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City eyes upgrades to park infrastructure

City Council

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council reviewed preliminary plans to change Berea Community Park in a way that will possibly result in more athletic facilities and serve as the future home

for the Berea Chamber of Commerce Spoonbread Festival.

The plan was discussed in a work session Tuesday when Berea City Administrator Shawn Sandlin presented the idea to council members for consideration.

Under the plan, Spoonbread Festival events would be moved from Memorial Park to the seven acre area in Berea Community Park. The space is currently occupied by a T-ball field and fields for youth soccer.

The T-ball field would

be moved to the area just outside the gateway to the ball fields, and there might be an opportunity to add more soccer fields, Sandlin said.

He added there are several advantages to the plan. First, Jefferson Street would no longer have to

be closed for the festival. Another advantage would be that the chamber could offer more booth space at the new venue of what is becoming a growing event, effectively doubling the size of space for vendors.

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Zone changes bode well for development

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

A number of zoning changes came under review at the most recent meeting of the Madison County Fiscal Court, which officials say bodes well for business development.

At the Nov. 25 business session, the court unanimously approved the final reading of a land use map change for 2719 Robbinsville Loop from UC-1 Single Family Residential to UC-4 General Business. The court noted the decision was based on the unanimous approval of the Madison County Planning Commission.

In a related note, the court approved a land use request from the same property owner at 119 Greens Crossing Road, also from UC-1 to UC-4.

Officials said the owner hopes to combine that and the Robbinsville Loop property into one single UC-4 parcel where his business is located.

The property is situ-

ated in the urban corridor along Highway 52, an area the Madison County Comprehensive Plan specifically designates for new growth.

In response from a question from Madison County Judge Executive Reagan Taylor, County Planning Director Bert Thomas said the owner of the property will consolidate three plats into one.

In other business, the court heard the first reading of an ordinance changing the zoning classification of properties at 220, 226, and 230 Waco Loop from UC-7 agricultural to UC-4 General Business. Thomas said the plats measuring approximately 1.5 to 2 acres are located in Waco in an increasingly commercial area.

Also under review Tuesday was the first reading of a proposed change at 107 Carr Lane from UC-A Single Family Residential to UC-6 Public/Semi-Public.

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Helping hands



On a day when most charities ask for donations, Berea Food Bank did something different - gave instead of asking. Volunteers stuffed red and green bags full of all the makings of holiday meals to be delivered to disabled senior citizens residing at two affordable housing communities in Berea. "To us, this day is about giving, about reflecting the generosity of our donors toward our neighbors in need," said Tony Crachiolo, Executive Director of the Berea Food Bank. The Berea Food Bank bills itself as "a different kind of pantry" and Tuesday, it proved that to be true.

City boosts food banks in time of need

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday enabling the city to assist local food banks.

During Tuesday's council meeting, Berea City Administrator Shawn Sandlin explained that the measure is a one-time stop gap to help the food banks recover from an unusually high demand during the recent federal government shut down. Sandlin said the temporary cut off of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits strained the budgets and food stocks of the two local banks.

"They had an influx of people that needed food, and they [those in need] were somewhat panicked," Sandlin said. "You can imagine when you don't have those funds available to you and what that would mean to you if you were less fortunate."

According to the resolution, the city is empowered to make indirect donations of \$2,500 to the Berea Food Bank and \$2,500 to God's Provision Food Pantry. Sandlin told city

officials the city will essentially purchase \$5,000 worth of food through God's Pantry, which has access to significant discounts, then the city will divide the food between the food banks here in Berea.

"We just want to help replenish their food supply for a month that brings them back up to a normal operating level," Sandlin said.

During a work session prior to the business meeting, officials said the city has been working with City Attorney

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Judge Bill and Kristin Clouse

Passing the gavel | Clouse follows in father's footsteps

By Emily Kessler
Citizen Intern

Kristin Clouse has been serving as Madison County Circuit Judge since 2023, but she's not the first Clouse to sit on the bench.

William "Bill" Clouse, who retired from Circuit Judge around 2020, said he took Kristin to court with him when she was around 9-years-old to learn about

the judiciary.

"I would take her whenever she was out of school," Bill said. "I'd take her with me to the courthouse and she'd sit with me on the bench. I was district judge at the time."

Bill would also take her to Berea for the day, and they'd go to district court in the morning, get lunch and then go to the park.

"She called herself little

judge," he said.

Kristin said seeing judges at work who cared and loved their job encouraged her to pursue a career as a judicial judge.

"We talked law around the dinner table, so it was part of my daily life even from when I was very young," she said.

When Kristin graduated from Transylvania University, she went to law

school and followed in her father's footsteps.

"I wanted to be a lawyer from the time I was young," Kristin said. "I watched my father, his love for the law and his service, and so that obviously shaped me."

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The Mayor's Merry Mingling event was held last Saturday in Old Town at Artisan Village. The event drew a large crowd ahead of the Christmas holiday season.



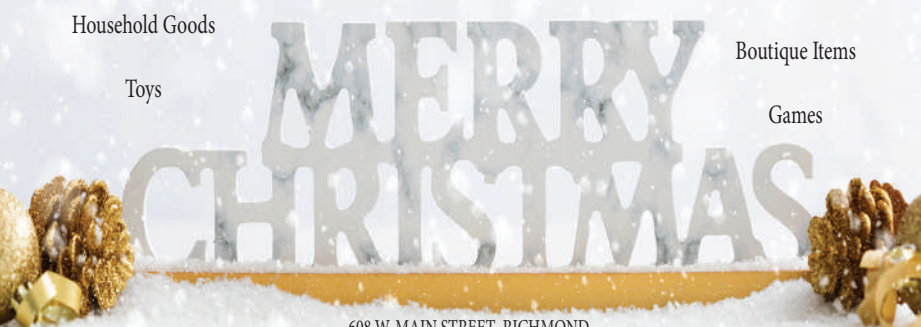
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further her law career, she said.

"Of course you're proud of your daughter, or your child, that chooses to go and follow in the same profession you were in, and I've always loved the law and I think she does too," Bill said.

Kristin was a public defender, prosecutor and she worked in the attorney's office before taking the bench in 2023. She said she ran for circuit judge because she saw Bill's service to the community and wanted to continue to serve.

"I very much enjoy defending people and protecting their rights. I enjoy representing the Commonwealth and the community," she said. "I thought that this would be just a great way to grow in my understanding of the law and continue that service."

Bill gave Kristin both political and legal advice when it came to running for circuit judge.

"My political advice is work hard. See everybody that you can possibly see, ask everybody for their vote, and don't take it for granted..." he said. "Continually be humble and always

(ask) for the vote."

For legal advice, Bill said to do what she thought was right – "Don't do something based on politics. Only do things based on the law."

Kristin said she also learned from the past judges, attorneys and practitioners in the 25th Circuit. "I've learned from all of them along the way," she said.

While there are big shoes to fill as circuit judge from past judges in the 25th Circuit, there is a benefit from seeing the dedication it takes to serve the community the best she can, Kristin said.

Currently, Bill is filling in for Kristin while she is on maternity leave.

"The Chief Justices appointed me — it's about six weeks here for her maternity leave, take her docket until she gets back," he said.

When it came to filling in for Kristin, Bill said it was a no-brainer to fill in for his daughter.

"I love being a judge. I love the work. I love the job. I love the feeling that I'm doing something for my community, doing something for my family," Bill said.

Bill said that he feels that second-generation lawyers are sharper

than the first generation and his daughter fits that mold.

"She is by far the best part of me and her mother. She's more of her mother than me, but she got her brains from her mother," he said. "She's the best and I love her very much and I'm extremely proud of her."



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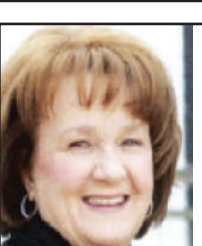
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In other business:

- The court adopted two resolutions authorizing the relocation and reinterment of two abandoned cemeteries, which are currently on property owned by Begley Properties LLC. The court approved the measure in which 50 graves in the Hockaday cemetery— two marked and 48 unmarked – will be relocated under the supervision of Thomas Chase of Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home. Additionally, graves from the Crigler cemetery – one marked grave and nine unmarked, will also be relocated from the Begley property. Speaking on behalf of the developer, attorney Preston

PARKS

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As part of the proposed plan, Sandlin said there would also be an opportunity to add an amphitheater for different kinds of performances, whether it is music, outdoor theater or other events.

Berea City Council member Katie Startzman stated that while she liked the idea, she expressed concern that the project might be preempting other needed upgrades to the parks system. Officials said the price tag of the park enhancements would cost approximately \$1.5 million.

Startzman said she wants more information about how the plan would fit into the city’s long range Parks Master Plan.

Meanwhile, during the council’s regular business meeting:

- During public comments, Laura Manges asked whether the city will hold a public forum regarding needs of city residents. Mayor Bruce Fraley replied later in the meeting that the forum, called “Bereans Helping Bereans,” would take place on Monday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Russel Acton Folk Center. The forum will allow residents to discover what kinds of services are currently available, and to discuss future needs for the community.
- Kent Gilbert, president of the Madison County International Committee addressed the council, giving an update on the community exchange program with Hokuto City, Japan. The program will be welcoming Japanese students to Berea Community Schools and Model Laboratory School in the upcoming months.
- The council heard a presentation on Enrich One Stop – a Richmond based, non-profit assistance hub that helps those in need. The facilitators of the program expressed hope of opening an office in Berea.
- The council approved a resolution granting UNITI a communications franchise in Berea for the next 20 years. Fraley noted the company is associated with Windstream, and that he would not be surprised if the companies merged in the future.
- The council heard the first reading of an ordinance implementing Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) for electric and water meters for Berea Municipal Utility customers. The meters would be automated and send data readings directly to BMU. BMU Manager Kevin Howard stated that accepting the new automated meters would be mandatory for BMU customers, according to the ordinance. Howard said the long term benefits for customers would be that they would have access to more information about their electric and water usage, and that service could be switched on and off from the BMU office. Berea City Councilman Ronnie Terrill asked whether connect/disconnect fees would be rescinded, since technicians would no longer have to go to the customer to activate service. Howard said that is an issue to be resolved in the future.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for Dec. 16.

Worley noted that Chase has made efforts to reach out to possible descendants and that the reinterment will be conducted with clergy present. Worley stated descendants will also be alerted to any reinterment ceremonies.

- The court unanimously approved a measure approving a contract for outdoor emergency siren removal.

Officials said fewer are needed in the wake of the completion of the demilitarization process at the Blue Grass Army Depot. The sirens will be placed into storage.

- The court approved a deed transfer for the Madison County Joint Information Center to Madison County’s sole ownership. Purchased with federal funds from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, the property had been partially deeded to federal entities.
- In related legislation, the court approved a Madison County Joint Information Center memorandum of understanding

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J.T. Gilbert to ensure the transaction would be legal and in compliance with state law regulating local government finances.

Berea City Councilman John Payne, who has been a supporter of the Berea Food Bank, expressed hope that citizens would not only support the food banks in the wake of the government shutdown, but to resolve to provide continued support.

“They’ll have continuing needs throughout the year, so even though this is a one-time donation on behalf of city government, it should not be a one-time contribution from the members of our community,” Payne said.

On a related note on Tuesday, eight volunteers from the Berea Food Bank prepared

for Madison County EMS to use the building, except for a portion set aside for the Madison County Coroner.

- The court adopted a fiscal court meeting schedule for 2026.
- A contract for freelance media services was awarded to Landry Luxon Consulting.
- Madison County Fire Chief Tim Gray reported he is working with the Waco Volunteer Fire Department, trying to raise the ISO rating in order to lower their insurance rates for homeowners in that community.
- Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes inquired about the recent CSEPP advertisements running on local television and internet, asking who is paying for those ads. Deputy Judge/Executive Jill Williams responded that those commercials are paid for with federal funds from CSEPP to close out the program. She added they are also used to inform residents about the opportunity to sign up for digital alerts that go directly to their cell phones.

The next fiscal court meeting will be Dec. 16.

50 holiday meal food bags to be delivered to disabled senior citizens living at two affordable housing communities in Berea.

Tony Crachiolo, executive director of the Berea Food Bank and Bereans United for Utility and Rent Relief (BUURR), said the project was an opportunity to give back to the community for its support, and to reflect on the generosity of donors who help fellow Bereans that depend on the food bank for assistance.

As part of Giving Tuesday, the Berea Food Bank was slated to help student and adult volunteers from the Berea Community Family Resource Center and the Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) program restock Berea Community School’s emergency pantry. Those plans were postponed, however, after school was canceled because of Tuesday’s snow storm.

OBITUARIES

Eugenia ‘Annie’ Huguely



Eugenia “Annie” Huguely, 56, of Madison County, passed away peacefully on Nov. 18, surrounded by loved ones. Born and raised in central Kentucky to Carl and Eva Cates, Annie carried from an early age a generous heart, deep compassion for others, and an unwavering devotion to God. She had a gift for recognizing those in need and offering comfort through patience, understanding, and genuine care.

Annie dedicated her life to serving others as a nurse. She worked in pediatrics, hospice, school nursing, and emergency and trauma care. Whether tending to children, supporting families in crisis, or providing end-of-life comfort, Annie served with dignity, love, and purpose. Her patients and colleagues will remember her as a source of peace, strength, and compassion during life’s most difficult

Rev. Arny Ray Reed



Rev. Arny Ray Reed, Pastor of Farristown Baptist Church, passed away Sunday November 16, 2025, receiving God’s mercy of calling him home after a long illness. Rev. Reed was born March 17, 1949, in New Orleans, LA to the late Willie Bush, Sr. and Beatrice Myles. Rev. Reed was the loving husband of wife, Barbara Littlejohn Reed.

Other than his wife, Barbara, Rev. Reed is survived by seven children: Alex Reed of New Orleans, LA; Angela Bonner Freeman of Indianapolis, IN; Brian Bonner of Milford, OH, Christina Bonner of Spartanburg, SC, Cheyenna Rae Reed of Louisville, KY, Robert Reed of Texas and Kevin Reed of Lawrenceburg, KY.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Reed was preceded in death by his Aunties Mayola Thomas, Deannie Dunbar, and Myrtle Bush of Baton Rouge, LA, his children, Aaron Reed and Andria Reed, both of New Orleans, LA, sisters, Gail Bush Oxley of Baton Rouge and twins, Glenda Riley of Baton Rouge, LA, and Brenda Holloway of Houston, Texas.

Rev. Reed has 11 surviving siblings: Michael Bush, Jacqueline Bush, Eddie Bush, Trumaine Bush, Frank Bush, Randy Bush, June Reed, Ronald Reed, Troy David Reed, Alicia Lafayette, and Carolyn Bibbins all of Baton Rouge, LA. Grandchildren: Cameron Freeman, Elijah Collins, Bridgette Reed, D’von Jones (Briann), Xavier Reed, Lillyann Jazmine Bradley and Jalisa Virginia Bradley, Bryson Lee Reed, Jonah Burdette, and Ezra Reed.

Notices

- Hector David Jacome Coria, age 36, passed away Friday, Nov. 21, 2025. Services were at 3 p.m. on Nov. 28. Davis and Powell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
- Ella Sue Taylor, 66, passed away at her home on Nov. 26. Services were on Monday, Dec. 1 at Lakes Funeral Home. Lakes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
- Anita Gail Moberly, 70, passed away on Nov. 26. A celebration of Life

moments.

Her faith shaped every part of her life. Annie believed in God’s transformative love and shared that love through prayer, encouragement, and acts of kindness. She found joy in listening to others, celebrating their victories, and lifting their spirits when needed. Annie lived with conviction and courage, unafraid to make bold choices in service of her beliefs and her family. Her life became a foundation of hope for generations to come.

Annie is survived by her son, Mark Huguely; daughter-in-law, Merrilyn Huguely; grandson, Nico Huguely; mother, Eva Cates; sister, Connie Cates Jackson; brother-in-law, Travis Jackson; and nephews, Nathan and Noah Jackson. She was preceded in death by her father, Carl Cates.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at Full Gospel Outreach, 120 Liberty Ave, Berea. All are invited to attend.

Annie’s legacy of compassion, faith, and love will continue to inspire those who knew her and remember her generous spirit.

Great grandchildren: Naeem Reed, Kaylani Kirby, Jamil Kirby, Kori Kirby Charlie Jones, Aria Jones, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rev. Reed served as a Deacon, Interim Pastor, and as Pastor of Farristown Baptist Church; the Mt. Pleasant District Association as Moderator and Vice Moderator; Moderator of Ministers and Messengers Meeting and sang with the District Minister’s Choir. On the Mt. Pleasant District Laymen Auxiliary, Rev. Reed served as Vice-President and President; sang with the District Laymen Choir. Rev. Reed served on the New Liberty Baptist Sunday School Convention’s Executive Board. Rev. Reed served on the Trustee Board and as Chairman of the Trustee Board with the New Liberty Shelter. He served as Early Morning Deck Devotion Leader at the Jabez Youth Retreat. Rev. Reed was a Substitute Teacher at the monthly Institute Meetings for the Ministers’ Class. Singing with the Mt. Pleasant District Association and Convention Choirs brought great joy to him. He was blessed with a natural, God-given talent for singing and playing percussion. He skillfully used those talents to praise God on many occasions at the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Rev. Reed was an ardent supporter of the work and programs of the Mt. Pleasant District Association and New Liberty Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025, at Farristown Baptist Church.

Rev. Sam Peoples, Eulogist and Rev Dr. Robert R. Blythe, officiated and a private Interment was held Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, at Greenlawn Cemetery, 687A US - 50, Milford, Ohio 45150.

was held on Nov. 30 at Glades Christian Church. Lakes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Bennie Lee Pennington, age 71, passed away on Dec. 1. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Harmons Lick Holiness Church. Lakes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

- Johnny Allen Devin, Jr., 52, passed away on Nov. 26. Celebration of Life Memorial will be planned at a later date. Reppert Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

ORDINANCE NO. 14 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, REVISING THE PAY SCALE GRADE FOR PUBLIC WORKS CREW SUPERINTENDENT FROM GRADE 8 TO GRADE 9.

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 04-2025, the authorized positions' assigned pay grade and pay scale were amended and adopted on April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the grade and pay scale was amended by Ordinance 09-2025; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the City Administrator, the City Council deems it necessary to revise the pay grade of the position of Crew Superintendent, Public Works, from Public Works Grade 8 to Public Works Grade 9

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Berea, Kentucky, Commonwealth of Kentucky,

SECTION I

That the position of Crew Superintendent, Public Works, is revised from Public Works Grade 8 to Public Works Grade 9, and the Personnel Policies of the City of Berea are hereby amended accordingly.

SECTION II

That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed. This Ordinance shall be published according to law.

FIRST READING: November 18, 2025.

SECOND READING: December 2, 2025.

APPROVED BY:

Bruce Fraley
Bruce Fraley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bobbie Manges
City Clerk

Published this 2nd day of December, 2025.

Prepared by:

Sherry A. Gentry
Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE 15 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING IT TO BE SOLD.

The City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, does ordain as follows:

SECTION I

The property set out on the attached list marked Exhibit A acquired for use by the City, is hereby declared to be surplus because it is no longer suitable for use by the City, so that it is in the public interest to dispose of such equipment, and the Mayor or his designee is authorized to dispose of said surplus by sale according to law, after due advertisement.

SECTION II

All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

First Reading: November 18, 2025.

Second Reading & Enactment: December 2, 2025.

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

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Public Notice

Cabo’s Cantina and Grill at 780 Chestnut Street (Old Mariachi’s Building), hereby declares its intention to apply for a NQ2 Retail Drink License & Special Sunday Retail Drink License no later than June 30, 2025. The business will be located at 780 Chestnut Street, Berea KY. 40403 doing business as NQ2 Retail Drink License & Special Sunday Retail Drink License. The members are as follows: member, owner, Daniel Garcia Fuentes, 780 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY. 40403. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St. 2NE33, Frankfort, KY. 40601, within (30) days (KRS 243.430) of the date of this legal publication.

Public Notice

The Madison County Fiscal Court passed Ordinances 2025-013 and 2025-014 on November 25, 2025. View full posting at www.madisoncountyky.gov/public-notices, or in person at 135 W. Irvine St., Richmond, KY by calling 859-624-4700.

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A woman watched as her husband put new horseshoes on a rather ill-tempered mule. That mule hauled off and kicked the man, sending him rolling across the barnyard. The frightened wife quickly grabbed the phone and called the doctor. “Come quick,” she screamed into the phone. “The mule has kicked my husband.” “Calm down, ma’am,” the doctor said. “Tell me where the mule kicked him.” “From the barn about halfway over to the corn crib,” she said. Mules have proven they can be troublesome, dating back to biblical times. You may remem-

ber that King David’s son, Absalom, was once riding a mule that took him under the thick branches of an oak tree. Absalom’s head caught in the oak, and he was left hanging as the mule kept going. A rebellious young man, Absalom had tried to overthrow his father as King. When his plan fell apart, he was riding fast, in a hurry to get away. Absalom is proof positive that,



Roger

when we’re speeding in the wrong direction, we can get ourselves into some serious trouble. It tends to be the fleshly nature of man to go the wrong way, as Absalom did. The good news is that when people come to the realization that they’ve gotten nothing but complications, heartaches, sorrows and guilt on the paths they’ve chosen, they have a true friend ready to come alongside them. His name is Jesus, and He will put us on a straight and narrow road that leads to Heaven. He also will minister to the hurts we accumulate while on the broad way

that leads to destruction. Jesus says “come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). No one knows better than Jesus that life on this earth can be difficult. He spent about 33 years here doing good, and ultimately was arrested, put through an unjust trial, beaten with a whip until his flesh was so torn and bloody that he was unrecognizable, then nailed on a cross where he died a tortured death. “Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted”

(Isaiah 53:4). When we feel like we’ve had just about all we can take, when we’re tired and feel we can’t take another step, when we’re dealing with terrible pain and feel forsaken, you know Jesus can sympathize with you. He’s been there. When we feel like we’ve been kicked around in this world, worse than what the mule did to that woman’s husband, just know that Jesus is ready to help you, to pick you up, and to soothe your hurts. Reach Roger Alford at (502) 514-6857 or rogeralford1@gmail.com.

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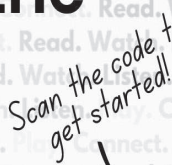
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Reflections

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The home of Clark Williams of Elm Street was damaged by fire on Saturday evening, November 29th. The grate had been filled with coal and left unattended. One of the hot coal rolled off of the top onto the floor. When the fire department arrived, the home was fully engulfed. Damage to the home was expected to exceed \$2,000. They were only able to save one chair from the home. Williams did not have insurance on the home nor be-

longings.

Mr. Richard T. Hougén, manager of Boone Tavern of Berea College announced that his cookbook "Look No Further," would be released in January of 1951. The cover jacket design and illustrations were done by Robert D. Bigelow of Berea College Art Department.

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There was a fire in the upstairs of the Appalachian Demonstration Center on Center Street. The fire started about 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29th. There were four people upstairs at the time of the fire. One person was hanging from a windowsill fell from the ledge suffering back injuries. Another person was able to hang on until firefighters helped him down. He sustained minor cuts as a result. Bruce Grey, attempted to extinguish the flame with a fire extinguisher but found the scene too hot for

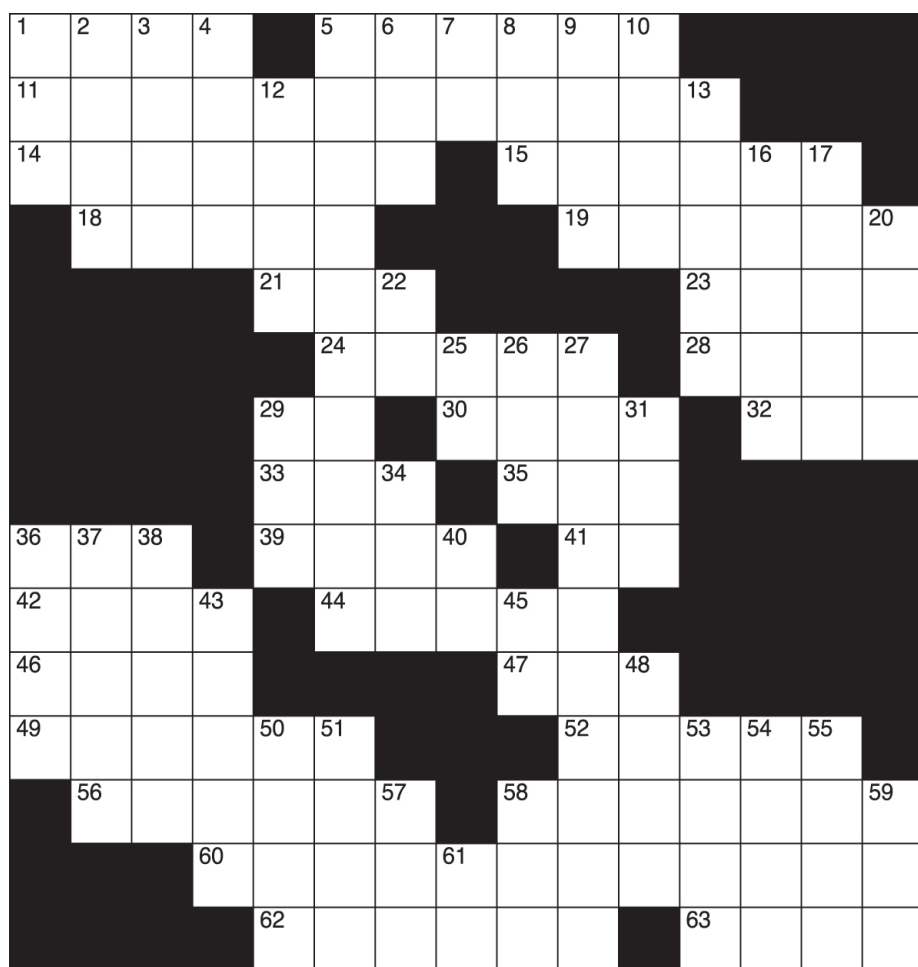
him to handle. The building, owned by Brea College, sustained some damage but the first floor Appalachian Museum's Audio Visual Project sustained only minor water damage.

Local funeral homeowner, Lonnie Reppert and his wife Geraldine, in an effort to give a meaningful gift to the entire community would present the first annual "Remembrance Tree" to the citizens of Berea and

surrounding areas. The tree would stand in tribute to community members who had passed away. The idea originated in a discussion about ideas for special memory events of their own family. The decision to include the community as a whole followed. The tree was to be decorated with personalized ornaments provided at no charge by the Reppert's and were lovely red papier mache hearts. The hearts would bear the names of family or friends attendees wished to remember.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

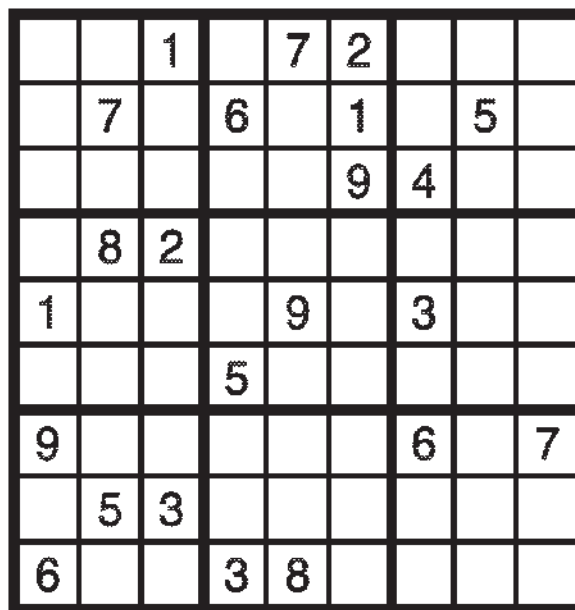
1. Dough made from corn flour
5. Rise
11. Gratitude
14. A low wall
15. Kidnap
18. A cup golfers want to win
19. Outgoing
21. "Partner" to flow
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. Proverb
28. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
29. Helps a body recover
30. Baseball Cy Young winner
32. Very fast airplane
33. Offensive baseball stat
35. Body of water
36. Record of one's heartbeat
39. Signs a contract
41. Atomic #24
42. Bind securely
44. French Jesuit theologian
46. Fragrant brown balsam
47. Post office box
49. Sells tickets at inflated prices
52. Places to hang coats
56. Jewish salutation

58. Yellow fruits
60. Poorly educated
62. Microorganism
63. Talk show host
Barrymore
- CLUES DOWN**
1. A way to plan
2. Three-banded
armadillo
3. Mobile
4. Romanian city
5. Making sour
6. Take a seat
7. "The Golden State"
8. When you hope to
arrive
9. Pointed ends of
pens
10. Extinct flightless
bird
12. Sharp-pointed
dueling sword
13. Nape of neck
16. Problems (Spanish
slang)
17. Narrow carpet
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Spiritual academic
degree (abbr.)
25. Equally
26. Traditional cars
still need it
27. Eligible voters
29. Greek alphabet
letter
31. Body part
34. Referee-declared
outcome



36. Means to moving money
37. Popular footwear brand
38. Cockatoo
40. NFL's big game
43. Botswana currencies
45. News-reporting organization
48. Batman villain
50. Urgent request
51. Not all
53. Hallmark's specialty
54. Knot in a tree
55. Satisfy
57. Notable space station
58. Baby's dining accessory
59. Stitch clothing
61. ____ and behold

SUDOKU



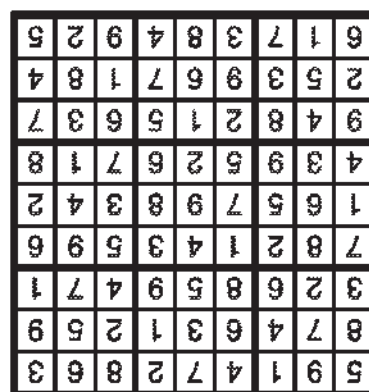
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ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to business.
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(Hint: 16 = S)

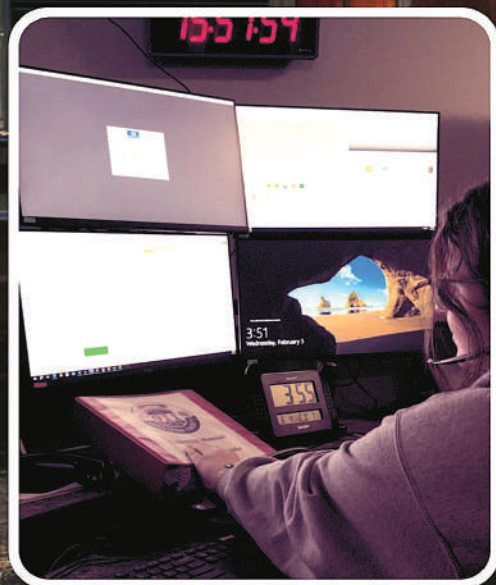
- A. 2 10 16 24 5 14 16 16**
Clue: A company
- B. 13 18 18 15 10 5 22 16**
Clue: Records or statements
- C. 14 3 21 4 15 26 14 14**
Clue: Worker
- D. 21 4 13 5**
Clue: Map of how to proceed

Answers: A. business B. accounts C. employee D. plan



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Airport board explores land acquisition for expansion

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Madison County Airport Board voted unanimously Tuesday to explore the prospect of acquiring approximately 135 acres of land in two separate plots near the Central Kentucky Regional Airport (CKRA). Officials said the purpose of acquiring the two plots might be to allow for the addition of facilities that would serve local factories, and which could be available for future airport expansion plans.

Board member Colleen Chaney recommended the resolution, proposing that the entities that make up the board, Eastern Kentucky University, the cities of Richmond and Berea, and the Madison County Fiscal Court, should alert Kentucky legislators that the board desires state funding to acquire the properties.

The first 118-acre plot is to the west of the CKRA, immediately adjacent to the airport. The other 17-acre plot lies just south of the airport across Peggy Flats Road. Officials said that property is of interest because it is on the flight path for approach to the airport's runway. The 118-acre property is for sale for \$1.2 million, while the 17-acre plot is on sale for \$525,000.

Officials said the property across Peggy Flats may be of particular interest because of possible state plans to extend the airport road all the way south to Walnut Meadow Road.

In other business, Don Pedigo of STV Inc., revealed that the water/sewer line is still delayed, mostly because of the fact that it won't be until January that vendors are able to deliver the necessary pump for the project.

The project appeared to hit a snag last October when it was revealed that the

See EXPAND, A8

'Joy of Christmas'

The 39th-annual Berea Christmas Parade, hosted by the Berea Chamber of Commerce, was on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. This year's theme was "The Joy of Christmas," and the parade went along Pirate Parkway, West Jefferson St., North Broadway St., Chestnut St. and Estill St.



Photos by Ted Kinson



Clearing house needed for services

By Andy McDonald • For The Citizen

Local leaders and service providers gathered at Berea's Russel Acton Folk Center Monday night in the hope of spreading the word about the many social services available to Bereans.

The evening's theme was Bereans Helping Bereans, a discussion hosted by Mayor Bruce Fraley and Berea Police Department Community Service Coordinator Zinnia Hensley. The discussion was moderated by Rev. Kent Gilbert.

The event drew approximately 75 people, as well as a cross-section of representatives from various service organizations from such diverse fields as housing, transient

"I hope it's the beginning of some really good efforts in this community to figure out ways that we can support our neighbors."

Martin Richards

See SERVICES, A8

'Fish are friends, not food'



The Madison Southern Players will present a performances of Disney and Pixar's "Finding Nemo JR" Thursday-Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Madison Southern High School Auditorium. The 60-minute musical is based on the 2003 Pixar film "Finding Nemo" and is filled with songs from the award-winning songwriting team Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez. The cast includes 30 students and more than 100 puppets working to bring the big blue world of Nemo, Marlin, Dory, and all their friends to life in a story about family, friendship, and adventure. General admission tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at bit.ly/mshsfindingnemo or at the door. Special \$5 cash only student tickets will be available at the door.



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"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.
Jeremiah 33:14 (KJV)



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Breakfast with Christmas icons

The Berea Kiwanis Club hosted “Breakfast with Santa and the Grinch” on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Folk Center on Jefferson Street. There were craft activites for children along with break-fast.



Photos Courtesy of David Olinger

OBITUARIES

Sandra Kay Abney



Sandra Kay Abney, a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away sud-denly on Dec. 3, 2025, at her home in Mt. Vernon.

Sandra was preceded in death by her beloved parents, James and Freida Collins Toler; her daughter, Amy Nichole Abney, and her sister, Shirley Toler. Her memory will be forever cherished by her devoted husband, Michael Abney, with whom she shared a lifetime of love and compan-ionship. She leaves behind her loving daughter, Amanda (Troy) Clark, and her precious grandchildren, Han-nah and Hailey Clark, who were the light of her life. Sandra’s legacy will also live on through her siblings, Ken Toler, Connie (Phillip) Smith, Vicky (Herman) Lainhart, and Jeff Toler, as well as many nieces and nephews, who will miss her deeply.

For many years, Sandra was a val-ued employee at Hitachi, where she worked in MRO. Her colleagues knew her as a dedicated and hardworking individual, always willing to lend a helping hand and share a kind word. She was a member of Valley Baptist Church. She loved the Lord and loved sharing that with others, as well as the many little Jesus’ that she handed out.

Sandra had a passion for creat-ing beauty in the world, which was evident in her love for quilting and crocheting. Above all, Sandra cher-ished the time spent with her family, especially her daughter and grand-children, who brought her immeasur-able joy and pride, and always looked forward to their girls-only trips to the beach.

Funeral services were st 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, at Lakes Funeral Home. Rev. Greg Lakes officiated and burial followed in the Davis Witt Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Junior Lainhart, Gerald Lainhart, Brian Lainhart, Jeff Toler, Josh Smith, Troy Clark, and Logan Smith.

James Rodney Deatherage



Rodney Deatherage, a lifelong resident of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, peace-fully passed away sur-rounded by the comforting presence of his loved ones on Dec. 7, 2025. Born on Sept. 13, 1958, to James Edward Deatherage and Patricia Louise Johnson, Rodney’s journey through life was one marked by devotion to family, dedication to his work, and an enjoyment of life’s simpler pleasures.

Those who knew Rodney will re-member a man who found joy in the game of playing Rook, the excitement and beauty of horse racing at Keene-

land, and the thrill of basketball. His passions extended into his work as well, where he retired as the respected Manager of Physical Plant at Eastern Kentucky University.

Preceded in death by his beloved parents, his dear wife, Darlene Deatherage, his brother, Eddie Wayne (Sharon) Deatherage, and his grand-daughter Lexi Kirby. He is survived by his son, Ricky Jud Kirby; his step-daughter, Dianah V. King; his sister, Terry Rader, and several extended family members.

Funeral services will be at 1 pm, Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastor John Doss officiating. Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday evening from 6-9 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home.

Notices

- Cosner Robert Church, 87, passed away Friday, Dec. 5, 2025. Services were at 2 p.m. on Dec. 8. Lakes Fu-neral Home was in charge of arrange-ments.
- Amanda Anderson, 36, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025. Services will be at a later date.
- Allie Louise Abney Wood, 81, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025. Services were at noon on Dec. 6. Davis & Powell Funeral Home was in charge

of arrangements.

- Brenda Kay Akers Edwards, 67, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025. rvices were at 2 p.m. on Dec. 5. Rep-ert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
- Jackie Lynn Hamilton, 75 passed away Monday, Dec. 1. Funeral ser-vices were Dec. 6, at noon at Lakes Funeral Home.
- Fitchell Bandy Jr., 93 passed away Sunday, Dec. 7. Funeral services will be Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home.

Kiwanis auction winner



Berea Kiwanis President Betty Olinger presenting Anna Abbott a \$500 check. Abbott won the successful full price bidder drawing of the 2025-2026 annual auction. Photo courtesy of David Olinger.



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J.C. Penney book was a family treasure

The J.C. Penney 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.

My sister Taunya and I would sit in the in front of that Warm Morning gas stove in the living room. I believe that gas heat is the warmest stove I've ever been around even though we used wood and coal to heat our home while growing up.

The white, two-story house my grandparents lived in is no longer standing, but I think of it often, especially this time of year. There were a lot of memories made in that home. I can still see my sister, and I getting excited over that J.C. Penney Christmas book.

It's where we began our Christmas shopping.

The book provided a sneak peak of the toys that were available that season and we used it often to give 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" along Walnut Meadow Road in rural Madison County.

We always went to Round Hill on Christmas Eve before coming home to get ready for Santa to visit. To this day, 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.

After we were finished with our family gathering in Kirksville, we couldn't wait to go home and go to bed before Santa arrived at our home.

I don't know 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.

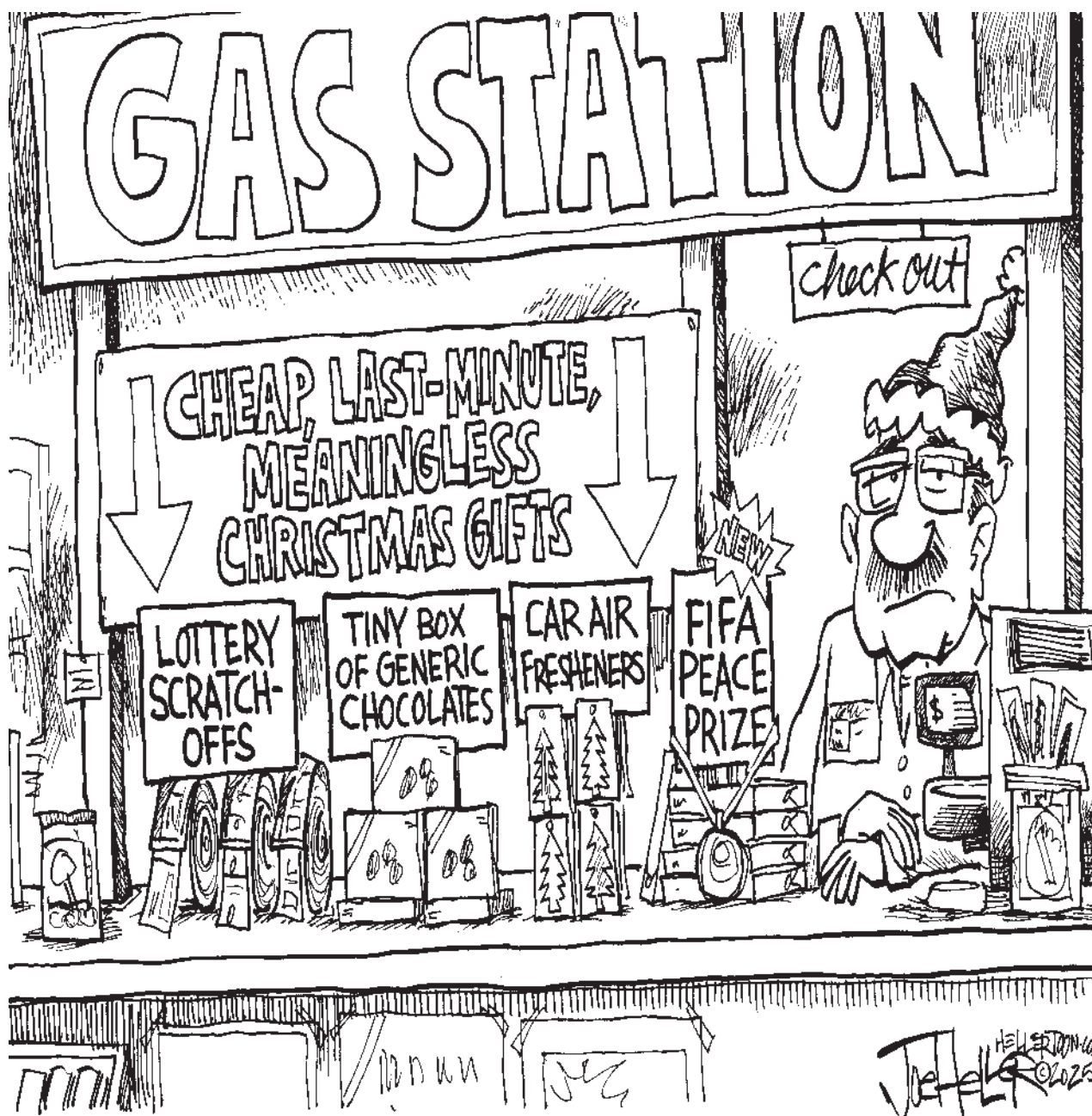
I later learned that Mom and Dad would "work" in tobacco every fall to make sure my sister and I had a "good Christmas" every year. Usually, they would take a week of vacation to strip tobacco and get that year's crop ready for harvest.

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.

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



Keith Taylor



One more Christmas

How many more Christmases will you have?

Will you have 50 more? Will you have a dozen more? Maybe you will have just one more, maybe. There are no guarantees of a certain number of more Christmases.

My grandpa Hinkle suffered with heart issues. I remember him suffering an episode where his heart was bothering him and he put nitroglycerin pills under his tongue to calm the effects of his heart issues. "I may never see another Christmas" he stated as his pain eased off and he became more relaxed. Seems like he did celebrate a couple more Christmases and before he died at the age of 83.

Since we aren't sure how many more Christmases we will enjoy, let's make this a good one.

Focus your eyes and mind on the person of Christmas – Jesus. The Shepherds came to see him and left rejoicing at what they saw, heard and experienced. Jesus gave them something to

talk about, something to do and their story was compelling. The Wise Men, traveled from a long distance to worship Jesus. They did so because Jesus was worth it. Jesus is worth it. He is worthy of our focus. Our eyes and minds are in so many places today. There is so much to hear and see even if you never leave your house. The television, social media and more are constantly showing us lots of stuff that gets our attention but sometimes makes life fuzzy and mentally chaotic. Focusing our attention on Jesus clears our minds and sharpens our perspectives.

Don't max out. Maxing out is not fun or healthy. This means don't overspend. Don't spend money you don't have. Don't try to do stuff that pushes you to the brink of exhaustion. What good does this do you or anyone if you go in the hole financially and mentally over the holiday? Step back, be reasonable and use common sense in all that you want to do.

Reach out and love others. If this is your last Christmas then you want to let those significant people in your life know that

you love them and care about them. They will remember next Christmas that they were loved by you on the previous Christmas.

You may want to do something creative or different for Christmas. Maybe there is someplace special you want to be on Christmas.

This is not always possible. Many soldiers will be in distant lands on Christmas. Many relatives will be in distant towns for Christmas. Be where you want to be if you can on Christmas. If you can't, then try to make as many phone calls as possible to those people.

This Christmas, don't be sad, mad or bad but be joyful and celebrate this good day. If we are here, then rejoice. If there is an empty chair at the table, remember that to be absent from the body is to be present with God, if we love and accept him. This is our hope that those who are no longer with us are in a better place than we are and someday we will be with them in that beautiful place.

Regardless of how many Christmases you have left, be filled with joy for this one.



Glenn Mollette

FYI

Congrats to Sune Frederiksen

Recently in a meeting at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa, The Danish American Heritage Society appointed Berean Sune Frederiksen, a small business owner and community builder, for another three-year term on its Board of Directors.

The organization, among other things, publishes the bi-annual publication "The Bridge" and supports academic exchange and study programs in both Denmark and America via grants.

Frederiksen is on the 2027 50-anniversary committee that hopes to feature a member of the Danish royal family and the Danish ambassador to the United States.

