right below him.' He left a good testimony behind... Anything I ever needed he said don't be afraid to call on me. Any hour, any night, any day, and I don't think I can say it enough today... he was a good man."

Nannie Hopper lived thirty-four more years beyond her husband's passing. She took on major responsibilities of the farm aided by her son's oversight of the daily farm operation. She delighted in the generations of Hoppers to follow and was happiest when feeding large family gatherings at her table. She enthusiastically participated in family reunions of the Hopper and Crozier families. (The Crozier family ancestry dates to Adeline Crozier, Julia's great, great grandmother.) Nannie passed her love of family history on to her children.

Nannie's daughter, Julia, has compiled two large books of family remembrances, each honoring her parents. She has contributed documented narrative to such as: the Crozier family history, to local historical societies, to her church archives, and to newspapers. She has served on the Board of the Oliver Springs Historical Society, is the official historian for Little Leaf Baptist Church, and is President of The Mayme Carmichael School Organization (MCSO). The MCSO mission is to preserve African American history, promote education, and partner with the town of Oliver Springs to develop Carmichael Park.

Julia's mission does not stop there. Given the vast trove of information she and other interested citizenry have uncovered, her plans are to offer a place for the public to visit and explore and contribute their own knowledge of the region's African American history. Look for the opening of the Tri-County African American Cultural Museum in Oliver Springs in 2023. The museum's development is Julia's current passion--to share the story of the contributions of African Americans who lived, worked, and grew family roots in the adjoining counties of Roane, Anderson, and Morgan. It is a massive undertaking yet an important and overlooked history hungry for the telling. Additional information on the soon-to-open museum will be included in the second installment of Julia's story to follow. ***

Thank you, Benita, for a great insightful look into the history of a unique family in our area. All too often overlooked, such history is valuable, and you have captured it in a wonderful manner. I am sure we all look forward to the second and final part of this story as well as the opening of the Tri-County African American Cultural Museum.



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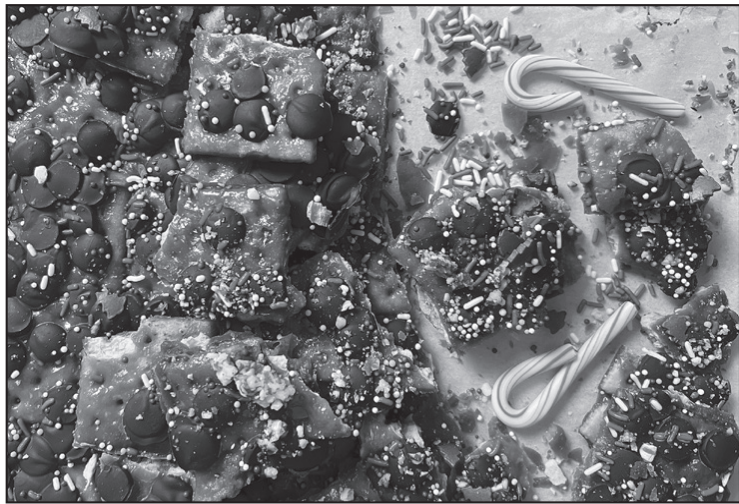
DIVAS ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond

Easy Cracker Brittle Makes a Great Last- Minute Gift

Here's a quick and easy recipe for an inexpensive yet alarmingly addictive holiday treat. Who would think four simple ingredients could produce a scrumptious candy the whole family will love? It's sweet and salty, chocolatey, buttery and crunchy all at once.

Long ago, I was looking for a simple recipe that was special enough to



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This brittle is a scrumptious candy the whole family will love.

give as a gift but inexpensive enough that I could actually afford to make enough to give away. And while I've always been a fan of brittles and toffee, I never thought I could make them myself. I figured I would have to navigate complicated directions and, worse yet, try to find my candy thermometer. It must be in a drawer

somewhere. But no! This recipe is so undemanding you can make it anytime you have a half-hour to spare.

Due diligence, here's your warning; This is not a recipe for the kiddies to make. When you boil sugar and butter together, they become like molten lava, hot and sticky, so please use caution.

HOLIDAY CRACKER BRITTLE

Total Time: 30 minutes

Yield: About 40 pieces

2 sleeves of saltine crackers

1 cup brown or white sugar, or a combo

1 cup (two sticks) butter — no substitutions

1 bag (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips

Optional toppings — nuts and/or sprinkles

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with foil or parchment paper. Leave an overhang of foil when you line the baking sheet so the cracker brittle is easy to lift and remove. Next, spray your foil or parchment with cooking spray so it will—ingly come off the brittle. Did I mention it's sticky?

Cover the baking sheet with a single layer of saltine crackers, placing them as close together as possible, breaking some if necessary to cover the entire pan. Set aside.

In a saucepan on medium heat, melt the butter and sugar together, stirring frequently to avoid burning the mixture, until the sugar is dissolved and it's smooth and bubbling. Allow the mixture to boil for 3 minutes.

Carefully pour the butter mixture over the crackers and quickly spread evenly with an offset metal spatula or the back of a spoon. This is incredibly

hot, so be very careful.

Bake at 400 F for 5 minutes. It will be very bubbly. Watch that it doesn't burn. Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly.

Now, you could stop right here and have a lovely treat. But if you're adding chocolate pieces, immediately sprinkle them evenly over the hot brittle so they will melt. Using an offset spatula or the back of a spoon, spread the melted chocolate evenly over the brittle. If you're adding more toppings, sprinkle them evenly over the chocolate while it's still warm. Let this cool completely to room temperature, and it will harden. Break it into pieces and serve, or package as a gift.

This recipe lends itself to wonderful variations. A personal favorite is to substitute graham crackers for the saltines. You can also use buttery rich, round crackers or even vanilla cookies. Any kind of chocolate chips will work, like milk chocolate, semi-sweet, dark, white chocolate or a mix.

You can also vary the toppings with nuts, coconut, chocolate-coated candies or crushed peppermint candies for an infinite number of variations.

Some favorite combinations are white chocolate and peppermint; milk chocolate with almonds and coconut; and dark chocolate, peanuts and pretzels. This is a real empty-out-the-pantry candy.

All of us at Divas an a Dime wish you happy holidays and a very merry Christmas!

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The Patience of Job



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

The Christian blessed hope is not heaven, heaven is guaranteed when you accept Jesus Christ by confessing with your mouth and believing in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Salvation was purchased and your dowry was paid. Your blessed hope is in Messiah returning to remove you prior to the coming tribulation.

The Christian guarantee of removal at the end of the gentile church age must be biblically unwound, to return us all to true blessed hope. This event has been labeled as the rapture. The Greek word first used in Genesis concerning the removal of Enoch prior to the flood, and our removal prior to the tribulation is the Harpazo meaning to remove instantaneously.

There were three people groups God dealt with concerning Noah's flood. Those removed prior to the flood. One person, Enoch, he is a picture of the true virgin bride of Jesus Christ. He is the model and pattern God used many times in scripture to teach us of our removal prior to the judgement coming upon our fallen world.

The second group is those preserved through the flood; Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives. Eight people saved from the wrath of our creator. They were preserved for keeping the Messianic bloodline intact. Noah's sons and daughters-in-laws had not perverted themselves with the fallen angels. God could use them to fulfill his pleasing perfect will for humanity.

The third group God dealt with were those who perverted God's marriage covenant. These were the fallen angels, and human daughters who had intercourse and subsequent dual DNA offspring with. Their children are the Nephillim. The giants of antiquity.

God destroyed the world that then was. Now God intended to use the offspring of Noah to repopulate our world. Lucifer wasted no time. Fallen angels now returned and had convinced men once again, to worship the shining one. Jesus Christ's bloodline was once again under attack.

The Bible pattern is one where Lucifer constantly attacked Jesus Christ's ancestors to stop the plans of God of placing Jesus Christ on the throne of David, forever in Jerusalem. Job was no different.

The book of Job begins with a conversation between God and Lucifer. God issues an order for him to attack Job, and he begins by killing his entire family. Why would God allow this to happen?

The most misunderstood attribute of God is sovereignty. He controls every aspect of human interaction. God uses men most often, who do not realize they are being used. Job was a pawn in the war between our Creator and Lucifer, the anointed cherub that covereth.

Read Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, and you can begin to comprehend your role in establishing God's kingdom on earth. It is a future, literal kingdom of Jew and Gentile believers in Yeshua ha Messiah, our risen savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lucifer kills Job's wife and seven children by collapsing his family home. The grief Job felt must have been overwhelming. Lucifer was not done with Job, and neither was God. Next came boils upon Job's skin. Sickness is the second tool of Lucifer. Thank God Jesus Christ's thirty-nine lashes can heal us from the thirty-nine diseases found in our world as a result of the curse.

The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, is available to all who would believe and dedicate their life to knowing Jesus Christ from the words of our Bible. We have plenty of structu-

res in America where men claim faith in Jesus Christ, how many of them have supernatural miracles occurring regularly?

I personally will not sit under the teaching of men who claim the Holy Spirit and miracles were reserved for the first century church. Why would God wait 3,000 years to reveal the mystery of the Holy Ghost indwelling every believer, only to remove him from Christian churches? Miracles of healing are a means by which God authenticates his will for humanity.

However, God only heals those willing to repent and return to his written word. God's perfect pleasing will, is for all men to come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. If you are willing to be chastened by God, and dedicate your life to achieving God's perfect pleasing will, physical healing awaits. You must crucify pagan religious traditions before God can use you!

Job was God's pawn to prove his authority over Job's life. His patience is a teaching tool for every believer, patiently awaiting the return of our risen Messiah and bridegroom to receive us unto himself.

Jesus Christ warned us that in the last days there would be scoffers in church. Saying where is Jesus and why has he not returned? The rapture is not even being taught consistently, yet it holds our true blessed hope as believers.

God desires a willing bride for his Son and coming King. He has been searching the world for those rare believers willing to forgo religious traditions purported by men, claiming faith in Jesus Christ, to be completely chastened by every word of scripture.

To be the virgin bride, the crucifixion of Roman religious traditions must occur in your own life, or you will be found wanting when Jesus Christ is instructed by God, to go retrieve your bride promised before the world was spoken into existence.

Job was tempted by friends to forgo the belief in God's sovereignty over his life, and just die. This is how you know whether a person is a man of God or not. Men of God offer mercy and grace, never judgement! Beware of those who claim a monopoly over righteousness.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The Bible was written to every human being. It is up to you to allow yourself to be corrected by the Holy Ghost. It is not your job to judge sinners. It is our Job to introduce them to our Messiah. He alone, is able to judge individual sinners!

He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet he created the hill upon which it stood.

He is alive forevermore, and he is returning for his virgin bride very soon. John Burns 7-23-2022

Staff Sergeant John Burns enlisted into the United States Army on September 23, 1987 as an 11C Infantry Mortarman. He graduated from the 7th Infantry Division, Ranger Class 11/89 and served in the invasion of Panama, Desert Storm and the Battle of Mogadishu while assigned to the 75th Rangers.

Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five countries on five continents and all but two states while serving in the military.

He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys writing and teaching God's Word while sharing his faith with a dying world.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

United States Army veteran Ronald Eric Ray fought and served in the Vietnam War while assigned to Company A, 2D Battalion, 35TH Infantry, 25TH Infantry Division. His highest rank held was Lieutenant Colonel.

On May 14, 1970 he was presented with the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Richard M. Nixon. He was a Captain at the time of battle which he earned the Medal of Honor.

