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Beverly resigns as city administrator

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Berea City Administrator Rose Beverly has announced she is leaving her post, effective Jan. 15, 2025.

During Tuesday's meeting of the Berea City Council, Beverly expressed her gratitude to citizens, department heads, and

other elected officials for making her feel welcome when she was hired on at the city in September, 2021. Beverly came to Berea after a stint as city administrator for Aitkin, Minnesota. She



Rose Beverly

will now move on to a city administrator post in Paris, Texas.

"Luckily for me, everybody embraced me and helped me become a part of the community, and I'm so grateful for that," Beverly told council members.

During her remarks, Beverly gave special thanks to the city staff. "We have built great relationships and I can't tell you

how grateful I am to have been a part of this team. I'm very sad to leave, and I just hope that everyone knows what a beautiful and special place Berea is."

Originally from Arco, Idaho, Beverly was a trailblazer, becoming the first woman elected to the Butte County

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The Berea Citizen is accepting letters to Santa. Deadline for submission is Dec. 13. Send to Libby Horn at circulation@bereacitizen.net.

Partnership could bring 700-plus new jobs to city

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday, affirming an inter-governmental partnership that could potentially bring over 700 new jobs to the Berea Industrial Park.

The resolution authorizes the city to enter a partnership with the Madison County Fiscal Court, Scott County Fiscal Court, and the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to form an industrial development authority to purchase land and share profits from subsequent development. The first joint economic development project will be located in Berea.

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley told officials the initial project will involve approximately 100 acres in the city's industrial park. The land is currently owned by the Berea Industrial Development

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Giving back



The Berea Food Bank handed out Christmas meal kits to those in need during a "Giving Tuesday" event on Tuesday. Instead of seeking donations this year, Executive Director Tony Crachiolo said the organization opted to give back to the community. Volunteers put together kits for residents at the Berea Housing Authority and also provided 40 cases of food to Berea Community Schools to help stock its emergency food pantry. Seventh- and eighth-grade students at Berea, including instructor Nikki McHenry, helped volunteer their time on Tuesday. Ethan Lake of Whitaker Bank, provided a \$1,000 donation to support the cause.

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Santa sighting



Photo by Ted Kinson

Santa and Mrs. Claus made a visit to Berea last Saturday and they welcomed visitors to Old Town during the annual "Mayor's Merry Mingling" event. The event unofficially kicked off the Christmas holiday season.

Christmas Parade set for Saturday

The annual Berea Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Berea Chamber of Commerce is set for Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

The theme is, "Peace on Earth - A Christmas Wish"

The Parade route is as follows:

Start at Ellipse Street, continue to Jefferson Street, proceed up North Broadway, Turn onto Chestnut Street, travel back down North Main Street onto 595 and

return to Ellipse Street.

The Quiet Zone begins on North Main Street after passing College Square. No lights or sirens allowed to accommodate individuals with medical sensitivities.

Prior to the parade, Christmas on Main Street, featuring food vendors, music, craft vendors, street performances and the Lights for Life Ceremony will be from 6-8 p.m.

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- Janet Kay Gooding
- Eddie Dale Gooch



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(Idaho) Commission, then becoming Berea’s first female city administrator three years ago.

When she began her tenure, she expressed a desire to help expand Berea’s identity as a destination for outdoor adventures, to promote economic development, and shore up city infrastructure. Since then, Beverly spearheaded an effort to revise the city’s pay scale to stem employee attrition, and she has been praised by Public Works Committee Chair Jerry Little for being proactive when it comes to getting Berea’s streets resurfaced in an economic and timely fashion. Most recently, Beverly guided the process for securing a \$750,000 CDBG grant for a Farristown African-American heritage and community center, which may break ground as early as next year.

She’s been vocal in her support for Mayor Bruce Fraley’s economic development efforts, stating they are critical to bringing new jobs to the city.

That, she has said, will secure a revenue base that will bolster Berea’s ability to provide future public services. During the mayoral comments segment of the meeting, Fraley expressed his gratitude to Beverly.

“Without question, your efforts and your ability to lead and your ability to manage has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Berea, which is what we brought you here to do,” Fraley said.

Other officials echoed those sentiments.

“I’m just so grateful to have been able to work with you and learn from you and I’m also sad that you are leaving but grateful for your influence on Berea,” said Councilmember Katie Startzman.

Councilman Steve Caudill, meanwhile, joked that Tuesday was the only time he felt compelled to boo a city administrator’s report after she announced her resignation.

“You’ve really been a great asset to our city and worked through a lot of issues and problems and found good solutions,” Caudill said. “I’ve always really respected the work that you put in, the way that you think about things, and I think you’ve done an exceptional job and you’ll be sorely missed.

“You have made Berea a better place and we thank you for that.”

Beverly said she will begin work at her new post on Jan. 20.

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Donald Held



Donald Held, a cherished husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on Nov. 30, 2024, at the age of 80. Born on March 11, 1944, to Eugene and Florence Eversole Held, Donald’s zest for life and warm spirit touched all who knew him.

He is fondly remembered by his family, having been preceded in death by his beloved parents, his twin brother and his wife Ronald and Geneva Held.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Glenda Held, with whom he shared a lifetime of joy and devotion. His light shines on through his

daughter, Melinda (Mike) Garner; his granddaughters, Shelby Gammon (Micah) and Sydney Lewis (Jake); and the joyful anticipation of a great-grandchild expected to arrive early next year.

He is also survived by his half-siblings, Leroy, Cynthia, Jimmy, Valerie, and Mary Jane, his nephew, Ronald Dean Held, Jr., and his great-nephews, Alex and Evan. He retired from IBM and was a member of Newby Baptist Church.

Beyond his professional and community contributions, Donald will be remembered as an avid golfer whose enthusiasm for the greens was only rivaled by his passion for University of Kentucky sports.

Graveside services for Donald were held Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pastor Scott Guiley officiated.

Regina Lynn Fryer



Regina Lynn Fryer, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister passed away suddenly on Nov. 26, 2024.

Her bright spirit will be cherished in memory by her devoted husband, Larry Fryer, and her proud son, Dustin (Kelly Reeves) Fryer. Regina’s warmth and laughter will continue to echo in the life of her stepdaughter, Anna Grimes, and shine brightly in the eyes of her granddaughter, Taylor Reeves. Her siblings, David Northern, Michelle Wilson, Dean Parrett, and Angigail Parrett, along with her

step-father, Ray Northern, and her doting nieces Deserae, Alva Lynn, Kenya, and Cheyanne, will hold Regina’s memory close to their hearts.

Grace Fellowship Church was a place of joy and worship for Regina. It was there she uplifted spirits and shared her faith with a heart of gold. Her humor and compassion were a beacon of light, bringing laughter and comfort to many.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 2, at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea. Pastor Mark Horn officiated. Interment followed in Pilot Knob Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dustin Fryer, David Northern, Eric King, Michael King, Marty Connors, and Brian Fryer.

Janet Kay Gooding



Janet Kay Gooding, 71, passed away peacefully on Nov. 28, 2024. She was preceded in death by her mother, Sophia Clutts, and father, George Milton Clutts. Janet is survived by her son, Bradley Stephen Gooding, her daughter, Jamie Kay Keenan, son-in-law Jeffrey Dwayne Keenan and two granddaughters, Jessie Paige Keenan and Eryn Jade Keenan.

Born on September 8, 1953, in Fort Worth, Texas, Janet was a lifelong learner and a passionate advocate for education and creativity.

Janet’s academic journey began at Eastern Kentucky University, where she studied geology from 1972 to 1975. She also achieved a graduate Gemologist degree from the Bennett-Walls Institute in Rotan, Texas, and earned a Bench Jeweler, Design, and Metalsmith Certification from the Connor Institute of Jewelry in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Janet went on to own and operate her own jewelry

business.

In her fifties, she graduated summa cum laude from Berea College in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in Women’s Studies, emphasizing Appalachian Studies, and a minor in Health. During her time at Berea, Janet earned numerous accolades, including being a Phi Kappa Phi Scholar & Austin Scholar. Her favorite part about returning to school later in life was being a “grandma” to 1600 students. She enjoyed collaborating and learning with her fellow students, teachers and community members.

Janet was also a proud graduate and member of the Board of Directors of the New Opportunity School for Women.

Janet cherished spending time with her grandchildren and creating craft projects and cooking with them. In her free time, she also enjoyed painting and tending to her rose garden and taking care of her beloved pets. She was a woman of strong Christian faith and instilled that her in family. Her legacy is one of love, strength, and compassion and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Eddie Dale Gooch

Eddie Dale Gooch, 66, passed away peacefully at his home Monday, Nov. 25, 2024. Eddie was born in Madison County to the late James O. and Violet Gabbard Gooch. He had been disabled for many years but was a truck driver for Smith Brothers Trucking.

Eddie is survived by his sister Theresa Ingram, his children: Edward (Susan) Mondale Gooch, Ronald Dale Gooch, Timothy (Rebecca) Lee Gooch, and Regina (Ruben) Mae Gallardo, his grandchildren: Gandi (Zack) Gooch, Natalie (Ashley) Whitehouse, Carmela Gallardo, Miranda Gooch, Viola Gallardo, Jordan Gooch, Annabel and Nickolas Gallardo, a great-granddaughter Nevaeh Chasteen.

The family will have a private service at a later date.

Charles Hobert Halcomb



Charles Hobert Halcomb, 91, passed away peacefully at his home in Paint Lick. He was born in 1933 to the late Charley and Rachel Robinson Halcomb. Hobert was one of the first paid firemen for the Berea Fire Department going to work there in 1966 and retired in 1994 as Battalion Chief after 28 years of service. He loved his farm in Paint Lick, tending his cattle and cleaning his tractor. Hobert loved to help others and had a great sense of humor and would have you laughing in every conversation with him. He loved spending time with his friends and family, was of the Baptist faith and a member of West-side Baptist Church.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his wives, Betty Jean Ward Halcomb the mother of his girls, Emma Potter Halcomb, and Shannon Himes Halcomb. Three sisters Mary Belt, Aliene Gaines, and Ruby Kidd, one son-in-law Michael

Williams, one grandson Michael D. Williams, and one great grandson Oliver Reynolds also preceded him.

Hobert is survived by his children, Rita Diane Williams of Berea, Donna Kay King and her husband William of Greenville, South Carolina, Mary Lee Watts and her husband Donnie of Richmond, stepdaughter, Lisa Kirk and husband Bill of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and stepson, Doug Himes of Berea. One sister, Barbara Cole of Indiana and his best friend and caregiver Judy McQueen. Twelve grandchildren, Mark Williams, Shawn (Chase) Williams, Philip (Stacey) Williams, William a. King, Alicia (Brian) Keener, Jenifer (Todd) LeMieux, Kimberly (Van) Coyle, Madison Kirk, Meagan Kirk, Aaron Himes, Beth Himes, Brett Himes, sixteen great grandchildren, seven nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, Dec. 2, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Rev. Wayne Miller and Rev. Allen Livingood officiated. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery. Pallbearers were Berea Firefighters.

David Lee Hall



David Lee Hall, 76, of Richmond, passed away Friday, Nov.29, 2024, at UK Chandler Medical Center in Lexington.

Hall, the son of the late James Edgar and Kathleen Dalton Hall, was born in Pulaski County on August 16, 1948. He retired from KI (USA) Corporation in Berea as a Tool and Die Engineer. Earlier in life, he enjoyed bowling and was always a car enthusiast. He loved to fish, play golf and work on his well-manicured lawn. One of his greatest joys was attending his grandchildren’s sporting events. He was a member and had served as deacon of Madison Hills Christian Church. He was also a proud US Army veteran.

On Nov. 13, 1970, David united in marriage to Judy Keeney Hall and they had just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary.

Other survivors include his daughter: Amy Lynn Ferris of Richmond, two sons: Benjamin Lee (& Jessica)

Hall of Lexington and Brian David (& Robin) Hall of Richmond, two brothers: Eddie (& Karen) Hall and Jeff (& Shannon) Hall, eight grandchildren: Justin Ferris, Jacob Ferris, Dawson Hall, Duncan Hall, Jaxson Ramey, Brady Hall, Carter Hall and Jaelyn Hall, several nieces, nephews and cousins and some very special friends of the family: Keith Pinkston, Roderick Jones, J. D. Chaney, Eric Thomas, Byron Embry and Mark Sullivan.

In addition to his parents, Hall was preceded in death by one grandson, Gavin Lee Hall, one brother: Durrell Hall and his sister, Janice Hall.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, at Madison Hills Christian Church, 960 Red House Rd., Richmond. Visitation will open again at 10 a.m. Thursday.

The funeral service will be conducted at noon Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, at the church with Rev. Martin Frazer, Rev. David Green and Rev. Tony Hall officiating. Burial will follow in the Madison County Memorial Gardens with full military rites.

Hall’s grandchildren will serve his pallbearers. Kasey Keeney will serve as an honorary pallbearer.

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Holiday movies never grow old

Some movies never grow old. Like many of you, I’ve watched National Lampoon’s “Christmas Vacation” more than once and more than I can count on my fingers and toes not just once but twice. Seems like each and every time I watch it, I see a sequence I had forgotten about or didn’t catch the first time. Christmas Vacation is one of our family’s favorite movies this time of the year and mom loved it, too.



Keith Taylor

It was one of her favorite Christmas movies. We watch it non-stop on television even though we have a DVD version of the flick. It’s just one of those movies that is memorable and the actors, starting with Chevy Chase, do a fantastic job depicting a Griswold Family Christmas. Although a comedy straight out of Hollywood not based on a true story, some of the humor and characters in the movie reminds us of some of our family members. Every family has a “cousin Eddie” and I would venture to say real-life versions of Randy Quade’s character are even more comical than cousin Eddie Griswold.

What makes the movie so memorable is the well-written script the actors and even the music used from beginning to end.

Who would have thought to use frozen ice as a weapon or even a well-greased sled to create memorable scenes?

Even though the scenes are less than realistic for most families, it does create a sense of family and what it means during this time of the year in a way that brings laughter, which is good for the soul.

The turkey that didn’t turn out so well, despite looking tasty on the outside in one the scenes in the movie, was reminiscent of my first try at mom’s homemade pecan pie. The outside looked much better than the inside, but I’m going to keep trying to perfect the pecan pie.

Clark Griswold had planned to install an in-ground pool with his annual Christmas bonus but instead received a subscription to the jelly of the month club.

Although it was a bonus that “keeps on giving” throughout the year, it wasn’t the gift he was expecting from his employer.

Sometimes our gifts may not be what we expect, but it’s important to appreciate the little things amid so much uncertainty.

Honestly, Christmas hasn’t be the same for our family, we’ve made the best of it, because mom would have wanted it that way.

We also continue to watch “Christmas Vacation” over and over and over again. You may see a scene that you missed the first time or just need a few laughs ahead of Christmas.

Some movies are just memorable and “Christmas Vacation” is one of them.



Holiday eating

We don’t have to eat ourselves to death to enjoy the holidays. I’m including myself when I say this. I gained two pounds just from Thanksgiving day alone. I had finally lost a few pounds and presto, faster than the twinkling of an eye I gained two back.

It’s easy to do. I ate generous portions of ham and turkey, along with derby pie (two pieces), oatmeal cake and sweet potato pie. Yum yum it was so darn good!

To show for my eating frenzy is some added weight and a high blood sugar number the next day. There are consequences to such pleasure!

If I get into my holiday rut of eating peanut butter fudge, cherry candy and every Christmas cookie that comes my way, I am certain to gain five pounds and probably more between now and New Year’s Eve. I really don’t want to look at January 1, 2025 with another resolution that includes spending all of 2025 trying to lose all the damage I did in December of 2024.

Thus, I have decided to attempt to lose a few pounds in December leading up to Christmas Eve. I’ll probably blow it on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day because my wife is a phenomenal cook and everything she makes tastes so good. Most likely on Christmas Day, I’ll gain a pound or two back, if I can really lose it. It’s just scary how I’ve lost it so many times but it keeps finding me. There has to be some kind of device that fat has implanted in me because it keeps finding where I am!

You have to decide for yourself. Eat, drink, be merry and regret it in January or just say

to heck with it and get fatter and fatter. If you don’t care, nobody else cares. It’s up to us individually.

Here’s a question for you. Do you not know of any way to celebrate December other than eating like crazy for an entire month? There are alternatives. Try singing Christmas songs or listening to Christmas music. Watch Christmas movies. Send out Christmas cards. Go to a mall somewhere or Walmart and walk for an hour or so three or four times a week. Call people and wish them Merry Christmas. Take some of those goodies to a local nursing home.

Take your tree down and put it back up again, anything but eating non-stop.

It’s your life and your one body that God gave to you. I’m not pointing my finger



Glenn Mollette

at anybody because I would have four pointing back at me.

Food is a blessed gift from God. So, enjoy your food and let’s give God thanks for every bite because so many people have so little to eat. There’s another idea, share some of your goodies with the homeless.

My hope and prayer is that our December season will be filled with joy.

Enjoy it all but just know January is right around the corner. How much do you want to have to lose in 2025? How bad do you want to feel on January 1?

It’s so true that life is short and we should enjoy every day. However, shouldn’t we make some effort to try to make this brief life just a few years longer so we can enjoy a few more holidays?

Of course, even if you try to eat healthy and exercise you may still die young, but maybe you will die feeling better.



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Friday, December 6th @ 10:30 A.M.- 400 W. Jefferson St., Berea, Ky
Live/Online Auction- Commercial Property (Zoned B2)- Industrial Equipment- Vehicles- Tools- Office Equipment- Furniture- Much, Much, More
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Equipment- Vehicles- Tools- Furniture- and other personal property will sell immediately after the real estate. Smaller items will be sold live only. A list of equipment and other items to be sold can be found at www.fordbrothersinc.com
PREVIEW: Friday, November 29th from 1 P.M - 5 P.M EST & Friday, December 6th from 9 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. EST
AUCTION 2
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th @ 10:30 A.M.
SATURDAY, DEC. 7th @ 10:30 A.M.- ESTILL COUNTY- OFF RED LICK RD./594- ALL PROPERTIES SELLING AT LOCUST BRANCH SCHOOL RD.
FARM 1: 117 ACRES M/L IN 3 TRACTS- FARM 2: 87 ACRES M/L IN 2 TRACTS & 40 ACRES M/L BY THE BOUNDARY ON FLOYD BRANCH RD.- EQUIPMENT- VEHICLES- FURNITURE- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS- TOOLS- COLLECTIBLE SIGNS- ANTIQUES- MUCH, MUCH, MORE
Farm 1 - 117 Acres M/L In 3 Tracts- 504 Sang Branch Rd.
A rare opportunity to acquire a 117-acre farm offered in 3 tracts, each featuring unique characteristics and potential for a variety of uses. Whether you're looking for recreational land, a home-stead, or investment property, this farm has something for everyone. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of beautiful rural property in Estill County, featuring a mix of cleared land, timber, cabins, and more!
TRACT 1 (A): 10.97 Acres m/l by survey with 2 Cabins
• Cabin 1: One-room cabin with loft, 1 bath, appliances, washer/dryer hookup, front and back porches, heat pump for climate control, and Irvine Water. Perfect for a weekend getaway or seasonal residence.
• Cabin 2: One-room cabin with loft, unfinished interior, porch on 3 sides, and out-building.
TRACT 2 (B): 26.48 Acres m/l by survey
• Mix of cleared and wooded areas • Frontage on Sang Branch Rd, large pond • Great Location for hunting, fishing, camping, or developing a homesite with scenic views.
TRACT 4 (D): 80.52 Acres m/l by survey
• Predominantly wooded with mature timber with frontage on both Sang Branch Rd and Logsdon Lane • Great Location for timber, recreation, or simply owning a large tract of beautiful, private land. Farm 2- 87 Acre m/l by boundary in 2Tracts- 1198 Locust Branch School Rd.
Farm 2- 87 Acre m/l by boundary in 2Tracts- 1198 Locust Branch School Rd.
Located in a serene rural setting, tract 1 offers 22.8 acres m/l of beautiful land, complete with a spacious and charming 2 story home and a variety of outbuildings. This stunning property is perfect for those seeking a peaceful retreat, equestrian property, or hobby farm.
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• **Outbuildings:** ◦ Horse Barn ◦ Equipment Shed ◦ Detached Guest House ◦ Garden Shed ◦ Greenhouse ◦ Chicken House
This tract offers the perfect blend of comfort and functionality, with ample space for animals, equipment, gardening, and outdoor living. Enjoy the scenic views and quiet countryside.
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• **Excellent Hunting Location** • **Mostly Wooded with Selective Timbering** • **Located on Locust Branch School Rd, offering easy access to the property.**
PROPERTY 3- 40 acres m/l by boundary- Floyd Branch Rd., Madison County
40-acres m/l by the boundary, located in a serene, wooded area that promises privacy and natural beauty. The cabin on-site does require work and property does not have access.
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Additional photographs of the properties and equipment can be found at www.fordbrothersinc.com.
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Reflections

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December 4, 1924
Residence damaged

Students and town people worked faithfully to save property and extinguish the flames coming from the R. H. Christman residence on Prospect Street. The new water hose and high pressure soon gave those battling the fire control of the scene. Most of the property and furniture were saved with limited damage but most of the upper half of the structure was damaged and/or destroyed. Mr. Chrisman, however being the heaviest loser of last year's fire in the West end, had taken a lesson from the loss and had heavy insurance on the property and damages were covered. The fire seemed to have started in an upstairs flue.

December 8, 1949
Opening ceremonies

Official ceremonies for the opening of the six-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 25 between Mt. Vernon and Roundstone were held at the Renfro Valley Barn on Saturday, December 3rd. Several people from Berea were in attendance. A combination of mountain music, folk dancing and speaking by several celebrities highlighted the ceremony. John Lair, owner of the Renfro Valley enterprises, opened the program which was broadcast over WHAS. He welcomed the large crowd in attendance. Between musical selections, the master of ceremonies introduced various speakers including Mark Watkins, president of the Kentucky U.S. Highway 25 Association

December 2, 1999
Gaming machines

On Monday, November 29th, Berea Police executed a search warrant for the Spur Truck Stop on North Dogwood drive. Eight "Cherry Master" gaming machines were confiscated during the raid, along with \$600 in cash and business records providing evidence of gambling. The search warrant was issued in conjunction with an ongoing investigation into illegal gambling occurring at Spur. Berea Detective Dwayne Brumley served the warrant on Monday afternoon. According to Brumley, complaints had been made and the department investigated. "An undercover officer went in as a player, gambling and got paid off," according to Brumley. Under different ownership, the Spur station had been raided in the past for the same violations and the last time the truck stop was raided, \$6,000 in cash was recovered from the machines, machines destroyed, and participants were fined. The case was complicated by machines were not being licensed according to Brumley. In the most recent case, police admit they were unsure of how much money had passed through the machines and were unsure if monies had been emptied to from the device prior to the confiscation. The confiscated machines were licensed to Spur's owner, Stewart Enterprises who had owned the boniness since January of 1999.

December 5, 1974
Quiet week

Berea firefighters only made two runs over the previous week. They were called to the home of Charlie Lamb on Bobtown Road, where there was a small fire in the kitchen. Fire Chief Lowell Murray said that the fire was called by an extension cord and there was little damage, and no injuries reported. On Monday night, crews responded to Big Hill to stand by while a wrecked car was pulled back onto the road.

Game Page

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Bar bills
5. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
8. Swiss river
11. Czech Republic capital
13. "Officially known as"
14. A French abbot
15. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
16. Local area network
17. Data transmission speed measure
18. Embarrass
20. When you hope to get there
21. This (Spanish)
22. Gives up
25. Churchgoer
30. Current
31. Slang for gun
32. Small drum
33. Vanished union bigwig
38. Rocker's tool of the trade
41. Dearth
43. 2024 Olympics host
45. Excess blood in the vessels
48. Afrikaans
49. Agreement between provider and customer
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Ancient Syrian city
56. Witch
57. Celebrations

CLUES DOWN

59. Long period of time
60. A team's best pitcher
61. Current unit
62. One-time aerospace company
63. French/Belgian river
64. Swedish rock group
1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
2. Genus of clams
3. Remark
4. Actor LaBeouf
5. Ohio town
6. Olympic sport
7. Cure
8. Behave in a way that belittles
9. Shares a boundary with
10. Give advice
12. Promotional materials
14. Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
19. "Agatha All Along" actress Kathryn
23. Small piece
24. King of Camelot
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. Small Milky Way constellation
27. One who challenges authority (abbr.)

28. Equal (prefix)
29. Shawl
34. S. American wood sorrel relative
35. The end
36. Supervises interstate commerce
37. Yes vote
39. Officer of high rank
40. Church office
41. Tire pressure measurement
42. From a distance
44. Photographs
45. Industrial process
46. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
47. Map out
48. Mammary gland part of female mammal
51. Honorable title (Turkish)
52. Spongelike cake leavened with yeast
53. Speak incessantly
54. Poetry term
58. Relaxing space

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	3	7	1	5	6	9	2	8
9	5	6	8	2	4	7	3	1
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6	1	3	4	7	9	2	8	5
7	2	8	3	6	1	5	4	9
5	9	4	2	6	8	3	1	7
1	4	6	5	8	2	9	7	3
8	7	9	6	4	3	1	5	2
3	6	7	2	9	1	5	8	4

ANSWER:

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to senior safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4 = I)

A.
8
10
17
9
5
12

Clue: Caution

B.
8
9
26
4
22
24
8

Clue: Older adults

C.
10
11
4
26
11

Clue: Growing older

D.
19
22
7
4
17
12

Clue: Change or adapt

Answers: A. safety B. seniors C. aging D. modify



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It's not necessarily a good thing to be treated like God

A fellow confided to his friend one day that his wife treats him just like God. "So, she worships and honors and obeys you?" the friend asked. "No," the fellow responded. "She ignores me until she wants something."

Unfortunately, that's just how many people in this world behave toward God. Until they face a huge need in their lives, they just ignore Him. I'm so glad God is willing to show up in our times of need.

In the Old Testament, a prophet named Jeremiah had the daunting task of trying to bring a spiritual awakening to a people who had turned their backs on God. Those people didn't want to hear Jeremiah's message, so they mistreated him horribly. They put him in prison. They even threw him into a muddy hole in the ground where he would have perished had God not intervened. Jeremiah found that God is faithful, always showing up in his time of need.

Even so, life was tough for Jeremiah, and he came to be known as the weeping prophet because of the heartaches he faced on an almost daily basis. But, in the middle of the heartache, Jeremiah found cause for hope and joy.

"Ah, Lord God," he proclaimed in Jeremiah 32:17. "Behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee."

As we face hardship all these many years later, we can have the same assurance Jeremiah had in knowing nothing is too hard for God.

In fact, God is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). A God like that certainly is worthy of worship and honor.

I'm glad that readers of this



Roger Alford

column recognize the majesty of God, and I'm glad they don't take Him for granted.

It would be easy to fall into a routine of ignoring God until we need something, without realizing He provides for us every day. How can we forget that God has given us the air we breathe, the food we eat, the families we love, the homes we live in, the income that pays our bills?

God quietly goes about tending to the everyday needs of everyone and everything alive on this planet, often entirely unnoticed. "Behold the fowls of the air," Jesus said in Matthew 6:26, "for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

He tenderly cares for each of us, too. We should have thankful hearts for such a God as this.

Reach Roger Alford at (502) 514-6857 or rogeralford1@gmail.com.

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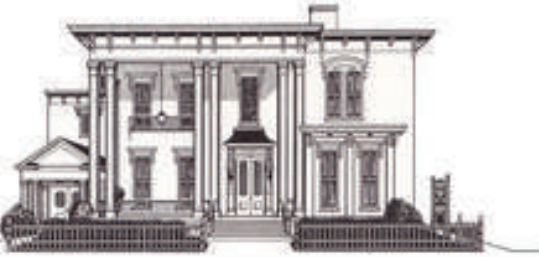


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Pharmacy: Berea Drug, U.S. 25 N. Phone: 986-4521

JOBS

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Authority (BIDA), but will be sold to a newly formed entity, the Central Kentucky Business Park Authority. Officials said as a result of that transfer, BIDA could realize a return of between \$1.7 million and \$2 million, in addition to future profits from a percentage of occupational license fees and profit taxes from industries that locate on CKBPA property. Madison County and Berea would split a 33 percent share of those profits, which for Berea could mean an annual revenue stream of approximately \$225,000 once the park is fully occupied. Berea would retain an additional 10 percent of the annual profits because it is the host city, according to the agreement. The total return on investment could then be used to purchase additional industrial land, either in Berea or other CKBPA economic development projects, Fraley has stated.

The initial economic de-

velopment partnership included the Richmond City Commission and the city of Georgetown to purchase approximately 500 acres for a business park in Georgetown. Both Richmond and Georgetown backed out of the partnership in October. After consulting with Congressman Andy Barr's office, however, the remaining four governments forged ahead on an interlocal agreement after learning that \$5.5 million in federal community project development funds was potentially available for the project. That money, which won't be officially approved until the passage of next year's federal budget, would enable the city to resurface land in the industrial park at no cost to Berea or the other participating governments.

In a work session last week, Fraley said the projection of 750 new jobs may be a low estimate, and that when fully occupied, the partnership could bring as many as 1,000 jobs to Berea and Madison County. Officials speculated the industrial property will be sold off in lots of 20 or

more acres, and that the companies locating in the park will likely be related to the region's growing tech industries, including those related to the automotive industry and electric vehicles. The city's economic development consultant, Lucas Witt of MWM Consulting, said the average pay of new jobs is projected to be \$30 per hour.

Madison County District Four Magistrate Tom Botkin expressed gratitude for the council's unanimous decision, noting it will have a positive economic impact for decades to come.

"You have to have a vision. It's not always easy to sit in your seats and think what's best for our citizens 20 years down the road, 30 years down the road, and you've addressed that tonight," Botkin said.

Several council members thanked Fraley, who spearheaded the effort to keep the partnership alive.

"I want to commend our mayor for having a vision and understanding of what economic development will be in the future," said Berea City Councilman Steve

Caudill. "Thank you for doing this work, because you worked a long time on this. I don't think people give you enough credit or realize that this would have never happened for us or the rest of the community had it not been for the work that you put in."

Economic Development Committee Chair Jim Davis said the current deal is actually better for the governments than the one that failed. Under the new agreement, Berea won't have to put up \$500,000 for the initial purchase of property and infrastructure.

"The best part of this is that Berea comes out a winner. We had land that was unusable, but now we have funds to make it usable. This is a great thing for Berea, Madison County, and the other governments as well."

Council member Teresa Scenters agreed, stating: "It's morphed into something even better for the city and the region."

Both Caudill and Cora Jane Wilson thanked Judge Reagan Taylor and the Madison County Fiscal Court for their unwavering support of the

partnership, and for having unanimously endorsed the interlocal agreement.

"They have been unwavering in this process," Caudill said. "I'm really excited about the future of this partnership."

Fraley closed the discussion, noting the two-year effort to reach out to other governments has yielded good results.

"It really shows you how strong this partnership is between the Madison County Fiscal Court, the Scott County Fiscal Court, the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government and the city of Berea. We stuck together on this thing," Fraley said. "I want to acknowledge the vision of the council, because the council saw that this was something this is good for the city of Berea, good for the citizens. We all represent the city of Berea, but we're also all Kentuckians, we're also all Madison Countians, so we see that greater good."

Resurfacing work could begin by next fall, or by spring of 2026, according to Jordan Haney of Thoroughbred Engineering.

State observes Winter Weather Awareness Week

FRANKFORT (KT) – This week — Dec. 1-7 is being observed as Winter Weather Awareness Week in Kentucky, and the National Weather Service (NWS) says it should serve as a reminder that you need to be prepared for all types of hazards, such as winter storms, snow squalls, ice storms, heavy rain and flooding, high winds and even severe weather.

There are a number of advisories, watches and warnings that the NWS issues when wintry weather is forecast or occurring. They include:

Winter Weather Advisory

For impactful snow accumulations up to 4 inches, or a combination of impactful snow, sleet, or freezing rain expected to occur in the next 2 to 3 days.

Winter Storm Watch

Any combination of snow, sleet, or freezing rain averaging 4 inches or more expected to occur in the next 2 to 3 days.

Winter Storm Warning

Any combination of snow, sleet, or freezing rain averaging 4 inches or more expected to occur in the next 24 to 48 hours.

Ice Storm Warning

A freezing rain event is expected in the next 24 to 48 hours that will produce ice accumulations of 1/4 of an inch or more.

Blizzard Warning

A combination of sustained winds or frequent wind gusts of at least 35 mph and visibilities of less than 1/4 of a mile due to snow and/or blowing snow for at least three straight hours. This is expected to occur in the next 24 to 48 hours.

Snow Squall Warning

Intense bursts of snow with gusty winds causing whiteout conditions.

New advisories

In addition, and new for this cold weather season, the NWS is simplifying its suite of cold weather products to improve messaging of these hazards and provide better decision-making services.

- Extreme Cold Watch/Warning and Wind Chill Watch/Warning have been consolidated to Extreme Cold Watch/Warning. This is when the temperature is expected to be -10 degrees Fahrenheit or colder in Southern Kentucky and -15 in Central and Northern parts of the state.
- Wind Chill Advisory has been replaced with Cold Weather advisory. It will be used when temperatures are forecast to reach zero in Southern Kentucky and -5 in the rest of the state.