Letters to the editor

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Nov. 27 • Felisha Reynolds, 39: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DO • Nathan Borja, 26: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s icense; careless driving • Patric Gabehart, 37: fail- ure to appear • Joni Wheeler, 50: posses- sion of marijuana; tamper- ing with physical evidence • Cathrine Fleener, 49: trafficking in a controlled substance, prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense, hydrocodone • Charles Smith, 31: as- sault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; criminal mischief, 2nd degree • Ronald Penman, 34: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; public intoxication – con- trolled substance (excludes alcohol); resisting arrest; escape – 3rd degree; drug paraphernalia – buy/ possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified) • Glyndon Givens, 77: operating motor ve- hicle under the influence of substance(w)- 1st; prescrip- tion controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense	card; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order; failure of owner to maintain required insur- ance/security – 1st offense • David Delk, 46: failure to appear (3 counts) • David Oberschlake, 46: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury • Christopher Kendrick, 50: serving weekends • James Willis, 36: theft by deception – include cold checks; resisting arrest; criminal trespassing – 3rd degree; public intoxica- tion – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) • Tony Shapiro, 24: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) • Mary Cornett, 35: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, Donald shop- lifting, \$500 but less than \$1,000 • Donald Herring, 34: receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 • Steven Mullins, 35: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st of- fense (methamphetamine) • Candice Collins, 46: criminal trespassing, 3rd degree; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (ag- gravated circumstances); possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle	under \$10,000 • Steven Spry, 34: murder; no tail lamps; fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle); careless driving; reckless driving; no brake lights (passenger ve- hicle); failure to illuminate head lamps; no registration receipt; wanton endanger- ment – 2nd degree -police officer; no operator’s – moped license; no registration plates; failure of owner to maintain required insur- ance/security – 1st offense; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle; improperly pass on left side of road; failure to wear seat belt • James Debord, 40: as- sault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury • Chase Rose, 18: terroris- tic threatening, 3rd degree • Zackary Schmidt, 24: as- sault, 4th degree child abuse • April Swartz, 44: failure to appear • Gene Rhodus, 63: re- ceiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; no operator’s – moped license; criminal mischief – 1st degree • Eric Taylor, 41: drug paraphernalia – buy/pos- sess; trafficking in mari- juana (less than 8 oz) – 1st offense; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (opiate) Nov. 30 • Brian Stein, 45: careless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Chelsea Stein, 36: care- less driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Darshae Bruck, 24: oper- ating motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance – 1st; improperly passing on left side of road; instructional permit viola- tions • Elijah Whittington, 23: false report which generates an emergency response; w3anton endangerment –	1st degree -police officer; terroristic threatening – 3rd degree; false report of an in- cident to law enforcement; harassment (no physical contact) • Jeremy Cape, 40: theft by unlawful taking or dis- position, shoplifting	• Elmer Kidd, 54: failure to appear	
Nov. 28 • Carrie Durham, 37: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree; alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Tommy Robinson, 51: resisting arrest; disorderly conduct – 2nd degree • Phillip McMaine, 49: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance – 1st; failure to produce insurance	Nov. 29 • Joseph Shuler, 43: serv- ing weekends • Elijah Smith, 29: failure to appear • William Darnell, 30: non-payment of court costs, fees or fines • Chad Kinman, 41: oper- ating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 - 1st • Casey Combs, 38: theft by unlawful taking or dis- position, all others; theft by unlawful taking or disposi- tion, controlled substance(s)		Dec. 1 • Gregory Mink, 57: oper- ating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; possession of mari- juana • Julissa Miguel-Marquez, 25: criminal abuse, 1st de- gree child abuse • William Liebisch, 45: contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order • Alfredo Delgado, 18: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st of- fense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphet- amine) • Dustin Allen, 46: hold for court • Clifford Partin, 61: rape, 1st degree – incapable of consent – physically help- less; sodomy, 1st degree – incapable of consent – physically helpless • Matthew Pfau, 43: com- mitment order • Shylah Lyvers, 25: en- gaging in organized crime; robbery, 1st degree; bur- glary, 1st degree; kidnapp- ing – adult; kidnapping – minor • Jacob Masters, 31: hold for court	Dec. 2 • Shonna Baker, 39: prob- ation violation (for felony offense) • Russell Willis, 58: failure to appear • Rodney Spoonamore, 40: hold for court • Bradley Wyatt, 32: hold for court • Thomas Neeley, 29: fail- ure to appear • Johnnie Sparkman, 62: rape – 1st degree – incapa- ble of consent – physically helpless	Dec. 3 • Kenneth Docket, 36: violation of conditions of release • Paula Carrier, 41: failure to appear • Perry Williams, 18: oper- ating motor vehicle under the influence of substance – 11st; possession of mari- juana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess • Cherish Rutherford, 40: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury’ assault, 2nd degree do- mestic violence; terroristic threatening – 3rd degree; criminal mischief, 2nd degree • Miguel Gomez, 24: speeding, 24 mph or greater over limit; reckless driving; failure to appear; promot- ing contraband – 1st degree; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st of- fense (drug unspecified) • Christopher Blanton, 51: operating motor vehicle un- der the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Michael Jones, 44: fail- ure to appear • William Mullins, 59: contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order • Latroy Fowler, 37: hold for court • Billy Hisle, 30: assault, 4th degree domestic vio- lence, minor injury • Sara Vicker, 34: crimi- nal abuse – child under 12; abandonment of a minor • Shelbi Field, 33: failure to appear (2 counts) • Tamera McQueen, 39: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified; prescrip- tion controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense; non-payment of court costs, fees or fines; failure to appear (2 counts)

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Dec. 1 - Watson Ritchie and Marina Ritchey (f/k/a Marina Livesay) to Nancy M. Singleton and Dorothy J. Smith, lot 136 Hidden Hills Subdivision - Deshan M. Gardner and Macayla L. Gardner to John Kevin Huddleston lot 235 Magnolia Pointe Subdivision - Brandon S. Jonson and Kristy D. Johnson to Jeffrey A. Boyko and Victoria F. Boyko, lot n17 Prairie View at Twin Lakes Subdivision - Sharon Gail Evans and James Clinton Cromer to James Cromer and Sharon Evans Irrevocable Trust, Andrea Evans Horton, Trustee, lot 82 Heritage Place Subdivision - Elmer Josue Rivera Coto to Thomas Noe, tract Kentucky Highway 421 - Callaway Development, LLC to Broaddus Homes, LLC, lot 27 plat 32/156 - Callaway Development, LLC to Cooper Built, LLC, lot 16 plat 32/156 - DS & JV Properties, LLC to Trenton Edwards, lot 13 Firebrook Subdivision - DS & JV Properties, LLC to Three T Properties, lot 11 Firebrook Subdivision - DS & JV Properties, LLC to Clint Taylor Construction LLC, lot 152 Firebrook Subdivision - DS & JV Properties, LLC to Clint Taylor Construction, LLC, lot 153 Firebrook Subdivision - DS & JV Properties, LLC to C. Cannon Construction, LLC, lot 151 Firebrook Subdivision - DS & JV Properties, LLC to Trevor Edwards, lot 12 Firebrook Subdivision - DS & JV Properties, LLC to BT Rental Properties, LLC, lot 14 Firebrook Subdivision - Stoney Creek Holdings, LLC to Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc. lots Stoney Creek Subdivision - Shirley Keith by and through Christina Boner, Attorney-in-Fact to James Keith Supplemental Needs Trust, Christina Boner, Trustee, lot Richard McIntosh Subdivision - Christopher Leon Bennett and Glenn Keirston Bennett to McKinnley Neal Chitwood and Kaira Delayne Chitwood, lot 4 Blue Lake Subdivision - RPMD, LLC and Tudor Holdings, LLC to Whiteberry Builds, LLC, lot 17 plat 31/368 - Russell Craig Hale to Richmond Development Co., LLC, Edward Chenault Jr and Becky Chenault, tract Madison County - Stephen Anthony	Washick and Kelly Elizabeth Washick to Sara Washick, tract 1A 3 Plat 27/22 Sara Washick to Stephen Anthony Washick and Kelly Elizabeth Washick, lot 25 Hill Top Acres Subdivision	Dec. 2 - Matthew Randall and Moly Brooke Randall to Tefany Belcher and Woodrow Belcher, Jr., tract Madison County - Melanie Adams and Michael J. Adams to Joe Eldridge and Loreyn Eldridge, lot 2 Cedar View Subdivision - Advanced Roofing Construction, Inc to Alyssa Legrande and Steven Legrande, lot 168 Magnolia Pointe Subdivision - Darrell W. Nipper and Carolyn Nipper to Russell W. Daniels and Brittany S. Daniels, lot 5 Wildflower Estates Subdivision - Morgan Hanson and Jennifer Hanson to Michael Seyfrit and Piper Frances Seyfrit, lot 60 Heritage Place Subdivision - John Walker and Katrina Walker to Christopher Boni and Christy Lynn Boni, lot 117 Brookline Subdivision - Brian A. Stutz and Shalene L. Stutz to Jeffery Salyer and Elisha Salyer, lot 54 Wellington Subdivision - DS & JV Properties, LLC	to John P. Massey Construction Co., LLC, lots 143 and 144 Firebrook Subdivision - Dale W. Combs and Sara Kathy Combs to Tamara K. King and Christopher King, lot 3A plat 31/122 - Timothy Harris, Amber Ayers, and Tonette Harris to SFS Investments, LLC, tract Madison County	Dec. 3 - Stephanie Jamison and Corey Stevenson to Brandon Krueger and Cara Krueger, lot 39 Banyan at Golden Leaf - Leonard Michael Begley and Michelle Negley to Ryan Williams, parcel B plat 13/47 - Angela Charise Lamb to Lamaur Hocker and Rebecca Hocker, Chester Bryan and Theresa Bryan, tract Madison County - Johnathan McQuarter and Rachael McQuarter to Michael David Flinn, Hames R. Flinn, Patricia G. Flynn, lot 7 Pond Meadow Subdivision - Christian Wingert and Taylor Adams to Lyndia F Oxford to Thomas D. Oxford, tract plat 6/276 - Houghton Homes, LLC to Marion Watson Ritchie IV to Marina Taylor Ritchie, lot 6 Arbor Woods Subdivision - House Hive, LLC to Cassandra Ann Conrad and	Dakota Wayne Trickett, lot 26 Hillcrest Subdivision - Ridgeline Premier Properties, LLC to Craig Brandon Creech, lot 118 Magnolia Pointe Subdivision - Howard Watson by and through Sheila Powell as Attorney-in-Fact to Howard Watson Irrevocable Trust Sheila Powell, Trustee, tract Madison County - Howard Watson by and through Sheila Powell as Attorney-in-Fact to Howard Watson Irrevocable Trust Sheila Powell, Trustee, lot 75 Bluegrass Cener - Howard Watson by and through Sheila Powell as Attorney-in-Fact to Howard Watson Irrevocable Trust Sheila Powell, Trustee, tract Madison County - Lewis Chad Sparks to LSC Investments, LLC, tracts Madison County - Nathan J. Brandstutter to Brandon Scott Brock and Tonya Lynn Brock, lot 26 Moreland Estates - AR & T Enterprises, LLC to J & R Contractors, LLS, lot 7A plat 31/35 - Portia Foster to Sharonda Elaine Sargent and Matthew Jonas Sargent, tract Madison County - Jason Stewart and Stacey Stewart to Zachery Thomas and Cheyanna Thomas, lot 4 Burhamwood Subdivision
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MARRIAGES

Nov. 25

- Holly Madison McDaniel to Michael Kenneth Haddix
- Megan Alexandra Hall to Dakota Allan Adkins
- Emily Victoria Phillips to Caleb Bryant Mullins
- Heather Diane Ashworth to Phillip Andrew Martin

Dec. 3

- Kristen Michelle Arflack to Bryan James Douglas Carter



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Note to pastors: Don't stand on the patient's air hose

I'm sure you've heard about the deacon who was admitted to the hospital. His pastor, of course, went to visit, and was moved with compassion when he saw all the medical equipment attached to the deacon.

The preacher stepped close to the bedside to offer whatever comforting words he could. The deacon began to gasp for air, and frantically motioned for a pencil and notepad that were on the nightstand.

The deacon began writing, then, suddenly, he died. In the commotion, the preacher stuck the deacon's note into his pocket without looking at it, and forgot all about it.

At the funeral, the preacher was delivering a glowing sermon about how kind, gracious and encouraging the deacon was, when, suddenly, he remembered the note.

"As a matter of fact, I have his last words in my coat pocket here," the preacher said. He pulled out the piece of paper and began reading: "Please move. You're standing on my oxygen hose."

There are just so many things that could be said for that old joke. But clearly, it would have been a good idea for that preacher to have read that note ahead of time. How many times have we been told we'd better look before we leap?

Roger Alford

That old adage has kept a lot of divers alive.

Perhaps you're aware of the professional divers in Acapulco who routinely leap from the 100-foot-high La Quebrada cliff into water that's normally only about 13 feet deep.

Tourists "ooh" and "ah" as the divers soar through the air toward the water below. The key to their safety is that they look before they leap, timing their dives to coincide with the incoming waves, plunging in only when the waves are at their peak, providing adequate depth to safely splash down.

When I was a kid, our high dive was to climb a sycamore and jump from a limb no more than 10 feet above Brush Creek. The rule was always to look before we leaped, because there was always the danger of landing on another kid splashing around in that murky water.

A man named Lot in the Old Testament jumped into a terrible mess one time because he didn't consider the consequences. He faced a decision about where he and his family would live, and did he ever make a poor choice.

"So, Lot chose the entire Jordan Valley for himself. He lived in the cities of the valley and set up his tent near Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were evil, sinning greatly against the LORD" (Genesis 13:11, 13).

Lot may as well have jumped from a cliff into a pool of crocodiles as to have chosen such a place for himself. His decision would cost him dearly.

The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah ended up being destroyed. And you might recall that Lot lost his wife there as he fled with her and their two daughters.

Lot's life is a lesson to us that we need to weigh the consequences of every decision we make. The places we choose to live and the people we choose to live near can have eternal consequences.

The truth is, it'd be safer to have the preacher standing on our oxygen tube than to choose to live in places where we, and especially our children, might be influenced to the bad.

Reach Roger Alford
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Jeremiah 29:11

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

Dec. 3, 1924 Fort discovered

A prehistoric fort never before seen had been discovered by G.W. Burroughs, Department Head of Geology at Berea College. This fort is situated east of Berea and northeast of the Indian Fort Mountain previously explored and surveyed by Burroughs. The newly discovered fort included the entire top of a large knob. Cliffs protected the summit on all sides, with the exception where three gateways were located leading to the top. The entrance on the east sides passed through a narrow crevice in the limestone and above was a short terrace

rising to another cliff of sandstone. On the north prepuces were broken enough to allow an agile climber to reach the top but it would have been impossible to make an assent into the face of the warriors armed with stones, bows, and arrows, stone axes and clubs.

November 30, 1950 U.S. 25 Rerouted

U.S. 25 was rerouted over Forest and Elder Streets due to construction on a stretch of the highway which had fallen into bad condition. The highway department asked the Berea City Council for permission to route all traffic to the previously mentioned

and was granted permission. The condition was that the state had to maintain the condition of the streets being utilized in good condition. The highway department accepted the condition and immediately altered the flow of traffic.

November 27, 1975 Group seeking site

A group of older Bereans with a lot of ideas about a community home for a group of them were actively seeking a potential building site to bring their plan to fruition. The group, Berea American Association of Retired Persons had been diligently working to-

ward a way to provide housing for older people. The idea had actually begun 10 years prior when Harold Andrews, a former Berea College retiree who had relocated to Florida worked on a proposal. Dr. Francis Hutchins told the AARP in a progress report about the plans. In 1970, Andrews attended a Patrons of Housing meeting to secure low income housing which came to Logston Heights in 1972. It was then proposed that they begin addressing housing for older people. Progress had been slow but had been thoroughly investigated and was being perused through the newly formed Berea Retirement Home Proj-

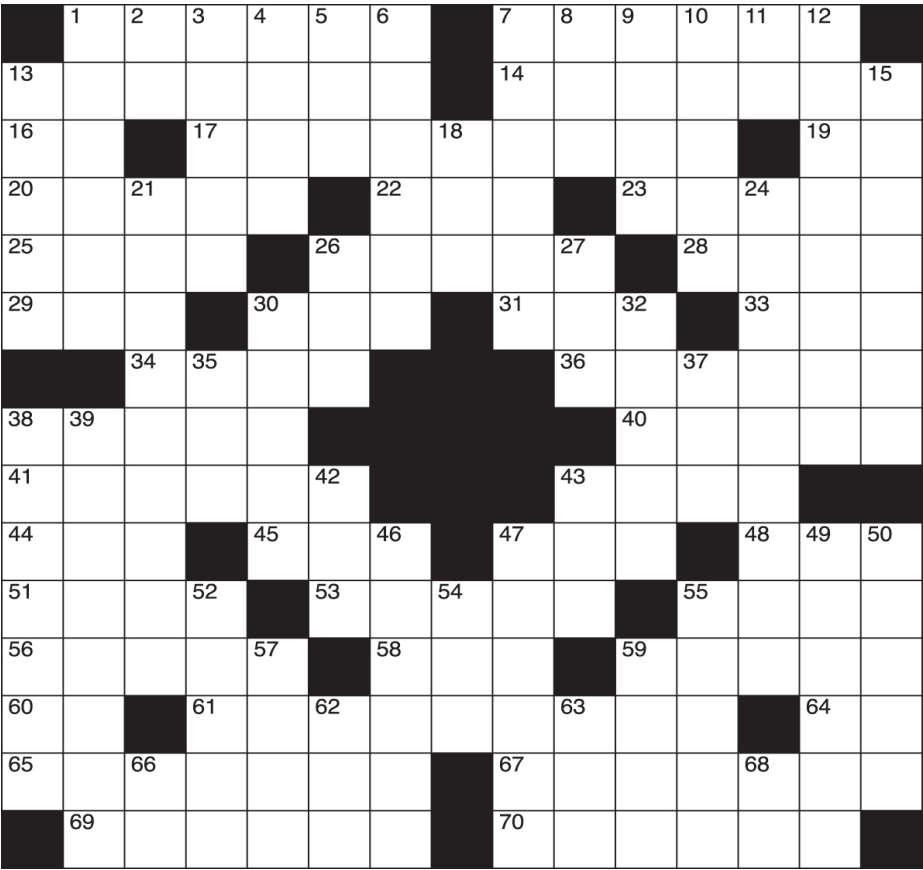
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November 30, 2000 Leak detected

Officials with the Bluegrass Chemical Activity at the Bluegrass Army Depot reported the discovery of a mustard gas leak at the facility. Officials said that “extremely low levelsa” of the blister agent were detected during routine monitoring and that vapors were confined to the storage igloo in which the leak was detected. This was the first reported mustard leak at the facility during 2000.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- Spiritual leaders
- A type of solution
- Fortified wine
- Edible mollusk
- They precede C
- A way to compare
- Government lawyer
- “Game of Thrones” actor Ciaran
- The eighth month (abbr.)
- Very willing
- __ ex Machina
- Makes happy
- Type of berry
- A doctrine
- Popular Dodge truck model
- Dekagram
- Naturally occurring solid
- Company officer
- Villains
- Cricket frogs
- Influential German psychologist
- Endured
- A female domestic
- You can get stuck in one
- Cigarette (slang)
- Fiber optics network
- Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Belonging to the

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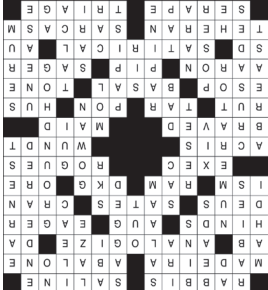
- Sound
- MLB legend Hank
- Very attractive person
- Late beloved sportscaster Craig
- South Dakota
- Mocking
- Symbol for gold
- Longtime Braves pitcher Julio
- Humor
- Shawl
- Preliminary patient assessment

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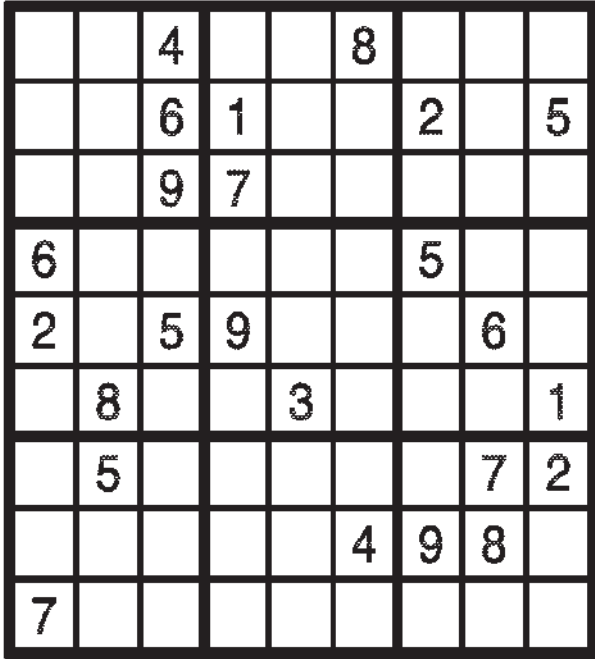
- Animal disease
- Commercial
- Necklace material
- Containers
- A way to save for your future
- Colorado Heisman winner Rashaan
- Dipped down
- Head injury (abbr.)
- Lay about
- Intestinal
- Opposite of yes
- Caused to be loved
- Spiritual leader of Islam
- Businesslike
- Not in
- Number above the line in a fraction
- An animal with its own day

26. Pouch

- Swedish krona
- Start over
- Field flowers
- Fourteen
- A visual way to interact with a computer
- Up-to-date
- Campaigns
- Touch lightly
- “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen
- Violent seizure of property
- Supporter of the Pope
- Anxiety
- Body fluid
- One who’s faking it
- Title of respect
- Chilean city
- City in central Japan
- Silk garment
- A form of dance
- Automobile
- The man
- Justice Dept. head honcho



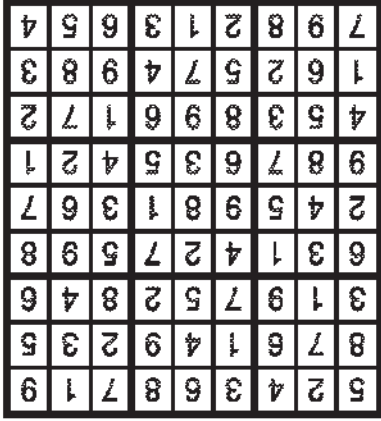
SUDOKU



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 cats. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = S)

- A. 22 8 26 13**
Clue: Feet
- B. 6 1 14 4**
Clue: Touch with tongue
- C. 26 24 1 13 4 12 25 13**
Clue: Sensory hairs
- D. 22 2 19 20 14 12**
Clue: Jump upon suddenly

Answers: A.paws B.lick C.whiskers D.pounce

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water/sewer lines had been installed outside the designated easement. That issue now appears to have been resolved by the contractor, Chasteen Enterprises, and all that remains is making a final connection at the Fin-castle Subdivision.

Board Chair George Wyatt interjected that residents at the Country Estates subdivision expressed concern about flooding in the wake of the project, but Pedigo said it would be the contrac-tor’s responsibility to restore the drain-age conditions to a point equal with how they were before the project.

In other developments, officials said the board would be opening bids for the new terminal building and ECU flight school on Dec. 16.

Dr. Tim Ross of ECU Aviation said that at the pre-bid conference held at CKRA, there were a number of pro-spective bidders on hand, most of whom were from beyond Madison County. The bidding process was of-ficially opened on November 14.

Also Tuesday, Jason Bonham, director of day-to-day operations at the airport, said that the taxi way /connector on the north side of the airport has been paved and striped, and that when lighting is installed, that part of the taxi way will be open for operation.

He added that completion of the taxi way on the southside, however, is doubtful for this year, since asphalt plants are shutting down on December 15. The Allen Company is handling that project.

In one other development, Pedigo revealed that the airport’s long-term Airport Operations Plan (AOP) is awaiting final approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Officials said the AOP is important because it enables CKRA to qualify for state and federal facility improvement funds.



Grant puts Smitty’s back in business

By Emily Kessler
Citizen Intern

Smitty’s Southern Style BBQ restaurant in Rich-mond received a \$10 thousand dollar grant from the DoorDash Local Business Disaster Relief Fund to help with snow damage repairs.

During the winter of 2024, the restaurant experienced damage to their building from snow, Smitty’s owner Jeff Rob-inson said.

“If anybody knows the history of this build-ing, it’s been here for years and it’s a real old building. Being a family owned and operational business, it’s kinda hard getting around to those repaired when needed,” Robinson said.

The snow caused leaks in the ceiling of the building, which forced

Robinson to close the facility to allow the leaks to dry.

“It was leaking on our inventory,” Robinson said. “We had leaks kind of in our dining area. We tried our best (to) catch everything up until we kind of was able to get around and get that fixed.”

The building didn’t have gutters and rain seeped into the sides of the building and flooded the inside.

“I’ve been here (at) like 4 o’clock in the morning with the Shop-Vac suck-ing water up just to open up for the day,” he said.

Robinson said their landlord assisted with repairs and Robinson eventually applied for a grant when Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear issued a state of emer-gency that winter.

“We just took our chances,” he said. “We just let them know that the winter storm did more damage to our roof than what was already done; we’d like to get that repaired. We also talked about our venti-lation system. That we needed a new upgraded ventilation system as well.”

According to an e-mail from DoorDash’s Com-munications, the Local Business Disaster Relief Fund provides grants to different small businesses impacted by natural disasters. The grant helps them pay for essential operating costs.

Robinson said the grant money helped with their inventory and overhead costs as well. Smitty’s moved into their build-ing in 2012. The busi-ness began as food truck

when it opened in 2010.

Robinson’s stepfather and mother owned Smitty’s when it opened. After Robinson’s step-father died, his mother took over as solo owner until Robinson became the owner nearly a year ago.

The mission, Robinson said, is to simply give back to the community.

“We’re real community based. Anybody who walks through that door, we try to make them feel as comfortable and make them feel a part of the family,” he said.

Smitty’s future steps are to give thanks to God and continue to give back to the community. While they would like to expand in the future, Robinson said they are going to take their time and appreciate what they have.

SERVICES

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services, medicine, student resources, shelter for the homeless, career services, as well as the two local food pantries.

Organizations represented Monday evening included the Berea Faith Community Outreach, including the Berea Food Bank, Bereans United for Utility and Rent Relief (BUURR), and the Frank Gailey Transient Emergency Assistance Fund, White House Clin-ics, Madison County Health Department, Kentucky Career Center, Room In the Inn emergency shel-ter, Saint Joseph Hospital Berea, God’s Provision Food

Pantry, Madison County Schools Family Resource Youth Services, Berea Com-munity Schools Family Resource Youth Services, as well as Madison County DCBS Family Support, which, among many other things, provides advocacy for families in crisis.

A number of other orga-nizations were represented at the meeting, including Berea Home Village and Berea Kids Eat. In all, it was an impressive array of social services. Yet the biggest challenge, some said, was ensuring that the people who need those services could find them in one eas-ily accessible place.

“This is a tremendous show of solidarity and caring with all of these people up here, and I think

it would be great if there was a clearing house of all of these people who have these different responsibili-ties so you could go to one place and find what it is that you need,” said community advocate Craig Williams.

In response to that sug-gestion and other remarks, Mayor Fraley said the City of Berea website could pro-vide links to social services on the city’s web page.

Other positive develop-ments from Monday’s meet-ing were that some new organizations have emerged to provide help for those in need.

Representatives from Enrich One Stop resource and referral hub, which is currently based in Rich-mond, aspires to become a one-stop portal for residents

in need of a wide variety of services, whether it is food, emergency housing, legal services, help with addiction recovery, and other care.

While Enrich One-Stop’s online referral portal has not yet gone live, residents can earn more at www.enrich-KY.com/One-stop. Addi-tionally, Madison County Haven of Hope currently runs two shelters for home-less people in Richmond. Learn more at www.Have-nohopeky.com.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Fraley thanked Gilbert, crediting him with developing the format for the event. But he said he was especially proud of the many organizations that are stepping up to help citizens in need.

“I don’t know of any place

that has the level of care for their neighbors, and the resources that are available to help each other, more so than Berea. So, that makes me very proud to be a Ber-ean,” Fraley said.

Meanwhile, Martin Rich-ards, a Berea Planning Com-missioner who addressed the need for housing in Berea, said he was greatly encouraged by the session.

“I hope it’s the beginning of some really good efforts in this community to figure out ways that we can sup-port our neighbors.

“Even as the community grows, I hope we build facilities that can retain that community feeling about helping our neighbors,” Richards said. “I was really encouraged, and I have to applaud the mayor for it.”

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Woman, man die in apparent murder-suicide

An apparent murder-suicide is under investigation after a Berea woman was killed at her residence early Sunday morning. Marjorie Berry, 77, of Berea, was apparently murdered on Leslie Drive. According to the Berea Police Department, a welfare check was conducted at 12:33 a.m. at 113 Leslie Drive.

A caller to dispatch overheard a “loud noise” and Berry didn’t respond. The caller thought Berry had fallen at her residence. After officers arrived on the scene, they discovered an open door at the entrance of the residence and found Berry inside deceased from a fatal gun shot wound.

Berea Police and the Madison County Sheriff’s office were unable to locate the suspect, Kevin Berry 51, of Berea. Attempts to locate Berry locally was unsuccessful and an attempt to locate alert was sent to surrounding counties. Berry fled the scene in a red Chevrolet Sonic, owned by Marjorie Berry.

At approximately 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Kentucky State Police Post 11 and the Whitley County Sheriff’s office located the vehicle with a cell phone ping. Both agencies attempted to contact Berry and found Berry unresponsive with a self-inflicted fatal gunshot wound after approaching the vehicle.

Kevin Berry is a former law enforcement officer and Captain with the Laurel County Sheriff’s Office. He also worked for the Jackson County Sheriff’s office. “Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of Marjorie Berry,” Berea PD said in a social media post.

‘Tight year’

Shoppers start early searching for bargains

By Emily Kessler
Citizen Intern

Throughout 2025, there was a trend of getting ahead of the curve when it came to shopping. Shoppers were out a few weeks earlier than usual for major holidays and shopping events. Director of Communications and Public affairs with the Kentucky Retail Federation Steve McClain said the early surge could be because of inflation. “It’s a tight year,” McClain said. “Shoppers are feeling pinched from inflation. Higher prices for things like groceries and necessities, but they still want to spend and get gifts for their families and loved ones.” To combat this, they’re starting earlier, he said. “They’re able to spread those

Steve McClain
Retail Federation

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Snow day



Last Friday, Dec. 12, brought approximately four inches of snow to Berea. Madison County Schools and Berea Community Schools were closed as snow covered the roads and ground. A popular sledding hill on the campus of Berea College hosted sledders Jake Lefevers, 13, and Steve Alan, 78, who took advantage of the snow and then had lunch following their sledding adventure. (Photos by Emily Kessler)

Big bucks in works for Bypass Phase III

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley announced Tuesday that the next phase of the Berea Bypass is moving forward. Fraley revealed that development during a Berea City Council meeting in response to a question from Ronnie Terrill. Fraley noted that he, State Senator Jared Carpenter, State Representative Josh Bray, and others, have advocated to include funds for the preliminary study of the project. As a result, Fraley explained that state legislators plan to set aside \$300,000 for a feasibility study to extend the current bypass from the end of Phase III at Kentucky Highway 21 E., Big Hill Road, to U.S. 25, Mt. Vernon Road. Fraley added there could potentially be an additional phase of the Bypass, which would run from

U.S. 25 to Interstate 75. “It could be very helpful with solving a lot of transportation issues that seem to occur with regularity between Berea and Mt. Vernon and Renfro Valley,” Fraley said. “To have an extra exit in there I think is the vision, but it’s going to take a study and it’s going to take time.”

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Celebrating Hanukkah

A city-wide Hanukkah Celebration was held at the Folk Center. The event featured a candle lighting, live music, dancing, a story by Rabbi and Menorah giveaways.

Photo by Ted Kinson



Hughes: County youth want more options

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Madison County Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes told officials that Madisons young people are asking for more entertainment options. The issue was raised Tuesday at

the meeting of the Madison County Fiscal Court. Hughes said that in recently fielding questions from seniors at Madison Central High School, many expressed a need to have places

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purchases out so it doesn't all come at one time," he said.

For example, McClain said back-to-school shopping began at the beginning of July whereas it usually starts at the end of July and the first of August, and Christmas shopping began at the end of October and the first of November.

"They're starting a couple weeks earlier. They're using technology to either shop or make their list, do their research ahead of time."

Research allows shoppers to know where the deals are, and they seem to be more loyal to deals than their favorite stores this year.

"They're focusing on value," McClain said. "They

are still looking for value and shopping for deals. They may have been loyal to one place to shop at, but if they see a deal, something that they want at a better price, they're going to go get that in a different place."

While online shopping is continually increasing, there is an increase in in-person shopping with younger people.

"We did kind of see an uptick of people actually going out and shopping more starting with Black Friday," McClain said. "... (younger people) look at shopping as kind of an experience. They get together with their friends, they go shopping, maybe get lunch or brunch while they're out, so younger people are going out maybe a little more this year to do that."

The purchase of books, music and movies are also on the rise this year. Gift cards and toys are still

popular this year just as they have been in the past.

For this holiday season, the forecast is that the average person will spend \$890 per person; this is on the national level. McClain said that number is down from about 1% from last year. During the upcoming "Super Saturday," the national estimated number of people forecasted to be shopping is 159 million, an increase from last year and is higher than the previous record of 157 million set in 2022.

Those numbers come from the National Retail Federation, said McClain. Super Saturday is the last weekend before Christmas for consumers to go shopping.

"It looks like people have kind of waited a little longer to get those gifts. Looking again for those deals maybe at the end of the shopping season," he said.

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City of Berea Announces New Monthly Fee to Support 911 Emergency Services

Berea, Ky. — The City of Berea would like to inform residents and businesses of a new ordinance adopted by the Berea City Council to support the operation and continued improvement of the Madison County Emergency Communications Center, which provides 911 emergency services to the Berea community.

The ordinance establishes a dedicated monthly 911 service fee and will take effect on **bills due January 10, 2026**. This fee is designed to ensure that emergency communications remain reliable, sustainable, and properly staffed to meet the needs of our growing community. The fee will be collected through active water accounts located within the incorporated areas of the City of Berea.

Monthly 911 Service Fee Schedule:

- **Residential and Non-Commercial Accounts: \$3.50 per unit**
- **Commercial Accounts (meters 1 inch or smaller): \$41.67 per meter**
- **Industrial and Large Commercial Accounts (meters larger than 1 inch): \$125.00 per meter**

All revenue collected through this fee will be placed into a dedicated fund and used exclusively for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the countywide 911 emergency communications system. Water utilities will remit the collected funds monthly to the City of Berea to ensure transparency and accountability.

Beginning in 2027, the ordinance allows for an annual cost-of-living adjustment to the fee based on figures provided by the Kentucky Department of Local Government. Any such adjustment may be declined by the City Council during the budget process if deemed unnecessary.

The City of Berea recognizes the importance of maintaining a modern, efficient, and responsive 911 system. This funding approach aligns Berea with county-wide emergency communications efforts and ensures that all users contribute fairly to the infrastructure that supports lifesaving services.

The first assessment of the 911 service fee will appear on water bills due in January 2026.

If a resident or business believes their 911 service fee has not been assessed accurately according to the fee structure outlined above, they are encouraged to contact the City of Berea at (859) 228-1048 for review and assistance. The City is committed to ensuring accuracy and fairness for all customers.



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Christmas Eve Service

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for socializing.

“What I heard from them is worth sharing,” Hughes said of the students. “Their concern was there are not enough places for youth to go. They suggested a need that I wasn’t aware of – a place for young people to congregate. I wanted to share that with the court just to plant that seed because I think it is legitimate.”

Hughes made his remarks in the wake of a statement by Berea Codes Enforcement Administrator Amanda Haney, who recently revealed to the Berea Planning Commission that Berea’s youth have expressed similar sentiments in a recent poll. The survey is related to the Berea Comprehensive Plan and can be found at <https://www.berea2025.org>.

The survey, which included 72 students, revealed that 72 percent would like to see an indoor sports/recreation facility in the city, 61 percent want to see a youth center or teen hangout space, 58 percent wanted a safe place to be with friends, 48 percent wanted more parks and playgrounds, 39 percent want more live music and open mic nights, while 36 percent expressed interest in a gaming hub, among other amenities.

The county will begin work on its comprehensive plan in 2026.

In other action, the Fiscal Court:

- Adopted the second reading of a land use change for 107 Carr Lane to U6 public facility;
- Also adopted was a land use change for a small plat on Waco Loop from agricultural to general business;
- A resolution was adopted for the sale and award of a non-exclusive telecommunications franchise to Kinetic ABS KY, LLC, known as Windstream, for a 10-year franchise contract;
- A resolution was awarded for a non-exclusive telecommunications franchise for Metronet;
- The court ratified the City of Richmond appointments of Adrian Millet and Wilma Walker to the Madison County Airport Board;
- Jody Foster was unanimously reappointed to the Madison County Utilities District Board;
- Gina Fold was ap-

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Fraleley encouraged city officials to write letters of support for the project to Kentucky’s legislators.

“That helps our state representative and our state senator and the Transportation Cabinet folks in District 7 see that this is grass roots support from city council members. It’s not just the mayor wanting something, it’s everybody wanting this,” Fraleley said.

While there’s a long way to go toward design and final approval of the project, securing support for the feasibility study is a big first step, said the mayor.

“I’m excited that it got on the state highway plan for the next six years. The bi-annum in particular,” Fraleley said.

Fraleley was part of an effort in 2019 to restore funding for Phase II of the Bypass after it was dropped from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s six-year road plan. Along with then-city council members Jim Davis, David Rowlette, and others, Fraleley was part of a contingent that successfully lobbied state officials to restore funding for Phase II, which ran from Richmond Road to Highway 1016. Phase III was added unexpectedly, running from the 1016 to Big Hill Road. The construction of Phases II and III began in 2020, delayed by the pandemic, then were completed in fall of 2023.

pointed to the Madison County Utilities District Board;

- The court unanimously endorsed a resolution to join the City of Richmond and the City of Berea in participating in the Blue Grass Recovery Initiative Grant program. A regional effort administered through the Blue Grass Area Development District to tackle the problem of opioid abuse;
- Approved a purchase of leased equipment, including four lawn mowers, to maintain battlefield golf course. The contract is with Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation for \$52,632;
- Alexis Case was appointed to the Madison County Library Board, along with Betina Gardner;
- Marcella Hayden was appointed to the Madison County Sanitation District;
- The court approved the conveyance of lot of

the 46 Idyllwild Subdivision to the county. The property is valued at \$5,000, and will be useful in the upgrading/maintenance of current infrastructure in the area, officials said;

- Deputy Judge/Executive Jill Williams reported that between Aug. 1-Dec. 2025, the county gained in the number of residents signing up for emergency cell phone alerts, bringing the total to 8,742. When the campaign began, there were 5,538 residents enrolled.
- Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley and Reverend Kent Gilbert addressed the Fiscal Court to give an update on the Madison County International Committee cultural exchange program with Hokuto, Japan. The program also facilitates a student exchange program between the two communities.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-2025

Ordinance No. 17-2025 is an ordinance of the City of Berea, Kentucky, revising

Section 32.103 of the Berea City Code to amend the Berea Municipal Utilities water rate

schedule for water supply service; to revise Section 31.383 of the Berea City Code to

amend the sewer rates schedule for sewer service; and to add Section 31.335 to the

Berea City Code providing for regulations for low pressure force mains.

Prepared by:



Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 16 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADDING SECTION 31.023 TO THE BEREA CITY CODE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE AS A CONDITION OF UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDED BY BEREA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

WHEREAS, Berea Municipal Utilities ("BMU") is a municipally owned utility operating under the authority granted by KRS Chapter 96 to provide electric, water, and wastewater services within the City of Berea and surrounding service areas; and

WHEREAS, BMU will be implementing Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") technology to improve service reliability, enhance meter accuracy, increase operational efficiency, and provide customers with real-time usage information; and

WHEREAS, the installation and use of AMI meters are necessary for BMU to maintain system integrity, perform accurate billing, and ensure equitable service among all customers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

That the Berea City Code is hereby amended to enact Section 31.023 so that

such Section shall read as follows:

§ 31.023 ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE

A. Definitions

For purposes of this Section:

1. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Meter means a metering device that records utility consumption data electronically and communicates such data to Berea Municipal Utilities through a secure network for purposes of billing, monitoring, and system management.

2. Customer means any person, business, or entity that receives electric, water, wastewater, or other utility service from Berea Municipal Utilities.

3. Utility Service means any service provided by BMU, including but not limited to electric, water, and wastewater service.

B. Terms of Service Requirement

1. The installation, operation, and maintenance of an AMI meter at each service location shall be a condition of receiving and continuing utility service from Berea Municipal Utilities.

2. All new service connections shall be equipped with AMI meters prior to the initiation of service.

3. Existing customers shall permit the installation, replacement, and maintenance of AMI meters by BMU personnel or authorized contractors as part of standard utility operations.

4. Refusal by a customer to allow the installation or operation of an AMI meter shall constitute a violation of BMU's Terms of Service and may result in denial, disconnection, or discontinuation of service in accordance with BMU policies and applicable law.

C. Ownership and Access

1. All AMI meters and related communication equipment are and shall remain the sole property of Berea Municipal Utilities.

2. BMU and its authorized agents shall have reasonable access to all metering equipment for purposes of installation, inspection, maintenance, and reading.

3. Customers shall not tamper with, alter, or obstruct access to any AMI meter or associated equipment.

D. Privacy and Data Security

1. BMU shall maintain customer usage data collected through AMI meters in accordance with applicable privacy, cybersecurity, and open records laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

2. Data obtained through AMI meters shall be used solely for legitimate utility business purposes, including billing, operations, system planning, and regulatory reporting.

3. BMU shall not disclose individual customer data except as required by law or to contractors or agents performing work on behalf of BMU under confidentiality obligations.

E. Customer Information

BMU shall make information available to customers regarding:

• The purpose and function of AMI meters;

• Customer access to usage data; and

• Procedures for addressing meter-related concerns or disputes.

F. Enforcement

Failure to comply with this Ordinance or any implementing policy adopted by BMU shall constitute a violation of the BMU Terms of Service. BMU may take enforcement actions, including suspension or termination of service, consistent with established rules and due process requirements.

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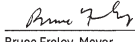
That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed. This

Ordinance shall be published according to law.

FIRST READING: December 2, 2025

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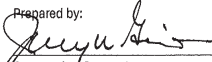
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OBITUARIES

Carrie Jo Young



Carrie Jo Young, 63, of Berea, passed away peacefully on Dec. 7, 2025, after a life filled with laughter, creativity and fierce love for the people (and cats) who mattered most to her.

Born on May 7, 1962, in Battle Creek, Mi., to Linda and Ronald Kelly, Carrie spent the first 39 years of her life in the state she always called home. In 2001, she made the bold move south to Berea where she quickly claimed the town as her own. If you lived in Berea and the weather was warm, chances are you spotted Carrie cruising the streets in her wheelchair, wind in her hair, a grin on her face and probably waving at half the town like the unofficial mayor of summer.

Carrie was an artist in every sense: her hands created beauty, her humor created joy and her heart created lifelong bonds. She loved cats with an enthusiasm that was contagious, and

she loved her friends with a loyalty that never wavered.

She was the proud and devoted mother of Brianna Jackson (Young), and the delighted grandmother to three grandchildren who were the light of her life. She is also survived by her sister, Wendy Mondragon (Young), and a wide circle of friends who became family.

Carrie was preceded in death by her parents, Linda and Ronald Kelly.

Rest easy, beautiful soul. The streets of Berea won't be the same without you cruising by.

In keeping with her wishes, Carrie will be cremated. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date when friends and family can gather to tell stories, laugh until they cry, and remember the one-of-a-kind woman who made the world brighter just by being in it.

In lieu of flowers, hug your cat a little tighter, call a friend you haven't spoken to in a while, or simply smile at someone on the street—because that's exactly what Carrie would have done.

Buddy Boykin



Buddy Boykin of Berea walked peacefully into the arms of Jesus on December 13, 2025. He was born on October 21, 1936, to the late Henry and Minnie Boykin in Brooksville, MS. Though his legal name is Ruben Henry, his siblings called him Bubba which translated into Buddy, the name everyone knew him by. His wife Nina preceded him in death in April. They were blessed with one daughter Kim and her husband George Bogie. The joy of his life were his adored granddaughters Brittany Perkins, her fiancé Adam Atwell and Ashley Cornett, along with his treasured great grandsons Ryan and Theo Cornett. Buddy is also survived by his sisters Frances Hamill and Beth Kent, of Mississippi and Brenda Johnson, Laura Beasley and one brother Donnie Boykin all of Florida. He was preceded in death by his brothers Sonny Boykin Ricky Boykin, Edward Boykin and his sisters Cindy Pace and Barbara Poole. Buddy was a long time member of Silver Creek Baptist Church but had most recently enjoyed attending Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Buddy's passions and talents were many. He enjoyed fishing, reading

Notices

• Pamela Ann Alexander, 70, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, 2025. Services were at noon on Dec. 17. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service were in charge of arrangements.

• Marjorie Pearl Guthrie O'Neal, 78, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025. Services were private under the direction of Davis & Powell Funeral Home.

• Judy Lee Isaacs, 78, passed away Thursday Dec. 11, 2025. Graveside services were at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 15.

• Albert Neal Angel, 66, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025. Services were at 11 a.m. on Dec. 15.

• Ruth S Kensinger, 78, passed away

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025. Services were from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 11. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service were in charge of arrangements.

• Marvin "Cracker" Gabbard Jr., 43, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Services are on Friday, Dec. 19. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service are in charge of arrangements.

• Lowell Stocker, 78, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 13. No formal services were held. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service were in charge of arrangements.

• Rohan Ezra Alexander, 49, passed away on Monday, Dec. 15. Services are on Saturday, Dec. 20. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service are in charge of arrangements.

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Christmas favorites

Once a year, we hear the sounds of the season. We hear songs about the birth of Christ and Santa Claus. Some songs will stick forever, while others aren't as memorable. The following is my list of all-time favorite Christmas songs.



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Mary Did you Know?

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!"

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We need Good News

We never get a break from bad news. In recent days we have heard of people being killed at a Hanukkah celebration in Australia. There have been more school shootings from Brown University to Kentucky State University. Russia continues to bomb Ukraine and groceries continue to assault Americans' pocketbooks. Yet, at Christmas time the overriding theme is good news. In a world of so much bad news comes the holiday of good news. The angel who appeared to the Shepherds who were watching their flock said, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord," Luke 2:10-11.



Glenn Mollette

The central person of the good

news is Jesus. He is the one the angels celebrated. His birth gave them reason to appear and make the wonderful announcement that brought joy to the shepherds and all who would be impacted by the birth of Jesus. This Christmas you are probably one of many who welcomes good news. Maybe you have buried a wife, a husband or a child. At times, the loneliness and grief are unbearable and you wonder how you will ever survive your missing loved one. People are suffering financial stress from the cost of everyday living. Sickness invades our lives at one time or another impacting us or someone we love. Life is filled with stressful situations that often rob us of peace. The good news of Christmas is God has come in the flesh to love us, walk with us and bring joy that nothing or no one else can give. Jesus said "My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, but give I unto you," John 14:27. This Christmas there is much

to focus on. You can spend your day focused on the Democrats or the Republicans. You can focus on our President or members of Congress. You can focus on all that you do not have or all that you wish you did not have. You can focus on your situation, your age, your health or you can focus on everyone else. Will this bring you joy? Do not focus on regrets. Do not focus on mistakes, problems, old habits or sins. Jesus came to help us overcome all of these and more. Because of his life, death and resurrection we have a Savior who has given us every reason to look up and forward instead of down and back. Jesus told his disciples in John 16:33, "Take heart, I have overcome the world." While the media is filled with bad news, take heart, the message of Christmas is good news. Therefore, as Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." May we all be filled with the good news of the great story of Christmas.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An attack on one an attack on all

Dear Editor: The senseless killing of fifteen people in Sydney on Sunday as they were celebrating the start of Chanukah, and the wounding and hospitalization of twenty-seven more, is not only a tragedy for the Jewish community, but also a tragedy for humanity. When hate strikes one group, it threatens us all. History shows us that hate does not discriminate. Black people, Hispanics, Asians, Muslims, LGBTQ+ individuals, and countless others have each been targeted simply because of who they are, what they believe, or what they aspire to achieve. Bigotry thrives on difference, but its reach is universal. What begins with one community rarely ends there.

