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'Femi' has program for safer winter roads

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Saying he has a special interest in Town of Farragut as a resident along Choto Road, Dr. Olufemi "Femi" Omitaomu decided to make a study of Town roads and streets for

his "Precision De-Icing Technique" program. "We just did it on our own," Omitaomu, an Oak Ridge National Laboratory research scientist, said of his desire to inquire about the slope and amount of sunlight absorbed for each 50-meter stretch of a given

Town street or road. The bottom line is creating a more efficient way snow and ice treatments, such as salt, are spread — both for easier and quicker traffic passage and, more importantly, to decrease accidents. "This is going to save money, and most important-

ly it's going to save lives," he said. "The system has been tested under laboratory settings," Omitaomu added. "The next step is to put the control system on a snow truck for field testing before we can say it is ready for prime time." When ready, this ORNL program

would be available, free of charge, to any municipality looking to improve its snow and ice prevention and removal, he said. "It started with the snow event we had in Knoxville a couple of years ago, where that

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Joyful rings, Santa list, holiday treats



Tammy Cheek

Josephine Clanton, 3, joins other children in ringing the bells as part of a Bearden United Methodist Church Children's Bell Choir performance during Town of Farragut's Celebrate the Season in Town Hall Thursday evening Dec. 7.



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

(Above and Below) First Farragut United Methodist Church held its annual Christmas Community Day Sunday, Dec. 4, and served more than 400 family members and individuals from all over the region. Guests were served a hot lunch, were able to choose from coats and other clothing items, shopped for gifts and even had pictures taken with Santa. (Above) Gideon Hughes, 2, seems a bit contemplative as he visits Santa and Mrs. Claus. (Below) Hadley Morgan, 5, happily helps serve fresh desserts to the gathering.



\$136k tax fee again fought

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One way to offset Town of Farragut's reduced amount of Hall Income Tax revenue, according to Knox County Commissioner John Schoonmaker, is getting relief from the Sales Tax Administration Fee.

"That's what the [state] Department of Revenue charges the City of Knoxville, Knox County and the Town of Farragut to get their sales tax returned to them," Schoonmaker, representing 5th District that includes Farragut and Concord, said during an annual meeting of local and state leaders. "Rep. [Jason] Zachary introduced a bill last year [to eliminate the fee] but it was exclusively for Knox County. That didn't go forward."

Schoonmaker and Zachary, [R-District 14 including Farragut and Concord], attended the annual meeting of Commissioners, Knox County Board of Education representatives and local state elected officials at Dead End BBQ, Sutherland Avenue, in the morning and early afternoon Thursday, Dec. 7. "Now we're going to go statewide with it and make it for all the counties and municipalities," Schoonmaker said. To abolish the administrative fee "is the right thing to do," he added. "The City of Knoxville loses \$1.7 million [annually]



Schoonmaker



Zachary

Santa letters HQ 'staffed' by biz, Town, FHS

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Because his North Pole elves are working fast and furiously toward the Christmas Eve deadline, Santa has personally selected a very special group of surrogates to help him answer children's letters this holiday season.

Volunteers from CH Interiors & Gifts, along with Town of Farragut staff and several Farragut High School students, have been responding to letters dropped off at the new Santa's Mailbox in Founder's Park at Campbell Station.

The mailbox was unveiled during the Nov. 27 Lighting of the Park ceremony,

and organizers determined early on they could respond to Santa's personal request for assistance.

"[CH Interiors] was the guiding force [for the project]," said Sue Stuhl, Parks & Leisure Services director who is overseeing the Town's participation.

Jesse Boling, owner of the business, said the Town offered to help — and the project was a go.

He said the collaboration has been a good one, and has ensured letters are being answered as quickly as possible.

A representative from the Town's Public Works Department collects the letters daily, decked out in an Elf hat and carrying one of Santa's official Christ-

mas sacks.

The letters are delivered to Town Hall, and volunteers go to work, responding to each one that has included a return address.

"Santa can't answer letters that don't have a return address," said Stuhl, who estimated the Town received 75 to 80 letters the first week, while Boling estimated his store had received around 100 during that same time frame.

That number is increasing quickly, with upward of 25 to 50 letters being collected daily.

For all letters to be received in a timely

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De-icing

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actually happened back-to-back," Omिताomu said. "Schools were out for about two weeks."