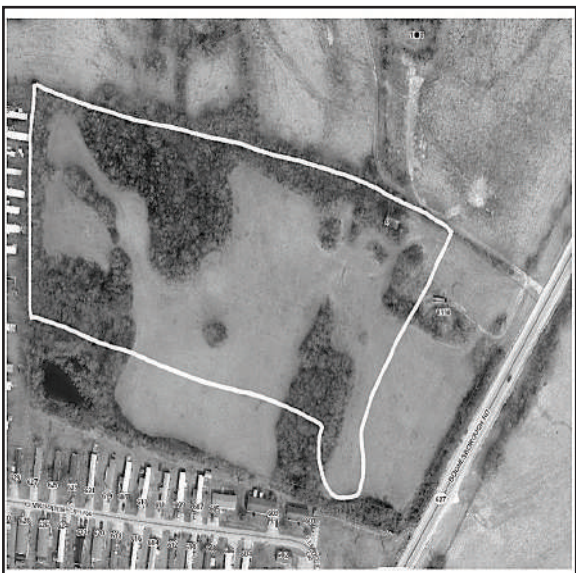


Message from Cora Jane Wilson

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

John 6:35 KJV

Proposed Land Use Change



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing of the Madison County Planning Commission on

Tuesday December 17th, 2024

at 5:30 p.m. at the Joint Information Center (558 S. Keeneland Dr). The purpose is to consider a land use change for 1330 Boonesborough Rd from UC-4IC (Interstate Commercial) to UC-2 (Multi-Family Residential) as shown on the map above. Contact the Madison County Planning and Development Office at 859-624-4780 for questions. Applications and other documentation may be found on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountky.gov under the Planning and Development tab.

APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Section 424.120 and 420.340 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, Notice of Creditors, Administration has been granted by the District court upon the following:

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All persons having claims against the above decedents are notified to file same, Property proven, with the respective representatives no later than 6 months from the date of appointment.

THIS DECEMBER 5, 2024

DAVID FERNANDEZ BY SJ/DC

MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT/DISTRICT CLERK

NOTICE OF FILING SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given to all persons that on the 8 day of JANUARY 2025 AT 1:30 p.m., the following fiduciary accounts will be read and confirmed in the Madison District Court. All objection must be filed on or before the above date.

Estate Of	Fiduciary	Attorney	Kind
BERNADETTE VANBUSKIRK 23-P-00539	CHARLES DARGAVELL	KORY O. ISAACS 306 WEST MAIN ST. RICHMOND, KY. 40475	FINAL SETTLEMENT NOVEMBER 6, 2024
CHARLES J. GRIFFITH 24-P-00134	SHERRIE COMER RICHARD GRIFFITH	JERRY GILBERT 212 NORTH SECOND STREET PO BOX 1178 RICHMOND, KY. 40475	FINAL SETTLEMENT NOVEMBER 6, 2024
JUANITA HOLT 20-P-00543	JUDY LUTTRELL	JIMMY DALE WILLIAMS PO BOX 266 RICHMOND, KY. 40476	FINAL SETTLEMENT NOVEMBER 19, 2024
STEVEN M. WOMACK 21-P-271	KORY ISAACS	KORY ISAACS 306 WEST MAIN ST RICHMOND, KY. 40475	FINAL SETTLEMENT NOVEMBER 19, 2024

This DECEMBER 5, 2024

David M. Fernandez by JS/DC

Madison County District Court

Reynolds named to state insurance board

Big I Kentucky (BIG I KY), the state’s leading insurance trade association, installed its Board of Directors during the association’s 2024 Annual Convention & Trade Show on November 21 at the Marriott Louisville East in Louisville.

Chris Wiseman, CIC was installed as Chair, Carolyn Reynolds as Chair-Elect and Adam Sheridan, CLCS, as Vice-Chair.

Reynolds, is the President, CEO of Reynolds Insurance Agency in Berea, KY. She is an alumnus of the Eastern

Kentucky University Insurance Program and has worked in her family’s agency since 1995. Reynolds was the 2010 Chair of the Kentucky Young Insurance Professionals and received the Kentucky Young Insurance Professional of the Year Award that same year. She served on the Big I Kentucky Emerg-



Carolyn Reynolds

ing Leader Committee and the National Young Agents Committee from 2013-2016. She has served on the Big I Kentucky Board of Directors since 2018. In addition to her leadership in Big I Kentucky, she is also active in the Madison County Home Builders Association, the Kentucky Home Builders Association, the Eastern Kentucky University Insurance Advisory Board and the Eastern Kentucky University Business Advisory Board. Reynolds has one daughter, Haley Bogie

Wiseman, CIC, is the President- Specialty Division of Houchens Insurance Group in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He is a 1997 graduate of Western Kentucky University and started his insurance career soon after with Progressive. He came over to the independent side in 1999 at Blake, Hart, Taylor & Wiseman, now Houchens Insurance Group. He is currently the President of the Specialty Division at Houchens in Bowling Green. He is a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Chris, his wife Kelly, daughter Pace and son John reside in Bowling Green.

Adam Sheridan, CLCS, is the Vice President of Reed Brothers Insurance Services, Inc., in Somerset, KY. He is a 2011 graduate of Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science, Marketing and Professional Selling. After a stint in banking, Sheridan started his insurance career with Reed Brothers Insurance Services, Inc. He’s been serving his community at the agency since 2013.

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 25, 2024, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Delta”) expects to file an Application seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2024-00346 to increase the gas service revenues by \$10,909,513 on an annual basis, which is approximately 19.02%, and for authority to establish a regulatory asset for the costs incurred to complete a tax change associated with the natural gas safe harbor rules. The proposed annual revenue increases by customer classification are: Residential - \$5,986,702 (22.45%); Small Non-Residential - \$1,584,976 (17.84%); Large Non-Residential - \$2,679,106 (19.62%); Interruptible Service - \$100,999 (4.60%); Transportation – On System Utilization/Special Contracts - \$148,874 (32.86%); Transportation – Off System Utilization - \$300,218 (10.79%); Farm Tap - \$79,776 (2.98%). Delta is also proposing increases to its collection and reconnection charges, resulting in an annual increase of \$28,862 (52.55%) in special charges revenue.

The proposed effective date of the rates is for service rendered on and after January 1, 2025. Delta has requested the proposed rates be implemented to all customer classifications as shown below:

Monthly Customer Charge*

Classification	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change	% Increase
Residential	\$24.00	\$33.60	\$9.60	40.00%
Small Non-Residential	\$44.40	\$57.70	\$13.30	29.95%
Large Non-Residential	\$195.04	\$195.04	\$0.00	0.00%
Interruptible Service	\$267.85	\$267.85	\$0.00	0.00%
Transportation – Off System Utilization	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Farm Tap	\$24.00	\$33.60	\$9.60	40.00%

*The present and proposed rates listed do not include the \$0.30 Energy Assistance Program Tariff charge that is billed as a separate line item for Residential and Farm Tap customers.

Consumption Charges**

Classification	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Residential	\$5.2539/per 1.0 Mcf	\$6.6040/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.3501/per 1.0 Mcf	25.70%
Small Non-Residential	\$4.9739/per 1.0 Mcf	\$6.2840/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.3101/per 1.0 Mcf	26.34%
Large Non-Residential 1 - 200 Mcf 201 - 1,000 Mcf 1,001 - 5,000 Mcf 5,001 - 10,000 Mcf Over 10,000 Mcf	\$5.3766/per 1.0 Mcf \$3.2307/per 1.0 Mcf \$2.1947/per 1.0 Mcf \$1.6743/per 1.0 Mcf \$1.4141/per 1.0 Mcf	\$7.3549/per 1.0 Mcf \$4.4195/per 1.0 Mcf \$3.0024/per 1.0 Mcf \$2.2905/per 1.0 Mcf \$1.9345/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.9783/per 1.0 Mcf \$1.1888/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.8077/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.6162/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.5204/per 1.0 Mcf	36.79% 36.80% 36.80% 36.80% 36.80%
Interruptible Service 1 - 1,000 Mcf 1,001 - 5,000 Mcf 5,001 - 10,000 Mcf Over 10,000 Mcf	\$1.7143/per 1.0 Mcf \$1.2857/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.8571/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.6428/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.8052/per 1.0 Mcf \$1.3538/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.9025/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.6768/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.0909/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.0681/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.0454/per 1.0 Mcf \$0.0340/per 1.0 Mcf	5.30% 5.30% 5.30% 5.29%
Transportation – Off System Utilization	\$0.3142/per 1,000 cu. ft. of gas transported or \$0.3142/per dekatherm	\$0.3481/per 1,000 cu. ft. of gas transported or \$0.3481/per dekatherm	\$0.0339/per 1,000 cu. ft. of gas transported or \$0.0339/per dekatherm	10.79%
Farm Tap	\$3.2110/per 1.0 Mcf	\$2.1599/per 1.0 Mcf	-\$1.0511/per 1.0 Mcf	-32.73%

** The consumption charges are exclusive of the Gas Cost Recovery rate and do not include the Pipe Replacement Program Rider, which is billed as a separate line item.

Special Charges

Charge and Classification	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Collection Charge – applies to all customer classes.	\$5.00 per trip to premises for purpose of terminating service.	\$20.00 per trip to premises for purpose of terminating service.	\$15.00	300.00%
Reconnection Charge – applies to all customer classes except Farm Tap customers, whose reconnection charge is \$25.00	\$9.00 per reconnection	\$60.00 per reconnection	\$51.00	566.67%

Delta is not proposing changes to any other special charges.

Average Monthly Bills

Classification	Monthly Average Usage	Current Average Bill	Proposed Bill	\$ Change	% Change
Residential	4.56 Mcf	\$71.00	\$86.75	\$15.75	22.18%
Small Non-Residential	13.00 Mcf	\$172.38	\$202.72	\$30.34	17.60%
Large Non-Residential	75.66 Mcf	\$964.86	\$1,114.53	\$149.67	15.51%
Interruptible Service	726.33 Mcf	\$4,930.39	\$4,996.41	\$66.02	1.34%
Transportation – On System Utilization					
Residential	3.28 Mcf	\$42.62	\$56.64	\$14.02	32.90%
Small Non-Residential	12.66 Mcf	\$110.09	\$139.97	\$29.88	27.14%
Large Non-Residential	1,329.06 Mcf	\$4,765.41	\$6,377.89	\$1,612.48	33.84%
Interruptible	4,256.49 Mcf	\$6,375.93	\$6,688.59	\$312.66	4.90%
Transportation – Off System Utilization	82,000 dekatherms***	\$25,764.40	\$28,544.20	\$2,779.80	10.79%
Farm Tap					
Delta	6.93 Mcf	\$78.82	\$81.15	\$2.33	2.96%
Former Peoples Gas KY LLC Customers****	6.93 Mcf	\$77.92	\$80.25	\$2.33	2.99%

*** No Transportation – Off System Utilization customers are currently billed based on Mcf so the average usage is shown only in dekatherms.
**** The average and proposed bills for the former Peoples Gas KY LLC Farm Tap customers differ from Delta Farm Tap customers due to the separate Gas Cost Recovery surcharges that were approved in Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2023-00076.

Delta requests authority to establish a \$162,900 regulatory asset with a proposed three-year amortization period for the costs incurred to complete a tax change associated with the natural gas safe harbor rules.

Delta proposes changes to certain of its tariffs. The requested changes are: (1) update the sample bill to reflect the current appearance and format; (2) clarify that “billing month” in the Weather Normalization Adjustment is the month the bills are mailed; and (3) modify the Gas Technology Institute Research and Development unit charge to include Farm Tap customers. Delta is not proposing to reset its Pipe Replacement Program (“PRP”) rates in this proceeding. Proposed revisions to the PRP rates are pending in Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2024-00332. Delta plans to renegotiate rates for three Special Contract customers and is providing individual notice to those customers.

This application may be examined at the offices of Delta located at 3617 Lexington Road in Winchester, Kentucky, or on the company’s website at <https://www.deltagas.com>.

This application may also be examined at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding this application may be submitted by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602; or through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Delta but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.



Vision screening for driver's license renewal begins Jan. 1

FRANKFORT (KT) – Beginning Jan. 1, Kentucky drivers will need to pass an eye test before they can renew their driver's license. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) provided details about the vision screening requirement. Matt Cole, KYTC Department of Vehicle Regulation Commissioner, said, "Much like mandatory screenings in Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and many other states around the country, this new measure, enacted in 2021, is designed to ensure drivers maintain good vision standards behind the wheel, throughout their driving career."

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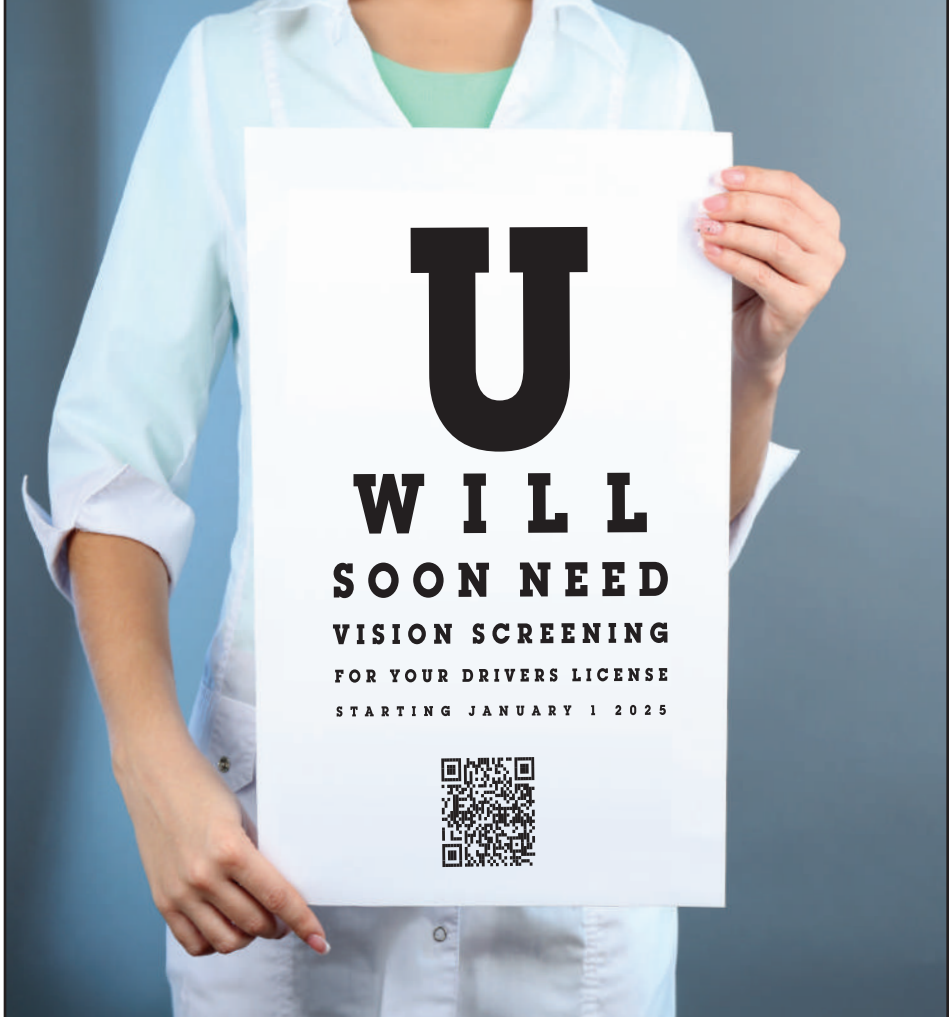
- Vision screenings are free at any Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Driver Licensing Regional Office at the time of renewal and usually take less than a minute.
- Drivers can choose to have a vision exam with their vision specialist (optometrist / ophthalmologist), or a vision screening with a KYTC-credentialed osteopath, physician, or advanced practice registered nurse in advance of their license renewal visit. The medical professional will complete an approved state-issued form that they will give to the patient if they pass. The patient may bring the form to their license renewal visit if the form and exam were completed less than 12 months ago.
- If a driver does not pass the vi-

sion screening at a regional office, they will be instructed to see a vision specialist for corrective measures before proceeding with license renewal.

- Kentuckians are encouraged to bring corrective lenses if conducting a vision screening at a regional office. A restriction will be placed on your license if you pass the vision screening while wearing glasses.
- Vision screenings can only be performed once at a regional office during each renewal cycle.
- Online and mail-in driver's license renewal will still be available for Kentuckians who complete a screening with a vision or qualifying medical specialist. The cardholder simply needs to upload the official, signed form provided by their medical professional when renewing on drive.ky.gov.

"Clear vision is essential for making safe decisions on the road," said Kentucky State Police Driver Testing Branch Commander Captain Chris Baker. "Mandatory vision screenings have been a longstanding requirement for all first-time drivers and expanding this to all drivers is a practical way to make roads safer for everyone."

Existing state law allows Kentuckians to renew their driver's license up to 180 days (roughly 6 months) before it expires. KYTC advises people to renew early should corrective measures be needed to improve vision.



SAFE DRIVERS SEE CLEARLY.

Effective January 1, 2025, a new Kentucky law requires vision screening for anyone renewing a driver's license.

In 2025, if you've seen a vision specialist or Transportation Cabinet credentialed medical provider in the last 12 months, simply bring in a completed vision form to any Driver Licensing Regional Office when you renew **OR** get free vision screening at the time of renewal. Renew early in person, online or by mail (up to 6 months before your expiration date).

For more details, visit drive.ky.gov/visionscreening.



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Fourth-ranked Kentucky suffered its first loss of the season with a 70-66 setback to a physically superior Clemson in the ACC/SEC Challenge Tuesday night at rowdy Littlejohn Coliseum.

The Wildcats (7-1) shot just 38 percent from the field and made just seven 3-pointers on 27 attempts against the Tigers (8-1) in their first road game of the season. They watched as the Clemson contingent stormed the court at the buzzer to celebrate the Tigers' fourth straight win over an opponent ranked in the AP top 5.

Kentucky limited Clemson to 37 percent shooting but committed 12 turnovers and got a season-low seven points from its reserves in the narrow loss.

Averaging 11 treys per game, the Wildcats made just three in the second half and missed two on one possession down the stretch with the Tigers clinging to a 66-62 lead.

The Wildcats entered the contest averaging an NCAA-best 96.7 points per game but were held 30 points below their average.

"I think the problem is if we don't have that kind of effort and toughness, it's not going to be easy for us since we're not as talented offensively as some of the teams that we could play," Clemson coach Brad Brownell said. "Our team understands that and accepts that."

Clemson took the fight to Kentucky and was the more physical team, Pope said.

"It was a really physical game. It's a credit to them," he said.

"It's how they play. Their bigs are relentless with their physicality toward working it into the post."

30 halftime deficit within the first five minutes of the second half and took a 43-42 lead on Amari Williams' turnaround jumper with 15:28 left. After that basket, neither team led by more than two points for nearly seven minutes.

Clemson then began to stretch the lead, going ahead 66-58 with less than four minutes to play. Kentucky closed the gap to 66-62 but missed four consecutive shots - all 3-pointers. Butler hit a 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left to cut the Tigers' lead to 68-66.

Clemson forced 12 turnovers and blocked nine shots, more signs of the toughness the Tigers showed.

"We tried to — out of the goodness of our hearts and the care for our team — fix a lot of things by ourselves. It's

just not how we play. We're not a minus assist-to-turn-over ratio team," Pope said, referring to 12 turnovers and only 11 assists.

"That's not who we are, and all the credit goes to Clemson for creating that environment."

Otega Oweh led Kentucky with 17 points, followed by Lamont Butler with 16 and Jaxson Robinson with 12. Butler and Robinson made four of the team's seven shots from long range. Koby Brea, the team's second-leading scorer (14.1 points per game), made just one 3-pointer and managed just three points.

Kentucky trailed 66-58 with four minutes remaining and chipped away at the eight-point margin, but couldn't find a way to overcome the deficit down the stretch.

The loss was the only one in

10 games for the SEC on the first night of the ACC/SEC Challenge.

Kentucky has no time to feel sorry for itself with top-ranked Gonzaga next on the docket Saturday night.

"We're Kentucky," Pope said. "We're everybody's Super Bowl. That's why you come here. It's an honor, but it requires us to be great."

Ian Schieffelin led Clemson with 11 points and 20 rebounds, including 12 on the defensive end.

In last year's challenge, the Tigers defeated Alabama on their way to reaching the Elite Eight.

Gametracker: Kentucky vs. Gonzaga in Seattle, 10 p.m., Saturday. **TV/Radio:** ESPN2, UK Radio Network.

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Fraley: City financially strong, poised for growth

By Andy McDonald

For the Citizen

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley delivered his annual State of the City address Monday at the Russel Acton Folk Center, telling citizens that Berea is in a strong financial position and is poised for economic growth.

Fraley said Berea’s recent success is due to a number



Bruce Fraley

of factors, including conservative financial manage-

ment, aggressively seeking opportunities for grants, and working with federal and state representatives, other local governments, businesses, non-profits and educational institutions.

The mayor stated the city ended the 2023-2024 fiscal year having spent \$1.75 million less than was budgeted. That was accomplished while lowering the city’s ad

valorem property tax rate for the fourth year in the row. Another \$3.7 million was set aside for the city’s so-called rainy-day fund, a savings account that would allow the Berea government to function in the wake of a disaster or major plant closing. Meanwhile, \$3.4 million was saved for the

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The Berea Citizen is accepting letters to Santa. Deadline for submission is Dec. 13. Send to Libby Horn at circulation@bereacitizen.net.

Obituaries



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 - William Randell Watson
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Sunday

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Deadlines

- Noon, Monday for news submissions, announcements, calendar items, letters to the editor.
 - Noon, Tuesday for all advertising.

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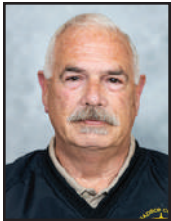
Jailer Tussey retires

By Keith Taylor

Citizen Publisher

Madison County Jailer Steve Tussey announced his retirement on a social media post on Saturday. Tussey has served as Madison County Jailer for six years and was elected twice, most recently in 2022. His retirement will be effective on Jan. 1.

“It has been an honor and privilege to have been your jailer these past 6 years, but with the passing of the 70-year, milestone it’s time for a more relaxed lifestyle,” Tussey said on his Facebook page. “I have been in public service now for 50 years, and after many challenging and exciting duty stations



Steve Tussey

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The Berea Chamber of Commerce had its annual Christmas twilight parade last Saturday that featured more than 70 entries and more than 30 floats this year. “Our hearts are full after this year’s Christmas parade. A huge “thank you” to our amazing community for showing up and showing out. It’s your enthusiasm and support that make events like these so special,”Berea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Danelle Valentour said. “We at the Berea Chamber of Commerce are deeply grateful for everyone who helped bring this event to life, from float participants and volunteers to the hardworking teams behind the scenes.”

Photos by Ted Kinson

‘Festival of Trees’

Saint Joseph, Berea is embracing the holiday season with its second annual Festival of Trees fundraiser. Within the hospital, departments are sponsoring a uniquely decorated six-foot, LED pre-lit Christmas tree; there are 16 trees available. Those interested in participating in a drawing for each tree will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket through Sunday, Dec. 15, for a chance to win the tree of their choice. Tickets for the Festival of Trees may be purchased at Saint Joseph Berea’s gift shop, guest services area or in the administration office. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets and will be available for purchase until Sunday, Dec. 15. The winner of each tree will be drawn and contacted on Monday, Dec. 16. Winners must pick up their tree no later than Friday, Dec. 20.



Sandlin named interim city administrator

Berea Fire Chief Shawn Sandlin has been named acting City Administrator.

Sandlin will collaborate with city administrator, Rose Beverly on ongoing projects. Beverly resigned and will leave the post on Jan. 1 to take a similar job in Paris, Texas.

"He will begin working with Rose immediately to get up to speed on pending projects and action items in order to ensure a smooth transition process," Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley said.



Shawn Sandlin



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Yule Fest a success



The 32nd Danish American Yule Fest, sponsored by the Berea Folk Circle, became a community event for all the senses and for kids of all ages. Colorful, well-attended and challenging workshops were spearheaded by Ana Maria Salvaggio, Laurie White and Kent Gilbert. The event was mc'd by Jennifer Rose and top-notch musicians and singers included herself, Al White, Alice White, Ruth McLain and special guest Anita Lerche. The beautiful Santa Lucia procession included The Berea Festival Dancers. Folk Circle board members and friends were in charge of food preparation and decorations. More than a 110 attendees participated in an evening of ultimate HYGGE, which was free to the public. Save-A-Lot and Tractor Supply provided support for the event.



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Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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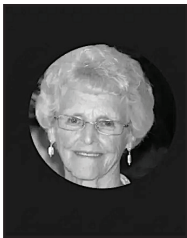
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Ernestine West

Ernestine Smith Van Winkle West, 97, was born July 23, 1927, to Walter and Myrtle Williams Smith in Berea. She passed away Dec. 5, 2024.

Ernestine was preceded in death by her husbands Oscar Van Winkle, May 1994, and Rufus West, July 2014. She also was preceded in death by her siblings: Viola Smith Jackson, Olin (Smitty) Smith, Preston Smith, Marie Smith Masters, and Lorraine Smith Becker. She is survived by one sister, Eliza Smith Anderson. She is also survived by two daughters: Connie Van Winkle Gardner (Rex) and Janet Van Winkle Gill (friend, Jack Whittemore); 5 grandchildren: Melissa Gardner Gross (Tim), Cassandra Gardner Hensley (Jeff), and Joshua Gardner (Israel), Bryce Gill, Brandi Gill Hon (Dusty); 14 great grandchildren: Dalton Gross, Dustin Gross (Shelby), Fallon Chambers (Dakota Begley),



Cole Speaks, Zaviour Gardner, Brael Johnson, Clover Johnson-Crockett, Jericho Gardner, Timber Gardner, Alara Gardner, Qirah Gardner; Brydon Gill (Molly), Breanna Gill, Brylee Gill, Wyatt Hon (Allyson), and Lawson Hon, great-great grandchildren: Colton Begley, Brynlee Gill, Braelynn Gill, Delilah Struss, and Kolter Struss (born 12/6). Many nieces, nephews, and special friends also survive.

Ernestine attended Kingston High School. She was a homemaker as she raised the girls, was a salesclerk in the family-owned grocery store, a salesclerk at B&B Grocery, and retired from Gibson Greeting Card Company after 25+ years. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Berea.

Funeral Services were at 11 a.m. on Monday Dec. 9, at Davis & Powell Funeral Directors. Rev. Mark & Lisa Caldwell-Reiss officiated. Burial followed in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were Dalton Gross, Dustin Gross, Zaviour Gardner, Cole Speaks, Wyatt Hon, and Lawson Hon. Honorary pallbearers were Brydon Gill and Fallon Chambers.

William Randall Watson

William Randall Watson, 60, of Monticello and formerly of Berea died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset following a short illness. He was a Madison County native born Sept. 3, 1964, son of the late Clayburn and Macie Collins Watson and resident of Wayne County for the past 19 years. In his spare time Randall enjoyed model cars, car races, dirt track car races and fishing. Survivors include five siblings Jerry



Watson (Brenda), Charles Watson (Debra), Betty Dishman, Robert Watson, Howard Watson; nieces and nephews Buddy Watson, Dawn Decker, Nellie Stevens, Rebecca Crabtree, Daniel Dishman, Austin Dishman, Angela Clark, Nicole Watson; 10 great nieces and great nephews; as well as numerous relatives and friends.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, at Reppert Funeral Home. Bro. Doug Collins officiated and burial followed in Silver Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Kenny Richmond, Jeff Himes, Junior Collins, Kyle Collins, Brian Fryer and Michael Alcorn. Honorary Bearers were Virgil Himes, Kevin Jones, Buddy Watson, Stacy Richmond and Junior Grant.

Larry Joe Risner

Larry Joe Risner, 67, of Berea, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 surrounded by his family. He was born in Mt, Sterling to Ninettie Fawns Risner and Luther Risner, who preceded him in death, He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Pamela Tolle Risner and his loving family: His sister, Janet Risner West, niece Jaclyn West, brothers-in-law, Wayne Tolle, Ray Tolle, Jay Tolle, sisters-in-law, Annette Tolle, Valarie Tolle, nephews Jamey Tolle, Jeff Tolle, Bradley Tolle, Neal Tolle, nieces, Mary Tolle, Ashley Tolle Hayslip, Julie Tolle Scott, Megan Tolle, Allison Tolle Burton, and 17 great nieces and nephews. Thanks to all our family and friends who supported us and made him



know how much he was loved. We would like to thank the teams at Family Home Health and Baptist Home Health for their wonderful care. We also want to thank the exceptional team at Baptist hospital for their kindness and support, and the VA team for all their dedication to making his journey easier. To the team that made being home possible for so long, thanks and love to Kim, Samantha, Rachel, and Carson. A special thanks to Lauren, his angel, who guided us to the end with extraordinary warmth, laughter, kindness and love. Arrangements are pending at Lakes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, PLEASE THANK A VETERAN FOR THEIR SERVICE, Dylan Thomas wrote Larry’s favorite quote “Do not go gentle into that good night. Rage, rage against the dying of the light”, and Larry did just that.

Rev. Raydean Bowen

Rev. Raydean Bowen, 75, beloved husband of Della Poynter Bowen, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Baptist Health in Lexington. Raydean was born in Kenton County on February 9, 1949. He was the son of the late John M. and Ellen Abney Bowen. Raydean was a retired mechanic and truck driver. He was an avid race car enthusiast and race

car driver. Through the years he had driven in many races and had the trophies to show for it. In the 1970’s Raydean had served with the the Richmond Fire Department.

Raydean was an ordained minister who dearly loved serving the Lord. He had served with several churches over the years, most recently



as Pastor of The Newby Union Church. He was a member of The Full Gospel Ministerial Association and The Richmond House of Prayer. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Della; two daughters: Patricia Copeland and Della Morgan; four grandchildren: Angelica Wright (Seth), Patricia Copeland, Leslie Bowen and Alvin Copeland (Starla); four great-grandchildren: Esther Rae Wright, Treyvaughn Copeland, Teighan Cope-

land and Tayleigh Copeland; three sisters: Nancy Lewis (Eric), Connie Reid and Bonnie Wade (Johny); two brothers: Ronnie Bowen (Betty) and Johnnie Bowen (Nancy) as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two baby sisters, his sister: Linda Towery, three brothers-in-law: Charles Towery, Gayle Poynter and Coy Poynter and his father and mother-in-law: Bill and

Freeda Poynter. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home. Rev. Owen Moody and Rev. Dale Payne officiated. Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery. Pallbearers were Eric Lewis, Chuckie Towery, Tommy Bowen, John William Poynter, Jerry Poynter and Johnnie and Ronnie Bowen. Honorary pallbearers were Seth Wright, Alvin Copeland and David Harvey.

Patsy Farthing

Patsy Marcum Farthing passed away peacefully at her home in Newnan, GA on Dec. 7, 2024. Patsy was born in Oneida, on April 7, 1960, a daughter of the late James (Phil) and Lucy Marcum. Patsy lived in Berea, from an early age until she married. Patsy then moved to the Atlanta area where she had a beautiful life with her loving husband of 31 years, Jack. Patsy was a homemaker, wife, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. Patsy was the best mother to her precious dog, Gracie. Patsy was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. Patsy lit up every room she entered and was the life of every party. She never met a stranger and made a lasting impression on everyone she met. Patsy enjoyed traveling the world with her husband Jack, cooking, shopping, going to shows at the Fox Theatre,



and spending time with family and friends. She was a member of the Baptist faith. Patsy is survived by her husband Jack Farthing of Newnan, GA and her dog, Gracie. She is also survived by her sister Susan Corum (Parker) of Manchester, and her brother Ed-die Marcum (Donna) of Manchester. She leaves behind the following nieces and nephew: Jimmy Brant (Shannon) of Stamping Ground, Stephanie Zbinden (Marc) of Leesburg, Virginia, Tracy Childers of Richmond, Celia Samples (Brandon) of Manchester, and Elly Jones. (Chris) of Manchester. Patsy also, leaves behind a host of great nieces and nephews that she adored. In addition to her parents, Patsy is also preceded in death by her sister Linda Brant and her precious dog Drew. Funeral services for Patsy Farthing will be held 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Britton Funeral Home in Manchester. Ken Bolin will be officiating. Burial will follow at the Manchester Memorial Gardens.

Ruby Himes Merritt

Ruby Himes Merritt, 83, of Berea died Friday, Dec. 6, 2024 at Baptist Health Richmond. She was a Rockcastle County native born Feb. 2, 1941, daughter of the late Sherman and Dovie Shearer Himes, a homemaker, resident of Rockcastle County most of her life and member of Conway Tabernacle Church of God. In her spare time she enjoyed quilting, crocheting, cooking and especially baking.



Survivors include her loving husband of 65 years Jerry Merritt; son Jerry Wayne Merritt (Vanessa), granddaughter Kristen Merritt; as well as numerous relatives, friends and church family. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by seven siblings Donald Himes, Raymond Himes, Cecil Himes, Rovie Himes, Robert Himes, Helen Burdette, Mae Cofer. Funeral service was at 1 p.m., Monday at Reppert Funeral Home. Pastor Collin Williams officiated. Burial followed in Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were Earl Merritt, Chad Merritt, Darrin Chasteen and Steve Gay.

Charles Lorne Dargavell

Charles Lorne Dargavell, 80, of Richmond, passed away on Sunday morning, Dec. 8, 2024 at his home. Charles was born at the old Pattie A. Clay Hospital in downtown Richmond on Jan. 30, 1944, the son of the late Newland “Candy” Dargavell & Stanley Chamberlin Dargavell Seals. Charles was a life-long farmer and retired business owner having started the Dargavell Wrecker Service where he was active working alongside his family for many years even after retiring. Survivors include: his sons, Charles Gregory Dargavell (Melissa), and Billy Allan Dargavell (Karen); his grandchildren, Tiffany Fields (Tommy), Liza Lewis (Roy) Christy Hubbuch (Justin), Billy-Anna Collier (Ben), Kayla Dargavell, Brittany Dargavell, Charles



“Buster” Dargavell (Mandy) and Allan Dargavell ; several great-grandchildren and a host of other extended family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: one daughter, Renae Dargavell; two grandchildren, Dustin Dargavell & Micha Dargavell; two sisters, Eliza Jane Ashcraft & Gertrude Gross; and four brothers, Tom Dargavell, Clarence “Sug” Dargavell, Billy Dargavell, and Randall Dargavell. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, with Bro. Scott Guiley officiating. Burial will follow in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be after 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be: Buster Dargavell, Allan Dargavell, Ronnie Howell, Ricky Azbill, Tommy Fields, and Logan Harris. Honorary Pallbearer will be: Polly Seyfrit.