His Medal of Honor citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Capt. Ray distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader with Company A. When one of his ambush patrols was attacked by an estimated reinforced Viet Cong company, Capt. Ray organized a reaction force and quickly moved through two kilometers of mountainous jungle terrain to the contact area. After breaking through the hostile lines to reach the beleaguered patrol, Capt. Ray began directing the reinforcement of the site. When an enemy position pinned down three of his men with a heavy volume of automatic-weapons fire, he silenced the emplacement with a grenade and killed four Viet Cong with his rifle fire.



As medics were moving a casualty toward a sheltered position, they began receiving intense hostile fire. While directing suppressive fire on the enemy position, Capt. Ray moved close enough to silence the enemy with a grenade. A few moments later Capt. Ray saw an enemy grenade land, unnoticed, near two of his men. Without hesitation or regard for his safety he dove between the grenade and the men, thus shielding them from the explosion while receiving wounds in his exposed feet and legs. He immediately sustained additional wounds in his legs from an enemy machine gun, but nevertheless he silenced the emplacement with another grenade. Although suffering great pain from his wounds, Capt. Ray continued to direct his men, providing the outstanding courage and leadership they vitally needed, and prevented their annihilation by successfully leading them from their surrounded position. Only after assuring that his platoon was no longer in immediate danger did he allow himself to be evacuated for medical treatment. By his gallantry at the risk of his life in the highest traditions of the military service, Capt. Ray has reflected great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Police Officer Branden Estorffe and Sergeant Steven Robin of the Bay St. Louis Police Department, Mississippi were both killed in the line of duty on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

They were both shot and killed at about 4:30 am while conducting a welfare check on a woman, Amy Anderson and her eight-year-old daughter sitting in a vehicle.

Public Safety Commissioner Sean Tindell gave a detailed timeline of that morning's events. Amy Anderson checked into the Motel 6 in Bay St. Louis at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday. By 3:35 a.m., a distressed Anderson asked the front desk manager to call 911. Four minutes later, Sergeant Steven Robin and Officer Branden Estorffe arrived and met with Anderson in her motel room. Anderson's 8-year-old daughter and three dogs were also in the room.

Why was Anderson at the Bay St. Louis motel when she lived in Ocean Springs? She told the officers she was in fear for her life, and believed she was being followed by a white truck.

Tindell said based on what he observed on Officer Estorffe's body camera, the officers talked with Anderson for about 40 minutes. A portion of the talk was described by Tindell as "pleasant conversation."

However, the pleasant chat took a dark turn.

"During the course of the conversations with Ms. Anderson, the officers became concerned for the safety of her daughter," said Tindell.

He wouldn't elaborate on what made them concerned, only saying, "She had made a number of comments that had the officers concerned for the safety of the child."

A decision was made by the two officers to call Child Protective Services.

A little more than a half hour into the talk, Anderson packed up her stuff and headed to the car. Tindell said, "Ms. Anderson was loading up her car and was apparently attempting to leave the hotel. They were trying to keep her there until



Child Protective Services could arrive."

At 4:19, "Ms. Anderson, while seated in her car, shot and killed Officer Robin," said Tindell.

The head of the Department of Public Safety said Sgt. Robin was at the door of Anderson's vehicle when he was shot and killed. Officer Estorffe and Anderson then exchanged two shots each. Estorffe was hit in the arm and head, while Anderson took a fatal shot in the chest. Estorffe was treated for his injuries, but later died at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport. Anderson died at the scene. Officials say she had a Glock semi-automatic pistol.

Investigators say a total of five shots were fired, three by Anderson, two by Estorffe. Throughout the gun battle, the eight-year-old daughter was in the front passenger seat.

"I don't know what she saw," said Tindell, "but she was there."

An elderly couple staying at the motel raced to the vehicle after the shooting to help get the child away from the scene. Officials say she's now staying with family and wasn't physically injured during the incident.

Based on what Tindell reviewed, he hailed the officers for reaching out to CPS. "It's my belief their fears were justified. There is little doubt in my mind the actions that they took very well could have saved the lives of others."

Estorffe was the only officer with a body camera. Investigators are waiting for the autopsy and toxicology report to determine if drugs played a factor in this incident.

Anderson had three children. The older two were with their father. The eight-year-old was still with her mother because she has a different father.

Officer Estorffe was twenty-three-years-old.

Sergeant Robin was thirty-four-years-old.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Dirty Water Flows Downhill

It's not enough that I spent part of my childhood on a base that ended up as a Superfund site. This week I discovered that my current town, where I've lived for many years, has water contaminated by chemicals from the nearby now-defunct base.

The base, a mere few miles from my home, was declared a Superfund site in the 1980s due to the firefighting foams that contained two different perfluorinated alkylated substances (PFAS), specifically perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), both deadly "forever chemicals." Three years later responsibilities were established for who would deal with the mess, and the base was eventually closed due to BRAC (base realignment and closure).

The base was repeatedly cleaned and tested over the years, with acres paved over to contain the worst of the contaminated ground that they couldn't dig up. Changes were made in how the water was treated as

time went on, but chemicals were still found in the water. In some areas, a landfill cap was put in place; in others, there was removal of more soil; and in some areas there was cleanup and ongoing monitoring. Eventually those in authority considered the whole matter done and dusted.

Now we learn that the original PFAS chemicals at the base may be contaminating the aquifer -- where we get our drinking water. Hidden away under their dirt cap, those chemicals appear to have migrated downhill. Tests done last year show that the level of chemicals was double what the state recommends, and one well was taken offline. New monitors were installed. Now, however, a recent test showed extremely high readings, higher than ever, with suspicion that closing that first well was driving the chemicals to the remaining wells where we get our drinking water.

The lesson here is this: If you live near a base that was deemed a Superfund site, and if remediation was done and the site declared to be clean, that does not mean problems won't come back in the future.

Water does, after all, flow downhill.

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Santa Letters

Coalfield School

Ms. Paula Melhorn's Class

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Wartburg. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me an Xbox. With Love, Alexis Duncan

I am 8 years old! I live in Coalfield. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me an iPhone14, an American Girl doll, a lie detector. I want a pet chicken, a bunny and a hamster. With Love, Ella Jackson

I am 8 years old! I live in the town of Oliver Springs. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me 15 toy horses please, a squeak toy for my dog. I wish to have a pair of rainbow shoes. I wish for a real phone. I wish for a real horse. With Love, Katie Butler

I am 8 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me a skateboard, clothes, shoes, a dog and cat, headphones, a watch, and a phone. A carriage car, a dress and a clay pot maker machine. With Love, Gabby Cooper

I am 7-year-old! I live in the town of Wartburg. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me a scooter, a Nintendo Switch, 16 LOL dolls and 30 fidgets and a stuffed animal dog. With Love, Kylie Melhorn

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Wartburg. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me: This year I want a chain, white shoes and clothes and 1 more thing. This will be the best gift if you would make my brothers live with us. With Love, Kyler Shannon

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been good and was hoping you could bring me an iPhone, tablet, zombies set, zombies army people set. With Love, Nikolai Hoggard

I am 8 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been a good boy and I was hoping you could bring me an Xbox 1, WWE set, Spiderman set, a Batman set an electric scooter. With Love, Dalton Jackson

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been nice and I was hoping you could bring me something that I want.....A squishmallow and a five surprise. With Love, Izzy Blalock

I am 8 years old! I live in the town of Oliver Springs. This year I have been a good boy and kind of a bad boy and I was hoping you could bring me a military Lego war of the Germans and Americans and a hover board. Thanks, with Love, Bradly Miller

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been really good and I was hoping you could bring me some Barbie accessories, some more popits and Pokémon cards and Pokémon plushies. With Love, Abigail Stanifer

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been sometimes good and I was hoping you could bring me some toys. With Love, River

Chaussee

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me a smart watch and Lol dolls and fidgets. With Love, Braylee Hensley

I am 8 years old! I live in the town of Kingston. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me a four-wheeler, dirt track cars and a dirt track table. With Love, Nate Maples

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Kingston. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me an iPhone. With Love, Luke Hastings

I am 8 years old! I live in the town of Wartburg. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me a four-wheeler car. With Love, Weldon Seiber

I am 8 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me military men with military cars. With Love, Elias Phillips

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me 100 cats. I wish my sister to be nice. I wish I had lots of candy. With Love, Lyla Martinez

I am 7 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been good and nice and I was hoping you could bring me a dirt bike and snow and a toy dinosaur egg, and a chain. With Love, Grayson Hedrick

I am 8 years old! I live in the town of Coalfield. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me some BBQ chips and a whiteboard with blue and red markers please. With Love, Michael Filyaw

I am 7 years old. I live in the town of Oliver Springs. This year I have been good and I was hoping you could bring me an iPhone 14 with a battery for my remote-control Titanic and a tank from the military and men and a bunker. With Love, Kamden Goins

Morgan County Head Start

Please bring me a scooter, a little baby doll, a castle, and a baby doll stroller. Please bring a baby doll for Willow. Love, Rowan

Please bring me a blue car, dinosaur play-doh, a dinosaur that roars, a race car that goes fast, an airplane that can fly, and a dinosaur track with cars. I love you, Gabriel

Please bring me a pink rocking horse, a stick horse, a toy carrot for my rabbit, and a grey rabbit play tent. I love you, Mayzie

Please bring me a skateboard, a big rainbow car I can ride in, Kitty cat walkie talkie, and new rainbow yoga cards. I love you, Ember

Please bring me a LOL doll, bow and arrow, a girl elf on the shelf, a doll that cries, spits water out, laughs, eats real food, and poops, a horse that moves, and a real bunny. Love, Eva

Please bring me a talking robot, a stuffed bunny that hops, a new green big mirror for my bedroom. Please bring my Daddy a farm with farm animals. Love, Eevee

Please bring me a Huggie Wuggie doll, pool, Christmas tree, a purple pen, crayons, and drawing paper. Love, Freya

Please bring me a Cocomelon doll, mask, and play-doh. Love, Holly

Please bring me a squishy starfish, a whole set of Aladdin toys including Jasmine and Abu, a baby Yoda backpack, and a laser gun. Love, Cruze

Please bring me a bulldozer, tractor, 4-wheeler, truck, jeep, and monster truck. Love, Drake

Please bring me a big truck, a big racetrack with lots of cars, and a big remote-controlled Lighting McQueen. Love, Aspen

Please bring me a big rig, a choo choo train, a table for my choo choo train in the playroom, lots of cars, play-doh, eggs, and apples. Love, Karson

Please bring me a lot of squishies. I especially need the rainbow unicorn squishy. Love, Rylee

Oakdale School

Kindergarten

Mrs. Kayla Walls's Class

My name is Ryder. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. There are three things I am wishing for: a beach ball, a stuffed Huggy Wuggy, and a toy penguin. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Ryder Newport

My name is Adi. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. There are three things I am wishing for: a pair of headphones, a pink dolly, and a purple dolly with extra clothes. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Adilynn Beeler

My name is Coralyn. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. There are three things I am wishing for: a Barbie Dream Camper, camping toys for me, and a playhouse. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Coralyn Brewster

My name is Elijah. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. There are three things I am wishing for: a remote control toy lizard, a remote control car, and a remote control toy snake. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Elijah

My name is Stryker. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. There are three things I am wishing for: a brother, a game, and a chocolate fountain. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Stryker Hixenbaugh

My name is Cassidy. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. There are three things I am wishing for: a doll house, a real bunny, and a toy froggy that hops and ribbets. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Cassidy Barger

My name is Jace. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. There are three things I am wishing for: a computer, a pair of headphones, and a tablet. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Jace Mathis

My name is Kade. I am 6 years old. This year I have nice. There are three things I am wishing for: a drone, a tree house, and a