As a Jew, I cannot forget the lessons of Nazi Germany. Good people who could have spoken out remained silent. Their silence became complicity. The danger of indifference is as great today as it was then. To do nothing is to stand with those who commit these atrocities. It is incomprehensible that in a world where every major religion preaches brotherhood, compassion, and kindness, more wars have been waged in the name of righteousness than have been avoided in the name of decency and respect. The contradiction is stark: the very values meant to unite us are twisted into weapons that divide and worse. Earlier that day, before learning about the attack in Sydney, my wife and I were out holiday shopping. In the dressing room of a department store, I stumbled upon a chilling reminder

of the times we live in. Someone had arranged shirt pins into the shape of a swastika. A symbol of hate, casually etched into an ordinary wall. Who did this? A young person? An adult? Was it someone emboldened by prejudice, or simply indifferent to its meaning? Why here, why now? These questions linger, but the deeper truth is clear: hate is never far from the surface. It can appear in the most unexpected places, waiting to remind us that vigilance is necessary. We cannot afford silence. Each of us has a responsibility to resist hate wherever it appears, in our communities, in our institutions, even in the walls of a dressing room. An attack on one is, ultimately, an attack on all.

Jeff Rubin, Berea

MADISON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Dec. 4

- Joshua Van Dusen, 45: speeding, 22 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -1st
- Christopher Baker, 26: leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; operating a motor vehicle with expired operator’s license; no tail lamps
- Matthew Baker, 20: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense
- Jerry Stone, 58: probation violation, for felony offense
- Joseph Covey, 35: cruelty to animals – 2nd degree
- Kevin Austin, 21: parole violation, for technical violation
- Dalon Chitwood, 23: parole violation, for technical violation
- Jonathan Harris, 34: probation violation, for technical violation
- Derrick Robinson, 39: serving parole violation warrant

Dec. 5

- Justin Crockett, 32: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure to wear seat belts; operating on suspended/revoked operator’s license; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd
- Melissa Colon, 27: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under; endangering the welfare of a minor
- Bobbi Stewart, 37: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Patrick Hatfield,61: failure to illuminate head lamps; assault, 1st degree – police officer; disregarding a stop sign; reckless driving;

- tampering with physical evidence; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; resisting arrest; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance – 2nd degree – drug unspecified; fleeing or evading police – 1st degree (motor vehicle); speeding, 25 mph over limit
- Jonathan Sanchez, 34: failure to appear
- Brian McIntosh, 36: operating on suspended/revoked operator’s license; license to be in possession; failure to produce insurance card
- Kenneth Bottoms, 45: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or greater offense (greater than or equal to 4 grams cocaine); fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle); operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/ drugs/ Etc., .08 (4th or greater); resisting arrest; leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; possession of marijuana; persistent felony offender I
- Whitney Rodriguez, 38: failure to appear
- Zhackariah Prater, 24: serving weekends
- Daniel Spivey, 51: fugitive from another state, warrant required (2 counts)

Dec. 6

- Brittany Grubb, 37: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to appear
- Michael Short, 57: no registration receipt; no registration plates; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08n- 1st; failure to produce insurance card; failure of

- owner to maintain required insurance/ security – 1st offense; improper display of registration plates
- Jerry Sanders, 58: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Damon Graham, 54: theft by deception, include cold checks, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Amy Short, 45: probation violation, for felony offense (2 counts)
- Samuel Creech, 21: failure to wear seat belts; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, .08 – 1st
- John Kemper, 49: no registration receipt; no registration plates; license to be in possession; operating on suspended/revoked operator’s license; failure to produce insurance card; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/ security – 1st offense; improper display of registration plates
- Sarah Jurgensen, 35: harassing communications; filing false reports
- Kumar Himanshu Soni, 46: reckless driving; careless driving; communication device violation
- Brian Isaacs, 37: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Dwight Mink, 72: failure to appear
- Veronica Witt, 38: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense

Dec. 7

- Noah Eastham, 23: torture of a dog or cat – 1st offense
- Ronald McCray, 36: parole violation, for technical violation
- Lonnie Marcum, 44: contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order; failure to appear
- Charles Croucher, 43: non-payment of court costs,

- fees or fines
- Jennifer Fine, 42: assault, 4th degree (no visible injury)
- Aaron Kerr, 21: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree; criminal mischief, 2nd degree
- Derrick Dixon, 34: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Cassie Guinn, 37: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Sheena Lawson, 42: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Shawn Connor, 36: contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order
- Kayleigh O’Connor, 33: failure to appear

Dec. 8

- Hugoberto Fuentes, 35: serving weekends
- Tyler Revel, 23: disregarding, failure to yield right of way; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Macelo Carmona Anicasio, 51: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; no operator’s -moped license
- James Murphy, 58: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; no tail lamps; failure to or improper signal
- Robert Cunningham, 48: failure to appear; probation violation, for technical violation
- Gerrie Bailey, 34: criminal mischief, 2nd degree; criminal trespassing, 1st degree; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); failure to appear

Dec. 8

- Lila Paxton, 21: assault,

- 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Rebecca Combs, 41: failure to appear
- Alexander Longino, 22: speeding, 26 mph over limit; fleeing or evading police – 2nd degree (motor vehicle); fleeing or evading police – 2nd degree (on foot); careless driving; reckless driving; disregarding a stop sign; no registration plates, no registration receipt
- Jeffrey Jenkins, 43: serving time
- James McMillian, 35: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; drug paraphernalia – buy/ possess
- Christopher Downs, 38: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; resisting arrest; theft by deception – include cold cheeks
- Melissa Kelly, failure to appear (2 counts); fugitive from another state – warrant required
- Ashley Deaton, 37: non-payment of court costs, fees or fines

Dec. 10

- Daniel Lopez, 24: reckless driving; no registration plates; no registration receipt; no operator’s/ moped license; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/ substance(s) –1st; license plate not legible
- Santiago Beach Jones, 19: terroristic threatening – 3rd degree; unlawful imprisonment – 1st degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; strangulation, domestic violence related; wanton endangerment – 2nd degree
- Lavonne Gandolfo, 61: probation violation, for technical violation

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dec. 4

- Dylan Cornett and Brittany Cornett to Joseph Stanley Durham, Jr., and Alisha D. Durham, tract Madison County
- Wesley Belknap Greene and Sahwn M. Green to Deana Ward and Hunter Ellis, lot 5 Goggins Estates
- Beulah Carter to Brenda Ingram, lot 16 Robbinswood Subdivision

Dec. 5

- LTC Group II, LLC to Hampton Hills, LLC, tract Madison County
- RCJ Construction, LLC to Kevin Howe and Jennifer Howe, lot 54 Homestead Estates
- Warren Dale Ballinger, Trustee of the Warren Dale Ballinger Irrevocable Trust to Stacy K. Edwards and Tonya B. Edwards, lot 66 Rainbow Acres
- J & K Bluegrass Properties, LLC to Avery Jones, lot 39 Markwood Subdivision
- Victoria Montegna to Kenneth Tapert and Deborah A. Tapert, tract A plat

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- Joshua Secrist and Jennifer Secrist to Hannah Sky Taylor and Abraham Stephen Morris, lot 12 Boone Village
- Sherri Eden and Sharon Meadors to Brenda Reams, lot 108 Wilmore Park Condominiums
- Richard Gibson to Kimberly Davis, lot 38 Tremont Subdivision
- Chelsea Holliday and Erik Botsford to Kenneth J. Schmidt, lots 23 and 24 Arlington View Subdivision
- Eddie McIntosh to Harold G. Pruitt, lot 109 Welchwood Estates
- Matthew Sears and Kara Sears to Sears Homes, LLC, lot 75 Lake Ridge Subdivision
- Wayne Kirby, Linda Dale Kirby, Russell Kirby, Dinah Williams, Patricia Kirby, Linda Kirby, Linda Underwood and Roxie Kirby to Dupuy Rentals, LLC, tract Madison County
- Victory Lane Development, LLC to Advanced Roofing and Construction,

- LLC, lot 7 Marcum Woods
- A&R Contractors, LLC to Homes and Keys, LLC, lot 165 Parkview @ Hanger Farm
- Michael D. Hensley and Helena Jean Hensley to Michael D. Hensley and Helena Jean Hensley, tracts plats 28/ 16

Dec. 8

- John W. Moody and Vickie Moody to Moriah Sallaz and Wendell Muncie, lots Arlington View Subdivision
- Jared W. Smith and Angel L. Smith to Nikos Paul Kladitis and Brooklyn Sommer Kladitis, lot 43 Welchwood Estates
- John Paul Montgomery and Sarah Montgomery to Sayre Enterprises, LLC, lots plat 2/ 25
- 4 Under Par, LLC to LTC Group II, LLC, tracts Madison County
- Rose M. Withrow and Daniel Burton to Bentley Martin, Jr. and Jennifer Martin, lot plat 2/123
- Katlyn Greene and Gunnar Greene to Tracie Scar-

- brough, lot 48 Orchard Hills Subdivision
- Stephen Sears and Debbie Sears to David Marion Warren and Danette Sue Warren, lot 2 Ashwood Estates
- Jerry W. Ward and Diana T. Ward to Jerry Wayne Ward, Trustee and Diana Sue Taylor Ward, Trustee of the Jerry and Diana Ward Reocable Trust, tracts Madison County
- Central Park Berea, LLC to C B Daugherty Properties, LLC, lot 108 Central Park Subdivision
- Kathy Jean Agee and Kathy Jean Agee, Executrix of the Callie Burnetta Hayes Agee Estate and Callie Agee to Robert Reams Puckett and Kayla Scruggins, tracts Madison County
- Wanda Wren to All in Investment Group, LLC, tracts Madison County
- Beulah Carter, by and through Tracy Carter, Attorney-in-Fact to Hershel Ray Anglin and Etta Viola Anglin, lot Sherman Powell Addition

Dec. 9

- Jake Pry and Amy M. Brown to Dion Tieman, lot 4 Sunny Acres Subdivision
- Jane Elizabeth Robinson to Codie Gross, tracts Madison County
- Jane Elizabeth Robinson and William D. Jackson and Mose Miller and Charlotte Wyrick, lot 23 Battlefield Estates
- James Welch and Julia Welch to Kaley Bates and Devan Andrew Castle, lot 1 plat 15/232
- TMR Ventures, LLC, Patrick Eugene Ballinger and Angela Michelle Ballinger to Patrick Eugene Ballinger and Angela Michelle Ballinger, parcel 2A plat 32/ 181

Dec. 10

- Mark E. Hunsucker and Valerie E. Hunsucker to Gerald Herren, lot 31 Arcadian Cove Cottages Condominiums
- Marcella Ruth Murphy to Donna Schmitt, lots Clarksville Subdivision

MARRIAGES

Dec. 4

- John Tyler Mertz to Kari-rissa Alexandria Fryrear

Dec. 5

- Jasmine Nicole Jones to Raymond Bryant Calero

Dec. 8

- Isabella Joy Walters to Jacob Shane Ward

Dec. 9

- Michael Jacob Dakota Hobbs to Kirsten Dovie Anglin
- Alexandra Marie Fields to Travis

- Atwood Frazier
- Hunter James Saylor to Kayla Dawn Harding
- Martasha Marie Hinkle to Thomas Russell Moore
- Nizar Mandali to Khadija Ennasri

Dec. 10

- Alyssa Nicole McWilliams to Noah William Simon
- Michael Shawn Adkins to Angie Nichole Abney
- Kaylea Madyson Davis to Nathan Thomas McClurg

INDICTMENTS

Madison Circuit Court returned Indictments: Dec. 10, 2025

Division I

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Misty A. Spencer: theft of mail matter; resisting arrest; 2nd degree criminal mischief; 3rd degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. James Stokley: 2nd degree burglary; 2nd degree theft by unlawful taking
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Rebecca Hacker: 2nd degree burglary; 2nd degree theft by unlawful taking
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Michael Jones: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin/ fentanyl); no operator’s license; failure to or improper signal; possession of marijuana; contempt of court
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jonathan Kerns: 1st degree sexual abuse (2 counts); 3rd degree rape; incest
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Mycal McDonald: 1st degree strangulation; 4th degree assault, domestic violence
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Lloyd Whitis: 1st degree bail jumping
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Lloyd Whitis: intimidating a participant in the legal process (2 counts)

Division II

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Thomas Jenkins: 3rd degree burglary; public intoxication – controlled substance
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Shawn Farmer: no/ expired registration plates; operating vehicle with expired operator’s license; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Allen Murphy: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia; operating on suspended/ revoked operator’s license; no/ expired registration receipt; failure of owner to maintain required insurance; possession of marijuana
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Frances Harris: 4th degree strangulation; 4th degree assault, domestic violence; 1st degree strangulation; 2nd degree persistent felony offender
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Danielle Graham: 2nd degree assault; 1st degree wanton endangerment; resisting arrest; 2nd degree disorderly conduct; alcohol intoxication
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Kenneth Lowder: 2nd degree assault; intimidating a participant in the legal process; 4th degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jason

Oliver: 1st degree bail jumping

Division V

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Roberta Padgett: theft of identity; 2nd degree criminal possession of a forged instrument; theft by unlawful talking, \$500 but less than \$1,000
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Raymond Kidd: 1st degree persistent felony offender; theft of mail matter; tampering with physical evidence.
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Allen Murphy: theft of mail matter; tampering with physical evidence; 2nd degree criminal mischief
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Iddi Kaumba: no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt; no/ expired registration plate; operating on suspended/ revoked operator’s license; possession of drug paraphernalia; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); resisting arrest)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ryan Jones: 1st degree strangulation (2 counts); 4th degree assault, domestic violence
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Dennis Kramer: 1st degree strangulation (3 counts); 2nd degree assault, domestic violence; 1st degree unlawful imprisonment

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What if you could talk to anyone, living or dead?

Bubba was doing well in this job interview until the human resources manager, wanting to learn something of his personality, asked an off-the-wall question. "If you could have a conversation with someone, living or dead, who would it be?" Bubba responded without hesitation: "The living one, of course." As I think back over history, there are so many people who would have been fascinating to talk with. Great men



Roger Alford

and women of renown, like frontiersmen Daniel Boone or Davy Crocket, political figures like George Washington or Abraham Lincoln, literary giants like Mark Twain or C.S. Lewis. The fact is, every born-again believer will spend eternity in heaven, which will provide ample time and opportunity to visit with others. First and foremost, we'll get to see Jesus. I also love the thought that we'll also be able to talk to people like Daniel, and hear about his night in the lions' den, or David and the day he faced down the giant Goliath, or Moses and the parting of the Red Sea. Oh, the stories they'll have to tell. There will be so many people

with so many varied tales to tell. I hope you'll have a great story to tell about your life, about how you stepped out on faith and did great things for God. Wouldn't it be a shame to have nothing more to share than that you lived life safely, driving to work and back each day, sitting on your sofa each evening, watching TV, mowing your lawn each week, and that, for excitement, you drove to Wal-Mart on weekends to stock up on groceries? It's never too late to liven up your story. You may recall the story of Alfred Nobel who read his own obituary in the spring of 1888. The newspapers had

made a mistake in reporting his death. Nobel was very much alive. And he wasn't very happy with the account of his life. You see Nobel was the inventor of dynamite, and the newspapers reflected what the world knew of him, that he had made it possible to quickly kill large numbers of people. Nobel had changed the nature of war by inventing the powerful explosive. The newspapers called him "the merchant of death." Nobel was horrified by how the world viewed him, and he decide to change his life story. He committed his financial fortune to establishing the Nobel Peace Prize, given to

people who had done the most for the cause of world peace. All these years later, perhaps no one would recall that Nobel was the man who invented dynamite, but everyone associates the name Nobel with the award that honors the world's top peacemakers. Like Nobel, perhaps we all need to do some things to enhance our stories, to get out of our comfort zones and do more for the cause of Christ. I'd hope that, if Bubba is ever asked again who he'd choose to talk to, he'd choose you.

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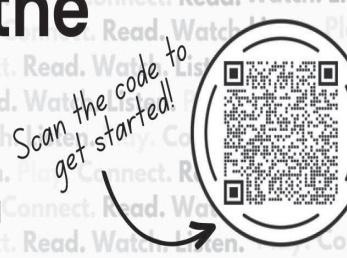


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December 14, 1950
Production

The Foundation School was in the beginning stages for its major production, "We Shook the Family Tree," a comedy by Hildegard Dolson. The play was to be under the direction of college senior Jerry John. Performances of the production were scheduled for early March. Members who had been cast for the production were members of the Berea Players and included Phyllis Scrivner as Hildegard, Martin Ambrose as

Mr. Dolson, Gloria Ralston as Mrs. Dolson, Janis Morris as Sally, Barlow Newholt as Bob, Joe Ray as Jimmy, Mary Hammersley as Paige, Winifred Hughes as Ellie Mae, Fay Roundtree as Jill, Junie Capps and Freddie, Claude Sturgill as Mr. Shermer and Martha Williams as Mrs. Shermer.

December 11, 1975
College graduation

Sixty-six graduating seniors at Berea College were honored at a recognition service held Sunday in Phelps Stokes

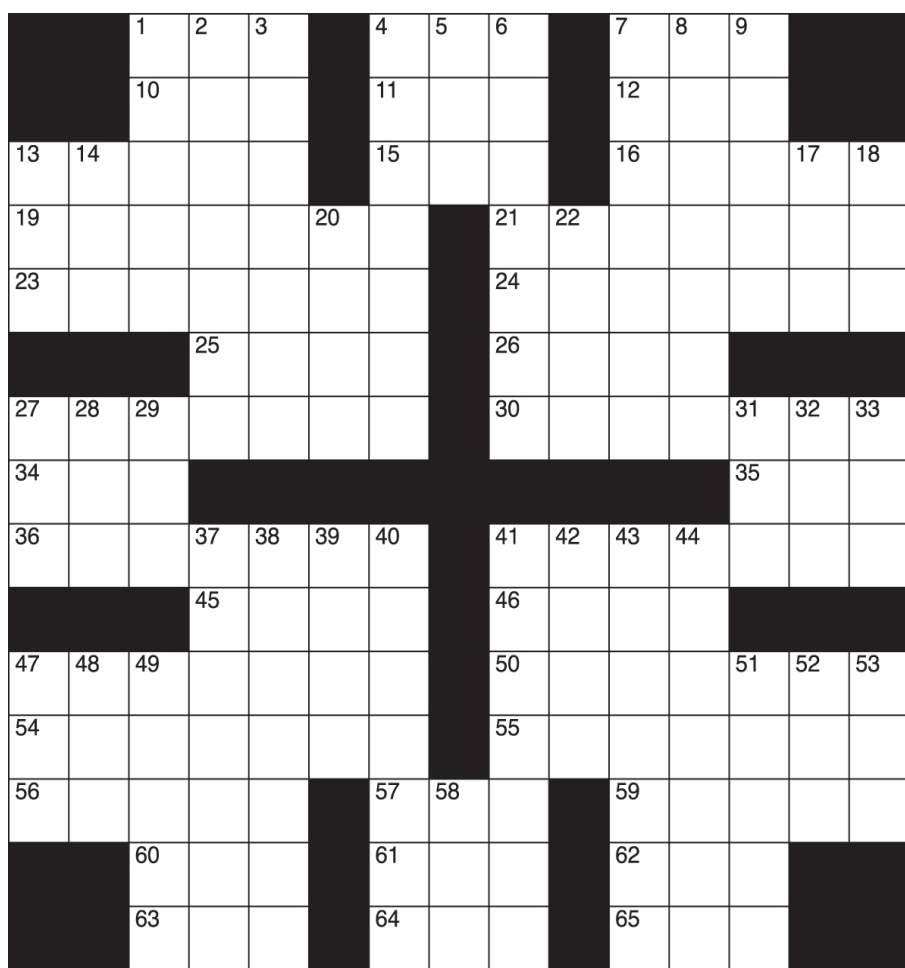
Chapel. Dr. John Wallhausser, a visiting professor spoke on "Liberal Arts - Tell the Story Right." Wallhausser was on leave from Uppdala College in East Orange, New Jersey. Candidates were presented by Dean William F. Stolte. A reception before the ceremony for seniors and their families was held by President and Mrs. Willis D. Weatherford in the President's house. The candidates for graduation would receive their degrees in February after Berea College's January Short Term.

December 14, 2000 Christmas décor stolen

Mary Oldfield told Berea Police that someone had stolen Christmas decorations from her dental office in Old Town. Items taken included a large Christmas wreath wrapped in gold grapevines, grapes, gold ribbon and magnolia blossoms according to police. According to Oldfield, the wreath was one of a kind and was valued at \$250. Also taken was a lighted garland valued at \$50.

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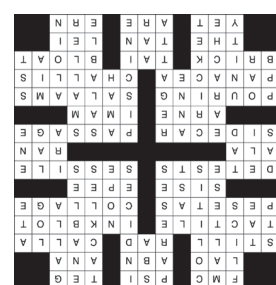
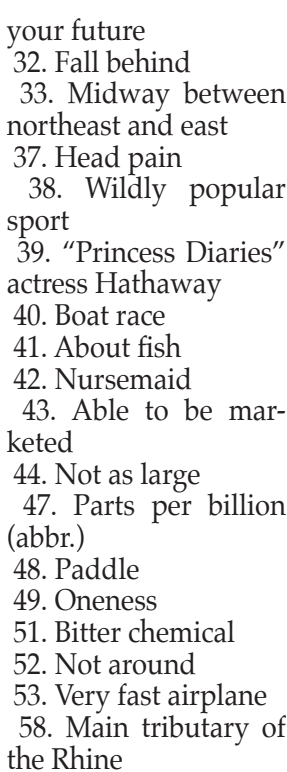
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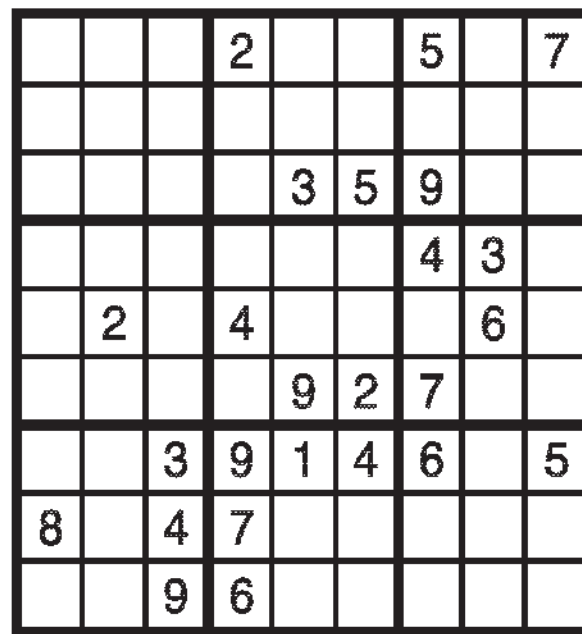
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4. Tire term
7. Two-year-old sheep
10. Indigenous people of Thailand
11. Anti-Soviet Cold War group
12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Plants of the arum family
19. Connected with touch
21. Pen stain
23. Monetary units
24. School kids' art project
25. Early Bell Canada executive
26. Sword
27. Hates
30. Fixed in one place
34. Pie __ mode
35. Moved swiftly on foot
36. Carrier on vehicle
41. A path to get through
45. "Rule, Britannia" composer
46. Spiritual leader
47. Flowing
50. Respectful compliments
54. Cure

55. Soft, lightweight fabric
56. Building material
57. Japanese delicacy
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. You might get one in summer
62. Wreath
63. Thus far
64. They —
65. Employee reference number

1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Intestinal condition
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Helps little firms
6. Alphabetical lists
7. Takes down
8. Facilitates
9. Ethnic people of Ethiopia
13. Engine additive
14. Explorers group
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Opposite of first
22. No (slang)
27. Government lawyers
28. NY Giants great
29. Small amount
31. A way to save for

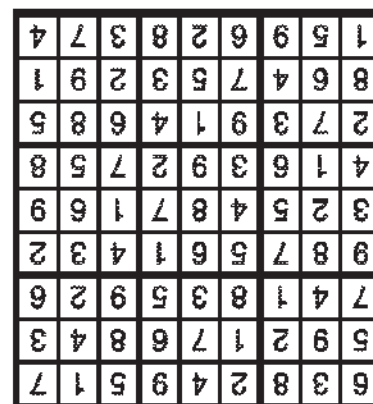


SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

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 food service.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 26 = E)

- A. 22 26 17 4 26 17**
Clue: Waiter/waitress
- B. 24 23 13 19 25 26 11**
Clue: Cooking room
- C. 17 26 22 13 9 12 17 9 11 13**
Clue: Place to dine
- D. 19 25 26 19 24**
Clue: Restaurant bill

Answers: A. server B. kitchen C. restaurant D. check

Berea College recognizes 57 students at mid-year ceremony

By Berea College
Berea College recognized 57 students Sunday, Dec. 7 during its Mid-Year Recognition Ceremony. These graduates represent 14 states, one U.S. Territory – Puerto Rico – and four countries. Sixty-five percent of the mid-year graduates were first-generation college graduates. These graduates represented 24 different majors and 19 different

minors. Berea College President Cheryl Nixon praised the graduates for their range of academic passions and encouraged them to remember the foundation of education and Berea College’s Great Commitments as they move into the next phase of their lives. “As you step forward into the world, take the lessons you’ve learned here – not only in the classroom but also the

connections you’ve built, the challenges you’ve overcome and the Great Commitments you embody,” Nixon said. “We are so proud of you and cannot wait to see the positive impact you make.” Berea College Alumna and Trustee Jodi Gentry spoke at this year’s ceremony. Gentry graduated from Berea College in 1987 with a bachelor’s degree in English. She attended

graduate school at the University of Florida, where she earned her Master of Arts from the College of Journalism and Communications. Throughout Gentry’s career, she has benefited from her experience at Berea – with its combination of education, work and Great Commitments. Now retired, Gentry continues to work with high-level leaders as a certified executive



Berea College graduate Timothy Housa and President Cheryl Nixon at the Mid-Year Recognition Ceremony. Photo Courtesy of Berea College
coach and serves as a volunteer mentor for emerging leaders. She and her husband live in Gainesville, Fla.

ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, RELATING TO THE RESTRUCTURING OF FUNDING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER/ENHANCED 911 SERVICE THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A WATER METER FEE IN THE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE CITY OF BEREA.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 17-2025, the City of Berea has entered into a Madison County Emergency Communications Center Interlocal Agreement with the Madison County Fiscal Court and the City of Richmond, Kentucky, dated September 2025 (the Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the Madison County Emergency Communications Center (the MCECC) shall be jointly funded by the Madison County Fiscal Court, the City of Richmond, and the City of Berea; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that the parties to the Agreement shall contribute to the projected MCECC budget on an annual basis based on the respective party's share of total calls for service inside its jurisdiction from the previous calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that each party to the Agreement shall determine its specific method of funding and collecting its Annual Budget Contribution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Berea has determined to enact a reliable, equitable, and sustainable funding mechanism to support its Annual Budget Contribution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, City of Berea, Commonwealth of Kentucky;

SECTION 1
Definitions

For purposes of this Ordinance:

"911 Service" means the emergency telephone answering service provided by Madison County that enables a caller to reach a public safety answering point (PSAP).

"Water meter" means a devise used to measure water consumption, installed and maintained by a water district, water association, or other water utility provider operating within the incorporated areas of the City of Berea.

"Incorporated areas" means all areas of the City of Berea lying within the corporate limits of the City.

"Cost of Living Adjustment/CPI adjustment" means the annual percentage increase published and submitted by the Kentucky Department of Local Government each January.

"Non-Commercial Classification" means any account that is not required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district, and these accounts shall pay the fee imposed herein based on each non-commercial unit, and not by meter.

"Non-Commercial Unit" means a single or multi family residential structure owned either by the occupier or which is a single or multi-family residential rental property whose occupants are required by the Kentucky Department of Revenue to fill out a declaration of domicile form.

"Commercial Classification" means any account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district and has a water meter that is less than or equal to one inch (1") in size.

"Industrial/Large Commercial Classification" means any account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district and has a water meter greater than one inch (1") in size.

SECTION 2
Establishment of 911 Fee

(a) Effective for water bills due on and after January 10, 2026, there is hereby imposed a monthly 911 service fee on each active water meter located in the incorporated area of the City of Berea.

(b) The fee shall be assessed according to the following schedule:

Classification	Definition (for billing purposes)	Monthly Fee
Non-Commercial	Every active account that is NOT required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district, calculated per unit	\$ 3.50
Commercial	Every active account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district with a meter size (less than or equal to) ≤ 1" (one inch), calculated per meter	\$41.67
Industrial/Large Commercial	Every active account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district with a meter size (greater than) >1" (one inch)(calculated per meter)	\$125.00

SECTION 3
Automatic CPI Adjustment

(a) Beginning July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, the monthly fees established under Section 2 shall automatically increase by the percentage change in the Cost of Living/CPI Adjustment as determined by the Kentucky Department of Local Government each January for the calendar year. In the event the COLA/CPI does not increase, the monthly fees shall remain the same as the previous year.

(b) The City of Berea Finance Director shall share the COLA/CPI adjustment annually with the Mayor and City Council based on the information provided by the Kentucky Department of Local Government, along with the budgeting process, by March 31 of each year.

(c) The City Council may decline to implement the COLA/CPI increase for the upcoming year in the budget ordinance.

SECTION 4
Collection of Fees

(a) Each water district, water association, or other water utility operating within the incorporated areas of the City of Berea shall be responsible for collecting the 911 fee from its customers.

(b) The collected fees shall be remitted monthly to the City of Berea Finance Director to be deposited into a special revenue fund designated solely for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Madison County Emergency Communications Center/911 system.

(c) The water utilities may retain an administrative fee that is fair and reasonable compensation of the total amount collected each month, to offset reasonable costs of collection and outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding. In the event that a water utility fails to agree to a proposed MOU, the City shall impose the amount of the administrative fee by unilateral action.

SECTION 5
Use of Funds

All funds collected under this ordinance shall be used exclusively for the provision, operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Madison County 911 emergency communications system as outlined in KRS 65.760, and shall be remitted to the Madison County Fiscal Court pursuant to Section IV(A)(3) of the Amended Madison County Emergency Communications Center Interlocal Agreement of September 2025.

SECTION 6
Enforcement

Failure of a water utility to collect or remit the fees as required by this Ordinance shall subject the utility to penalties as provided by Kentucky law and as may be enforced by the City of Berea, including but not limited to a legal action to recover the fees provided in Section 2 herein.

SECTION 7
Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8
Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, approval, and publication as required by law, and the water meter fee shall be first assessed for water bills due on and after January 10, 2026.

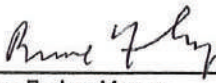
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That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed. This Ordinance shall be published according to law.

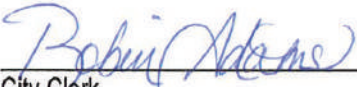
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Citizens voice need for affordable housing

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

During the recent Bereans Helping Bereans town hall, citizens expressed concerns about a number of community needs, one of which is housing. While the Dec. 8 forum focused primarily

on food, medical care, and shelter for homeless individuals, some citizens expressed concern about the lack of long-term housing in Berea. "It's a critical need because a lot of people are in need of affordable housing, so, I'd like to see us address the issue," said Jeanne Hibberd.

Berea Planning Commissioner Martin Richards followed up Hibberd's remarks, noting the city is in the process of completing the 2025 Berea Comprehensive Plan. Included in that plan are adjustments to the city's land use regulations, which will ideally be more flexible in allowing builders

to construct housing. One prominent adjustment, for example, is allowing developers to build on smaller lots. Richards encouraged citizens to give their input on the comprehensive plan by visiting <https://www.berea2025.org>.

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Jeanne Hibberd expressed concern about the lack of housing in Berea during a recent forum entitled Bereans Helping Bereans.

Agee enters judge's race

By Emily Kessler
Citizen Intern

Longtime Madison County Donna Agee has entered the race for Madison County Judge-Executive race and will challenge incumbent Reagan Taylor in the May primary. Agee grew up in Winchester and graduated from Eastern Kentucky University. She has no experience in politics but has been a registered nurse for 33 years, and she is currently working as the executive director of Dominion Senior Living. Agee has worked four jobs in 33 years including the Madison County Health Department as a Community Health Nurse for 25 years and the administrator over MEPCO Home Health in Berea. "I've had community in



Donna Agee

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Celebrating 3 decades



Realtor and broker Lesha Hays commemorated 30 years in the real estate business last week with a brief presentation by Mayor Bruce Fraley. She was recognized during last week's Berea City Council meeting. "I'm very happy to welcome my friend since we were very young, probably elementary school. Lesha Hays serves on our EMS (Madison County Emergency Management Services) board, and she's with us tonight." Fraley said upon hearing of Hays' milestone in the real estate business, he was pleased to give her the chance to be recognized in her hometown. "I told her I would consider it an honor and a privilege to bestow the pins (commemorating her 20th, 25th, and 30th years) to recognize her 30 years as a real estate broker in the Commonwealth of Kentucky."



'Shop with a Cop'

The Berea Police Department had had its annual "Christmas With A Cop" at Berea Wal-Mart. The event set a record with an enrollment of 25 kids and their families. officers, who enjoyed the annual shopping excursion. The event was sponsored through donations from our supporters, to whom we extend our sincerest gratitude. The Berea PD would also like to express their appreciation to Cash Express for hosting its annual "Cram the Cruiser" event. All toys, coats, and food were donated to families in need.

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Animal Shelter sees positive changes

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

What a difference a year has made at the Madison County Animal Shelter.

In late 2024, the shelter was reeling from high staff turnover and an outcry from the public about the euthanizing of animals.

Fast forward to 2025, and the shelter’s leadership and strategy has completely changed. The county has built partnerships to facilitate the transfer of animals to rescue organizations, and the new approach is resulting in fewer animals being put down.

In October 2024, Madison County Animal Shelter Director Sissy Slone took over the facility at its lowest point. For decades, the shelter operated with a policy in which euthanizing animals was simply a sad fact of life. So many animals were coming in, others had to go to make room. Last year, however, after citizens voiced their concerns, the county changed course.

“Euthanasia is the last choice, and I think that’s what the community wants from this agency; not heavily euthanizing animals, but giving them the chance that they deserve. We’re having a lot of positive outcomes as opposed to negative outcomes,” Slone said.

Madison County Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor said coordinating with rescue organizations has made a big difference. Since adopting the new policy, approximately 400 animals were transferred out of the shelter, said officials.

“That helps us tremendously, not only in terms of emptying out space, but in getting dogs into a good situation,” Taylor said.

With Slone’s help, the shelter now coordinates with no-kill foster-based rescues, some of which are from out-of-state, to outsource stray animals, giving them the chance to find homes.

Deputy Judge/Executive Jill Williams said Slone’s work has been crucial in the shelter’s turnaround.

“Obviously Sissy’s leadership has been a big part of the change, because she’s been identifying those strong rescue partners based on her experience and background,” Williams said of Slone. “Her work, and having stable staffing, goes a long way like it does in any organization, and that’s why we invest in leaders and continue to invest in the staff that are with us.”

Another thing that has helped, officials said, is that community and business partners are stepping up to lend a hand, directly affecting the quality of life for animals at the shelter.

Just one example is For Paws Unleashed, a Richmond pet boarding facility owned by Ashley Renton. The facility recently took in several dogs when the aging animal shelter on U.S. 25



Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor spent a moment with Haydes at the animal shelter ahead of a recent pet adoption drive. Ten animals found homes in time for the holidays last weekend, just one piece of the county’s efforts to aggressively pursue alternatives to animal euthanasia.

was undergoing needed repairs. Meanwhile, several veterinarians offer discounted services for shelter animals, including Silver Creek Animal Hospital in Berea, Dr. Kevin Simmons, Dr. Michael Putnam at Richmond Veterinary Clinic, Skipworth Vet Clinic. Additionally, For Paws Unleashed helps clean up neglected animals brought into the shelter.

Corporate sponsors help, too, such as Tractor Supply and Menards, providing needed supplies. Bechtel Parsons, meanwhile, has pledged financial support for a new shelter, while a private citizen bequeathed \$190,000 in his will, which the county has invested until it can be spent to construct a new shelter facility.

Taylor said the next important step will be to move out of the aging, dilapidated, and overcrowded facility on Richmond Road into something new. But that will take some strategizing when it comes to financing.

“It’s about timing. It’s about finding the right location, and it’s also about coming in at the right price that we can afford, and building something that gets us through the next several years.

“We can’t build a shelter for today’s needs. We’ve got to plan for the future as well,” Taylor said. “My hope is that we will find something very soon and start moving forward to get a new shelter.”

In the meantime, Taylor said the

county is trying to educate the public about the animal overpopulation problem – urging pet owners to have their animals spayed or neutered. To help with that effort, the county recently landed a \$1,200 grant from the Department of Agriculture to fund the shelters’ spay and neuter program. In addition, the county received a grant from the Kentucky Association of Counties for safety upgrades at the facility.

Slone said help from animal lovers is always welcome, and that the shelter can always use towels, food, treats, bleach and detergent. But citizens can also have items sent directly to the shelter through Amazon at https://www.amazon.com/.../ls/8XKRXII52ST1/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Donations can be dropped off during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at Madison County Animal Shelter, 1386 Richmond Road N, Berea.

Slone and Williams praised the staff at the shelter who keep the facility going despite less-than-ideal conditions, creating hope for animals in need of a new home.

“You don’t do the work that they do every day without a passion for it,” Williams said. “This is a labor of love.”

OBITUARIES

Darrell Bicknell

Darrell Bicknell, 88, of Berea and Vero Beach, Fla. passed away on Dec. 16, 2025 surrounded by his family. He was born in Panola, Madison County to the late Ewey Wilson Bicknell and Ethel Rose Bicknell.



Darrell played basketball for Waco High School and Berea High School. After graduating from Berea High School, he received a full basketball scholarship from Western Kentucky University, where he graduated with a Bachelor’s degree. After graduation, he served two years of active service in the Army Reserves. Following the Army Reserves, he coached basketball at Berea High School for three years.

A lifelong resident of Kentucky and Florida, Darrell was a dedicated businessman and

entrepreneur who was well known for his love of competition in sports, particularly tennis and golf.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Nancy Kirkland Bicknell; his devoted son, Kyle Bicknell (Rachael); his sister-in-law, Peggy Bicknell of Vero Beach, FL & Wilmore, KY; nieces, Kim Hagan (Cliff), Jennifer Gayle Bicknell, Cheryl Bicknell, all of Vero Beach, FL; nephew, Craig Shearer of St. Augustine, FL; brother-in-law James H. Kirkland (Ola) of Grant, AL; sister-in-law Shelby Jean Brewer of Guntersville, AL; nieces, Jennifer Brewer of Huntsville, AL, Renee Brewer of Seattle, WA, Natalie Vellturo (Chris) of Cape Cod, MA; nephews Roger Brewer (JoDonna) of Grant, AL, and Jamey Kirkland (Andrea) of Birmingham, AL.

Darrell was preceded in death by his cherished son, Travis Bicknell; his brother, Rudy Bicknell; and his sister, Bulah Ruth Shearer.

Darrell was a member of the Berea Baptist Church. His legacy

Notices

• Virginia Carol Duncan, 75, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025. Services were at 5 p.m. on Dec. 22. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service were in

charge of arrangements.

• Mayme Rowland Smallwood, 83, passed away Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025. Services were at 11 a.m. on Dec. 23. Davis & Powell Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.



From the staff of
The Berea Citizen!

Keith Taylor, Vickey Hampton, Jenny Moody, Emily Kessler, EJ Wynn and Marvin Rose.

JUDGE

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my job title since 1993,” she said.

Agee said that she loved every second being a community nurse and that has helped her know every area of Madison County.

“...I have been in every area of this county. The city from Turpin Drive to Bend Road to Red Lick to Log Cabin. Every road, back road, I have been on before cell phones,” she said.

“In my 33 years, having four jobs, each one has been a calling and I am a believer.

“I let Jesus Christ drive my bus. I just feel my next purpose is to be Madison County Judge Executive,” Agee said.

She is running for Madison County Judge Executive because she cares deeply for Madison County’s future and believes fresh leadership would benefit the community.

“Part of what’s driving me is just my belief in our community and having fresh leadership,” she said.

“I am a good leader and I’ve proven that...People who work for me, they still want to

come work with me. You can get so much done as a good, effective leader.”

If Agee is elected, she wants to bring smart and balanced growth to the county. This means creating more opportunities for jobs and bringing initiatives without raising taxes.

“When you plan something, there should be a comprehensive plan, a strategic plan, and that should be a working document, and you work out all of the kinks in that before you try to execute it,” she said.

Agee said before anything is executed, people in the community should know what is happening. “Let’s get some feedback before we execute, so truly just transparency. I think that’s lacking,” she said. Agee believes Madison County is stronger together.

“I hear a lot of, ‘Well, that’s a Richmond problem,’ ‘That’s a state problem,’ but we’re all on the Madison County map,” she said.

“I think together, with the leadership that we’ll really promote transparency, promote working together, we can honor our past and build a strong future for every family.”



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A Christmas dream and the smell of country ham

I didn't want to wake up on that second Christmas Eve after my mom passed in 2021.

It's not because I was tired or too lazy to crawl out of bed, but rather because I had a dream that I knew was an early gift from above as we usher in the Christmas holiday season.

The holidays, especially Christmas, are a little more tougher, especially after you lose a parent. Thursday will mark six years since we celebrated with Mom. Of course it was just all of us family being together, having fun, laughing and cutting up like most families

do this time of the year.

In years past, my uncle Mike dressed up as Santa Claus occasionally for the kids and we always had fun just being around each other. My favorite thing was Mom's country ham, and if you know me, that's one of the items I order off the menu at Cracker Barrel and Dinner Bell. It's hard to beat a good, ole country ham and all of the trimmings and



Keith Taylor

Mom certainly knew how to make it taste just right every single time.

I got to see mom again and it was during a dream I had that year.

I'm not sure were we were, but mom was cooking up a storm and as she did while she was with us, she cooked the food for others to enjoy more than herself.

During those few hours in deep sleep, I could smell the country ham, the home-made gravy and biscuits and eggs being prepared for those of us at the kitchen table.

Mom made gravy the old-fashioned way and it

was hard to beat her gravy. I couldn't tell you where we were but it all seemed so real and vivid.

At the kitchen table was my late papaw Bill May and I turned and there sat my late uncle Jack May right next to him, eating, while mom was cooking away and making sure everyone got what they needed from the kitchen table.

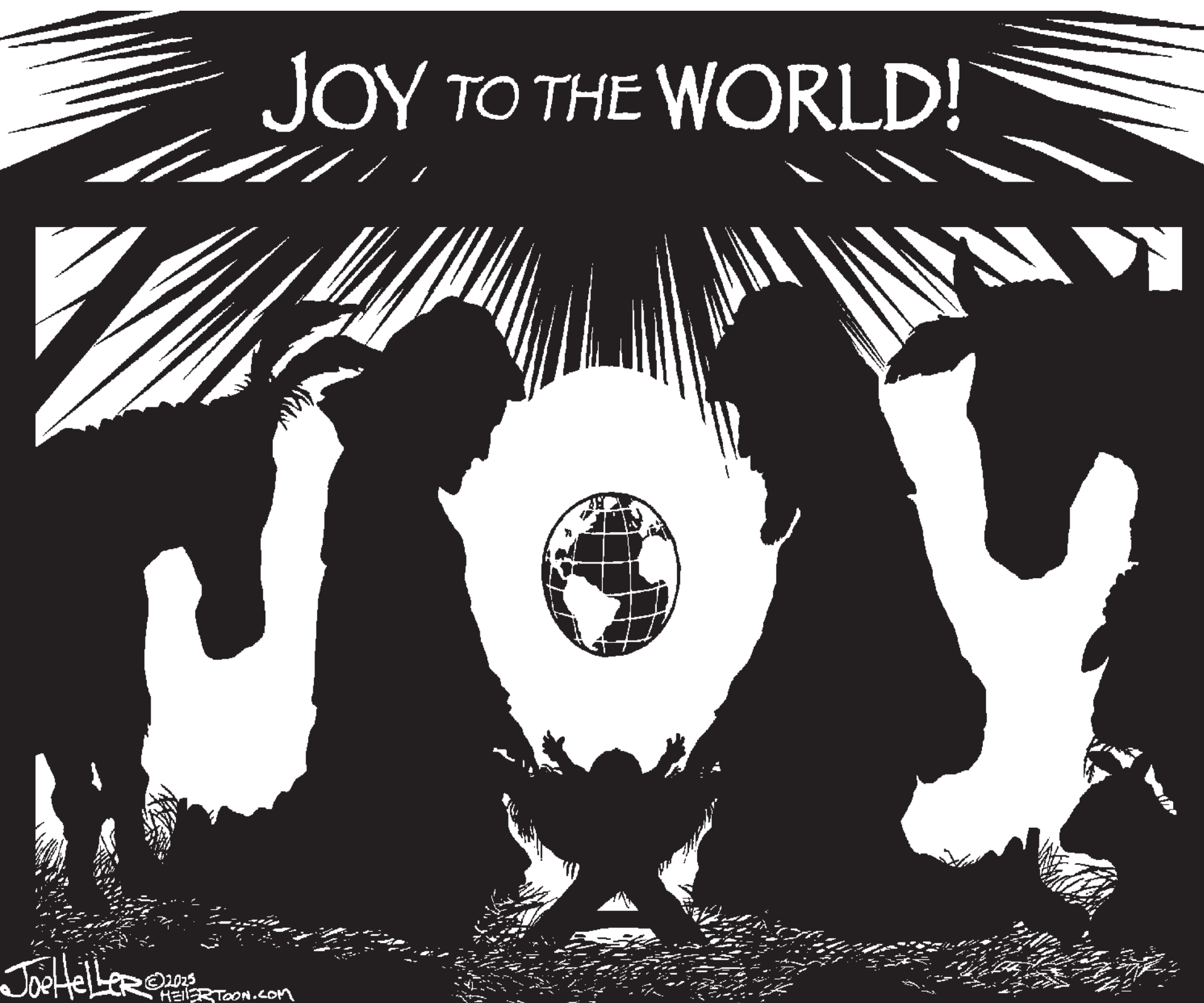
Not knowing whether I was dreaming or in reality, I remember standing there in awe and just soaking it all it since I haven't seen my grandfather and Jack in more than two decades. I remember telling Mom

I wanted country ham on my plate, and then that was it. I woke up and tried to go back into the dream, but it didn't happen and that was perfectly fine with me, although I was yearning for more time in dreamland.