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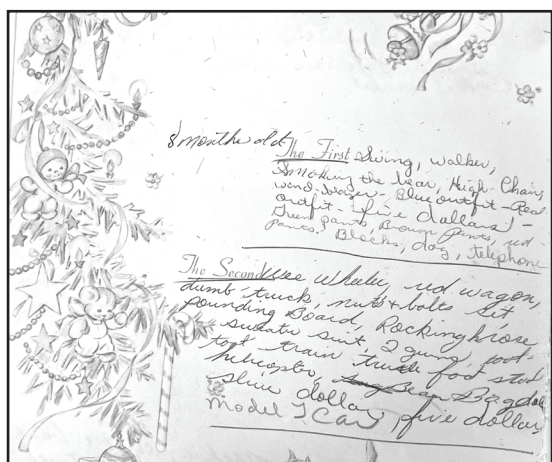


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Christmas Day 1971

I’m not sure if there was snow on the ground in 1971, but it was the first Christmas I experienced as a newcomer to this world.

Granted, I don’t remember anything about that first visit from Santa Claus, but my late mom didn’t want to forget what the holly jolly fellow left under the Christmas tree that morning.

Mom compiled a diary for my sister and I in a teal blue “Baby’s Story” book that has notes, photos and plenty of memories written down on paper that is still clear to read with mom’s unique handwriting.

As an eight-month old, I received a swing, walker, Smoky the Bear outfit, red outfit, green pants, brown and red pants, building blocks, a toy dog, toy telephone and five dollars. Mom kept track of what Santa brought us up until the “eighth Christmas.”

That year, is the one I remember the most. Underneath the tree on Christmas morning in 1979, there sat a Hungry Hippo game, Starsky and Hutch toy guns, race cars, a puppet, candy, brown shirt and pants, socks, star patrol car, Crane Log truck, and my favorite — a record player with a collection of 45s.

Since I came along three years earlier than my sister Taunya, I would imagine mom and dad had a fun time making their first child happy on his first Christmas. It was a special one, considering I was born two-months premature and weighed less than two pounds.

In our later years, Taunya and I couldn’t wait to get the latest and greatest J.C. Penny Christmas catalogue and would spend hours at my grandmothers house looking through those pages making a list of what we wanted for Christmas that year.

We would receive what seemed like hundreds of Christmas cards in the mail and from church members back then. We would go through them over and over and over again and pick out our favorites and compared them at the end. Those were the simple times when real life was miles ahead of us.

It certainly didn’t take long to get to our teenage years and adulthood.

We were always blessed at Christmas and mom and dad made sure we received what we wanted each year, but more importantly, they made sure we understood the meaning of Dec. 25. They taught us about the birth of Jesus and how he was born in a manger in Bethlehem and how God provided a divine and miraculous answer to mankind’s need for a Savior.

They also taught us the value of family and being together at Christmas and spending quality time with each other. Things have changed in the past three years, but we still cling to each other during the holidays and that’s the most important thing.

It may not be 1971, but the meaning of Christmas has not and never will change for me.

Keith Taylor



Keith Taylor



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Challenges of the season

Christmas is a joyful season but always has some challenges.

The place of Christmas is often a question. Mary and Joseph ended up in Bethlehem when Jesus was born. They had gone there to pay taxes. Paying taxes is never fun but something we have to do. The place they ended up when Jesus was born was probably not their desired location to bear their first child but they made the most of the location.

Location trips a lot of people up on Christmas. Many have no choice. They will spend Christmas in the nursing home or jail. Many have no options. They may be too elderly or sick to travel. They may not have any place to go. If you have options then be thankful. If you have a place to spend Christmas then this is one of your best gifts of all. Don’t fight about the place where you will spend Christmas. Make the best of wherever you end up and celebrate with whoever is around.

The presents of Christmas are often stressful. Presents are expensive and often we don’t know what to buy and how

much to spend.

You may have a lot of gifts to buy or maybe you don’t have a single person for whom you will buy a gift. If you can afford to buy gifts and want to then enjoy the opportunity. If finances are meager this year, then be honest with yourself and others and say our list and budget is very limited this year. Don’t put yourself in financial jeopardy by spending money you don’t have.

The greatest gift is the baby Jesus. Focusing on Him will bring more peace than a house filled with gifts.

The pageantry of Christmas often becomes work. How many lights can you string on your roof or around your shrubbery? I enjoy putting up lights on a warm day but despise taking them down in January. Just remember what goes up must come down, eventually. Try to find a mild weather day and you won’t feel like the grinch.

The pressure of Christmas gets



Glenn Mollette

to a lot of people. People die in December. Loneliness takes over, Stress becomes paramount. People get depressed. Christmas should never be a time of loneliness, stress or pressure but it was a difficult time for Mary and Joseph. They were poor people. Bringing a child into the world in a stable would not be considered an option for most of us. Traveling was a hassle and very difficult back then. While they were overjoyed with the baby Jesus, life’s circumstances were not easy. Later, they would flee to Egypt for the safety of their family which had to their pressure.

The person of Christmas must be our focus in order to truly celebrate this season. Let’s not lose sight of the main character in the Christmas story.

If we do, then we will focus on the place, presents, pageantry and pressures of Christmas. Thus, we will miss out on the real joy that the heavenly host proclaimed to those shepherds watching their sheep. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men,” (Luke 2:14).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Salvation Army seeks Angel Tree support

The Salvation Army of Richmond is calling on the community to ensure that every child and senior registered in the Angel Tree program experiences the joy of Christmas morning. As of today, 75 Angels are still in need of adoption, and 31 Angels have been adopted, but their gifts have yet to be returned.

The Angel Tree program allows individuals, families, and groups to “adopt” Angels, providing gifts for children and seniors who may otherwise go without during the holiday season. Each

Angel represents someone in need, and the program depends on the generosity of the community to make it successful.

Adopt an Angel: Request an Angel Via Email at Richmond-KY@uss.salvationarmy.org or go online to www.SalvationArmyRichmondKY.org. Click on ‘Purchase a Gift for a Precious Angel’ to access our Walmart registry, where you can shop for gifts conveniently online.

Return Gifts: If you’ve already adopted an Angel, please return the gifts by Dec. 13 to 1675 East Main Street. Timely returns allow us to organize and distribute them to families before

Christmas.

Financial Contributions: Donate to our Virtual Red Kettle at www.SalvationArmyRichmondKY.org. Your gift helps cover the costs of shopping for any Forgotten Angels to ensure no one is left out.

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- Casey Hensley, 36: failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; criminal mischief, 2nd degree; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; no operator's – moped license
- Francisco Baribay-Virrueta, 39: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Treva Perales, 45: commitment order
- Sean O'Kelly, 57: harassment – physical contact – no injury; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); tampering with physical evidence; sexual abuse, 1st degree
- Johnny McQueen, 61: serving parole violation warrant; failure to appear
- Crystal Watkins, 36: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; prescription controlled substance not properly contained, 1st offense; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
- George Wyatt, 66: failure to appear

- Justin Whetzel, 40: failure to appear
- Tyler King, 25: failure to appear; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Brendan Turner, 24: failure to appear
- Amanda Payne, 47: parole violation (for technical violation)
- Sheri Winburn, 33: probation violation (for technical violation)

- Whitley Smith, 37: failure to appear
- Tina Ramirez, 37: serving bench warrant for court
- Courtney Short, 31: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; possession of marijuana
- Malik Hawkins, 29: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); criminal littering
- Bulmaro Sanchez, 47: serving weekends
- Alyssa Adams, 31: serving weekends

- Cynthia Farmer, 49: probation violation (for felony offense)
- Stanley Gross, 47: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines (2 counts)
- Kristopher Campbell, 20: serving weekends
- Aaron Lanter, 18: leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Fernando Cruz, 24: strangulation, 1st degree; assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury); unlawful imprisonment – 1st degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree
- Ashley Ledford, 36: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Charles Matthews, 41: probation violation (for technical violation); theft of identity of another without consent; giving officer false identifying information; operating on suspended or revoked operator's license; nonoperator's – moped license
- Reva Burns, 36: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession

- of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (methamphetamine)
- Tasha Alexander, 44: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Chasity Morris-Mays, 40: criminal mischief, 1st degree; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 2nd offense; no registration receipt; operating on suspended or revoked operator's license
- Ronnie Agee, 37: failure to comply with operator license reinstatement
- Matthew Brooks, 40: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 2nd
- Lillian Garrett, 47: failure to appear (4 counts)
- James Stokley, 52: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others

- Phillip Walker, 47: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol -1st; reckless driving
- Denzel Washington, 22: speeding, 26 mph or greater over limit; reckless driving; trafficking in marijuana (greater than 5 pounds) – 1st offense; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; driving on a DUI suspended license – 1st offense; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; failure to wear seatbelts
- Joseph McCauley, 47: serving parole violation warrant
- Charles Lear, 42: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree; burglary, 3rd degree; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; failure to appear

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- Melissa Putteet, 41: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug

- paraphernalia – buy / possess
 - Luiz Cruz, 29: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st; no operator's – moped license
 - Leianan Ortiz, 25: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; possession of marijuana; failure to illuminate head lamps
 - Earl Eads, 36: unauthorized of motor vehicle – 1st offense; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (methamphetamine); driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense
 - Perry Arnold, 77: arson, 1st degree
 - Harry Mercer, 57: hold for other agency
 - Ernest Issacs, 49: failure to appear; probation violation (for felony offense)
 - Kiersten Tuttle, 28: hold for other agency

- Joshua Clark, 44: failure to appear; operating motor vehicle under the influence of controlled substance(s) – 1st; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; no registration plates; possession of marijuana
- Andrew Rhodus, 32: fleeing or evading police, 3rd; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); criminal trespassing, 2nd degree
- Miranda Wiseman, 32: failure to appear; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot)
- Ariel Buckley, 38: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Michael Walters, 30: fail-

- Shelby Wright, 20: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree
- Vontrell Shaw, 50: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

- Russell Gray, 50: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; giving of officer false identifying information; theft of identity of another without consent
- Michael Abney, 37: sodomy, 1st degree – victim under 12 years of age; rape, 1st degree; sexual abuse, 1st degree; possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor under 12
- Maheshkumar Patel, 46: operation of a sham or front company; promoting gambling, 1st degree
- Kirankumar Patel, 32: operation of a sham or front company; promoting gambling, 1st degree; tampering with physical evidence; possession of a gambling device
- Della Rose, 37: criminal abuse, 1st degree; rape, 1st degree; sexual abuse, 1st degree
- Roy Nealey, 54: failure to appear
- Caleb Williams, 24: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Daniel Adams, 33: probation violation (for felony offense)
- Michael Dewes, 44: failure to appear
- Justin Boone, 21: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess

COURT RECORDS

- Amy Michelle Bingham vs. Tony Wade Price
- Jordan Lee Johnson vs. Krissie Gail Gabbard

- Jordan Maya Jones
- rs. Camden William
- Flauding

• Sierra R. Herald vs. Fernando Cruz

- Brooke Alyssa Pence vs. Aila Jean McKinney
- Kara Sydney Cox vs. Ryan J. Wilhoite
- Samantha Gordman vs. Shawn Davidson

Nov, 25

- Kyla McMullen vs. Dusty Wayne Bowling
- Courtney Brooke Ritz vs. Joshua C. Ester

- Taylor Elizabeth Lake vs. Tyler Devall Thompson

- James Neal vs. Ra-

chel Bishop
• Tiffany A. Bolton vs.
Gregory A. Bolton

- Ryan Keith Smallwood vs. Malicha Kathryn Smallwood
- Lewis Dwayne Howard vs. Robyn Carol Howard

• Brianna N. Anders
vs. Alexander B. Anders
Nov. 19

- CHFS EX REL.,
Barbara L. Sanchez vs.
Jeremiah M. Henderson
- CHFS EX REL., Jac-
queline P. Winkler vs.
Joshua B. Plinchum
- Heather Struckhoff
vs. Darrin Struckhoff
Nov. 20
- Krissie Gabbard vs.
Michael Gabbard
- Jeremiah Adam Dav-
is vs. Laura Dee Davis

- Cloya Brooke Norton vs. Jesse Robert Norton

- Griffon James Web-

- John B. Goley vs. Karen D. Goley

• **Bradford B. Snyder vs. Deborah L. Snyder**
Nov. 16

Adorezz Wilson vs.
Matthew Christian
Brown

- Michael J. Hiles vs
Margaret E. Hiles
- John Delbert Hink
Jr. vs Donna Kay Mc-
Queen

- Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC vs. Kathleen Cruse, ET AL

- JAF Property Investments, LLC vs. Nann Turner, ET AL
- JAF Property Investments, LLC vs. Spend Ewing, ET AL

- Nationstar Mortgage, LLC vs. Mitchell King, ET AL

Ramsey, diesel mechanic, 27, of Richmond to Brianna Christine Godbey, registered nurse, 26, of Richmond

- Lisa Lee Bruner, disabled, 62, of Richmond to Eugene Bruner, Jr., retired, 62, of Richmond
- Zachary John Poyle, Davis H. Elliot, 22, of Richmond to Allison Faith Greene, receptionist, 23, of Richmond
- Vanessa Renae McQueen, VMU- Manager – VA, 25, of Richmond to Charles William Eugene Allen, contact center representative, 34, of Richmond
- Brenda K. Akers, retired, 65, of Berea to James Wyman Edwards retired, 53, of Berea
- Mae Prentiss Hammond, vet tech. 25, of

Winchester to Robert Blake Foster, firefighter, 24, of Lancaster

- Devin Michael Ny police, 29 of Richmond to Emily Elizabeth Good, market trainer Valvoline, 29, of Richmond
- Haley Marie Abney pharmacy technician, 20, of Berea to Cameron Max Burkhardt, maintenance worker, 21, of Berea

^a Joshua Harry-Alb Riley, army national guard tech, 36, of Berea to Lira Jean Lata Lub unemployed, 29, of Berea

- Nora Claire Hicks sales associate, 25, of Richmond to Nicholas Christopher Craven, fire protection engineer, 26, of Richmond

- George W. Terry, Jr. and Freida Curry-Terry to William P. Durrett and Colleen J. Durrett, lot 54 Southern Hills, \$334,500
- Silver Star Food Mart, LLC to Casey's Marketing Company, tract of land Kentucky State Highway 876 and the Barnes Mill Approach, \$695,000
- Joe David Holt, Executor of the Estate of Hurston Ray Holt to Joanna Land and Michael Land, lot 14 Meadowlark Subdivision, Berea, \$145,000
- Cain Taylor and Meagan Cain to Taylor Cain, 1006 Caroline Drive, \$10,000

- Shannon W. Borens and Jennifer L. Borens to Carla D. Parker and Russell D. Snyder, tract 4 plat 8/121 (vicinity of Bear Wallow), \$310,000
- Matthew Slusher and Lindsay Warren Slusher to Austin Hill, 611 North Street, Richmond, \$355,000
- Ashley Dhooghe and William Carl Crum to Felicia Greenwell and Christopher Gottel, tracts Madison County (tracts 20 – 21 River Heights, Inc.), \$395,500
- Allison Elizabeth Sernulka (f/k/a Allison Elizabeth McCann) and Crag Allen McCann to William J. Still and Morgan P. Hobbs, 208 Brookshire Court, Richmond, \$340,000
- Joseph Martin Davis and Amie L. Davis and Amie L. Davis to Tony Pham, 208 Bellwood Court, Richmond, \$344,000
- Jerry Alexander and Elizabeth Alexander to Brandon K. Creech, lot 145 Welchwood Estates Subdivision, Berea, \$280,000
- Stephen Lepore and Carrie Lane Lepore to Shelby Dupler and Joel Easton, tracts Madison County (vicinity of the intersection of Caleast Road and Hagans Mill Road), \$550,000
- David William Greene and Kristina

Ruth Green to Jimmy Steven Scrivner and Deborah J. Scrivner, lot 116 Indigo Run Subdivision, phase 3, \$595,000

- SFS Investments, LLC to Arbor Woods, LLC, 90 Logston Heights; 112 Berenwood Drive, Berea, \$310,000
- Arbor Woods, LLC to SFS Investments, LLC, lots 7 – 9 Harvest Park Subdivision, Berea, \$310,000
- Elizabeth Day, Melissa Day and Elizabeth Day as Trustees for and on behalf of Melissa and Elizabeth Day Family Trust, u/d/a February 23, 2017, to Melissa Day and Elizabeth Day, as Trustees on behalf of the Day Living Trust, u/d/a February 23, 2018, to Horse Park, LLC, tract plat 31 / 350, \$1,977,450
- Stephen L. Wilkins and Rose M. Wilkins to Rose M. Wilkins as Trustee of the Rose M. Wilkins Revocable Trust, lot 7 plat 2 / 31 (lot 7 Berea College Vanwinkle Grove vicinity), for and in consideration of love and affection and to increase the asset value of the Rose M. Wilkins Revocable Trust, dated August 21, 2024
- Virgil Bruton Bellamy and Linda Kaye Bellamy to Anthony Andreoli and Louise Andreoli, 1028 Rubrum Way, Richmond, \$559,000
- CHAMP Properties, LLC to Cammie Lambert and Donnie Lambert, lot 65 Lake Ridge Estates, phase 1, \$670,000
- Jerry A. Music and Nellie Louise Music to Carl David Benge and Latanya Renee Hager, lot 36 Park Hills Subdivision, \$289,900
- JMH Rentals, LLC to All the Way Up, LLC lot 7 Jefferson Village Subdivision, \$19,500
- Duane Buchanan and Linda Buchanan, Debbie Hazelwood and Gary Hazelwood

and Gary Hazlewood, 130 Cherry Road, Berea; 137 Mt. Vernon Road, Berea, for and in consideration of the settlement of the Estate of Barbara A. Cain and the fulfillment of the devise in Item III under the will of Barbara A. Cain

- Sea Island Soil Company (f/k/a J.T. Barret Land Holding, LLC) to Linville Rentals, LLC, tract plat 5 6/220 (vicinity of Ellis Court, Richmond), \$115,000
- A&R Contractors, LLC to Jeffery Coffey and Pamela Coffey, lot 86 Parkview @ Hanger Farms Subdivision, \$299,900

- Denton Properties, LLC to Christine Lee Seese, 338 5th Street, Richmond, \$148,000
- Robin Haar to Brandon Wells and Shila Wells, lot 200 Phase IV Indigo Run Subdivision, \$640,000
- Haas and Haas Properties, LLC to Beaver Creek Properties of Kentucky, LLC, tract Linden Street, Richmond, \$72,000
- Valerie Alexander to Jasper Manufacturing, Inc, tract 38 plat 31 / 67, \$159,000
- Anthony M. Webb and Michelle C. Webb to Jasper Manufacturing, 368 Log Cabin Road, Berea, \$160,000
- Sapphire Rentals, LLC to Cummins Holdings, LLC, 241 Evansdale Avenue, 245 Evansdale Avenue, 303 Elm Street, 1517 E. Irvine Street, Richmond, \$400,000
- The Estate of Richard Brown, Jessica Brown, Executrix to David Ryan Dotson and Tresa Lynn Dotson, lot 69 Roselawn Acres, Berea, \$140,000
- The Estate of Adron Dearl McKinney, by and through its Co-administrators, Staci Carpenter and Traci Ramsey, 1134 Big Hill Road, Berea, \$145,200



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Peg & Awl Public House	Mobile Unit	98%	
Peg & Awl Comrade Kitchen	440 Chestnut Street, Berea	100%	
Revive Protein Bar	620 Big Hill Ave #5, Richmond	97%	
Meijer Gas Station	2001 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond	100%	
Kit Carson Elementary Cafeteria	450 Tates Creek Road, Richmond	99%	
Papa John's	455 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	100%	
Hardee's	520 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	98%	
Red Lobster	828 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	100%	
Sunshine Play Café	2187 Lexington Road, Richmond	100%	
Chenault Vineyard Café	2284 Barnes Mill Road, Richmond	100%	
Casey's	101 Interstate Dr., Richmond	100%	
Casey's	2048 Merrick Dr., Richmond	100%	
Regular Inspections with a follow up due			
Snappy Tomato Pizza	610 Big Hill Ave., Richmond	91%	No bodily fluid cleanup kit or written procedures. Prepped food items not date marked.
Doughdaddy's Doughnuts	100 Moberly Road, Richmond	74%	Presence of insects in food storage areas. Mold like substance present inside not opened refrigerated bottle of maple syrup. Spoiled food items in deli sandwich case. Hot holding chicken at 112°F in kitchen oven. No written records or procedures for time as public health control. No dates on prepared chicken or other items in walk in cooler. Cleaning chemicals stored above mixer/food prep area.
Big City Pizza	1105 A Kim Kent Dr., Richmond	89%	Chemicals found stored above soda & bag boxes in outside storage area.
Giovannni's	805 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	96%	Food observed not labeled or dated.
FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS FOR WEEKS ENDING 11-16-24 TO 11-30-24			
Regular Inspections with no follow up due		Score	Explanation
Casey's	1074 Barnes Mill Road, Richmond	100%	
Bluegrass Kettle Masters	Mobile Unit	100%	
Foley Middle School Cafeteria	275 Glades Road, Berea	98%	
Culver's	2012 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond	100%	
Kid's Kingdom	360 Highland Park, Richmond	100%	
Southern Madison Childcare Center	408 Mini Mall Dr., Berea	100%	
Gold Star Chili	638 Chestnut Street, Berea	98%	
Waco Elementary Cafeteria	359 Waco Loop Road, Waco	99%	
Boonesborough Elementary Cafeteria	1441 Boonesborough Road, Richmond	97%	
Dairy Queen	1007 Sylvia Dr., Richmond	97%	
Dunkin Donuts	1029 Sylvia Dr., Richmond	100%	
Stratton Cafeteria	EKU-Kit Carson Dr., Richmond	99%	
Cookout Restaurant	120 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	99%	
Raising Canes	1140 Barnes Mill Road, Richmond	100%	
Einstein's Bagel-Armark	EKU-Weaver Bldg., Richmond	99%	
Model Lab School Cafeteria	521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond	100%	
Silver Creek Elementary Cafeteria	75 Old US 25 N, Berea	98%	
Grow & Learn Child Dev. Cafeteria	185 Glades Road, Berea	100%	
Berea College Child Dev.	125 Jefferson Street, Berea	100%	
Starbuck's Coffee	102 Jane Street, Berea	96%	
Just Love Coffee Mobile	Mobile Unit	100%	
Regular Inspections with a follow up due			
Madison Southern HS Cafeteria	279 Glades Road, Berea	91%	Milk held at 43°F (moved to walk in cooler). Tomato slices at 58°F, Apple Sauce at 54°F. No accurate thermometer present in milk cooler.
ABC Daycare & Learning	205 Church Hill Dr., Richmond	89%	Person serving children eating while handing out food. Hands must be washed prior to putting gloves on and between glove changes.

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

December 11, 1924 Christmas spirit

It was a decided surprise on a recent walk down Main Street and found large Christmas trees decorated in front of practically every business. The idea was a unique and expressive spirit of the season. Mr. Walker was the instigator of the idea and businessmen congratulated him on carrying out the scheme so perfectly. The large show windows were transformed into fairy lands which the wondering eyes of children gazed longingly and hopefully. The businessmen were promoting a sale, and it looked as if businesses

were profiting from the added festive spirit.

December 8, 1949 \$100 Radio Prize

Mrs. C.O. Spillman of Chestnut Street was the recipient of a \$100 check from the Campbell Soup Company. She received this amount for a contribution sent to the "Word for Today" feature of the Edward R. Morrow news broadcast on November 14th. The listening audience were asked to send in words of advice to the program. Mrs. Spillman's advice was, "Have patience, you can carry water in a sieve if you wait until it freezes." The

program which also plugged Franco-American spaghetti was broadcast over WHAS. Mrs. Spillman was unfortunately not listening to the show during the original broadcast but received letters and telephone calls from many congratulating her on her success.

December 12, 1974 97 Cases

Ninety-seven cases were handled by Berea Police Court in November according to court records. Of these, 70 resulted in fines totaling \$3,192.13 and another 13 cases were continued. One "assault with a deadly weapon:

was continued There was one case of weaving on the highway and two cases of receiving stolen property that were continued. There were 14 public intoxication cases, one forgery case, five reckless driving cases, two cases of "drinking beer on the highway, three cases of possession of alcohol by individuals under the age, 19 cases of issuing worthless instruments, one grand larceny case and 9 driving while intoxicated cases.

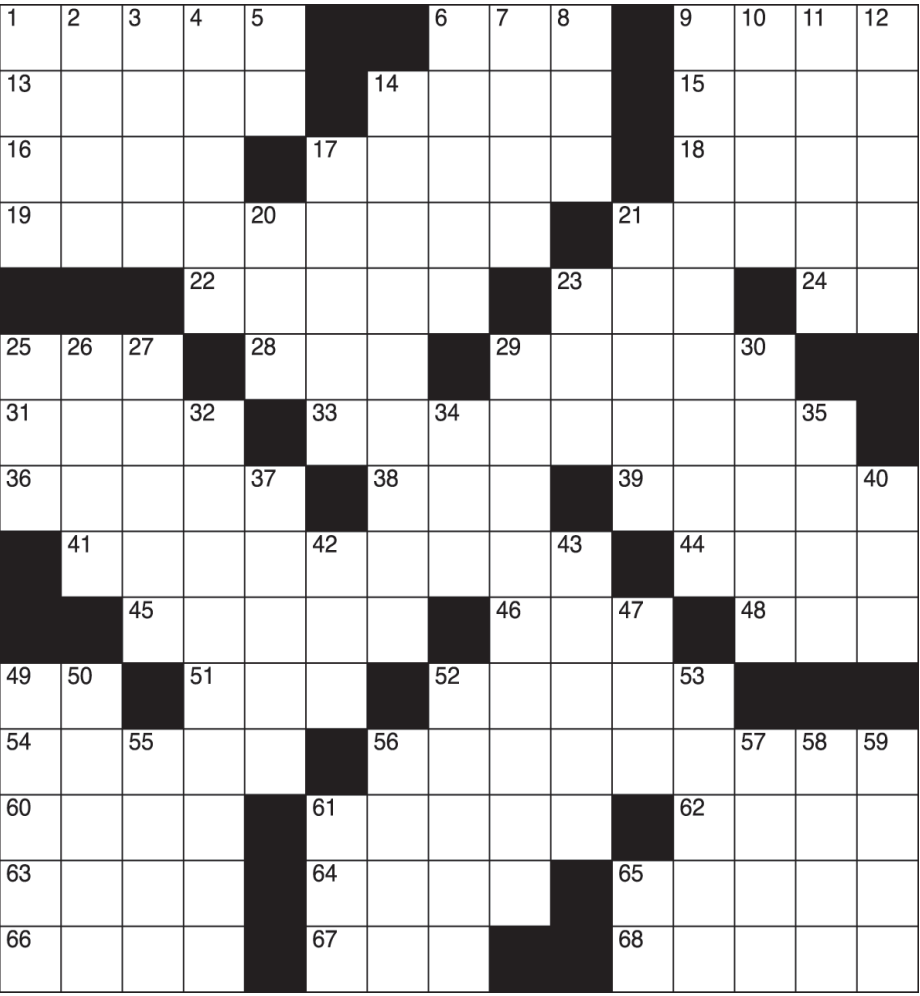
December 9, 1999 Scholarships

Madison Southern 11th grader Megan Ripley recent-

ly received word that not only had her scores on the PSAT test not only qualified her for both the Governor's Scholarship and National Merit Scholarship but were the highest in the school. "There were others were within a few points of her," Said Assistant Principal Robert Beck, "But her score was the highest. Megan is the daughter of Bob and Jan Ripley of Berea and was commended by the principal for her academic achievements. In order to qualify for both scholarships, students must score over 200 points out of a possible 240.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

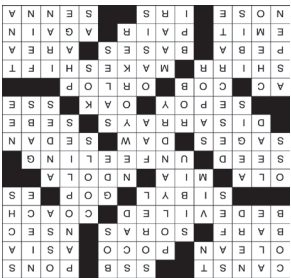
- 1. Thou __ do it
- 6. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 9. Brainstem part
- 13. Town in New York state
- 14. Little (Spanish)
- 15. Continent
- 16. Retch
- 17. Short-billed rails
- 18. Small period of time (abbr.)
- 19. Confused
- 21. A team needs one
- 22. Woman in ancient times
- 23. Republican Party
- 24. Spanish be
- 25. "The Godfather" character Johnny
- 28. Not around
- 29. City in Zambia
- 31. A type of beginning
- 33. Numb
- 36. Gurus
- 38. Small, gray-headed crow
- 39. Vehicle type
- 41. Disorders
- 44. One point east of southeast
- 45. Indian soldier
- 46. Tree type
- 48. Midway between south and southeast
- 49. It cools your home
- 51. Corn comes on it
- 52. Ship's deck
- 54. A way to bake
- 56. Improvised
- 60. Butterfly genus

- 61. Baseball fields have them
- 62. Designated space
- 63. Discharge
- 64. Two of something
- 65. Once more
- 66. Part of your face
- 67. Tax collector
- 68. Cassia tree

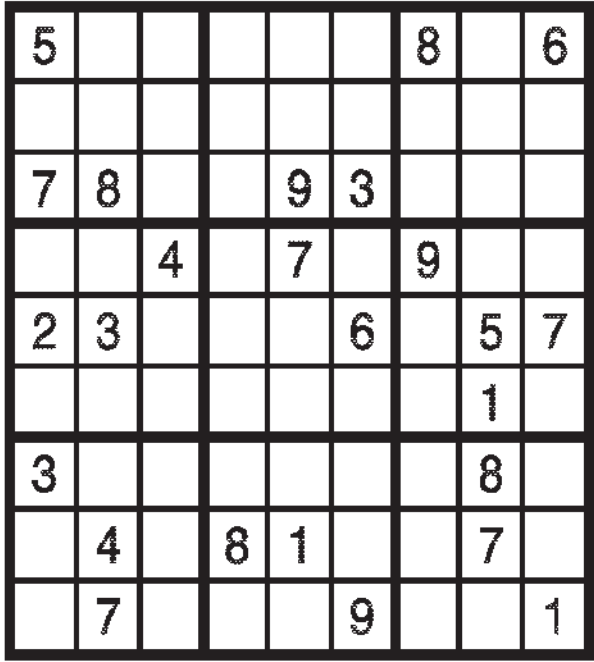
CLUES DOWN

- 1. One-time Aaron Rodgers target
- 2. Wings
- 3. Overly studious person
- 4. They protect your valuables
- 5. The Volunteer State
- 6. Non-hydraulic cement
- 7. Horse mackerel
- 8. Jackson and Diddley are two
- 9. Splendid displays
- 10. Mountain in NE Greece
- 11. A daughter or your brother or sister
- 12. German surname
- 14. Having more than one husband at a time
- 17. Romanian city
- 20. Energy
- 21. Makes less hot
- 23. Gas diffusion electrode
- 25. Former CIA
- 26. Set an example for others
- 27. Support of a particular person

- 29. One from the Big Apple
- 30. Mountain range
- 32. Violate the sanctity of something
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Talks
- 37. Persian male given name
- 40. Born of
- 42. Forcibly take one's possessions
- 43. Discounts
- 47. Knockouts
- 49. Posh Colorado destination
- 50. Form of therapy
- 52. British rock band
- 53. Type of virus (abbr.)
- 55. The U. of Miami mascot is one
- 56. Volcanic crater
- 57. Middle Eastern nation
- 58. Sinn __ Irish organization
- 59. Ethiopian lake
- 61. Bits per inch (abbr.)
- 65. Equally



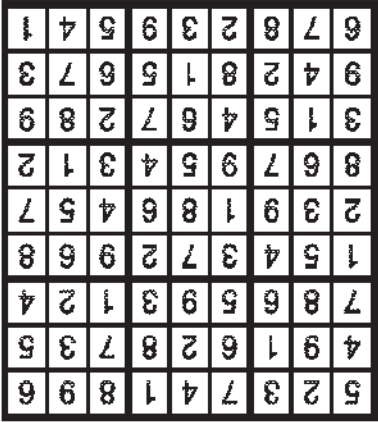
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to games and puzzles. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = A)

A. 16 5 25 22 16 13
Clue: Possibility

B. 21 24 23 6 6
Clue: Prowess

C. 11 13 22 1 25 6
Clue: Using the mind

D. 25 16 4 23 1 10
Clue: Keeness of thought, vision or hearing

Answers: A. chance B. skill C. mental D. acuity

Don't forget to water the orchids when the wife is away

Perhaps you remember the story about the fellow who went to the flower shop and asked for orchids. "I'm sorry, but we have sold out of orchids," the lady behind the counter said, "but we have our roses on sale if you'd like some of them."

"No thank you," the man said. "It was orchids my wife asked me to water while she was away."

As backyard gardeners, I expect we all have first-hand experiences that point to the importance of water. We know that nothing can live without water, not plants and not animals. We see in the news that widespread drought in some parts of our world is creating unspeakable suffering for fellow human beings. These people know what it means to be truly thirsty.

I've never known that kind of thirst. As close as I have come to real thirst has been working in hayfields in the heat of summer back in the days when

square bales were the norm. But I always knew water wasn't very far away.

I've been thirsty after putting in several miles jogging on hot summer days. But I always knew water wasn't very far away.

For us, getting water is as simple as turning on a faucet. That's not the case in many places in the world. In parts of rural Africa, people routinely walk four or five miles to get water. Those folks know what it means to be truly thirsty, so thirsty, in fact, that water is all they can think of.

The Bible tells us of another kind of thirst – spiritual thirst that causes us to want Jesus so badly that He's all we can think of.

I'm glad when spiritual thirst comes into our lives that we can know Jesus is only a prayer



Roger Alford

away.

"If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38).

When I was a kid roaming around the ridges of the Appalachian Mountains, my brothers and I knew the location of pretty much every spring. A couple of those absolutely gushed with cool, refreshing water. We'd lean down there, and drink until our thirst was quenched.