Lego set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Kade Hawes

My name is Charlie. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: a robot destroyer, a knife for my toy robot, and another robot toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Charlie Bingham

My name is Aiden. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: Among Us toy, Orange the Rainbow Friend, and Green the Rainbow Friend. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Aiden Lloyd

My name is Sadie. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a cat house, toy fireworks, and a toy star. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Sadie Stewart

My name is Clay. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a Bluey toy house, a Bluey toy car, and Bluey characters. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Clayton Disney

My name is Teagan. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a squishy cupcake, a tablet, and a playhouse rocket ship. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Teagan Kirby

My name is Briar. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: a doll with earrings, a slime baby, and a pencil box with brand new crayons. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Briar Redmon

My name is Oliver. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: a Spider Man doll, a toy duck, and a Teddy bear. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Oliver Disney

My name is Grant. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: a robot reindeer, a robot dinosaur, and a remote-control Baby Yoda. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Grant French

My name is Owen. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: a race track, an airplane, and a truck and trailer. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Owen Kilby

My name is Beverly. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: a toy car, a remote-control dinosaur, and a remote control Barbie. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Beverly McKay

My name is Jaxon. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: Spider Man, a computer, and a pair of Walkie Talkies for me and my brother. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Jaxon Northern

Santa Letters

My name is Neyland. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: Legos, a phone, and Walkie Talkies. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Neyland Satterfield

My name is Aniston. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: a phone, Legos, and Barbies. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Aniston Myers

My name is Lilly. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this year: a slide, Barbies, and a Barbie Dream House. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Lilly Harvey

1st Grade

Ms. Amber Kirby's Class

Thank you for all you do. What do the elves do? I want a slingshot for Christmas. I love you Santa. Love, Nolan

Thank you for all you do. What are the elves doing? Can I have a computer? You have a happy Christmas and a happy New Year. I will leave cookies. Love, Brinley

Thank you for all you do. What is Mrs. Claus doing? I want a game called Descenders for my PS4. I want a game called Madden 23 and 22 and 21. Santa, I love you. Love, Jaxson

Thank you for all you do. What is Mrs. Claus doing today? For Christmas, I want a Color Reveal Barbie really badly. Have a happy Christmas and I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, Caroline

Thank you Santa. You are the best, but where are the elves? I want a toy elf. I want a drone. I will leave you some cookies. Love, Tilly

Thank you for all you have done for me. How do you eat all of those cookies? I want cowboy boots and I want a 22 gun and a shot gun for hunting. Merry Christmas. Love, Remington

Thank you for all you have done. Please, can I have three Squishmallows and slime that you punch? I love you Santa. Merry Christmas! Thank you for all you do. Happy Christmas. Merry Christmas. Love, Camden

Thank you for all you do. I love you Santa so much. I want a football gloves for Christmas. I want Madden 21 and a PlayStation 5 too. And I want a car when I'm 15. I love you Santa so much! Love, Jr. (Travis)

Thank you for Christmas! What are the reindeers doing? I want a stroller for Christmas. I am going to leave Oreos for you. Love, Fiona

Thank you for bringing me gifts last year. I want a ball that come back to you when you throw it. I also want a hover board. Merry Christmas! Love, Dazie

Thank you. What is Mrs. Claus up to today? My elf is so so so funny! I want slime. Merry Christmas! Love, Natalie

Thank you for what you do. How do you eat all of those cookies in one night? Can I have a hover board please? I want slime too and a Mario Cart game. I want a Minecraft

stuffy. Merry Christmas! Can Angel stay? Love, JoHannah

Thank you Santa. Do you know what my elf did today? I love Christmas. I want a Polly Pocket set. What is your favorite cookie? What is our favorite reindeer? I love Rudolph. Love, Emily

Thank you for all you do. Hey Santa, can you bring me the coolest Godzilla toy that you can get me? And I want a Shin Godzilla toy. And I want a drone and that is all I want. Love, Oliver

I like you. Please give me a big giant cookie. Please give me a water table. I want to be you Santa. Can you give me a smell good ball and a Grinch ball? I also want the earth ball that you have. I love you Rudolph and Santa. Love, Dallas

Thank you. Is Mrs. Claus making cookies for Christmas? I please want a black bunny. Can I please have a fan with a case? Merry Christmas! Love, Eva

Thank you Mrs. Claus. What are the elves doing for Christmas? I want a drone and a reindeer bell. Can you finish the gingerbread house? I am going to leave a present for you. Love, Kaiden

Mrs. Claus can you bake cookies? Thank you for Christmas. I want a rocket. I will leave a chocolate cookie. Love, Nathaniel

Thank you for coming to us. I please want to get this present, it is a microphone. I want some more camouflage. I want a hover board. What are your reindeer doing? I will be asleep when you come. Love, Gradey

Thank you for all that you have done. I think everyone will have a good Christmas. You are so nice. Is it cold at the North Pole, Santa? I love your elves. They are so nice. I love your reindeer. I want a baby doll in a crib. I will leave milk out. I love you! Love, Miracle

I love you Santa. Thanks for Christmas. I hope I am good. I have been good. Thanks for Christmas. I love you Santa. I want a real dirt bike. Love, Carter

Thank you for all the gifts you bring me. I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a remote control car. Love, Haiden

1ST Grade

Mrs. Kylene Bonsignore's Class

Olivia- This year I was good. I would like a play house and an American Girl doll.

Sara- I have been good this year. I want a phone for Christmas.

Caroline- This year I was good. I would like my elf to take notes.

Grady- This year I was good. I would like Fortnite V-bucks.

Heavenly- This year I would like the game Operation and kinetic sand and connect magnets.

Lane- This year I was good. I would like a floating ball and a new elf and a new dog.

Lux- This year I was good. I would like my mom to feel better.

Braylee- This year I was good. I would like

a piano and a doll.

Jude- This year I was good. I would like Fortnite.

Lilith- I was good this year. I would like a wig.

Kaleb- This year I was good. I would like Fortnite v-bucks.

Garrett- This year I was good. I would like an UNO game.

Jaxon- This year I was good. I would like a toy snake.

Mason- This year I was good. I would like a giant Pikachu stuffy, a chromebook, and a Pokemon watch.

Belle- I was good this year. I would like a camera and a computer.

Brynlee- This year I was good. I would like a ferret toy.

McKenzie- This year I was good. I would like a VR and a Coraline doll for Christmas.

Johnathan- This year I was good. I would like an Xbox and I would like a Play Station.

Ella- This year I was good. I would like LOL dolls and a gymnastics bar.

Emery- This year I was good. I would like a lizard and lizard food.

Paisley- I was good. I would like a Barbie Dream Camper and an Ipad.

Nolan- This year I was good. I would like games.

Zach- This year I was good. I would like a beluga whale plushie.

Kaiden- This year I was good. I would like army stuff.

Lily- I was good. I would like some dirt bike clothes. cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Elijah

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Santa Letters

Petros Joyner

Pre-K

Ms. Margie Branstetter's Class

My name is Ryker Armes. I am 5 years old now and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. This year I have been very nice. Please bring a scooter, Play-doh and some Bey-blades. I will be nice to my sissy, and we will leave you some candy canes. Merry Christmas from Ryker Zain Armes

My name is Brynlyn Bible. I am 4 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been very nice this year. Please bring me a Barbie doll, big bouncy ball, and kids play makeup. I will be good the rest of the year to stay off the naughty list. Merry Christmas from Brynlyn

My name is Addie Mae. I am 4 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been very nice this year. I would like a big doll house, hatchimals, and a pogo stick. I will leave you milk and cookies. Merry Christmas from Addie Mae

My name is Daveena Davlin. I am 4 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been kinda nice and I would like a puppy, a castle, a dinosaur but not a real one, and a mask. I will be nice to my momma and my sister. Merry Christmas from your friend Daveena

My name is Marceline Douglas. I am 4 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been very nice. Please bring me a toy dinosaur, a new dollhouse, and a new doll. I will be very thankful and play a lot. I'll even let my sisters play too. Merry Christmas from Marci

My name is Kyah Hawn. I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Margie's Pre-K class at Petros Joyner School. This year I have been very nice. Please bring me a unicorn toy, a princess carriage power wheel, a karaoke machine, a toy elf that talks, and a puppet. I will be very thankful and leave you cookies and give you milk, and give your reindeer food: chocolate milk and carrots! Merry Christmas from Kyah

My name is Adalyn Irwin. I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been kinda nice. Please bring me a baby doll that repeats me, a Play-doh set that makes ice cream, and a paint set with a lot of colors. I will be very good and nice and listen to my mommy and daddy. Merry Christmas from Adalyn

My name is Paisleigh Moore. I am 4 years old and attend Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been kinda nice this year. Please bring me a Barbie Dream House, Barbies, and two dogs and a cat. I will give you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas from your friend Paisleigh

My name is Mason Boyd Nunley. I am 4 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been very nice this year. Please bring me a Spiderman suit, a Superman suit, Disney cars, and a

Batman suit. I will be good from now until Christmas. Merry Christmas from Mayson Boyd Nunley

My name is Dakota Peck. I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been very nice this year. Please bring me a dinosaur, a wolf pup, a snapping turtle that doesn't bite kids, and please bring my brother Brycen a bicycle. I will leave you milk and cookies and elf cookies for your reindeer. Merry Christmas from Dakota Peck

My name is John-Luke Phillips. I am 4 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been kinda nice this year. Please bring me airplane toys, RC monster trucks, and a whole lot of donuts! I will be good and help my mommy.

Merry Christmas from John Luke

My name is Leeland Schubert. I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been very nice this year. Please bring me cars, like racecars, dinosaurs, mini truck, and more clothes because I like wearing clothes. I will make you cookies and milk and get the reindeer food-corn, salad, and carrots. Merry Christmas from Leeland

My name is Mea Synman. I am 5 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been very nice this year. Please bring me a toy horse with a cowgirl, high heels, and a robot puppy. I will be nice to my sister and listen to my parents. Merry Christmas from Mea Synman

My name is Ledger Webb-Tinker. I am 4 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been very nice/kinda nice this year. Please bring me monster trucks and a good ramp they can jump over to another ramp, battery power vehicles with obstacle course, dinosaurs, a bulldozer, backhoe, excavator and a train. I will be as good as I can in front of my elf on the shelf until Christmas is over. Merry Christmas from Ledger Berkley Webb-Tinker

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Brittany Raylynn Williams. I am 4 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been very nice this year. Please bring me a baby doll, dollhouse, and Thomas the Train. I will be good and leave you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas from Brittany

My name is Titan Shannon. I am 4 years old and in Mrs. Margie's PreK class at Petros Joyner School. I have been kinda nice this year. Please bring me a ride on motorcycle, paint, paint board, racecars, and Play-Doh. I will listen better and share more with my friends. Merry Christmas from Titan

Kindergarten

Ms. Kelli Harvey's Class

I have been so good this year. I would love to have a phone, a scooter, an Iron Man suit, and new shoes for Christmas this year. Love, Ezra Harvey

I have been so good this year. I would love to have barbie dolls, a baby doll, baby clothes, and a toy for Christmas this year. Love, Morgan Brown

I have been so good this year. I would love to have an army man helmet, a vest, a walkie talkie, and a toy truck for Christmas this year. Love, Case Bunch

I have been so good this year. I would love to have dolls, a doll house, a squishmallow, and balloons for Christmas this year. Love, Hudson Seat

I have been so good this year. I would love to have a belt, cowboy boots, a cowboy hat, a power ranger outfit, a hulk toy, a robot, and a power ranger toy for Christmas this year. Love, Jace Pickett