That was the perfect Christmas gift and one that I needed from above this year.

As we celebrate in our own way Thursday, I'm hoping someone will fry up some country ham so I won't be dreaming about food instead of a white Christmas.

However, a white Christmas would be nice, too.



Christmas is all about spreading good news

Christmas is good news. Christ the Savior is born. This declaration is embraced daily by billions around the planet and especially on Christmas day.

There is more to Christmas day than the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We utilize the day for family gatherings, gift exchanges, and to eat more than most other times of the year. We get fatter so that on New Year's day we can make another resolution that we are going to eat less and exercise more. We play the Santa Claus game and always hope we can catch a glimpse of him racing through the

sky.

A lot goes on at Christmas. Many people spend money they don't have to give gifts that others may not really want or need. We cram our schedules full of dinners, parties and other appointments that could just as easily be done the first week or two in January. For some reason it seems so much has to be done by Christmas day.

Christmas is a great time



Glenn Mollette

for the little children who don't have many Christmases to compare to the present. They are mostly looking at today without much regard for the past. This is a perspective that we lose as we become adults and especially older adults. It became impossible for us. If we have any memory left at all we start comparing our Christmases. We remember a special Christmas in the past. We remember a special meal. We remember special people and the time when everybody was together. We remember when children were younger or when grandparents were

still alive. At some point and time on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day these old times seem to haunt us.

Loneliness is common to all of us at some point and time in our lives. We are lonely for those who made us laugh. We are lonely for those who cared for us or those for whom we cared. We get lonely for the simple things that brought us such internal joy.

Today we often try harder to create a magical moment. We spend more, bake more, try to do more when in fact were are trying to fill a vacuum that often isn't filled. We can't bring back a

child, parent or friend who is no longer with us. We will always miss them. That hole in our hearts can't be filled.

We know by now, the good news that Jesus was born, lived, died and arose from the grave as written in scripture. He came to give us peace, comfort, hope and to fill that cavern in each of our lives.

He gives us hope that we will see our loved ones again in a festive way that will far surpass our earthly Christmas celebrations.

Tonight, and this week, may our focus be on Jesus. His joy and love are the reasons we celebrate.



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Dec. 11

- Darrell Hill, 54: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 4 grams cocaine); tampering with physical evidence; trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 ounces), 1st offense; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; trafficking in legend drugs – 1st offense; trafficking in a controlled substance, 3rd degree, 1st offense (less than 20 DU drug unspecified)
- John Sturgill, 39: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Garrett Adams, 43: assault, 4th degree dating violence (no visible injury)
- Christopher Estes, 50: failure to appear
- Robert Casey, 39: failure to appear
- Calvin Felner, 54: failure to appear; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to methamphetamine)
- Barry Bailey, 63: commitment order
- Casey Holbrook, 41: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
- Jordan Turben, 18: custodial interference – felony
- Avery Taylor, 20: terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; harassing communications
- Virgil Fugate, 52: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; possession of marijuana
- Kody Carpenter, 30: probation violation (for felony offense)

Dec. 12

- Harold Rose, 67: failure to illuminate head lamps; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Christopher Hughes, 38: serving parole viola-

- tion warrant; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); : trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st degree; : trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); failure to or improper signal
- Austin Madden, 26: unlawful imprisonment – 2nd degree; criminal abuse – 3rd degree – child under 12 years of age; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Sheena Lawson, 42: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified)
- Christopher Kendrick, 50: serving weekends
- Chester Walker, 56: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Wendy Young, 38: serving weekends
- Jonathan Southerland, 65: serving weekends
- Tony Igisaiar, 27: serving weekends

Dec. 13

- William Tussey, 44: serving weekends
- William Graves, 61: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Brandon Royster, 25: serving weekends
- Charles Burchfield, 40: serving weekends
- Kenneth Guerrant, 44: failure to appear
- Jarred Estep, 27: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Candace Abner, 41: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Thomas Crowe, 34: theft

- by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Victor Lezgano, 35: criminal trespassing, 2nd degree

Dec. 14

- Braden Horn, 19: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; possession of marijuana
- Jeffrey Tarter, 31: careless driving; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to wear seat belts; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance – 1st; parole violation (for technical violation)
- Brayden Taylor, 18: speeding, 20 mph over limit; careless driving; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance(s) – 1st; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Brittany Parks, 37: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance(s) – 2nd (aggravated circumstances); leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance
- Jonathan Botts, 41: drug paraphernalia – buy/possess: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Angela Burchfield, 44: possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance – 2nd degree – drug unspecified; fugitive from another state
- Frederick Williams, 44: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree
- James Gibbs, 42: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense
- Marquesha Beasley, 38: non-payment of court costs, fees or fines
- Mellisa Mason, 44: failure to or improper signal; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license
- Tony Ison, 46: theft by unlawful taking or disposi-

- tion, shoplifting; violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Anthony Foster, 39: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (2 counts)

Dec. 15

- Deshawn Smith, 23: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; unlawful imprisonment
- Rashon Ray, 28: failure to appear
- Timothy Welch, 46: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Crystal Barbour, 43: failure to appear
- Brandon Means, 44: failure to appear (4 counts)
- Levi Johnson, 28: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Sarah Callahan, 27: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Tommy Crain, 37: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
- Alonzo Hayes, 72: leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; criminal mischief, 2nd degree; operating vehicle with expired operator’s license; wanton endangerment, 2nd degree
- Shara Cline, 52: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Kyle Trosper, 24: failure to appear
- Mason Johnson, 28: operating motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance - 2nd (aggravated circumstances); resisting arrest; assault, 3rd degree (police officer or probation officer); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; tampering with physical evidence

Dec. 16

- Jamie Isaacs, 41: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Donald Rogers, 19: failure to appear; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Serena Miller, alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Jenaye Miller, 45: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08

- 1st: no registration plates; no registration receipt; no tail lamps
- Dusty Ritchie, 37: failure to appear
- Jonathan Buchanan, 28: hold for court
- Rebecca Combs, 32: hold for court
- Justin Blevins, 37: hold for court
- Richard Bryant, 32: hold for court
- Calain Myers, 22: hold for court
- Joseph. Croucher, 32: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 4th or greater offense (aggravated circumstances); fleeing or evading police – 1st degree (motor vehicle)
- Raymond Kidd, 42: hold for court
- Alexis Sloane, 25: probation violation (for technical violation)
- Jessie Clark, 56: failure to appear
- Steven Gerlaugh, 76: hold for court

Dec. 17

- Jim Phelps, 33: failure to appear; serving parole violation warrant
- Michael Banks, 58: failure to appear; serving parole violation warrant
- Ricky Ward, 46: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Alina Bothen, 41: speeding, 16 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); no registration plates; no registration receipt; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Tasha Alexander, 45: failure to appear
- Garth Harris, 33: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); disorderly conduct – 2nd degree
- Deanna Cartmill, 67: failure to appear
- Stephanie Mullins, 37: failure to appear
- Lloyd Whitis, 47: failure to appear

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dec. 11

- Skyler A. Cannon and Andrea Cannon to Matthew R. Burton and Carrie M. Burton, 101 Anita Lane, \$195,000
- Melissa Abshear to Rodney Stafford, 159 Shady Oaks Drive, \$235,000
- Rodney Stafford to Michael Luster, lots 7 and 8 block C Country Club Heights, \$222,000
- Benny Biggs and Wanda Biggs to Marisa Pearson and JoAnn Howard, tract Madison County, \$149,000
- Roy Todd Builders, Inc. to Koa Mora and Sarai Mora, lot 8 block 1 Central Park Subdivision, Berea, \$369,900
- DCM Development, Inc. to Estill Wood Products, Inc. tract Madison County, \$1,300,000
- Brian Charles and Jennifer Charles to The Brian E. Charles Living Trust, by Brian E. Charles, Trustee, tracts Madison County, for and in consideration of funding the Brian E. Charles Living Trust

Dec. 12

- Bijaya Ghimire and Michelle Ghimire to Cox Rentals, LLC, 295 Paint Lick Road, \$500,000
- Banded Properties, LLC to Kara Keene Johnson, 313 Logan Avenue, \$285,000
- Richard F. Wallin and Lorraine G. Wallin to Savanah Hudson and Jesse Judson, lot 90 Section 2 Coving Woods Subdivision, \$345,000
- Elizabeth Williamson to A, L, and Z Properties, LLC, tract Madison County, \$117,700
- KJC Properties, LLC to James T. Debord and Lisa G. Debord, lot 35 Stoney View Estates, phase 1, \$319,900
- Vanwinkle Real Estate Holdings, LLC to Blue Willow Property Group, LLC, tract Madison County, for and in consideration and agreement between parties
- Blue Willow Property Group, LLC to Vanwinkle

- Real Estate Holdings, LLC, tract Madison County, for and in consideration and agreement between parties
- Nicolette Bonnie Payne to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the use and benefit of Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, tract Madison County, \$20,000
- Bulah Carter to Dale Carter, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of love and affection
- Betty L. Hammond to Donna McKinney and Cody Jones, 520 Daniel Drive, for and in consideration of love and affection
- Mathis Kentucky Farms, LLC to Richard William Steele and Hayley Hunt Steele, 1215 Mule Shed Lane and 1227 Mule Shed Lane, \$1,350,071
- Alma Repass to Coach’d LCC, lot 21 block F Locker Court, LLC, \$128,299.20
- Megan M. Williams to Charles J. Pugeseck, tract Madison County, \$265,000

Dec. 15

- Salem H. Properties, LLC to Iskulaz Holding, LLC, lot 125 Carriage Place phase 2, \$435,000
- Salem H. Properties, LLC to Iskulaz Holding, LLC, lot 126 Carriage Place phase 2, \$435,000
- Salem H. Properties, LLC to Iskulaz Holding, LLC, lot 124 Carriage Place phase 2, \$435,000
- Dorothy R. Epling, by William D. Epling Conservator as Case No, 06-H-0470-005 to CS Holdings Group, LLC, 124 Phillips Street, Berea, \$78,000
- St. Andrews Place Retirement Community, Inc. to David L. Chambers and Allie Chambers, 59 Abbotsford Drive, \$257,500
- Bradley R. Pearce and Cassidy B. Pearce to Brandon Lawrence Robbins and Emily Marie Robbins, 920 Cobble Drive, \$414,000

- Steven Scott Farmer and Donna Gail Farmer, Katherine Irene Jones to EJE Stanley, LLC, 616 Fairfax Lane, \$240,000
- Worley Johnson, Jr. and Linda B. Johnson to Alex Dison and Sidney Dixon, 100 Boone Way, \$371,900
- Amy Farris to Brenda Smith, 228 Savannah Drive, \$275,000
- Cloyd Wayne Oliver and Kimberly Raina Oliver to Karen Murukas, lot 57 Robbinsville Subdivision, \$238,500
- Houghton Homes, LLC to Griffin J. Lawson, lot 44 Ashwood Country Estates, \$689,900
- Marcos Ramos and Jordan Ramos to Gunnar V. Greene and Katlyn Greene, lot 37 Sycamore Park @ Golden Leaf, \$420,000
- Mickey Dullivan to Ashley N. Wilson, tract Madison County, \$261,000
- Danielle Bonnie Renner and Micah Renner to Sherra L. Morgan, lot 5 Sugarville Meadows, \$256,000
- Union City Baptist Church to Elizabeth D. Bowman, tract Walker Park, \$215,000
- Zachary L. Cantrell and Jenna Cantrell to Joshua Michael Louis and Emma Lucette White, tract Madison County, \$275,000
- 1st Call Construction, LLC to Gerrit Bottema and Nicole Bottema, 213 Navajo Drive, \$349,900
- Henry Hellard and Thelma Hellard to Jessica L. Taylor and Ryan G. Taylor, 219 Stoney Creek Way, \$279,900
- Ryan Taylor and Jessica Taylor to Benjamin Wilt ad Dorothy Wilt, tracts Madison County, \$500,000
- Ground Up Investments, LLC to Billy Blackburn, 215 Salter Road, \$265,000
- Kazman Scott White to Desiree Merritt and Ryan Singleton, lot 40 East Point

- Estates, \$259,900
- Brenda Y. Thompson to Christian Wingert and Taylor Adams, lot 63 The Meadows Subdivision, phase 3, \$495,000
- Albert R. Mooney and Vickie Mooney to Misty Crutcher, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of love and affection which an aunt and uncle have for their niece
- James R. Todd to Jeffery Todd, lot 10 Hickory Acres Subdivision, Berea, for and in consideration of an agreement between parties
- James R. Todd to Larry Prewitt and Orene Prewitt, tract Madison County, \$240,000

Dec. 16

- Houghton Homes, LLC to James P. Hofmeister and Donna Hofmeister, Trustees of the Hofmeister Family Trust, lot 42 Ashwood Country Estates, \$554,900
- Valerie Harrison (a/k/a Valerie Weaver), Tracy Allison Foster and Douglas Wayne Foster to Margaret Lubben and Jeffrey Lubben, tract Madison County, \$515,000
- Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an Officer of the United States of America, tract Madison County, \$160,000
- DRC Property Management, LLC to Joseph Gaughan tract Madison County, \$625,000
- Jerry Little and Wanda Little to R and R Endeavors, LLC, lot 1, 311 Richmond Road North, Berea, \$175,000
- Lyndia Fay Oxford and Thomas David Oxford to Kristin Gayle Bunett, lot 27 Norwood Acres Subdivision, \$385,000
- Victory Lane Development, Inc. to Denita Gregory Harmon, 111 Dawn Court, \$79,000
- Blue Willow Property Group, LLC to Gregory Joel

- Langham and Sumyr Elizabeth Elkibns, lot 8 The Fairways @ Boone’s Trace, phase 1, \$744,900
- Milton Thomas Moreland and Robyn Johnson Moreland to Brandon Johnson and Kristy Johnon, lot 30A Vineyard Phase 1, \$400,000
- Joshua L. Reece and Nikita Reece to Lyndsey Lisle, tract Madison County, \$505,000
- Princess Properties, LLC to Aaron Clontz, lot 12 Wildflower Estates, \$309,900
- Roger Faulkner and Darlene Faulkner to Codey Alan Daniles, lots 19 and 20 Block C Irvine View Subdivision, \$184,900
- Nathaniele Luke Jarvis to Timothy Ryan Evans and Jailene Evans, lot 4 Hillville Acres Subdivision, \$320,000
- Gwendolyn Lee Williams to Darby D. Estes and Jamie Estes, 121 Smith Ballard Street, \$240,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Oakmont Properties, LLC, lot 202 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 2, \$62,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to KR Construction, LLC, lot 150 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 2, \$63,000
- Cletus Abner and Beatrice Abner to Eric Ryan Broughton and Erin Garcia Broughton, tracts Madison County, \$355,000
- Steve Waddell and Margaret G. Burks to Jack Taylor and Jillian Taylor, lot 44 The Banyans @ Goldenleaf Subdivision, \$365,000



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Old crows and yapping little dogs are only nuisances

A man and wife were walking along a country lane when a crow, flying high overhead, dropped a messy present on the woman's shoulder. "Ewww," she screeched. "Get some toilet paper or something." "What for?" the husband asked. "That crow must be a hundred yards away by now." There are times in all our lives when we feel like even the birds are conspiring against us, when things just aren't going well. In such times, we need to remind ourselves that God is on our side. King David, who faced all sorts of life-threatening

situations, often took courage in that fact. "The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid," he wrote in Psalm 27:1. King David realized that he was a child of God and that provided him with a strong sense of security, no matter what he was facing. The Bible provides great encouragement to us when we feel overwhelmed, when we're caught up in life's distractions. One of my favorite church hymns, A Child of



Roger Alford

the King, reminds us that we have a Heavenly Father to strengthen us against whatever comes our way, because, as the lyrics point out, "With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King." Harriett Buell, a native of New York state, wrote those words one Sunday in the late 1800's while walking home from church, no doubt feeling safe and secure in her Heavenly Father's watchful care. A music teacher, John Sumner, saw the words and set them to music. The story goes that Buell was delighted when she heard her words being sung in an evening worship service in Manlius, N.Y. How those words have

lifted the spirits of so many Christians facing difficult circumstances over the years, knowing that the All-Powerful Creator, the God who made all that exists, is our loving Father. "If God for be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). There's the story about the big, strong, broad-shouldered coonhound that was walking home when a tiny little house dog came yapping and growling at him. That big hound could have snapped the smaller dog in half with just one bite, but he didn't. Instead, he just kept right on walking toward home, paying no attention to the noisy

little creature. Oh, if we all be more like that coonhound, focusing on our journey home, rather than the little nuisances we encounter along the way. The great enemy of mankind wants us to focus on the "little yapping dogs" of this world and, thereby, divert our attention from our Christian journey. Oh, there'll be distractions along the way. Old crows might even drop unwelcome bombs of one sort or another on us, but we are not to be discouraged.

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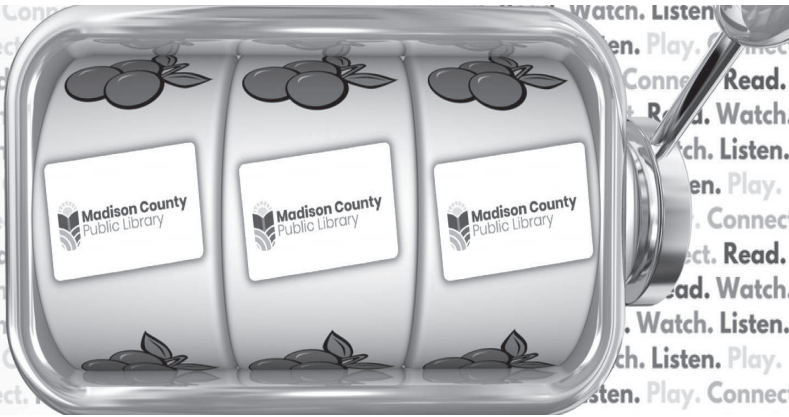
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December 24, 1924 Berea Motor Company

The Berea Motor Company, handling authorized Ford sales and service, move to their new location just opposite of the Post Office on Chestnut Street. The Berea Motor Company had been in business for three years and during that time had sold 350 new cars, trucks and tractors. The new location had the best equipped,

best lighted, mot spacious, and finest shop in southern Madison County. The shop was ready to take care of any make or model of car on the market.

December 21, 1950 Agriculture show

The annual tobacco and corn show was held at Kingston High on December 14th. The event was sponsored by the Kingston

F.F.A. and veteran farming classes. Approximately 800 people attended the event. Ralph Rowlett was crowned King of the Show and Ernestine Wilson was crowned as queen.

December 15, 1975 Sixty-six graduates

Sixty-six graduating seniors at Berea College were honored at a recognition service held at Phelps

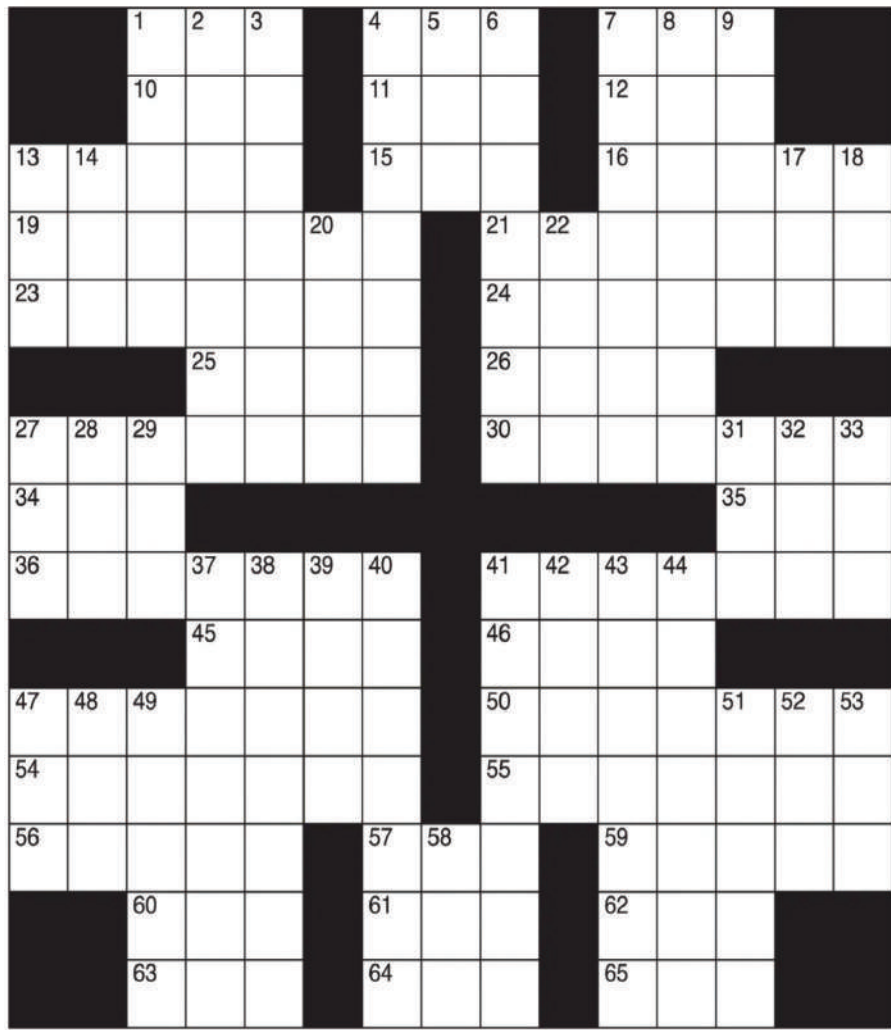
Stokes Chapel with Dr. John Wallhausser, visiting professor peaking on "Liberal Arts – To Tell the Story Right." Candidates were presented by Dean William Stolte. A reception prior to the ceremony was hosted by the President and Mrs. Willis D. Weatherford at the President's House.

December 21, 2000 Fire destroys home

Fire destroyed a home on Kindred Lane on Monday morning, sending three to the hospital. According to reports, Jeff, Ada, and Bridgette Bowman were taken to area hospitals for injuries ranging from burns to smoke inhalation. Fire units from Berea Fire Department, Madison County Fire Department and are volunteer fire departments responded to the blaze. The fire caused approximately \$45,000 in damage.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- American automotive titan
- Tire term
- Two-year-old sheep
- Indigenous people of Thailand
- Anti-Soviet Cold War group
- Actress de Armas
- Not moving
- Cool!
- Plants of the arum family
- Connected with touch
- Pen stain
- Monetary units
- School kids' art project
- Early Bell Canada executive
- Sword
- Hates
- Fixed in one place
- Pie _ _ mode
- Moved swiftly on foot
- Carrier on vehicle
- A path to get through
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Spiritual leader
- Flowing
- Respectful compliments

CLUES DOWN

- Cure
- Soft, lightweight fabric
- Building material
- Japanese delicacy
- A way to cause to be swollen
- One and only
- You might get one in summer
- Wreath
- Thus far
- They _
- Employee reference number
- Policemen (French)
- Toy dog
- Intestinal condition
- Muscular weaknesses
- Helps little firms
- Alphabetical lists
- Takes down
- Facilitates
- Ethnic people of Ethiopia
- Engine additive
- Explorers group
- Written account
- Consumed
- Opposite of first
- No (slang)
- Government lawyers
- NY Giants great

- Small amount
- A way to save for your future
- Fall behind
- Midway between northeast and east
- Head pain
- Wildly popular sport
- "Princess Diaries" actress Hathaway
- Boat race
- About fish
- Nursemaid
- Able to be marketed
- Not as large
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Paddle
- Oneness
- Bitter chemical
- Not around
- Very fast airplane
- Main tributary of the Rhine



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!

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

ANSWER:

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to food service.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 26 = E)

A. 22 26 17 4 26 17
Clue: Waiter/waitress

B. 24 23 13 19 25 26 11
Clue: Cooking room

C. 17 26 22 13 9 12 17 9 11 13
Clue: Place to dine

D. 19 25 26 19 24
Clue: Restaurant bill

Answers: A. server B. kitchen C. restaurant D. check

City of Berea joins addiction recovery initiative

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday to join a multi-government effort called the Bluegrass Recovery Initiative to battle substance abuse.

In a work session prior to the regular business meeting, Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley explained that the initiative is administered by the Bluegrass Area Development District, which represents 17 counties in central Kentucky. Because local government entities received opioid lawsuit settlement money from drug manufacturers and distributors, Bluegrass ADD proposes to combine those funds to find a unified program to combat the devastating effects of substance abuse in the region.

So far, Berea has received \$200,000 in settlement money, but like other governments like Madison County and Richmond, is in search of a productive way to use those resources to combat substance abuse. Fraley said Bluegrass ADD would develop and implement a strategy to address issues such as education, interdiction, recovery, and reentry into the workforce.

“The concept is they want to do this over a generation, 18 years to break that cycle,” Fraley said. “The question is how do we work with other jurisdictions and governmental entities to try to make a dent and break this cycle.”

The city would be required to pledge \$5,000 to become part of the project, something that the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Richmond City Commission have already done.

He added that by addressing the issue together, the three gov-

ernments could have a lasting impact on the workforce and quality of life in Madison County.

“Our county jails are full of people because of opioid addition,” Fraley said. “If those folks can go into residential treatment, then get into transitional living and the workforce, that frees space in the detention center, and everybody wins.”

The allocation of the \$5,000 is contingent upon the Bluegrass ADD gaining a grant from the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission.

Noting that it would be difficult for individual governments to address the widespread impact of substance abuse, Berea City Councilman Steve Caudill expressed support for the combined government approach.

“I think it’s a great use of the opioid settlement funds at this point,” Caudill said.

In other news:

- Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley awarded a proclamation of appreciation to the Berea Food Bank, part of the Berea Faith Outreach Community. BFCO Executive Director Tony Crachiolo thanked the city for their continued support of the food bank, since the city lends the organization the use of a building behind Berea City Hall.
- The council unanimously adopted an ordinance requiring Berea Municipal Utilities customers to comply with Advance Metering Infrastructure for utilities service. Also approved Tuesday was an ordinance enabling the city to accept regulations for low pressure forced main sewer infrastructure.
- Codes Enforcement Administrator Amanda Haney announced that the next Berea Comprehensive Plan meeting will take place on February 19 in the Berea Gallery and Events Center. Haney added that citizens can still participate in a survey about what they want to see for the future of Berea by visiting <https://www.berea2025.org>

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for Jan. 6, 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE Establishment of Restoration Advisory Board for Conventional Mission at Blue Grass Army Depot Madison, County, Richmond, Kentucky

The United States Army Environmental Command (USAEC) and Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) leadership are reaching out to the community to determine if there is sufficient interest to warrant the installation’s establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the conventional national defense mission operation.

The purpose of RAB will be to help address community concerns and expectations regarding the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) and environmental remediation activities on the depot at various long-term monitoring/cleanup sites.

The RAB will be comprised of local citizen volunteers including representatives of local, state, and federal agencies who are interested in knowing about BGAD’s restoration program activities. RAB members should represent the diverse interests of the local community for the exchange of information between BGAD and the community on the installation’s present and future restoration/cleanup activities.

If there is sufficient interest, BGAD will establish the RAB with members who are willing to commit to attending regular meetings and provide meaningful feedback on ongoing IRP activities covering a two-year period.

If you wish to volunteer to be a RAB member or want more information, please contact USAEC Environmental Site Manager, Mr. John Beasley at john.p.beasley6.civ@army.mil, or BGAD Public Affairs Officer, William Ritter at william.d.ritter3.civ@army.mil within thirty days by January 18, 2026.

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BEREA COLLEGE

For the Love of Basketball: Berea Bleeds Blue Too!



A Berea College guard controls the ball in the corner while fans watch the action unfold.

CRYSTAL WYLIE '05/BEREA COLLEGE

By Hannah Hisle
Berea College

BEREA, Ky. – Wintertime in the Bluegrass usually calls a few staples to mind: home-cooked meals, unpredictable weather and a good game of college basketball on the TV. Berea College offers locals and their families something special – and best of all, it’s free.

Instead of the couch, bring your family to the college’s Seabury Center to watch the Berea College men’s and women’s basketball teams – which include several Madison County natives – compete.

This year’s men’s team includes 15 Kentuckians on its 22-player roster, most from Central Kentucky. The women’s team features 10 Kentucky natives among its 13 players.

Several Madison County athletes appear on the rosters, including Madison Southern alumni and first-year player Casen Nobbe, sophomore twin brothers Zach and Braeden Hudson, and senior Madiso Howell of Berea Independent.

At Berea College, community and accessibility are rooted values. As a tuition-free institution, Berea extends these beliefs beyond campus through community outreach. Part of this is its commitment to providing free admission to all sporting events. This applies not only to staff, faculty, students and their families, but to everyone.

Unlike many NCAA Division III institutions that charge admission or streaming fees, Berea invites local residents to use the campus as a gathering place on winter nights. Best of all, these games offer a chance for town members to support student-athletes, many of whom grew up in the surrounding area and now balance academic work, labor duties and athletic commitments.

Since joining the NCAA in 2017, Berea College has earned eight conference championships, showcasing the small-town campus’s impressive competitive spirit.

As you make plans for the holiday season, be sure to mark your calendar and come out to support your local Mountaineers.

Berea College’s Seabury Center is located at **313 N. Main Street** in Berea. Accessible parking and seating are available. For questions, call **(859) 985-3159**.

If you can’t make it out, catch games via livestream at bereaathletics.com

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Berea College Basketball Schedule

Men’s	Women’s
Manchester 3 PM, Jan. 10	Earlham 7 PM, Jan. 7
Mount St. Joseph 7:30 PM, Jan. 14	Manchester 1 PM, Jan. 10
Rose-Hulman 3 PM, Jan. 24	Bluffton 1 PM, Jan. 17
Transylvania 7:30 PM, Jan. 28	Hanover 7 PM, Jan. 21
Franklin 3 PM, Feb. 7	Rose-Hulman 1 PM, Jan. 24
Earlham 7:30 PM, Feb. 11	Transylvania 7 PM, Feb. 4
	Franklin 1 PM, Feb. 7
	Mount St. Joseph 7 PM, Feb. 18



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LETTERS TO *Santa*



DEC. 24, 2025
A Special Supplement to
The Berea Citizen

Letters to Santa

- Letters to Santa from our readers

Dear Santa,

My name is Oakleigh.

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1.  2.  3. 

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Oakleigh

Dear Santa,

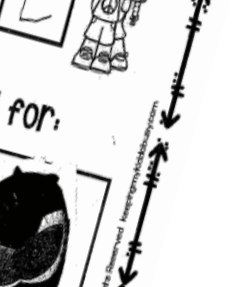
My name is Luke.

I am 8 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1.  2.  3. 

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Luke



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Mrs. Fuit Second Grade Berea Community Dear Santa, My name is Calliope Iam 7 years old. I have been very good this year some of the nice thingsdid were helping my Mother pick up MY bother and i pay attention at school and i have been really nice so hear are things i what 1.a stitch doll 2. Cutecow 3.cows in space 4.a pet butterfly 5.new bows 6. A Taylor Swift 7.some papa jones wings long nallis and that is all thank you love callie Dear Santa, My name is Clara I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year.Some of the nice things I did were Helping my classmates. I pay attention in class I eat my Vegetables. My wish list is 1.Some new balances colors gray and black 2. Owala in purple The rest can be a surprise. Love, Clara Dear Santa, My name is Eli. I am 7 years old I have really good And respectful by by santa my christmas wish list is : A puppy A pone 2000 dollers Love eli Dear Santa, My name is Emanuel. I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. Some of the nice things I did were clean my room, helped my mom and	dad cook, and make good choices at school. My christmas wish list: A book Remote control car A new tablet Love, Emanuel Dear Santa, My name is harper.i am 8 years old and my birthday is november 10 th i am so good can i have 10000000000 00000000000000000000000000 00000000000000000000000000 0 lubooboo. love.harper Dear Santa, My Name Is Harper .I am 7 years old.I have been very good this year.The good things this year is,cleaning,reading,eating My veggies , and helping ,making good choices. My wish list is 1 A tablet 2 tada squishy 3 e.l.f lipgloss 4 touchland handsanatiser 5 owala in pink 6 silk pj Love Harper. My name is jayden and i am 8 years old and i want 50\$ and a ps5 and a ronoldo toy and 100\$ and thats it. my wish list a new lubooboo. Love jayden ps. I have super super good. Dear Santa, My name is Julia. I am 7 years old.I have been very good.I cleaned my room.I heaped my mom.I ded wut a teacher sed.	y christmas list a tablet a lubooboo a bolt and a reindeer toy. Love julia. dear santa I am 8 year old i have good and bad some things i have done was help my mom with my room and i help my mom and my dad with dinner it was hard but i did it and now i have done help a dog find a home it was so fun now i will go to what i want from santa. List A puppy A new tv A vending machine A game Candy And more makeup thank you santa love, kiyoko Dear Santa, My name is Lincoln and i am 8 years old. I have been very good this year because i did my chores. and i help my mom and dad. and i get good grades. Wish list 200\$ robux gift card lightsaber 900000000\$ dunkndonuts Love, Lincoln Dear Santa, My name is Samara.I am 8 years old. i I have been Pretty good this year. Some of the nice things I did were play attention at school, Clean my messy room, and played good in soccer and basketball. My christmas wish list is: a ipad or tablet. To be a youtuber.	Have a tv in my room Have another cat Love, SAMARA dear santa My name is sawyer i am 8 years old i have been good this year the things i did was helping my mom cleaning my bedroom help my dad work my wish list 1. A cat 2. A tee shirt 3. A stuffey 4. New shoes Dear Santa,` My name is Tucker . I am 8 years old. I have been very good This year . Some of the things I did were help My brother. be nice to My mom and Dad. I sometimes play with My little brother. My wish list. 1’500\$. 2’ large Doritos. 3’switch games. Love Tucker Dear Santa, My name is Vera. L am 7 years old.I have been ver Good this year. Some of the nice things I did were I help mace my binr. And i lisind at my Scuwill dae. Oll I wont for Crismis is 1.acs-lodl. 2.pets . 3. Stuf ubawt animals Love Vera. Dear Santa, My name is Drew. I am 8 years old. I ben good Heped some one when sad Wishlist: Bengals Jersey #5 Football sports gear	Play station game Play station gift card Love, Drew Dear Santa My name is Ariel i am 8 years old I have been very good this year Some of the good things i did this year i cleaned my room a bit and my bed i helped my cat get in i ate all my food last night im very very very happy its my best friend birthday hes turning 8 but i been good at school i hope my friends get home safe i hope they have a good sleep tonight and i hope they dont get cold thats all i can think of so yeah My wish list is; A doll house 2.going to my best friend house 3. A best best best best best best friend [ophelia] so i dont need it 4. Dolls 5.a book to draw in 6. A sleepover with my best friend 7.mini br 8. Going to see 5 nights at 9. new dresses!!!!!! 10.\$10 11.cool pens 12. Going out with my friends at 7:00to 9:30 13. Stuff i can put in my room 14.a laptop Love Ariel Dear Santa, MY NAME IS ZEKE I AM 8 years I I wish for a lot of stranger thags and LEGOS and skat brwd and v buks and qs 5 Love zeke	
Ms. Lawson 2nd Grade Berea Community Dear santa, For christmas I would like littlest pet shop and a new switch charger. love Areya 8 years old. Dear Santa, For christmas i would like a dominus rex and a pink car aubree 8-years-old Dear santa For christmas i would like A toy car and a dinosaur brantley 7-years-old Dear santa For christmas I would like	Remote control car and dinosaur toy cyprus 7 Dear santa For chrstmas I Like play statien 5 and a mini dint bike gunner 8 years old Dear santa , For christmas i would like menban and qet dog. Jaeliona 8 years old Dear santa For christmas this year I want gold pokemon River 7 years old Dear santa For christmas I wauld like A.100.pakesof gold	pokemon and a scooter and 100 lego cars. Jessiah 8 years old Dear santa, For christmas i would like a mini bike and a hampster. Julian 7 years old Dear santa For chrishmas i wont a v—ducks andH hoseI i am 8years0ld Love kimmy Dear santa, For Chrismas I would like a Baby Alive Twin and a Nintendo2. Love, Leah 7 years old. Dear santa For christmas I would like an electric	dirt bike and a telescope. Leo 7 years old. Dear santa, For christmas I woud like A Box of Nails and A new Make– up set MADISYN 7 YEARS OLD. Dear santa For Christmas I would like v-bucks and drawing paper. Morgan I am 7 years old Dear Santa, For christmas this year I want a 3-d printer and a Harry Potter Wand. Love Peyton 8 years old Dear santa, For christmas i would like a camera	and a puppy. Rylynn 7 years old. Dear santa, For christmas I would like electric motor bike and min dirt bike. Love Trenton 8 year old Dear santa For christmas this year i want ps5 cpu Love vinny 7 years old Dear santa I would like a camera and a puppy. I am 7 years old Love xio Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a camera and a craft set. Love, Brooklyn Age 7	
Mrs. Hall 2nd Grade Berea Community Dear Santa, My name is Gage. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. I am very thankful for my family. I would like you to bring me a wrecire because I like them very will. I would like to have a Fortnite pic ax and a costoom. Love, Gage Dear Santa, My name is Kaycen and I am 7 years old. I have been very nice this year. I am really grateful for food and my famley. I would really like you to bring me a bak scratchr, a PC, a PS5, and a Xbox because I love gameing and my bak is bracin. Love, Kaycen Dear Santa, My name is Bintou. I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. I am grateful for presints. I would really like you to bring me a rabbit pupit because I rilly wont a rabbit pupit because I love rabbits. Love, Bintou Dear Santa, My name is Chloe. I am 8 yers old. This year I have been naughty and nice. You have been so nice to me. I am really thankful for mi tesher. Plees bring me a LOL doll. I will like whatever you bring. Love, Chloe Dear Santa, My name is Ilse. I am 100 years old. Ha ha This Year I have been nice. I am thankful for my famile. I would really like you to bring me a hair dazaler and My Life doll and My	Life closeths because I love them. Love, Ilse Dear Santa, My name is Alice and I am 9 years old. This year I have been very nice. I am really thankful for my friends and family. I would really like you to bring me a Baby Alive twin, a snake that has babies, and a phone because I have a baby day care, I have always wanted a pet snake, and I just want to feel rusponentsable. Love, Alice Dear Santa, My name is Royalty. I am 8 years old. This year I have been both naughty and nice. I am really grateful for my family. I would really like you to bring me a My Life doll and some My Life clothes to go with it because I want to have another My Life doll because I want my other My Life doll to have a friend. Love, Royalty Dear Santa, My name is Addy. I am 8 years old. I am really grateful for my family. I want new ballay shoose and I want new jazz shoose because I am doing dance and new ballay leutars, please and I have been nice and a little naughty. Love, Addy Dear Santa, My name is Piper. I am 7 yeas old. This year I have been nice. I am really grateful for my BFFs and family. I would really like you to bring me some really fancy doll furnuchr and a ipad because I will like it and can you make it come with a ipad pen to. I love you Santa. Love, Piper	Dear Santa, My name is Easton. I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little naughty and nice. I am grateful for my family. I would really like you to bring me a PS5 because I want another play station. Love, Easton Dear Santa, My name is Titus. I want a dirt bick for Chrismas and a skateboard and a toy car and I want a elf on the shelf for Chrismis because it is going to be a lot of fun. Love, Titus Dear Santa, My name is Levi. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. I am really grateful for Dad. I would really like you to bring me a electric tracter that I can drive because it would be fun to work with it. Love, Levi Dear Santa, My name is Selena. I am 8 years old. I have been both naughty and nice this year but I am thankful for my family. I would really like to get a baby monkey and a crib from you because I would like to take care of a monkey. Love, Selena Dear Santa, My name is Colton and I am 8 years old. This year I have been good. I am very grateful for you. I would really like you to bring me a VR ples because I really like to play with virchal reality and it would be fun. Love, Colton	Dear Santa, My name is J.D. and I am 7 years old. I have been nice this year. I would really like you to bring me a VR because I want to have my own like my brother. It would be fun! Love, J.D. Dear Santa, My name is Lincoln. I am 7 years old. This year I have been both naughty and nice. I am really thankful for friends and family. I would really like you to bring me new clothes, new shoes, and a flannel jacket, a sheet, a cover, and a pillow-case for my bed and a lamp so I can have things to wear to school, look nice, and feel cozy in my room. Love, Lincoln Dear Santa, My name is Fox. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. I am really grateful that Christmas is coming. I would really like you to bring me a golden Pokémon battle deck and a remote-control car because I lost some of the cards I had and the car would be fun. Love, Fox Dear Santa, My name is Bentley. I am 7 years old. This year I have been very nice. I am really thankful for my family. I would like you to bring me a PS5, a smart watch, and a RC car and an new bike because all that stuff sounds like fun. Maybe you can bring an electric dirt bike too. Love, Bentley Dear Santa, My name is Jaylen. I’m 7 years old. This year I have been nice. I am re-	ally grateful for my dad and mom. I would really like you to bring me a oculus 3, a brand new PS5 controler, and a wirelees keybord and mouse. The oculus 3 will be super fun in bone lab and my controller is kinda sticky. Love, Jaylen Dear Santa, My name is Hudson. I’m 8 years old this year I have been nice. Wold you bring me a PS5, VR, and a gameing chir? Love, Hudson Dear Santa, My name is Emery. I am 7 years old. I have been both naughty and nice. I would like you to bring me a Barbie you can design with playdoh. Love, Emery Dear Santa, My name is Anthony. I am 7 years old. I would really like you to bring me a puppy, a baby cat, a La Boo Boo and I have been naughty and nice. Love, Anthony Dear Santa, My name is Aria. I am 8 years old and this year I have been nice. I am really grateful for my family. I would like you to bring me slime and a bik and a bay doll. Also pugomus because I love to enjoy nachr and I love to play with slime. Love, Aria Dear Santa, Hi. My name is Holden. I am 9 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. i would really like it if you will get me a new VR, phone, and a mini frige. And can you get me a elf? Love, Holden	
Ms. Howard 2nd Grade Dear Santa, I hope your little elves are ok. I hope your reindeers are ok. I hope Mrs Claus is ok. I hope you are ok. The First thing that I want for Christmas is I want Mrs Howerd to have a good Christmas and I want my friends to have a good Christmas too. I want	my family to have a good Christmas too. I want all the children even if they are bad. I still want them to.I want all the adults to have a good Christmas to. Now what I want is a puppy stuffed animal. Merry Christmas Happy New Year Love, Johanna Dear Santa, Santa, please please can I have a	tablet? And are Cupid and Conner sisters? Is Rudolph’s nose really red? Merry Christmas Santa. Is cupid your favorite reindeer? Is the reindeer part of your family? Are you always at the North pole? Love, Bear PS How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? have a holly jolly Christmas. It’s the best time of the year. You’re	the best Santa. Dear Santa, I love cookies just like you. I want it for Christmas. I wish I could have a red nose like Rudolph the red nose reindeer. Merry christmas santa and merry christmas to willa. That’s me, Santa, and my animals love Santa. I am excited for christmas and I will tell a story wants a pone a time there	was a man his name is Santa. He lived in a street and he loved cookies and he brot prezents. I want 500000 robux! Love, Willa Dear Santa, how is my elf? I love Christmas. I bet it is cold in the north pole. My friend is nice. I love you. I want an	