When we're spiritually thirsty and we come to Jesus, we'll find a never-ending supply of thirst-quenching grace, and we have his invitation to drink of it.

That flower shop had sold out of orchids, but you can rest assured Christ never runs short of grace.

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John 7:37-38

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Redeeming Hope a blessing to the community

By Jim Snyder

The Berea Lions welcomed guest speakers Lisa Foster, and Linda Blackburn, Redeeming Hope board members, to their Nov. 12 biweekly meeting at the Lee's Famous Recipe Restaurant in Berea. Redeeming Hope is a planned therapeutic foster home for teenage girls 14 - 18 years of age who have experienced sexual abuse. Lisa, the founder and president of Redeeming Hope, described the tragedy and an epiphany that led to her decision to help found the treatment center.

Three years ago, her 32-year-old attorney daughter, Jordan Morgan, had been brutally murdered. "I went to my prayer closet to ask God for something to do for Him until I could come to heaven." Shortly after her request, a call came from a local minister in Paint Lick asking if she could do something about starting a treatment place for victims of human trafficking. "But shortly, after I came back, I



Lisa Foster, President, Founder, Redeeming Hope, left, is pictured with Linda Blackburn, Board of Directors Member

reached out to some people and this project has just snowballed! So now that I know we've got this problem with human trafficking, I'm just trying to learn and found Kentucky ranks number 9 in the nation for human trafficking...and we're expected to be higher than that!" Contact with people in social work confirmed her findings. "I was like Lord, I'm just a realtor...I don't know that world... I know it now from researching and studying."

Mark Sarver, Pastor of Church on the Rock, offered to donate five acres next to his church for the home. Soon offers of financial and

construction assistance began arriving. Plans are now for construction of the 2-story, 6,000 sq. foot facility to begin in March. The building will house up to 12 girls.

Linda Blackburn, a board member of Redeeming Hope, described her lengthy experience working for state government, and lastly with the Madison County Schools "I thought I'm really going to enjoy retirement...but you know what - I've been with Lisa now and I can't think of anything else I'd rather be doing because I know just what a need this is."

Linda described PIVOT, a project started by Gov.

Andy Brashear, during his time as attorney general, to form an inner agency of social services, attorneys, advocate groups. The group was started due to a growing number of sexually abused children and a lack of services and not enough information. When these children, who are identified by social services, arrive - they are sent to one location for an interview with law enforcement, a nurse, a forensic exam.

Linda said referred children later get sent to foster homes, because there's not any kind of in-house where they can stay. "We (Redeeming Hope) are going to have 24/7 trauma informed care and treatment. These children, these young girls, are going to be with others who have been victimized. They're going to live under one roof, and they're going to feel safe. Whereas, in a foster homes, a lot of the parents may receive one hour of training - and that's not enough.

"We will also provide their

education under one roof... they're not going to be going to regular schools; it's going to be something like Edgenuity [on-line learning]. Also, Redeeming Hope wants to have an educational instructor for the girls through the Madison County Schools. We'll have social workers and case managers, a clinical director and staff there to help; some of the recreational activities planned include equine therapy, piano lessons, art, and baking."

"The reason we chose the 14 - 18 year-old girls," said Lisa, "is because we're actually Redeeming Hope doing business as Redeeming Hope Therapeutic Foster Home...The reason we chose 14 to 18 year-olds are, because that's the ones foster homes have more difficulty placing - they'll take newborn babies, the little kids."

Interested in community service and helping people? Come visit the Berea Lions Club on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 5:30 PM, at Lee's Famous Recipe.

CITY

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From left, incoming Berea Chamber of Commerce President Ethan Lake looks on as Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley delivers his annual State of the City address on Monday at the Russel Acton Folk Center.

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley delivered his annual State of the City address Monday at the Russel Acton Folk Center, telling citizens that Berea is in a strong financial position and is poised for economic growth.

Fraley said Berea's recent success is due to a number of factors, including conservative financial management, aggressively seeking opportunities for grants, and working with federal and state representatives, other local governments, businesses, non-profits and educational institutions.

The mayor stated the city ended the 2023-2024 fiscal year having spent \$1.75 million less than was budgeted. That was accomplished while lowering the city's ad valorem property tax rate for the fourth year in the row. Another \$3.7 million was set aside for the city's so-called rainy-day fund, a savings account that would allow the Berea government to function in the wake of a disaster or major plant closing.

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Pool project begins

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The \$2.2 million renovation of the Berea City Pool began last week, as crews embarked on the task of tearing up concrete and removing pool accessories, according to Berea City Administrator Rose Beverly. Beverly gave an update on the project at a recent Berea City Council meeting.

"The pool project is underway," Beverly said, noting that Parks and Recreation Director Priscilla Bloom has already reported progress. "Priscilla said when she got there today, they were taking down the slides. They're definitely working hard on that, and the goal, obviously, is to get that done in time for us to open as usual."

Beverly said that barring an unforeseen event, the pool should be ready in time for

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Rose Beverly
City Administrator

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"It does seem like unless we had some crazy weather back-to-back, that they should not have a problem with that. So, we're really excited to get that going. I know the pool is cherished here in this community. People use it a lot, so I think it'll be a great thing for

our community when it's all done," Beverly said. The 2024 season was successful for the facility, drawing 3,000 more patrons than in 2023.

Last Wednesday, work crews had already removed both slides, and concrete from the old deck is expected to be completely gone from the work site by next week.

The Berea Tourism Commission is helping to pay for renovation, having pledged \$200,000 from this year's budget. The move came after an appeal from Berea City Councilman Jerry Little, who said the facility contributes to local tourism. The city also landed a \$245,000 Land and Conservation grant from the Kentucky Department of Local Government.

The project is the most extensive investment in the facility since the city added the splashpad feature in 2019.

Fraley
named
to KLC
position

The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Executive Board approved the nomination of Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley as the League's second vice president. Mayor Fraley was selected to fill the position that the current second vice president, Pineville Mayor Scott Madon, will vacate when he is sworn in to the Kentucky State Senate in January.

KLC Executive Director/CEO J.D. Chaney praised Mayor Fraley's extensive leadership experience and commitment to public service.

"Mayor Fraley has been an active and dedicated member of the League for years, and we are thrilled to have him take on this important role.

"His thoughtful and collaborative approach will be invaluable as we continue to serve our member cities across the commonwealth."

Fraley expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve in the role. "I am very grateful for the confidence and trust the Kentucky League of Cities Nominating Committee and Executive Board have placed in me. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as the second vice president of our great organization. While filling Mayor Scott Madon's shoes is a difficult task, I truly look forward to serving our members and working for the betterment of all cities and our citizens. It will be a privilege and honor to serve."

EKU honors fall graduates

Eastern Kentucky University celebrated more than 1,300 fall graduates at its commencement ceremonies held on Dec. 5-6 at the ECU Center for the Arts.

"Today is more than a ceremony, it is a celebration of your remarkable journey and the extraordinary accomplishments you've achieved along the way," said ECU President David McFaddin.

Highlighting their personal journeys at ECU, graduates Nathan Corder, Rachel Collins, Kasi Gannon, Courtney Ritz and Paige Smith each spoke at their respective ceremonies.

Courtney Ritz, a psychology graduate from Pikeville, Kentucky, represents hope and second chances. Ritz began her education a decade ago as a

first-generation college student. A car accident, financial setbacks and starting a family delayed her academic goals, but Ritz never lost hope.

"Through each hardship, I found unexpected support—and with it, grace," said Ritz. "From friends who offered a place to stay, to professors who believed in me, and to mentors like the Dean of Students Dr. Lara Vance, who provided opportunities to help me return to ECU, I was surrounded by a community that reminded me I wasn't alone. I kept working, paid off debts and stayed committed to my education, knowing that ECU was my way forward."

Ritz continued, "The resources they provided me here at ECU have been instrumental in my

journey, proving that ECU is not just a university but a community that stands by its students, even when the going gets tough."

Kasi Gannon, a coal

miner's daughter, grew up in various places including Pike County, Kentucky, then West Virginia with her mom and sister and later spent time in Panama City.



Kiwanis winner

Roland Conner, right, was the winner of the Whitaker Bank \$500 vacation drawing for all successful full price bidders during the Kiwanis Club auction last month. Club member David Olinger presented Conner with the check.

TUSSEY

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throughout the United States, it's time to focus on family and friends."

Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor will

appoint a replacement to fill out the remainder of Tussey's term. Deputy Judge-Executive Jill Williams said Taylor's goal is to find the right fit for the position by Jan. 1.

"I have no doubt that the detention center staff will meet the future challenges

with professionalism and compassion as they always do," Tussey said.

Tussey added that he's appreciative of the support he has received and looking forward to spending time with his family.

"Thanks again to the Madi-

son Countians that trusted me with your vote and support, it was truly an honor to serve you," he said. "Cathi and I plan to be more active grandparents and pursue our passion of traveling. Thanks again for this most unique opportunity."



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Council praises Davis, Rowlette

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

City officials expressed their thanks to outgoing Berea City Council members Jim Davis and David Rowlette Tuesday, at what was the final meeting for both men.

They will be officially replaced on Dec. 30 when Steve Davis and John Payne are sworn as city council members.

Berea City Administrator Rose Beverly, who will be leaving her post on January 15 to take a new job in Paris, Texas, was the first to broach the subject of their departure during her report to the council.

“Jim, I don’t want to make a big deal out of it, because I know you don’t like it, but I’m still going to say it’s been awesome to work with you, and thank you for all the work that you’ve done for the city,” Beverly said. “I know you’ve been a very passionate council member, and it’s been great to work with you,

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Shop with a Cop



The Berea Police Department had its annul “Shop with a Cop” event last Saturday at the Berea Wal-Mart. The event was a huge success. Officers from the BPD had the pleasure of shopping with another great group of kiddos and they filled up their shopping carts. The kids left with huge smiles but especially enjoyed their time with the Grinch.

Full steam ahead:

New fire station gets green light

The Madison County Fiscal Court is moving forward with plans to construct a new fire station in north Richmond during a meeting Tuesday in Richmond.

The new 13,000 square foot fire station will be constructed at Exit 97 on Carr Lane,

near and old truck stop location.

The court awarded the bid to Stewart Contracting Cooperation that will not exceed \$4 million and site development should not exceed \$500,000. The project will be funded mostly

by state and federal ARPA funds.

“I’m very comfortable with it because it’s going to make my life and Billy Ray (Hughes’) life a lot easier with our constituents up

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From left, Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor, Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley, Scott County Judge-Executive Joe Pat Covington and Lexington Mayor Linda Gortoin signed the paperwork forming a multi-county industrial park last week.

Signed and sealed:

Regional Development Authority established

Central Kentucky is making significant strides in economic development with the creation of its first public, multi-county industrial park.

In addition, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the City of Berea, Madison County, and Scott County have partnered to establish a regional business park in the Menelaus Industrial

Park area of Berea.

“It is a true pleasure to work with visionary leaders who are committed to working collaboratively for the greater good of our respective communities and the broader region,” Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley said. “We have been working tirelessly for 20 months to develop the framework for this Regional Business Develop-

ment Authority, which will be the first of its kind in the Bluegrass Region.”

Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor agreed.

“Madison County is proud to announce our continued commitment to regional economic growth through the development of the Regional Business Park in Madison County,” he said. “This initiative

is a testament to our belief in collaboration and innovation as key drivers for long-term prosperity.”

The 300-acre park will create job opportunities and generate tax revenue, benefiting the local communities. The four local governments have agreed to form a joint development authority to manage the park. Once Berea receives a 10% host-

ing fee, the remaining tax revenues will be divided equally among the counties, with each receiving 33 percent.

Sixth District Congressman Andy Barr secured \$5.5 million in funding for the project. The congressionally directed funding will support the site’s development and provide the infrastructure needed to make the park successful.



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Ora Parrett Gabbard

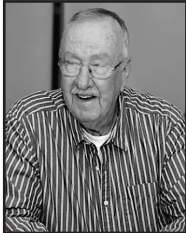
Ora Parrett Gabbard was born November 10, 1927, and departed this life December 10. Ora was a kind, loving wife, mother, mother in law, grandmother and great grandmother. She was good at many things but, she was an accomplished cook and an expert seamstress. Her signature dish was chicken and dumplings which she would make for her churches’ potlucks. The bottom of the kettle was scraped within the first few minutes of dining. In terms of sewing, Ora could look at an article of clothing in a store window, go home, draw a pattern, and sew the item which always fit perfectly. She made hand-sewn quilts and gave each member of her immediate family quilts throughout the years. Ora is survived by a daughter, Phyllis Bullock,



of Berea and a beloved daughter in law, Sharon Gabbard, of Berea; grandchildren Michele (Dave) Pekola of Berea, James Nathaniel Bullock of Seattle, and Mindy (Eric) Bullock Davidson of Danville; great grandchildren Jacob Pekola, Ashley Pekola, James Bullock, August Davidson, Marty Davidson and Noah Bullock; several nieces and nephews, and a very special niece, Diane Osborne of Knoxville. She dearly loved them one and all. She was preceded in death by her husband of 74 years Elza Gabbard, her devoted son Orene Gabbard, her parents, John Wesley and Sarah Freeman Parrett, and all of her siblings Sherman Parrett, Nora Sandlin, Aaron Parrett, Preston Parrett, George Parrett, Calvin Parrett, Myrtle Brewer and Ethel Truett. A great grandson, Aaron Bullock, passed away in infancy. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday Dec. 14 at Davis & Powell Funeral Directors with Rev. Wayne Miller officiating. Burial will follow in the Berea Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 - 11 a.m. Dec. 14 at the funeral home.

Melvyn Douglas Hazelwood

Melvyn Douglas Hazelwood, age 84, passed away Wednesday December 11, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Doug was a devoted husband of 65 years to Deana Randall Hazelwood. He was born June 11, 1940, in Berea, to the late Lewis and Cleo Baker Hazelwood. Doug was a graduate of Berea Foundation School class of 1958, and then attended Berea College class of 1962. He was a 55 year plus member of the Berea Masonic Lodge #617 F.& A.M., a charter member of the Berea Volunteer Fire Department, and was a former member of the Berea City Council, and an avid UK Wildcats fan. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite Kentucky Blue! Doug was a member of the First Christian Church. Other than his parents Doug was preceded in death by one daughter, Kimberly Bach of North



Port, FL. In addition to his wife Doug is survived by one daughter, Kathy Wedding and her husband Mike of Punta Gorda, FL, his faithful 15 year old companion Stormy, five grandchildren, Casey Bach of Atlanta, GA, Lindsey Wedding Harper and her husband Mark of Columbia, Brittany Steffey of Lexington, Josh Wedding and his wife Brittany of Greenville, IN, Corey Bach of Atlanta, GA, one great grandchild, Josie Wedding, son-in-law, Bill Bach of North Port, FL. Funeral services will be 1 p.m.Monday Dec. 16, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Private family entombment will follow in the Berea Cemetery Mausoleum. Pallbearers will be Bill Bach, Casey Bach, Corey Bach, Josh Wedding, Carl Lee Hazelwood, Steve Bugg. Honorary Pallbearers will be John Stephenson, Richard Bellando, Dennis Blackburn, Charlie Fiske, Jimmy Wagers, Butch Clark, Bill Ward, Bill Hendren, Chuck Conley, and Anthony Basham. Visitation will be 6 – 9 p.m. Sunday Dec. 15, at the funeral home. Masonic Rites will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Ann Richardson

Ann Richardson, a beacon of kindness and warmth, passed away peacefully on December 10,, at the age of 83, in Berea. Born on May 28, 1941, in Lee County, Ann was the cherished daughter of the late Carlos and Goldie Kendrick Brandenburg. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew her. Ann’s life was a testament to the power of love and family. She was the devoted wife of Hume Richardson, with whom she shared a lifetime of memories and unwavering partnership. Together, they raised a family that included their son, Michael Richardson (Joyce), and daughter, Debbie Moberly (Terry). Ann’s legacy of love continues through her grandchildren, Tyler Moberly (Andrea), Brandon Moberly, Mikey Ryan Richardson (Natosha), and her great-grandchildren, Adalynn Richardson, Annie Jane Moberly, and Myah Richardson. Though she was predeceased by her granddaughter, Ashley Richardson, her spirit lives



on in the cherished memories they created. Ann was preceded in death by her brothers, Harold Brandenburg, Bill Brandenburg, Don Brandenburg, and her sisters, Madeline Brandenburg, Sue Brandenburg, Mae Wooten, Sylvia Ponder, Wilma Smith, and Grace Brandenburg. She is survived by her brother, Tim Brandenburg of Irvine, and many nieces and nephews who will fondly remember her nurturing presence. Ann’s life was also enriched by the companionship of a special family friend, Jeff Chesebro, whose friendship she treasured. Those who knew Ann would describe her as the epitome of kindness. She approached life with a gentle heart and a generous spirit, always ready to lend a hand or offer a word of encouragement. Her kindness was not just an attribute but a way of life that touched everyone she encountered. Funeral Services will be held at Lakes Funeral Home on Saturday, December 14, at 1p.m. with burial to follow at Madison County Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11a.m. until time of service. Pallbearers will be Tyler Moberly, Brandon Moberly, Mikey Ryan Richardson, Derek Messina, Jeff Chesebro, and Donnie Brandenburg. Honorary pallbearers are Joe Messina and Lloyd Messina.

Russell Barclay

Our father, Hiram Russell Barclay, born August 18, 1928, passed from this life to his mansion in glory on December 12. He passed peacefully at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond surrounded by friends and family. Dad spent most of his life in Richmond, and was a proud Madison Countian. He was a small business owner, operating A &R Business Machines for over thirty years. Dad was a die-hard University of Kentucky Wildcat fan and for better or worse a loyal fan of the Cincinnati Bengals and his beloved Cincinnati Reds. Dad had a social schedule that kept him hopping. No discussion of our father would be complete without talking about his love for the Lord. He spent his life following Christ and showing the world exactly how Christ-like love should be. He was a proud member of Rosedale Baptist church for over 70 years. He served as a deacon as well as fulfilling many other roles such as song leader delivering



a sermon when needed. He always had a piece of gum for the kids, and maybe his favorite job of all was to greet church goers at the door with a smile, and handshake, and a warm welcome. Dad is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ann Griggs Barclay his brothers Robert Barclay, Raymond Barclay, and sisters Alma Katherine Barclay and Betsy Barclay Cochran. He is survived by his children Carolyn (Roy) Noe, Russell (Judy) Barclay, Florence (Kyle) Jones, April Barclay, and Jackie Barclay. He is also survived by his brothers, Harry Barclay and Jerry Barclay. Along with these family members, Dad is survived by a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren whom he adored with all his heart. Dad never met a stranger. He was quick with a joke and handed out smiles and handshakes freely and with the expectation of nothing in return. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 17, at The Rosedale Baptist Church, 411 Westover Ave. Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.to 1p.m. Tuesday at Rosedale Baptist Church.

Gloria Jean Smallwood

Gloria Jean Smallwood, age 63, passed away Monday December 9, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. She was born February 3, 1961, in Berea to the late Harm Robert Smallwood and Betty Jean Nicholas. Gloria was a wonderful sister, Nanna, Aunt, Great Aunt and Dog Momma. She enjoyed dog grooming, designing flower arrangements, crafts, shopping, loved her dogs and taking care of them. Her family called her the Family Tickle Monster. Gloria was of the Baptist faith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in



death by one nephew Gary Robert Reed. Gloria is survived by two sisters, Betty Gayle Hunt (Carlton) of Mount Vernon, Krystal Gail Nicholas, one niece, Stacy Kelley (Kevin Mink), one nephew, Brandon Hatcher, great nieces, Kennedy Dawn Kelley, Natalie Jean Reed, Elizabeth Gayle Hering, Destiny Brook Eversole, great nephews, Gary Joshua Reed, Austin James Reed, Preston Chance Kelley, Ody Gene Hatcher, and beloved uncles, William Smith, and Ray Smith. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday Dec.15, 2024, at Davis & Powell Funeral ,Burial will follow in the Smallwood Family Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Kevin Mink, Brandon Hatcher, Dougie Hering, Preston Kelley, Ethan Mills, Stacy Kelley, and Brook Eversole. Visitation will be 6 – 9 p.m. Saturday Dec. 14, at the funeral home.

Sharie Lee Campbell

Sharie Lee Martin Campbell passed away at her home on December 12th, at the age of 62. Sharie was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a lifelong member of the Pentecostal faith, an avid words with friends player, moderator of the on-line yard sale site and everyone’s mother. Everyone Sharie met, quickly became family and she took care of everyone without question. Although Sharie had been sick for many years, she always kept everyone entertained with her quick wit and sense of humor. Sharie’s strength was unmatched, she did everything she could to stay with her family for as long as she could. She was preceded in death by her parents Bobby and Nancy Martin, as well as her grandparents and several family members and friends. Sharie is survived by her husband of forty years, Jeffery, her son Brandon (Leah) Campbell and daughter Leandra Campbell. Her grandchildren Lorelai, Wyatt and Sawyer. Her sisters Charlotte Martin



Malinda Jane Alexander

Malinda Jane Hembree Alexander, 79, of Berea died Saturday, December 14, 2024 at her home after a long illness. She was a lifelong Madison County resident born December 30, 1944, daughter of the late Edward and Olivia Taylor Hembree. Jane was a former Parker Seal employee and professional cake decorator. She belonged to Middletown Baptist Church where she played the piano, was a member of the choir, and served as Christmas Play Director. Survivors include her son Carl Alexander (Mary-Ann); daughter Malinda Alexander Mills (Ronnie); granddaughters Mariah Sanders (James), Sabrina Guzman-Padron (Martin); great-grandchildren Luke



Sanders, Arya Sanders, Sylvia Guzman-Padron, Amelia Guzman-Padron; sisters-in-law Leona Hembree, Shirley Hembree, Patsy Hembree, Julie Hembree, Karron Hembree; brothers-in-law Mike Alexander (Jan), Tom Ray Lamb (Vicky); in addition to numerous relatives, friends and church family. In addition to her parents Jane was preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years Doug Alexander; brothers Ewell Hembree, Joe Hembree, Billy Hembree, Edward Hembree, Charlie Hembree, Israel Hembree; sisters-in-law LaVada Alexander Lamb, Sadie Hembree. Funeral Service 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Reppert Funeral Home Burial will follow in Cates Family Cemetery at Owsley Fork. Pallbearers will be Charlie T. Hembree II, Craig Hembree, Chad Hembree, Arvil Alexander, Glen Stewart, Ricky Hembree. Visitation Tuesday 11a.m. until service time.



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J.C. Penny book was a family treasure

The J.C. Penny Christmas Catalog has been out of print for several years. I'm not sure when the last issue was published but it was well read and marked all over from the time it came in the mailbox until the new calendar year.

Every time we went to Mamaw and Papaw May's house, that thick, heavy book was always handy in the living room. The "toys" were always in the back of the book and that's the first place we looked when we began getting our wish list together for Christmas.

The list, especially early in November, changed often, and we made a new list every time we went to our grandparents' home on Curtis Pike in Kirksville in front of that Warm Morning gas stove in the living room.

The white, two-story house is no longer standing, but I think of it often, especially this time of year. There were a lot of memories in that home. I can still see my sister, and I getting excited over that J.C. Penny Christmas book. It's where we began our Christmas shopping.

It gave Mom and Dad an idea of what we wanted for Christmas. We were never disappointed and "Santa and Mrs. Claus" would throw in a surprise or two on Christmas morning when he made a quick stop in Bucket Town in rural Madison County.

We always went to Round Hill on Christmas Eve before coming home to get ready for Santa to visit. It doesn't take me five seconds to fall asleep, but that wasn't always the case on the night before Christmas. My sister and I were anxious and excited for Santa to make his visit.

I can still hear my late uncle Jack May asking if Santa Claus was coming to Bucket Town. He also asked if we had been good or bad that year. Of course, Mamaw May always cooked a delicious meal and we all opened our gifts. The adults drew names. The men always received a hunting and fishing license, while the ladies of the family got clothes.

I don't how long Mom and Dad stayed up to put our things together, but everything was ready on Christmas morning. Everything was perfect and in place.

I later learned that Mom and Dad would "work" in tobacco every fall to make sure my sister and I had a "good Christmas" every year. Usually, they would take a week of vacation to strip tobacco and get that year's crop ready for harvest.

Following the example my parents set, I don't work in tobacco or do farm work to generate extra income for the holidays, but I do a lot of freelancing during the year to make sure we have enough income to support our needs during the most wonderful time of the year.

The J.C. Penny catalog is a thing of the past, but today's generation of children are still sending their wish lists to the North Pole.

Inside this edition you will find our annual "Letters to Santa" edition.

The letters were written by students from Kingston Elementary, Silver Creek Elementary, Shannon Johnson Elementary and Berea Community School.

We still accept those letters, print them and remain committed to keeping that tradition alive and well for future generations. We appreciate the advertisers who helped support this yearly project.

We hope you enjoy reading what today's generation of students are seeking from Santa!



Keith Taylor



The greatest story ever told

No story can match the Christmas story.

Mary was just an ordinary girl but she was special in the eyes of God. She was someone God knew he could choose to enter the world as the baby Jesus. Mary and husband to be Joseph followed the leadership of God and were willing vessels to be used of God.



Glenn Mollette

Jesus was born in Bethlehem and placed in a cow's trough. This young couple had to sleep in a barn because the town was crowded and there was no room for them in the inn.

They were poor people and hey had a new baby. The conditions were less than ideal for the care of a mom and a newly delivered baby.

God took care of them. Even when an evil king was paranoid by the birth of Jesus, God directed them to relocate to Egypt for period of time.

Jesus grew up and at the young age of 12 was confounding the religious leaders with his knowledge and wisdom.

This young man would grow up to be the greatest man who has ever lived. He was different. He was a man but He was God in the flesh. Yes, he hurt just like we hurt, bled like we bleed, and was tempted as we are tempted, but He was God.

John the Baptist recognized Him as the lamb of God. The disciples recognized they were living in the presence of deity.

No one else has ever lived the way Jesus lived. He healed the sick. He gave the blind sight. He enabled the lame to walk. He raised the dead. He fed masses of people with a few loaves of bread and fish. He was the greatest teacher who



ever lived.

More books have been written about Jesus than any other person. The Bible is the best-selling book of all time. Every week billions of people worship him publicly and privately.

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As he ascended into heaven the angels told the disciples, "Why do you stand here gazing up into heaven. This same Jesus shall come again in like manner." From that day forward the disciples became the great-

est group of missionaries of all time. Everywhere they went they told the story of Jesus. Everyone who heard the story and believed the story were forever changed.

Do you believe the story? Have you heard this story? Maybe you've heard it many, many times. Possibly, you never grow tired of hearing the story. It's an old, old story but it's the story that gives us hope. This story of Jesus keeps us going, looking forward to better things and better times.

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Do you love the Christmas story? Do you love who this story is about? The story is about Jesus. If you don't know him, ask him right now to come into your heart and life and he will.

A heavenly host of angels proclaimed to shepherds watching their flocks, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

May the greatest story ever told become the greatest story you know personally.

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STATION FROM PAGE 1 there in the north side of the county, being able to have fire emergency services to our citizens up there, which they’ve been scream-ing about a long time,” Magistrate Steve Lochm-ueller said. “It’s going to help all the citizens up there in both my area and Blue Ridge area with their insur-ance rates.” Lochmueller added the	county has been exploring the project for two years and “not just recently” and said the project and its location is a “home run.” “ This has been a priority for me for two years,” he said. “I’ve driven a lot of places and a lot of discus-sions with the judge and everybody. And I just feel like this fell out of the sky. And it’s a great opportunity for the county and for the citizens.” Hughes questioned the location of the facility, especially concerning the	Madison Village area and asked if it was the best location. Madison County Deputy Judge-Executive Jill Williams said the county has looked at at least six pos-sible locations, but eventu-ally settled on the Carr Lane location. “I’ve been here three over three years and we’ve been working on this the entire time and looking at five mile drive distances and how it serves the greatest number of Madison Countians,” she said. “I think that’s always should be our goal. I think	that’s our goal with this project is how do we serve the greatest number of people from a public safety standpoint? And so I have no reservations that we’ve not looked at.” In other business: • The court approved the prohibition of marijuana usage in the work place; a purchase agreement for 4995 Goggins Lane; Land use change at 1978 Boonesboro Road from RC-7 and R-7	Agricultural to UC-1 Single-Family Residential; the establishment of a cup-de-sac on Courage Road and a Bluegrass Realtors Local Economic Development funding (LEDO) application. • Magistrates re-appoint-ed Johnny Webb to the Madison County Sanitation Board and Steve Tussey to the Madison County Airport Board. • The court approved the 2025 meeting schedule. The first meeting of 2025 will be at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 14 at the Berea City Annex.
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"Can't you just drive one of those big red trucks?" he answered.

That, of course, wasn't the answer the dispatcher needed. The truth is, when we're under extreme stress, we're prone to say some strange things. Words can just pop out.

In the Old Testament, we read about a man named Job who was in a terrible fix. All of his children

had been killed, and he had lost all that he owned in calamities. To make matters worse, he was physically miserable because he was covered in painful boils from head to toe.

As he sat in a pile of ashes, his grief-stricken wife looked at his miserable situation and said: Why don't you just curse God and die?

Job responded: "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak" (Job 2:10).

Job's wife's words were less than helpful. This poor, miserable fellow was likely hungry for a word of encouragement after all that he'd been through.

We should keep in mind that Job's wife also had lost everything and was in need of some encouragement as well. These two were enduring great pain. And, at such a time, they found it difficult to be a comfort to one another.

It's at a time like that that we can be thankful we have the comfort of the Almighty.

Unable to comfort one another, Job and his wife had nowhere to look other than God for relief. And, God is always ready to embrace us in his loving arms when we cry out to Him.

In God's Word, we're told over and over again that He will comfort and strengthen us in our most difficult times.

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Psalm 18:2).

"He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:29-31).

It's in our deepest struggles that we come to understand the love and strength of our God.

When those tough times come, we must cling to the mighty hand of God.

Firefighters will race to us in those big red trucks. But God will already be there, because he never leaves us nor forsakes us, no matter what.

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Reflections

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December 18, 1924 Distinguished visitor

Berea was recently honored by a visitor from a well-known U.M.C.A., Mr. D.O. Hibbard, who had been secretary of the Athens, Greece Y.M.C.A. for the previous five years. During his tenure in Greece, Hibbard had a large undertaking in work of taking care of refugees who flocked into the country from Turkish territory. Mr. Hibbard spoke of one facet of his work, which was of particular interest, which was a school of 700+ students run on the plan of American schools which was taught and supported by native Greeks. The school was in it's fourth year and was completely self-supporting. All money beyond the actual operating expenses was used to offer scholarships to deserving students. Approximately eight percent of the enrollment at the time benefited from the

scholarships. Before going into foreign work, Mr. Hibbard was connected with the state Y.M.C.A. work in Richmond, Virginia.

December 15, 1949 Show at Kingston

A large number of Bereans and Madison Countians attended the first annual corn and tobacco show held at Kingston High School gymnasium. The crowd was estimated to be around 1,200. The show was the first of its kind to be held at Kingston. Sponsored jointly by the Future Farmers of America chapter at Kingston and the four veterans farming classes under the supervision of Kingston's vocational agricultural department, the show was deemed a big success. Bobby Abrams and Margaret Isaacs were crowned king and queen during the festivities. Abrams was a senior and the son of

Reo Abrams of Big Hill. Miss Abrams was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Isaacs of Christmas Ridge. Harry Walters, State Commissioner of Agriculture, performed the coronation exercised and also spoke during the program. The night's program included judging and awarding of prizes on more than 200 entries of corn and tobacco. Entertainment was provided by the Kingston High School band and Glee Club directed by Ralph Rigby. A welcome by Kingston's Principal W.W. Moore was followed by a corn auction. Irvine H. Cosby, head instructor of vocational agriculture at Kingston presided over the event.

December 19, 1974 Anderson appointed

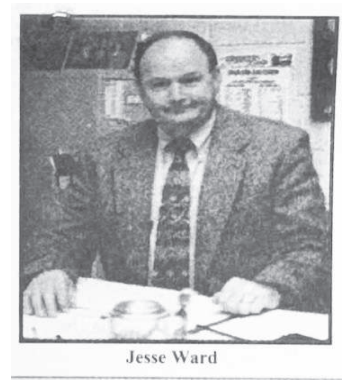
Jack Anderson of Berea was sworn in as Deputy Sheriff of Madison County on December 13, 1974, according to a

press release from Sheriff Harold Kirby. Mr. Anderson had previously served as Deputy Sheriff for four years under the late Benton Pearson from January of 1958 through 1961. Mr. Anderson was a landowner and resident of Berea and would "serve the needs of the people of Berea and Southern Madison County," according to Sheriff Kirby.

December 16, 1999 Principal retires

Madison Southern High School Principal, Jesse Ward would retire January 1, 2000, according to a statement read by Superintendent Glenn Marshall at the December 10th meeting of the Madison County Board of Education. Ward stood and recounted the successes he had achieve during his twelve year tenure at the school during the meeting. "When I first went to Madison Southern my goal was to have

students leave as proud as the students at Madison Central," said Ward. Prior to his principalship, Ward taught social studies at Madison Central and was principal at Foley Middle School for five years prior to being appointed principal at Madison Southern by former Superintendent Russell Roberts. Altogether, Ward had been in education for 32 years. "It's a sad time for me," said Ward, "But it's time for me."