I have been so good this year. I would love to have LOL dolls, an Elsa doll, a baby doll, and a new book for Christmas this year. Love, Ava Vann

I have been so good this year. I would love to have a new Mario game for my Switch and a new ball for Christmas this year. Love, Jase Armes

I have been so good this year. I would love to have a big LOL doll, a little LOL doll, and a real phone for Christmas this year. Love, Xandria Davlin

I have been so good this year. I would love to have an Xbox, a skateboard, a hover board, hand sanitizer, and toothpaste for Christmas this year. Love, Russell Roysden

I have been so good this year. I would love to have a tablet, a blue dolphin, a phone, and a doll for Christmas this year. Love, Natalie Patterson

I have been so good this year. I would love to have an LOL doll, a baby doll, a baby doll bed, a baby doll closet and clothes, and a ladybug for Christmas this year. Love, Abrie Foster

I have been so good this year. I would love to have a phone, a remote-control dinosaur, and erasable markers for Christmas this year. Love, Zachary Dillon

I have been so good this year. I would love to have a phone, a unicorn, craft pom poms, new headphones, and craft paper for Christmas this year. Love, Raylee Wilson

I have been so good this year. I would love to have barbies, a baby doll, and a magic set for Christmas this year. Love, McKinley Brown

I have been so good this year. I would love to have a pack of cards, a robot, and a basketball goal for Christmas this year. Love, Silas Young

1ST Grade

Ms. Melissa Poland's Class

I will see you all next year! On Christmas Eve, I will be excited for Christmas Day! I would like a scooter which is not electric! I also want any kind of drone. I hope you have a safe trip. Love, Jayden Ramsey

What I want for Christmas is a Magic Mixie Crystal Ball and Magic Mixie. They are really cool! And I want a tall Barbie doll. I want a big pool and some chocolate

kisses. I LOVE chocolate kisses! I wanted to tell you that one time, my elves were fighting. I also want Barbie clothes. I love Barbie clothes! I want a miniature pony for Christmas. I love you and next time I hope you will be more sneakier. Last time, my dad caught you while he was up getting a glass of water. Love, Lilyana Vann

I want a JoJo Siwa and a Rainbow Friends toy and makeup. My mom will make you cookies and I will leave them for you. I want an FGTeV toy, too. Love, Lilly Taylor

I want a new toy, which is a new toy truck. I also want a coloring sheet and a train. I want a snow globe and for my brother a little dinosaur car and some big Legos. I am going to leave you milk and cookies. Love, T.J. Davis

I want the WWE Wrekkinn Rampage Rig Toy Truck. I'll leave you out some cookies and milk. Love, Xaiden Hensley

I think I want a WWE Wrekkinn Rampage Rig Toy truck and I want the Bron Strowman and Bobby Lashley and Rick Flair and The Fiend Bray Wyatt. I am going to give you cookies. Love, Johnny Armes

I want a real miniature pony and some wrestlers and a cage ring. You can leave the miniature pony out in the field in Sunbright, TN. I also want farming stuff, animals, and a wood fence. I love you, Santa! Thank you for everything! Love, Gauge Jones

I want a dirt bike and John Cena and The Rock and headphones. I have two of them and my dog broke my other one so I need more. I want an Apple watch and an iPhone. I also want a hat and red Nike hoodie and a bracelet. Love, Grayson White I just want one thing on Christmas Eve and that's an RC car. Love, Waylynn Bunch

I want a new phone, a shelf, a kitchen with an upstairs and I want a bunk bed. That's it. I want my own classroom in my upstairs. You're welcome for the cookies and milk. Love, Aaliyah Dagley

I want some Barbie dolls, a Barbie doll house, some Scribble Pets, and some Barbie doll clothes. I want some slime and a Barbie doll camper. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you! Love, Paisley Lemons

I want a whole bucket of fluffy slime that is pink. I want a giant coloring book. I want one of those, like, toy puppy dogs. I want a pink suitcase so when I go to my aunt's and stuff I can pack toys in it. I want some new games for my family to play with me. I want more slime - a lot of slime. I love slime, okay? Thank you for all the toys that you bring me each year! Have a safe trip! Love, Laylah Wilke

I want cars and monster trucks and a bigger remote-control car. I want a scooter, too, and a phone. That's it. Love, Harlynn Bunch

I want some slime and I want some makeup. I want nail polish and a Squishmallow, and then a big car that kinda looks like a fourwheeler. One that I can ride on. I'm leaving you cookies and I'm leaving you some milk. They're going to be real good cookies - they're going to be in color! Love, Carlie Bunch

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Santa Letters

Please bring me a cat. Love, Braydon Turpin

I want LOL dolls. I want a dollhouse. I want an LOL paint set. Love, Josalynn Armes

I want a Barbie house for Christmas. I will leave cookies for you. Love, Eliza Ramirez

I want Santa Claus! I want pretty markers and a coloring book. I want Baby Shark and Fingerlings Baby Shark toys. I want all the pop tubes in the world! I want Pop-It donuts and I want all the Pop-its in the world. I want a Fingerling Elf. I want all the Barbies in the world and all the Barbie clothes. I'll leave you cookies and chocolate milk. I love you, Santa Claus! Love, Mahayla Nunley

I want the little live pet hamsters that have the little baby tiny hamsters that one comes one day, the second comes the second day, and the third comes the third day. I want one of those little animals that come with a leash and has two buttons, one makes it wag its tail and the other makes them walk. Also, the other thing I want is, you know those little big plushies that you can find in stores? Even I think they are getting Christmas ones out. They are BIG, big, big, big, and they're fluffy. The other thing I want is to get brand new puzzles with the ginormous puzzle pieces just like the one we have at home - but I want to get a different kind like mother nature and stuff. And the next thing is a giant pop tube. Some of them are giant I think and some of them are small. And I really want those little Squishies with the Orbeez inside. The next thing I want is some brand new fluffy little pink little animal toys - the fluffy, stuffy toy animals that are very soft that you can sleep with at night. I am going to leave you chocolate chip cookies with some milk in a cup. Love, Winter Mize

2ND Grade Mrs. Mesha Lowe's Class

Malia McMahan- I want a unicorn and a dog. I will leave you milk and cookies. I love you. Love, Malia
Dorothy Williams- I want an Xbox. I want some Pokémon cards. That's it. Love, Dorothy

Millie Anderson- I want a Nintendo game called Fortnite and Roblox. I want an Oculus because my brother has one and he never lets me play on it. I want some of my own Christmas lights and some soft pillows. Maybe some new shoes and some wooden blocks. I want a sketchbook to draw in and pencils. I want a teddy bear for Ms. Eula. I want a BTS backpack for my mom. Love, Millie

Bentley Patterson- I want a cotton candy machine. I want a magic mixie, it's a thing where you build potions. Then I want a fidget kit and Pokémon. I want to get my sister Brady another dog because her dog is lonely. I want to get my little sister Joy some Barbies and LOL dolls. I want Bailey to get a shirt from Stranger Things and some makeup. I want my little sister Cash to get a shirt that says, "Don't be mean." Probably some LOL dolls for her too. That's all. Love, Bentley

Liam Vann- I want Pokémon, hot wheels, and a bunk bed. Love, Liam

Nevaeh Cooper- I want a tiny baby silicone. I want any type of new phone. I want some new shoes. I want a toy cow that is

soft. That's all. Love, Nevaeh

Raelynn Jeffers- For Christmas I would really like a watch, but for my sister I want her to get an elf. Santa will you please get that for me for Christmas? And if you could I would like a Barbie camper. Thank you, Santa. We are going to leave you lots of cookies and milk. Love, Raelynn

Lily Kennedy- I want a hover board for Christmas and cat toys for my cat Garfield. I want a bunch of fidgets. Love, Lily

Maleena Stover- I want Lilo and Stitch things. I want some squish mallows. I want some paint, and some canvases. For my mom I would like some makeup. Love, Maleena

Ashton Autry- I want some football cards, money, Pokémon cards, and more football cards. For Khristian, my biggest brother, I want football cards. He likes football cards. I also want him a new phone. For Trenton, my brother, I want a new phone, robots, and football cards too. Now my sister Madi, I want some dolls, makeup, and a shirt that says, "Don't be bossy." That's all. Love, Ashton

Bryce Richardson- I want my brother Gage to stop hitting me. I want another dog, and I don't like my cat because they meow every day. I want to make a snowman. Santa I'm going to trap you this Christmas and I'm going to feed you milk and cookies until you grow bigger. I want you to get a snake for my brother, but not a poisonous snake. I want some gorilla tape. I want to get a reindeer this Christmas so that I can fly around and say, "Look at my new reindeer." Also, do you want to build a snowman? Just kidding, I want Legos. Love, Bryce

Camden Hawn- I want Pokémon. I want hot wheels. I want army fighter bomber. I want a hot wheels track. I want 10 scales. I want a drone and RC car. I want a million dollars. I want my mom to get a kindle. I want my sister to get a unicorn. I want my brother to get a hot wheels track. I want my dad to get some tools. That's it. Love, Camden

L.J. Sherill- I want a soccer goal. I want a football. I want a practice football. I want to leave cookies out for Santa. I want my sisters to get an iPad, a laptop, and a big stuffed animal. For my brothers I want them to get a practice football, an NFL football, and I want them to have a big stuffed animal. Love, LJ

Karma Foster- I want a hover board for Christmas. I want a puppy. I want LOL dolls. I want Pokémon cards. I want slime. I want confetti. I want Santa to bring my little sister Karlie a shirt that says, "Be nice to everyone." Love, Karma

Junior McCann- I want Roblox cards. I want Pokémon. I want a Jack in the box. I want FGTV. Love, Junior

Brently Williams- I want a Harry Potter Lego castle. I want a PS5. I want a gaming computer PC. I want an apple watch. I want you to bring my mom some cow stuff. I want a fast and furious 8. I want a JBL speaker but it's a real big one. I want a tablet. I want iPod. I want an android phone. I want some pen sharpies and other sharpies and that is it. Love, Brently

Bo Brown- I don't want a cat because if I have one I will scream in the bathroom. If you get me a cat I will do like I do to my uncle's cat and hiss at it until it goes away. I want a RC car. I want a wrestler, Kane.