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ipad case. from Harley Merry Christmas! Dear Santa, How are you and the reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I want to know if you put the candy in the stockings. Merry Christmas Rylynn Dear Santa, Is Rudolph's nose really red? I would like a gaming mic.I would like v busks. I would like a DJ board. I would like potato shoes. I would like a Koby Bryant jersey. I would like a 70 dirt bike. I would like uggs's. Pro Max Apple Watch. I would like an ipad . I would like a bearded dragon. I would like a terrarium. I would like a heat lamp. I would like cologne . Love, Henry Merry Christmas! Dear Santa, All I want is for me and mi frans and family to be happy and how are your reindeer feeling and merry Christmas. from Jon	Dear Santa, Do you want more cookies? How many cookies do you eat? For christmas can I please have a stuffed animal that looks like my guinea pigs bagel and chuk? It wode make my Christmas.Can you get me a poppet?Can you get me a magic animal to keep forever?And get my family a present from me?And random stuff too?I hope you have a good Christmas. From Hallie Dear Santa, I have been 65% good for Christmas. I want a mario kart race track and a blue among us plushie a bitzze hamster ball and a zhu zhu city and a toy car that I can drive in and a wild kratts suit[chris and marten] and discs and disc holder binoculars a Nintendo Switch 2 and a Donkey Kong Bonanza game cartridge to go with the Switch 2 and a phone. Love, Samuel ps Merry Christmas! ps say hi to Mrs Claus for me. Dear Santa, How is the reindeer? And I didn't forget Mrs.Claus I hope is all well. All I want for Christmas is 3 things uggs skincare and those flared sweat	pants.and I had a big question is the North pole as cold as they say? It might be a little hot that's what I think but it might not.And I have 1 more question is the Grinch actually real? I think he is . Love, Eliza Dear Santa, Can I please have a blanket that has an Axolotl on it? How is Rudolph doing? I am so excited for Christmas. From Alyssa and Merry Christmas. Dear Santa , Who puts the candy in the stocking? What are the other reindeers names? What I want for Christmas is a Koby Bryant jersey, Kobe Bryant slides, Michael Jordan jersey, Robux, Cologne, Lebron james jersey, Anthony Edwerds jersey. I hope you have the best Christmas. Merry Christmas, Tate Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? I would like 1 thang frum you. I would like some v buks fur Christmas please and thank you. Merry Christmas. Linkin	Dear Santa I'm excited for christmas. I would like to no if the reindeer Are doing good. I would like slim with it clear an stuff like glitter and I would like a play perfume that sprent,s and smells and I would like a new bike and I would like a ps5 and would like a DJ board and I would like some cards I want 3 and I want 2 owalas and I would like v bucks and uggs's and real Puppy's and dog toy's and new udedu's and 10,000 robuk's Merry Christmas, Paisley. Dear Santa, Is Rudolph's nose really red? Can you get me a toy truck with a side by side? And a dirt bike that is a seventy. And have a good Christmas! Jaxon Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! I would like to have a Xbox. I would also like a ball. Games and two controllers would be nice too! I would love to have a car that you can drive outside. I need a gaming chair with a desk. I would love a new TV for my Xbox. I would also like a stand for my controllers. I need three Labubus. I also love legos and could use some more. Love, Dallas	Dear Santa, Is Rudolph's nose really red? Do you know Owen? Can you please get his shoes from dik's? Is Crittle good? I want the golden wizard's jersey. I want a DJ board. I want sum Ganiss'brite pink shoes and school shoes and a NFL football. Love, Evrett Merry Christmas! Dear Santa, Hey Santa, how's everyone and I really want 2 things. I want you to have the best day ever. 2nd I want a studio to be a Rapper 1 day Merry Christmas! Fa lalalala l la la! and hi I have been alot better than last year Merry Christmas! Hi and best day ever thanks and hohoho. One more thing your Elf doshtoyd my couch pls teach them manners. Love Hunter Dear Santa I would like 10,000,00 robux.for Christmas..Santa I would like vee-buxs for Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa. I hope Linkin, Hunter, Henry, Evrett and Jaxon also have a good Christmas. Merry Christmas from Kojo	
Mrs. Bowman Second Grade Silver Creek Elementary Dear santa, How cold is it out there? Am I on the good list? Thank you for all you have gave me. This year I hope you give me a vr and phone and a plushy snoopy.I will give you a plate of cookes and a glass of milk up high so my dogs dont get them I hope you have a very merry christmas. Love, Noah Dear Santa Hello how are you. are your elfs good? i wont a ps5 for christmas and a DirtBik to please i will lev you millk and cookes. Love, Blake Dear Santa. Hi how have you been merry christmas. Are you redy to go to all of the houses. thank you for my presents for last year I would like eystream book and merch and a mystery toy. Have a good christmas love, aurora Dear Santa, Hello how are you? How are the raindeer?How are your elves? For christmas I would like a mini fridge 2 more cats a 3D printer a computer a pet dragon a elf on shelf ! Have a merry christmas! Ps.save some cookies for the reindeer! Love	sawyer Dear Santa, Hi! How are your reindeer? Thank you and I will give you cookies and milk. This year I want a ps5 and a nintendo switch.I like your reindeers. I like your elves. Love, Hunter Dear santa Hello how have you bin feeling wus there any other santa? Thank you for giting zoboo this year i wont a lego gumball muhseen anda lego city game and a kitten you are like a father to me i will leev you a note Luv, asher Dear Santa Hello how is rudolph doing and how are you doing Thank you for my presis last yere they wer good. i want horse toy and barbie and i what a puppy. Merry christmas love, Bailey Dear Santa, Hello how hov you been how have you and your deer been thank you for giving me toy dinosaurs.This year I would like toy Black panther robot and a nintendo switch 2. I am going to leave you some cookies oh wait can i have all av the other robots pleas Love, Liam Dear Santa hello how have you been how are	your raindeers going I want a 100 dollar gift card for robux for christmas love you Santa I would like to thank you for the truck last year this year another truck cool truck love you Santa I love christmas because christmas is the best and don't forget the other children. Love, josias Dear Santa, Hello!How have you been?How is mrs.claus doing?I would like to say thank you for the trampoline.This year i would like 4 miny surprise makeup balls and a phone. I will make you some hot coco and sinumin cookies. Have a jolly christmas. Just bleve in your self.I love christmas it's my favorite holiday. My elff wanted to say hi. Have a good christmas. Love Natalie Dear Santa, Hello how are you how are the elves thank you for the babby doll last year this year would like a good life thank you. you are the best please and thank you Love, serenity Dear Santa, hello how are you are all the reindeer dowing good you are the best thank you for my toys from last year I hope you have a good day this year i would like a ps5 for christmas i would like a bran how ipone i wold like a noow cat place i will leve a plate of cookes and millk and can i have a lap top place i want lankybox merch i want a	noow speaker please. I will leve caris on A plate for the randere to et can i have a noow camera please. Love, grayson Dear Santa, Hello Merry christmas! How are you doing today. I would like to say thank you for Everything! your the best. This year I would like a Nintedo Switch 2 and a Xbox I'm sorry for how I act please let me get what I want I'm sorry. Bye Santa your the best! Love, Oliver Dear santa, Love santa Hi how have you been? Happy christmas.santa to you and am i good or bad.i lovely presents. This year I would like Heated blanket a toy kitchen a toy cat pet a toy doll. Santa these are your cookes and milk and Happy christmas. Love, willow Dear Santa, Hi i love you. how are you? How are your deer? Am i on the nice list? Can i have a ps5 Can i have a dirt bike Pleeeeeeeeeeeeeees. I will leve you milk and kokes Love gabriel Dear Santa, Hello How have you been? Santa are you happy? Thank you. This year would like a tablet and clove for my little puppy. You are the best.I love santa. Love,	Indie Dear Santa. Hello. how have you been. How have the elves working for toys santa. Thank you for my squishy toy last year.this year i would like a goatcart and a pet monkey and bananus.i will make the best cookes for you santa and i will make cholket milk i love you santa.think you. mary christmas. we hope you have a great christmas. love kason Dear Santa, Hi hope you have a good trip.how are the Elves doing and how are you doing thank you for my present last year.I love them.This year I would like a good christmas and a Elves please and clothes. I love christmas. and I will give you cookie! hope you have a good safe trip!. you are so nice. Love, Jase Dear Santa, Hi! How have you been? How are your Elves? Are they okay? I would like to say Thanks for all the presents last year. This year I would like a big bunny Plush and maybe some Lego sets and A phone, please and thank you. And Maybe some house slippers. I can't wait `til you come! I am so exited! Have a very Merry Christmis! Love, Kaiden	
Shiloh Stanley's Class First Grade Paint Lick Elementary Dear Santa, I want a princess costume for Christmas. I have been good. Thank you! you're the best! Samantha Dear Santa, you're the best! May I please have Disney toys & a princess costume? Thank you! Love, Marleigh	J.D Hay Dear Santa, I want a tent, bath bombs, and a baby Ferbie. Taylor Drew Dear Santa, I want a bike and T-Rex. I would also like a Lego set. Ryker Hill Dear Santa, I want a pink saddle for my horses, and a puppy. I also want a phone Cora Farler Dear Santa, I would like a pet rabbit, a pack of skittles, and new Nintendo Switch. River Gibson Dear Santa, I want a LOL Doll. Elionna English Dear Santa,	My big wish is to get a hoverboard, and a snow globe. I really want to have tap shoes and a trumpet. Maybe a scooter too. Lola Lane Dear Santa, Please give me everything from my Christmas list. The thing I want the most is the 16 Number Block plushie. That's all. Orion Madden Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a PS5 Clayton Cooper Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a phone, and Xbox. Alivia Davidson Dear Santa, I would like a bike, and a toy for my baby sister. Lochlin Shackelford Dear Santa, I want some Barbies, a toy dog, and	a robot cat. Could I also get some toy make up? Raylin Houp Dear Santa, Will you bring a lot of snow? For Christmas I want Christmas decorations. Elijah Parrett Dear Santa, I would like a Lego set, and some cars for Christmas. Mateo Lopez-Morales Dear Santa, Can I have an iPhone for Christmas? Can I also have a new baby doll? I also want new clothes. Thank you very much. Maddie McLane Dear Santa, I have really been wanting a crib for my babies. I also really want a tiny baby I can bring in the pool. Nova Bray	Dear Santa, I hope I get a guitar and drums to play with my Papaw. I hope everyone else gets what they want. Loretta Howard Dear Santa, I want Minecraft toys, Lightning McQueen, and a camper with a truck. Colton Smith Dear Santa, I want a phone, and Barbie set, and a car. I will leave cookies and milk for you, and carrots for your deers. I love you. Harley Isaacs Dear Santa, I want a drone, and a remote control car. Greyson Hutchins	
McGuffey's Class First Grade Dear Santa, I have been doing good this year. I want a Charizard plushie and a toy car. I will leave carrots for the reindeer and cookies for you! Love, Silas Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. Can I have some baby dolls and a comfy seat? I want two makeup sets so I can play with my mom. I will leave you milk and cookies. I will leave food for the reindeer. Thank you and I love you Santa! Love, Julie Dear Santa, Thank you for my presents last year. I want a toy coloring gun and an electric bike. Can you bring Dawson	something too? I love you and bring some good presents this year! Love, Deacon Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Can I have a hover broad and a new doll? Will you bring my sister some stickers? I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer. Thank you Santa! Love, Stella Dear Santa, Thank you for all my presents. I have been good this year. Can you bring me slime and an American Girl Doll? Can you bring my sister something too? I will leave carrots for the reindeer. Thank you Santa! Love, Townes Dear Santa,	I have been nice this year. Can I have a new watch and Legos? I will leave you milk and cookies. I will give you reindeer carrots. Thank you! Love, Piper Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Could you bring me a labubu doll and a watch? Will you bring my sister something too? I will leave you milk and cookies. I love you Santa! Love, Alaska Dear Santa, I think I am on the nice list this year. Could you bring me a sled and a baby doll? Can you bring my brother something too? I will leave you cookies and milk. Thank you Santa! Love, Norah. Dear Santa, I think I am on the nice list this year.	Will you bring me a farming book and a phone? Will you bring my sister some new boots? I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you Santa! Love, Aaron Dear Santa, I have been really good this year. Could you bring me a dirt bike and a new tablet? Will you bring Emmy something good too? I will leave you milk and cookies. I will leave Rudolf some carrots. I love you! Love, Jayce Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Can you bring me drawing stuff and some Legos? I will leave you some cookies and milk. I leave carrots for you reindeer. Thank you! Love, Kingston	Dear Santa, Thank you for all my presents. I have been good but I haven't been cleaning my room. I will do better. Can I have a hea set and a PS5? I will give you M+M cookies! Love, Leighton Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Can you please bring me some Barbie Dolls and baby dolls? Can I also have food for my baby dolls and some books? I will give you a piece of pie and orange juice! Love, Samantha Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Could you bring me a water gun and a new bike? I will/leave you cookies and milk. Love, Conner	

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Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like some more dinosaurs to add to my collection. I also want the Indominus Rex breakout Lego set. I will leave milk and cookies. Love, Benjamin	Dear Santa, I want a fidget and a Nintendo Switch 2. I have been good all year. I will leave some carrots and cookies and milk. Love, Luke	want a monster truck for Christmas. I would like Spongebob Hot Wheels. I will leave cookies and milk. Love, Gavin	a Barbie set and a little bitty toy mouse. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, Anniston.	new blue jeans? I would love a new carhart hoodie too. I will leave you milk and cookies. Can you bring something for my brother and sister too? Thank you Santa! Love, Colton	
Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I want a Baby Alive doll that cries. I also want a baby reindeer and a love heart Squishmallow. I will leave you cookies and reindeer food. Love, Olivia	Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this year. Can I please have a ThunderROARus Drop toy? I am going to leave cookies and milk for you when you come. Love, River	Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Can I please have more Pokémon cards? I will leave you sugar cookies. Love, Ayden	Dear Santa, I have been good at school this year. I want a Karaoke machine and a big pool. I also would like makeup. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer. Love, Hailey	Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Could I have a Gabby Cat Dollhouse and a big unicorn toy? Can you bring my brothers and sisters things too? I will leave milk and cookies! Love, Arabella	
Mrs. Amanda Bailey Shannon Johnson	on the nice list. First I am kind and nice. Second I work hard to play hard. Third I say nice words. For Christmas I would like sum bede bades because I only have one. Next I would like some cragins because I don't car wochcoins. Finally I would like a agne cone we gif wors. You are prite. I hope your elf lisin. Love, Kennedy	Love, Harper	bow sweter. Your so nice cause you give gifts to the people that don't have any toys. How do you get to every house at night? I believe I should be on the good list. First I helped my mom cleaning. Next I cleand my room like you told me. Last I be good. For Christmas I want three things. First a slime set cause I don't play with slime much. Seckend skate dord cause I don't have one. Last a lol cause I lost mine. Please. I hope you be safe on your sled. Have a good day. Love, Jasmine	I read to my mom. Thank you for all the Christmas gifts. I love them. Santa could you bring me a Barbie, headphones and a shirt? If I had a Barbie I will play with it. I need new headphones. For school. Any shirt will be nice. Thank you for all that you do. Love, Kailee	
Dear Santa, Thank you for giving us presents. You are such a jolly guy. How do you go to those houses? In my opinion, I think I am on the nice list. 1st I help do chores. Second I pray. Third I am nice. Last I am grateful. Can I please have presents this year Santa. I have been really good. I love you Santa. Thank you for presents. I have three things I need a USA hpye fire 2026 because my 2025 hyph doesn't work. Next I need a camera so I can make movies. Next I want a new VR. Last I want a iPhone 17. Thank you so much for the VR last year. I hope you have the best Christmas ever. Your Miles	Dear Santa, Thank you so much for being nise to boys and girls. I no it hard but you make eveal child happy to us. Love you. In my opinion I'm good to everyone.second I take care and third I work hard. I think I should be on the nis list. For Christmas first I would like a iPhone 17 becaus my phone broke. I would like a phone case because my old one won't fit it. I would like a Mac Book Pro. Thank you for thinking of us. I hope you have the best Christmas. Love, Cam	Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing the wicked squishmallow last year. I love it so so much. I love you win you give gifts. I love win it is Crissmis because its my sister's birthday. You are so beautiful. How much reindeer bo you have. In my opinion I should be on the nice list. I help others. I love my Mrs. Bailey. I love my mom. I love my Andrew so much. For Christmas I want 3 gifts. I want a American Girl doll because my friend had one. I want baby doll clothes because I have a baby and she doesn't have any clothes. I want a Squishmallow calendar because I want to play with it. Love, Lexie	Dear Santa, Thank you for giving me mackup. I love it. Thank you for giving everybody joy. Where do you live? I think I should be on the nice list. First I have been kind to my momma. Second, I am nis to my daddy. Thirb I love Crismis. For Christmas I want three things. First I want a Stitch toy because I love playing with toys. Second I want a Stitch blakey because it is cozy. Third I want a Stitth flufey bekus that are so cuddly. I love you. Love, Ava	Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents that you gave me. You are so sweet. You are a joy Santa. Will you give me a elf? In my opinion I should be on the nice list. First, I help friends and I am sweet to friends. I help family. For Christmas this year get me a stufe so I can play with the stufe. Next I want Squishmelos so I can sleep with it and so I can play with the Squish-melo. Thank you for thinking of us. I wish you the best Christmas yet! Love, Delilah	
Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for giving my family gifts. You are such a goley giy. How do you fly arond the wherld in one night? I feel that, I'm on the nis list. First I've been kind to my frins. I auset at my baby sister Braylee win she reads over my shoulder but I am nis to her sum tims. I'm nis to Banner sum. Santa I want three things for Christmas. Can I ples have a intindo swich so me and Banner don't fit over his. Next can I ples have a Got Live Pet because me and my sister Braylee have bin wanting one for are hol life ples Santa. Thank you for thinking of us. I hope you have a good Christmas. Love Your Frind, Brinlyn	Dear Santa, Thank you for always bringing joy to the world. You are such a jolly. How do you fly arond the world in one night? I think I am on the nice list. Fris, I be kind to one ol nother. Next, I listen to my teacher. Last, I use my manners. Santa, if you could please bring me a smokegun, Uggs, and 2K25 I will play with the smokegun while I wear my Uggs. I will enjoy playing my game. Have a Merry Christmas. Love, Aaron	Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents. It was so kind of you. What will you give me this year? In my opinion I should be on the nice list. First I do Iredy evere day. Secend I do math evere day. Therd I work hard evere day. First I want a elechereck bike so wen a frend comes. Secend I want a phone becaes I need it. Third I want a scooder becaues mine broke. You are so cool and your the best. Bye, Trace	Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing Fury a gift. You make people happy when you get toys for everyone. Everyday you watch people. If they are good they get presents. If you are naughty you get coal.santa is always watching. In my opinion I should be on the good list. I helped Tiny pick up their food when they dropped their tray. I worked on my computer nicely two times. I hug my teachers and friends. That makes me happy. I would like three things. First I want a dinosaur with a button on top and it makes noises and opens its mouth. It is a big Trex. Next I want a Dominessrex dinosaur. It is very big. Last I want a teddy bear. So I can hug and sleep with it. It is soft and smells like chocolate. I hope Santa gets a toy. Thank you. Love, Leo	Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents that you gave me. You are so sweet. You are a joy Santa. Will you give me a elf? In my opinion I should be on the nice list. First, I help friends and I am sweet to friends. I help family. For Christmas this year get me a stufe so I can play with the stufe. Next I want Squishmelos so I can sleep with it and so I can play with the Squish-melo. Thank you for thinking of us. I wish you the best Christmas yet! Love, Delilah	
Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing the elf. You are the bess at giving kids toys. Who made the presents? In my opinion I think I'm on the nice list. I'm nice to other people. I chere people up. I don't hurt other peoples feelings. I am good at school. I am caring. For Christmas this year first I would like a puppy. Second a lego set. Third gial baby doll cloths. Thank you for thinking of us. I hope you have the best Christmas yet. Love, Marlee	Dear Santa, Thank you for my presents. I like the new Rudolph and you are my hero. Wot do you do win it is Christmas. I think I should be on the nice list. First I play with my baby brother. The next reason I am kind to my friends. Lastly I help my pappaw wok his farm. Santa I would like a 4 wheeler, a baseball bat, and a golden baseball. If I had a 4 wheeler I would ride it in my pappaw's field. I could play baseball a lot with a new bat and ball. You've been a good Santa. Thank you. Love, Jason	Dear Santa, Thank you for bring joy to every person in the whorld. You look verely jolley this year and every year you look jolley. How do you get magic and where? I think I should be on the nice list. First I gave my candy to my brouther. Second I help people that do not have homes. Third I am always kind to one and another and your elfs. For Christmas I whould like three things. First I whant a Nintendo Switch because I whant to play the show 25. Second, I whant a Kentucky black football helmet. Last I whant a goldfish as a pet at my house. Thank you for thinking of us! I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Sincerely, James	Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing Fury a gift. You make people happy when you get toys for everyone. Everyday you watch people. If they are good they get presents. If you are naughty you get coal.santa is always watching. In my opinion I should be on the good list. I helped Tiny pick up their food when they dropped their tray. I worked on my computer nicely two times. I hug my teachers and friends. That makes me happy. I would like three things. First I want a dinosaur with a button on top and it makes noises and opens its mouth. It is a big Trex. Next I want a Dominessrex dinosaur. It is very big. Last I want a teddy bear. So I can hug and sleep with it. It is soft and smells like chocolate. I hope Santa gets a toy. Thank you. Love, Leo	Dear Santa, Thank you for being so nice. You are kind. How do you fly at night? How many elf do you have? I have nune. In my opinion I thenk I should be on the nis list. First I am cind. Second, I am cind to my bruther. Third I am nis to my twins. Do not poot me on the note list beckus if you do I will not lick it. For Christmas I want a big unicorn stuffed animal because its soft. Then I want one of those fake dolls that you can put makeup on and brush their hair. I want a big teddy bear because it is soft and nice. I like your hair. Love, Emma Watkins	
Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing joy and my toys. I love it so much my Elf Snow-flacke and bnard. You look so jolly. Deck the hall with jolly follfolololololo. Does Rodolfo have friends. In my opinion I hope I can be in the nice list. First I macke good grads. Second I believe in myself. Third I give 100%. I bet you look so jolly. For Christmas this year I would like three things. First I would like some baby dolls because I have a few. Next may I get a new cup. Now may I get a dog. Thank you if you do. Love, Ciara	Dear Santa, Thank you for my presents. I like the new Rudolph and you are my hero. Wot do you do win it is Christmas. I think I should be on the nice list. First I play with my baby brother. The next reason I am kind to my friends. Lastly I help my pappaw wok his farm. Santa I would like a 4 wheeler, a baseball bat, and a golden baseball. If I had a 4 wheeler I would ride it in my pappaw's field. I could play baseball a lot with a new bat and ball. You've been a good Santa. Thank you. Love, Jason	Dear Santa, Thank you for giving so much joy. I like your red hat. I think it looks good on you. How are you? I think I should be on the nice list. First, I try to play with my sis, Chloe. Seconded I am nice. Thirded when my sis is crying I ask what's wrong. For Christmas this year first I want a robucks gived card. I can bye all sorts of things on Roblox. Next I want a Lranbox and a paperalox. It will be nice to draw so much. Last I want a stuffy. It will be nice to squish it. I hope you give joy to everyone. Love, Zoey	Dear Santa, Thank you for our Elf on the Shelf. You are joley as a happy raindeer. Do you like raindeer. I do. How do you go to all grils and boys so so fast. Santa, I think I should be on the nice list because I help withmy baby sister. Also I help Nana. Lastly	Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents that you gave me. You are so sweet. You are a joy Santa. Will you give me a elf? In my opinion I should be on the nice list. First, I help friends and I am sweet to friends. I help family. For Christmas this year get me a stufe so I can play with the stufe. Next I want Squishmelos so I can sleep with it and so I can play with the Squish-melo. Thank you for thinking of us. I wish you the best Christmas yet! Love, Delilah	
Amanda Miller Second grade Shannon Johnson	Christmas! Love, Sadie B.	Love, Maddie D.	your family. I have been a little naughty and mostly nice. I pushed my dad but I said sorry. I helped my sister with the dishes every day when we needed to do the dishes. Last my mom always does the dishes and I help my mom with the dishes. I would like a computer. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas. Love, Jayde H.	friends. Thank you Santa. Love, Zoey Kendall L.	
Dear Santa, Christmas is a time for joy! This year, I have been a little naughty but mostly nice. First, I pulled a prank on my brother but I did some good things, too. I did all my chores. Last I gave my brother a chicken and waffle sandwich. This is why I would like a box of clay. You're looking younger baby! Love, Georgia A.	Dear Santa, Christmas is when you open presents. I have been nice. First I helped my mom cook. Then I helped my friend up. Last I helped my mom put her hair up. This is why I would like to new baby doll. Say hi to Mrs. Clause! Love, Caselynn B.	Dear Santa, I have been a little naughty and a little nice. When my mom said give her phone back, I didn't give her phone back. But something good I did was doing my chores. Could you bring me Air Pods? Love, Myles F.		Dear Santa, I have been good. I have helped my mom do stuff around the house. I have helped her take out the trash. I threw away the pumpkins. Will you get me a new bike? My sister needs a new one too. The chain snapped on the green one. I'm scared that if I go down the hill I will get hurt. I tried to fix the pedal on the black bike but it didn't work. Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Parker L	
Dear Santa, You spend time with your family on Christmas. I have been nice. First, I helped my mom bake pancakes. Then I helped my dad clean his room. Last I helped Ms. Miller click the space bar. This is why I would like a elf pet. Have a Merriest Christmas ever! Love, Meika A.	Dear Santa, Christmas is when you are happy! This year I have been a little naughty but I have been mostly nice. First I carried in the groceries. Next I cleaned the home. Last I helped my mommy set up the Christmas tree. This is why I would like make up. I love Mrs. Claus, Santa, and the elves! Love, Caroline C.	Dear Santa, The elves make sure the kids are good. I have been nice. First I did the dishes for Mom. Second I cleaned my room. Third I helped my sister clean her room. May I please have a remote control car? I love Christmas! Love, Will F.	Dear Santa, I get to decorate trees on Christmas. I have been a little naughty and mostly nice and good. First I am nice to my brother and he is nice to me sometimes. Next I am good because I help my mom and I do what my mom says to do. Last I am nice to my dog sometimes. And this is why I would like a new puppy and I want it to be black and white and brown. Feed all of the reindeers two carrots for me! And tell Mrs. Claus I said hi. Love, Malayna K.	Dear Santa, Christmas is a time to be happy. This year I been nice and a little bit naughty. First I never lost a dojo point. Next I've helped my mom and dad. Last I've got along with my friends. This is why I would like a remote control dinosaur. You have a great Christmas! Love, Asher L.	
Dear Santa, Christmas is Jesus' birthday. I have been nice. First, I helped my dad do the dishes. Second I accidentally ran into a kid and I helped him get up. Last I helped my dad clean the house. This is why I think you should give me a dog. Have a Merry	Dear Santa, Every Christmas we collect ornaments like cats, dogs, and angels. I have been nice, Santa. First I helped my nana wash the dishes. Second I feed my new kitten! Last I have been good at school. This is why I think you should give me a reborn baby doll. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas!	Dear Santa, I have been nice. Let me tell you how! I fed my plants. I've been nice to people. I treated Malayna with kindness. I calmed down by myself with deep breaths. I did my work at school. Because I have been so good I want a Coraline doll. I also would like to have a job at the North Pole. Love, Kamilia G.	Dear Santa, I don't know if I have been naughty or nice. You can decide. I try to be good. I see if my sister is okay from falling. I help my mom clean the kitchen. I get my parents' phone for them. I would like to get my own phone for Christmas so I can call my	Dear Santa, Christmas is a time of year to spread joy. This year I've been a little naughty but mostly nice. First I did fight with my siblings. Here are some good things I did. I helped my	

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mom when her back went out. Last I do my chores when I'm told. This is why I would like a keyboard. (AKA the thing my step brother has. I don't know what it's called!) You are a sweet, sweet, jolly and holly nice old man. No offense. Love, Annie M.		Corbin M.		The elves make the toys. I have been good. First I have helped my dad with the truck. Second I have helped Mom with the dishes. Last I went to church. May I please have an albino baby turtle? Santa you are getting younger every day! Love, Samson R.	
Dear Santa, You put presents under my tree! I've been nice. First I help people at basketball practice. Second I went to church. Third I help my dad feed Waylon. This is why I think you should give me a big 3D printed snake. I love you Santa! Love,		Dear Santa, I haven't really been bad. I have mostly been good. Sometimes Teddy annoys me and I hit him. I am getting better and things are going more smooth. I go to my room to calm myself down. Then we play together nicely. We play fishing and catch toys that aren't really fish. Since I have been doing better will you bring me a King Ghidorah action figure? It's from my favorite movie. Thank you Santa! Love, Finn Q.		Dear Santa, Christmas is Jesus' birthday. I have been very good. First I clean. Second I helped my mom by doing the dishes. Third I helped my brother with his chores. May I please have a make up set? I love your hat and coat. Love, Bella S.	
Amanda Marcum 2nd Grade Shannon Johnson		Dear Santa, How are you today? How is Mrs. Clase doing? How are the elves doing? I hope the elves are working. This year I would like a Lafufu, a amongus, and a 67 plushie. I have been good this year. I do the dishes. I help my gama. And I help my mom. Thank you for all my presents! Your friend, Tavish B.		you so so so so so much. Thank you for my presents. Your friend, Dovey D.	
Dear Santa, How do you do everything in one night? I hope the reindeer have been good. This year i would like a webshooter with a sukshoncup, a chainsaw man mask, and chainsaw arms. I have been very good this year. I helped fix a pothole and training my dog, and making breakfast. I hope you have the best trip and get back home safe. Thank you Santa! Your Friend, Brad M.		Dear Santa, How much cookies have you ate? How are you? How have your elves been doing Santa? Am I on the nice list or the noty list? This year I would like a baby boy doll, Zemomo, and baby stuff. I have been varry good this year Santa. I do my chores and I clean and I play nicely with my frends. Thank you for Chrismis. I love it because you made it. Your friend, Cora S.		Dear Santa, Have the elves been working hard thes days? Have Santa and Mrs. Claus been feeling okay? This year I would like a drone, and a bike, and a pack of balloons. I have been preety good and just a little naughty. I hope I still get presents! I help my mom. I put a new trash bag in, and i help people. I hope you have a nice trip! Your friend, Sam U.	
Dear Santa, Santa why are you so nose? Santa how old are you! I hope the reinders are ridey. This year i would like Maden 25 and Maden 24 and Maaden 19. I have been good and bad this year. I help my sistr with her leg. I help my mom, and I help my dad. I love you santa. Thank you for making Christmas. Your friend, Houston H.		Dear Santa, How are you doing? Why are you so nice? I hope you make it to my home. This year I would like a Labooboo and a puppy and more Buble. I have been very bad this year. I help my mom fold longre. And I help do the dishes. And I help my mom take the trash out. I love you. Thank you for everything you do. Your friend, Zoey S.		Dear Santa, How are you today? I hope Mrs. claus is feeling good today! This year I would like a ball, a dog, and a cat. I have been very good this year. I help my mom. I play wif my baby brother. And i help my dad. Have a safe trip! Love you Your friend, Lainee G.	
Dear Santa, How are you? How is the elfs? I hope Mrs. Claus has been making you lots of cookies. This year i would like a lobobo, pony toy, and a baby boy doll. I have been good this year. I help my grama go take a walk. I help my granddad walk the dogs and clean the house. Thank you for giving presents to everyone. I love you!		Dear Santa, How are you today? I hope the elfs have ben working hard. This year I would like a ball and a fone and cat Blakit plese. I have been very good this year. I help my mom with the dishes. I help clean up my room. Thanks for giving presins for kids. Have a safe trip! Your friend, Aaron M.		Dear Santa, How are you today? I hope Mrs. claus is feeling good today! This year I would like a ball, a dog, and a cat. I have been very good this year. I help my mom. I play wif my baby brother. And i help my dad. Have a safe trip! Love you Your friend, Lainee G.	
Your friend, Ella B.		Dear Santa, Hi! I love your outfit. I love Mrs. Claus too! How are the reindeer doing? How are the elfs doing? I hope you enjoy my cookies! This year I would like a LaBooBoo, a selucone doll, and an ipad. I have been very good this year! I stood up for Finn, and helped my mom and dad. I love		Dear Santa, How are you today? I hope Mrs. claus is feeling good today! This year I would like a ball, a dog, and a cat. I have been very good this year. I help my mom. I play wif my baby brother. And i help my dad. Have a safe trip! Love you Your friend, Lainee G.	
Dear Santa, Santa how is Mrs. Clos and the reindeer doweeg? And how are the elves doweeg? Abd how are you doweeg? I hope you are rede to drive are presents! This year I would like a Lububu and a selucone baby girl and a new tablet. I have been very good this yer! I help my mom and dad all the time. Thank you for brengig are presents. Be careful driving! Your friend, Labella G.		Jane C. Dear Santa, May I have a PS5 and Robucks please and a Dog Man book? I'm really good and I am excited for Christmas! A computer and a prepay glow in the dark keyboard. Your Best Friend, Aria J.		want a diary with cool stuff in it and a X-box and a PS5 and a box with school stuff pretty pretty please! Your Friend, Julia H.	
Dear Santa, I want a conductor for a PC, a 49 in PC, a desk, and a mouse pad with a glow in the dark keyboard. Thank you for all you do. Your Friend, Boss B.		Dear Santa, I've been a good boy this year. I would like Fantastic Four toys. I would also like Sonic toys. That is all I would like this year. Thank you. Your Friend, Briceton H.		Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a doll for Christmas and a LOL doll. Also a baby and a ball. I would like a Baby Elf. Thank you Santa. Your Friend,	
Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year! Thank you for giving us presents! I am excited for you to come to my house for Christmas. I want a watch and a gold chain please! Your Friend, Cooper C.		Dear Santa, There is 21 days until Christmas. I am happy I have toys to open. Can you give me WWE toys for Christmas and a phone and a watch? I hope you have the best year ever. I have been good. Your Friend, Damian H.		Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year. I have been good this year. I want a Madden 25 X-box one addition and a zombie monster truck. Your Friend, Ethan M.	
Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year. May I have labubus, a mini bath, a scribil scrubbie pet set, a barbie dream house with barbies and pets. And 25 squishmallows. Your Friend,		Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year. I have been really good this year. This year I		Dear Santa, I have been very good. I hope you had the best year of your life. Can I please have a fishing rod please and an Xbox please. Thank you. Your Friend, Cameron N.	
Mrs. Baldridge's 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary		mas This year i would like labubu, Vr set, i phone 17, and a car. I have Been Very Good This Christmas. Happy christmas Santa And The Elves. Your Friend, Tanner B.		Macie	
Dear Santa, How are your elves this christmas? this year i would like a labubu i phone 17 and a squishmellow. I have been very good this year. i hope you eat lots of cookies! Your Friend, Harper B		Dear Santa, How are reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I would like a 3d printer, Switch, barbe wheel chair, little switch. I have been very good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Emersyn B		Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year, i would like nana, a vr, and an iphone16. I have been good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Corbin	
Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year I woud like cheeta stufe; PS5; labubu. I have been very good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Alex B		Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year I would like a 3d printer, labubu, switch, and ril life puppy dog ,that is a toy.I have been good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend,		Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing for Christmas this year I Wold like a base-ball hamlet signed by DeLaCruz 67 toys and also I want a dirt bike toys. I have been good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Greer	
Dear Santa, How are the Elves doing? For Christ-		Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I would like a 3d printer, labubu, switch, and ril life puppy dog ,that is a toy.I have been good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend,		Dear Santa How are the elves doing? What I want for christmas is vr set, 3d printer, atv,	
Dear Santa, Christmas is the time to be jolly. This year I have been a little naughty but mostly nice. First I fight with my brother. But here are some good things I've done. I helped my mom wrap Christmas presents. Finally I'm making sweaters for my elves. This is why I would like a lego set. You're into Christmas as much as I am. FYI-that's a compliment! Love, Emory S.		Dear Santa, Christmas is jolly. I've been more nice than bad. First I got my brother his oatmeal. Then I played with him.		Next I got my brother milk. This is why I would like a VR. And have a jolly Christmas. Love, Lincoln T. Dear Santa, It is Jesus' birthday on Christmas. I have been nice. First I helped my brother with his pokemon cards. Second I helped my dad mow the lawn. Last I let my mom pull my tooth. This is why I would like a phone so I can put it in my pocket. Is my elf doing good? Love, Isaiah W.	
have been verry nice this year. I give lots of hugs, work hard, and help make things at home. If something is hard i can still do it! Thank you for everyone's toys. I hope the reindeer do good! Your friend, Jaxon M.		Dear Santa, How do you git into my home? I do not have a chimnea. How many toys have you and the elves made? This year I would like a pupy that is a huske, a woch, and a new iphon that is pink! I have been verry good this year. I help my mom clean, and take out the trash. Thank you for every-thing you do. I LOVE YOU! Your friend, Ava R.		Audrey D.	
Dear Santa, How are you? I hope the reindeer are working! Do you remember my house? Are the elfse working? This year i would like a bike, a card game, and a kids bop radeo. I have been very good this year. I played with my cat and feed them and watr them. Thank you have a good trip. I love you so much! Your friend, Eden H.		Dear Santa, How is Miss Claus? How is the elfs? How many cookies have you ate? I hope i've been good this year. This year i wout like a fake born new baby. I have been very good this year. I hop you have the best trip ever! Your friend, Emma B.		Dear Santa How are you? I hop u hav ben working hard. Are yu redy to fly arond? This year for Chrismis i want a baby doll, little booboo, and my own kitchn to share with Kristie. I think i have been medeum nice and naughty this year. I help my daddy. I play with my sister. And i do my chors after skool. Thanks for evrething you do and you work so hard. Have a saf trip! Your friend, Katie C.	
Dear Santa, I hope you enjoy my cookies. I hope Mrs. Clas has been macking enuff cookies. I am going to tell you what i want for christmas! I want a great Crismes for everywan,a lobobo, and last an elf on the shelf. Have a good Crismes. Oh i have been doing good. I do the dishes for my grama. I let my sistr do a freez danc. Thank you for listening to my wishes. Hope you have a save trip! Have a good Crismis morning. Your friend,		Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope Mrs. Claus has been making you lots of cookies! This year I would like a game, a teddy bear, and legos. I		Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you had a good year. I would like a squishy unicorn please. Thank you for bringing all the treats. Your Friend, Faty N.	
Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year! Thank you for giving us presents! I am excited for you to come to my house for Christmas. I want a watch and a gold chain please! Your Friend, Cooper C.		Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a doll for Christmas and a LOL doll. Also a baby and a ball. I would like a Baby Elf. Thank you Santa. Your Friend,		Dear Santa, I have been very good. I hope you had a good year. Can I please have a Needoh for Christmas and some mini brands. Thank you for all the presents Santa! Your Friend, Harper P.	
Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year! Thank you for giving us presents! I am excited for you to come to my house for Christmas. I want a watch and a gold chain please! Your Friend, Cooper C.		Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a squishmallow. Thank you for bringing my gifts. Your Friend, Kinley P.		Dear Santa, I have been very nice. I don't want anything too crazy like a bike or a Christmas tree. I would want something like a tablet or a wiffle ball and bat. Please! Also I hope you had a great year this year!	
Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year I would like a Barbie wheel chair,vr set,stitch, and lubobo, I have been good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Lillian		Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year I would like a Barbie wheel chair,vr set,stitch, and lubobo, I have been good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Lillian		Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I would like a 3D printer,a BL venus and VR headset. I have been good this year.I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Noah	
Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year I would like a 3D printer,a BL venus and VR headset. I have been good this year.I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Noah		Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I would like a 3d printer, labubu, switch, and ril life puppy dog ,that is a toy.I have been good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend,		Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I would like a 3d printer i have been very good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookies this year!	

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Your Friend, Emory Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year I would like the ipad,iphone 17,labubu,vr set,and 3d printer. I have been good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Maddie Dear Santa,	How are the elves doing? For christmas this year, I wold like a toy horse, a baby doll, and a cat nanemall. I have been very good this year elfe and sparkle are doig good. Your Friend, Gemma Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I would like a barbies, a bike, a Labubu, and an ipad. I have been very good this year, I hope	you eat lots of cookies this year. Your Friend, Ella Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year i would like iphone17 vr set xbox and pj67 and nerf gun i have been a very good boy this year i hope you eat lots of cookis this year Your friend, Judah	Dear Santa, How are the elfs doing? For christmas I want a vr headset, a ps5, and a phone. I have been very good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookies this year. Your Friend, Zaynan Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year, I would like a big pig 3D printer and a vr head set, I have	been very good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookeis this year. Your Friend, Harrison Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing ? For Christmas this year. I would like A VR Set, a nerf gun, a ps5, and a ps5 controller. I hop you like the oreoys and milk. I have been good this year. Your Friend, Tanner W	
Jennifer Kettler 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I have been really good this year because I help my Papaw bring in the grocery order. I help feed our animals, and I sweep the kitchen floor. For Christmas I would like Axolotl stuff, makeup for my Mom, and gloves for my papaw. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Carly A. Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I have been really good this year because I help my mom. For Christmas I would like a ps5, threede printer, and infinity vbucks. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Cashton B. Dear Santa, Why are the elves not coming to my house? I have been really good this year. I should be on the nice list because I help my cousin. For Christmas I would like infinity Robux and blue Nikes. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Sarah B	Dear Santa, How are the elves? I should be on the nice list because I'm good, I help my parents, and I take care of my pets Onyx, Rosco and Bandit. For Christmas I would really like pets alive from zuru, 3D printer, and a cell phone. I'll see you soon! Love, Makenna C. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I take care of my pet . For Christmas I would like Bluey toys, honey bee toys, and an xbox. Travel safe! See you soon! Love, Addy C. Dear Santa, How are you doing? I should be on the nice list because I help others when they need help, I tell a bully to stop picking on kids, and I also help kids go to the school nurse. For Christmas I would like a C3PO life-size robot, an Elsa doll for my little sister. and a remote control Monster truck for my big brother. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Nathan D Dear Santa, How are your elves? I have been really good this year because I clean my room without being asked. For	Christmas I would like a Titanosaurus, Theriznosaurus, and a Spinosaurus. Travel safe. Love, Ibrah D. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I'm good. For Christmas I would like a PS5. I'll see you soon! Travel safe. Love, Jackson D. Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I have been really good this year because I help my mom cook dinner, I help my Dad bring in the bags after the grocery store, and I also help my friends. For Christmas I would like a sweet little kitten, a cool gift for my Mom, and a big toolbox for my Dad. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Nick G. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I'm good. For Christmas I would like a cellphone, 100 Robux, and a kitten. I'll see you soon! Love, Abby H. Dear Santa,	How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I clean my room. For Christmas I would like a PC2, PC1, and a 3D printer. Travel safe. Love, Kayson H. Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I should be on the nice list because I give to my friends. For Christmas I would like a 3D printer, C3PO robot, and 1,000 Robux. Can I touch your reindeer? Love, Colt K. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I take care of my pets. For Christmas I would like an xbox, 3D printer , and Jurassic World Deserted Rex. Travel Safe! Love, Connor L Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because Li make my bed without being asked to. For Christmas I would like a black puffer vest, a toy lamborghini, and an apple watch. I hope you like the cookies!!! Love, Micky N Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I am a good	friend. For Christmas I would like xbox, Switch 2, and PS5. Travel safe! Love, Paxton P. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I have been really good this year because I am nice to my friends. For Christmas I would like an xbox and a PS5. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Parker R. Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I have been really good this year because I help my parents. For Christmas I would like Mystery Pets, cell phone, and Jurassic World TRex. Tell Rudolph I said hi! Love, Violet R Dear Santa, How are your elves? I have been really good this year because I listen to others. For Christmas I would like 100 robux, 3D printer, and a PS5. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Dawson T.	
Ms. Clark 3rd Grade Kingston Elementary School Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? are they making lots of toys? How are you doing? i've been good this year. do you want milk and cookies this year? I would like some Cats because i love them,a lego set because i like to keep them in the live in room, a glow stick because i like them. Love, Ashton Cress Dear santa, How is Mrs.claus doing? Have I been Naughty or nice? I hope I'm on the nice List this year. Do you want milk and Cookies this year? I want a makeup kit, Snowmen makeup kit and a phone. Love, Raina Dannelly Dear santa Have I been naughty or nice? I hope I&#39;m on the nice list this year. Do you want milk and cookies?	For christmas i want a skate bord / gasoline dirt bike / ufc5 / vr good luck this year. Love, Camden Flannery Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing how are you doing? ive been really good this year. i want a stuffed animal, a plushie, and a toy car, I'll leave out some milk and cookies for you. Love, Braxton Gibson Dear Santa, How is mrs.claus doing! How are your reindeer doing this year i want a head Set for my ps.5 another thing I want is a phone . Dont get stuck in a chimney! Love, Zachary Manes Dear Santa, How is mrs. clause doing ? what i want for christmas is a new tv. Another thing i want is a pet Tarantula i hope rudolphs shiny nose glows well this year !	Love, Maverick McKinney Dear Santa, I hope i'm on the nice list this year . How are your reindeer doing? How is mrs claus? I&#39;ve been really good this year. Can i please have a lufufu that comes with a cute dinosaur costume, fake nails please and skin care? Have a good Christmas Eve! Love, Bethany Schenk Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? Are they making lots of toys? I hope im on the nice list this year. Can i have a realistic baby doll. And clothes. And 6 lubbos. And puppies. Dont get stuck in the chimney! Love, Aurora Smith Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? How are you doing? I've been really good this year. Do you want milk and cookies this year?	Can I have some mermaid tail and a baby doll that can sleep and cry and yells and a sled. Don,t get stuck in the chimney! Love, Hazel Smith Mason Dear Santa, I hope I&#39;m on the nice list this year. How are you doing? I want 3 puppies all of them white because i love puppies I want to have magic please because l really want to be magic. I want to have a makeup box please. I want a phone please. Can you give ziyah a markerbox I will leave you some donuts and milk this year! Love, Zayna Cox Dear Santa, have i bean nghughty or nice? Do yau wunt some cookiesThis year i want a toy car And i want a toy lion Dont get stuck in the chimhney! Love, Karter Clayton Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing ? How	is Mrs.claus doing ? i've been relly good This year. Do you want milk and cookies this year. I want a puz-zois for christmas. Don,t get stuck in the chimney! Love, Mila Clark Dear Santa, How are you doing? how is your reindeer doing? I've been reliy good this year do you want some milk and cookies this year? I'll leave some milk and cookies for you. Can i have legos and some markers and a top? Have a good Christmas eve Love, Kyler Bailey Dear Santa, How are you doing? how are your reindeer doing? i want a puppies 3 puppies be i love puppies and i want a legos be cus i gust be cus and i want an eiffel tower good luck this year. Love, Iris Moore	
Mrs. LaGrange Kingston Elementary School 2nd Grade Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I have been really good this year. For Christmas I want a WWE action figure. I'm wanting a WWE fighting ring, a redryder BB gun. Have a nice trip! Love, Liam Norton Dear Santa, Am I on the nice list? I want a new ipad. How is the elves doing? Thank you. Love you. Love, Arabella Mccarty 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. For christmas I would like a guigui tablet with headphones also a new stanley cup and glue on nales. Tell the reindeer I said hi. Thank you. Love, Aubrey Owens Kingston Elementary 2nd grade Dear Santa, I have been nice. I want makeup, slime, rubber bands, bracelet workers, a stitch and hello kitty toys. I been good and I want 10000 dollars and a Stanley. I am ready for my elf to come back. Marry Christmas! Azlyn Cox 2nd Grade	Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice. For christmas I want a 67 toy. Tell the rain Deers I said "Hello". Merry christmas. Love, Bryson Camp 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice .I want a ps5, i phone 17 max pro, fortnit badool pass, meta qwest 3, mt box, infinite money, a goldin basketball sind by all of the harlem wizards. Ar the randeer doing well? Love, Declan Stanley 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been good his year. I want a vr, a Quad four wheeler, Robux and some LED lights for my room. I also want a speaker for my room. Thank you Santa. mehrry chrismas! Love, Easton McCormick 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I am on the nice list every year! Can I please have LED lights, barbies and my Life doll stuff ? Is Rudolph real ? If so tell him I said hi ! Merry christmas! Love, Emily Deboard 2nd grade Kingston Elementary	Dear Santa, I think I have been nice. I want lps. I want robux. How are the elves doing? And one more thing I want army guys. Thank you! Love, Finn Wagers 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I been a nice girl. I want a stich and a dog pencil. Have you been eating a lot of cookies? I Love you so much. Merry Christmas! Love, Genesis Cruz Moncivaes 2nd Grade Kingson Elementary Dear Santa, I been nice this year. So can I get a 67 toy and a pig, a toy and some scissors? How is the reindeer doing? Merry Christmas! Love, Maverick Hackworth 2nd Grade Kingson Elementary Dear Santa, I was nice. Can I have a new watch and a computer? Thank you so much! Tell all the elves that I said hi! Love, Mckenna Leventry 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, Am I noghty or nice? Pls will you give me a ps5, a i phone 17, metuqwest3 and 3mil dollars? Thank you. Mary Crismis.	Love, Moses 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, Am I on the naughty list or the nice list? I want a chinchilla. How are the elves? Are my elves at my house? Merry Christmas. Love, Raelynn Tinchcr 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I was nice all year. For Christmas can I pls have a vr headset? And can I have sum lego sets? And can I have a huggy wuggy? And can you pls tell me how the raindeer are doing? Love, Sebastian 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. This Christmas I want an iphone 17 pro max, a toy airplane and remote control. Are the reindeer doing okay? Please bring me these gifts. I love you. Love, Evan Shawn Creel 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. I want for everyone to be NICE to all people, and stitch stuff. Can you ask the elfs if they like pizza? Thank you! Love, Zoey Huffman	2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I want kpop demon hunter. Is your elf ben good? I want a stitch, a cute cat pencil and a monster High Doll house. Thank you! Merry christmas. Love, Bayleigh Wynn 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I am nice. I want a africa puzzle for christmas. Tell the reindeer I said, "Hello." I also want a iphone for christmas. Do you have a rudof? Love, Luke Haynes 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, This year I have bin good. Can I have a i phone 17. a box of candy canes, a kittin, some dog toys, and a labubu. How are the elfs? Love, Maycee Quiles 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have bin nice. Can I get sum skincare and a stanley and airpods and a bag? Thank you Santa! I want to know do the elfs make the toys or buy them? Love, Paisley 2nd grade Kingston Elementary	