Jesse Ward

Game Page

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Miller beer variety
- 4. Member of people inhabiting Bering Sea islands
- 9. Stomach
- 14. Investment vehicle
- 15. Fictional soccer coach Ted
- 16. Irregular in botanical parlance
- 17. Cease standing
- 18. "American Horror Story" actress
- 20. Grow milk teeth
- 22. Plant parts
- 23. Snow house
- 24. Most contemptuous
- 28. Note to repay
- 29. Old English
- 30. Wings
- 31. Financial institutions
- 32. Parks and Lopez are two
- 37. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- 38. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 39. Give off
- 41. Semitic alphabet letter
- 42. Farm state
- 43. Actress Sarandon
- 44. Back parts
- 46. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 49. Touchdown
- 50. One point north of due east
- 51. Refurbishes

- 55. Silver and Dogg are two
- 58. Former Tigers catcher Alex
- 59. Type of envelope
- 60. Seriously considered
- 64. Unhappy
- 65. Past (archaic)
- 66. Asian wild dog
- 67. Old English letter
- 68. Young domestic sheep
- 69. Football players need to gain them
- 70. Witness

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Dormant Peruvian volcano
- 2. Norwegian composer
- 3. Indicates location
- 4. Pubs
- 5. Unable to walk easily
- 6. Electronic warfare-support measures
- 7. World leader
- 8. Midsection
- 9. Jewish calendar month
- 10. Urological condition
- 11. A small quantity of anything
- 12. Mountain Time
- 13. Affirmative
- 19. Word element meaning ear
- 21. Carried away
- 24. Short-billed rails
- 25. Newborn child
- 26. Sword

- 27. Groups of people
- 31. Prickly, scrambling shrubs
- 32. Become less intense
- 34. Polishes
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Songs sung to one's beloved
- 40. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 41. Insects
- 45. Israeli politician
- 47. Pre-digital
- 48. Roaming
- 52. Ambience
- 53. Brew
- 54. Late
- 56. Make ecstatically happy
- 57. Semitic alphabet letter
- 59. Blend
- 60. Dash
- 61. Self
- 62. Exclamation of satisfaction
- 63. Hill or rocky peak



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5	3	7	2	9	6	1	4	8
8	6	8	7	1	4	6	8	2
9	1	2	9	3	4	1	2	9

ANSWER:

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to cold and flu. Each number corresponds to cooking. (Hint: 6 = E)

A. 5 25 8 10 10 20 6 5
Clue: Runny nose

B. 10 6 7 6 17
Clue: Elevated temperature

C. 24 9 11 6 5
Clue: Body soreness

D. 14 24 20 24 8 5 6
Clue: Unwell

Answers: A. sniffles B. fever C. aches D. malaise

PRAISE

FROM PAGE 1

and I would say the same for David as well.”

During the mayoral comments segment of the meeting, Mayor Bruce Fraley echoed Beverly’s sentiments, thanking both councilmembers for their service.

“This will be David’s last meeting, and I want to thank David for his service to the city and to the citizens, and for his passion for making Berea a better place. David is a good friend, and we will miss him, but we appreciate his service,” Fraley said before turning his attention to Davis.

“As many of you know, Jim has been one of my most trusted advisors during my tenure as mayor, but also when we were on council together. So, I’m very grateful for Jim’s service to the city and the citizens, and I know that Berea is a better place and will be a better place for generations to come because of Jim’s effort in his work on behalf of the people. Jim, thank you.”

Both Davis and Rowlette were instrumental in securing funding for Phase II of the Berea Bypass, a project that was removed from the state’s six-year transportation plan until they, along with Fraley, personally lobbied legislators in Frankfort. Moreover, while Davis was chair of the council’s Economic Development Committee and a member of the Berea Industrial Development Authority, there was a substantial expansion of the Berea Industrial Park as well as an increase of jobs at local factories. Rowlette, meanwhile, was both an advocate for the improvement



First place Industry: Hyster-Yale



First place Church: Church on the Rock



First place Non-Profit: Madison County Library



First place Business: Ace Hardware

of local roads and for fiscal restraint, sometimes casting the lone dissenting vote for the annual budget.

Berea City Councilman Steve Caudill thanked both men for the work they did for the community, which he said was often behind the scenes.

“David’s not here, but I wish for him good health and to continue to heal, and I really hope that he can get back on his feet,” Caudill said, thanking Rowlette for his willingness to serve. Turning to Davis, Caudill stated: “I appreciate your willingness to do everything that you can to try to make the city a better place. There’s been a lot of work that you’ve done over

the last eight years that no one will ever know. You’ve really done a lot of really great things that have moved this city forward, specifically related to economic development and also working with state to try to move projects forward. But from a personal level, I thank you.”

Both Jerry Little and Teresa Sceneters also expressed

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Second place Church: Pilot Knob Baptist Church



Second place Non-Profit: Baptist Health Richmond



Second place Business: Craig Loftis State Farm

their gratitude to Davis and Rowlette for their work. Rowlette did not attend Tuesday’s meeting, but during the council comments segment, Davis thanked his colleagues.

“I wish I could say it’s been a pleasure,” Davis joked. “Most of the time it has been, but there were a few meetings that weren’t

very much fun. Serving on the city council has been an experience, and I would recommend it to anybody. You can do a lot of good for the city.

“I do just want to say that it’s been an honor and a privilege to serve, and I wish the city well.” Davis also thanked the many voters who supported him.

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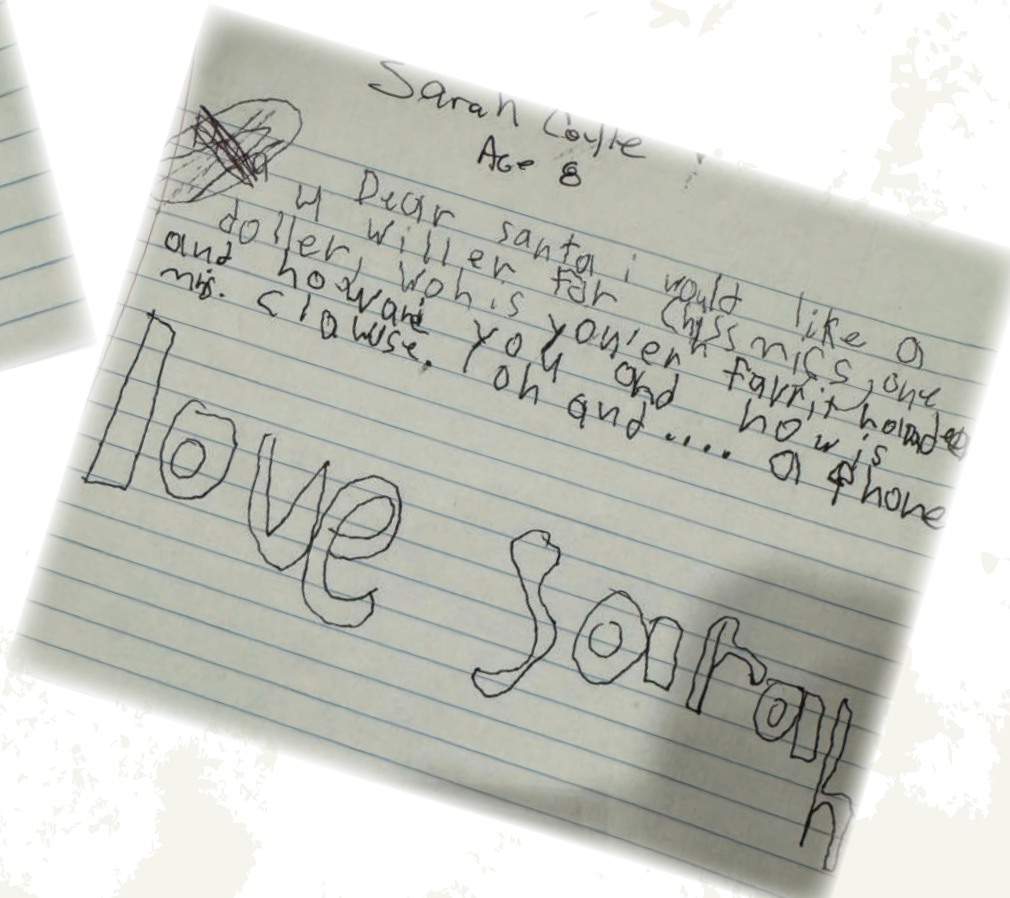
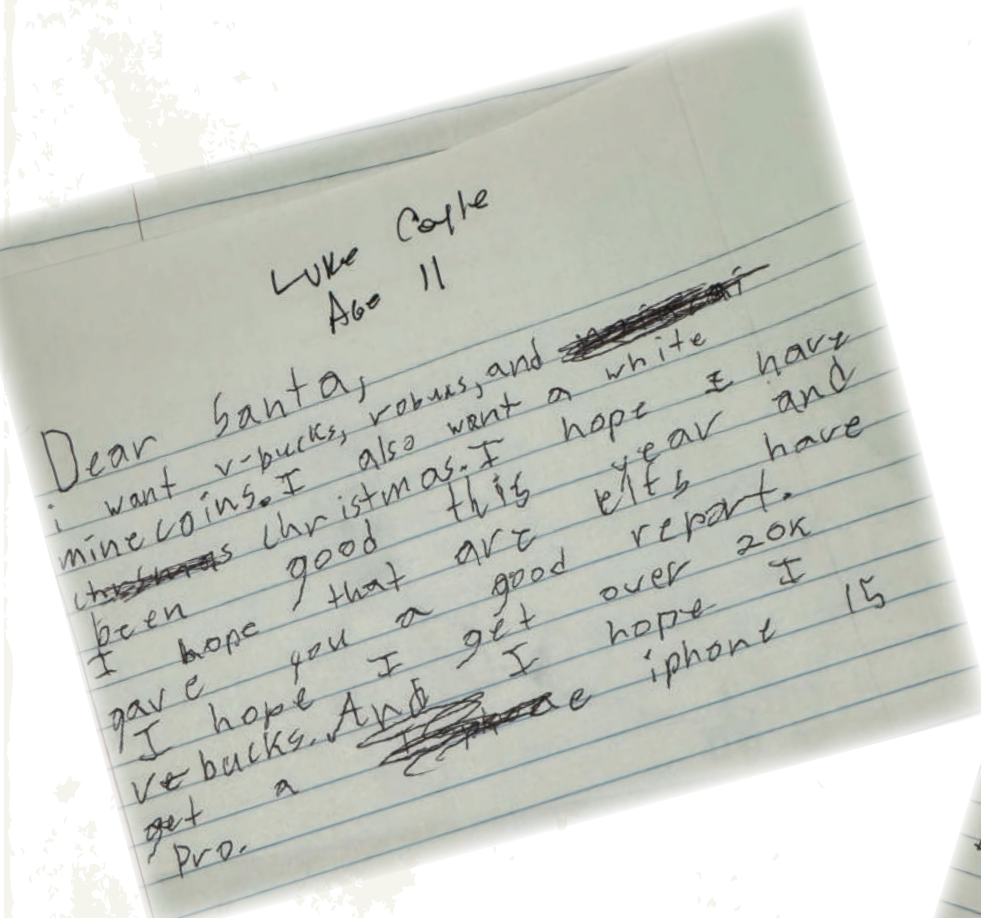
ORDINANCE NO. 24 - 2024
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REFERRED TO AS 1035 PEGGY FLATS ROAD AND OWNED BY LESTER STEWART FROM AGRICULTURE (A) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1)
The City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, does ordain as follows:
Pursuant to the authority granted in KRS 100, and in Section 401.2 of the Land Management and Development Ordinance, and further pursuant to a hearing held on November 13, 2024, by the Berea Planning Commission, wherein the Planning Commission found that the proposal for zoning map amendment from Agriculture (A) to Single Family Residential (R-1) was appropriate based on specific factual findings, and said Planning Commission having recommended to the City Council that the requested map amendment be granted; therefore, the City Council adopts the findings of fact and recommendation of the Planning Commission and further, pursuant to KRS 100.211, the area as hereinafter described on Exhibit "A" hereto (0.542 acres) and located at 1035 Peggy Flats Road be and the same is reclassified to R-1 (Single Family Residential) from A (Agriculture).
FIRST READING: December 3, 2024.
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Bruce Fraley, Mayor
Attest:

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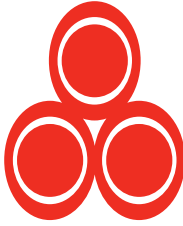
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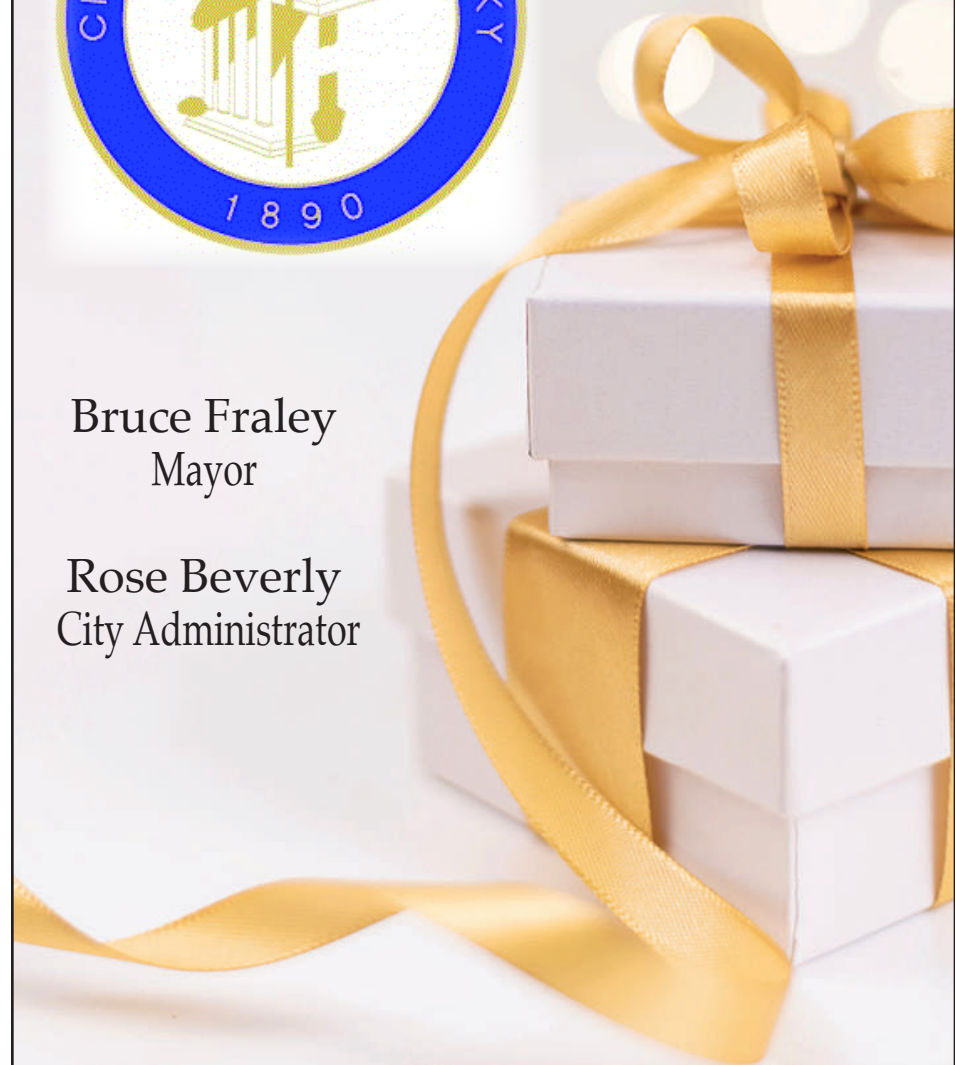
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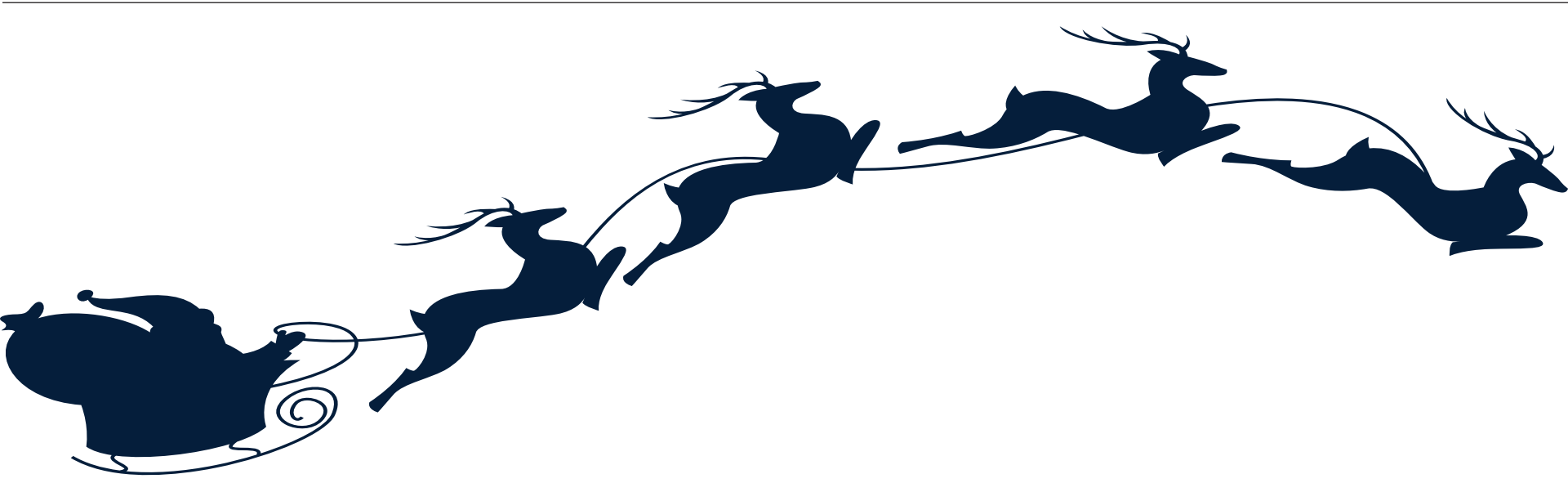
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The Berea Citizen		Santa Letters 2024		Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024			
Mrs. Lockhart 1st Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it! This year I would like an art kit, an easel, and a pet turtle. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Your Friend, Kayson Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a PS5, action figure, basketball, and a doll for my sister. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Your Friend, Jackson Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it. This year I would like an Xbox, Xbox Games, and a Furby (in boy colors). Have a Merry Christmas! Your Friend, Noah Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it! This year I would like a self-moving robot, a robot shark, a Transformer, and a nice stuffed animal. I hope you love the cookies! Your Friend, Nathan Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I really loved my gift last year! This year I would like a Playstation 5, 4 Race Tracks, and an airplane. I hope you like the cookies! Your Friend, Evan Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it! This year I would like a Playstation 4, minecraft video games, and a minecraft toy. I love you, Santa! Your Friend, Nick Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a minegol last year. I really like it. This year I would like a PS5, PS5 Game, and Minecraft. I hope you love the cookies! Your Friend, Zach Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me games last year. I really loved them. This year I would like a coloring suitcase and some minecraft toys. I love you, Santa! Your Friend, Pax Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a choclet spoon last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a stuffed animal, books, and more chocolate spoons. I hope you like the cookies! Your Friend, Ashton Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me boots and music last year. I really love them. This year I would like a makeup bag, a cat tree for my cat, and a summer dress. Merry Christmas! I hope you like your cookies. Your Friend, Raina Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me minecraft gifts last year. I really like Minecraft. This year I would like a minecraft gift, Roblox gift, and Mario gift. I hope you and your reindeer have a Merry Christmas. Your Friend, Luke Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a ice kreme sete last year. I really loved the ice kreme set. This year I would like a Furby, baby doll, and a doll set. I hope you like the cookies and milk. Your Friend, Emory Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a presente goodi soes. I really likes my present. This year I would like a baskllball card, vr head set, a PS4, and a Air JorDan jersey. I love your reindeer! Thank you for being generous. Your Friend, Harrison Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Brby Haus last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a robot, violin, and a make-up set.		Thank you for bringing the gifts. Your Friend, Bayleigh Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a marcr last year. I really love it. This year I would like a Xbox, make-up kit, and a phone. I love your reindeer. Your Friend, Aubrey Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a pokemon prestnt last year. I really wanted it. This year I would like new motocross boots and a dirtbike set. Have a good Christmas! Your Friend, Greer Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Barbe Miki last year. I really loved it. This year I would like makeup, a phone, and a xbox. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I hope Rudolph's nose shines bright. Your Friend, Zayna Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a playstation 5, nintendo switch, and games. Do your reindeer really eat Mrs. Claus's suckers? Your Friend, Declan Dear Santa, I have been a really good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a nerf-gun lsat year. I really loved it. This year I want a bb gun, basketball, and a light saber. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Your Friend, Micky Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. I love the things you brought last year. This year I would like water paints and a toy. I love you, Santa! Your Friend, McKenna Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I really like the gift you gave me last year. This year I would like a Xbox. I really like Rudolph. Your Friend, Alex		rox kralr, lego wheels toy, big barn and a toy jeep. I have haD my forwheeler. I am going to feb the reinbeer. Your Friend, Nash Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a bakrsct macrup last year. I really liked/ loved it. This year I would like a matoorycle, phone, and chalk. I have bike toy elf. I have also I lost a TooTh. Your Friend, Jayde Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a Golb last year. This year I would like a itAly Flag, iPad. I go to Blue. thank you santa. I been LEARNIng map. I been LEARNING the Wold. I was a Good boy. Your Friend, Kyler Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a bicycle last year. This year I would like a WalkIng Cat, pne, and a XBox. I have necklace skirt slippers. Your Friend, Emma Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a that monster truck game last year. I really likeet it. This year I would like a WWE Set, bascat ball, and a remot control monstes truck. I have bee a good brother. I have also clipt up to blue and went on a train ride this year. Your Friend, Xander Dear Santa, I have been a good doy this year. Thank you for bringing me a phone I love it. This year I would like a a soccr jrseey , a PS5, a soccr pichr, a NBA futball. I have ben to cismes 7 times sentu can you breing me a shrt this crismes. sentu can you bring a rowbow dog this crismes sentu can you bring me a socc shrt. sentu can you bring me a basketball Your Friend, Parker Dear Santa, I have beena good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a Phone loved last year. This year I would liek a dead Pool walking, XBoX games, Vbucks roblox card, WWE, electric motor cyge. I have been a good brother I also hope Santas ok Your Friend, Judah Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a pair of underwar last year. I really Loved it. This year I would like moder sickle, walking dog, phone 16 pro. I have got my shrt cut. I have also road a dert bike. I want a roblox card. Your Friend, Cashton Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Barbie agodtruck last year. I really wish it hadnt broke. This year I would like a bunny, rainbow LOL, backick and a Barbie camPer. I have been a good friend all year. I have also been helping my brother clean his rrom. I have you Stay warm in your sleigh on christmas! Your Friend, Emmalynnn Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a unoke last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a teddy bear. And a Razor crazy cart. I know how to ride a bike. I also help feed my dog. Please dont for get to take my elves back to the North pole. Your Friend, Paisley Dear Santa, I have been a good boy robot this year. Thank you for bringing me a dog last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a phone, pees fivi, a trycicr, puat dog. I have been a good friend at school. I have also helped watch coco for a few days. Thank you santa for being so nice! Your Friend, Karter Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me presents last year. I really Loved them. This year I would like a puppy RoBot, ROBOt Cat and a RoBot snake. I have stuffed animals. I have also been helping Mom with Lilly. Thak You Santa. I Will Leave milk and cookies out fur you. Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a pair of shoes babys last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a puppy, kitten, love and a necklace. I have bunny rainbow family . I have also purse basket egg buttercp sheep red dress. I will leAVE milk And cookies for you. I love you! Your Friend, Adaley Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me BOOKs brough last year. I really lik it. This year I would like a football whistle and a goal, more robucks 1,000. Shirt pants jacket socks 1 billion rodlocks Your Friend, Easton Dear Santa,		I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a palr of chose socks last year. I really liked it. This year I would like a walking cat, zombie, acton figures. I got on blue on star. Your Friend, Bryson Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a four wheeler last year. I really love it. This year I would like a magic rein deer, bab piggy and a GTA. I have been helping take care of my cat. I have also been a good friend at school. I will leave milk and cookies out for you. merry christmas! Your Friend, Maverick Mrs. Allen 1st Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been a good a good student this year. Thank you for bringing me a toy dino last year. I really love it. This year I would like a oculus, drone, and a nintendo switch. I have been a good brother and a good friend. I love you. Love, Samuel Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a nerf gun last year. I really love it. This year I want a blacet. I help my mom. I have also cleened. I love you. Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a tool set last year. I really love it. This year I would like 2 vr sets, normal ones, and a dirt bike simulatooor, and v bucks. I have a bin a good boy and I love you. Love, Maverick Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a toy car last year. This year I want a nintendo switch and a chrandformer. I have hellpt my mom and I have a sister too. Love, Zaynan Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a nintendo swich last year. This year I would like a roblox and pokis games. I have been a good kid and a good friend. Love, Abigail Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a towy hamster last year I really loved it. This year I would like a stuffed pig and a cabbage pach doll. I have helped my mom and I love you Santa. Love, Gemma Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thanks for the roblox gift card last year. This year I would like a floot and a trumpet and a saxofone. I have bin a good stoodent. I have also bin a good friend. Love, Moses Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me turtle paint last year, I really played with it. This year I would like a baby doll and dog toys. I have been kind. Love, Maliah Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a barbie doll last year. I really love it. This year I would like a fidget, purse, and a dog stuffy. I have help my mom. I have kleened my room. I bring milk for you. Dear Santa, I have been a good sister to all my sisters this year. Thank you for the fake bow and arrow last year. This year I would like a makeup, chapstick and lip gloss. I have bin a good girl. I will have pizza for you and milk. Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Furbie last year. I really love it. This year I would like monster high dolls, star octopus, and a strawberry squishmellow. I have been a kind friend. I have also been a kind student. Marree Cismes. Love, Violet Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a dog last year I really love it. This year I would really like a cat, dog, and lipgloss. I have helped my mom and I love you. Love, Mila Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a troll house last year. I really love it. This year I would like a toy cat, lip gloss, and my life clothes. I have been a good friend to Macie and Mila and Gemma and Mrs. Allen and Wolfgang. Love, Emily	

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Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a finerling last year. I like it. This year I want a a bunny stuffe and a cat stuffe. I have helped my mom and I kinned my room. I help my dad. Love, Arabella	rine. Toy train. Dumptruck . el-elevator . fort. Black scarf, Nutella, and Woking grate rock. Love, Jason B.	token's for Christmas because I like them. It's cool and i also want some robux because i like thim . can you please get me thim . Love, Greyson Y.	Christmas. I would like a com-puter for Christmas. I would like a dog for christmas. i would like a Notebook for Christmas. Love, Hudson M.	years old. This year i have been nice. For christmas this year i would like a hover board, xbox, money, elf, basketball Love, Klayton S.
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me toys last year. I really love them. This year I would like toys and a cat. I love you Santa. Love, Genesis	Dear Santa, Is it fun to ride on the sleigh? How does it feel to have 3,000 elves working for you? I love you santa! I want an Electric guitar because i like guitar. Robbucks because i like rob-lox dirt bike because i like bikes and i like Electric bikes Ultra mini brands because i like makeup and ulta v-bucks because i like fort night. Touch land cause i like my hands clean. Sabrina Sarpenter tickets cause i like sabrina. Madonna tickets cause i like madonna. maddox batson tickets because i like maddox batson music. Dolly parton tick-ets because i like Dolly parton. Skin care because i need it for my face. Ipad because mine broke. Ava Kate E.	Dear Santa, Are you okay out there be-cause i Hav cookies Warm Milk And Carrots For The reindeer. I want a toy action figure and my own house. Love, Corbin S.	Dear Santa, My name is Iris. I am 7 years old.This year I have been good. For christmas this year, I would like phone and a hello kitty and a jelly fish in a bowl and a stathyou of ifte. Love, Iris M.	Dear Santa, My name is Marlee. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Hello kitty mini verse. I would also like a realistic baby doll. And a my mini baby. Thank you! Love, Marlee A
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thanks for bringing me a vanity last year, I really liked it. This year I would legos, books, and a kalendar, and a bluey toy. I have bin good this school year. I love my mom and dad. Love, Zoey	Dear Santa, How does it feel having 3,000 elves working for you? Hey Santa merry Christmas i want new Yeezes because my old ones are broke and i need new ones to go outside. I want a new bike because mine is old. Kash K.	Dear santa I will like a drum Bekus i will play with it. I will like a electric guitar Bekus i am happye I will like a microphon Bekus I am excited! Love, Nicky S.	Dear Santa, My name is Jackson. I am 8 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. For Christmas this year I want electric Football game. And a silverchain. And a pair of air force ones. And Jacksonville Jaguar poster. And a glow in the dark football. Love, Jackson O.	Dear Santa, My name is Kaleah. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a esy bak oven, friendship necklaces. And I also want a stitch little backpack filled with a pencil sharpener, pens, and purple and blue, and some candy canes for my whole family. Love, Kaleah G.
Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thanks for bringing me shuus last year. I really love them. This year I would like gloves, pants, helmet, and jerzees.I help my mom. I help my dad erryday. Love, Isaiah	Dear Santa, How does it feel having 3,000 elves working for you? Hey Santa merry Christmas i want new Yeezes because my old ones are broke and i need new ones to go outside. I want a new bike because mine is old. Kash K.	Dear Santa, Hey Santa how does it feel ohav 3000 elves work infor you. I want a dirtbike I wetpoucks. Love, Silas S.	Dear Santa, My name is Kixson. I am 8 years old . i have Been nice and a little naughty. For Christmas i want a dirt Bick and a new phon case. Love, Kixson W.	Dear Santa, My name is Andrew. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a sord and 2 nerf guns, a shield. I also want a huver bord. Love- Andrew M.
Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me toys last year. This year I would like a PS5. I have ben good. Love, Wolfgang	Dear Santa, How is rudolph? I want a Big squisnmallow, Robucks, Disney-land tickets, P s 5, Toys dirt bike, and a Bread squisnmallow. Love, Roxy L.	Dear Santa, I would like a doll for Christ-mas. I would like a blanket too. I also would like some finger nail polish. I will leave you cookies. I hope you like them. Love, Jayla C.	Dear Santa, My name is Rylee. I am 7 years old. This year I have been Nice. For christmas I would like a toy Fox. I would also like a phone. I would also like makeup.I would also like a toy LoL. Love, Rylee W.	Dear Santa, My name is Heather. I am 7 years old. this year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like xbox. And muneY. And a wallit. And I would like a bike. Love, Heather T.
Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a PS5 last year. I really loveb it. This year I would like a skat board and Finn ballard, he is a wrestler.I have cliped up to the star. I have also been a good brother. Love, Camden	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer?How does it feel to have 3,000 elves working for you? I want a eletric guitar because it sounds better than my acoustic guitar. And I want a 3 pack of bochugons,and a mr.beast lab. Love, Taz K.	Dear Santa, It is Christmas! Merry Christ-mas! How are you? I am happy. I would like to please ask you for a green drawing notebook with blank papers. I would like colored pens to draw in the notebook. I would love a cat! I would like a pair of green scis-sors. I would also please like a chromebook. I would also like a Simple Solutions book for at home. I would also like glue sticks. Merry Christmas! Good-bye! Love, Will S.	Dear Santa, My name is Santino. I am 8 years old. this year I have been a Little of both nice and naughty. For Christmas this year i would like a VR. i would also like a xbox i also want 8 nike. Love, Santino D.	Mrs. Garver's Class 1st Grade Kingston Elementary
Ms. Clark 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer?How does it feel to have 3,000 elves working for you? I want a eletric guitar because it sounds better than my acoustic guitar. And I want a 3 pack of bochugons,and a mr.beast lab. Love, Taz K.	Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! Merry Christ-mas! How are you? I am happy. I would like to please ask you for a green drawing notebook with blank papers. I would like colored pens to draw in the notebook. I would love a cat! I would like a pair of green scis-sors. I would also please like a chromebook. I would also like a Simple Solutions book for at home. I would also like glue sticks. Merry Christmas! Good-bye! Love, Will S.	Dear Santa, My name is sophie.I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. I would like a Morgan wallen poster. I would also like camera film. I would also like a silicone baby doll. And I would like a Morgan Wallen blanket. Love, Sophie H.	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a bookshelf and a kitchen last year. I really loved it. This year I would like Axolotl stuffed ani-mal and a baby doll alive. I have been good. I have also helped my friends. Tell Mrs. Claus Hi for me. Your friend, Carly
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank for bringing me a purple cup last year. I re-ally love it. This year I want a electric scooter and a fone and headphones. I have helpt my mom an d been a kind friend. Love, Harper	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer?How does it feel to have 3,000 elves working for you? I want a eletric guitar because it sounds better than my acoustic guitar. And I want a 3 pack of bochugons,and a mr.beast lab. Love, Taz K.	Dear Santa, My name is Austin. I am 7 years old this yearI have been a little naughty and a little nice this Christmas. I would like 750 cars, a hoverboard,a state puzzle,a Exoplanet poster,an Xbox and a bike. Love, Austin W.	Dear Santa, My name is Willow. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year, I would like a Ps5. I would also like a phone. And Sol de Janiero 62.also a lol doll. And a baby doll. also something to war and Something to read also a baby sister. Something for Sawyer. And ball pit balls. Also I would love candy. Love, Willow P.	Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a ride on tractor. I have been good this year. Stay warm at the North Pole! Your friend, Corbin
Dear Santa, Hey Santa Merry Christmas! You are my favorite! All I want for Christmas is a dog i would play with it. next is 500\$ I would spend it on my family. I would also want a phone that i could play on also disneyland tick-ets, taylor swift tickets, gracie abrams tickets, morgan wallen tickets, dolly parton tickets, madison beer tickets, and charli cxc tickets and my own house and 1 million dllars. Love, Jerry L	Dear Santa, Merry christmas! Is it fun to ride on the sleigh? Are you okay out there because I have cook-ies warm milk and carrots for you and the reindeer. You are my favorite! I want a phone case because my phone case break on me and it got bad on me .olivia Rodrigo tickets . i phone 16 por max . robucls . Love, Elaina P.	Dear Santa, My name is Brooklynn.I am 8 years old.This year I have been nice.For Christmas I would like a miny Christmas tree. I would also like my baby brother, Jaxyn to be born on Christmas day. Plus I would love some plushies. One more thing I want my mom to feel better. Love, Brooklynn H.	Dear Santa, My name is maci. I am 7 years old.This year i have been nice. For christmas this year i wold like a mine shopping Ckart and i wold also like a electric bike.I wold also like A phone and a dall house and a camper for my dalls Love, Maci D	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Shiech cup last year. This year I would like a cup with my Pap-py's picture on it. I also want a doll and a lol hose. I have been good. Tell Rudolph I said Hi! Your friend, Addy
Dear Santa, Hey santa, merry Christmas.i love you Santa. You are my favorite. I reallyy want an American Girl doll. My other one broke. I also want A dress i wute A new one. Love, Lulu L.	Dear Santa, Hey santa merry christmas is it fun to ride on the sleigh ? I want a rubrbedkit because i don't have eny . wut it so i can make It for my fanuilly . you are my favorite . i have cookies warm milk. I want a hover board because i don't have one and so i can Also so i can let my sisters play wif me. I love you how Is rudolph ? i wut a computer because i don't have one and so i can do homework. Love, Baylee Q.	Dear Santa, My name is Camden. I am 8 years old.I have been good. I want a munchkin cat he will be so cute his bed will be in my bed. I will name him littl munch. I'd also like some mr.beest new toys and some dog man books. And for my family to have a good Christmas. Love, Camden B.	Dear Santa, My name is Reagan . I am 7 years old. I have been naughty and nice . for christmas. I would like a new dirtbick and a real puppy. And a lipstick, sweaters, and new stuffies. Love, Reagan H.	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a brbey last year. I really love it. This year I would like a mistr best bar. I also wat a cand tolit. I have been good this year. Your friend, Azlyn
Dear Santa, Hey Santa Merry Christmas You are My Favorite! I want a Barbie Cuz I WaNT to play with My Friend. I Want a Baby Live. Love, Ella A	Dear Santa, Merry christmas! How are the reindeer doing? Is it fun to ride on the sleigh? I want toy cars because it will be funner with more cars. I want Dollywood season passes because they make all the rides free! Love, Archer W.	Dear Santa, My name is Carmelo. I am 8 years old. I would like a RC car and super mario 3D WORLD and 5,000 vbux. Love, Carmelo L.	Dear Santa, My name is London. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice for christmas. For christmas this year I would like a bike phone, elf tree, a bar-bie, Perfume and smart watch. Love, London B. 2nd grade	Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a dino book last year. This year I would like Ben 10 and a Lanky box. I have been good. I have helped my dad. I also helpd my dad carry a box. Your friend, lbrah
Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! You are my favorite! Are you okay out there because i have cookies, warm milk and carrots for you and the Reindeer. Is it fun to ride on the sleigh? I want a Phone case, touchland, and robucks. Love, A.J. Boston	Dear Santa, Hey Santa merry christmas! How is Rudolph? A real life babydoll, lol mini brands, games, Olivia Rodrigo, and a bending leg Barbie. Love, Addisyn C.	Dear Santa, My name is Cooper. I am 8 years old. i've been nice. I would like spring locks, An purple fabrik a bill cipher toy. Love, Cooper P.	Dear Santa, My name is Mia. I am seven years old. this year i have been nice. For christmas this year I would like makeup, Nailpolish, A real cat. silver whistle. Money and a credit card Love, Mia A.	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a barbie home last year. I really loved it. This year I would like Barbie airplane and a Barbie camper. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hi! Your friend, Lillian
Dear Santa, Hey Santa merry Christmas! How is Rudolph? A real life babydoll, lol mini brands, games, Olivia Rodrigo, and a bending leg Barbie. Love, Addisyn C.	Dear Santa, I love you santa .How does it feel to have 3,000 elves work-ing for you? I want a hover board my hover board is broken. I want some v-bucks pls I want a dirtbike pls. I want a ps5 pls. Love, James W.	Dear Santa, My name is Cristiano. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas this year I would like a Ronaldo jersey and a Soccer ball. Love Cristiano R.	Dear Santa, My name is Mila. I am 8 years old This year I have been nice and naughty. For christmas this year, I would like a hoverboard .I would also like a silicown Baby doll. I also would like the dog-pinkey. And a phone. uggs. Love, Mila S	Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. This year I would like a toy robot. I have been good. I have listened to my mom. Merry Christmas! Your friend, Braxton
Dear Santa, You are my favorite! I love you Santa! How is rudolph? I want a toy plane better than my Spider Man plane and hot wheels because it will be better than my other Hot Wheels. Love, Kohen K.	Dear Santa, I love you santa .How does it feel to have 3,000 elves work-ing for you? I want a hover board my hover board is broken. I want some v-bucks pls I want a dirtbike pls. I want a ps5 pls. Love, James W.	Dear Santa, My name is Hudson and i am 8 years old. i am nice. I would like a phone. And I would like Football i would like a xbox for	Dear Santa, My name is Ryder. I am 7 years. I have been a little nice and naughty. For christmas i would lik a skatbord, game set. Love, Ryder B.	Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it. This year I would like candy, spider man, and a sonic . I have been good. I have helpt a frand. I have also clipt up to star. Tell Rudolph I said hi! Your friend, Briceton
Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? Does Ru-dolph guide the sleigh every Christmas? I want a rook in rool guitar .hot air balloon . subma-	Dear Santa, Hey Santa. Merry christmas! I want a computer for Christmas because I like it. It seems cool that you can play on it. It's cool. I also want some Minecraft	Dear Santa, My name is Hudson and i am 8 years old. i am nice. I would like a phone. And I would like Football i would like a xbox for	Dear Santa, My name is klayton. I am 9	



Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a tablit and t-rex last year. I really loved it. This year I would like ixploded creepir, pokemon cards, dino nerf gun, and a lego badel bus. I have been good. I have also helpt my mom. Your friend, Connor	a nerf rocket launcher and a nerf machine gun. I have been good. Have a wonderful merry Christmas! Your friend, Tanner	Dear Santa, My name is Kendall. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the things I am wishing for: Minnie Mouse set, bumper car, and a kitchen! I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Kendall Lefevers	a Cinderella doll, and a Barbie dreamhouse. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Winry Chasteen	be happy. Merry Christmas!!! from: Laura Leeann
Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really liked it. This year I would like a Mortal Combat character and a Jurassic World action figure. I have been good. I have been a good helper to my friends. Have a good day! Your friend, Liam	Mrs. Strack and Mrs. Miller Kindergarten Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Lex. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: ball pit, bumper cart, and a toy octopus. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Lex Reeves	Dear Santa, My name is Kelton. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a remote control car, a geodes kit, and a power wheels car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Kelton Hooten	Dear Santa, My name is Ava. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: Magic Adventure Globe, Magic Adventure Binoculars, and a Kitchen Cafe. I will set out milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve. From, Avah Ray	Dear Santa, Are you excited for all of the cookies? I would like a doll suprishouse. Merry Christmas love you From Faith
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a cry babby and clothes last year. I really loved it. This year I would like barbie airplane and a barbie camper. I have been good. I have helped my dad do the dishis. Merry Christmas! Your friend, Maddie	Dear Santa, My name is Elyse. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a stuffed octopus, a decora, and the watermelon squishmallow. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Elyse Smith	Dear Santa, My name is Michael. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a hot wheels track, a fart gun, and a transformer. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Michael Soult	Dear Santa, My name is Davy and I am 5 years old. I have been very nice this year. I would like a garage hot wheel track, an orange race car, and a rock tumbler. For Christmas this year, I will be sure to set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Love, Davy Martin	Dear Santa, How are the elves? How are you? Noel is good. I would like Hot wells, Legos, you, Candey, Sqishmelos, and Chains! Mikey my list. Merry christmas.
Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a sonick lego set last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a dog man book, a cat, sonick, and a phone. I have been good this year. Your friend, Sebastian	Dear Santa, My name is Melina. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: Arial toy doll and guitar, Terraria and microphone, and the last thing is a kitty with a bottle and hairbrush. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Melina Carrington	Dear Santa, My name is Rylan Witt. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Three things that I want for Christmas this year are: a nerf gun, a go-cart, and a Mr. Beast toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Rylan Witt	Dear Santa, My name is Kacen. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a cooking set, a cash register, and a rock tumbler. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Kacen Combs	Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs Claus doing? I hope you have a very happy christmas! I would like a doll and Dress for christmas. Peyton
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a brby dreem hows and lol doll last year. I really love it. This year I would like a pink stanley and a phone. I have bin a good friend and I have bin a good friend win a friend is sad I giv a hug. I have also kleeed the hows. I wut a lot of stanley that are pink! Thank you for wat you got me. Your friend, Maycee	Dear Santa My name is Ethan and this year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for is a bike, rc reptile, and a set of Star Wars figures. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Ethan Creel	Dear Santa, My name is Kaleb. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the things I am wishing for: Kinetic Sand Fish tank, and a Minecraft gun. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Kaleb Oakes	Dear Santa, My name is Acacia. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a squishmel-low, a princess peach showtime game, and rollerskates. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Acacia Rose	Dear Santa, how are the reindeer? I would like a elf on a shelf, smelley markers and pull apart erasers. pleeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeezey Dana
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. This year for Christmas I would like a barbie airplane that actually flies. I have been good. I have also helped take care of my brother. Merry Christmas! Your friend, Serenity	Dear Santa, My name is Hendnix. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for this Christmas: an action figure, the hot wheels city ultimate garage and a stuffed animal dinosaur. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Hendrix Fox	Dear Santa, My name is Spencer and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice and these are three things I am wishing for: Play doh, Luigi's mansion, and a Darth Vader robot. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Spencer Hillman	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I would like a lab kit for Christmas. Merry Christmas Greyson	Dear Santa, You are full of christmas spirit. I want a wwe action figure and a football. I love vixen and i love roodolf Merry christmas Marcus
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a stitch stuft amail and a stitch sweter. I have ben help full. I have also ben good. Tell Mrs Claws that I said hi. Your friend, Bethany	Dear Santa, My name is Anna. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I'm wishing for: Transformers, Gecko, and a unicorn doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Anna Georgel	Dear Santa, My name is Myah. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a tablet, a birzee, and a lanky bot. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Myah Jones	Dear Santa, I would like it to snow on Christmas this year. And I would like to feel holy this christmas. I would like my Family on Christmas this year. I want dirt on Christmas because it's for my dirtbike. Merry Christmas, Jack	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Merry Christmas Santa! Is the elf on the Shelf i want for christmas is a reindeer stuffy. Merry christmas. Calvin
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a gift last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a doll and baby clothes for the doll. I have been good. I have also helped a friend. Tell Mrs. Claws I said hi. Your friend, Aurora	Dear Santa, My name is Raven. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Paw Patrol, kinetic sand, and a robot unicorn. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Raven Lamb	Dear Santa, My name is Jacob. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a Nintendo Switch, a nerf gun, and a ride on a motorcycle that has pizza in the back of the car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Jacob Tillery	Dear Santa, How are the elves? How are you? JJ is good, I would like a skwishmlow Cat dog Merry Christmas santa From Rayna	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Merry christmas. I would like a gas powered dirt bike 70cc Vr headset mask That follows your Umoshinse on your face, and a pet snake. And i will always love you merry christmas, Walker
Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a atv last year. This year I would like a nerf gun and a lanky box. I also wat a phone 15 and a tractor. I have been good. Your friend, Dawson	Dear Santa, My name is Serenity. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three presents I am wishing for: purple radio, Harry Potter potions, and a purple dog. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Serenity Raines	Dear Santa, My name is Kova. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: Furbie, Tamagotchi, and a Polly Pocket. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Kova Turpin	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Have a good Christmas! Are you excited for the cookies? I would like a salamander! Liam	Dear Santa, How are you? What are you doing? I would like a phone and a tablet. Merry christmas. Danerys
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Brbe Jeep last year. I really loveed it. This year I would like a prple stanly and a iphone 14. I have been good this year. I have also help my mom cleen the dishis. Tell Mrs. Claus and Rudolph I said Hi. Your friend, Raelynn	Dear Santa, My name is Jett. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things that I am wishing for: a nerf gun, Xbox controller, and a drone. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Jett Oakes	Dear Santa, My name is Zane. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a spiderman doll, a foosball table and a play kitchen. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas eve. From, Zane Cornett	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? How is Mrs Claus? We are you ready for christmas I would like anything and cheer baby doll Merry Christmas, Addyson	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Merry christmas. I would like a gas powered dirt bike 70cc Vr headset mask That follows your Umoshinse on your face, and a pet snake. And i will always love you merry christmas, Walker
Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a army vest last year. I really love it. This year I would like		Dear Santa, My name is Winry. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a hoverboard seat,	Dear Santa, you are the best. I Would like to have a pet snake, pandu, pull apart erasers and a pllushes. I love you Santa Clos. Oh how is rudolph the red nos reindeer! Carter	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Merry christmas. I would like a gas powered dirt bike 70cc Vr headset mask That follows your Umoshinse on your face, and a pet snake. And i will always love you merry christmas, Walker
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Dear santa are you doing?i woud like a new elehcickl skowder .and some erpods and a fake rulistick baby doll and some fake nells and some ript jeens that are flerd and some phone cases and some perfume and some jory and somehier clips and some baby doll stuff and a light pink stanley merry christmas love myla w. Dear santa Why cant we tutchs the efvs? This christmas. Could you give tablit And can you give me some new pujomas. Love Nora b Dear santa, How are the elfs? This christmas Can i please have 2 American girl dolls. And merry christmas santa. Love raya m Dear Santa, How are the elfs,reirdeer/ruddph and you? Why do you like cookies? This christmas could i please have make-up,squishmellows,legos,mini brands/verse,polly pocket,gameing chair,boba tea,kitten toy real kit- ten too,wicked,wednesday/enid things,david shannon books Thank you santa! merry christmas! Love Rebecca c Deer santa Have the elfs been working? This christ- mas could I please have a keyboard and a kids dirt bike and Last a helmet Thank you santa Love reed h Deer santa i want a cotton candy ma- chine and 3d pretr. Love rush p Dearsanta,how are the reindeer’s and how are things in the northpole?this christmas could I please have a phone,par of shoes,par of boot’s and a lot of fugly’s Thank you santa! Merry christmas Love shelbi b Dear santa santa doo yoor elfs git tire? Dear santa I would like a giant 3-D Printed dragon Thank simon w Dear santa , How is rudolph in the North pole? This year i was Good. Could i please have some present? Like a dade boll high chair And a darbie high chair Dady doll car seet And a darde car seet Thank you very much santa Merry christmas ! Love jordyn c Dear santa sata how are the elfs doing in the Werk shop the reindeer iS rudol being good this christmas could i have a nen black motoreycle thank you santa merry chistmas frum bentlee and santa can i have please a nen lechic scoutder love bentlee t Mrs. Dear stanta how ard the reindeer dowging and rudolph dowging could i please have a 3dprintedshark and a baby puppy and applewatr a mine frij merry christmas I Love caroline Dear Santa How are you santa Cowd I please can I have a fone ps laptop gamng char. Love kason v Dear santa, how are you dong this christmas i whant a tornado lamp and i whant a ghostbuster lego car and a fast and ferist lego and a jurassic park lego and a jragon and thats it and merry christmas santa and merry christmas mrs clos from riley	Dear Santa, I have had a great year! I would love to get paper clips and binder clips. Thank you. Love, Ari Dear Santa, I have been good and this Christmas I want a Rocket Booster Skateboard and a saber tooth tiger and a hero saber tooth tiger. I want money to transform to a robot. Love, Max Dear Santa, I have had a great year! I would love to get a doll. Please an thank you. I love your dog! Love, Haley K. Dear Santa, I have had a great year! I would love to get a puppy, a PS5, or not, if your elfs cannot make them, and some money. Please also give my brother a puppy to. Thank you. I appreciate it. Love, Eylan Dear Santa, I has been a great year and I want a electric scooter and get my sister the same thing plesel Love, Olivia Dear Santa, I had a grate year of school. I would like for Chrismas is coats and boots and a stuffie and some toys, not a lot of toys. It’s not what you want, it’s what you need. Winter coats and boots more, then toys, whatever you bring me makes me happy and please bring my hole family something please and thank you. You make me smile. Love, Savannah Dear Santa, I have bin tring to be a ledr. I have gotin 3 ledrship tichits in first and 2 grad and whut I hope I get for Chismus is Poche- mon cards and it to snow on Crismus, my famle to be happe and a cat and I hopp you have a good Crismus. PS Wut cind of cookes do you like? Love, Satya Dear Santa, I have been not that good but can I have a annal toy please? I love you Love, Annie W. Dear Santa, Can you give me car parts and batres, do not forgit a small engine. Thanc yu. Love, Christopher Dear Santa, I am good. I would ask you for a beenie, a squishmallow, and a PS5 please and thank you, also bring back Hannah please. Love, Auggie Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I want mack-up, a baby doll, lpad, new elf on the shelf, and a wach for Christmas. Thak you. Love, Hannah	Jayne Dear Santa, My name is Oscar.I am 7 years old.This year I have been good.I am proud to say that I was the first leader of the month for my class. For christmas I would like little wooden pictures that I can hang up and Marbling art. Thank you! From Oscar Dear Santa, My name is Tobiah. I am 8 1/2 years old. This year I have been a good. i am proud to say that I Did re- ally nice stuff every single year. I helped my dad Kelly with making Thanksgiving dinner. For Christmas i would like Electric dirt bike and a new video gamn. Thank you Tobiah Dear Santa, My name is AGNES.I am 7 years old .This years I have been very good this year. I am proud to say that I help my classmates. For christmas I would like a: A Pack of pens, A note book, A bene bag char, A telescope, A micescope, A rock tumbulr, A barby that changes coler bast on temperch of water, A baby sister, A kids car that I can drive, And a pack of popsc! and cooke lipglos, A drone, A cook book, A bo and aro nrfgun, A corkbord, A pack of stickers, A tablit Thank you Love Agnes Deer Santa My name is Aiden .i am 7 years old This year i have been good. I am poud to say That i shared gingerbread cookies. For christmas i would like a Puppy, Red kontrolr, Blu kontrolr Thar kyou Aiden Dear, Santa My name is Colton. I am 8 years old. This year I have been good. I am proud to say That I help my little cusen For Christmas I would like Toys and Legos. Thank you , Colton slone Deer santa, My name rowen. I am 7 years old this year i have been `good i am proud tob say That I For christmas i would like, A tv, a boy frind, a kid, no more techors or skool Thank you rowen Dear santa My name is zeb. I am 7 years old .This year i been good. I am proud to say That i been nice to my class. For Christmas I would like a nerf gun. Shoes and cloes . Thank you. zeb Dear,Sata My name is Malakai.I am 8 years old. This year I have been a good boy this year.I am proud to say that I.help my frand’s. For Christmas I would like: A Scooby Dooby Doo poster, Pokemon cards, A squirrel smashmallow , Cat’s socks, Slime, A puppy’s, A kitecat, A pen set, A star wars lego set A PS5, A red cholr, A blue ctrolr, 8 men 3, Wwe toys, A laptop, A charzard smashmashmallow, A baseball cards, A NTEDO STAR WARS LEGO GAME Thank you Santa. Dear ,Sata My name i mav I am 7 Years old This year I have deen a good boy. L am proud to Say That I helpin my dad and baby broder. For christmas I would like a Puppy, Legos Thak you, Mav Dear Santa, My name is Tillie.i am 7 years old This year i have been good. For Christmas i would like, Puppy, Sock, Shoes, Ice krem sulim, Clos, Shla horse, Hobbe horse with checkers, Coloring book, Big com pyod Thank you Tillie Dear Santa, My name is Mia. I am 8 years old. This year I have been good. I am proud to say that I invited people to my birthday party For christmas I would like A lip glos, Macke up, Stofey, A real life panda, A bucit of candy, A real life axela- tel, A 100 ane avey qwix, A unicorn blanit Thank you, Mia Dear,Sata My name is Ani.I am 8 years old.This year I have been a good girl. I am proud to say that I do my Homework. For Chritmas I would like Pekch placket, A dolly, lphon, Elf, Cra-	non, Pencils, Toys ihank you ani Denise May 2nd Grade Berea Community Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is wheelie shoes and a bag. I have been real good this year. Love, Hope Dear Santa, I Want Slime For Christmas,I Was Good This Year Because I Do Good In My Class- room. From:Bodhi Dear Santa, I want a lego, poecybola and hedfoens please. Love matthew Dear Santa I want a hoverboard for Christmas because I think that’s a good present for me. I will share with my brother. Love, Aubree Dear santa, I want to rccors an i want a vr headset. Love Jase Dear Santa i want a Titanic Lego set a rc air plane it glows in the dark and a be be gun with a target cloon and Minecraft X dox 1 From Jake Dear Santa, I would love my very own cat because i would want to snuggle her And can you make her adorable i would really like that and a puppy By the way can i ask to have more than two anyway can i have A fish because i can give her a bath and a hamster and some new markers. Love nyma Dear santa i would like a ps5 and a cat to cuddle at nite” love hunter Dear santa i want ps5. Love, Ryan Dear santa, i do,not want a lot of stuff because i don’t want it to be to much trouble for your elfs so what i want is a vr headset and 3 american girl dolls. love eden Dear Santa, merry christmas here’s my list i only ask for 5 things i really want bubble skin care lip gloss a mini backpack a pen and a notebook love Ariana Dear santa, my mom is having a bad day .please got a gift for me and my siblings .my siblings is good i think, so i would like a doll and a candy. I love u samiyah. Dear Santa, Joes christmas list. Super mario bros wii. the big lego mini fig love joe. Happy christmas i hope it’s not hard to get and there’s one more the lego chess. Dear Santa, I would like a Kid Guitar because I like playing music. Love, Edwin Dear Santa, I would want an American Girl Doll be- cause it was my favorite since I was little. Love, Nazliyn Dear Santa, I would like headset and a RC car be- cause I think we are fun. Love, Jase Squishmellows,legos,mini brands/ verse,polly pocket,gameing chair,boba tea,kitten toy real kit- ten too,wicked,wednesday/enid things,david shannon books Thank you santa! merry christmas! Love Rebecca c Deer santa Have the elfs been working? This christ- mas could I please have a keyboard and a kids dirt bike and Last a helmet Thank you santa Love reed h Deer santa i want a cotton candy ma- chine and 3d pretr. Love rush p Dearsanta,how are the reindeer’s and how are things in the northpole?this christmas could I please have a phone,par of shoes,par of boot’s and a lot of fugly’s Thank you santa! Merry christmas Love shelbi b Dear santa santa doo yoor elfs git tire? Dear santa I would like a giant 3-D Printed dragon Thank simon w Dear santa , How is rudolph in the North pole? This year i was Good. Could i please have some present? Like a dade boll high chair And a darbie high chair Dady doll car seet And a darde car seet Thank you very much santa Merry christmas ! Love jordyn c	
Mrs. Bailey’s 2nd Grade Class Berea Community	Dear Santa, My name is willow. I am 8 years old. This year I have been good.I am proud to say I been kind to people sum. For Christmas I would like Squishmellows, Warm socks,;, Elf, Gingerbread house, Squish ball, Candy canes Thank you. Love willow Dear Santa My name is CJ.I am 8 years old. This year I have been good.I am proud to say that i got a 100 on my test For Christmas i would like: Vr, More time to sleep, No more school, Food, People to help people in africa Thank you Cj Dear Santa, My name is Ian.I am 7 years old.This year I have been good.I am proud to say that I donated to the Thanksgving food drive. For Christmas I woud like, Toys. Vidoe Games. Pokemon toys. Legos. Thank you lan Dear santa, My name Is Jayne.I am 8 years old. This year I have been good.I am proud to say that I helped someone up on the playground. For Christmas would like a puppy and the first plant vr zombe. Thank you,			
Mrs. Hall’s 2nd Grade Class Berea Community	Dear Santa, I hope you are having a great time! Please can I have a kid sised car, two VRs, one for me and one for my brother, and two \$500 gift cards, oh! Also a bell from a raindeer harnes. Please and thanks always thinking of you. Love, Raiden Dear Santa, I have had a great year! I would love to get a baby doll, a puppy, and an electric scooter. Plees and thank you. Love, Julie Dear Santa, This year I wat 1000 Roblox cards and 100 VBukcs cards and 200 Pokemon card pack. Plees and thank you and a PS3. Love, Maddox Dear Santa, I have had a great year! I would love to get a teeny ping blanket. Please also get my brother Pokemon or Starwars. If you do, I wuld be happy. Thank you. Love, Laina			

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Ally Croft 2nd Grade Shannon Johnson Elementary Dear Santa, Thank you for being the best person ever. How do you live in all of that snow? I have cared for my friends, made my bed, and played with my dog. I want a Furby, a weiner dog statue, and a squishy maker for Christmas. I hope you can make a lot of toys next year for all of the children. I'm doing a song about you using sign language today. I hope that you enjoy your milk and brownies. Love, Emma Caudill Dear Santa, Thank you for giving girls and boys presents. How do you live in the North Pole? How do you live in the North Pole? I have been so good! I finished my school work. I been good for cleaning up my room. And I protected my baby sister. I want a Hoverboard, Star Wars Legos, and Minecraft Legos for Christmas. Thank you for coming to my house every year. Love, Emmett Thomas Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing kindness to others. Are you cold when you deliver presents to the kids? I'm respectful, nice to my sisters, and nice to my dad. I want a hoverboard, clothes, and a car for kids for Christmas. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas this year! Love, Haley Flannery Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for being the best. Why do you give presents for Christmas? I am nice to my friends, my little brother, and my family. But the thing I want for Christmas is a Meeows Hello Kitty plushy, and a Bluey plushy for Christmas. Happy New Year! Love, Allison Perez Dear Santa, Santa you are the best person in the world. How do you live in the Christmas snow? Does you wife play in the snow? Tell your elf you are the best. I have been reading to my elf, listening to my mom and dad, and good at school. I want a Ninento Switch, scooter, and a Squishmellow for Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa Claus! Love, Brinley Vaughn Dear Santa, Thank for being kind. How do you run so fast? I helped clean the dishes, been kind to my mom, and listen to my mom. I would like a Frosty the Snowman, Monster Truck, and a Siren Head toy. I will play with these when I get home from school. Merry Christmas! Love, Graysen Blas Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for being kind. Where do you live in the North Pole? I have been nice to my siblings, completed my homework, and finished my chores at home. For Christmas, I would like a iPhone, a OMZ Plushy, and a gaming controller. Love, Jon David Southern Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for being kind and nice to others. How do you eat all of the cookies? I want a Star Wars Lego, Mac-Book, and a mouse for Christmas. Happy New Year and have a great day! Love, Tilak Patel Dear Santa, How do you get all of the toys that you have at the North Pole? I help clean the house, my room, and my classroom. I want a phone, phone case, and a hoverboard for Christmas. Happy New Year! Love, Thea Rogers Dear Santa, Thank you for making children happy. How do you get in houses without Chimneys? I washed the dishes, been nice to my sister, and good in the classroom. I would like roller skates, a keyboard, and an art kit for Christmas. Merry Christmas! Love, Ellie May		Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for being kind to others and giving kids elves. Why are elves so small? How do you fit through the chimney? Also, how can you do super fast? I share with my sister, play with her, and help her when she is sad. For Christmas, I would like an Android Phone, Android Airpods, and a plush. Have a good Christmas! Love, Saoirse Pratt Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys. What is life like in the North Pole? I have washed dishes, been nice to my mom, and friends. I would like a soft blanket, perfume, and a Plushie. I will play with these during the winter. Thank you Santa for the toys. Love, Maddie Gray Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for giving boys and girls presents who are good. How do you make presents on time? I am good to my sisters in Louisville, buy presents, clean my room. I would like a remote control snake, Legos, and a remote control spider. I can use these when I feel bored. Happy New Year! Love, Will Jarrett Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing toys to me. How do you make all of the toys? I play ball with my brother, be nice to my friends, and do my chores at home. I would like a WWE toy, pet toy, and Fortnite for Christmas. I will play these inside my house. Happy New Year! Love, Dmitri Burdette Dear Santa, Where do you live? Thank you for being nice. How does it feel living in the North Pole? And how cold is it ? I know that it is very cold in the North Pole. I clean my room, wash my clothes, and clean the table. I want a toy plane, ipad, and a toy car for Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Love, Eden Chen Dear Santa, Thank you for being so nice. Why did you name your reindeer Blitzten, Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Donner, Prancer, Rudolph, and Vixen? I clean my room, do my chores, and my schoolwork. For Christmas, I would like a skateboard, computer, and a gaming console. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Finley Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for giving kids all around the world toys. How old are you? I have played with my sister, helped my mom, and been nice at home. I would like a toy frog, string puppet, and a remote control plane. I will play with these when it is cold outside. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Love, Aaron Madden Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for delivering toys to girls and boys. What is it like to live in the North Pole? I have been nice to my sister, friends, and family. I want Legos, shoes, and Hot Wheels for Christmas. Merry Christmas! Love, Bryson Scroggins Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for being kind. How do you fly around the world in one night? I help people by being nice and respectful. I want clothes, shoes, and a PS5 for Christmas. Merry Christmas! Love, Malachi Robinson Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for bringing us toys. How do you fit through the chimney? I have cleaned my room, washed dishes, and been nice to my brother. I want a mini fridge, Barbies, and new rollerblades. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Love, Jordan Reed Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing things to kids. I will get you a Christmas meal with lots of food and I will get Rudolph something and the thing is a snowglobe.		I have helped my sister put up her things, clean the house, and feed the cat. I want a Squish-mellow, Barbie Dreamhouse, and a bike for Christmas. How do your reindeer fly? Merry Christmas! Love, Isabella Lopez Dear Santa, Thank you for being nice to people. You are the best Christmas wish. I have helped clean the dishes, been nice to my friends, and snuggled with my dad. I want a Squishy Maker, phone, and a laptop for Christmas. Merry Christmas! Love, Kara Seals Dear Santa, Thank you for giving the kids all of the new things they want for Christmas. I'm trying to be good. How do you live in the North Pole? I want some new toys for Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Emily Rose Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for being nice to others. How do you eat all of the cookies? I clean my playroom, help with my brother, and cook with my mom. For Christmas, I would like a Dream Hoodie, an OMZ Plushie, and a Chester Plushie. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Love, Axel Hall Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents. Do you do the naughty list and nice list? I share my toys with my sister, share my food with my sister, and share my make up with my sister. I want you to bring me three LOL Balls and a big LOL Grill for Christmas. I think they are cool! I love you! Love, Bailey Cox Amanda Marcum 2nd Grade Shannon Johnson Elementary Dear Santa, Hello, do you know I saw you and Mrs. Claus at the Christmas Parade? Do you know all of the elves' names? In my opinion I should make the nice list. One reason I should be on the nice list is because I get stuff for my mom. Another reason is that I help my sister get dressed and help her get on the bus. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get rainbow hair dye because my hair is brown. Also I would like a lipstick set so I can look fancy. Lastly, I would love a squish mellow. I hope you feed the reindeer extra on Christmas night. Your Friend, Christabelle Akihary Dear Santa, Hello, just how many presents have you made in your workshop so far? Also, how many elves do you have? Thank you for my presents last year! I think I should be on the nice list. I have been really good at home. Another reason is that I have been playing nice with my sister! If i make the nice list I really want three things. First I would love a Huggy Wuggy Killy Willy stuffed animal to play with, because i already have the regular Huggy Wuggy. Another thing would love is a lego robot set so that I can build it. I would also like a PC 5....wait can you make those? I really hope you make it in time. Be safe, Santa!!! Your Friend, Bradley Maggard Dear Santa, Hi, how are you? Thank you for my X Box Series X that you gave to me last year! In my opinion I should be on the nice list. One reason i should make the nice list is because I am a nice friend. Another reason is because I am a nice person all the time. Lastly, I play with my brother even though sometimes I don't want to. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas! First, I would love to get the game Red Dead Redemption because I really love that game. Also, I would like a computer because they are cool. Lastly, I would love Call of Duty Black Ops 6 because I want it so bad. Please be careful while you are flying! Your Friend, Henry Perdue Dear Santa, Hi!!!! How are Mrs. Claus and		the elves doing? Thank you for my presents last year! In my opinion I should be on the nice list this year. One reason is because I've been working really hard with Mrs. Rodriguez to learn how to read better. I also try really hard at school and even got a candy cane from our elf for good behavior. I also am a good brother to my big sister and little brother. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get legos because I want to share them with my little brother. And I really want a hoverboard and I would share it with my sister. Thanks for taking the time to read my letter. I hope your elves and reindeer get a break after Christmas! Your friend, Randy Nelsen Jr. Dear Santa, Hello! How is Rudolf doing? Is his nose still glowing? I feel like it probably is still glowing. Thank you for my presents last year! I think I should be on the nice list. One reason is because I help my mom do the dishes. I also take out the trash. Lastly, I work really hard at school. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love a Christmas blankey because I only have one and my sissy has five. Also, I would like Max because I have the Grinch movie. Lastly, I would really like a tablet to play games on. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, I'm sure you get a lot of them. I hope you stay safe while delivering presents. Your friend, Rylee Register P.S. I love you so much!!!!!!! Dear Santa, Hey! How are the reindeer doing in the North Pole? We have been watching reindeer on the live camera. Thank you for my elves at home, their names are Jingle and Bell. I think I should be on the nice list. One reason is because I tell my brother that sometimes I love him. Also, I help my mom clean. Lastly, I ask nicely if I can get a treat from the store. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get a gaming PC because my brother has one. Also, I would like barbies because I barely have any. Lastly, I would like a Bitsy because my friend has one and it's cool. Thank you for reading my letter. I hope you feed the reindeer! Your friend, Skylynn Winkler Dear Santa, Hello! How are you, Santa? Thank you for giving me presents last year. I think I should be on the nice list again this year and I have three reasons to explain why... 1 I take care of Ivy 2. I do my chores 3. I clean my room Is that enough to be on the nice list? I hope that is enough!! I would really like a RC monster truck, a robot pet, and a drone because those are all really cool things. Because you know I like flying stuff! Thank you for reading my letter. PLEASE wake me up when you get to my house!!!!!! Your friend, Elijah Mullins Dear Santa, Hi! How are you doing? Are you tired yet? I really hope not! Thank you so much for all my presents last year In my opinion, I should make the nice list. One reason I should be on the nice list is because I help my mom with my baby brother. Another reason is that I help my teacher at school. Lastly, I work really hard at school. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love a squish mellow because they are so soft and squishy. Also, I would like skincare because I love to wash my face after I take a bath. Lastly, I would love a two piece friendship necklace because I've never had one and I want one. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you have a safe trip around the world! Your friend, Madeleine Curtis Dear Santa, Hello! How do you fly around the world in just one night? I can't wait for you to come this year. Thank you for my toys last year! I hope I don't get coal this year. I think I should be on the nice list. One reason		is because I've been good at school. It was an accident when I spilled slime on Mrs. Marcum. I was just trying to make her laugh! I even got a brag tag for being honest! Another reason is that I really try to listen to my parents, but sometimes it's hard because I have three sisters. I do try my best! Lastly, I don't play in the bathroom at school (some of my friends do). Oh and I've been working on my hand writing even though I have sausage fingers! If I make the nice list I would like three things. I would love to get a nintendo switch because I like all the games. Also, I would like a silent basketball so that when my sister is sleeping I can play. Lastly, I would like Legos so that I can build with them. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope you have a safe trip!! Your friend, Banner Brashear Dear Santa, Hello, how is the elves? Thank you for bringing such thoughtful joy to the world. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get a bluey house because I play with it. Also, I would like a Polly Pocket because I love them. Lastly, I would love a Rainbow High Doll because Ive never had one. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope I see you on Christmas night. Your friend, Chloe Flannery Dear Santa. Hello, how are you doing? Thank you for the hot wheels runway that I got last year for Christmas. In my opinion I shou.er reason is because I care for people. Lastly, I am a good friend. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get a beam ng. drive because you can destroy cars. Also, I would like hot wheels jet thread 4.0 because it can turn into a jet. Lastly, I would love a computer because I can play games. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope your doing well. Your friend, Oz Bailey Dear Santa, Hello, how are the reindeer? Thank you for bringing me a guitar. In my opinion, I should be on the nice list. One reason I should be on the nice list is because I am a good friend. Another reason is I help people. Lastly, I listen to people. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get a Nintendo Switch because I do not like bringing mine to my grannys. Also, I would like a Jester RC because you can control it with your hand. Lastly, I would love a Hoover Board to because I've never been on one. Thank you for taking time to read my letter I hope you make it around the world. Your friend, JC Foster Dear Santa, Hello, how are your elves and your reindeer? Thank you for giving me all the presents I wanted. In my opinion I should make the nice list. One reason I should be on the nice list is because I work hard at home. Another reason is I work hard at school too. Lastly, at home I clean the dishes and sometimes clean the whole entire house, at my restaurant I work there a lot too. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get a new lego set because I used to have some but they got lost. Also, I would like dominos because my mom hid them and didn't give them back. Lastly, I would love a big squish mellow because my parents keep on taking them off my bed. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you feed your reminders yummy treats. Your friend, Evan Ou Dear Santa, Hi, are you doing good? I hope you are. Thank you for giving us all gifts. I love mine. Thanks for our elf Chippy, and for taking him off strike. I hope I am on the nice list, because I do give people compliments sometimes. I think I am a good friend, and I help my friends when they need it. If I make the nice list then I would like some	