I want a bunch of Pokémon. I am happy with a dog. I hope you have grown bigger than last year because you ate a bunch of cookies. I want my sister Addie to get Hatchimals. Love, Bo

Adilyn Basler- I want a baby Yoda. I want a plushy. I want a baby Yoda blanket. I want my sister Lyla to get a Roku and for Keeli my sister to get a taco bell card. For my cousin Emma to get a dog. I want my cousin Amiah to get a paci. Love, Adilyn

Trinity Foster- I want a doggy. I want a kitty that is a girl. I want LOL dolls. I want some Barbies. I want my little sister to get LOL dolls and a dog. I want my big sister to get a new phone. I want my dad to get a new phone. That's all. Love, Trinity

Mavrick Wilson- I want Pokémon cards, the pack with the good or bad cards. I want some Beyblades. I want some boxing gloves. I want some reusable water balloons. I want Mack to get some cars. I want some blast toy figures and some charzard figures. I want Monroe to get a doll. I don't know what Maddox wants. I want a nerf gun and one for Maddox. I want Myles to get some baby clothes. I want Maddox to get some boxing gloves and face padding. That's it. Love, Mavrick

Keegan Singleton- I want some toy cars. I want some clothes and shoes. I want Santa to help my mom get out of the hospital. Love, Keegan

Hailey Kennedy- I want a baby doll. I want some Barbies. I want my little brother to get a dinosaur and some cars. That's it. Love, Hailey

St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Development Center 3-year-old program

Me want a kitchen, and panties a barbie doll and a kitchen for my barbie doll. Love, Emerson Webb

I want a metal tractor, I want the hay bale to be round, the trailer to be metal, and ropes for the hay bales. Oh, I forgot one more thing I want a Lego set. Love, Jacob "Jake" Freels

I want sand and I want a Lego set.....and that's all. Love, Emory Rogers
I want a barbie house and mashums. Love, Brylee Blakney

I want a new phone case, a stuffy, and a bean bag. Love, Emerson Sexton
Me want a present and a new phone and hmmm that's it. Love, Martin Haver
I want a big baseball gun. Love, Jase Adams

4-Year-Old Program

I would like a dog sleigh, a barbie jeep, a princess bed, and barbie sleeping bags for Christmas. I would also like some baby dolls. Love, Alice Nelson

I want a big barbie house like Brylee. I also would like a big bluey house, a bed for bluey, a lamp and couch. I would also like a baby doll. Love, Avalynn Leopper

I want a gumball machine, toy cat, and a toy puppy dog with a soft bed. Also, I want a bluey house and a big Polly pocket. Love, Caroline Armes

I want bluey house and a gigantic elephant. I also want a bunch of mini dinosaurs and bath bombs with dinosaurs inside. Love, Davis Mehlhorn

I would like a gumball machine, some play-dough, a toy dinosaur, a dog toy for Covey, a swing, grinch pj's, shoes, and shirts. I also want some Legos, blocks, and a small table and chairs. I also want a cool backpack and some pretty pictures, a toy chainsaw, and some cool rainbow glasses!! Love, Imori Strong

I want a RC remote control car, a Xbox with 2 controllers- so Wyatt can play with me. He's my best friend! Love, Waylon Landrum

Sunbright

Pre-K Ms. Natasha Nichols's Class

Mollie- Mama Surprise

Crimson- A cat and a dog with two collars

Briley- Castle with a trampoline, Frozen Microphone, Snowman light, legos, coloring books, slime, hula hoop, make-up (Frozen), play food for my kitchen

Brian- remote controlled spider with a brush on the bottom to clean the house

Kennington- a Quad, make-up, a new stuffy, a new barbie

Riley- new camo clothes for hunting, Bentley wants a gun, Conley wants a remote-controlled car, I want a red box to put my hunting stuff in. Dad wants some camo shirts. Mom wants a fetching toy for the dogs.

Aven- a real motorcycles, you cow, toy dog the wipes up the floor, a real barn with a blue door that you have to build, real cookies the you can bake

Chesney- a real kitty, a remote controlled doll

Ella- fidgets, squishies, pop-its, nail polish, bracelets

Aydon- fire truck, Spider-man costume (the monster one), brand new shoes, Superman

Malachi- Chase toy, Train





MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



TO ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE OF MORGAN COUNTY!



From Ed Butler

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and Staff.



Santa Letters

Brooklyn- yo-yo, Squishy, birthday cake toy, Remi Piper wants a puppet, toy for Mommy and Daddy Jacob and Sissy

Kyler- A real dirt bike, a big train, army men, toy cars, new markers

Aubrey- birthday cake, candy canes, baby doll, stickers, gum, new backpack, gingerbread man, new shirt and cupcakes

Olivia W- make-up, big Elsa barbie, mirror, toy elf, Elsa's ice castle, purse, Elsa and Anna dress

Nevaeh- bouncy castle that I can jump on, Elsa doll, make-up, Barbie dolls

Ashlyn- Elsa castle, Barbie dolls, Chelsea doll, trucks, Elijah wants a dinosaur, Unicorn, Gingerbread girl, toy Christmas Tree with ornaments, unicorn glasses. I think that I'm on the Good and Bad list!!

1ST Grade

Mrs. Laura Boledovic's Class

My name is McKinley Newport. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like a bokugon, dinosaurs and dragons for Christmas.

My name is Bryce Atkins. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year and would like a drone, foxerocke, slide, umbrella, and rollerskates for Christmas.

My name is Raelynn Brock. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like a Mama sapisr stuff annal fox, lol balls, and babay dalls for Christmas.

My name is Aaron Branstetter. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like a rmote car, a tabblit, and a drone for Christmas.

My name Emily Akers. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like gabby dallhaus had phons, foxy boxy, milky, and Gabby dallhouse for Christmas.

My name is Konnor Goad. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like a bokugon, skwish mellow, and foxy rocky for Christmas.

My name is Ryder Cluff. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year and would like a plan lego set with pepel, a bike, motor sikel set with pepel for Christmas.

My name is Kenadee Vertner. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like dolls, toy dog, and a doll house for Christmas.

My name is Lyla Stevenson. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like a bike, ps5 and a trampoline for Christmas.

My name is Lincoln Carter. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like a ps5, bike, toy gun, ipad, huverborb, ben bag chair , and a pet cat for Christmas.

My name is Mary Martin. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year and would like a ipad, baarbie dolls, and Barbie hom for Christmas.

My name is Jazlyn Mutry. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like lol, doll stuff and a pink pilo and blankt for Christmas.

My name is Braelee Chapman. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year and would like a huvbord, milky, ps5, thick shark and foxy boxy for Christmas.

My name is Elijah Cox. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like a ps5, huvbord, and ipad for Christmas.

My name is Zepellin McClendon . I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like a fish that you wind and swims around, orange and white scope gun, lava volcano, and a tv with fortnite on for Christmas.

My name is Bethany Northrup. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year and would like hoverboard for Christmas.

My name is Casey Burchfied . I am 8 years old. I have been good this year and would like a glo slime, dancing lama, intendo switch for Christmas.

My name is Ismayla Martynowicz. I am 6 years old. I have been good this year and would like a ben bag cats, cat backpack, and cat ghost for Christmas.

My name is Maci Adkins. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year and would like a drawing markers, headphones, and rainbow high dolls for Christmas.

Mrs. Shelley Jeffers's Class

For Christmas I want a ridiculously smart robot, lots of snow, a bike, and a Grinch plushie.

Love, River Adkins

I want a purple tablet for Christmas. Love, Emma Branyon

I want a dirt bike, a bb gun, a toy car. Love, Parker Brown

I want a toy monster truck, a tablet, and a monster bus for Christmas. Love, Aslin Burchfield

I want a Mars cat and a robot dog and a hamster. I also want a stuffed cat. I want a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and I want a baby cat. Love, Addison Evans

For Christmas I want a truck, Mario Odyssey, a bb gun, and a bow and arrow. Love, Ben Freels

I want a baby doll and a Nintendo Switch and I want some books. And I want my family to have a good Christmas. Love, McKinley Freels

I want race cars, a kite, a monster truck, a stuffy, puppies, and cats and a jeep and a charger. Love, Nicholas Hardy

I want an easy bake oven, a baby doll, a Nintendo Switch, and a PS5 for Christmas. Love, Abigail Harris

For Christmas I want legos and a new game for my switch. Love, Lincoln Hawkins

I want a stuffed animal elf for Christmas. Love, Grayson Honey

I want another American Girl doll, an American Girl doll kitchen, and an American Girl school set. Love, Kylee Maynard

I want a bike and a Nintendo Switch and a hockey game. I also want snow on Christmas. Love, Keara Murphy

I want a TV and a Nintendo Switch. Love, Bradley Posey

I want a phone, a stuffed animal, and a jeffy toy. Love, Conner Richardson

I want a sled for Christmas. Love, Kyriee

Selby

For Christmas I want a drone, a play-doh set, and a toy elf. Love, Landyn Smith

I want a tablet and a rainbow doll. I also want a Nintendo Switch!!! I want a monster truck! Oh and can you get me six gingerbread houses? Love, Sarah Naomi Sword

I want rainbow friends blue. I want a motorcycle. I want a toy elf and an electric drone.

Love, Serenity Thompson

I want a robot toy, a PS5, and a robot Santa. Love, Troy Tolstyck

I want a camera, a Nintendo Switch, and a truck. Love, Hudson Webb

For Christmas I want a bike. I want a bunny. Merry Christmas. Love, Dorthey Martin

2ND Grade

Mrs. Dennis's Class

I want a drone, a metal dector, a power-wheel, and a bike. Love, Nathaniel

I want games for my ninento cuz I have been wanting them for a long time. Love, Lincoln

I would like some ice cream for Christmas and to spend time with my mom, dad, sisters, and family. Love, Faith

I want a Sonic Plushy, 100,000,000 dollars, and rainbow friends plushy. Love, Luke

I want a real unicorn and a kitten. I want a phone, a real phone. I want a shot gun, a water bottle, makeup, lots of mini brands, and a santa soft animal. I love you, Santa. Love, Alice

Can you please give me a puppy dog, toys, pokemon cards, AK47's, glocks, gold necklaces, wolf necklaces, gold rings, xbox series x, wolf powers, diggo dollars, leggos, a bit bed, a big t.v. stand, a bugate and a tomahawk bike. Love, Atley

I want a army soldier parachute man, a nerf gun, a army helicopter, legos, skateboard, drone, pencils, glow stick, a lamp, a PS5, a soldier costume, and my family. Love, Carson

I want a PS5, a zombie, legos, and a AK47. Love, Malik

I want a boyfriend, a diary, a dollhouse, a puppy, a water bottle, some slime, squishmallows, a sleepover with Shylynn, minibrands, toys, my sister to have a baby girl, an ipad, makeup, and a real t.v. Love Ella

I want a PS5, pets, doll houses, car for Becky, a puppy, kitten, a phone for Shyann, a phone for me, and a doghouse for Gabby. Love Shylynn

All I want is for you to visit kids and show Amara you are real and make my family happy. Love McKayla

I want a diary, a dog toy, a stuffed wolf, and a big bed. Love, Amara

I want a diary with a lock and key, I would like to have a phone with a ladybug, a ladybug keychain, a bell from one of your raindeer, a elf, a Barbiedoll, for Weston and Ivy to come back, fun games, and some reindeer food for the reindeer to know where I am at. Love, Alyssa

I want West Plants vs. Zombies, tads rocket simulator, dragonfire lifting simulator, and a boxing simulator. Love Liam

I want a real unicorn and a diary, a real puppy and a real kitten, a real phone, a real shotgun, I want a real phone, real makeup set, a mini couch, a bunch of stuffed animals, a real ipad, a real t.v. a new ninen-to switch, and a new set of colored pencils. Love, Victoria

I want a shotgun and a pistol. Love, Waylon

I want a AK-47, a naked mole rat, a four-wheeler, a golden necklace and 2 gold rings, a truck that you can sit on, a PS5 and a laptop. Love, Kellin

I want treasure, a puppy, nerf guns, dog toys, a lizard, gold, and a gold chain. Love, Bryson

Ms. Paula Davis's Class

My name is Branson Honey and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a robot? Thank you, Branson

My name is Shyann Reed and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice and naughty. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a teddy bear, a cat toy for my cat, a phone, and a dog toy for my dog? Thank you, Shyann

My name is Syriah Geracci and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice and naughty. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me LOL dolls, a camera, a water bottle, and doll clothes? Thank you, Syriah

My name is Noah Shirley and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice and naughty. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me some candy, books, toys and paper? Thank you, Noah

My name is Galaxie Byrd and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a scooter, a squishmallow, LOL doll, and a new tablet? Thank you, Galaxie

My name is Clyde Krause and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice and naughty. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a green plush toy, cat themed hat, an apple iPhone 14 pro, and cat toys? Thank you, Clyde

My name is Raylen Vaughn and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a tic tac tongue game, a Bible, a Tabs game for Nintendo Switch, a Little Flash Rumble Buddy toy, and a Royal Rumble game? Thank you, Raylen