"That was what prompted our motivation ...," he added. "We then did a quick study and we found that usually the way the icy roads are cleared is based on a very old idea where they use traffic volume."

Defining the biggest priority roads for first treatment as level 1 roads, based on traffic volume, Omिताomu said, "Because [road crews] start with level 1 roads, they don't usually get to de-ice level 2 and level 3 [less priority] roads. And because of that people normally were not able to get out of their neighborhoods to get on the Interstate."

"One of the issues is a resource allocation issue because they don't have a sufficient budget to buy road salt to salt everywhere," he added, "So they have to prioritize where they need to apply brine or salt."

"I've noticed that in the Town of Farragut as well. The major roads are usually treated first, but the neighborhoods are not treated, either because they don't have enough resources or because they run out of resources."

However, Town administrator David Smoak said, "We've got a little over 200 tons of salt in our bins ready to go. We can handle several weather events before we would need to go and get additional supplies."

Their snow removal fleet is two dump trucks with plows, and two Ford F-250 pickup trucks with spreaders, Smoak said.

About any possible changes, Smoak said, "The Town strives to maintain an efficient and effective snow removal strategy based on the many variables that go into each winter weather event, and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how to enhance this service to our community with Dr. Omिताomu."

"Now that the story is out, we are looking for the appropriate contact names so that we can shoot them some of these results and get their comment," Omिताomu said.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen is scheduled to vote on releasing the Town's "Snow Removal Schedule" for the 2017-18 winter season during its meeting starting at 7 p.m., tonight, Thursday, Dec. 14.

While Omिताomu was not critical of Public Works personnel, Smoak specifically praised the Town's Pub-

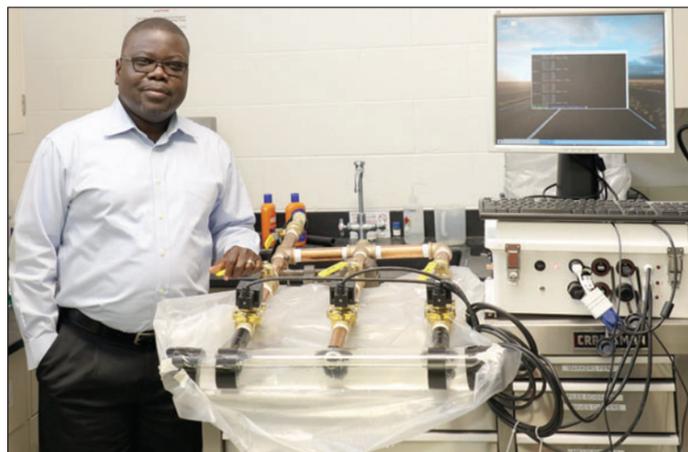


Photo courtesy Jason Richards/ORNL

Dr. Olufemi Omिताomu leads a team at Oak Ridge National Laboratory developing a variable control mechanism to enable precision de-icing on urban roads.

lic Works crew, led by long-time director Bud McKelvey. "Bud and his guys over at Public Works do a great job of keeping our roads clear during snow events," Smoak said.

Having contacted City of Knoxville, Omिताomu said, "They actually provided some information to validate some of our results. ... We discovered that some of the trouble spots that they have identified over the years actually correlate with ... our model."

Chad Weth, Public Service director for City of Knoxville, said, "There is not a plan currently to implement this system. While it is very interesting and we do plan on looking at the results, there are many steps that would need to be made for implementation."

"Currently our systems are all gravity-fed and when the chute is open, salt is applied evenly on every stretch of roadway. This system would help us define areas that need more/less salt or no salt at all."

About his model, Omिताomu said, "We had to develop a method to classify road segments, every 50 meters, whether it should be treated or not treated. To do that we have to account for whether that segment is blocked from sunlight by trees or a structure, and whether it is a sloped

road or a flat road.

"One formulation calculates the amount of solar radiation on a road segment while accounting for possible cloud cover. We used historical cloud cover profile for this area to determine a range," he added.

"The other formulation is based on the thermodynamics of snow-melt, which accounts for several parameters including days since last snowfall, albedo of the snow, wind speed, air temperature, freezing temperature, dewpoint temperature and rainfall."

With all data evaluated, Omिताomu said, "Once we come up with that we can easily integrate that information into GPS, so that we can then put that into snow trucks. When the snow trucks are going on the roads, using the GPS location, the truck automatically and intelligently determines whether that segment should be salted or not."