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Mrs. Tompkins 1st Grade Kingston Elementary	of shacks Love, Haisleisleigh	My name is jon. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me Legossneiss Diddi boox Figyrs mocrs Busnesons toes Love, Jon	I would really like it if you could bring me 4wheeler dirt bike mini motorcycle electricgokgokart 6Furbys Love, Bryson	Asher	
Dear Santa, My name is Evelyn. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me...waking and talking kitty Unicorn huge stitch lege stitch and angel Love, Evelyn	Dear Santa, My name is Jacod. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of waco. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me Lego set. 4 wheeler Electric dirt bike. Dinosaur set baby ornament Love, Jacob	Dear Santa, My name is Mercy. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me a cut and PLaY PLaDow Set I OSow WoT a Scatbd aNd a Bisey Love, Mercy	Dear Santa, My name is Nick. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me PS5 bay blads electirick car LWege Mansien 1 and 2 Love, Nick	Dear Santa, My name is GAbe. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me Skibbidi toilet Cos-tume dirtbike electric go-kart Heelxs Love, GAbe	
Dear Santa, My name is Melina. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me ... XOXO Furby baby Bitzee kitty bike rolling Panga Barbie doll house magic mixies. Love, Melina	Dear Santa, My name is Laniya. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Berea R. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if youcould bring me a toy dog Hello Kitty Ducks hail set Bitzee make up American Girl Doll Barbie’s Bubby Stuffy Bear. Love, Laniya	Dear Santa, My name is Jaxon. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea.This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me RCCar Toy Dag biocks LegoStarShip Love, Jaxon	Dear Santa, My name is Jett. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Richmond. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me rccar arme LeCos PS5 armerccar blakc OPS 7 video game remote controltruck Love, Jett	Dear Santa, My name is Rylan. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of berea. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me bow soccerball Football goldenbasketbll baseball baseballbat arrowsmotorcycle Love, Rylan	
Dear Santa, My name is Winry. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me 5Bitzee XOXO2 Furbys baby Furby Kittyheadphones Aphau plush Kittybike magicmixies electric Toycar CaShregister realPetCat. Love, Winry	Dear Santa, My name is Zelda. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me ... a car PS5 TV and chocklit slim 2 Swishmelres A car for my mom Love, Zelda	Dear Santa, My name is Davy. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Breea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me A hut cra crackef D oNt PopFish book Love, Davy	Dear Santa, My name is Raelynn. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Rich-mond. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me Hello Kitty Ducks Bitzee XOXO Shoes dog toy Love, Raelynn	Dear Santa, My name is SKYlar. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me baby doll doll house Stickers Sticky roll bracelet Love, SKYlar	
Mrs. Allen 1st Grade Kingston Elementary	Michael	me a car last year. I really liked it. This year I would like a truck, all things Ford, and a big trailer. I have been a helper to Ms. Allen and Ms. Rose. I love you so much! Your Friend, Kyler	Matthew	Lori	
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a heart blanket last year, I liked it. This year I would like a Barbie, robot dog, and hello kitty. I have worked hard to bee good at school. I have also been a pretty good sister. I will leave carrots and milk....if I don’t drink it all. Love, Ella C.	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a phone last year. I really love it. This year I would like a kpop demon toy shoes. I have shared my toys. I have also listened to my teacher. I will make you cookies Santa. Your Friend, Myah	Dear Santa, I have been a excellent boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a skye last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a dinosaur mask. I have been workin hard. I’ll make you chocolate chip cookies. Your friend, Kaleb	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a pizza maker unicorn last year. I really loved it. This year I would like 3 num nums. I have been good to Mrs. Allen. I have my own tree can you put my presents under my tree please. Your friend, Oaklyn	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Barbie last year. I really love it. This year I would like a homugauch-ee paradise and cat lebooboos. I have helpt my mom. I also cleen dishes. Happy Christmas. Your friend, Ava	
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me pokemon last year. I played with it. This year I want a Kirby, and hello kitty makeup. I have also bin ok. Ho ho ho! Your friend, Ripley	Dear Santa, I have been a brilliant girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Hello Kitty GINGERbread house stuffy last year. I really love it. This year I would like a kozmo, a poopy stuffy dolly toy. I have a fish that I feed. I have also helped my mommy sell crafts. I will give you a treat bag. Your Friend, Raelynn	Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a 3 wheeler last year. I liked it. This year I would like a dirt bik, a hoverboard, and wrestlers. I have helped my friends. I will leave you cookies and milk. Your friend, Travis	Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a game last year. I really played it. This year I would like game of wire game and games. I am a good brother. I am kind. I will leave cookies and milk and maybe a carrot.....maybe. Your friend, Kaiden	Dear Santa, I have been a awesome girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a big bluy unicorn last year. I really love it. This year I would like a kidz phone, that actually works, then I want makeup kit. I hope you have a good winter and you don't slip on snow. Ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho. Your friend, Evelyn	
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Barbie Play Doh last year. I really like it. This year I would like a k-pop hunter shoes, Barbie, PS5. I have helped do the dishes. I have also listen to my teacher. I will leave milk, cookies and napkin for you. Your friend, Kharis Dinah	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a vandey last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a baby, bed set. I have been a good sister. Ho ho ho. Your Friend, Anna	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a barbee doll lastear. I love it., This year I would like a barbee playset. I cleen up at home and help my dad. Be safe Santa. Your friend, Ella H.	Dear Santa, I have been a pretty good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a Spiderman last year, I luv it. This year I would like a basketball and a basketball shirt. I have been really good ay school. I love you Santa. Your friend, Hendrix	Dear Santa, I have been a awesome girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a big bluy unicorn last year. I really love it. This year I would like a kidz phone, that actually works, then I want makeup kit. I hope you have a good winter and you don't slip on snow. Ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho. Your friend, Evelyn	
Mrs. Strack Kindergarten Kingston Elementary	dinosaur and a Sonic remote control car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Sam	wishing for: a Stitch stuffed animal, a Paw Patrol car and a toy farm. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Levi	am wishing for: a turtle Pets Alive, a Furby and a Barbie. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Joanna	nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Hot Wheels track, an Ultimate Garage and a toy monster truck. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Bryson	
Dear Santa, my name is Sophia. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a smart watch, a charm bracelet and a Spider-Man toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Sophia	Dear Santa, my name is Rylyn. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a dentist set, a Gabby’s Dollhouse toy and a racoon snow globe. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Rylyn	Dear Santa, my name is Riley. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a play house, a toy barn and a dog stuffed animal. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Riley	Dear Santa, my name is Eli. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a fox toy, a t-rex Hot Wheels and a hatching dinosaur. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Eli	Dear Santa, my name is Mason. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Nintendo Switch, a dragon toy and a four wheeler. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Mason	
Dear Santa, my name is Ja’von. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a dragon toy, a helicopter toy and a dinosaur Lego set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Ja’von	Dear Santa, my name is Liam. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: two toy cars and a Paw Patrol toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Liam	Dear Santa, my name is Annie. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a stuffed animal bear, Wobbles and a Furby. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Annie	Dear Santa, my name is Cooper. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a game, a microphone and a unicorn Doh Kins. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Cooper	Dear Santa, my name is Atlas. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a My Look window art kit, colored pencils and scented gel pens. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Atlas	
Dear Santa, my name is Maisy. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Step2 car, a karaoke machine and a stuffed animal panda. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Maisy	Dear Santa, my name is Graham. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a car, UNO No Mercy and a Beats Pill Portable Speaker. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Graham	Dear Santa, my name is Carson. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: toy dinosaurs, Hot Wheels and a toy car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Carson	Dear Santa, my name is Ben. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Paw Patrol play set, a Smashers and a toy fire truck. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Ben	Dear Santa, my name is Octavia. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minnie Mouse tea set, a Bluey stuffed animal, a Barbie and a SuperKitties stuffed animal. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Octavia	
Dear Santa, my name is Sam. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Cows in Space, a toy	Dear Santa, my name is Levi. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am	Dear Santa, my name is Joanna. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I	Dear Santa, my name is Bryson. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been	CONTINUED ON PAGE 11	

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Dear Santa, my name is Freyja. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a makeup palette, a toy house and roller skates. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Freyja

Dear Santa, my name is Olivia. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a foot spa, a mirror and a Bitzee. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Olivia

Dear Santa, my name is Cassidy. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a car, an easel and a house Lego set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Cassidy

Dear Santa, my name is Aja. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a gui-gui, Gabby's Dollhouse meow-mazing dollhouse and a water bottle. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Aja

Dear Santa, my name is Naomi. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a bracelet maker, Disney Princess house and a ride-on car slide. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Naomi

Mrs. Haynes Kindergarten Kingston Elementary
Dear Santa, my name is Silas. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a PS5, a toy capsule machine and a Lego Marvel set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Silas

Dear Santa, my name is Bentley. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minecraft Lego set, a Grogu toy and a Minecraft sword. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Bentley

Dear Santa, my name is Simon. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a PS5, a toy dinosaur and a VR headset. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Simon

Dear Santa, my name is Arya. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Fashion Friends, a doctor set and glow in the dark Lilo & Stitch jewelry. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Arya

Dear Santa, my name is Caiden. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a monster truck and two remote control cars. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Caiden

Dear Santa, my name is Lilly. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a car, a makeup

palette and a Gabby's Playhouse doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Lilly

Dear Santa, my name is Rylan. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a fish, a Skibidi Toilet toy and an action figure. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Rylan

Dear Santa, my name is Leo. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Hot Wheels, a car and a sword. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Leo

Dear Santa, my name is Caroline. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Stitch toy, a gui-gui and cat ears. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Caroline

Dear Santa, my name is Autumn. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Barbie, a smart watch and a doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Autumn

Dear Santa, my name is Tristan. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a radio, a Bluey stuffed animal and stickers. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Tristan

Dear Santa, my name is Maddyson. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minnie Mouse tea set, a panda stuffed animal and a Peppa Pig toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Maddyson

Dear Santa, my name is Everit. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minnie Mouse tea set, a chef bear and Lego house. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Everit

Dear Santa, my name is Sydney. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a makeup palette, a smart watch and a dog. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Sydney

Dear Santa, my name is Lily. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Sith stuffed animal, a kitchen set and a doctor set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Lily

Dear Santa, my name is Cobie. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Gabby's Playhouse doll, a makeup palette and a smart watch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Cobie

Dear Santa, my name is Rae. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Newborn Twins dolls,

Lego Friends and a toy cat. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Rae

Dear Santa, my name is Nicholas. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a toy tractor, a Fugler toy and a dentist set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Nicholas

Dear Santa, my name is Amelia. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Disney Beauty Center, Lego Friends and a baby doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Amelia

Dear Santa, my name is Kylie. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: glow in the dark Lilo & Stitch jewelry, a toy grill and a Make It Mini Cafe. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Kylie

Dear Santa, my name is Owen. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a fire truck toy, a toy car and a Lego dragon. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Owen

Dear Santa, my name is Nora. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a stuffed panda, a Pets Alive turtle and a veterinary set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Nora

Dear Santa, my name is Noah. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Minecraft toys. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Noah

Mary Shenk
Dear Santa, my name is Luke. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: learning games, a Minecraft toy and a Power Rangers mask. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Luke

Dear Santa, my name is Forrest. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minecraft toy, a keyboard and mouse and a Nerf gun. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Forrest

Dear Santa, my name is Beatrice. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a mermaid palace, an ice cream play set and a blocks set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Beatrice

Dear Santa, my name is Landry. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Furby, a tent and a firetruck. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Landry

Dear Santa, my name is Oakleigh. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a blender, a mixer and a

coffee pot. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Oakleigh

Dear Santa, my name is Easton. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: learning games, PS5 accessories and a Nintendo Switch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Easton

Dear Santa, my name is Gibson. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a helicopter, a castle and a rocket ship. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Gibson

Dear Santa, my name is Levi. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: an outside playhouse, a Nintendo Switch and a PS5. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Levi

Dear Santa, my name is Hudson. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Skibidi Toilet toy, Transformer and a DJ mixer. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Hudson

Dear Santa, my name is Hayleh. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Rainbocorns, career dolls and Barbies. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Hayleh

Dear Santa, my name is Ava. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a gui-gui, a Paw Patrol toy and a Gabby's Dollhouse toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Ava

Dear Santa, my name is Carleigh. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: fashion friends accessories, Bratz dolls and fashion wardrobe. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Carleigh

Dear Santa, my name is Eliana. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been naughty. These are the three things I am wishing for: a doll house, a dinosaur light and a guitar. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Eliana

Dear Santa, my name is Izzy. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a camper playset, a hockey set and a remote control car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Izzy

Dear Santa, my name is Kelsea. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Bluey stuffed animal, a Paw Patrol stuffed animal and a Minnie Mouse tea set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Kelsea

Dear Santa, my name is Emma. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Ms. Rachel doll, Barbies and a Disney Princess tea set.

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Emma

Dear Santa, my name is Calia. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Gabby's Dollhouse toys, cat ears and a Little Tikes Story Dream Machine. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Calia

Dear Santa, my name is Oliver Scott. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a dinosaur, VR headset and a dinosaur and car set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Oliver

Dear Santa, my name is Jayden. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a gymnastics bar, a Jack Skellington mask and a Nintendo Switch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Jayden

Dear Santa, my name is Logan. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a VR headset, a Pokemon Trading Card Game and a Spider-Man toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Logan

Dear Santa, my name is Lakyn. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Roblox Dress To Impress toy, Squishmallow slime and a Nex Playground. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Lakyn



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Letters to Santa

- Letters to Santa from our readers

Dear Santa,

My name is Oakleigh.

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1.

2.

3.

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Oakleigh

Dear Santa,

My name is Luke.

I am 8 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1.

2.

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I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Luke



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Mrs. Fuit Second Grade Berea Community Dear Santa, My name is Calliope Iam 7 years old. I have been very good this year some of the nice thingsdid were helping my Mother pick up MY bother and i pay attention at school and i have been really nice so hear are things i what 1.a stretch doll 2. Cutecow 3.cows in space 4.a pet butterfly 5.new bows 6. A Taylor Swift 7.some papa jones wings long nallis and that is all thank you love callie Dear Santa, My name is Clara I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year.Some of the nice things I did were Helping my classmates. I pay attention in class I eat my Vegetables. My wish list is 1.Some new balances colors gray and black 2. Owala in purple The rest can be a surprise. Love, Clara Dear Santa, My name is Eli. I am 7 years old I have really good And respectful by by santa my christmas wish list is : A puppy A pone 2000 dollers Love eli Dear Santa, My name is Emanuel. I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. Some of the nice things I did were clean my room, helped my mom and	dad cook, and make good choices at school. My christmas wish list: A book Remote control car A new tablet Love, Emanuel Dear Santa, My name is harper.i am 8 years old and my birthday is november 10 th i am so good can i have 10000000000 00000000000000000000000000 0 lubooboo. love.harper Dear Santa, My Name Is Harper .I am 7 years old.I have been very good this year.The good things this year is,cleaning,reading,eating My veggies , and helping ,making good choices. My wish list is 1 A tablet 2 tada squishy 3 e.l.f lipgloss 4 touchland handsanatiser 5 owala in pink 6 silk pj Love Harper. My name is jayden and i am 8 years old and i want 50\$ and a ps5 and a ronoldo toy and 100\$ and thats it. my wish list a new lubooboo. Love jayden ps. I have super super good. Dear Santa, My name is Julia. I am 7 years old.I have been very good.I cleaned my room.I heaped my mom.I ded wut a teacher sed.	y christmas list a tablet a lubooboo a bolt and a reindeer toy. Love julia. dear santa I am 8 year old i have good and bad some things i have done was help my mom with my room and i help my mom and my dad with dinner it was hard but i did it and now i have done help a dog find a home it was so fun now i will go to what i want from santa. List A puppy A new tv A vending machine A game Candy And more makeup thank you santa love, kiyoko Dear Santa, My name is Lincoln and i am 8 years old. I have been very good this year because i did my chores. and i help my mom and dad. and i get good grades. Wish list 200\$ robux gift card lightsaber 900000000\$ dunkndonuts Love, Lincoln Dear Santa, My name is Samara.I am 8 years old. i I have been Pretty good this year. Some of the nice things I did were play attention at school, Clean my messy room, and played good in soccer and basketball. My christmas wish list is: a ipad or tablet. To be a youtuber.	Have a tv in my room Have another cat Love, SAMARA dear santa My name is sawyer i am 8 years old i have been good this year the things i did was helping my mom cleaning my bedroom help my dad work my wish list 1. A cat 2. A tee shirt 3. A stuffey 4. New shoes Dear Santa,` My name is Tucker . I am 8 years old. I have been very good This year . Some of the things I did were help My brother. be nice to My mom and Dad. I sometimes play with My little brother. My wish list. 1’500\$. 2’ large Doritos. 3’switch games. Love Tucker Dear Santa, My name is Vera. L am 7 years old.I have been ver Good this year. Some of the nice things I did were I help mace my binr. And i lisind at my Scuwill dae. Oll I wont for Crismis is 1.acs-lodl. 2.pets . 3. Stuf ubawt animals Love Vera. Dear Santa, My name is Drew. I am 8 years old. I ben good Heped some one when sad Wishlist: Bengals Jersey #5 Football sports gear	Play station game Play station gift card Love, Drew Dear Santa My name is Ariel i am 8 years old I have been very good this year Some of the good things i did this year i cleaned my room a bit and my bed i helped my cat get in i ate all my food last night im very very very happy its my best friend birthday hes turning 8 but i been good at school i hope my friends get home safe i hope they have a good sleep tonight and i hope they dont get cold thats all i can think of so yeah My wish list is; A doll house 2.going to my best friend house 3. A best best best best best best friend [ophelia] so i dont need it 4. Dolls 5.a book to draw in 6. A sleepover with my best friend 7.mini br 8. Going to see 5 nights at 9. new dresses!!!!!! 10.\$10 11.cool pens 12. Going out with my friends at 7:00to 9:30 13. Stuff i can put in my room 14.a laptop Love Ariel Dear Santa, MY NAME IS ZEKE I AM 8 years I I wish for a lot of stranger thags and LEGOS and skat brwd and v buks and qs 5 Love zeke	
Ms. Lawson 2nd Grade Berea Community Dear santa, For christmas I would like littlest pet shop and a new switch charger. love Areya 8 years old. Dear Santa, For christmas i would like a dominus rex and a pink car aubree 8-years-old Dear santa For christmas i would like A toy car and a dinosaur brantley 7-years-old Dear santa For christmas I would like	Remote control car and dinosaur toy cyprus 7 Dear santa For chrstmas I Like play statien 5 and a mini dint bike gunner 8 years old Dear santa , For christmas i would like menban and qet dog. Jaeliona 8 years old Dear santa For christmas this year I want gold pokemon River 7 years old Dear santa For christmas I wauld like A.100.pakesof gold	pokemon and a scooter and 100 lego cars. Jessiah 8 years old Dear santa, For christmas i would like a mini bike and a hamster. Julian 7 years old Dear santa For chrishmas i wont a v—ducks andH hoseI i am 8years0ld Love kimmy Dear santa, For Chrismas I would like a Baby Alive Twin and a Nintendo2. Love, Leah 7 years old. Dear santa For christmas I would like an electric	dirt bike and a telescope. Leo 7 years old. Dear santa, For christmas I woud like A Box of Nails and A new Make– up set MADISYN 7 YEARS OLD. Dear santa For Christmas I would like v-bucks and drawing paper. Morgan I am 7 years old Dear Santa, For christmas this year I want a 3-d printer and a Harry Potter Wand. Love Peyton 8 years old Dear santa, For christmas i would like a camera	and a puppy. Rylynn 7 years old. Dear santa, For christmas I would like electric motor bike and min dirt bike. Love Trenton 8 year old Dear santa For christmas this year i want ps5 cpu Love vinny 7 years old Dear santa I would like a camera and a puppy. I am 7 years old Love xio Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a camera and a craft set. Love, Brooklyn Age 7	
Mrs. Hall 2nd Grade Berea Community Dear Santa, My name is Gage. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. I am very thankful for my family. I would like you to bring me a wrecire because I like them very will. I would like to have a Fortnite pic ax and a costoom. Love, Gage Dear Santa, My name is Kaycen and I am 7 years old. I have been very nice this year. I am really grateful for food and my famley. I would really like you to bring me a bak scratchr, a PC, a PS5, and a Xbox because I love gameing and my bak is bracin. Love, Kaycen Dear Santa, My name is Bintou. I am 7 years old. I have been very good this year. I am grateful for presints. I would really like you to bring me a rabbit pupit because I rilly wont a rabbit pupit because I love rabbits. Love, Bintou Dear Santa, My name is Chloe. I am 8 yers old. This year I have been naughty and nice. You have been so nice to me. I am really thankful for mi tesher. Plees bring me a LOL doll. I will like whatever you bring. Love, Chloe Dear Santa, My name is Ilse. I am 100 years old. Ha ha This Year I have been nice. I am thankful for my famile. I would really like you to bring me a hair dazaler and My Life doll and My	Life closeths because I love them. Love, Ilse Dear Santa, My name is Alice and I am 9 years old. This year I have been very nice. I am really thankful for my friends and family. I would really like you to bring me a Baby Alive twin, a snake that has babies, and a phone because I have a baby day care, I have always wanted a pet snake, and I just want to feel rusponentsable. Love, Alice Dear Santa, My name is Royalty. I am 8 years old. This year I have been both naughty and nice. I am really grateful for my family. I would really like you to bring me a My Life doll and some My Life clothes to go with it because I want to have another My Life doll because I want my other My Life doll to have a friend. Love, Royalty Dear Santa, My name is Addy. I am 8 years old. I am really grateful for my family. I want new ballay shoose and I want new jazz shoose because I am doing dance and new ballay leutars, please and I have been nice and a little naughty. Love, Addy Dear Santa, My name is Piper. I am 7 yeas old. This year I have been nice. I am really grateful for my BFFs and family. I would really like you to bring me some really fancy doll furnuchr and a ipad because I will like it and can you make it come with a ipad pen to. I love you Santa. Love, Piper	Dear Santa, My name is Easton. I am 7 years old. This year I have been a little naughty and nice. I am grateful for my family. I would really like you to bring me a PS5 because I want another play station. Love, Easton Dear Santa, My name is Titus. I want a dirt bick for Chrismas and a skateboard and a toy car and I want a elf on the shelf for Chrismis because it is going to be a lot of fun. Love, Titus Dear Santa, My name is Levi. I am 8 years old. This year I have been nice. I am really grateful for Dad. I would really like you to bring me a electric tracter that I can drive because it would be fun to work with it. Love, Levi Dear Santa, My name is Selena. I am 8 years old. I have been both naughty and nice this year but I am thankful for my family. I would really like to get a baby monkey and a crib from you because I would like to take care of a monkey. Love, Selena Dear Santa, My name is Colton and I am 8 years old. This year I have been good. I am very grateful for you. I would really like you to bring me a VR ples because I really like to play with virchal reality and it would be fun. Love, Colton	Dear Santa, My name is J.D. and I am 7 years old. I have been nice this year. I would really like you to bring me a VR because I want to have my own like my brother. It would be fun! Love, J.D. Dear Santa, My name is Lincoln. I am 7 years old. This year I have been both naughty and nice. I am really thankful for friends and family. I would really like you to bring me new clothes, new shoes, and a flannel jacket, a sheet, a cover, and a pillow-case for my bed and a lamp so I can have things to wear to school, look nice, and feel cozy in my room. Love, Lincoln Dear Santa, My name is Fox. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. I am really grateful that Christmas is coming. I would really like you to bring me a golden Pokémon battle deck and a remote-control car because I lost some of the cards I had and the car would be fun. Love, Fox Dear Santa, My name is Bentley. I am 7 years old. This year I have been very nice. I am really thankful for my family. I would like you to bring me a PS5, a smart watch, and a RC car and an new bike because all that stuff sounds like fun. Maybe you can bring an electric dirt bike too. Love, Bentley Dear Santa, My name is Jaylen. I’m 7 years old. This year I have been nice. I am re-	ally grateful for my dad and mom. I would really like you to bring me a oculus 3, a brand new PS5 controler, and a wirelees keybord and mouse. The oculus 3 will be super fun in bone lab and my controller is kinda sticky. Love, Jaylen Dear Santa, My name is Hudson. I’m 8 years old this year I have been nice. Wold you bring me a PS5, VR, and a gameing chir? Love, Hudson Dear Santa, My name is Emery. I am 7 years old. I have been both naughty and nice. I would like you to bring me a Barbie you can design with playdoh. Love, Emery Dear Santa, My name is Anthony. I am 7 years old. I would really like you to bring me a puppy, a baby cat, a La Boo Boo and I have been naughty and nice. Love, Anthony Dear Santa, My name is Aria. I am 8 years old and this year I have been nice. I am really grateful for my family. I would like you to bring me slime and a bik and a bay doll. Also pugomus because I love to enjoy nachr and I love to play with slime. Love, Aria Dear Santa, Hi. My name is Holden. I am 9 years old. This year I have been naughty and nice. i would really like it if you will get me a new VR, phone, and a mini frige. And can you get me a elf? Love, Holden	
Ms. Howard 2nd Grade Dear Santa, I hope your little elves are ok. I hope your reindeers are ok. I hope Mrs Claus is ok. I hope you are ok. The First thing that I want for Christmas is I want Mrs Howerd to have a good Christmas and I want my friends to have a good Christmas too. I want	my family to have a good Christmas too. I want all the children even if they are bad. I still want them to.I want all the adults to have a good Christmas to. Now what I want is a puppy stuffed animal. Merry Christmas Happy New Year Love, Johanna Dear Santa, Santa, please please can I have a	tablet? And are Cupid and Conner sisters? Is Rudolph’s nose really red? Merry Christmas Santa. Is cupid your favorite reindeer? Is the reindeer part of your family? Are you always at the North pole? Love, Bear PS How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? have a holly jolly Christmas. It’s the best time of the year. You’re	the best Santa. Dear Santa, I love cookies just like you. I want it for Christmas. I wish I could have a red nose like Rudolph the red nose reindeer. Merry christmas santa and merry christmas to willa. That’s me, Santa, and my animals love Santa. I am excited for christmas and I will tell a story wants a pone a time there	was a man his name is Santa. He lived in a street and he loved cookies and he brot prezents. I want 500000 robux! Love, Willa Dear Santa, how is my elf? I love Christmas. I bet it is cold in the north pole. My friend is nice. I love you. I want an	

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ipad case. from Harley Merry Christmas! Dear Santa, How are you and the reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I want to know if you put the candy in the stockings. Merry Christmas Rylynn Dear Santa, Is Rudolph's nose really red? I would like a gaming mic.I would like v busks. I would like a DJ board. I would like potato shoes. I would like a Koby Bryant jersey. I would like a 70 dirt bike. I would like uggs's. Pro Max Apple Watch. I would like an ipad . I would like a bearded dragon. I would like a terrarium. I would like a heat lamp. I would like cologne . Love, Henry Merry Christmas! Dear Santa, All I want is for me and mi frans and family to be happy and how are your reindeer feeling and merry Christmas. from Jon	Dear Santa, Do you want more cookies? How many cookies do you eat? For christmas can I please have a stuffed animal that looks like my guinea pigs bagel and chuk? It wode make my Christmas.Can you get me a poppet?Can you get me a magic animal to keep forever?And get my family a present from me?And random stuff too?I hope you have a good Christmas. From Hallie Dear Santa, I have been 65% good for Christmas. I want a mario kart race track and a blue among us plushie a bitzze hamster ball and a zhu zhu city and a toy car that I can drive in and a wild kratts suit[chris and marten] and discs and disc holder binoculars a Nintendo Switch 2 and a Donkey Kong Bonanza game cartridge to go with the Switch 2 and a phone. Love, Samuel ps Merry Christmas! ps say hi to Mrs Claus for me. Dear Santa, How is the reindeer? And I didn't forget Mrs.Claus I hope is all well. All I want for Christmas is 3 things uggs skincare and those flared sweat	pants.and I had a big question is the North pole as cold as they say? It might be a little hot that's what I think but it might not.And I have 1 more question is the Grinch actually real? I think he is . Love, Eliza Dear Santa, Can I please have a blanket that has an Axolotl on it? How is Rudolph doing? I am so excited for Christmas. From Alyssa and Merry Christmas. Dear Santa , Who puts the candy in the stocking? What are the other reindeers names? What I want for Christmas is a Koby Bryant jersey, Kobe Bryant slides, Michael Jordan jersey, Robux, Cologne, Lebron james jersey, Anthony Edwerds jersey. I hope you have the best Christmas. Merry Christmas, Tate Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? I would like 1 thang frum you. I would like some v buks fur Christmas please and thank you. Merry Christmas. Linkin	Dear Santa I'm excited for christmas. I would like to no if the reindeer Are doing good. I would like slim with it clear an stuff like glitter and I would like a play perfume that sprent,s and smells and I would like a new bike and I would like a ps5 and would like a DJ board and I would like some cards I want 3 and I want 2 owalas and I would like v bucks and ugg's and real Puppy's and dog toy's and new udedu's and 10,000 robuk's Merry Christmas, Paisley. Dear Santa, Is Rudolph's nose really red? Can you get me a toy truck with a side by side? And a dirt bike that is a sev-enty. And have a good Christmas! Jaxon Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! I would like to have a Xbox. I would also like a ball. Games and two controllers would be nice too! I would love to have a car that you can drive outside. I need a gaming chair with a desk. I would love a new TV for my Xbox. I would also like a stand for my controllers. I need three Labubus. I also love legos and could use some more. Love, Dallas	Dear Santa, Is Rudolph's nose really red? Do you know Owen? Can you please get his shoes from dik's? Is Crittle good? I want the golden wizard's jersey. I want a DJ board. I want sum Ganiss'brite pink shoes and school shoes and a NFL football. Love, Evrett Merry Christmas! Dear Santa, Hey Santa, how's everyone and I really want 2 things. I want you to have the best day ever. 2nd I want a studio to be a Rapper 1 day Merry Christmas! Fa lalalala l la la! and hi I have been alot better than last year Merry Christmas! Hi and best day ever thanks and hohoho. One more thing your Elf doshtoyd my couch pls teach them manners. Love Hunter Dear Santa I would like 10,000,00 robux.for Christmas..Santa I would like vee-buxs for Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa. I hope Linkin, Hunter, Henry, Evrett and Jaxon also have a good Christmas. Merry Christmas from Kojo	
Mrs. Bowman Second Grade Silver Creek Elementary Dear santa, How cold is it out there? Am I on the good list? Thank you for all you have gave me. This year I hope you give me a vr and phone and a plushy snoopy.I will give you a plate of cookes and a glass of milk up high so my dogs dont get them I hope you have a very merry christmas. Love, Noah Dear Santa Hello how are you. are your elfs good? i wont a ps5 for christmas and a DirtBik to please i will lev you millk and cookes. Love, Blake Dear Santa. Hi how have you been merry christmas. Are you redy to go to all of the houses. thank you for my presents for last year I would like eystream book and merch and a mystery toy. Have a good christmas love, aurora Dear Santa, Hello how are you? How are the raindeer?How are your elves? For christmas I would like a mini fridge 2 more cats a 3D printer a computer a pet dragon a elf on shelf ! Have a merry christmas! Ps.save some cookies for the reindeer! Love	sawyer Dear Santa, Hi! How are your reindeer? Thank you and I will give you cookies and milk. This year I want a ps5 and a nintendo switch.I like your reindeers. I like your elves. Love, Hunter Dear santa Hello how have you bin feeling wus there any other santa? Thank you for giting zoboo this year i wont a lego gumball muhseen anda lego city game and a kitten you are like a father to me i will leev you a note Luv, asher Dear Santa Hello how is rudolph doing and how are you doing Thank you for my presis last yere they wer good. i want horse toy and barbie and i what a puppy. Merry christmas love, Bailey Dear Santa, Hello how hov you been how have you and your deer been thank you for giving me toy dinosaurs.This year I would like toy Black panther robot and a nintendo switch 2. I am going to leave you some cookies oh wait can i have all av the other robots pleas Love, Liam Dear Santa hello how have you been how are	your raindeers going I want a 100 dollar gift card for robux for christmas love you Santa I would like to thank you for the truck last year this year another truck cool truck love you Santa I love christmas because christmas is the best and don't forget the other children. Love, josias Dear Santa, Hello!How have you been?How is mrs.claus doing?I would like to say thank you for the trampoline.This year i would like 4 miny surprise makeup balls and a phone. I will make you some hot coco and sinu-min cookies. Have a jolly christmas. Just bleve in your self.I love christmas it's my favorite holiday. My elff wanted to say hi. Have a good christmas. Love Natalie Dear Santa, Hello how are you how are the elves thank you for the babby doll last year this year would like a good life thank you. you are the best please and thank you Love, serenity Dear Santa, hello how are you are all the reindeer dowing good you are the best thank you for my toys from last year I hope you have a good day this year i would like a ps5 for christmas i would like a bran how ipone i wold like a noow cat place i will leve a plate of cookes and millk and can i have a lap top place i want lankybox merch i want a	noow speaker please. I will leve caris on A plate for the randere to et can i have a noow camera please. Love, grayson Dear Santa, Hello Merry christmas! How are you doing today. I would like to say thank you for Everything! your the best. This year I would like a Nint-edo Switch 2 and a Xbox I'm sorry for how I act please let me get what I want I'm sorry. Bye Santa your the best! Love, Oliver Dear santa, Love santa Hi how have you been? Happy christmas.santa to you and am i good or bad.i lovely presents. This year I would like Heated blanket a toy kitchen a toy cat pet a toy doll. Santa these are your cookes and milk and Happy christmas. Love, willow Dear Santa, Hi i love you. how are you? How are your deer? Am i on the nice list? Can i have a ps5 Can i have a dirt bike Pleeeeeeeeeeeeeees. I will leve you milk and kokes Love gabriel Dear Santa, Hello How have you been? Santa are you happy? Thank you. This year would like a tablet and clove for my little puppy. You are the best.I love santa. Love,	Indie Dear Santa. Hello. how have you been. How have the elves working for toys santa. Thank you for my squishy toy last year.this year i would like a goatcart and a pet monkey and bananus.i will make the best cookes for you santa and i will make cholket milk i love you santa.think you. mary christmas. we hope you have a great christmas. love kason Dear Santa, Hi hope you have a good trip.how are the Elves doing and how are you doing thank you for my present last year.I love them.This year I would like a good christmas and a Elves please and clothes. I love christmas. and I will give you cookie! hope you have a good safe trip!. you are so nice. Love, Jase Dear Santa, Hi! How have you been? How are your Elves? Are they okay? I would like to say Thanks for all the presents last year. This year I would like a big bunny Plush and maybe some Lego sets and A phone, please and thank you. And Maybe some house slippers. I can't wait `til you come! I am so exited! Have a very Merry Christmis! Love, Kaiden	
Shiloh Stanley's Class First Grade Paint Lick Elementary Dear Santa, I want a princess costume for Christmas. I have been good. Thank you! you're the best! Samantha Dear Santa, you're the best! May I please have Disney toys & a princess costume? Thank you! Love, Marleigh	J.D Hay Dear Santa, I want a tent, bath bombs, and a baby Ferbie. Taylor Drew Dear Santa, I want a bike and T-Rex. I would also like a Lego set. Ryker Hill Dear Santa, I want a pink saddle for my horses, and a puppy. I also want a phone Cora Farler Dear Santa, I would like a pet rabbit, a pack of skittles, and new Nintendo Switch. River Gibson Dear Santa, I want a LOL Doll. Elionna English Dear Santa,	My big wish is to get a hoverboard, and a snow globe. I really want to have tap shoes and a trumpet. Maybe a scooter too. Lola Lane Dear Santa, Please give me everything from my Christmas list. The thing I want the most is the 16 Number Block plushie. That's all. Orion Madden Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a PS5 Clayton Cooper Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a phone, and Xbox. Alivia Davidson Dear Santa, I would like a bike, and a toy for my baby sister. Lochlin Shackelford Dear Santa, I want some Barbies, a toy dog, and	a robot cat. Could I also get some toy make up? Raylin Houp Dear Santa, Will you bring a lot of snow? For Christmas I want Christmas decorations. Elijah Parrett Dear Santa, I would like a Lego set, and some cars for Christmas. Mateo Lopez-Morales Dear Santa, Can I have an iPhone for Christmas? Can I also have a new baby doll? I also want new clothes. Thank you very much. Maddie McLane Dear Santa, I have really been wanting a crib for my babies. I also really want a tiny baby I can bring in the pool. Nova Bray	Dear Santa, I hope I get a guitar and drums to play with my Papaw. I hope everyone else gets what they want. Loretta Howard Dear Santa, I want Minecraft toys, Lightning McQueen, and a camper with a truck. Colton Smith Dear Santa, I want a phone, and Barbie set, and a car. I will leave cookies and milk for you, and carrots for your deers. I love you. Harley Isaacs Dear Santa, I want a drone, and a remote control car. Greyson Hutchins	
McGuffey's Class First Grade Dear Santa, I want a phone, Gabby's Doll House, and baby dolls too Greta Thorn Dear Santa, I would like a V.R Headset, a mini Nerf Gun, and I really want an IPad.	something too? I love you and bring some good presents this year! Love, Deacon Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Can I have a hover broad and a new doll? Will you bring my sister some stickers? I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer. Thank you Santa! Love, Stella Dear Santa, Thank you for all my presents. I have been good this year. Can you bring me slime and an American Girl Doll? Can you bring my sister something too? I will leave carrots for the reindeer. Thank you Santa! Love, Townes Dear Santa,	I have been nice this year. Can I have a new watch and Legos? I will leave you milk and cookies. I will give you reindeer carrots. Thank you! Love, Piper Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Could you bring me a labubu doll and a watch? Will you bring my sister something too? I will leave you milk and cookies. I love you Santa! Love, Alaska Dear Santa, I think I am on the nice list this year. Could you bring me a sled and a baby doll? Can you bring my brother something too? I will leave you cookies and milk. Thank you Santa! Love, Norah. Dear Santa, I think I am on the nice list this year.	Will you bring me a farming book and a phone? Will you bring my sister some new boots? I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you Santa! Love, Aaron Dear Santa, I have been really good this year. Could you bring me a dirt bike and a new tablet? Will you bring Emmy something good too? I will leave you milk and cookies. I will leave Rudolf some carrots. I love you! Love, Jayce Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Can you bring me drawing stuff and some Legos? I will leave you some cookies and milk. I leave carrots for you reindeer. Thank you! Love, Kingston	Dear Santa, Thank you for all my presents. I have been good but I haven't been cleaning my room. I will do better. Can I have a hea set and a PS5? I will give you M+M cookies! Love, Leighton Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Can you please bring me some Barbie Dolls and baby dolls? Can I also have food for my baby dolls and some books? I will give you a piece of pie and orange juice! Love, Samantha Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Could you bring me a water gun and a new bike? I will/leave you cookies and milk. Love, Conner	