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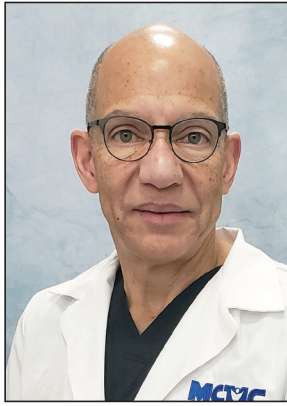
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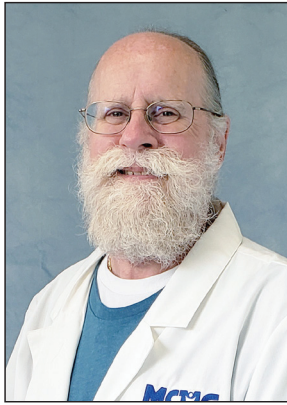
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Santa Letters

My name is Elijah Hanners and I am 9 years old. This year I have been nice and naughty. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a Huggy Wuggy smiling plush toy, Minecraft Creeper Mega Squish Me, paddleball toy, and super hero toys? Thank you, Elijah

My name is Claire Newport and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a toy hamster, baby doll and clothes, and a new yellow tablet? Thank you, Claire

My name is Karlie Weaver and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice and naughty. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a pair of air pods, tablet and keyboard, Harry Potter Lego Set, and a Squishmallow? Thank you, Karlie

My name is Connor Davidson and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a remote control snake, a Squishmallow Scorpion, and modeling clay? Thank you, Connor

My name is Jessalee Murray and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a Nintendo Switch, an apple iPhone 14, and reindeer squishmallow? Thank you, Jessalee

My name is Samantha Morrison and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice and naughty. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a LOL horse ranch, camera, and a Barbie dollhouse? Thank you, Samantha

My name is Paislynn Romine and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a camera, LOL doll, a backpack, and makeup? Thank you, Paislynn

My name is Jonas Carroll and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a watch, a wobble ball, and I want to see you Santa but wake me up when you get here? Thank you, Jonas

My name is Andi Adkins and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a notebook, color pencils, coloring books, and paper? Thank you, Andi

My name is Jayme Massey and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me stuff for my kitchen set, a Baby Alive, and food and clothes for Baby Alive doll? Thank you, Jayme

My name is Patrick Adams and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me 2 Lego sets, a drawing set, and 3 poppets? Thank you, Patrick

My name is Sapphira Sexton and I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. This year for Christmas, could you please bring me a motorcycle, wolf earrings, a Christmas tree, and ballet shoes? Thank you, Sapphira

Wartburg Central Elementary School

Special Education

Ms. Debby Moriarty's P-3 Class

My name is Xander and I am 3 years old. I would like some cars and a ball this year. Love, Xander P.S. I have been good.

My name is Lainey and I am 3 years old. I would like some baby dolls and kitchen toys. Love, Lainey P.S. I have been good.

My name is Nora and I am 3 years old. I would like some baby dolls and playdough. Love, Nora P.S. I have been pretty good.

My name is Willow and I am 4 years old. I would like a rainbow doll and a chicken stuffed animal. Love, Willow P.S. I have been good.

My name and I am 4 years old. I would a dollhouse, a toy momma, and playdough. Love, Lillian P.S. I am trying real hard to be good.

My name is Trey and I am 4 years old. I would like an orca and shark toys. Love, Trey P.S. I have been good.

My name is Landon and I am 4 years old. I would like a remote controlled race car and a remote controlled monster truck. Love, Landon P.S. I am trying real hard to be good.

My name is Isaiah and I am 3 years old. I would like a big monster truck and a dirt bike. Love, Isaiah P.S. I have been pretty good.

My name is Eloise and I am 3 years old. I would like a monster truck and a car. Love, Eloise P.S. I am trying to be good.

My name is Austin and I am 3 years old. I would like a remote controlled car and a remote controlled monster truck. Love, Austin P.S. I have been good.

My name is Remy and I am 3 years old. I would like a Peppa Pig and playdough. Love, Remy P.S. I have been good this year.

My name is Adaline and I am 3 years old. I would like playdough and dolls. Love, Addie P.S. I have been good.

My name is Cooper and I am 4 years old. I would like Lightning McQueen, cars and trucks. Love, Cooper P.S. I am trying real hard to be good.

My name is Brody and I am 4 years old. I would like a Lightning McQueen bike and a Lightning McQueen bike for Cooper (brother). Love, Brody P.S. I have been good this year.

My name is Anna and I am 3 years old. I would like playdough and baby dolls. Love, Anna P.S. I am trying to be good.

My name is Daniel and I am 3 years old. I would like playdough and cars and trucks. Love, Daniel P.S. I am trying to be good.

My name is Owen and I am 4 years old. I would like a remote controlled monster truck and a police car. Love, Owen P.S. I have been good.

Ms. Debby's Extended Resource Class

My name is Colton and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I would like a Mr. Potato Head. Love, Colton

My name is Skylar and I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. I would like fruit rollups and more fruit rollups. Love, Skylar

My name is Aiden and I am 7 years old. I have been pretty good this year. I would like a ball, Mr. Potato Head and playdough. Love, Aiden

My name is Ian and I am 6 years old. I have been bad this year. I would like a bouncing house and a bouncing ball. Love, Ian

My name is Mackenzie and I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. I want a car. Love, Mackenzie

My name is Connor and I am 10 years old. I have been trying to be good. I would like new headphones and some more drums. Love, Connor

My name is Blake and I am 7 years old. I am trying to be good. I would like an iPad and suckers. Love, Blake

My name is Zamuel and I am 8 years old. I have been good. I would like some toys that make noise and have lights. Love, Zamuel

Pre-K Mrs. Rebecca's and Mrs. Tiffany's Classes

I have been very good this year. For Christmas, please may I have: a book about Christmas elves, a princess doll and a stuffed animal. Love, Marley Hamby

I have been very good this year. For Christmas, please may I have: Blessing to speak. Love, Mansh

I have been mostly good this year. For Christmas, please may I have: Bluey Toys! Love, Saoirse

I have been mostly good this year. For Christmas, please may I have: a Fritter, Rambulance, Robot and a teddy bear. Santa, I have a new baby brother. His name is Landon Cole. Oh Santa, I want a Jack, Sally, Zero, and Ooogie Boogie. I love you Santa and I love my Elf! Love, Grayson Mason

I have been mostly good this year. For Christmas, please may I have: A drill, 2 scroogs drivers, a red watch that I can call people on, a stuffed animal Pokemon Squirtle, new phones for my mom and dad, a gigantic max Charizard for my big brother, Mason, a giant stuffed dog for Lezlie, and a new golden golf club for my Papaw. And something for all the other people I love. Thank you so much. Love, Jason Potter

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. For Christmas, please may I have: a Spiderman car. Love,

I have been a bit good this year. For Christmas, please may I have: something for my kitchen, hot wheels. My Sissy wants something random. I want to try and be good Santa and I love you. Love, Kash Shields

I have been very good this year. For Christmas, please may I have a big batman toy. I also want a Superman robot. I want a Spiderman drone. I want a Spiderman web like in the movie. I want an elf. I want a Spiderman toy. Love, Noah L.

I have been mostly good this year. For Christmas, please may I have: a new tablet and toys for Christmas. I love you. Love, Ramsey

Ms. Jessica's Class
My name is Jaxxon. I am 4 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a monster truck, a fire truck and Razer Monster truck. Love, Jaxxon

My name is Ivy. I am 4 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a big green doll house, a doll with rainbow hair, a Barbie Dream House and a big and little Barbie. Love, Ivy

My name is Adelyn. I am 4 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a riding Jeep, a monster truck, a doll and my own doggie pet that is a robot. Love, Adelyn

My name is Chase. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Jeep, a Jeep car, and a toy. Love, Chase

My name is Amara. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie Dream House Camper, Baby Yoda Toy, and Dr. Kit. Love, Amara.

My name is Brentlynn. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like Hot Wheels, candy, dog toys, and Legos. Love, Brentlynn

My name is Kinsley. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Tablet, Barbie, Puppy, Kid, dog, mermaid, candy canes. Love, Kinsley

My name is Casen. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a blue tablet, race track, shotgun, Santa toy, candy canes, Jeep and BB gun. Love, Casen

My name is Aaron. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Jeep, shotgun, BB gun, Baby Yoda toy, truck, Santa Clause toy, Pencil, baseball field, Hot Wheels car, hammer. Love, Aaron

My name is Aaleiya. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like strategy game, Stranger Things, Paw Patrol, Baby Yoda, and octopus. Love, Aaleiya

Dear Santa, My name is Colt. I am 4 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a dump truck, a Bobcat and a very big dump truck. Love, Colt

My name is Brynlee. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie Dream House, Barbies to play with my Barbie Dream House and a princess doll. Love, Brynlee

My name is Luella. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a real Unicorn, play dough ice cream stand, and a Santa reindeer toy. Love, Luella

My name is Roman. I am 4 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like blocks to play with at Mamaw's house, and nothing else. Love, Roman

My name is Marley. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Bluey Doll House, a Barbie Doll, a Kitchen play set and kitchen stuff. Love, Marley

Santa Letters

My name is Avie. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie Dream House, a new Barbie, and a toy house. Love, Avie

My name is Ray-Ray. I am 4 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Monster truck and a Cooker House. Love, Ray-Ray

My name is Ryan. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a phone, a X-Box and games for my X-Box. Love, Ryan

My name is Sadie. I am 4 years old. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie Dream House, Barbies, play phone and hair band. Love, Sadie

My name is Carter. I am 5 years old. I have a little good this year. For Christmas I would like goo Jit Zu, Monster Jam Cars, Hot Wheel Cars, and a Crystal and Science Kit. Love, Carter

Pre-K **Ms. Cindy's and Mrs. Judy's** **Kindergarten Classes**

This year I have been really good. I always do my homework and help clean my room and the toy room. This year I really want toy cars and Nerf guns. My brother Levi has also been kind of good. He wants a drone for Christmas. We will leave you cookies and milk. Love, Isaiah Pool

Laykin Nelson – Barbie, Alien, Baby doll, Basketball, Family dolls, LOL dolls, Surprise Six year pajamas with hearts, Little doll-house, Ball, Gymnastics mat, Mckenna

I have been good. I would like a bicycle for Christmas would also like Bluey's house. And Grabby's dollhouse. Elf on the shelf and a pony cycle. Love, Olivia.

Will you bring me a cat boy toy and a new crayon box? Jack!

I am six years old. I have been a very good little girl this year! I would like a Barbie doll house, some new clothes, and art coloring books. Thank you, Henleigh Diden

My name is Gray. I'm five years old. For Christmas I would like a new Minecraft plushy.

I would also like a treasure X robot. I've tried to be really good this year. Love, Gray

I have been really good this year. Can I please get a Barbie dream house, Elsa bed sets, care Bears, magna tiles, creative kit and a mini board store. Could I also get more LOLz dolls, and another house to go with them. Can't wait to cook cookies for you and Mrs. clause. PS, I'll leave some reindeer food outside. Love, Adeline

For Christmas, I want Barbie doll, baby dolls, crayons, a white bunny, clothes and a Scooter. Love, Sadie

I have been really good girl this year. This year for Christmas I would like a Barbie dream house, and LOL doll, a red shirt, and a stuffy cat. Please bring my brother, Even a new fishing pole and fishing baits, I hope you have a great Christmas! Love, Mika.