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some Sonic 3 and 4 toys, because I am a big fan of Sonic. Can I also have hair dye? I really want to dye my hair blue and black. Lastly, I would also like some RC Cars because they are fun. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope I see you in real life!! Happy Holidays! Your friend, Phoenix Pulliam	like three things for Christmas. I would love a RC because mine is broken. I would also like a Bike because I dont have one. Lastly, I would love a PC because I don't have a PC. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you feed the reindeer. Your friend, Grayson Ferguson	a clechon.Thank you for my LOLs. I hope you had a good Christmas. Your Friend, Ellie Dees
Dear Santa, Hello, how are your elves? Thanks for our elf Chippy. In my opinion, I should be on the nice list. One reason I should be on the nice list is because I clean the dishes. I also clean my room. Another reason is I read a book to my brother and I play with my brother. If I make the nice list I would like things for Christmas. I would love to get a Barbie, because me and my brother play. Also, I would like makeup, I love makeup too. Lastly, I would love toy food. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you have a nice ride. Your friend, Kinsley Hoganson	Dear Santa, Hi, how are you and Mrs. Claus? Thank you for the flying drone last year. I think I should be on the nice list. One reason I should make the nice list is because sometimes I give my little brother, Asher, some of my food. I also take the dogs outside some of the time. Lastly, I work really hard at school and get all A's!!!! If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. First, I would love to get a PC because I've never had one. Also, I would like another drone, the one I got last year is really cool. Lastly, I would love a X-box 360 because I want to play Fortnite better. Thank you for reading my letter. I hope you have a great ending of 2024. Your friend, Kruz Harold	Dear Santa, Hello, how are you doing? You do a good jod on Crismis day. Thank you for makg udrs happ. I think I should make the nice list this year. One reason is I hlep my grandmall rap presents. Next I should be on the nice list is I help my frans. Lastly I should be on the nice list I bo a good jod at school. If I make your nice list may I please have three gifts. A stuffy because they are soft. Legos so I can build with them. I want a hoverboard my old one got broke. Thank you for you for taking time to read my leter. I hope you have a wonder-ful Christmas and you have time to enjoy your friends and family. Your Friend, Makayla Denniston
Dear Santa, Hello, how are the elves? How is Mrs. Clause? Thank you for all the presents and thank you for Chippy and my elves and my new baby elves. In my opinion. I should be on the nice list. One reason I should be on the nice list is because I help at my house. Another reason is I make food at the house. Lastly, I am excited for my mom because she is hav- ing a baby. If I make the nice list I would like 3 things for Christmas. I would love to get a baby doll because I love babys. Also, I would like skin care because it moisturizes my face. Lastly, I would love hair bows. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you and the rein- deers are safe for Christmas day. Your friend, Karrigan Gordon	Dear Santa, Ola Santa! Are you ready to eat a lot of cookies? I know I would be. Thanks for my presents last year. I loved my light scooter! I have come up with three reasons why I should be on the nice list. First, sometimes I am nice and kind to my friends. Next, I stopped running in the hallways at school. I learned my les- son about that. Lastly, I spread Christmas cheer by giving hugs. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christ- mas. I would love to get a blaster gun because I like it. Also, I would like Kings Island tickets so that I can go with my family and ride the roller coasters. Lastly, I would love for my brother to be nicer. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope that I am on the nice list this year! P.S. I asked Alexa if Santa is real and she said that all she knows is that someone is eating all of her cookies. Your friend, Nayan Rodriguez	Dear Santa, Hello how are you doing. You are kind. Thank you for Christmas gifts. I believe I should make the nice list. One reason I am good at school. Another reason is be- cause I am kind. Last reason I help with my sister. If I'm on the nice list may I have 3 gifts. I would like a Nintendo because I like to play on them. Il would like some cups cause I like them. Can I have a play elf cause I like elves. Thank you for Santa. I hope you have a good day. Your Friend, Gracie Evitts
Dear Santa, Hello, how are you and Mrs. Claus? Thank you for all of me and my class- mates presents you will give us. In my opinion, I should make the nice list. One reason I should be on the nice list is because I help my teacher. Another reason is I do good in school. Lastly, I play with my little brother. If I make the nice list I would like 3 things for Christ- mas. I would love to get a big lip gloss doll birthday cake because I can make lip gloss and play with it. Also, I would like a night light, because it is dark in my room. I would love a ilastory so I can write stories. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you eat some yummy cookies! Your friend, Phoenix Miller	Dear Santa, Hello! How are your reindeer? Thank you for all the presents that I got last year. This year I have been very nice. I think I should be on the nice list. One reason is because you help with your brother and dog. Also, I am kind to my friends on the playground. Lastly, I help my mom clean our house sometimes. If I am on the nice list I would like three things. First, a rainbow hi doll, because I've never had one before. I would also love Lanky Box merch because they are really cool. Lastly, I would like a row bow dog because they are also really cool and would play with me. I hope that you are safe on your flight, no speeding!! Your friend, Jocelyne Smith	Dear Santa, Hello what dos it feel like in the norf Poland thak you for giving kids presents thank you and I believe I should be on the nice list one resen is I ben nice to pepol if I make the nice list may a have three things the first one is a new basket- ball gol because I love basketball anoth- er one is I want the best basketball cards and the last one is a soccer gol thank you for taking time to read my leter I hope you have a good Chrismis. Your friend, Dezmin Burdette
Dear Santa, Hello, how are the elves? Thank you for bringing my presents. Thank you for my electric scooter. In my opinion, I should make the nice list. One reason I should be on the nice list is because I help my teacher. Another reason is I help my dad do his chores. Lastly, I help my farm by feeding the cows. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get a Barbie Dream House, Barbies and hair bows. Lastly, I would love a trip to Las Vegas! I hope you are safe. Thank you for reading my letter. P.S. I would reaIIIIlly like my cat to stop scratching me. Can you talk to her? Your friend, Emmy Agee	Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? Are they working hard? Thanks for visiting my house last year! I think I should be on the nice list this year because I help people with their work at school. I also help my mom wash the dishes. Lastly, I am nice to EVERYBODY! If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christ- mas. I would really love some Fortnite V-bucks so I can get Snoopdog. I would also like a PS5 cause I want to play with my dad on it. I would also really like a phone so that I could play games on it. I hope you have a good ride when you drop off all the presents! Your friend, Emberlyn Nipper	Dear Santa, Hello, how are 139 elves doing? How was the North Pole today? You give kids presents. You are nice. Thank you for my presents you brought last year. I think I should be on the nice list!!! To start I should make your list because I listen. Another reason is I am kind to people. Lastly I say sorry to people. Santa I eould like three presents please. I would love a piano, it is my favorite instrument ever. A kazoo because it's also my favorite instrument ever. A Kentucky sweatshirt with a hood because I love sweatshirts. It's also nice and cozy. Thank you for my letter. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Love, Olly Carpenter
Dear Santa, Hi what is it like in the North Pole? Thank you for that screech plushie last year. Thank you for all of the gifts you gave me and the rest of us. In my opinion I should make the nice list. One reason I should be on the nice list is be- cause I am good friend and I am a helper. Another reason is I like to help a lot of people. Lastly, I like my sister. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get a Astro bot because I don't have it yet. I also would like a giggle plushie because it is cool. Lastly, I would love a Grumble Plushie because it looks awesome!!! Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you eat lots of yummy cookies. Your friend, Alder Link	Dear Santa, Hello, how is Mrs. Claus? Thank you for everything. You work so hard. I luv you. I would really like a electric scooter, a PS5, and ball shoes please. I should be on the nice list because I did my work. I gave my mom \$6. And I even helped a homeless person. See you soon Santa!! Your friend, Jonah Culley	Dear Santa, Hello, Santa if you give present, why don't you get presents? You make every- one so happy. Thank you for all that you do. I think I should be on the nice list. One reason I should make the nice list is because I always do my chorse. Also, I al- ways listen to my teacher. Lastly, I always do my homework. If I mak the nice list can I please have three gifts for Christ- mas? I want a new scooter because Aj brocke mine. Also I would like knee and elbo pads so if I fall I won't get hurt. Last I want a new sweater because I lost mine. Thank you for reading my letter. I hope you have a great Chrismis. Your Frind, Easton Castlen
Dear Santa, Hello, how are the elves, and the reindeer? Thank you for everything you do. I think I should be on the nice list again this year. One reason is because I have been nice to my brother. Also, I work really hard at school. Lastly, I have been good all year! If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas. I would love to get some airpod maxes because I need them for my switch. Also, I would like a Hover Board because I rode one and now I want one pleeease. Lastly, I would love a ps5 because they look cool and you can play Spiderman 2 on it. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you are safe when you travel! Your friend, Jacob Wasson	Mrs. Bailey 2nd Grade Shannon Johnson Elementary Dear Santa, Hello, how is the timppuchr in the noth pol? You give me toy! Thak you for the gifs! In my opinion I should make the nise list this year. To start because Im nise. 2nd is I shod make the nise list is becus i'm kind. Lastly I deserve to be on the nice list since I lisin to my techer. If I make the nice list, may I please have three gifts for Crismis? May I have v-buks because I don't have much skins. Also can I have a stuff dog becus I have 1 dog that is lonly. Last can I have fort nite shirts becus I like fortnite. Thak you for reding my letter and have time to enjoy your friends and family. Love, Beauman Alexander	Dear Santa, Hello, hows the elves? You look nice. Thank you for all the joy you bring. I believe I should be on the nice list. One reason is because I play with my sister even know I don't want to. Anoter rea- son is I don't fight with anyone. Lastly i think i should be on the nice list because i am kind. If I make your nice list could i please have 3 things for chismis. I would like some candy because its good. Some new books because I like reading. Lastly I would like a new bord game. I hope you have a wonderful chismis. Your Friend, Lauren Caudill
Dear Santa. Hi, how are you doing? And how are the elves and the deer? Thank you for all my presents you gave me I cant wait to open them I just want to open them right now. If I make the nice list I would	Dear Santa, Hello Santa Howe is it going at the north plow? You are asome. You can fly. Thanck you for my Nrfgun. In my opinion me and evrebode shood be on the nis list. I shud be on the nis	Dear Santa, Hello how are you and Ms Claus? I like your nice big red suit. Thank you for presents. I beileve I should be on the nice list. First I am very nice. Second I am nice to my brother. Third I'm thankful for my mom. If I make your nice list may I please have three gifts for Christmas. A lechert skob because they are slow. I want a iphone because my brother has one. I want a nintendo because I don't have one. Thank you for taking time to reab my letter. I hope you have time to enjoy your friends and family. You're Friend, Grayson Johnson

Dear Santa,
Hello, Do you like your job? You are so niss and kind and you love othrs thats why I love crismis. Thank you for giving me presins. I think I sode be in the niss list. To begin I have been niss to my sis. Second I shod be on the niss list because I work hard every were. Lastly, I think I shode be on the niss list becus I am niss to my famley and friends. If I make the niss list may I have 3 things for Crismis. I would like a d.j. Kit becus then I can make musik. I would like some rele makeup becus I want to prtend I am a booty stilist. I would also like some drors becus I want to be a rele techr. Thank you for taking the time to rede my letr. I hope you have a good Crismis.
Your Frind,
Riley Lakes

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are you? You are so so nice and kind. Think you for all the gifts for all the kids and candys. I believe I should be on the nice list. One reason is because I play with my friends on the playground. Another reason is because I am nice to family. Last reason is because I say good words to people. If I make the nice list I would like three things for Christmas this year. I would like a white and pink dess because I would like it for shool. I would like a dess with clouds on it because I like clouds. I would like a Bunardess Because I love bunoxs. I wish you have a good day.
Your Friend,
Hayden Lawniczak

Dear Santa,
Hello how are you doing I love you. You are the best. I hope I can be on the nice list becus I lisen in clish. I love my friens and fenley. I hope I can be on the nice list. May I have three things. I would like a squishmallow dog because they are soft and cute. I want a little toy hamster because I can pretend they are my pet. I want a big bear because they are

fluffy. Thank you for reading my letter. I wish I can get those things.
Love,
Pay (Paisley Lear)

Dear Santa,
Hello how is Ms. Claus? Thank you for making people happy. Thank you for my family gifts. I think I in the good list. One reason I listen to my friend. Another reason I listen to mom and dad. Lastly I help my friend. If I make the nice list may I please have three gifts for Christmas. OMZ plushe because it is soft and Roxy plushe because I want to play with OMZ and for last I want lily Plushe. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.
You're frend,
Sebastian McGuire

Dear Santa,
Hello, my elf is not at my house. I think that my elf is never guna cum? I think you have grate elf's! Thanck you for the gifse you gave me last year. I think I should be on the nice list. First I am nice to my femiley. Next I am good to my frends. Also I am a good helper too. If I make your nice list can I ples have 3 things. I want my mom to beckardate for crismis your She has not decrated for it yet Plesy Santu. I wont to be a nice crismis becus it is nice to hav fends. I want new shoes because my old shoes don't fit me anymore. I want an American Girl Doll because I want to collect them. Thank you for taking a bit of time to read my note to you. You are the best!
Your Friend,
Alaiya Nicely

Dear Santa,
Hello, how much do the elvs wok? You are so nice. Thank you for bringing what I wanted. I think I should be on the nice list. One reason is because I helped people. Another reason is because I wroked hard. Third reason is because I am kind. If I make your nice list this year

can I have some gifts for Christmas. I would like a Pets Alive because thay are reely cute. Also, I would like a sweater because it is warm. I want a bar so I can wrok on being good. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and have time to enjoy your family and friends.
Your Friend,
Makenna Payne

Dear Santa,
You are so nice, how is the elfs? Thank you for my presents! Can you tell Buddy to come to my house please! I mis him! I think I should make the nice list. I work so hard. Second I help help my friends. Third why I should be on the nice list is because I do my homework. If I make the nice list, I would like three things. I would like a new iPad becaues mine broke. I fell whith it in my hands and it fell on the ground and broke! I would also like a snakel becaues I gave some of mine away. Last can you give Mrs. Bailey a great Christmas because she helps us learn. Merry Christmas to Santa from: Blakely Thank you for bring buddy to my houes. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Blakely Riley

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are the elf's and Mrs. Claus? We are joyful for you and Mrs. Claus and the elf's for making toy's for kid's. Thank you for geting me a brabie doll house. In my opinion I sould make the nice list this year. One reason I sould be on the nice list is because I have been wroking rilly hard this year. Another reason is I sould be on the nice list is because I have been kind in school. Lastly I sould be on the nice list because I have awlway been nice to my family! If I make your nice lists, may I please have three gifts for Christmas. I would want some new Barbie things and a Barbie doll because my sister keep on hiding them.

Also, I need some new makeup because my sisters dested it. Lastly, I would love you to make this Christmas special because oure school worked hard this year. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and have time to enjoy your family.
Your Friend,
Evelyn Robinson

Dear Santa,
Hello, how is Mrs. Claus? We are joy to you. You give me good presents. Thank you for presents and joy. I think I should be on the nice list this year because I've been working hrab in shool. And being good at shool. Because I sheer people up. One reason I should be on the nice list because I have be nice to my fam-ily. Lastly I have be nice to my friend and family. If I make your nice list may I please have three gifts for Christmas a bar because it is good exsris. I want a sim for christms I want a elf because so I can tell a good stroy. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and have time to enjoy your friends and family.
Your Friend,
Saylor Simmons

Dear Santa,
Hello, how many people are on the nice list? You are the best! Thank you for the legos last year. I thank I should make the nise list. One reason I thank I should be on the nise is because I be nise at reses. Also because I helpt sonwon up. Lastly I work hard at shcool. If I make the nise list can I have three things X-box because I can play madden another thing that I want is soccer cards so I can fill my bider. Lastly I want a soccer goal so I can kick. Thank you for reading my letter. I hope you enjoy your crismas I wish you a merry crismis
Your Frind,
Archie Smith



**Ms. Raider
Second Grade
Kingston Elementary**

Dear Santa,
My name Annabel. I am 8 years old. Do the elfvs have feelings? I have been a good girl. I would like makeup, to sit next to Elena, skincare, squishmallow, and a whole set of markers.
Love,
Annie G.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ava. I am 7 years old. How are things in the North Pole? How do you deliver all those presint's in one night? I have been good and bad this year. I would like a saddle,vr headset ,a lap top, stirrups and reigns. I really hope you have a safe trip Santa. I love you.
Love,
Ava B.

Dear Santa,
My name is Braxton. I am 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? How do you get a sleigh? I have been a good boy this year. I would like farming simulator, new boots and hat. I really hope you bring me my stuff. I love you. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Braxton L.

Dear Santa,
My name is Canaan. I am 8 years old. You live at the North Pole. Am I on the nice list? I have been good and bad. This year I would like hunter call of the wild, slap bracelets, Cat kid comic club books, fishing stuff and a pro scooter. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Canaan G.

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase. I am 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? Do you Now My Elf's name? I have been a good boy. I would like a rc creeper, Astro bot ps5, 1,000 V Bucks. 1,000 Ro-bucks. 1,000 Miencons, and a tan bed.
Love,
Chase B.

Dear Santa,
My name is Elena. I am 8 years old. You live in the North Pole? Are you rich? I have been a good girl and I hope I get a nuntendo, and family and presents. I hope you give me them.
Love,
Elena G.
Dear Santa,
My name is Ethan Morton. I am 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? Do you know my elfs name? I want a x-box with footballkerds. I have been good boy. I really hope you can bring it.
Love,
Ethan M.

Dear Santa,
My name is Evelyn. I am 8 years old. How are things at the North Pole? Are the Reindeer being kind to Rudolph? I have been a good girl. This year I would like to get a laptop, squishmal-lows, phone, some makeup and skin care. I really hope you can bring these things.
Thank you Santa. I love you.
Love,
Evie K.

Dear Santa,
My name is Gregory Walters. I'm 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole??????? Are the reindeer being kind to Rudoph? I have been in the middle.This year I would like a phone, 10 fortnite cards with 1,000 vbucks, miny toys and Godzilla x kong toys. I hope you get those for me. I love you Santa.
Love,
Gregory W.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryder Bevin. I'm 8 years old. How are things at the North Pole? I've been nice this year. This year I would like strawberries, Dog man books ,a new ipad, new vr, 1,000 v buck, Bible, candy, ro bucks, new glasses and a blue watch. I hope that you bring some of these things. Thank you. I love you Santa. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Ryder B.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kendall. I'm 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? How old are you Santa? I love teddy the elf. Are the reindeer being kind to Rudolph? I have been nice and naughty. This year I would like Legos, RC cars, PSS, ATV dirt bike, goat simulator, dog and V.R. headset.
Thank you Santa. I love you Santa.
Love,
Kendall T.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kimber. I am 8 years old. How and things at the North pole? And the reindeer being kind? I would like a buddy, toys, and a squishmal-lows. Thank you
Love,
Kimber H.

Dear Santa,
My name is Leyna. I am 8 years old. How are things at the North Pole? Have you been good? I have been good this year. I would like stickers, squishies, nail set and a hoverboard. I really hope you can bring me these things. Thank you Santa!!!! I love you.
Love,
Leyna R.

Dear Santa,

My name is Lincoln Rose. I'm 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? Do you feed the reindeer candy canes? I have been a good boy. I woud like godzill and kong toys and transformers one toys. I hope you can brang these toys.I love you.
Love,
Lincoln

Dear Santa,
My name is Madelyn. I'm 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? Do some elves lose their magic from time to time? I have been nice, kind and good.This year I would like a V-tech smart watch, craft supplies and stuff-ies. Thank you! Have a Merry Christmas!!!!
Love,
Madelyn M.

Dear Santa,
My name is Nathan Blanton. I am 8 years old. How are the reindeer? I have been good. This year i would like Oculus 3, winter suit and a Spiderman blanket. Thank you Santa!! I hope you can get me these.
Love,
Nathan B.

Dear Santa,
My name is Olivia Richardson. I am 8 years old. How old are you? How are you? I have been good this year. This year I would like a LoL doll, a bubble, a phone case and some makeup. I love you.
Love,
Olivia

Dear Santa,
My name is Paisyn. I'm 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? How old are you? Do you know my Elf? This year I would like skin care, Nintendo switch charger, Vanity, and Stitch pj's and toy. I really hope you can bring these things. Thank you Santa. I love you.
Love,
Paisyn B.

Dear Santa,
My name is Payzlie. I am 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? I have my baby sister. I have 5 sisters. This year I want a big plush, and a big skateboard, a big barbie with a big wedding dress, a big ice cream, a big house with a barbie and a big car. I love you.
Love,
Payzlie B.

Dear Santa,
My name is Rayland. I am 7 years old. You live in the North Pole? Do elves eat candy cane soup? li've ben good. I want a ps5m, xbox, scatebord, and taningbed. I really hope you bring these toys. Thank you. Just give me my mony.

Love .
Rayland F.

Dear Santa,
My name is Remi Anglin.I am 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? Were do thay live? I have been a good girl. This year I would like a vanity. I want a heated blanket and a new workout outfit. Thank you Santa. Merry Christmas. Love you santa.
Love,
Remi A.

Dear Santa,
My name is Rowen. I am 8 years old. How are things at the North Pole? Where do the elfs live? I have been a good girl. This year I would like a beauty blender, some skincare, a squish mallow, a heated blanket,and a new work out out fit, kid wates with that. Thank you have a Merry Christmas. I love you.
Love,
Rowen

Dear Santa,
My name is Sophia Kirby. I am 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? I have been a good girl. I would like some slime,a baby doll,roller blades,conetic sand,electric scooter,rainder phone case,v.r. Headset, rainder pop-it, barbies and house,stuffies, tinsel, and 1,00000000000000000000 vbucks. Thank you Merry Christmas! LOVE YOU SANTA!!!!!!
Love,
Sophia Kirby

Dear Santa
My name is Tanner Bolton. I am 7 years old. How are things at the North Pole? Are the reindeer being kind to Rudolph ? I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a vr , and a water truck, a fire truck, and a lunch-box. I really hope Santa.
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Tanner B

Dear Santa,
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City approves revised 911-EMS agreement

City Council

By **Andy McDonald**
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council unanimously adopted a measure last Tuesday, revising a 911 agreement with the Madison County Fiscal Court.
“This is a second iteration of this particular agreement. You’ll recall that we passed a resolution to approve the agreement in October, but before Richmond and the county agreed or approved theirs, there was a need for some changes, and those have now been made,” Mayor Bruce Fraley explained.
Under the provisions of the revised agreement, all applications to the Emergency Management/911 Center will be submitted to Madison County, since the county is designated as the controlling agency in the agreement that includes the cities of Berea and Richmond. The county will then form a panel and conduct interviews for job openings, according to Berea City Administrator Rose Beverly.

Additionally, the agreement sets a 12-month lead time for notice in case any of the agencies elect to leave the interlocal arrangement.
In the future, Berea and Richmond residents will be contributing to the funding of 911 and the Emergency Management Agency

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BHV awards top volunteers

On Thursday, Dec. 12th, members and volunteers of Berea Home Village came together at Boone Tavern for a delightful evening filled with food, camaraderie, wonderful music by Al, Alice, and Ruth, along with special acknowledgments of appreciation.

Bob Moats was recognized for his exceptional volunteer service as Treasurer on the BHV board since 2017. His efforts were pivotal in securing 503C status for the organization, and he generously shared his business, accounting, and IT skills while leading the Finance and IT Committees.

Daniel DelVecchio and Rhonda Cardwell shared the award for Volunteer of the Year. Rhonda was honored in recognition of her exceptional service to Berea Home Village. Rhonda is known for her caring nature and problem-solving skills. She often helps out during scheduling conflicts and is trained to take call. Rhonda is a cherished member of the Volunteer and Member Committee and a valuable asset to the organization.

Daniel DelVecchio was recognized for outstanding service to BHV. Daniel is a warm and dedicated volunteer who graciously dedicates his time to connecting with the members he serves, forming friendships with many of them. He has established his



Bob Moats



Rhonda Cardwell



Daniel DelVecchio

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Honoring Dr. Gilliam



The Madison County School Board honored Superintendent David Gilliam during a reception Friday at the Ignite Academy North Campus in Richmond. Guests helped celebrate Gilliam’s retirement, including Richmond Mayor Rev. Robert Blythe, above. Rocky Adkins, special advisor to Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, also made an appearance and enjoyed a conversation with Gilliam and his wife, Dawna Gilliam in top left. Gilliam has spent the past seven years as the leader of Madison County Schools and his retirement is effective Dec. 31. Randy Neeley will replace Gilliam on Jan. 1.

Roberto Monraga/Madison County Schools



Hanukkah celebration

A city-wide Hanukkah Celebration is set for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27 at Fee Park.
The event, hosted by David and Charlenea Wirth, will feature a candle lighting, live music, dancing, story telling, donuts and coffee.

Photo by Robert Elam



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COUNCIL

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services through a new fee collected by Madison County.

However, Councilman Steve Caudill said the city should also anticipate the costs of equipment replacement, which had been funded by the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP). That federal funding, which paid for radios, vehicles and other equipment, expires in 2025 now that the chemical weapons stockpile at the Bluegrass Army Depot has been destroyed.

“We all said in the meeting last time that we would take the funds in the upcoming budget that would have gone to 911, instead of redeploying that elsewhere in the budget, we are going to set up a capital sinking fund,” Caudill said, explaining for example, that if expensive equipment needed replacing, the city would have the money saved ahead of time instead of scrambling to find it

in the general operating budget. After the vote, Fraley thanked Berea Fire Chief Shawn Sandlin and Beverly for their work in steering the three local governments toward an agreement on a joint venture to provide 911 and emergency services.

In other news, the council unanimously adopted an ordinance accepting a recommendation for a zone change at 1035 Peggy Flats Road. Owned by Lester Stewart, the Berea Planning Commission recommended the zone change from agricultural to R-1 residential.

Planning and Codes Director Amanda Haney then addressed the council, requesting the city accept streets into the city’s road maintenance plan. The streets are located in the Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 3, Phases 1A and 1B, along with Wyldwood Way.

“Codes and Planning and Public Works Department...found that the infrastructure is complete, and we’ve gone out made a punch list of inspect of deficiencies. Those have now been cor-

rected,” Haney said.

During the discussion, Councilmember Jerry Little asked who is supposed to handle the landscaping around the ponds in that subdivision.

“So, with our stormwater maintenance agreement, they are supposed to mow those ponds,” Haney said of the developer. “They won’t be done monthly, because there’s so many months that you won’t be able to get into the ponds because it’ll be too wet. What we are asking is that they are maintained to a level presentable to the people who live out there. So, we’ve had them mow those ponds a couple times. They’ve actually done a lot of work recently on them. They’re in really good shape at this point. They need some grass to get established in them. But the expectation will be that they mow those, and if they do not, then the city would mow those and send them a bill.”

The measure was adopted unanimously.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for Jan. 7 at the Berea City Annex.

Thank you



I’d like to announce my pending retirement beginning Jan 1, 2025. It has been an honor and privilege to have been your Jailer these past 6 years, but with passing the 70 years old milestone its time for a more relaxed lifestyle. I have been in public service now for 50 years, and after many challenging and exciting duty stations throughout the US, it’s time to focus on family and friends. Thanks again to the Madison Countians that trusted me with your vote and support, it was truly an honor to serve you. I have no doubt that the detention center staff will meet the challenges of the future with professionalism and compassion as they always do.

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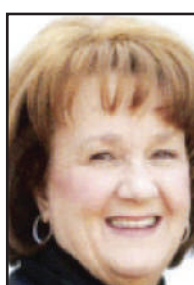
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Cora Jane Wilson

“And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.”
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Jeffrey Alan Gay



Jeffrey Alan Gay, 51, a cherished son, brother, and friend, passed away on Dec. 15, 2024. Born into a loving family, Jeffery had a deep passion for hunting and fishing, finding joy and peace in the great outdoors. Throughout his life, Jeffery touched the hearts of many with his strength, determination and courage.

He is survived by his devoted parents, Larry and Patricia Gay; his loving brother, Garry (Ashley) Gay; and his maternal grandmother, Ann Salter. Jeffery was also a proud

uncle to his niece and nephews, who will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

He leaves behind a wide circle of family and friends who will deeply miss his warmth and kindness.

Jeffery is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Wade and Marie Gay, and his maternal grandfather, Tom Moberly.

The family invites all who knew Jeffery to join in celebrating his life and the joy he brought to so many. A memorial service was held on Dec. 21, 2024 at 4 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Brain Injury Association of Kentucky 7321 New LaGrange Rd #100 Louisville, KY 40222, in his memory.

Elsie Barrett Reed



Elsie Barrett Reed, 74, of Berea died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, at The Terrace Nursing and Rehab center after a long illness. She was a Berea native born May 31, 1950, daughter of the late Oscar and Emma Gilliam Barrett and resident of the Berea Area most of her life. Elsie was a faithful member of Middletown Baptist Church active in the church activities. In her spare time she enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren, gardening, and working in her flowers. She was a retired Tokico employee.

Survivors include sons Larry Reed (Trina), Kevin Reed (Jennifer); daughters Wendy Puckett (Robert), Amy Reed; brothers James Barrett

(Marcia), Oscar Barrett; sister Vickie Short (Bobby); 13 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, relatives, friends and church family. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her loving husband Robert Lee Reed who died in 2010; grandson Michael; siblings Tommy, William, Michael, Betty, Patsy.

Graveside service was at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, at Madison County Memorial Gardens with Pastor Greg Lakes officiating.

Pallbearers were Rodney Short, Eric Caldwell, Robbie Puckett, Tyler Rackley, Matthew Thompson, Gavin Parks and Kevin Reed Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Bobby Short, Robert Puckett and Phillip Green.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.

Dennis Lopez



Dennis Walde-mar Lopez, 45, husband of Dawn Michelle Belt Lopez, passed away Friday Dec. 20, at his residence in Berea. He was born June 4, 1979, in Guatemala City, Guatemala to Arcadio Lopez and the late Hime-lda Jimenez. Dennis loved and was devoted to his job with United Parcel Service (“UPS”) driving large trucks until his health would not allow him to. He enjoyed exercising, working on and restoring cars, RC cars, wood projects, and spending time with fam-

ily was especially important to him. Dennis was of the Christian faith.

In addition to his wife and father, Dennis is survived by three children, Jaden Lopez of Berea, Jordan Thompson of Berea, Jeremy Thompson of Berea, one brother, Alex Jimenez, and one sister, Janneth Lopez.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 28, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Ache Eades officiating. Burial will follow in the Berea Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Johnny Belt, Michael Belt, Jaden Lopez, Alex Jimenez, Erlis Lopez, Jordan Thompson, Jeremy Thompson, and Janneth Lopez. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at the funeral home.

Margie Ann Baker



Margie Ann Baker, 91, of Berea, the widow of Willard J. Baker, passed away early Thursday morning, Dec. 19, 2024, at the UK Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

Margie was born on March 26, 1933, in Madison County.. She was the daughter of the late Oscar and Hallie Stewart Gentry. Margie was a homemaker, a loving mother and grandmother. She loved to cook and was known for her delicious chicken and dumplings and her fabulous chocolate pies.