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Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like some more dinosaurs to add to my collection. I also want the Indominus Rex breakout Lego set. I will leave milk and cookies. Love, Benjamin	Dear Santa, I want a fidget and a Nintendo Switch 2. I have been good all year. I will leave some carrots and cookies and milk. Love, Luke	want a monster truck for Christmas. I would like Spongebob Hot Wheels. I will leave cookies and milk. Love, Gavin	a Barbie set and a little bitty toy mouse. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, Anniston.	new blue jeans? I would love a new carhart hoodie too. I will leave you milk and cookies. Can you bring something for my brother and sister too? Thank you Santa! Love, Colton	
Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I want a Baby Alive doll that cries. I also want a baby reindeer and a love heart Squishmallow. I will leave you cookies and reindeer food. Love, Olivia	Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this year. Can I please have a ThunderROARus Drop toy? I am going to leave cookies and milk for you when you come. Love, River	Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Can I please have more Pokémon cards? I will leave you sugar cookies. Love, Ayden	Dear Santa, I have been good at school this year. I want a Karaoke machine and a big pool. I also would like makeup. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer. Love, Hailey	Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Could I have a Gabby Cat Dollhouse and a big unicorn toy? Can you bring my brothers and sisters things too? I will leave milk and cookies! Love, Arabella	
Mrs. Amanda Bailey Shannon Johnson	on the nice list. First I am kind and nice. Second I work hard to play hard. Third I say nice words. For Christmas I would like sum bede bades because I only have one. Next I would like some cragins because I don't car wochcoins. Finally I would like a agne cone we gif wors. You are prite. I hope your elf lisin. Love, Kennedy	Love, Harper	bow sweter. Your so nice cause you give gifts to the people that don't have any toys. How do you get to every house at night? I believe I should be on the good list. First I helped my mom cleaning. Next I cleand my room like you told me. Last I be good. For Christmas I want three things. First a slime set cause I don't play with slime much. Seckend skate dord cause I don't have one. Last a lol cause I lost mine. Please. I hope you be safe on your sled. Have a good day. Love, Jasmine	I read to my mom. Thank you for all the Christmas gifts. I love them. Santa could you bring me a Barbie, headphones and a shirt? If I had a Barbie I will play with it. I need new headphones. For school. Any shirt will be nice. Thank you for all that you do. Love, Kailee	
Dear Santa, Thank you for giving us presents. You are such a jolly guy. How do you go to those houses? In my opinion, I think I am on the nice list. 1st I help do chores. Second I pray. Third I am nice. Last I am grateful. Can I please have presents this year Santa. I have been really good. I love you Santa. Thank you for presents. I have three things I need a USA hpye fire 2026 because my 2025 hyph doesn't work. Next I need a camera so I can make movies. Next I want a new VR. Last I want a iPhone 17. Thank you so much for the VR last year. I hope you have the best Christmas ever. Your Miles	Dear Santa, Thank you so much for being nise to boys and girls. I no it hard but you make eveal child happy to us. Love you. In my opinion I'm good to everyone.second I take care and third I work hard. I think I should be on the nis list. For Christmas first I would like a iPhone 17 becaus my phone broke. I would like a phone case because my old one won't fit it. I would like a Mac Book Pro. Thank you for thinking of us. I hope you have the best Christmas. Love, Cam	Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing the wicked squishmallow last year. I love it so so much. I love you win you give gifts. I love win it is Crissmis because its my sister's birthday. You are so beautiful. How much reindeer bo you have. In my opinion I should be on the nice list. I help others. I love my Mrs. Bailey. I love my mom. I love my Andrew so much. For Christmas I want 3 gifts. I want a American Girl doll because my friend had one. I want baby doll clothes because I have a baby and she doesn't have any clothes. I want a Squishmallow calendar because I want to play with it. Love, Lexie	Dear Santa, Thank you for giving me mackup. I love it. Thank you for giving everybody joy. Where do you live? I think I should be on the nice list. First I have been kind to my momma. Second, I am nis to my daddy. Thirb I love Crismis. For Christmas I want three things. First I want a Stitch toy because I love playing with toys. Second I want a Stitch blakey because it is cozy. Third I want a Stitch flufey bekus that are so cuddly. I love you. Love, Ava	Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents that you gave me. You are so sweet. You are a joy Santa. Will you give me a elf? In my opinion I should be on the nice list. First, I help friends and I am sweet to friends. I help family. For Christmas this year get me a stufe so I can play with the stufe. Next I want Squishmelos so I can sleep with it and so I can play with the Squish-melo. Thank you for thinking of us. I wish you the best Christmas yet! Love, Delilah	
Dear Santa, Thank you Santa for giving my family gifts. You are such a goley giy. How do you fly arond the wherld in one night? I feel that, I'm on the nis list. First I've been kind to my frins. I auset at my baby sister Braylee win she reads over my shoulder but I am nis to her sum tims. I'm nis to Banner sum. Santa I want three things for Christmas. Can I ples have a intindo swich so me and Banner don't fit over his. Next can I ples have a Got Live Pet because me and my sister Braylee have bin wanting one for are hol life ples Santa. Thank you for thinking of us. I hope you have a good Christmas. Love Your Frind, Brinlyn	Dear Santa, Thank you for always bringing joy to the world. You are such a jolly. How do you fly arond the world in one night? I think I am on the nice list. Fris, I be kind to one ol nother. Next, I listen to my teacher. Last, I use my manners. Santa, if you could please bring me a smokegun, Uggs, and 2K25 I will play with the smokegun while I wear my Uggs. I will enjoy playing my game. Have a Merry Christmas. Love, Aaron	Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents. It was so kind of you. What will you give me this year? In my opinion I should be on the nice list. First I do Iredy evere day. Secend I do math evere day. Therd I work hard evere day. First I want a elechereck bike so wen a frend comes. Secend I want a phone becaes I need it. Third I want a scooder becaues mine broke. You are so cool and your the best. Bye, Trace	Dear Santa, Thank you for the Dino nerf gun and games. You are so joley. How's your first reindeer? In my opinion, I'm good. First I am nice with friends. I am nice to your elves and I bleve in Santa, I want three things. First I want more Nerf guns. Sekit I want a Zombie kittns. Finally I want a RC Lego Car. Thank you for my prasins and the joy. Love, Branson	Dear Santa, Thank you for being so nice. You are kind. How do you fly at night? How many elf do you have? I have nune. In my opinion I thenk I should be on the nis list. First I am cind. Second, I am cind to my bruther. Third I am nis to my twins. Do not poot me on the note list beckus if you do I will not lick it. For Christmas I want a big unicorn stuffed animal because its soft. Then I want one of those fake dolls that you can put makeup on and brush their hair. I want a big teddy bear because it is soft and nice. I like your hair. Love, Emma Watkins	
Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing the elf. You are the bess at giving kids toys. Who made the presents? In my opinion I think I'm on the nice list. I'm nice to other people. I chere people up. I don't hurt other peoples feelings. I am good at school. I am caring. For Christmas this year first I would like a puppy. Second a lego set. Third gial baby doll cloths. Thank you for thinking of us. I hope you have the best Christmas yet. Love, Marlee	Dear Santa, Thank you for my presents. I like the new Rudolph and you are my hero. Wot do you do win it is Christmas. I think I should be on the nice list. First I play with my baby brother. The next reason I am kind to my friends. Lastly I help my pappaw wok his farm. Santa I would like a 4 wheeler, a baseball bat, and a golden baseball. If I had a 4 wheeler I would ride it in my pappaw's field. I could play baseball a lot with a new bat and ball. You've been a good Santa. Thank you. Love, Jason	Dear Santa, Thank you for giving so much joy. I like your red hat. I think it looks good on you. How are you? I think I should be on the nice list. First, I try to play with my sis, Chloe. Seconed I am nice. Thirded when my sis is crying I ask what's wrong. For Christmas this year first I want a robucks gived card. I can bye all sorts of things on Roblox. Next I want a Lranbox and a paperalox. It will be nice to draw so much. Last I want a stuffy. It will be nice to squish it. I hope you give joy to everyone. Love, Zoey	Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing Fury a gift. You make people happy when you get toys for everyone. Everyday you watch people. If they are good they get presents. If you are naughty you get coal.santa is always watching. In my opinion I should be on the good list. I helped Tiny pick up their food when they dropped their tray. I worked on my computer nicely two times. I hug my teachers and friends. That makes me happy. I would like three things. First I want a dinosaur with a button on top and it makes noises and opens its mouth. It is a big Trex. Next I want a Dominessrex dinosaur. It is very big. Last I want a teddy bear. So I can hug and sleep with it. It is soft and smells like chocolate. I hope Santa gets a toy. Thank you. Love, Leo	Dear Santa, Thank you for a prasint. It is cool. You are incredible. How many elfs do you have? I think I should be	
Amanda Miller Second grade Shannon Johnson	Christmas! Love, Sadie B.	Love, Maddie D.	your family. I have been a little naughty and mostly nice. I pushed my dad but I said sorry. I helped my sister with the dishes every day when we needed to do the dishes. Last my mom always does the dishes and I help my mom with the dishes. I would like a computer. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas. Love, Jayde H.	friends. Thank you Santa. Love, Zoey Kendall L.	
Dear Santa, Christmas is a time for joy! This year, I have been a little naughty but mostly nice. First, I pulled a prank on my brother but I did some good things, too. I did all my chores. Last I gave my brother a chicken and waffle sandwich. This is why I would like a box of clay. You're looking younger baby! Love, Georgia A.	Dear Santa, Christmas is when you open presents. I have been nice. First I helped my mom cook. Then I helped my friend up. Last I helped my mom put her hair up. This is why I would like to new baby doll. Say hi to Mrs. Clause! Love, Caselynn B.	Dear Santa, I have been a little naughty and a little nice. When my mom said give her phone back, I didn't give her phone back. But something good I did was doing my chores. Could you bring me Air Pods? Love, Myles F.	Dear Santa, I have been good. I have helped my mom do stuff around the house. I have helped her take out the trash. I threw away the pumpkins. Will you get me a new bike? My sister needs a new one too. The chain snapped on the green one. I'm scared that if I go down the hill I will get hurt. I tried to fix the pedal on the black bike but it didn't work. Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Parker L	Dear Santa, I have been good. I have helped my mom do stuff around the house. I have helped her take out the trash. I threw away the pumpkins. Will you get me a new bike? My sister needs a new one too. The chain snapped on the green one. I'm scared that if I go down the hill I will get hurt. I tried to fix the pedal on the black bike but it didn't work. Thank you and Merry Christmas! Love, Parker L	
Dear Santa, You spend time with your family on Christmas. I have been nice. First, I helped my mom bake pancakes. Then I helped my dad clean his room. Last I helped Ms. Miller click the space bar. This is why I would like a elf pet. Have a Merriest Christmas ever! Love, Meika A.	Dear Santa, Christmas is when you are happy! This year I have been a little naughty but I have been mostly nice. First I carried in the groceries. Next I cleaned the home. Last I helped my mommy set up the Christmas tree. This is why I would like make up. I love Mrs. Claus, Santa, and the elves! Love, Caroline C.	Dear Santa, The elves make sure the kids are good. I have been nice. First I did the dishes for Mom. Second I cleaned my room. Third I helped my sister clean her room. May I please have a remote control car? I love Christmas! Love, Will F.	Dear Santa, I get to decorate trees on Christmas. I have been a little naughty and mostly nice and good. First I am nice to my brother and he is nice to me sometimes. Next I am good because I help my mom and I do what my mom says to do. Last I am nice to my dog sometimes. And this is why I would like a new puppy and I want it to be black and white and brown. Feed all of the reindeers two carrots for me! And tell Mrs. Claus I said hi. Love, Malayna K.	Dear Santa, Christmas is a time to be happy. This year I been nice and a little bit naughty. First I never lost a dojo point. Next I've helped my mom and dad. Last I've got along with my friends. This is why I would like a remote control dinosaur. You have a great Christmas! Love, Asher L.	
Dear Santa, Christmas is Jesus' birthday. I have been nice. First, I helped my dad do the dishes. Second I accidentally ran into a kid and I helped him get up. Last I helped my dad clean the house. This is why I think you should give me a dog. Have a Merry	Dear Santa, Every Christmas we collect ornaments like cats, dogs, and angels. I have been nice, Santa. First I helped my nana wash the dishes. Second I feed my new kitten! Last I have been good at school. This is why I think you should give me a reborn baby doll. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas!	Dear Santa, I have been nice. Let me tell you how! I fed my plants. I've been nice to people. I treated Malayna with kindness. I calmed down by myself with deep breaths. I did my work at school. Because I have been so good I want a Coraline doll. I also would like to have a job at the North Pole. Love, Kamilia G.	Dear Santa, I don't know if I have been naughty or nice. You can decide. I try to be good. I see if my sister is okay from falling. I help my mom clean the kitchen. I get my parents' phone for them. I would like to get my own phone for Christmas so I can call my	Dear Santa, Christmas is a time of year to spread joy. This year I've been a little naughty but mostly nice. First I did fight with my siblings. Here are some good things I did. I helped my	

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mom when her back went out. Last I do my chores when I'm told. This is why I would like a keyboard. (AKA the thing my step brother has. I don't know what it's called!)) You are a sweet, sweet, jolly and holly nice old man. No offense. Love, Annie M.	Corbin M.	The elves make the toys. I have been good. First I have helped my dad with the truck. Second I have helped Mom with the dishes. Last I went to church. May I please have an albino baby turtle? Santa you are getting younger every day! Love, Samson R.	Dear Santa, Christmas is the time to be jolly. This year I have been a little naughty but mostly nice. First I fight with my brother. But here are some good things I've done. I helped my mom wrap Christmas presents. Finally I'm making sweaters for my elves. This is why I would like a lego set. You're into Christmas as much as I am. FYI-that's a compliment! Love, Emory S.	Next I got my brother milk. This is why I would like a VR. And have a jolly Christmas. Love, Lincoln T. Dear Santa, It is Jesus' birthday on Christmas. I have been nice. First I helped my brother with his pokemon cards. Second I helped my dad mow the lawn. Last I let my mom pull my tooth. This is why I would like a phone so I can put it in my pocket. Is my elf doing good? Love, Isaiah W.	
Amanda Marcum 2nd Grade Shannon Johnson	Dear Santa, How are you today? How is Mrs. Clase doing? How are the elves doing? I hope the elves are working. This year I would like a Lafufu, a amongus, and a 67 plushie. I have been good this year. I do the dishes. I help my gama. And I help my mom. Thank you for all my presents! Your friend, Tavish B.	you so so so so so much. Thank you for my presents. Your friend, Dovey D.	have been verry nice this year. I give lots of hugs, work hard, and help make things at home. If something is hard i can still do it! Thank you for everyone's toys. I hope the reindeer do good! Your friend, Jaxon M.	Audrey D.	
Dear Santa, How do you do everything in one night? I hope the reindeer have been good. This year i would like a webshooter with a sukshoncup, a chainsaw man mask, and chainsaw arms. I have been very good this year. I helped fix a pothole and training my dog, and making breakfast. I hope you have the best trip and get back home safe. Thank you Santa! Your Friend, Brad M.	Dear Santa, How much cookies have you ate? How are you? How have your elves been doing Santa? Am I on the nice list or the noty list? This year I would like a baby boy doll, Zemomo, and baby stuff. I have been varry good this year Santa. I do my chores and I clean and I play nicely with my frends. Thank you for Chrismis. I love it because you made it. Your friend, Cora S.	Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope mrs. claus has been making you lots of cookies! This year i would like a puppy, iphone, and a scatboard too. I have been very good this year!!! I help mom rap Crismis presents and take the trash out and wipe the tabl. Thank you for the presents. I love you so much. Have a good trip!! You friend, Heidi S.	Dear Santa, How do you git into my home? I do not have a chimnea. How many toys have you and the elves made? This year I would like a pupy that is a huske, a woch, and a new iphon that is pink! I have been verry good this year. I help my mom clean, and take out the trash. Thank you for every-thing you do. I LOVE YOU! Your friend, Ava R.	Dear Santa, I love you for ages. I want a chrome-book for Christmas. I want a good Christmas. This year i want a puppy, and dog food, and a teddy bear. I have been good this year. I give my dad water when he is working. And i'm nice to my sister. Have a great trip! Your friend, Katie C.	
Dear Santa, Santa why are you so nose? Santa how old are you! I hope the reinders are ridey. This year i would like Maden 25 and Maden 24 and Maaden 19. I have been good and bad this year. I help my sistr with her leg. I help my mom, and I help my dad. I love you santa. Thank you for making Christmas. Your friend, Houston H.	Dear Santa, How are you doing? Why are you so nice? I hope you make it to my home. This year I would like a Labooboo and a puppy and more Buble. I have been very bad this year. I help my mom fold longre. And I help do the dishes. And I help my mom take the trash out. I love you. Thank you for everything you do. Your friend, Zoey S. Dear Santa, How are you today? I hope the elves have ben working hard. This year I would like a ball and a fone and cat Blakit plese. I have been very good this year. I help my mom with the dishes. I help clean up my room. Thanks for giving presins for kids. Have a safe trip! Your friend, Aaron M.	Dear Santa, Have the elves been working hard thes days? Have Santa and Mrs. Claus been feeling okay? This year I would like a drone, and a bike, and a pack of balloons. I have been preety good and just a little naughty. I hope I still get presents! I help my mom. I put a new trash bag in, and i help people. I hope you have a nice trip! Your friend, Sam U.	Dear Santa, How are you? I hope the reindeer are working! Do you remember my house? Are the elfse working? This year i would like a bike, a card game, and a kids bop radeo. I have been very good this year. I played with my cat and feed them and watr them. Thank you have a good trip. I love you so much! Your friend, Eden H.	Dear Santa, Hows everything going? Are the presents almost done? I think i should be on the nice list. I work hard at skool, I listn to my mom and dad sometimes, and i play with my bruther and sister. If im on the nice list i would like a monster hi, a labubu, and a bike. Thank you for evrything you do Santa. I hop i see you soon! Your friend, Lauren E.	
Your friend, Ella B.	Dear Santa, Hi! I love your outfit. I love Mrs. Claus too! How are the reindeer doing? How are the elfs doing? I hope you enjoy my cookies! This year I would like a LaBooBoo, a selucone doll, and an ipad. I have been very good this year! I stood up for Finn, and helped my mom and dad. I love	Dear Santa, Hows it goin? I hope you have ate lots of cookies. This year I would like a blue lanky box, shadow hat, and shadow gloves for Christmas. I have been verry very good this year. I help my mom and dad all the time. I do thu dishes. And I teach my brother. I cant wait to see you on Crismus!!! Your friend, Malik R.	Dear Santa, How is Miss Claus? How is the elfs? How many cookies have you ate? I hope i've been good this year. This year i wout like a fake born new baby. I have been very good this year. I hop you have the best trip ever! Your friend, Emma B.	Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hop the reindeer are ready? I think i should be on the nice list. I gav my bruther my cell phone. I help my mom mop. And i help my dad work wif his trucks. If im on the nice list i would like a 3d printed brain rot, sticky rules, and plushies. I hope you have a good trip to my house!! Your friend, Asher H.	
Ms. Burdette Second Grade Shannon Johnson	Jane C. Dear Santa, May I have a PS5 and Robucks please and a Dog Man book? I'm really good and I am excited for Christmas! A computer and a prepay glow in the dark keyboard. Your Best Friend, Aria J.	want a diary with cool stuff in it and a X-box and a PS5 and a box with school stuff pretty pretty please! Your Friend, Julia H.	Dear Santa, How are you? I hope the reindeer are working! Do you remember my house? Are the elfse working? This year i would like a bike, a card game, and a kids bop radeo. I have been very good this year. I played with my cat and feed them and watr them. Thank you have a good trip. I love you so much! Your friend, Eden H.	Sincerely, Hudson S.	
Dear Santa, I want a conductor for a PC, a 49 in PC, a desk, and a mouse pad with a glow in the dark keyboard. Thank you for all you do. Your Friend, Boss B.	Dear Santa, I've been a good boy this year. I would like Fantastic Four toys. I would also like Sonic toys. That is all I would like this year. Thank you. Your Friend, Briceton H.	Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a doll for Christmas and a LOL doll. Also a baby and a ball. I would like a Baby Elf. Thank you Santa. Your Friend,	Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year. Can I please have a Needoh for Christmas and some mini brands. Thank you for all the presents Santa! Your Friend, Harper P.	Dear Santa, How are you? I want trains. I want trains. I want a numberblocks book, playdoh, and some putty. How is Rudolph? I have been a good boy. I play with my brother Zane. Your Friend, Tony T.	
Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year! Thank you for giving us presents! I am excited for you to come to my house for Christmas. I want a watch and a gold chain please! Your Friend, Cooper C.	Dear Santa, There is 21 days until Christmas. I am happy I have toys to open. Can you give me WWE toys for Christmas and a phone and a watch? I hope you have the best year ever. I have been good. Your Friend, Damian H.	Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year. I have been good this year. I want a Madden 25 X-box one addition and a zombie monster truck. Your Friend, Ethan M.	Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a squishmallow. Thank you for bringing my gifts. Your Friend, Kinley P.	Dear Santa, I've been good this year. Please get me the new Mr. Beast toy and a Roblox gift card. Thank you Santa. From Your Friend, Gabe W.	
Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year. May I have labubus, a mini bath, a scribil scrubbie pet set, a barbie dream house with barbies and pets. And 25 squishmallows. Your Friend,	Dear Santa, I hope you had a good year. I have been really good this year. This year I	Dear Santa, I have been very good. I hope you had the best year of your life. Can I please have a fishing rod please and an Xbox please. Thank you. Your Friend, Cameron N.	Dear Santa, I have been very nice. I don't want anything too crazy like a bike or a Christmas tree. I would want something like a tablet or a wiffle ball and bat. Please! Also I hope you had a great year this year!	Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a bey-blade launcher. Can you please give my parents something they like? Why do you break into my house? From Your Friend, Avett W.	
Mrs. Baldridge's 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary	mas This year i would like labubu, Vr set, i phone 17, and a car. I have Been Very Good This Christmas. Happy christmas Santa And The Elves. Your Friend, Tanner B.	Macie	and a ps5. I have been very good this year! I hope you eat lot's of cookies this year! Your Friend, Xander	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I woud like ps5. I hope you eat lots of cookies this year! Your Friend, Wolfgang	
Dear Santa, How are your elves this christmas? this year i would like a labubu i phone 17 and a squishmallow. I have been very good this year. i hope you eat lots of cookies! Your Friend, Harper B	Dear Santa, How are reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I would like a 3d printer, Switch, barbe wheel chair, little switch. I have been very good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Emersyn B	Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year, i would like nana, a vr, and an iphone16. I have been good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Corbin	Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year I would like a Barbie wheel chair,vr set,stitch, and lubobo, I have been good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Lillian	Dear Santa, How are the elf's doing? For christmas this year I would like a millon subscribers. Mascara for my mom, A atv, And a new phone. I have been good this year, i hope you eat a lot of cookies this year! Your Friend, Alexander	
Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year I woud like cheeta stufe; PS5; labubu. I have been very good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Alex B	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year I would like a 3d printer, labubu, switch, and ril life puppy dog ,that is a toy.I have been good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend,	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing for Christmas this year I Wold like a base-ball hamlet signed by DeLaCruz 67 toys and also I want a dirt bike toys. I have been good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Greer	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I would like a 3D printer,a BL venus and VR headset. I have been good this year.I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Noah	Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year i would like toys stuffys iphone 17 and a 3d printer i have been very good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookies this year!	
Dear Santa, How are the Elves doing? For Christ-	Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year I would like a 3d printer, labubu, switch, and ril life puppy dog ,that is a toy.I have been good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend,	Dear Santa How are the elves doing? What I want for christmas is vr set, 3d printer, atv,			

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Your Friend, Emory Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year I would like the ipad,iphone 17,labubu,vr set,and 3d printer. I have been good this year. I hope you eat lots of cookies. Your Friend, Maddie Dear Santa,	How are the elves doing? For christmas this year, I wold like a toy horse, a baby doll, and a cat nanemall. I have been very good this year elfe and sparkle are doig good. Your Friend, Gemma Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For christmas this year, I would like a barbies, a bike, a Labubu, and an ipad. I have been very good this year, I hope	you eat lots of cookies this year. Your Friend, Ella Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year i would like iphone17 vr set xbox and pj67 and nerf gun i have been a very good boy this year i hope you eat lots of cookis this year Your friend, Judah	Dear Santa, How are the elfs doing? For christmas I want a vr headset, a ps5, and a phone. I have been very good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookies this year. Your Friend, Zaynan Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? For christmas this year, I would like a big pig 3D printer and a vr head set, I have	been very good this year! I hope you eat lots of cookeis this year. Your Friend, Harrison Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing ? For Christmas this year. I would like A VR Set, a nerf gun, a ps5, and a ps5 controller. I hop you like the oreoys and milk. I have been good this year. Your Friend, Tanner W	
Jennifer Kettler 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I have been really good this year because I help my Papaw bring in the grocery order. I help feed our animals, and I sweep the kitchen floor. For Christmas I would like Axolotl stuff, makeup for my Mom, and gloves for my papaw. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Carly A. Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I have been really good this year because I help my mom. For Christmas I would like a ps5, threede printer, and infinity vbucks. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Cashton B. Dear Santa, Why are the elves not coming to my house? I have been really good this year. I should be on the nice list because I help my cousin. For Christmas I would like infinity Robux and blue Nikes. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Sarah B	Dear Santa, How are the elves? I should be on the nice list because I'm good, I help my parents, and I take care of my pets Onyx, Rosco and Bandit. For Christmas I would really like pets alive from zuru, 3D printer, and a cell phone. I'll see you soon! Love, Makenna C. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I take care of my pet . For Christmas I would like Bluey toys, honey bee toys, and an xbox. Travel safe! See you soon! Love, Addy C. Dear Santa, How are you doing? I should be on the nice list because I help others when they need help, I tell a bully to stop picking on kids, and I also help kids go to the school nurse. For Christmas I would like a C3PO life-size robot, an Elsa doll for my little sister. and a remote control Monster truck for my big brother. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Nathan D Dear Santa, How are your elves? I have been really good this year because I clean my room without being asked. For	Christmas I would like a Titanosaurus, Theriznosaurus, and a Spinosaurus. Travel safe. Love, Ibrah D. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I'm good. For Christmas I would like a PS5. I'll see you soon! Travel safe. Love, Jackson D. Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I have been really good this year because I help my mom cook dinner, I help my Dad bring in the bags after the grocery store, and I also help my friends. For Christmas I would like a sweet little kitten, a cool gift for my Mom, and a big toolbox for my Dad. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Nick G. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I'm good. For Christmas I would like a cellphone, 100 Robux, and a kitten. I'll see you soon! Love, Abby H. Dear Santa,	How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I clean my room. For Christmas I would like a PC2, PC1, and a 3D printer. Travel safe. Love, Kayson H. Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I should be on the nice list because I give to my friends. For Christmas I would like a 3D printer, C3PO robot, and 1,000 Robux. Can I touch your reindeer? Love, Colt K. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I take care of my pets. For Christmas I would like an xbox, 3D printer , and Jurassic World Deserted Rex. Travel Safe! Love, Connor L Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because Li make my bed without being asked to. For Christmas I would like a black puffer vest, a toy lamborghini, and an apple watch. I hope you like the cookies!!! Love, Micky N Dear Santa, How are your elves? I should be on the nice list because I am a good	friend. For Christmas I would like xbox, Switch 2, and PS5. Travel safe! Love, Paxton P. Dear Santa, How are your elves? I have been really good this year because I am nice to my friends. For Christmas I would like an xbox and a PS5. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Parker R. Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I have been really good this year because I help my parents. For Christmas I would like Mystery Pets, cell phone, and Jurassic World TRex. Tell Rudolph I said hi! Love, Violet R Dear Santa, How are your elves? I have been really good this year because I listen to others. For Christmas I would like 100 robux, 3D printer, and a PS5. I can't wait to leave you cookies and milk! See you soon! Love, Dawson T.	
Ms. Clark 3rd Grade Kingston Elementary School Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? are they making lots of toys? How are you doing? i've been good this year. do you want milk and cookies this year? I would like some Cats because i love them,a lego set because i like to keep them in the live in room, a glow stick because i like them. Love, Ashton Cress Dear santa, How is Mrs.claus doing? Have I been Naughty or nice? I hope I'm on the nice List this year. Do you want milk and Cookies this year? I want a makeup kit, Snowmen makeup kit and a phone. Love, Raina Dannelly Dear santa Have I been naughty or nice? I hope I&#39;m on the nice list this year. Do you want milk and cookies?	For christmas i want a skate bord / gasoline dirt bike / ufc5 / vr good luck this year. Love, Camden Flannery Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing how are you doing? ive been really good this year. i want a stuffed animal, a plushie, and a toy car, I'll leave out some milk and cookies for you. Love, Braxton Gibson Dear Santa, How is mrs.claus doing! How are your reindeer doing this year i want a head Set for my ps.5 another thing I want is a phone . Dont get stuck in a chimney! Love, Zachary Manes Dear Santa, How is mrs. clause doing ? what i want for christmas is a new tv. Another thing i want is a pet Tarantula i hope rudolphs shiny nose glows well this year !	Love, Maverick McKinney Dear Santa, I hope i'm on the nice list this year . How are your reindeer doing? How is mrs claus? I&#39;ve been really good this year. Can i please have a lufufu that comes with a cute dinosaur costume, fake nails please and skin care? Have a good Christmas Eve! Love, Bethany Schenk Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? Are they making lots of toys? I hope im on the nice list this year. Can i have a realistic baby doll. And clothes. And 6 lubbos. And puppies. Dont get stuck in the chimney! Love, Aurora Smith Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? How are you doing? I've been really good this year. Do you want milk and cookies this year?	Can I have some mermaid tail and a baby doll that can sleep and cry and yells and a sled. Don,t get stuck in the chimney! Love, Hazel Smith Mason Dear Santa, I hope I&#39;m on the nice list this year. How are you doing? I want 3 puppies all of them white because i love puppies I want to have magic please because l really want to be magic. I want to have a makeup box please. I want a phone please. Can you give ziyah a markerbox I will leave you some donuts and milk this year! Love, Zayna Cox Dear Santa, have i bean nghughty or nice? Do yau wunt some cookiesThis year i want a toy car And i want a toy lion Dont get stuck in the chimhney! Love, Karter Clayton Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing ? How	is Mrs.claus doing ? i've been relly good This year. Do you want milk and cookies this year. I want a puz-zois for christmas. Don,t get stuck in the chimney! Love, Mila Clark Dear Santa, How are you doing? how is your reindeer doing? I've been reliy good this year do you want some milk and cookies this year? I'll leave some milk and cookies for you. Can i have legos and some markers and a top? Have a good Christmas eve Love, Kyler Bailey Dear Santa, How are you doing? how are your reindeer doing? i want a puppies 3 puppies be i love puppies and i want a legos be cus i gust be cus and i want an eiffel tower good luck this year. Love, Iris Moore	
Mrs. LaGrange Kingston Elementary School 2nd Grade Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I have been really good this year. For Christmas I want a WWE action figure. I'm wanting a WWE fighting ring, a redryder BB gun. Have a nice trip! Love, Liam Norton Dear Santa, Am I on the nice list? I want a new ipad. How is the elves doing? Thank you. Love you. Love, Arabella Mccarty 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. For christmas I would like a guigui tablet with headphones also a new stanley cup and glue on nales. Tell the reindeer I said hi. Thank you. Love, Aubrey Owens Kingston Elementary 2nd grade Dear Santa, I have been nice. I want makeup, slime, rubber bands, bracelet workers, a stitch and hello kitty toys. I been good and I want 10000 dollars and a Stanley. I am ready for my elf to come back. Marry Christmas! Azlyn Cox 2nd Grade	Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice. For christmas I want a 67 toy. Tell the rain Deers I said "Hello". Merry christmas. Love, Bryson Camp 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice .I want a ps5, i phone 17 max pro, fortnit badool pass, meta qwest 3, mt box, infinite money, a goldin basketball sind by all of the harlem wizards. Ar the randeer doing well? Love, Declan Stanley 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been good his year. I want a vr, a Quad four wheeler, Robux and some LED lights for my room. I also want a speaker for my room. Thank you Santa. mehrry chrismas! Love, Easton McCormick 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I am on the nice list every year! Can I please have LED lights, barbies and my Life doll stuff ? Is Rudolph real ? If so tell him I said hi ! Merry christmas! Love, Emily Deboard 2nd grade Kingston Elementary	Dear Santa, I think I have been nice. I want lps. I want robux. How are the elves doing? And one more thing I want army guys. Thank you! Love, Finn Wagers 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I been a nice girl. I want a stich and a dog pencil. Have you been eating a lot of cookies? I Love you so much. Merry Christmas! Love, Genesis Cruz Moncivaes 2nd Grade Kingson Elementary Dear Santa, I been nice this year. So can I get a 67 toy and a pig, a toy and some scissors? How is the reindeer doing? Merry Christmas! Love, Maverick Hackworth 2nd Grade Kingson Elementary Dear Santa, I was nice. Can I have a new watch and a computer? Thank you so much! Tell all the elves that I said hi! Love, Mckenna Leventry 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, Am I noghty or nice? Pls will you give me a ps5, a i phone 17, metuqwest3 and 3mil dollars? Thank you. Mary Crismis.	Love, Moses 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, Am I on the naughty list or the nice list? I want a chinchilla. How are the elves? Are my elves at my house? Merry Christmas. Love, Raelynn Tinchcr 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I was nice all year. For Christmas can I pls have a vr headset? And can I have sum lego sets? And can I have a huggy wuggy? And can you pls tell me how the raindeer are doing? Love, Sebastian 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. This Christmas I want an iphone 17 pro max, a toy airplane and remote control. Are the reindeer doing okay? Please bring me these gifts. I love you. Love, Evan Shawn Creel 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. I want for everyone to be NICE to all people, and stitch stuff. Can you ask the elfs if they like pizza? Thank you! Love, Zoey Huffman	2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I want kpop demon hunter. Is your elf ben good? I want a stitch, a cute cat pencil and a monster High Doll house. Thank you! Merry christmas. Love, Bayleigh Wynn 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I am nice. I want a africa puzzle for christmas. Tell the reindeer I said, "Hello." I also want a iphone for christmas. Do you have a rudof? Love, Luke Haynes 2nd grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, This year I have bin good. Can I have a i phone 17. a box of candy canes, a kittin, some dog toys, and a labubu. How are the elfs? Love, Maycee Quiles 2nd Grade Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have bin nice. Can I get sum skincare and a stanley and airpods and a bag? Thank you Santa! I want to know do the elfs make the toys or buy them? Love, Paisley 2nd grade Kingston Elementary	

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Mrs. Tompkins 1st Grade Kingston Elementary	of shacks Love, Haisleisleigh	My name is jon. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me Legossneiss Diddi boox Figyrs mocrs Busnesons toes Love, Jon	I would really like it if you could bring me 4wheeler dirt bike mini motorcycle electricgokgokart 6Furbys Love, Bryson	Asher	
Dear Santa, My name is Evelyn. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me...waking and talking kitty Unicorn huge stitch lege stitch and angel Love, Evelyn	Dear Santa, My name is Jacod. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of waco. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me Lego set. 4 wheeler Electric dirt bike. Dinosaur set baby ornament Love, Jacob	Dear Santa, My name is Mercy. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me a cut and PLay PLaDow Set I OSow WoT a Scatbd aNd a Bisey Love, Mercy	Dear Santa, My name is Nick. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me PS5 bay blads electirick car LWege Mansien 1 and 2 Love, Nick	Dear Santa, My name is GAbe. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me Skibbidi toilet Cos-tume dirtbike electric go-kart Heelxs Love, GAbe	
Dear Santa, My name is Melina. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been very good. I would re-ally like it if you could bring me ... XOXO Furby baby Bitzee kitty bike rolling Panga Barbie doll house magic mixies. Love, Melina	Dear Santa, My name is Laniya. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Berea R. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if youcould bring me a toy dog Hello Kitty Ducks hail set Bitzee make up American Girl Doll Barbie’s Bubby Stuffy Bear. Love, Laniya	Dear Santa, My name is Jaxon. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea.This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me RCCar Toy Dag biocks LegoStarShip Love, Jaxon	Dear Santa, My name is Jett. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Richmond. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me rccar arme LeCos PS5 armerccar blakc OPS 7 video game remote controltruck Love, Jett	Dear Santa, My name is Rylan. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of berea. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me bow soccerball Footbarl goldenbasketbll baseball baseballbat arrowsmotorcycle Love, Rylan	
Dear Santa, My name is Winry. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me 5Bitzee XOXO2 Furbys baby Furby Kittyheadphones Aphau plush Kit-tybike magicmixies electric Toycar CaShregister realPetCat. Love, Winry	Dear Santa, My name is Zelda. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me FurbyXOLDOLL Love, Raven	Dear Santa, My name is Davy. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Breea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me A hut cra crackef D oNt PopFish book Love, Davy	Dear Santa, My name is Raelynn. I am 7 years old. I live in the great town of Rich-mond. This year, I have been very good. I would really like it if you could bring me Hello Kitty Ducks Bitzee XOXO Shoes dog toy Love, Raelynn	Dear Santa, My name is SKYlar. I am 6 years old. I live in the great town of Berea. This year, I have been both very good and naughty. I would really like it if you could bring me baby doll doll house Stickers Sticky roll bracelet Love, SKYlar	
Mrs. Allen 1st Grade Kingston Elementary	Michael	me a car last year. I really liked it. This year I would like a truck, all things Ford, and a big trailer. I have been a helper to Ms. Allen and Ms. Rose. I love you so much! Your Friend, Kyler	Matthew	Lori	
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a heart blanket last year, I liked it. This year I would like a Barbie, robot dog, and hello kitty. I have worked hard to bee good at school. I have also been a pretty good sister. I will leave carrots and milk....if I don’t drink it all. Love, Ella C.	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a phone last year. I really love it. This year I would like a kpop demon toy shoes. I have shared my toys. I have also listened to my teacher. I will make you cookies Santa. Your Friend, Myah	Dear Santa, I have been a excellent boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a skye last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a dinosaur mask. I have been workin hard. I’ll make you chocolate chip cookies. Your friend, Kaleb	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a pizza maker unicorn last year. I really loved it. This year I would like 3 num nums. I have been good to Mrs. Allen. I have my own tree can you put my presents under my tree please. Your friend, Oaklyn	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Barbie last year. I really love it. This year I would like a homugauch-ee paradise and cat lebooboos. I have helpt my mom. I also cleen dishes. Happy Christmas. Your friend, Ava	
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me pokemon last year. I played with it. This year I want a Kirby, and hello kitty makeup. I have also bin ok. Ho ho ho! Your friend, Ripley	Dear Santa, I have been a brilliant girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Hello Kitty Gin-gerbread house stuffy last year. I really love it. This year I would like a kozmo, a poopy stuffy dolly toy. I have a fish that I feed. I have also helped my mommy sell crafts. I will give you a treat bag. Your Friend, Raelynn	Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a 3 wheeler last year. I liked it. This year I would like a dirt bik, a hoverboard, and wrestlers. I have helped my friends. I will leave you cookies and milk. Your friend, Travis	Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a game last year. I really played it. This year I would like game of wire game and games. I am a good brother. I am kind. I will leave cook-ies and milk and maybe a carrot.....maybe. Your friend, Kaiden	Dear Santa, I have been a awesome girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a big bluy unicorn last year. I really love it. This year I would like a modorcye and a 4wheeler that can go 20 miles per hour. I tri to share. I love you Santa! Your friend, Brentley	
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a Barbie Play Doh last year. I really like it. This year I would like a k-pop hunter shoes, Barbie, PS5. I have helped do the dishes. I have also listen to my teacher. I will leave milk, cookies and napkin for you. Your friend, Kharis Dinah	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a vandey last year. I really loved it. This year I would like a baby, bed set. I have been a good sister. Ho ho ho. Your Friend, Anna	Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a barbee doll lastear. I love it., This year I would like a barbee playset. I cleen up at home and help my dad. Be safe Santa. Your friend, Ella H.	Dear Santa, I have been a pretty good boy this year. Thank you for bringing me a Spiderman last year, I luv it. This year I would like a basketball and a basketball shirt. I have been really good ay school. I love you Santa. Your friend, Hendrix	Dear Santa, I have been a awesome girl this year. Thank you for bringing me a big bluy unicorn last year. I really love it. This year I would like a kidz phone, that actu-ally works, then I want makeup kit. I hope you have a good winter and you don't slip on snow. Ho ho ho ho ho ho ho ho. Your friend, Evelyn	
Mrs. Strack Kindergarten Kingston Elementary	dinosaur and a Sonic remote control car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Sam	wishing for: a Stitch stuffed animal, a Paw Patrol car and a toy farm. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Levi	am wishing for: a turtle Pets Alive, a Furby and a Barbie. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Joanna	nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Hot Wheels track, an Ultimate Garage and a toy mon-ster truck. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Bryson	
Dear Santa, my name is Sophia. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a smart watch, a charm bracelet and a Spider-Man toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Sophia	Dear Santa, my name is Rylyn. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a dentist set, a Gabby’s Dollhouse toy and a racoon snow globe. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Rylyn	Dear Santa, my name is Riley. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a play house, a toy barn and a dog stuffed animal. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Riley	Dear Santa, my name is Eli. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a fox toy, a t-rex Hot Wheels and a hatching dinosaur. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Eli	Dear Santa, my name is Mason. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Nintendo Switch, a dragon toy and a four wheeler. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Mason	
Dear Santa, my name is Ja’von. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a dragon toy, a heli-copter toy and a dinosaur Lego set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Ja’von	Dear Santa, my name is Liam. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: two toy cars and a Paw Patrol toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Liam	Dear Santa, my name is Annie. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a stuffed animal bear, Wobbles and a Furby. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Annie	Dear Santa, my name is Cooper. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a game, a micro-phone and a unicorn Doh Kins. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Cooper	Dear Santa, my name is Atlas. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a My Look window art kit, colored pencils and scented gel pens. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Atlas	
Dear Santa, my name is Maisy. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Step2 car, a karaoke machine and a stuffed animal panda. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Maisy	Dear Santa, my name is Graham. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a car, UNO No Mer-cy and a Beats Pill Portable Speaker. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Graham	Dear Santa, my name is Carson. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: toy dinosaurs, Hot Wheels and a toy car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Carson	Dear Santa, my name is Ben. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Paw Patrol play set, a Smashers and a toy fire truck. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Ben	Dear Santa, my name is Octavia. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minnie Mouse tea set, a Bluey stuffed animal, a Barbie and a SuperKitties stuffed animal. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Octavia	
Dear Santa, my name is Sam. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Cows in Space, a toy	Dear Santa, my name is Levi. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am	Dear Santa, my name is Joanna. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I	Dear Santa, my name is Bryson. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been	CONTINUED ON PAGE 11	

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Dear Santa, my name is Freyja. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a makeup palette, a toy house and roller skates. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Freyja

Dear Santa, my name is Olivia. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a foot spa, a mirror and a Bitzee. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Olivia

Dear Santa, my name is Cassidy. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a car, an easel and a house Lego set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Cassidy

Dear Santa, my name is Aja. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a gui-gui, Gabby's Dollhouse meow-mazing dollhouse and a water bottle. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Aja

Dear Santa, my name is Naomi. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a bracelet maker, Disney Princess house and a ride-on car slide. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Naomi

Mrs. Haynes Kindergarten Kingston Elementary
Dear Santa, my name is Silas. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a PS5, a toy capsule machine and a Lego Marvel set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Silas

Dear Santa, my name is Bentley. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minecraft Lego set, a Grogu toy and a Minecraft sword. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Bentley

Dear Santa, my name is Simon. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a PS5, a toy dinosaur and a VR headset. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Simon

Dear Santa, my name is Arya. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Fashion Friends, a doctor set and glow in the dark Lilo & Stitch jewelry. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Arya

Dear Santa, my name is Caiden. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a monster truck and two remote control cars. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Caiden

Dear Santa, my name is Lilly. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a car, a makeup

palette and a Gabby's Playhouse doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Lilly

Dear Santa, my name is Rylan. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a fish, a Skibidi Toilet toy and an action figure. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Rylan

Dear Santa, my name is Leo. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Hot Wheels, a car and a sword. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Leo

Dear Santa, my name is Caroline. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Stitch toy, a gui-gui and cat ears. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Caroline

Dear Santa, my name is Autumn. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Barbie, a smart watch and a doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Autumn

Dear Santa, my name is Tristan. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a radio, a Bluey stuffed animal and stickers. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Tristan

Dear Santa, my name is Maddyson. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minnie Mouse tea set, a panda stuffed animal and a Peppa Pig toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Maddyson

Dear Santa, my name is Everit. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minnie Mouse tea set, a chef bear and Lego house. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Everit

Dear Santa, my name is Sydney. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a makeup palette, a smart watch and a dog. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Sydney

Dear Santa, my name is Lily. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Sith stuffed animal, a kitchen set and a doctor set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Lily

Dear Santa, my name is Cobie. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Gabby's Playhouse doll, a makeup palette and a smart watch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Cobie

Dear Santa, my name is Rae. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Newborn Twins dolls,

Lego Friends and a toy cat. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Rae

Dear Santa, my name is Nicholas. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a toy tractor, a Fugler toy and a dentist set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Nicholas

Dear Santa, my name is Amelia. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Disney Beauty Center, Lego Friends and a baby doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Amelia

Dear Santa, my name is Kylie. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: glow in the dark Lilo & Stitch jewelry, a toy grill and a Make It Mini Cafe. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Kylie

Dear Santa, my name is Owen. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a fire truck toy, a toy car and a Lego dragon. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Owen

Dear Santa, my name is Nora. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a stuffed panda, a Pets Alive turtle and a veterinary set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Nora

Dear Santa, my name is Noah. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Minecraft toys. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Noah

Mary Shenk
Dear Santa, my name is Luke. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: learning games, a Minecraft toy and a Power Rangers mask. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Luke

Dear Santa, my name is Forrest. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Minecraft toy, a keyboard and mouse and a Nerf gun. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Forrest

Dear Santa, my name is Beatrice. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a mermaid palace, an ice cream play set and a blocks set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Beatrice

Dear Santa, my name is Landry. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Furby, a tent and a firetruck. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Landry

Dear Santa, my name is Oakleigh. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a blender, a mixer and a

coffee pot. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Oakleigh

Dear Santa, my name is Easton. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: learning games, PS5 accessories and a Nintendo Switch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Easton

Dear Santa, my name is Gibson. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a helicopter, a castle and a rocket ship. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Gibson

Dear Santa, my name is Levi. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: an outside playhouse, a Nintendo Switch and a PS5. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Levi

Dear Santa, my name is Hudson. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Skibidi Toilet toy, Transformer and a DJ mixer. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Hudson

Dear Santa, my name is Hayleh. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Rainbocorns, career dolls and Barbies. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Hayleh

Dear Santa, my name is Ava. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a gui-gui, a Paw Patrol toy and a Gabby's Dollhouse toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Ava

Dear Santa, my name is Carleigh. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: fashion friends accessories, Bratz dolls and fashion wardrobe. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Carleigh

Dear Santa, my name is Eliana. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been naughty. These are the three things I am wishing for: a doll house, a dinosaur light and a guitar. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Eliana

Dear Santa, my name is Izzy. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a camper playset, a hockey set and a remote control car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Izzy

Dear Santa, my name is Kelsea. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Bluey stuffed animal, a Paw Patrol stuffed animal and a Minnie Mouse tea set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Kelsea

Dear Santa, my name is Emma. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Ms. Rachel doll, Barbies and a Disney Princess tea set.

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Emma

Dear Santa, my name is Calia. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Gabby's Dollhouse toys, cat ears and a Little Tikes Story Dream Machine. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Calia

Dear Santa, my name is Oliver Scott. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a dinosaur, VR headset and a dinosaur and car set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Oliver

Dear Santa, my name is Jayden. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a gymnastics bar, a Jack Skellington mask and a Nintendo Switch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Jayden

Dear Santa, my name is Logan. I am 5-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a VR headset, a Pokemon Trading Card Game and a Spider-Man toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Logan

Dear Santa, my name is Lakyn. I am 6-years-old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a Roblox Dress To Impress toy, Squishmallow slime and a Nex Playground. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
From, Lakyn



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Tourism looks to beautify the city

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Following a successful Christmas decorating campaign, the Berea Tourism Commission unanimously voted to boost efforts to beautify Berea in 2026.

The vote took place at the commission's Dec. 10 meeting, in which officials upped the city's beautification budget from \$160,000 to \$200,000.

Among other things, the funds will go toward self-watering flower pots around town, banners and other amenities.

Other items adjusted in the 2026 budget include park improvements. The commission had previously dedicated \$200,000 for the Berea City Pool. Seventy-thousand dollars of those funds will now go toward upgrading Berea City Park, with the other funds going toward the construction of the Scaffold Cane shared use path.

Additionally, since Berea Tourism landed a grant from the Kentucky Department of Tourism for \$16,678, the advertising budget was amended upward to \$267,678.

See TOURISM, A3

Quake felt in county

A 3.1 magnitude earthquake was recorded by the U.S. Geological Survey at approximately 12:47 p.m. on Sunday in Garrard County.

The epicenter of the earthquake was between Lancaster and Richmond. According to the Garrard County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), there were no immediate reports of injuries or property damage.

The Kentucky Transportation Department and first responders assessed the area for possible property damage.

LOOKING BACK YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

By Andy McDonald • For The Citizen

- 1 Berea Independent School District endured a financial crisis after some ill-advised financial and personnel decisions led to a steep operating deficit. District Superintendent Diane Hatchett stepped down, and new Superintendent Ryan Neaves stepped up to turn things around.
- 2 The Madison County Fiscal Court, the Richmond City Commission and the city of Berea were poised to embark on an industrial development agreement that would have had the local governments sharing industrial park profits along with Scott County, the city of Georgetown and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. After Richmond and Georgetown backed down at the eleventh hour, Madison County, Berea, Scott County and Lexington-Fayette moved ahead on a deal in the Berea Industrial Park that could potentially bring 400 jobs to the city.
- 3 The Berea City Pool was closed for the summer season after city officials determined it was too unsafe to defer maintenance any longer. As a result of the \$2.3 million renovation, the city pool will open in the spring, featuring a new deck, new slides and other amenities.
- 4 Federal money from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) ended in 2025 after a 30-year mission to help prepare Madison County for a possible chemical weapons leak/emergency. But when federal dollars dried up,
- Madison County, Richmond and Berea had to come up with a way to pay for 911 dispatch services. The governments eventually settled on imposing monthly fees in their respective jurisdictions.
- 5 Shawn Sandlin stepped up to become permanent Berea City Administrator with the departure of Rose Beverly in Dec. 2024. The move gave the city continuity, since Sandlin had filled the role on a temporary basis with the departure of David Gregory. Once Sandlin accepted promotion, Charlie Russell was selected to become Berea's new fire chief.
- 6 Berea Tourism got a new director in Nancy Conley, but the city department also doubled down on its commitment to city Beautification and funding local recreation facilities. Not only did Tourism fund the popular Christmas and Hannukah holiday lighting, it also invested tourism funds in paddleball courts, the Scaffold Cane shared use path, renovation of the Berea City Pool, and the Ellipse Street shared use path. Money was also dedicated in December to upgrades in Berea City Park, including a proposed amphitheater for outdoor concerts and theater performances
- 7 As always, Berea College played a prominent role in the community in 2025, bringing accolades and new resources for city residents. Berea College was recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the top 15 colleges in the United States for new graduates to successfully launch their careers. Under the
- leadership of Mayor Bruce Fraley and Berea College President Cheryl Nixon, the two institutions also renewed a memorandum of cooperation, clearing the way for the city to build six new pickleball courts on college property virtually rent free.
- 8 Boone Tavern Inn underwent a major renovation, reshaping its nationally-known restaurant to create a new eatery, Crafted at Boone Tavern. Employing modern décor that highlights the college's rich craft history, the facility now includes a bar – unthinkable when the Tavern opened its doors in 1909.
- 9 The Berea Gallery and Events Center opened its doors. The facility has hosted small conventions, family reunions, community seminars, Berea Chamber of Commerce events, city functions, as well as other uses. The facility features artifacts and art the highlights the city and region's rich history.
- 10 After a long, congested summer, I-75 reopened in October following a \$13.5 million renovation/resurfacing project on the interstate. Unfortunately for Madison County motorists, the interstate roadwork coincided with a much needed upgrade on U.S. 25 between Richmond and Berea, in which the highway was broadened to four lanes. The year closed out with Mayor Bruce Fraley announcing that Phase IV of the Berea Bypass, from Highway 21 to Mt. Vernon Road, and possibly onto I-75, will be the subject of a feasibility study. The state will allocate \$300,000 for the project.

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Santa cheers up patient

A Saint Joseph Berea patient received a special visit from Santa Claus in hopes of lifting spirits and spreading holiday cheer. John Harding, 75, has been in the hospital since October due to cancer-related complications. He was recently transferred to Saint Joseph Berea for rehabilitation, to help him wean from a feeding tube and begin walking again.