My name is Marley. For Christmas I want a Barbie doll, a big tent, and a new gun to shoot a deer. For my sissy, a drama llama. For my Bubba ENI guitar. Hey Santa, I've

been real good this year for my mom and daddy! I love you and Jesus, too! For my daddy, a new truck! For my mom, a Jesus cross necklace, and a lot of stuff from buff city soap! And I wanna phone! Thank you, Santa!

For Christmas I want a big horse toy, Barbies, Squish mellows, JoJo stuff, Money, Kittens, Flowers, Coco melon, Balloons, Kara Redmon

I have been really good this year, and I would love to have a doll house. Make up, and a unicorn, dog, blanket, and I love horses, shoes sizes is three, clothes sizes is 7/8. Thank you, Adalynn Bible

I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a live Pet mama. Thank you, Ryleigh

I want a transformer for Christmas. I love you, Santa! Carter

I would like for Christmas to have a Barbie doll, Hatchimals, Gabbie cats, doll house, a chew toy for my dogs, Daisy, balloons, and stickers. I wish you a Happy Christmas. Cheyenne Harris

I would like Bluey's house for Christmas. And I would like Mickey's Mickey Mouse pirate ship. Also, Spidey and friends. How about some beads to make jewelry. And a jeep to drive daddy around. Love, Harper

I want a purple car that I can ride. Ivy

I would like a Huggy Wuggy plushy. I would also like a rainbow friends plushy. Can you bring Caleb a black Tennessee helmet. One last thing for me, Legos. Love, Cannon

Robyn Bunch's Class

I have been a good girl. I want makeup and a real live horsey! A rainbow cup, a fake mermaid tail for later for the pool. I wish I had a real puppy. Love, Kiara Coffey
I'm a good boy. I would like some dinosaur play puppets and a snake puppet. Murphy and I would like Nerf guns. Momma would like cigarettes; Daddy would like a lighter... a brand new one. Love, Braxten Niner

I've been good. I would like a Thomas and a Coraline lego and a toy truck. That's all I need. My mom doesn't want anything. Mamaw likes a new chair, dad wants a toy guy. Love, Gabriel Jones

I'm a good boy. I am 5 years old. I want a hover board, a electric dirt bike, a computer that has Roblocks on it. I want toy gears too. Love, Waelyn Jackson

I am a good boy. I want Hot Wheels. I also would like some Christmas stickers, some Nerf guns, a swimming suit, a blue car, and some sodas. Love, John Ryker Spurling

I'm good at my mommy's house and school. I'm 5 years old. I want a beauty mask and nail polish. I want a camper and Barbies. Oakley wants a squishy with the mask. Love, Kendall Wilson

I have been a good girl. I am 5 years old. I want a Gabby doll house, maybe a new Barbie. Malachi wants xbox cards and Anthony wants socks. Love, Addie Williams

I am a good girl. I'm 5 years old. I want cookies for Christmas. I want a sleigh and a horse, a Christmas tree, a star for the tree. Love, Alisha Phillips

I'm a good girl. I'm 6 years old. I want an Anna doll, an Elsa doll, LOL dolls, a little stuffed turtle. My sister wants an Elsa doll too. Mom wants a smell good and dad wants tools. Love, Allie Siebert

I am a good girl. I'm 6 years old. I want a doll, a scooter, a stuffed rabbit, a unicorn and a baby horse. My brother wants a monster truck. Mom wants a stuffed animal. Dad wants a Mickey Mouse. Love, Stella Pride

I'm a good girl. I am 6 years old. I want a Barbie dream camper, a toy phone I can drag by a string, a Barbie. I like Barbies. Tiffany wants a toy flower. Tyler wants a plushie turtle. Love, Addison Preston

I'm a pretty good boy. I'm 6. I want presents and a BB gun, a whole bunch of soda (Mtn. Dew), dinosaurs, that's all. Don't get my sisters anything. Mom would love socks, dad would love heated socks. Love, Cole Hardie

I have been a very good boy this year. My family is so proud of my hard work and the things I have achieved. For Christmas, I would like anything I can build like legos, marble run toys, sorting or stacking things. I would love the Llama Llama Red Pajama. Please bring my Sissy new speakers for her car. Please get my mom and dad something special because I love them so much and they take such good care of me. Love, Kaleb Newport

I've been good. I am 5 years old. I want some playdough, a plastic cup with a straw. I'd like a treasure box. Mom wants jewelry. I'll leave milk and cookies. Love, Kaitlynn Goodson

I love you. I'm a good girl. I want a Elsa doll in water, I want to be a doctor and fix dads boo-boos, I need a stethoscope, My brother wants slime and the baby wants a water baby. Love, Denisse Perez Gonzalez

I am a good girl. I am 6 years old. I want toys, a hover board, Barbies, a teddy bear, a toy car and a rainbow. Evan wants a new trophy and Caleigh wants makeup. Mom and dad want kettles. Love, Reese Crouch

I am a good girl. I am 6. Please get me a Barbie doll and a Barbie tent and a swimming pool, and Barbie floaties. I want smelly markers and a journal. Love, Cassidy Clark

I've been a good girl. I'm 6 years old. I want LOL dolls, fingerlings and piggy books and pineapple piggy books, Hatchimals and pixies. I will leave you a lollipop and carrots for the reindeer. Love, Kylie Branham

I have been a good boy. I want an electric scooter. Get dad an electric scooter too so he can ride it. Please get mom a princess dress and a toy rattle that's pink for my baby sister. That's all. Love, Keagan Barnett

I would like an LOL fashion show, an ice cream shop, and a spy ninja book. Get Bella some sister stuff. Love, Irelynn Armes

I am a good boy. I'd like Spider Man toys, Hot Wheels, a remote-control car, a truck and playdough. Love, Samuel Shillings

I am a very good boy. I would like Baby Yoda toys, Mandalorian toys, some Christmas books. My brothers would like a Shark

transporter playset. Love, Kimber Shepherd

Kindergarten **Mrs. Molly Carroll's Class**

I want a Rockstar stand and Rockstar guitar, a lab table with my name and lab stuff that I can put in bottles. That's it. Jaxon Appleby

For Christmas this year, I would like a few Barbies and accessories to go with them. I hope all of my friends get good gifts and are happy. Penny Carroll

I want a new bike because my other one is broke, a couple of toys, and a couple of games, a trampoline and a dirt bike. Carter Chetister

I want a bike and a squishy ball for my dog Pie and some alphabet letters for my sister. I saw you at the Christmas Parade! Lilli Claytor

I want a Nintendo Switch with Minecraft, Fortnite and Mario, a skateboard, a race-track and a game you go through all these numbers and it gives you people to fight with. Kason Dispain

I want a tablet. Jesse Duncan
I want a Rudolph and a Santa that's a stuffy. Then I want a little Christmas tree toy. And can I please have a sweater and an Elsa toy. Also a dress. Love, Cheyanne Engle

I want an R/C Jeep Please. Ben Haver

I would like: Hoverboard, Barbie Doll-house, Ballet Shoes, Ballet Dress, Mini Brands, Candy. Sadie Hughes

Santa List by Kaleb Johnson

1. Toys
2. Money
3. My own little house
4. A fake kitchen
5. Strawberry dip (a lot)
6. For mom to give me a "yes day"
7. A play sink

I would like a dollhouse. Wayleigh Lewalyn

Hope you had a wonderful vacation. I have been good. I will leave you milk and cookies. I would like this for Christmas: LOL dolls, a bike, jewelry, bed set for my bed, I like zombies, Monster High. Would like some boots and clothes and a new baby doll with blanket. Myla Pyles

My name is Jacob. I'm turning 6 years old soon. Will you please bring me a four-wheeler and dirt bike? I don't want to get hurt so could you also bring a green helmet, gloves, boots, shirt and pants? Please bring all of the people in the world something nice too! I will be good for the rest of the week! I love you so much Santa! Love, Jacob Ridenour

My name is Emmarie and I am 6 years old. I've been a very good girl this year! For Christmas I would like a Monster High Vampire doll, a princess dress up set, and some light sabers. I'll make sure to leave you milk and cookies and carrots for your reindeer. Merry Christmas! Love, Emmarie Sampsel

May I please have these for Christmas

1. Nail Polish
 2. Socks
 3. Books
 4. Scribble Scrubbier
 5. Craft Stuff
- Love, Ava Siebert

I would like a basketball goal for Christmas. Love, Levi Smith

Santa Letters

I'm very excited for Christmas this year! I am 5 years old and I want you to know I've been a very good girl this year! This year I would love to have a teddy bear, a unicorn, a big bed for my baby dolls, and a pink dirt bike. Hope things are going well in the North Pole. I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve. Love, Juleanne Steelman

What I want for Christmas is a Playstation 4, bicycle, PS4 games, nerf gun, helmet for bike, and last but not least remote control monster truck. I have been good all year long. Anyway hope you don't have to work too hard before Christmas. Sincerely, Orion Tipton P.S. I will be sure to leave extra cookies for your very long trip.

My name is Jaycee Grace and I'm 6 years old. This year I've been Nice. I'd like you to bring me a Bluey house, Dolly Parton book and a watch for Christmas. I'll be waiting with milk, cookies and a reindeer snack on Christmas Eve. Love Jaycee Underwood

I want a hoverboard, in-line skates, a trampoline, and Orbit Wheels. Cordelia Watson

I hope the reindeer are doing well. I hope they are ready for Christmas. I want a Big Monster Truck that has a remote with it. I would like a 4-wheeler if possible. I hope my toby elf is been good. I want a toy sword. I also want a toy robot. I hope to see toby elf soon at home and I can't wait for Christmas. Love Neyland West

I love you. I hope you have a Christmas and give all the kids toys. I want a Gabby's Dollhouse. Love Adaline Wright

2ND Grade

Ms. Alanna Jones's Class

I want a trip to Hawaii. I want a tree with apples on it. Merry Christmas! Sincerely, Tucker Quinney

I want to get a computer. I hope you have a good day and be safe. I've been good, how about you? Please remember my family and pets. Thank you so much! Love you, Santa! Sincerely, Kayos Martin

I want whatever you give me. I love you so much! I'll be fine with whatever you give me. Be safe! And also get my teacher something and my family. Sincerely, Bralynn Bible

I hope you keep warm. And I want to know when my elf is coming please. Oh and I think I want a bug catcher please. And I want a "Lily to the Rescue" book too please. I love you, Santa! Love, Brooklyn Henry

I have been good this year. I want a chinchilla and a jump rope. I also want Addie to come back. I also want a baby monkey. I also want a Nintendo Switch. I hope you have a happy Christmas! Sincerely, Zoee Adams

Hey, it's me, Harlee. I want a chinchilla and a camera and a Hula Hoop for Christmas this year. I hope you don't get stuck on your way! Sincerely, Harlee Shields

I hope you have good weather. What I want for Christmas is a spider monkey and I want you to bring Mrs. Alanna a gift so she will feel better. Sincerely, Kennedy Phillips

I want a Nintendo Switch, a computer, a playground, a new basketball, a Hula Hoop,

a new back pack, toy handcuffs, a volcano toy, and a spider toy. I hope you get here safe!