As for contacting Tennessee Department of Transportation about the project, he said, "We are yet to contact TDOT. We plan to do that after the holidays."

Omitaomu and his project team "of about seven" includes Farragut residents Daniel Koch, a research scientist, and Budhendra Bhaduri, a corporate fellow.

police reports

• At 5:28 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report a theft from NHC Farragut, Cavette Hill Lane. Complainant advised her grandmother, the victim, had multiple items taken while she was staying at NHC Farragut. Complainant advised two gold wedding bands, with a listed value of \$1,000, and a silver wrist watch, value listed at \$200, were on the victim's nightstand beside her bed.

• At 12:57 p.m., Dec. 7, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft from an Ackley Circle residence. Complainant advised she had five Christmas light projectors in her front yard as decorations. Around 7 a.m., she noticed the lights were not shining in her home. Complainant advised she checked her video cameras and could see the lights being taken but could not see the suspect. Estimated value of loss was listed at \$200.

• At 9:01 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 6, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft from a Rockwell Farms Lane residence. Complainant advised he had two Christmas light projectors in his yard for decorations. Complainant advised a neighbor had called him about her seeing a truck leav-

ing his yard and possibly taking his decorations. Complainant went outside and noticed both of his lights had been taken. Estimated value of loss was listed at \$140.

• At 8:56 p.m., Dec. 6, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft from a Pine Meadows Lane residence. Complainant advised he had a Christmas light projector in his front yard for decorations. Complainant advised he received a phone call around 8 p.m. from another neighbor about someone else in the area having their lights stolen from their yard. Complainant said he looked outside and saw his lights had been stolen. Estimated value of loss was listed at \$30.

• At 9:31 a.m., Dec. 6, a KCSO unit responded to a possible burglary at a West Foxchase Circle residence. Upon investigation, victim No. 1 said his landlord alerted him at 4:30 a.m. that morning that an unknown female was inside the residence. When complainant reviewed security camera system, he observed a white female exit a "dark-colored four-door sedan," and walk around his property. He said the suspect went to the back door, was able to get it open and entered the residence. Sus-

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• There seems to be a growing number of pet owners who are taking advantage of the law permitting service animals in stores. I am not speaking about any person who has a service animal, as they perform a valuable service for their owners. In the past few weeks, I have seen a monkey in a food store and a puppy that peed in another store

that sells food. I spoke to a clerk in still another store who told a story of a dog that defecated in their store. If your pet is not a service animal, please keep them out of retail stores and especially stores that sell food. If you crave other persons compliments on your pet, I suggest the Pet Safe park.

Police

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pect walked around the inside of his residence for a few minutes and then exited, the complainant added. She then went back to the front of the residence where video surveillance captured the suspect attempting to open the car door of victim No. 2. Suspect went back around to the rear of the residence before leaving in the dark sedan. Complainant did not believe any property was taken, and there was no apparent forced entry.

• At 1:26 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4, a Geronimo Road complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a burglary on his property. Complainant advised sometime between Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Dec. 4, an unknown suspect stole a package off her front porch containing a \$900 Gaston Glock knife. Complainant advised she was wondering where her package was so she called UPS, and they said they delivered it — but she said she never saw it. Complainant advised she went home on her lunch break and checked her security cameras, seeing an unknown suspect taking the package off her porch. She did not have a description of the suspect because, complainant said, she only got a brief look at him before she had to leave.

• At 10:55 a.m., Dec. 4, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve

Unit in reference to a theft at 10820 Parkside Drive. Complainant advised he had been staying in the ICU waiting room at Turkey Creek Medical Center with family members. Complainant advised he went to sleep around 11 p.m., Sunday night, Dec. 3, and woke up around 6 a.m. the next morning to find his cell phone and charger had been stolen. Complainant advised a suspicious male had been in the same area and hospital security had video/photos of the suspect. Estimated value of loss was \$850.

• At 2:08 p.m., Dec. 3, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an incident at a Peterson Road residence. Complainant advised sometime between midnight and just before making the call, the suspect, her friend, broke the windshield wiper switch in her car. She advised the suspect was sitting in her car while she was inside the residence and when she came back out, she saw the suspect had broken her windshield wiper switch and left on foot. Estimated value of damage was listed at \$100.

• At 2:23 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, an East Fox Den Drive complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report his 2014 Jeep Cherokee had been broken into and his wallet and \$500 in cash stolen. Unknown suspect(s) gained entrance through the unlocked vehicle doors.