Harding's family says his spirits are low this holiday season. He will be missing Christmas with his family and the annual traditions near and dear to him, like dressing up as Santa for his grandchildren. Feeling discouraged, Harding is struggling to eat without a feeding tube and now weighs 70 pounds. Harding's grandson made a post on social media asking if someone could dress up as Santa and visit John at Saint Joseph Berea to help lift his spirits.

A caregiver at Saint Joseph Berea saw the post, and asked the family if they could surprise Harding with a visit from Santa and other Christmas characters like Santa's elves, the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who. Harding's entire family was invited to join the surprise.

"This was a special need that we wanted to provide. We want to bring some sense of normalcy to our patients," said Jackie Maynard, quality and patient safety manager at Saint Joseph Berea. "Our staff went out of the way, above and beyond, because that's what we do."



**Message from
Cora Jane Wilson**
"Therefore if any man be in Christ,
he is a new creature: old things are
passed away; behold, all things are
become new."
2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

Public Notice

Pursuant to KRS 178.070, the proposed discontinuance of County Road maintenance for the gravel portion of Haden Heights, which has no public purpose, will be heard at a public hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:30 AM in the Berea Council Chambers (304 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY).

View full posting at www.madisoncountyky.gov/public-notices, or in person at 135 W. Irvine St., Richmond, KY by calling 859-624-4700.

City of Berea Announces New Monthly Fee to Support 911 Emergency Services

Berea, Ky. — The City of Berea would like to inform residents and businesses of a new ordinance adopted by the Berea City Council to support the operation and continued improvement of the Madison County Emergency Communications Center, which provides 911 emergency services to the Berea community.

The ordinance establishes a dedicated monthly 911 service fee and will take effect on **bills due January 10, 2026**. This fee is designed to ensure that emergency communications remain reliable, sustainable, and properly staffed to meet the needs of our growing community. The fee will be collected through active water accounts located within the incorporated areas of the City of Berea.

Monthly 911 Service Fee Schedule:

- **Residential and Non-Commercial Accounts: \$3.50 per unit**
- **Commercial Accounts (meters 1 inch or smaller): \$41.67 per meter**
- **Industrial and Large Commercial Accounts (meters larger than 1 inch): \$125.00 per meter**

All revenue collected through this fee will be placed into a dedicated fund and used exclusively for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the countywide 911 emergency communications system. Water utilities will remit the collected funds monthly to the City of Berea to ensure transparency and accountability.

Beginning in 2027, the ordinance allows for an annual cost-of-living adjustment to the fee based on figures provided by the Kentucky Department of Local Government. Any such adjustment may be declined by the City Council during the budget process if deemed unnecessary.

The City of Berea recognizes the importance of maintaining a modern, efficient, and responsive 911 system. This funding approach aligns Berea with county-wide emergency communications efforts and ensures that all users contribute fairly to the infrastructure that supports lifesaving services.

The first assessment of the 911 service fee will appear on water bills due in January 2026.

If a resident or business believes their 911 service fee has not been assessed accurately according to the fee structure outlined above, they are encouraged to contact the City of Berea at (859) 228-1048 for review and assistance. The City is committed to ensuring accuracy and fairness for all customers.



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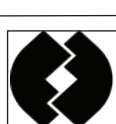
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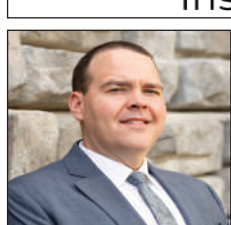
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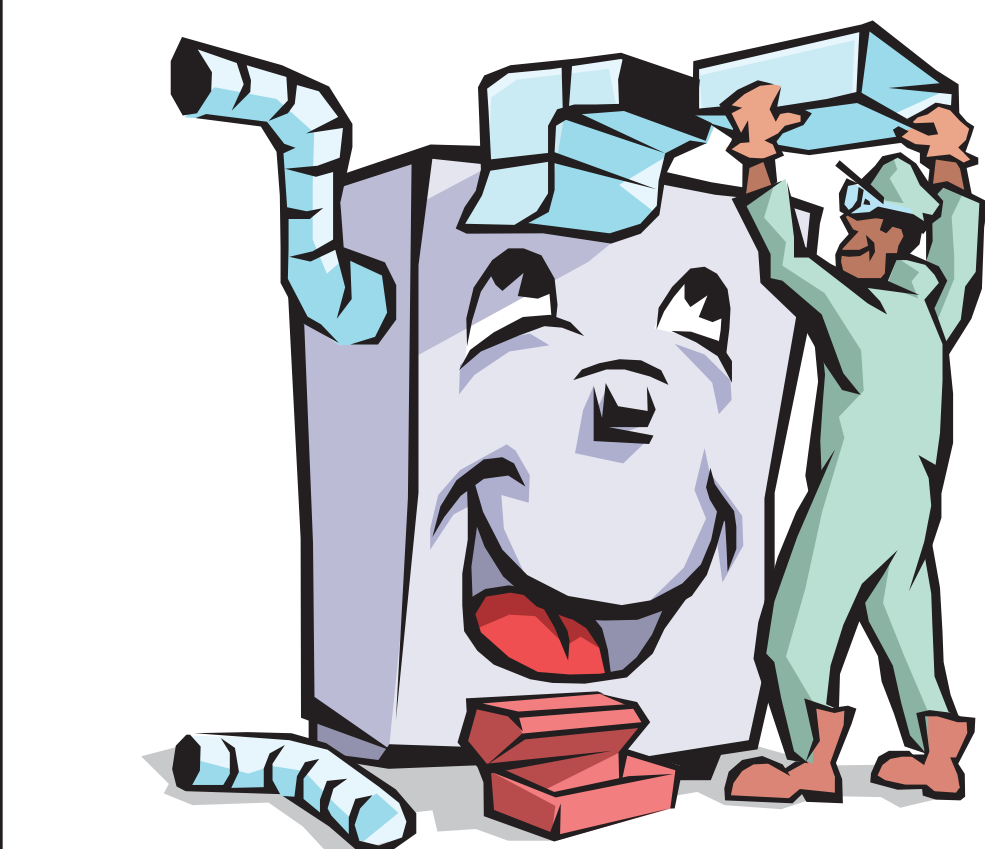
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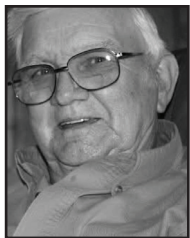


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OBITUARIES

William ‘Bill’ Golden

Mr. William Burke “Bill” Golden, 91, long time member of the Kirksville community, passed away on Monday morning, December 29, 2025, at Baptist Health, Richmond. He was born in Madison County on April 6, 1934, the son of the late Orville Burke Golden & Eleanor Pearson Golden. Bill was a graduate of the old Kirksville High School and was a long-time farmer. For over 30 years, he was a faithful bus driver for the Madison County School System and so enjoyed the many children and families he met over the years. Bill was also an avid UK sports fan and was a lifetime member of the 101 Club where he served actively for over 40 years. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and friends. Bill was a long-time member and deacon at the Kirksville Baptist Church, and in later years attended and was a member of the Kirksville Christian Church. Survivors include: his



children, Billie Battles (Don), Phoebe Golden (Rick Barnes), and Russell Golden (Jennifer); 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren; as well as so many extended family and friends that there is no way to count them all. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jacquelyn Ross Golden; one son, Douglas Ross Golden Sr.; one brother, Bobby Joe Golden; and one granddaughter, Laura Brooke Still. Funeral Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, W. Main St., Richmond, with Pastor John Poullette and Bro. Butch Pennington officiating. Burial will follow in the Old Paint Lick Cemetery (Manse). Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be: Russell Golden, Rick Barnes, Don Battles, Josh Still, Doug Ross Golden Jr., and Joe Wilis. Honorary Pallbearers will be Broox Golden, Roger Golden, Greg Golden, Chan Combs, Mike Estes, Billy W. Whittaker, Cecil Tribble, Jason Turner, and Jason Chanley.

Guy Comley

Guy Comley, 92, of Stanford, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025. He was born on April 10, 1933. He was a Korean War Veteran. He left no descendent. Was a friend to all and is missed by many. Interment will be at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville.



Gary Wilson

Gary Wilson, 70, passed away Dec. 29, 2025, at Ephraim McDowell Hospital after and brief illness. Gary was born in Madison County to the late Billy Douglas and Barbara McCracken Wilson. He was of the Baptist faith, loved to go fishing, and was retired from Berea Walmart. Gary was preceded in death by his parents as well as his brother-in-law James L Rose. Gary is survived by his sisters: Connie Rose, and Karen (John) Martin, his niece Carrie (David) Cain, and nephew Michael (Brittany) Carpenter and great-niece Charlotte and his uncle Paul (Ruth) McCracken. Gary will be buried at the Berea Cemetery. The family has requested a private graveside service. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service handled arrangements.

Berea Tourism Director Nancy Conley, shown at the Mayor’s Merry Mingling celebration, said the public response concerning the holiday decorations and lights in town has been very positive. The Berea Tourism Commission aims to repeat that success when it comes time to decorate for spring. In the background is media specialist Robert Elam.

Lois Jean Ferring Morgan

Lois Jean Ferring Morgan passed away on Dec. 25, 2025. Lois was the widow of her beloved Jim, Lieutenant Colonel James R. Morgan, U.S. Army. Lois and Jim were married from June 10, 1950, until May 14, 2007. Lois was born on July 14, 1929, in Okolona, to Mary Jane Garr Ferring and James Watson Ferring. Lois was a longtime member of Union Church where she served on various committees and was an Honorary Lifetime Deacon. She was also a member of the Friends of the Madison County Public Library, Berea Women’s Club, The Second Friday Book Club, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Berea Arts Council and Berea Senior Citizens. Lois was a volunteer at Saint Joseph Berea Hospital for 25 years. Lois loved her family especially her grandchildren and traveling to Europe, Japan, and the United States. She was also an avid reader. Lois was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and brother Jimmie Garr Ferring,



and her sister Joanne Dearing. Lois is survived by her three beloved children, Victoria Brashear and her husband Alan of Somerset, Wesley Morgan and his wife Lanette of Midway and Mark Morgan of Charleston, SC. Eight grandchildren, Matthew Brashear, Michael Brashear, Rachel Morgan, Hannah Morgan, Jessica Mitchell, Jonathan Morgan, Carter Morgan and Alexander Morgan. One great grandson Calvin Mitchell and several nieces and nephews also survive. Lois’ family would like to give special thanks to the staff of The Neighborhood in Somerset, Somerset Nursing and Rehabilitation, Dr. George Schloemer and Donita Hardy of Berea Clinic, and Hospice of Lake Cumberland. Funeral services were at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 at Union Church, with Rev. Kent Gilbert officiating. Visitation was at 10 a.m. before the service. Her final earthly resting place will be at Camp Nelson National Cemetery alongside her beloved husband.

Remembrances of Lois may be made through gifts to Union Church Music Fund, CPO 2103, Berea, Ky, 40404 and the Berea Public Library 319 Chestnut St. Berea, KY 40403.

Notices

- Steven Paul Bonnell, 74, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025. Bonnell was cremated and there were no services. Davis & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Euell Vigil Hensley, 78, passed away Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025. Funeral Services are at 11 a.m. on Jan. 2. Davis & Powell Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.
- David J. Thomas, 77, passed away Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025. Thomas was cremated and there are no public services at this time. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service were in charge of arrangements.
- James Allen Sullivan, 66, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025. There are no services at this time. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service were in charge of arrangements.
- Leonard Clovis Hurley, 80, passed away Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025. A graveside service will be at noon on Jan. 3. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service are in charge of arrangements.
- Kara Beth Brunner, 58, passed away Monday, Dec. 22, 2025. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Jan. 17. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service were in charge of arrangements.
- Paul Coomer, 85, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025. Services were held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26 at Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home.
- Eugene C. McKinney, 57, passed away Monday, Dec. 29. A visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4 at Davis & Powell Funeral Home.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Hoefer

Elizabeth (Betsy) Watson Hoefer left this world Dec 18, 2025. Drawing on her strong Christian faith, Betsy spent much of her life giving back to her fellow man. From a very young age, she desired to work with children. Teaching was her passion and during her 31-year career she experienced teaching before and after integration. Born in Mt. Sterling on March 8, 1937, the family moved to Winchester. Betsy attended Hickman Street school and graduated from Winchester High School in 1955. She attended Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee, earning a degree in education in 1959. Betsy was devoted to keeping up with her friends. If something was going on in their



lives, they could count on a note or small gift with a lot of meaning. Betsy always seemed to know the right thing to do to help. When Betsy was 15 years old, she went to Chautauqua, New York and got a job at Chautauqua Institute as a waitress. Betsy continued her summer employment at Chautauqua for eight summers and attended seminars there throughout her adult life. At various times, Betsy resided in Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana and Virginia. Betsy is survived by her three sons, and their wives Bruce and Kelley Hoefer, Bob and Connie Hoefer, Jim and Rose Hoefer. Betsy had 4 wonderful grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. To honor Betsy’s wish of not having a funeral, please consider a small donation to Telford Nursing Home and/or McCready Manor, both of whom took wonderful care of Betsy and are in Richmond. The family will have a private celebration of life.

Joy Charylene Parrett

Joy Charylene Eads Parrett, 85, widow of the late Dillard Parrett, passed away Sunday Dec. 28, 2025, at the Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Berea, KY. She was born Sept. 23, 1940, in Eubank, KY to the late Harvey and Gracie Gross Eads. Joy enjoyed the finer things of life. She was very kindhearted, enjoyed shopping, a strong Christian, raising her boys in church, and her faith in the Lord was tremendous. Joy retired from Parker Seal Company as a Quality Inspector. She was always working, enjoying projects inside and out around the house. Joy is of the Holiness faith. In addition to her husband and parents, Joy was preceded in death by one son, Michael David Mounts, siblings, Lou Ann Eads Andis, Lorene Eads Blankenship, David Eads, Lee Eads, George Eads, Duell Eads, Marcelles Eads, Marie Jordan, Bro. Harold Eads, Marilyn Akers, and grandson, Christopher Mounts. Joy is survived by



three sons, Steve Mounts of Berea, Jeff Mounts and his wife Lisa of Berea, Scott Mounts of Berea, step children, Wendall Parrett and his wife Peggy of McKee, Jeff Parrett of Annville, Tony Parrett and his wife Teresa of Berea, and Deborah McDaniel and her husband Junior of Richmond, one brother Earl Ray Eads, grandchildren, Marc Mounts and his wife Kim, Jackie Cauley and her husband Willie, Jeffery Mounts and his wife Kathy, Michael Mounts and his wife Candice, Zachery Mounts and his wife Natasha, Sean Mounts and his wife Ana, Jennifer Mounts, and great grandchildren, Zoey, Riley, Kendra, Kimberly, Aubrey, Abby, River, Kelaiah, Olive, Karson, Ben, and Allison. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m., Friday Jan. 2, 2026, and funeral services at noon Saturday Jan. 3, 2026, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Achee Eads and Rev. Zach Mounts officiating. You may view the service live at www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com Burial will follow in the Vaughn/Parrett Cemetery on Vaughn Circle Dr. Annville. Pallbearers will be Jeff Mounts, Michael Mounts, Zach Mounts, and Marc Mounts.

TOURISM

FROM PAGE 1

Concerning beautification, commissioners said they have been pleased with the results of the investments into Christmas decorations, saying it may have increased the number of visitors to Berea. In response to a question from Commissioner Jim Davis, Media Manager Haley Howard said the Mayor’s Merry Mingling and Small Business Saturday appeared to yield very positive results for merchants in Old Town. “One place said that they did similar if not better numbers that day than the craft festival. So, it was a really successful event. The craft festival spans three days, and they saw those numbers in one day. I think the promotion and just getting the word out was really successful in getting our merchants those numbers,” Howard said. Commissioner Todd Holbrook agreed the

campaign had a positive effect. “Very rarely would you stop in Berea to look at Christmas lights. You’d go to the Horse Park, you’d go to Louisville. Now we have it in our own backyard,” Holbrook said. “It’s kind of nice that we put the money where it needs to be at Memorial Park, and the fruits of that has paid off.” Davis agreed, stating: “It is good to see our town looking festive. We got a start on it this year, and I hope we’ll see bigger and better things for next year. The budget is money well spent, and I think the local people will see a lot of benefit,” Davis said. “I’m excited to see some flower pots and other decorations for the summer, so hang in



there with us.” Commissioner David Gregory commented on the holiday project as well, particularly on the partnership with Berea College that led to the joint Christmas tree lighting on College Square. “It was very exciting to see all of the lights. The tree lit up at the square, it was awesome to see. As far as our budget amendment, I know it’s a lot of money, but I’m excited to be investing in our local economy and our infrastructure,” Gregory said. Tourism Chair Will Gover said he noticed a difference not only at the Mayor’s Merry Mingling event, which drew a record crowd, but also in the tone of local citizens, who seem pleased with the latest

developments. “The positivity in town right now with the investment has been really great to see,” Gover said. “I’m excited to continue investing in projects like this.”



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Making it to midnight on New Year's Eve a task

I rarely make it to midnight on New Year's Eve. In the past, I have been on a road trip covering Kentucky in a bowl game around New Year's Day. I've celebrated the new year in Orlando, Charlotte, Nashville, Memphis and never consumed a drink. It's just not my style on the last day of the calendar year or any other day for that matter. I still have a good time. That is, if I'm still awake at midnight. The older I get the earlier the day begins. That's been the trend and I can't tell you at what age it really began. During those times I

wasn't on the road, I enjoyed going out to dinner with the family and we plan to do that this year. Rhonda and I like to visit the movie theater on New Year's Day. Rhonda has a gift card, but I'll have to buy the drinks and popcorn when we finally get to the movies. We did celebrate the new year by going to church and eating our New Year's Day meal of country ham, black-



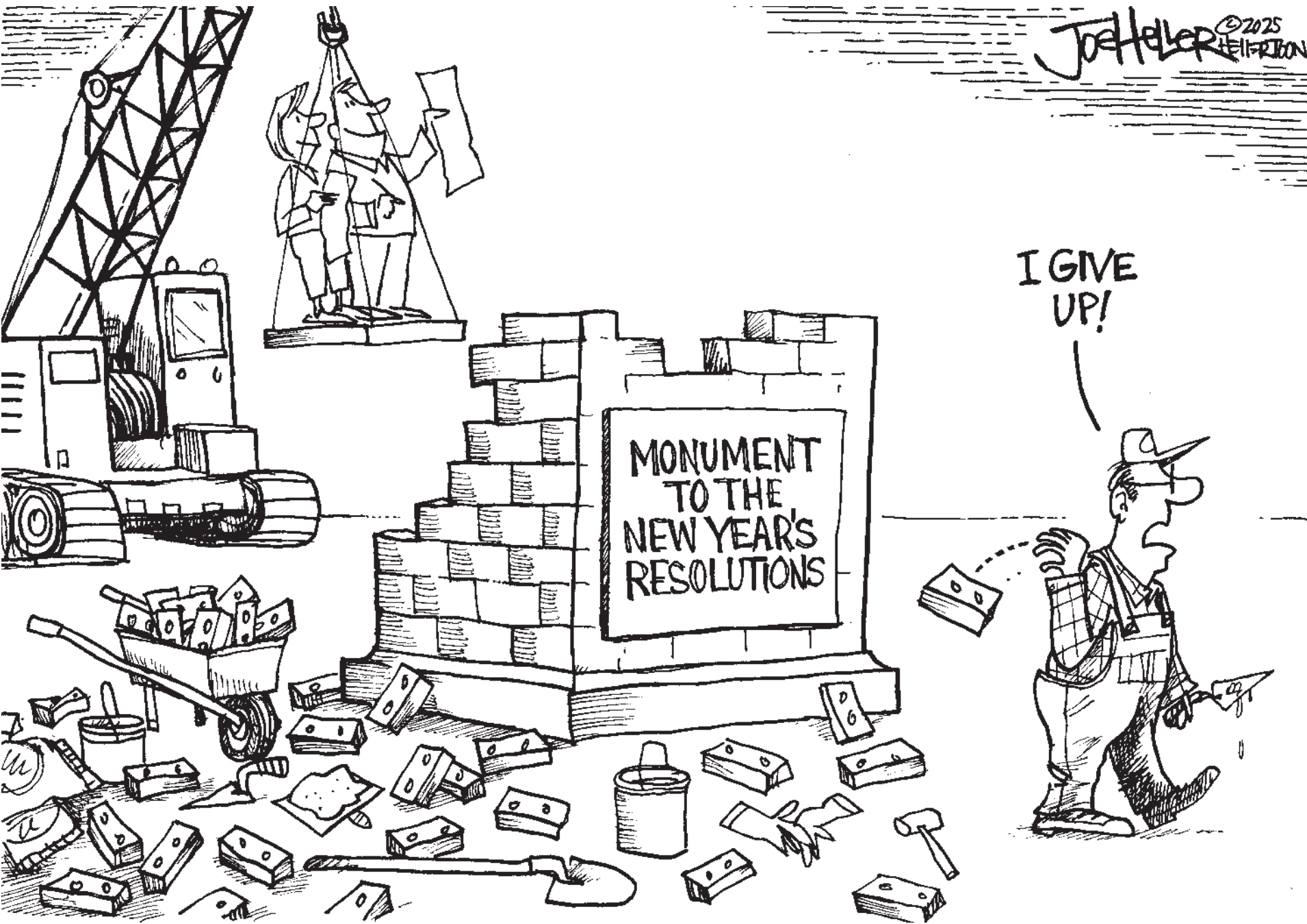
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eye peas, turnip greens, cabbage and corn bread. That's a meal that Rhonda and I began early in our marriage and have continued for more than two decades. It's not always been that way. When I was growing up, we always went to church on New Year's Eve and attended "watch night" service. I'm not sure if many churches do those type of services anymore, but I can remember those four- and five-hour services. Most of the time, dad would invite a singing group to perform and opened the microphone

for others to sing if they wished, but the main thing was praying the old year out and the new year in. As a child, I started out with good intentions, but usually fell asleep in the pew an hour or two into the service. Later, I can remember playing music for most of those church services and looking forward to eating breakfast after church was over. As I grow older, the less I prefer being on the road late at night for fear of the other driver. This year, the ball drop will be a little different as we welcome in another

year. It will countdown to the new year and then add a "250" as America celebrates a birthday. I was 5-years-old when our nation celebrated its 200th bicentennial in 1976. I don't remember much about that year, but I do remember seeing all of the Red, White and Blue memorabilia while growing up. It will be neat to celebrate another milestone during the next 12 months.

Keith Taylor



Resolution: Keep the fires burning in 2026!

It seems like yesterday that we were making New Year's resolutions. Time flies by! Since time goes by so quickly the first resolution we all might consider making is to savor the moment. Every day is a gift and a celebration. Savor your work, family, friends, entertainment, hobbies, church, meals, nature and every aspect of life. Don't rush 2026 because it will be over in the blink of your eye. Plan your holidays in advance for 2026. Let's make the holidays count. Consider celebrating the holidays in 2026 on days other than the actual holiday dates. Families can only be one place at a time. Why not have your get togethers a week or even two before? Celebrate Thanksgiving or Christmas at different times so you can include

more people and different places. Give it a thought for each holiday and I believe you will have more unrushed friend and family gatherings. Schedule your doctor's appointments and have your blood work done. None of us are excited about doctor's appointments but blood work and check-ups provide information we need to take care of these bodies. Exercise this year. Exercise is moving your body. You can do this anywhere. Turn on your radio and dance in your house. Dance in your kitchen or garage. You don't have to spend most of your day traveling to a gym and



Glenn Mollette

back. Turn on some music and in 20 to 30 minutes you can break into a sweat. Forty minutes is best but 20 to 30 minutes every day will rid your body of some sugar and toxins your liver and kidneys don't need. Exercise is moving. Keep moving in 2026. Cut back on red meat, fried foods and sugary desserts. Eating these items often will impact you negatively. Once or twice a month is far different than every day or two or three times a week. Focus on teamwork in 2026. You can't do everything. You can't do everything for your children. You are only one person. You can be more successful with help. Good help is hard to find but families must work together. You can't carry the financial burden for everyone else. Several people working together can accomplish most

anything but if it all falls on one person then success will be more difficult if not impossible. Plan to create good memories in 2026. Too often we spend our time reflecting on mistakes, sickness, death and unfortunate things that happened in the past. Determine to do something as often as you can that will create a good memory for you and others who might be impacted. Think about what you want to accomplish in 2026 and try. What do you have to lose? If you don't aim for a target then you hit nothing. Hitting something will be better than nothing. Think about it, even make a list. Keep the fire burning. Don't quit stirring the flame. Keep piling the wood on. Keep the fire hot. Too often we let the fire die. We get cold and

feel empty. Don't let your fire die. The fire keeps us warm. Warmth is energy and strength. It provides light. Keep your faith strong. You can do a lot more with God than without Him. Let's go 2026!

Letters

Letters to the editor must contain no more than 500 words. Writers are limited to a maximum of three letters in a three-month period. Letters are published in the order in which they are received as space permits. Letters must not contain libelous materials and all letters must include the author's name, address, a telephone number or e-mail address for verification purposes. Illegible or incoherent letters will not be considered for publication. Letters which do not meet the guidelines will neither be published nor returned to the author. For questions, contact the editor at (859) 986-0959.



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Dec. 18 • Kobe Howard, 24: burglary, 2nd degree; assault, 4th degree, minor injury; criminal mischief, 1st degree; strangulation, 1st degree, non-domestic violence • Kristian Graves, 18: fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot) • Isaac Jefferson, 21: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Elizabeth McCallister, 33: hold for court • Lena Cole-Smith, 35: probation violation, for felony offense (2 counts) • Daniel Brezeale, 47: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) • Austin Owens, 32: sexual abuse, 1st degree – victim under 12 years of age; sodomy, 1st degree – victim under 12 years of age • Rhonda Rivera, 64L: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting • Jonathan Colburn, 33: failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security, 1st offense; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; no registration receipt; inadequate silencers (muffler) • John Hall, 47: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child under 12	Dec. 19 • Sheila Ray, 54: criminal trespass – 1st degree • Zacharia Cveticanin, 55: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Peyton Warren, 21: failure to appear • Phill Kring, 57: failure to illuminate head lamps; failure to wear seat belt; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Amber Lawson, 22: operating a motor vehicle	Dec. 20 • Landon Romero, 22: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); disorderly conduct, 2nd degree • Kimberly Coomer, 53: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Michael Nuemann, 38: possession of marijuana; serving parole violation warrant • Zya Scott, 21: careless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Vicent O'Bryan, 43: operating a motor vehicle	Dec. 21 • Tony King, 64: failure to appear (2 counts) • Patricia Swanson, 49: failure to appear (2 counts) • Buffy Brock, 53: reckless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of controlled substance(s) – 1st • Evan Bugg, 42: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Canaan Dawson, 18: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Dakota Taylor, 26: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Tina Childers, 50: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Halley Bowles, 27: speeding, 26 mph or greater over limit; reckless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Dashawnia Jackson, 33: failure to appear • Victor Lezcano, 35: disorderly conduct • Steven Brow3n, 29: failure to appear • Jacob Cain, 27: failure to appear • Tadari Towns, 24: failure to appear (3 counts) • William Johnson, 63: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st (aggravated circumstances); reckless driving; failure to wear seat belts; operating motor vehicle/motorcycle without	Dec. 22 • Brandon Arnett, 40: driving on DUI suspended license – 2nd offense; reckless driving • Zakary Collins, 35: failure to appear (2 counts); flagrant non-support • Robert Gorsuch, 45: fugitive from another state – warrant required (2 counts) • Ritchie Lawson, 38: failure to appear • Harold Marcum, 59: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure to produce insurance card; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense • Joshua Clark, 45: serving weekends	Dec. 23 • Kayla Ross, 39: assault, 4th degree, minor injury • Alexis Stratton, 25: failure to appear • Mary Shearer, 54: probation violation, for technical violation • Bently Carpenter, 51: assault, 1st degree; wanton endangerment – 1st degree; fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle); criminal mischief, 1st degree; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st offense; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess	Dec. 24 • Allen Roberts, 53: probation violation (for technical violation) • Danny Peters, 62: probation violation (for technical violation) • Herbert Harrison, 38: drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) • Joshua Freitas, 33: failure to appear; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
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MARRIAGES Dec. 12 • Angeleyshka Mary Curbelo-Davis, teacher, 25 of Richmond to Jalen Lafayette Cooper, athlete, 23 of Richmond Dec. 16 • Deanna Rachel Harvey, daycare worker, 28 of Richmond to Richard Zachary Howard, lab tech, 29 of Berea • Benny Wayne Lainhart, 68: retired, 68 of Richmond to Mary Katherine Tevis, disabled, 58 of Richmond • Candace Heather Marcum, MRI Technologist, 51 of Richmond to Freddie Joe Reeves, Jr. supervisor, 52 of Richmond • James Tyler Bradley, delivery driver, 21 of Berea to Kaitlynn Sinclair Berry, vet tech, 21 of Berea • Lynn Elizabeth Grunkemeyer, athletic trainer, 37, of Richmond to Bryce Daniel Howard, police officer, 31 of Richmond • Deana Lynette Grant, RN manager, 53 of Richmond to John Paul Weston, manager, 59 of Richmond • Shawn Raye Meade, retired military, 48 of Lexington to Timothy Eugene Dotterer, carpenter, 55 of Lexington • Breanna Nichole Whitaker, medical assistant, 28 of Richmond to Javon Daquone Omar King, student, 29 of Richmond Dec. 18 • Ashleigh Teal Cox, compliance analyst, 33 of Richmond to Joshua Ryan Sawyers, mechanic, 33 of Richmond	Dec. 18 • Juliana Metcalfe and Westley Metcalfe to Micah Benavides and Aly Benavides, lot 43 Milford Estates, \$293,000 • Micah Benavides and Aly Benavides to Hannah Rose Daniel and William David Gregory, III, lot 40 Lower South Pointe, Phase 2, \$297,500 • David Cramer and Connie Cramer to Allen Burns and Kelly Danielle Burns, 1021 Countryside Drive, \$295,000 • D. R. Horton, Inc. to Shannon M. Huffman – Lainhart and Micah Lainhart, lot 82 Carriage Place, Phase 1, \$341,600 • Beverly Harkleroad, Belinda Riddle and Stephen G. Riddle, Tina Fritz and Greg Kennedy to Stephen Chase Riddle and Erin Riddle, tract Madison County, \$300,000 • Stephanie D. Goss (f/k/a Stephanie D. Metcalf) and Neil Goss to Melanie Goss, lot 89 Orchard Hills Subdivision, \$265,000 • Deidre Christine Wangel, as Administratrix of the Estate of Kathleen Fanos to Kevin Marcus and Tamara Moore, lot 127 Orchard Hills Phase 4, \$289,000 • C. Cannon, LLC and Tri Build Investments, LLC to LaDawn Brooks and Lleon Roger Brooks, lot 52 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$395,000 • Desiree M. Collins and John A. Collins to Daniel M. Futia, through his Attorney-in-Fact Maria M. Futia and Maria M. Futia, 141 Carlton Drive, for and in consideration of love and affection • Loretta Howell, through her Attorney-in-Fact, Fale Howell to Mary Pruitt and Dale W Howell, Co-Trustees of the Howell Family Irrevocable Trust, dated November 12, 2025, 114 Circle Drive, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties • DS and JV Properties, LLC to SFS Investments, LLC, lot 174 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 2, \$62,000 • DS and JV Properties, LLC to WillCo Construction, LLC lot 5 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 2, \$62,000 • DS and JV Properties, LLC to Fenway Construction, LLC, lot 185 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 2, \$62,000 • Eric Ryan Broughton and Erin Garcia Broughton to Holly B. Morrison and Matthew J. Morrison, tracts 7 and 8 plat 7/92, \$20,000 • LP Construction, LLC to John Josiah Allen, lot 8 Shiloh Cove Subdivision, Phase 1, \$360,000 • John B. Mullins and Brianna Mullins to Sherry L. Scott Horner and Charles Joseph Horner, lot 26 Traditions at Parkey Falls, Phase I, \$680,000 Dec. 19 • James M. Bowman, Jr., Trustee of the James M. Bowman Revocable Trust, dated June 16, 2008, and Nancy Bowman to Gary Charles	Dec. 19 • Hardin and Christine A. Hardin, lot 7 Phase 2 Harrison Court, Harrison Road, Berea, \$290,000 • Katherine Anne Helton to Felicia Jones and Robert Jones, lot 71 Block B Miller’s Landing, \$258,500 • Krystal B. Cain to Chambers Rentals, LLC, tract Madison County, \$175,000 • Charles Gregory Robinson and Natasha R. Robinson to Brian Nolder and Sally Nolder, 310 Bocote Drive, Berea, \$378,000 • Rym Caagan and Leonel S. Cadagan, 2016 Greentree Drive, \$320,000 • Eric Halstead and Megan Halstead to Gerren Jefferson, Jr. and Faith Elizabeth Jefferson, parcel Tate’s Creek Pike, \$260,000 • Jeremiah Driskell and Ashby Driskell to Sophia Elizabeth Collins and Jonathan David Collins, 312 Pageant Drive, \$298,000 • Darlene Snyder to Melinda Pearson, tract Madison County, \$80,000 • Billy L. Wright and Lisa T. Wright, Lorah Shackelford and Brent Shackelford to Olivia R. Wright, lot 11 The Meadows Subdivision, Phase 1, for and in consideration of the settlement of the estate of Addie Christine Wright • The Estate of John E. Kelley, by and through Debra Kelly, Executrix to Near Bridge, LOLC, tracts Madison County, \$1,000,000
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Religion

Lazy husbands can see clearly after swelling goes down

I've never forgotten the tale my pastor friend David "Milkweed" Wotier told years ago about the three friends who married women from different parts of the world.

The first married an Asian woman. He told her that in American culture, it was her job to cook, do the dishes and clean the house. The first day, he didn't see any results, but the next day, he came home to a nice dinner, a clean house and the dishes were washed and put away.

The second man married

an Australian woman. He told her that in American culture she was to do all the cooking, cleaning and dish washing. The first day, he didn't see any results, but the next day, he came home to a nice dinner, a clean house and the dishes were washed and put away.

The third man married an American woman. He told her that in American



Roger Alford

culture, it was her job to cook, do the dishes and clean the house. The first day, he didn't see any results, but the next day the swelling had gone down enough that he could see a little out of his left eye, and his arm had healed enough that he could fix himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher.

Brother Milkweed, which is the name everyone knows him by in the small Kentucky town where he ministers, is a man of wit, and he must have a thousand such tales. But it

would be hard to top that one. It makes an important point that ought to be heeded by men who are prone to laziness, especially in the home.

It's not the wife's job to carry the whole load around the house. She shouldn't be the only one who knows how to run the vacuum, load the washing machine, turn on the dryer, push the lawnmower, start the chainsaw, or sharpen the ax to chop a winter's worth of firewood.

The Bible says wives are to be loved and cherished.

In fact, Ephesians 5:25 tells us husbands are to love their wives just the way Christ loves the church. You realize how Christ loved the church, right? He gave His very life for her on that cross all those years ago.

In light of that, dear husbands, get off your overstuffed easy chair and do your part around the house, but feel free to wait until the swelling has gone and your arm has healed.

Reach Roger Alford
at 502-514-6857 or
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Berea Baptist Church



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310 Chestnut Street A, Berea, Ky. 40403

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Tuesday

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Dentistry: Mary Oldfield, DMD, PSC, 126 North Broadway, Berea. Phone: 986-2060

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

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

December 31, 1925
Hymer Motor Company

The Hymer Motor Company composed of Elbert and James Hymer and Deland Abney had rented the location formerly occupied by Berea Motor Company from Mr. J.B. Richardson on Short Street. Possession would take place on January 1, 1926. The Hymer Brothers handled the Chevrolet cars, ran a general garage, sales and ship. Their business would be that of the former

Berea Motor Company except would handle Chevrolet instead of Ford.

December 28, 1950
New U.S. 25

On December 28th, Robert A. Blair, Executive Director of the U.S. 25 Dixie Highway Association, announced that the "new" U.S. 25 Highway from Livingston to East Bernstadt had been opened for winter travel. Blair said the new section of road was not being used by cars and light

trucks with a savings of more than six miles by use of the new road. With the exception of one-half mile of good gravel, the remainder of this new section of highway had one or more layers of asphalt top and offered excellent driving conditions.

December 18, 1975 Burley market

The burley market was up this week across the state as farmers entered their fourth week of auctioning

the 1975 crop. However, the Richmond market remained low, ranking third from the bottom at \$100.93 per hundred pounds. At the close of business on Monday, the state average stood at \$105.39 which was up from \$103.21. Volume was greater with 21,644.206 pounds sold compared to 13,429.642 the previous week.

December 28, 2000

Quiet Christmas

The Grinch must have

stayed home this Christmas, as Berea Police report light activity over the holiday weekend. A robbery was reported at the Pantry Family Restaurant on Paint Lick Road. According to reports, owner Curtis Lester said two white males broke into a display case in the establishment and stole several knives. Reports said the suspects fled in a gray Chrysler New Yorker headed toward the interstate. The total value of stolen goods was estimated at \$1085.

Game Page

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Light cavalry
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Central Japan city
15. Sandwiches
16. Shape produced by
a curve
17. Ancient region in
modern-day Syria
18. French modernist
painter
19. Grandmother
20. Mammary gland of
cattle
22. Rocky peak
23. Secret plan
24. Songs to one's lover
27. More (Spanish)
30. Father
31. Chinese principle
underlying the universe
32. Ballplayer's acces-
sory
35. Together
37. A person's brother
or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Monetary units
40. Partner to cheese
41. About Sun
42. Group of like-mind-
ed people
43. After B
44. Seaside room
45. Recipe measure-
ment
46. Partly digested
food
47. Flat-faced dog
48. People of southern
Africa
49. Salts
52. Beard lichens

55. Sanders is one
56. Fencing sword
60. Ethnic group of
Albania
61. Metric weight unit
63. Italian seaport
64. Longtime late night
host
65. Extremely angry
66. Miami mascot
67. Mid-month day
68. Marked for omis-
sion
69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth
2. Fat from a pig's abdomen
3. Romanian city
4. Specifies
5. Rounded, glaciated valley
6. Spoke
7. Collection of sacred books
8. Extravagantly theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Forearm bones
11. Ancient kingdom
12. Legitimate: __ fide
13. Semitransparent gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Head honcho
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Extract money via taxation
28. Dyes
29. Cloying sweetness
32. Sodas
33. Coastal village in

Guam
34. Chemical ring
36. The bill in a restaurant
37. Car mechanics group
38. One-time presidential candidate Dole
40. Health care for the aged
41. Wise persons
43. Passage with access at one end
44. Make a wound
46. America's spies
47. Roof of the mouth
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Pinkish-red color
51. Vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. A place to store garden tools
54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
57. Popular Hollywood pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. A move exposing one to danger
61. Historic Spanish soldier
62. CNN's founder

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

ANSWER:

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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to cold and flu season.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 11 = E)

A. 14 2 19 19 26 8 11

Clue: Helps prevent illness

B. 6 26 16 16 13 11 16

Clue: A must-have for runny nose

C. 19 1 13 23 17

Clue: Reflex to clear airways

D. 16 8 11 11 3 11

Clue: Sudden expulsion of air

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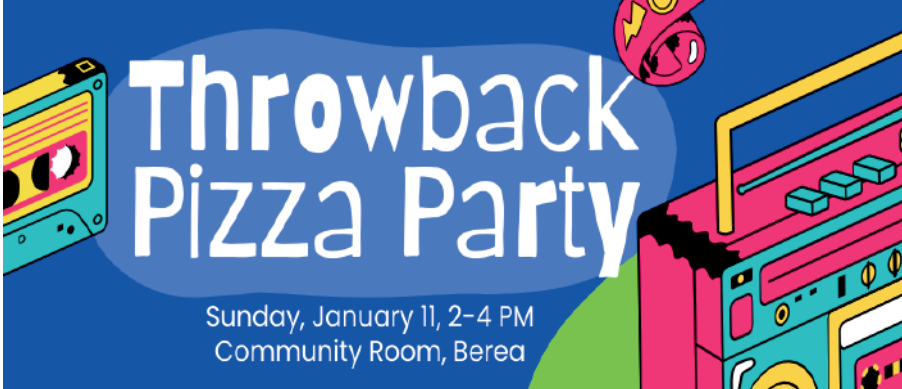
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What WE'RE Reading

Collin Klang,
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“The Ickabog” by J.K. Rowling explores the experiences of Cornucopia’s leaders and citizens as they confront the crisis posed by the titular creature, a monster once believed to be merely a rumor. The narrative employs a humorous approach to political themes, making it suitable for a family audience. The world-building is detailed and rich in lore, with a tone reminiscent of classic fairy tales, distinct from Rowling's previous works. Illustrations submitted by children from around the world highlight how perceptions can often magnify fears beyond reality. Overall, this engaging story delivers heartfelt moments throughout its chapters, creating a whimsical and vibrant depiction of its fantastical world.

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Adults

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

Creative Studio Intro Classes*
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesdays
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required

3D Printer*
Tuesday, January 6

Music & Audio Production*
Tuesday, January 13

Laser Cutter & Engraver*
Tuesday, January 20

Recording Studio*
Tuesday, January 27

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

Open Studio
5-7:30 PM, Wednesdays
Creative Studio, Berea

GED Testing*
9 AM-1 PM, Friday, January 2
9 AM-1 PM, Friday, January 16
*Registration required
Contact Madison County Adult Education to schedule an exam.

Classically Read Movie Night
5:30-8 PM, Tuesday, December 6
Community Room, Berea
Watching: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (PG, 2h 23m)

Financial Coaching One-on-One*
9 AM-1 PM, Thursday, January 8
Meeting Room, Berea
See online calendar for information.

Bridge Club
2-4 PM, Thursday, January 8
Meeting Room, Berea

Second Saturday Yoga
10-11 AM, Saturday, January 10
Community Room, Berea

Throwback Pizza Party
2-4 PM, Sunday, January 11
Community Room, Berea
Celebrate the end of the 2025 Year-Long Reading Challenge with all the nostalgia of childhood reading rewards!

Creative Studio Orientation
11 AM-12 PM, Monday, January 12

5-6 PM, Monday, January 12

5-6 PM, Monday, January 26
Creative Studio, Berea

Be a Podcast Boss*
6-8 PM, Monday, January 12
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required
Learn the skills needed to start your very own podcast!

Revolutionary Stew
6-8 PM, Tuesday, January 13
Community Room, Berea
Enjoy a taste of history and learn how early Americans cooked.

Berea Writers Circle
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, January 17
Meeting Room, Berea

Genealogy Search Instruction
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, January 17
Community Room, Berea

Stitch & Sew
2-4 PM, Sunday, January 18
2-4 PM, Tuesday, January 20
2-4 PM, Tuesday, January 27
Creative Studio, Berea

Creative Studio Live!
1-2 PM, Thursday, January 28
5-6 PM, Thursday, January 28
Creative Studio, Berea



January Book Clubs:

Bookish Brunch Book Club
11 AM-12 PM, Tuesday, January 6
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: *All Systems Red* by Matha Wells

Just Love Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, January 6
Just Love Coffee, Berea
Discussing: *The Christmas Tree Farm* by Laurie Gilmore

Munchy Monday Cookbook Club*
6-7 PM, Monday, January 26
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
*Registration required

Pick of the Month Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, January 27
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *A Girl Called Samson* by Amy Harmon

Classically Read Book Club
7-8 PM, Tuesday, January 27
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

Booktok Made Me Read It
11 AM-12 PM, Saturday, January 31
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: *People We Meet on Vacation* by Emily Henry

Children

Read and Play
10-11 AM, Mondays and Thursdays
Community Room, Berea
For ages 0-5 years of age.

Play Your Way to Kindergarten
10-11 AM, Tuesdays
Community Room, Berea
This program builds practical skills through themed learning stations.

Yoga Story Time
1-2 PM, Tuesdays
Community Room, Berea

Little Artist Story Time
1-2 PM, Wednesdays
Community Room, Berea

LEGO Club+
4-5 PM, Thursdays
Community Room, Berea

Lap Time
10-11 AM, Fridays
Fireplace, Berea
Interactive story time for babies and their caregivers.

Books Cook!
2-3 PM, Fridays
Community Room, Berea
Each week, we'll read a fun book and then make a simple dish!

Artic Zen
1-3 PM, Saturday, January 10
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea

Crafternoon
4-5 PM, Mondays
Community Room, Berea

Braided Yarn Coasters
Monday, January 5
Try your hand at braiding coasters.

Tin Punching
Monday, January 12
Create a fun design with tin like Colonial Americans!

Paper Quilt Art
Monday, January 26
Practice making quilt patterns without having to sew!

Time Traveler's Workshop
4-5 PM, Tuesdays
Community Room, Berea
Learn about our nation's past through activities and crafts!

DIY Quill and Ink
Tuesday, January 6

Make Johnnycakes
Tuesday, January 13

Hand-Dipped Candles
Tuesday, January 20

Escape the Colonies
Tuesday, January 27

Early Learning Activities
10-11 AM, Friday, January 23
Community Room, Berea

Teddy Bear Sleepover Drop-Off
4-6 PM, Friday, January 23
Fireplace, Berea

Teddy Bear Breakfast
10-11 AM, Saturday, January 24
Community Room, Berea

Teens

Unplugged
Fridays, 3:30-5 PM
Community Room, Berea

Teen Scene:

Learn to Cross Stitch
4-5 PM, Wednesday, January 7

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
5-6 PM, Wednesday, January 7
Community Room, Berea

Financial Coaching One-on-One*
9 AM-1 PM, Thursday, January 8
Meeting Room, Berea
Contact Sherry to schedule a session at 859-779-3504 or sherry.schloemer@operationhope.org

Be a Podcast Boss*
6-8 PM, Monday, January 12
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required
Learn the skills needed to start your very own podcast!

Teen Cuisine:

Make Your Own Sourdough Starter
4-5 PM, Wednesday, January 14
Community Room, Berea
Learn everything about making your own sourdough bread!

Berea Writers Circle
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, January 17

Meeting Room, Berea

Pick Your Own Book Club:

Historical Fiction
4-5 PM, Wednesday, January 21
Community Room, Berea

Teen D&D Open Table*
2-4 PM, Saturday, January 24
Meeting Room, Berea
*Registration required

TAG Presents: Spy School
4-5, Wednesday
Learn all about the spy tactics used by spies in the Revolutionary War. See if you're cut out for sleuthing!

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