Sincerely, Noah Landrum

I hope you have good weather to travel in and I want safe travel for you. I want a watch and a necklace. And I want for Mrs. Alanna to feel better. Sincerely, Shaylyn Simmons

I want a new phone and a basketball and hunting clothing and a microscope and also bring something for my Mom and Dad. And bring my teacher Mrs. Alanna something, too. I hope you have a safe trip! Sincerely, Jayden Human

I hope you have a nice trip when you come. For Christmas I want a RC car. Bring a special present for my Mom and Dad and bring a special thing for Mrs. Alanna. Sincerely, Thomas Davis

I want a PS5 and a bike and a new baby Jesus and a deck of cards and a blanket and a rabbit and a life saver. Sincerely, Tyler Hinds

I want a Ken and a Wheelchair Barbie doll and I want a Rainbow High doll. Thank you! Sincerely, Kinsley Sampsel

I've been good and Tucker was good. I want a drone and an iPhone. Please and thank you! Please have a safe trip! Sincerely, Cannon Davis

I've been good this year. I want a spider monkey and a jump rope and a Squishmallow. Sincerely, Hayzleigh Parker

Hey, it's me, Evelyn and I want a camera, jump rope, chinchilla, and a Nintendo Switch. I hope you don't get stuck on your way! Sincerely, Evelyn Barton

I really do want Shopkins. I really do love crafts and would like some craft supplies. Merry Christmas! Love, Emily Mehlhorn

I want American Girl doll things and American Girl dolls. Can I please have books because I like books. Have a Merry Christmas! From, Raegan Kennedy

I want a game board, money, and a stuffy. Merry Christmas! Sincerely, Oakley Wilson

I would like some PS3 video games. I would also like a puppy and an orange kitty. Be safe! From, Andrew Lemons

I would like for Cruz to have another toy train and for Mallory to have a girlie skateboard. I would like another gaming device like a computer to play Minecraft on and any other games. And I would like a V-bucks card. You're such a kind man and thank you for the presents. From, James Sexton

Ms. Tori Duncan's Class

I love you Santa. I want a baby horse and a baby doll that looks like a real baby and a computer for Christmas. Love, Kailynn Throneberry

I hope your have has a good year. I would like a dirt bike, Lakers shirt, pup boots, and a Lakers basketball. Love, Kaiden Wagner

I hope you've had a good year. I would like a guess who game, a wild republic fox, a wild republic panda, and a wild republic bear. Love, Ora Phillips

I hope that you have a good year. I want a Naruto blanket. I want a Naruto toy. I want a Naruto phone case. I want Naruto clothes. I want a Naruto phone. I want a Naruto costume. Love, Leeland Goss

I hope you are having a wonderful year. For Christmas I want an apple tablet, a puppy, money, popits, and Squishmallows! Love, Maci Bedford

How was your year? I want a new pair of shoes. I want a piano. Love, Madison Attaway

I need a new elf on the shelf. I want a baby alive and some sloth house shoes. Love, Alivia Gibson

How are you doing? I want an iPhone 12 and a tablet. I want squishes and squishmallows. I want a computer and apple watch. I want books and two notebooks. Love, Oaklie Harding

I hope you're feeling well! This is what I want for Christmas, I want a mini football helmet, a baby kitten, and a baby brother! Again, I hope you are feeling well! Love, Ben Freytag

Have a merry Christmas! This is what I want for Christmas, a puppy, a cat, a rainbow friend doll, and that is it. Love, Molly Griffith

Have a happy Christmas! Merry Christmas, Santa! I want a popit, I want a shirt, I want an American girl doll, I want a big LOL doll, and I want a game. Love, Arianna Isabell

I hope you have a good day. I want a big LOL doll. I also want a lot of stuff. I hope you get it for me. Love, Dakota Green

I hope you've had a great year. I want a fidget set, squishmallows, a mini backpack, and some games. I also want a new pair of shoes and a Barbie set. Love, Brooklyn Phillips

I hope you've had a good year and I would like something that me and my family could use and I would want a tablet and a nerf gun and a hover board and a crane truck. Love, Parker Heidle

I believed in you since I was two years old. I still believe in you, For Christmas I want a RC car. I love you! Love, Ace Lopez

How are you doing? I want a baby pig, a baby puppy, a baby rabbit, and a baby elf. Love, Logan Sandlin

I hope you are doing well. I want big toys and little toys. I want action figures and a cheetah stuffie. I want a fish game. I want a horse for Christmas and play money. Love, Heaven Human

I hope you've had a good year. I would like the game, Kirby and Forgotten Land. I want an iPhone and a dirt bike. I also want a pencil sharpener. Love, Jed Carroll

Merry Christmas! I would like a puppy, a popit set, an iPhone, and a baby doll. Love, Mila Fritts

Merry Christmas! I want a kitty and an iPhone and blocks for my little brothers. Love, Charlee Hill

I hope you've had a good year! I want Yeezy shoes, an iPhone 14, a four wheeler. I also want army guys and a chromebook and a xbox controller. I would also like a necklace and a Lakers basketball and a number 24 Lakers jersey and some books and slime. I would like to get my mom some jewelry and a new car. Love, Kaylub Seay

I want a baby that looks real, a Roblox card, a phone case, screen protector, a Barbie camper, Elsa and Anna Barbie's, a dog elf pet, a blue and pink elf, and an elf for brother. - Aria Davis

I would like a PlayStation five. If you can't get enough, PlayStation fives made in time I want Pokémon cards, Nerf, guns, V-Bucks. I also like Legos. Clarence, the elf wanted to give the snake a cookie and fell in the snake cage. We had to save him before the snake got him. I'm not sure if he's a nice self or not. He couldn't really got hurt. I will leave you cookies and milk. I love you! Taylor Terry

My name is Teylee, I would really like a puppy, white writing board to play school with, stuff to play school with, crafts to make, a desk, ear rings, a phone for me and my sissy, a vacation with four plane tickets. Thank you from Teylee Dagley.





The Bulldog Banner



Operation Warm

By Daniel Bunch...Big Man Dan
Cole Burchell...CatFish Cole

As the cold weather keeps creeping in, more and more children are left without coats. Operation Warm came in to help resolve this problem. Operation Warm is an organization that has focused the last 23 years to helping kids stay warm by donating coats to over 2,100 communities and 4.6 million children. The 1st Lady of Tennessee, Operation Warm and Tennessee Serves has provided WCMS and other Morgan County K-8 schools with coats as well.

The staff/students here at WCMS had a very unique way of hyping up our distribution of the coats. Along with the help of the lovely Miss Malea Potter (Morgan County's Miss Fairest of the Fair), we hosted a fashion show starring some of the students here at WCMS in these fabulous coats. With our homemade runway, we showed off the various different colors of coats. Some of the students who starred were Johnathan Kilby (Light Blue), Jeremiah Duncan (Black), Paxton

Quinney (Red), Gavin Keathley (White), Noah Shannon (Blue), Nevaeh Trautman (Light Purple), Kyleigh Watson (Light Blue), Hailey Brown (Grey), and the editors of this column Daniel Bunch (Dark Blue) & Cole Burchell (Green). The fashion show was great fun but, more importantly, everyday students wearing these warm coats can be seen walking the halls of WCMS!



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ANNUAL SCOTT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE HAS GREAT TURNOUT AND PARTICIPATION

By Richard Spears

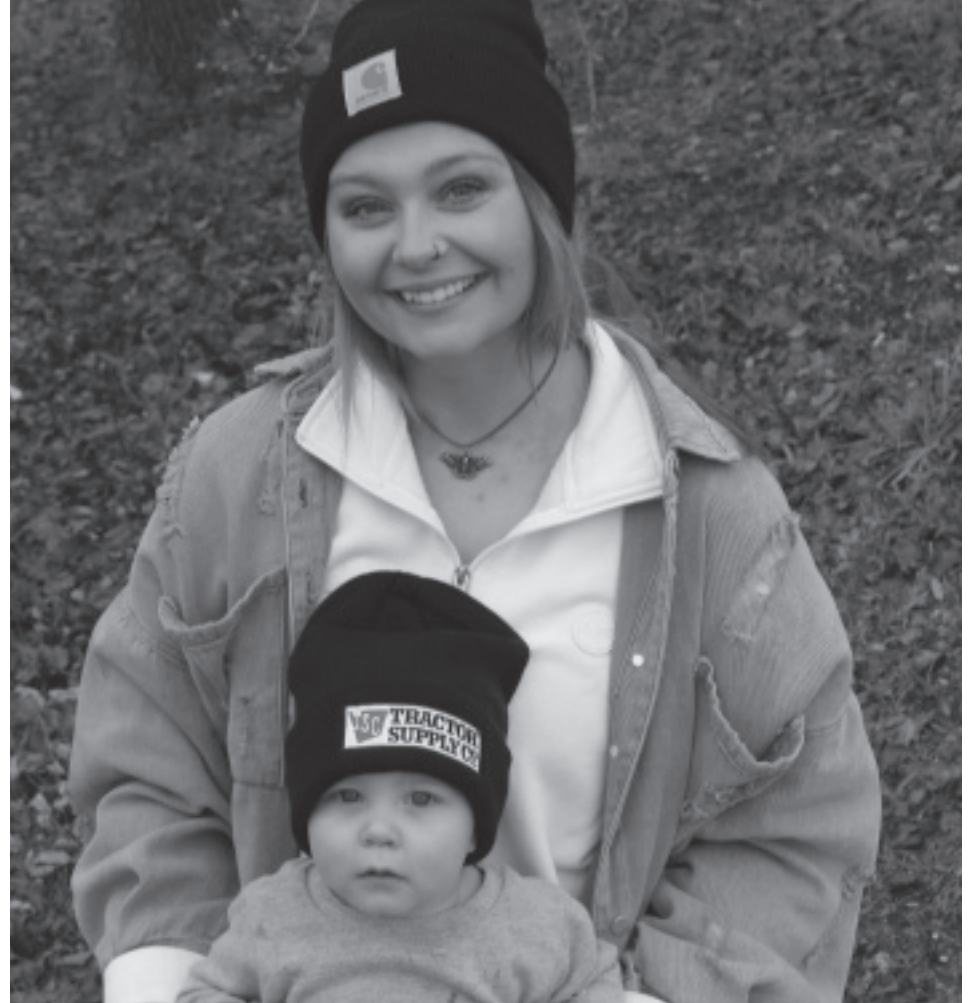
Rained out on the original parade date of Saturday, December 3, 2022, the Scott County Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas Parade stepped off on Sunday, December 4 and was a huge success. Thousands of local area families lined both sides of Highway 27 from Industrial Lane to the Walmart parking lot, and received free candy and stuffed animals thrown from the numerous parade floats. One bystander, Brianna

Wisner, held here one year old son Grayson as he watched spellbound from the Phillips Drive Inn parking lot. "This is the first time he's seen anything like this. He loves it," Brianna Wisner told the Morgan County Today, while she let him pick up some candy from the road.

Comprised of floats built by local businesses, non profit organizations and churches, as well as just individual members of the community, the parade included everything from beauty queens waving while seated on convertibles; antique cars; new tractors from Oneida Equipment; Oneida Police and Scott County Sheriff's Department vehicles; service trucks from West Ready Mix and Twin K; Plateau Electric service trucks; firetrucks from every District; emergency and rescue squad vehicles; a group of people riding with the Grinch on horseback; and, Santa Claus. Scott Appalachian Industries won the

Judge's Choice Award for its highly creative and colorful mermaid themed float; and, Scott County Mayor Jerried Jeffers even rode in the parade in a South Scott Fire Department firetruck. Jeffers told the Morgan County Today, "It was a beautiful parade. We had a really good sized crowd show up to watch, and it went well. You could tell a lot of hard work went into constructing floats, and planning and orchestrating this event. The Chamber of Commerce did their usual fantastic job of planning and hosting this."

When asked if the Christmas Parade and its phenomenal success could be an inspiration to local people as the Christmas season begins, Jeffers said, "I think this shows that despite tough times things like this event help bring our community together. And we have been so blessed by the Lord. I wouldn't want to liver anywhere else."



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