Margie professed her love for her Lord and Savior and was a member of The Viney Fork Baptist Church. She always bowed her head in prayer to give thanks for food and for the many blessings that had been bestowed upon her.

Survivors include her sons: Wendell Dean Baker (Linda Sue), David Ashley Baker (Janet) and Willard Brent Baker

(Angela); a daughter-in-law: Karen Baker; nine grandchildren: Marlena Baker, Jason Baker, Ashton Isaacs (Aaron), Tonya Baker, Megan Baker, Allen Baker, Gentry Baker, Ethan Baker and Riley Baker; three great-grandchildren: Hayden, Hayley and Holden Isaacs; one sister: Alice Faye Lakes (Wayne) as well as several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

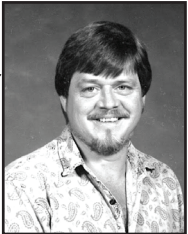
In addition to her husband and her parents, she was preceded in death by one Son: Eric Lyn Baker; her stepmother: Opal Smith Gentry and four brothers: Vanard Gentry, Russell Gentry, Raymond Gentry and Doyle Gentry.

Funeral Services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024, at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home with Pastor Jason Eades officiating. Burial will follow in the Gentry Family Cemetery at Speedwell, Kentucky.

Pallbearers were Jason Baker, Allen Baker, Ethan Baker, Aaron Isaacs, Hayden Isaacs and Mark Gentry.

Honorary Pallbearers were Matthew and Lyle Bailey.

Jerry Dean Pingleton



Jerry Dean Pingleton, 69, passed away Monday Dec. 16, 2024, at his residence in Berea. He was born February 27, 1955, in Garrard County to the late George Raymond and Carrie Ada Parsons Pingleton. Jerry was an accomplished heavy equipment operator

working until he retired for The Allen Company. He was a gun enthusiast, enjoyed playing the guitar, singing, and the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Jerry was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents Jerry was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Pingleton.

He is survived by his children, Anthony Shane Pingleton (Connie Utzig) of Berea, Stephanie D. Frazier, two brothers, David Pingleton (Judy) of Berea, Donnie Pingleton (Addie) of Cartersville,

one sister, Debra Pingleton of Lexington, five grandchildren, Kayla Marie Vann (BJ), Anthony Blake Pingleton, John Clayton McFadden, Ashton Marie Frazier, and Micah Seven Edwards.

Funeral services will be 12:30 p.m. Friday Dec. 27, 2024 at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Bro. Stevie Robinson officiating. Burial will follow in Camp Nelson National Cemetery with full military honors. Pallbearers will be Donnie Pingleton, David Pingleton, Wesley Pingleton, Daniel Pingleton, John Leigh, and Theron Johnson. Visitation will be 11 a.m.- 12:12:30 p.m. Dec. 27, 2024 at the funeral home.

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Christmas favorites

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Mary Did you Know?

Keith Taylor

This song is one of my favorite Christmas songs. It asks the question, did Mary know the impact Jesus would make in the world at his birth? She probably didn't, but the song serves as a reminder of his ministry while he was on earth." Mary, did you know That your baby boy Is the Lord of all creation?"

Blue Christmas

The Elvis Presley version of this song is timeless. No one has ever done it better than Elvis and once you've heard it, you don't forget it. "Decorations of red on a green Christmas tree Won't be the same dear, if you're not here with me."

Let it be Christmas

Alan Jackson is one of my favorite country singers and this song reminds me of the times we had as a family while growing up. "Let it be Christmas, everywhere." Definitely let heavenly music fill the air and the season is definitely a story of hope and peace."

Little Drummer Boy

Just because I'm a musician, this is one of my personal favorite songs this time of the year. "A newborn King to see, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum. Our finest gifts we bring, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum."

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Ever since I was a child, this song has been in our family. I can remember Dad singing it to us. "You better watch out, You better not cry, Better not pout, I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is coming' to town."

Holly Jolly Christmas

I really enjoy the Burl Ives version of this Christmas classic. "Have a holly jolly Christmas and in case you didn't hear, Oh, by golly Have a holly jolly Christmas this year."

Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer

I remember watching the cartoon on television every year as a child and the song remains an all-time favorite. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Had a very shiny nose And if you ever saw it You would even say it glows."

All I want for Christmas is You

The version by Mariah Carey is a classic and it remains one of the best Christmas songs ever written. I just want you for my own. More than you could ever know. Make my wish come true. All I want for Christmas is you You, baby.

Silent Night

This song remains one of my all-time favorite songs regarding the birth of Christ. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Go Tell it on the Mountain

I really enjoy the Oak Ridge Boys' version of this song! "Go, tell it on the mountain. Over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born."

And one more ... "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Keith Taylor



Christmas Around the World

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas all over the world. Christmas celebrations include various time-honored traditions that celebrants hold near and dear to their hearts. Depending on where someone lives, their Christmas traditions may look quite different from those in other parts of the globe.

It can enjoyable to learn how Christmas is celebrated elsewhere and perhaps even incorporate a few new traditions into your celebrations. Take a peek at these customs near and far.

- Seafood and beachside celebrations: Australia is located in the southern hemisphere, which means Aussies are enjoying the peak of their summer come December 25. A white Christmas is unlikely, unless the "white" refers to white, sandy beaches. Santa is probably swapping his thick coat for a pair of board shorts, and heavy, roast-laden meals are unlikely to make it on to the menu. Instead, Australians dine on seafood feasts and spend Christmas outdoors camping or at the beach.
- Krampus parade: Some Christmas elves are not so jolly. Just ask residents of the Austrian, German and Hungarian Alps. Each year in this region, a true "Bad Santa" is the talk of town. Villagers believed that Krampus, a half-man, half-goat creature with a legion of ill-tempered elves, roamed the mountains wreaking havoc. Krampus was said to abduct miscreants and set unruly youth or even intoxicated adults straight. Today, Krampus is more the "bad cop" to Santa's "good cop" persona. Krampus is celebrated as an antihero at parades and other events.

- Las Posadas: According to scripture, Joseph and Mary had to make an arduous journey from their hometown to Bethlehem for census purposes while Mary was pregnant. When the couple arrived, they found lodgings were nonexistent, and Mary ended up giving birth to Jesus in a manger surrounded by animals. In celebration of that journey, people in Mexico and Guatemala celebrate Las Posadas, a procession representing Mary and Joseph's journey and their struggle to find lodging.
- La Befana: In Italian folklore, La Befana is a witch-like old woman who, like Santa, delivers gifts to children throughout Italy. Instead of this gift-giving taking place on Christmas, La Befana hands out gifts on the Epiphany Eve in a similar way to how the Three Magi brought presents to Baby Jesus. Le Befana also

- is believed to fly through the night sky to sweep away all the troubles of the old year and clear the way for a fresh start.
- Move over reindeer: Although reindeer often garner fanfare this time of year, the Yule goat is a Christmas symbol and tradition in Scandinavia and northern Europe. Each year in towns throughout Sweden and other areas, large statues of Yule goats are built on the first day of Advent and stand throughout the holiday season. This tradition dates back to ancient Pagan festivals, and some believe the goat is connected to the Norse god Thor, who rode in the sky in a chariot pulled by two goats. Holiday traditions differ considerably in various regions of the world. Celebrants may want to consider incorporating foreign traditions into their own Christmas celebrations this year.





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Dec. 12 • Mark Worrell, 45: failure to appear • Sarah Thomas, 38: drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; tampering with physical evidence • Johnna Higgins, 38: no registration receipt; no registration plates; failure to produce insurance card; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance / security – 1st offense; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license • Haili Hill, 25: failure to appear • Franklin Smith, 30: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO • Bobby Gamble, 74: failure to appear • Joshua Alexander, 31: commitment order • Akiva Carr, 31: commitment order • Joshua Witt, 35: failure to appear • Brandon Conley, 33: parole violation (for technical violation) • Angel Banks, 29: failure to appear • Jonathan Wells, 21: failure to appear Dec. 13 • Merideth Martinez, 42: failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting • Rosanna Cox, 42: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; trafficking in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (less than 2 grams methamphetamine); persistent felony offender I; hold for other agency • Brooklyn Bowles, 19: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence • Shyanne Anderson 26: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Cicely Underwood, 29: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Calain Myers, 21: wanton	endangerment – 1st degree; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, automobile, \$10,000 or more; alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); illegal possession of a legend drug; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess • Angela Shannon, 44: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Steven Gaitan, 36: failure to appear • Americus Sizemore, 22: probation violation (for felony offense); failure to appear • Casey Holbrook, 40: hold for other agency • Jerry Poynter, 53: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Shaun Smith, 40: failure to appear • Clinton Anderson, 41: receiving stolen property, \$10,000 or more • Baritta Willis, 48: serving weekends • Candelario Zalazar, 53: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); operating motor vehicle with expired operator’s license Dec. 14 • Levi Johnson, 27: failure to appear • James Sexton, 60: failure to appear (2 counts) • Bobby Samples, 37: failure to appear (2 counts) • Michael Sanford, 51: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Vernon Hounshell, 38: failure to appear • Jamen Carson, 19: failure to appear • Derrick Hurt, 50: failure to appear • Justin Lynch, 32: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting • Terry Lynch, 30: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; non-pay-	ment of court costs, fees, or fines; failure to appear Dec. 15 • Marcus James, 28: failure to appear • Joshua Barrett, 32: public intoxication – controlled substance – excludes alcohol; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; parole violation (for technical violation) • Ricky Warfield, 44: possession of a firearm by a convicted felon • Steen Ocasio, 44: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); theft by unlawful taking or disposition, contents from vehicle; criminal mischief, 2nd degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree • Albert Seals, 29: assault, 4th degree domestic violence (minor injury) • Robin Workman, 59: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license • Zaccari Spangler, 25: failure to appear • Eli Lear, 20: promoting a sexual performance by a minor under 13 years of age; sexual abuse, 3rd degree Dec. 16 • Tyler Stonewall, 36: unlawful imprisonment – 3rd degree • John Dyer, 62: contempt of court, libel /slander, resistance to order; failure to appear • Whitney Botkins, 32: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting • Devin Coffey, 28: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance /security – 1st offense; failure to produce insurance card • Robert Spradlin, 42: assault, 4th degree domestic violence (minor injury); wanton endangerment – 1st degree; strangulation, 1st degree	• Darrin Pingleton, 31: commitment order • Colburn Dorsey, 39: contempt of court, libel /slander, resistance to order • Logan Fields, 28: commitment order • Levi Allen, 19: receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, contents from vehicle, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 • Travis Scenters, 22: assault, 4th degree (minor injury) • Bobby Collins, 59: state community prisoner hold Dec. 17 • Joshua Crowe, 30: failure to appear • Timothy Hill, 37: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance -1st; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy /possess; operating motor vehicle with expired operator’s license • Katisha Evans, 39: abandonment of a minor • James Willis, 35: failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; criminal trespassing – 3rd degree • Eric Comer, 52: criminal trespassing, 3rd degree • Tina Cody, 55: serving parole violation warrant • Ashla Adams, 52: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy /possess; operating motor vehicle under the influence of controlled substance -1st • Erik Stewart, 48: failure to appear • Ashley Ishmael, 23: contempt of court, libel /slander, resistance to order • Candi Wright, 40: hold for other agency • Emily Carretero, 19: criminal mischief, 1st degree; disorderly conduct – 2n degree; assault, 3rd degree -police officer or probation	officer; resisting arrest • Benjamin Gay, 57: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO • Glen Sparks, 59: assault, 4th degree domestic violence (minor injury) • Tara Coffey, 33: failure to appear; failure to illuminate head lamps; failure to wear seat belts; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license Dec. 18 • Brennan Lancaster, 25: distribution of matter portraying sexual performance by a minor – 1st offense (2 counts); possession of matter portraying sexual performance by minor under 12; possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by minor over 12 but under 18 years of age • Donald Warren, 57: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Larry Lawson, 65: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Ricky Johnson, 48: fraudulent use of a credit card, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; fraudulent use of credit card after reporting lost /stolen, less than \$500 • Randy Edwards, 22: hold for other agency • Brandon Walters, 31: hold for other agency • Brandon Crowe, 30: contempt of court, libel /slander, resistance to order • Stephen Sherer, 53: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine); drug paraphernalia – buy /possess; possession of marijuana • John Herald, 40: failure to appear • Travis Mullins, 50: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Shawn Akers, 45: parole violation (for technical violation)
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COURT RECORDS	PROPERTY TRANSFERS
District Court Dec. 16 • Sandra Snyder vs. George Baker, Jr Circuit Court Dec. 2 • Kenneth C. Taulbee vs. Rebecca Cavendish • Barbara Sue Bennett vs. Dylan Blake Messer • Odessa Leigh Barnett vs. Justin Carey Bastian • Randall Gene Cornett v s. Jennifer Ellen Cornett Dec. 3 • Melanie Obrzut vs. David Richard Burg • Holden W. Davis vs. Ashley A. Davis Dec. 4 • Sinead Isaacs vs. Henry Isaacs Dec. 5 • Orlando K. Williams vs. Kristi J. Brown • Madison A. McCormick vs. Marvin A. Trigueros • Monique R. Crockett vs. Christian P. Ritchey Dec. 9 • Jossie Rode vs. Robert Francis Rode • April Click vs. Bobby Harris	Dec. 10 • Micaela L. Lamb vs. William T. Lamb Dec. 11 • Kimberly Jo Carson vs. John Floyd Carson • Nancy Louise Scott vs. Shana Nicole Watters, ET AL Dec. 13 • Darius Jacquen Campbell-Allen vs. Trinity McKayla Rose Campbell-Allen • Burchell Lynn Parm's vs. Debra Parm's Dec. 14 • Mame A. Diallo vs. Ismaila Kane Dec. 15 • Frederick L. Vickers vs. Sarah C. Vickers Foreclosures Dec. 2 • Mission Servicing Residential, Inc. vs. Tristen P. Steinmetz Dec. 6 • Everett Financial, Inc., DBA Supreme Lending vs. Sarah Herrington Dec. 11 • Whitaker Bank, Inc. vs Daniel Alson Whittemore, ET AL
MARRIAGES	
Dec. 6 • Marvin Dale Gab-bard, Jr., farmer, 42, of Pain Lick to Jamie Shearron Blair, cook, 47, of Mt. Vernon Dec. 9 • Sarah Michelle Williams, student, 21, of Richmond to Abby Grace Allen, student, 22, of Richmond • Jaya Margaret Tucker, food services, 20, of Richmond to Kylee Ann Crouch, housekeeper, 21, of Richmond • Abbygail Peaches Parks, unemployed, 25, of Richmond to Caleb Aaron Eller, assembly, 26, of Richmond • Elizabeth Ann Phelps Hopper, nurse, 34, of Richmond to Branden Scott Meeks, social worker, 39, of	Richmond • Jenna Grace Fletcher, social worker, 25, of Richmond to Ellis Brooke Ross, retail, 23, of Richmond • McKenna Lynn Robinson, dog groomer, 24, of Berea to Kameron Wayne Fletcher, HVAC Tech, 22, of Berea • Nadiia Moiseieva, unemployed, 36, of Richmond to Volodymyr Aleshko, unemployed, 37, of Richmond • Destiny Paige Hamm, instructional assistant, 22, of Mt. Vernon to Barry Logan Barnett, concrete labor, 25, of Mt. Vernon • Nicholas Colby Andrew, Dodge Mann Chrysler, 36, of Richmond to Ashley Lynn Nicole Cain, ARK Covering and Restoration, 31, of Richmond Arielynn Rollins, self-employed, 29, of Lexington to Wesley Todd Riggs, IT tech, 30, of Lexington • Madison Leigh McCarty, childcare, 24, of Richmond to Samuel Bryant Jones, QC inspector, 27, of Richmond Dec. 10 • Destiny Lashae Coleman, Berea College CELTS, 19, of Berea to Cory Matthew Medina, unemployed, 21, of Mason, Ohio

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Seeing the bright side

A country boy known for his extreme optimism was touring New York City when he slipped and fell from the Empire State Building. As he passed the 17th floor, someone standing on the balcony asked him: "How's it going?" "So far, so good," he responded. I almost hate to admit that I chuckled at that old joke when a co-worker shared it. There's just something funny about some fellow who can be optimistic in such a dire situation. Believers have every reason to maintain positive attitudes when facing life's difficulties. That's because they under-



Roger Alford

stand, no matter what they face, they don't face it alone. They have a friend who sticks closer than a brother. That friend is Jesus.

"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles" (Psalms 34:17).

Believers realize the Lord can steer them around troubles, take them through troubles, or deliver them out of troubles. Sometimes, that deliverance is to escape the bonds of this life and enter into the next, an eternal life in heaven.

The chorus of one of my favorite songs says: "I'm a winner either way, if I go or if I stay, for I'll still have my Jesus each passing day. I'll have my healing here below or life forever if I go. Oh, praise the Lord, I'm a winner either way."

The Bible is clear that the

greatest win is to go to heaven, a place of eternal happiness. No more pain. No more dying. No more disease. No more wheelchairs. No more suffering. No more hospitals. No more funeral homes. No more cemeteries. And no more crying. Think of that, no more need for Kleenex.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 21:4).

With all that in mind, the optimistic country boy who slipped and fell from the Empire State Building may not be as clueless as that old joke suggests. Perhaps such a one would understand that he's not long for this world, but that a better world awaits.

Perhaps he understood that he's a winner either way.

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

Sometime Thursday night, the beautiful glass front of T.F. Coyle's store was smashed, and several items were taken from the show case window. Mr. Coyle was out of town and had no idea who did it or what time of night it occurred. Reverend Holder's car was also taken from the garage on the same night but was found the next day near the printing establishment.

Work was underway for a parking lot for teachers at Berea High School. The fence

and bushes to the driveway had been moved by eighteen feet. The Berea City Council and the Berea School Board were cooperating on the project. The Council was paying for the labor costs and the School Board was paying for the materials used. Plans included blacktopping the parking area.

After the city council decided not to renovate the old cafeteria building, Superintendent William Bennett signed a contract to purchase a used mobile home to be brought in to be used. The mobile home, a surplus Army building, was purchased from the Regional Mental Health Center in

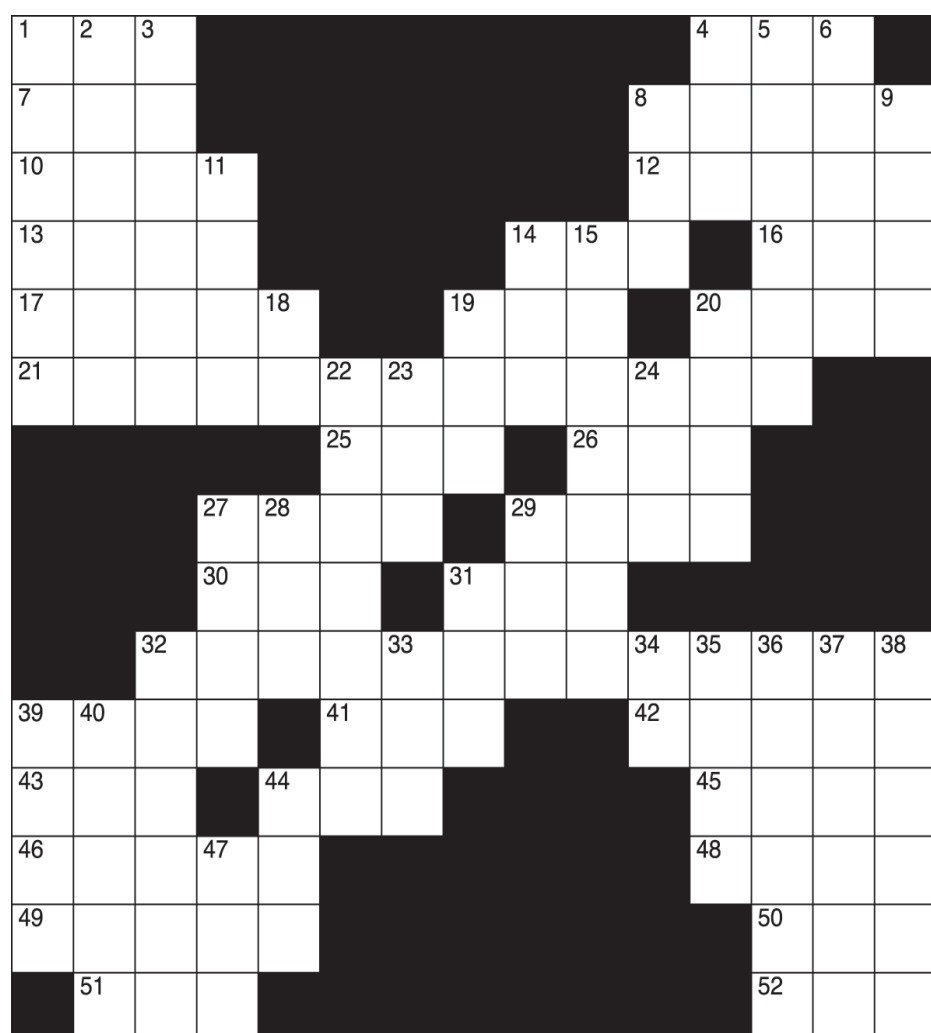
Elizabethtown for use as a classroom and superintendent's office. It arrived on Monday after losing two wheels in an accident during transport. The 24 X 48 building contained five rooms, two bathrooms and a kitchen. "One will be big enough for a big meeting room for the board of education and also for driver education classes. There will be four offices, mine, my secretary, the director of pupil personnel and the financier. The kitchen will be a publications room," said Bennett. The mobile home was purchased for \$450 and was not anticipated to exceed \$3,000 to complete. According to Bennett, the same amount of office space would have cost over \$30,000 to build.

After being stopped for DUI a pair of men confessed to burglarizing two Berea businesses. On Saturday December 11th, Larry Linville reported a burglary of the Linville Insurance office on Richmond Road. Desks were ransacked and damaged during the incident and a white 13" Sylvania TV-VCR set with remote was taken. The back door of the building had been pried open with a screwdriver according to the police report. The television had an estimated value of \$229. James Moore reported that Moore's Grocery on Big Hill Road was burglarized early on Sunday, December

12th, sometime between 1:30 and 3:30 a.m. The suspects gained entry by removing an air conditioning unit. Mud was tracked withing the store and boot sole prints were recorded. Tobacco products, change and some display items were reported as stolen. After the suspects were taken to the Berea Police Department and interviewed, a residence on East Baker Lane was discovered to be the location of the missing items from both break-ins. Suspects agreed to return all merchandise except for the cigarettes which had been sold. The two arrested were charged with two counts of 3rd degree burglary. One of the suspects was also charged with DUI and possession of a controlled substance. Both

Game Page

Crossword



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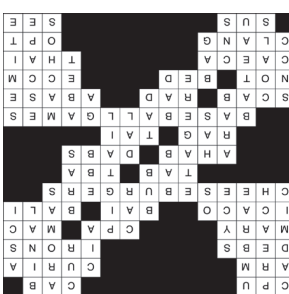
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4. Taxi
7. Body part
8. Papal court
10. Young women making their public debuts
12. Metal shackles
13. Joseph's wife
14. Licensed professional
16. Partner to cheese
17. Mild fruits
19. File format
20. Province of Indonesia
21. Beloved grilled foods
25. Bar bill
26. Don't know when yet
27. Whale ship captain
29. Touches softly
30. Mock
31. Red-brown Pacific sea bream
32. Summer entertainment options
39. Protective crust
41. Cool!
42. Behave in a way that belittles
43. Denial
44. A place to sleep

45. Electronic counter-countermeasures
46. Intestinal pouches
48. SE Asia family of languages
49. Sound
50. Select
51. Give the impression of dishonesty
52. Witness

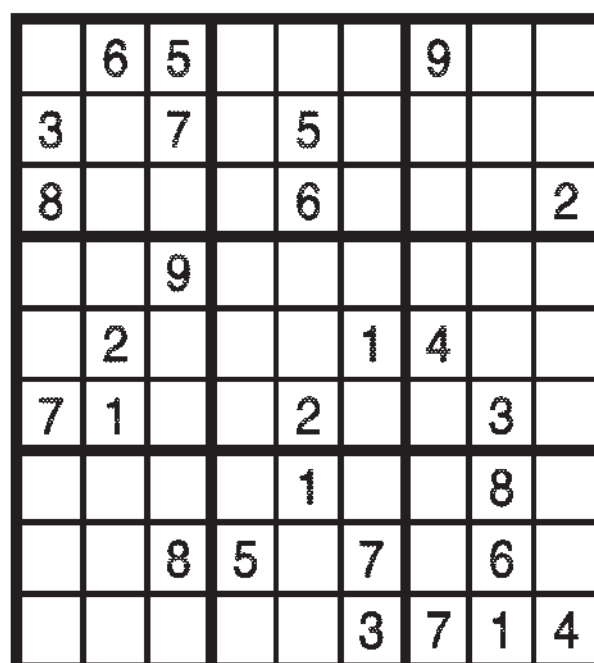
CLUES DOWN

1. Of cadmium
2. Deliver a sermon
3. Inner regions of a shadow
4. Aggressive dog
5. Smells
6. Twofold
7. Former OSS
9. Computer language
11. Indian groom
14. Automobile
15. Hairstyle
18. Atomic #76
19. Guy (slang)
20. Ladies' undergarments
22. Furniture with open shelves
23. Back-arc basin
24. Partner to flow
27. A type of horse
28. Possesses
29. Split pulses
31. Small amount

32. Flat-bottomed riverboat
33. Not good
34. Atomic #31
35. Assist in committing a crime
36. Chauvinists
37. Get away
38. One of a people who speaks a Semitic language
39. Civil rights college organization
40. Combustible dark rocks
44. Grocery container
47. Central nervous system



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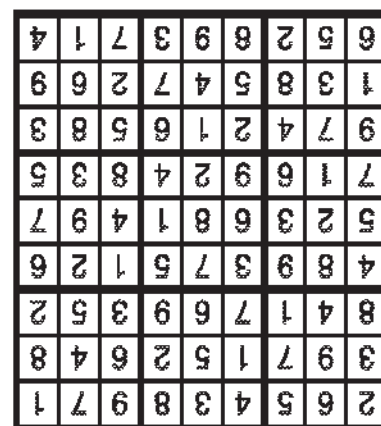
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ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to Christmas.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 16 = E)

- A. 15 22 5 5 8**
Clue: Happy
- B. 23 22 5 20 9 12 8**
Clue: Special occasion
- C. 9 16 11 16 18 7 16 26**
Clue: Twelfth month
- D. 1 26 16 24 16 19 3 24**
Clue: Gifts

this month at the



Madison County Public Library

January 25



Letter from the Director

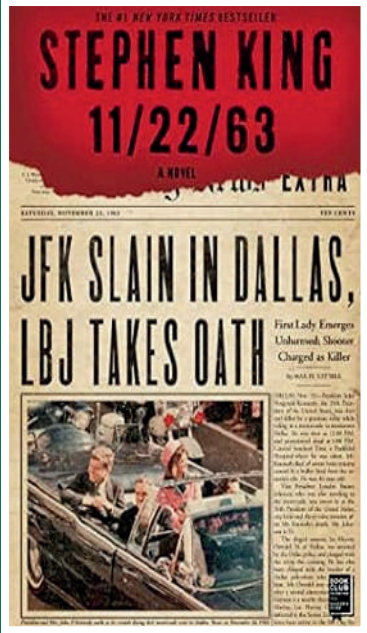
A new month, a new year, a new reading challenge!

Setting a reading goal at the beginning of a new year is a great way to make reading a priority, and it can also impact your overall wellness. Reading for just fifteen minutes per day can improve cognition, memory and concentration, as well as reduce stress. Fifteen minutes of reading before bed can also lead to a more restful night's sleep by relaxing muscles and easing tension in the body. A consistent reading habit can be quite the game changer. Habits are generally formed after two months.

Join me in committing to read at least fifteen minutes per day in January and February, and by March, daily reading will become automatic.

Christina Cornelison
Director

All library locations will be closed Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



What WE'RE Reading

Chris Lockwood
Security & Safety Specialist

11/22/63 is the incredible journey of Jake Epping to the late 1950s/early 1960s United States to try to save the life of President John F. Kennedy.

Jake faces a myriad of challenges ranging from doing what is right versus trying not disrupt the past too much, to learning how to survive in a world without all of our modern technology. The tale is exciting, gut wrenching, heartwarming, and ultimately will leave you with your own questions of what would you change about the past, and what would the ramifications be.



2025 ANNUAL READING CHALLENGE

Our Annual Reading Challenges are about getting you outside of your comfort zone, discovering new stories, and being excited about reading! This year there are 104 prompts to choose from, and the best part is that you can read at your own pace. Pick up your copy at either location today!



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Adults

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4-6 PM Friday
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Sound & Recording Studio Intro
Registration required
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 7

Embroidery Machine Intro
Registration required
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 14

3D Printer Intro
Registration required
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 21

Music & Sound Production Intro
Registration required
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 28

Berea Quilters & Needle Artists
1-3 PM, Tuesdays
Meeting Room, Berea

Bridge Club
2-4 PM, Thursday, January 9
Meeting Room, Berea

Second Saturday Yoga
10-11 AM, January 11
Community Room, Berea
Join us as Tiffany leads us through gentle stretches, breathing techniques, and mindful meditation.
- Berea Writers Circle**
1:30-3 PM
Saturday, January 18
Meeting Room, Berea

Berea Woodcarvers
10 AM-12 PM, Tuesday
Fireplace, Berea

Genealogy Search Instruction
1-3 PM, Saturday, January 18
Community Room, Berea
Join us at our monthly genealogy group, where history comes alive through shared stories and research! We welcome enthusiasts of all levels to connect, learn, and explore their family histories. This month Janet Wells will be discussing the use of census records in your research!

Crafterwork: Decorate Your Own Reading Journal
6:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 7
Community Room, Berea
Get ready for a fun-filled session where you can design and personalize a reading journal.

Crafterwork: Record Painting
6:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 14
Community Room, Berea
Whether you're a seasoned artist or a beginner, this workshop offers a fun opportunity to express your creativity while giving new life to old vinyl.
- Pick of the Month Book Club**
6-7 PM, Tuesday, January 28
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *Atomic Anna* by Rachel Barenbaum

Pick of the Month: Forever Young Adult Book Club
7-8 PM, Tuesday, January 28
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *Muse* by Brittany Cavallaro

Just Love Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, January 7,
Just Love Coffee
636 Chestnut Street, Berea
Discussing: *Seven Days of Us* by Francesca Hornak
Picking Up: *The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont

Booktok Made Me Read It
4-5 PM, Saturday, January 25
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J. Maas

Munchie Monday Cookbook Club
Registration required
6-7 PM, Monday, January 27
Folk Center, 212 W Jefferson, Berea
Discussing: *Southern Living 2022 Annual Recipes*
Register by calling Berea Parks & Rec at 859-986-9402.

Children

- Crafternoon**
4-5 PM, Mondays
Community Room, Berea

Paper Animal Puppets
Monday, January 6
This week we will be making paper animal puppets from templates and decorating them!

Ceiling-Cicles
Monday, January 13
We'll be repurposing old materials to make icicle ceiling decorations!

Fake Snow Experiments
Monday, January 27
We'll be testing out different methods of creating fake snow!
- Read & Play**
10-11 AM, Mondays & Thursdays
Community Room, Berea

STEAM Cafe
4-5 PM, Thursdays

Play with Purpose
Registration required
Registration required
10-11 AM, Thursdays
0-3 years, Richmond Only
3-5 years, Berea Only
This program teaches parents evidence-based strategies for reading and playing with their children, while kids enjoy supervised playtime.
- Teddy Bear Sleepover Drop Off**
4-6 PM, Friday, January 24
Fireplace, Berea
Drop-off your stuffed friend for a sleepover! Children can decorate nametags for their friends, read them stories, and put them to bed in our stuffed animal tent.

Teddy Bear Breakfast
10-11 AM, Saturday, January 25
Community Room, Berea
Pick up your stuffed friend and enjoy a light breakfast. Thanks to our "security" cameras, we'll get to see pictures of the mischief the stuffed animals got into!

Teens

- Joan Kleine Creative Studio: Teen Open Studio**
4-8 PM, Tuesday-Thursday
4-6 PM, Fridays

Teen Café
5:30-5 PM, Fridays
Community Room, Berea

Sound & Recording Studio Intro
Registration required
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 7

Embroidery Machine Intro
Registration required
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 14

3D Printer Intro
Registration required
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 21

Music & Sound Production Intro
Registration required
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 28

Teen D&D Open Table
2-4 PM, Saturday, January 11
Meeting Room, Berea
Bring your own character or stop by an hour before the program for help making your character, and we'll have a short one-shot scenario to help you prepare!
- Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
5-6 PM, Wednesday, January 8
Community Room, Berea
Stop by, let us know what you want to see at the library, volunteer, and earn service hours!

Teen Scene:
January's Teen Scene will feature a two-part program.

DIY Air Dry Clay
4-5 PM, Wednesday, January 8
Community Room, Berea
We will combine household materials to make our own air dry clay and form it into vintage jello mold trinkets.

Vintage Trinket Painting
4-5 PM, Wednesday, January 15
Community Room, Berea
This is the second part of our air dry clay series. This week we will be taking our dried vintage jello molds and painting. If you couldn't make it for part one there will be extra molds to paint
- Berea Writers Circle**
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, January 29
Meeting Room, Berea
The BWC welcomes all types of writers. Whether published, self-published, or unpublished, we are all looking to grow and refine our craft.

Comics & Cookies: Teen Book Club
4-5 PM, Wednesday, January 22
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *Cuphead: Comic Capers and Curious* by Zach Keller, Shawn Dickinson
Please read the book before the meeting.

TAG Presents: Cartoon Club
4-5 PM, Wednesday, January 29
Community Room, Berea
Enjoy cartoons, company, and maybe even some treats! At this meeting we will be watching the classic cartoon *The Jetsons*.

See all of our events: www.madisonlibrary.org