Michelle Hollenhead

Letters

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manner and allow Santa to respond, they need to be placed in the official mailbox "as soon as possible," organizers said.

Kris Ray, a Town of Farragut employee in the Public Works department, picked up Santa letters last week from the official mailbox, located at Founder's Park at Campbell Station along Campbell Station Road. A representative from Public Works picks up letters daily, and they are delivered to Town Hall and CH Interiors & Gifts for "Santa's Surrogate Elves" to respond.

Repeal fee

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on this fee. Knox County loses \$525,000 and the Town of Farragut loses \$140,000 a year" because of the fee.

"Total sales tax for Farragut [for 2016-17 fiscal year] is \$12,165,032. That number is less the administrative fee, which at 1.125 percent is \$136,856.61," stated a press release from David Smoak, Town of Farragut administrator.

"The Town gets half of that total sales tax [minus the fee], which is \$6,082,516. The other half goes to Knox County Schools," Smoak further stated.

"So it would be more accurate to say that, if the fee was discontinued, the Town and Knox County Schools would gain

\$136,856.61."

Zachary "is going to carry the bill into the [state] House of Representatives, and I'm sure [state] Sen. [Richard] Briggs [R-District 7 including Farragut] is going to do the same in the Senate," Schoonmaker said about the upcoming General Assembly session. "[Briggs] supported us last year on this."

"Last year it failed just because it was a Knox County application," Zachary said. "When you look at it as a statewide application, the counties and the municipalities are paying \$30 million a year to simply get their tax dollars back that we submit to the state — and that's a problem.

"Commissioner Schoonmaker has done a fantastic job of creating an awareness among the

county commissioners statewide," he added. "And it's our job to do that with legislators, to let people know that we've reached a point now where [it is unlike] back in the '80s, where [the fee] was feasible because there was more overhead involved.

"Now the [fee] process is so electronic, the overhead and the requirements are not there. So you're got \$30 million in county and municipality dollars staying with the state as a fee."

In terms of a possible legislative compromise, Zachary said, "Possibly looking at the [fee elimination] as a phase-out as we did with Hall Income Tax.

"We want to do all we can to alleviate some of the budget challenges with the municipalities and the counties," he added.

Our office wishes you and your family a **Happy Holiday Season!**

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Kobus opens BK Lash & Skin Boutique in T-Creek



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When Beverly Kobus had a lash lifting, she fell in love with the process so much she went into business for herself.

A licensed esthetician and master lash stylist, Kobus opened BK Lash & Skin Boutique in Sola Salon Studios in early October.

Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce officially will welcome BK Lash & Skin Boutique to the Farragut area with a ribbon cutting at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 11324 Parkside Drive, Turkey Creek.

The business offers lash lifts, facials, specials on facials for teens, microderm abrasions, chemical

peels, dermaplaning and lash and brow tinting.

Originally from Oklahoma, Kobus and her family lived in Denver, where she spent almost 30 years in the high-tech industry as a project manager. Then the organization for which she worked outsourced her division to India, which meant she and other staff in her Colorado division were laid off.

"And, my husband said, 'Congratulations. You can retire,'" Kobus said and laughed.

However, she added, "I'm just one that likes to be busy, and I love people. I've done a lot of volunteering my whole life — PTA president, community foundation, planning commissioner and things like that. I love being there helping

people who are less fortunate."

When she had her own lashes done, Kobus said she fell in love with the industry and decided to become an esthetician. She initially went to school in 2015 to get her medical esthetician credentials, which included microdermabrasion, chemical peels and dermaplaning.

"Then, I went a step further," Kobus said. "I have a lot of friends who have gotten cancer. Their skin is so compromised, and I wanted to be able to help them."

To do that, she furthered her education by earning her oncology skincare certification in 2015. Kobus then went back to school and earned her lash extension certification in 2016.

While still in Oklahoma, she saw an availability with Sola Salon Studios online.

"I wanted to own my own business and have my own space, but I didn't have the money for real estate," Kobus said. "Sola is a phenomenal concept. [The other salon owners and I] can work together to network."

The move to Farragut also offered Kobus and her family another benefit.

"My husband and I have four kids and we wanted a slower-paced life," she said, adding Farragut provided that lifestyle. After arriving in Farragut, she said, "We fell in love with the community."

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Ricki's helps local furry friends

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Kevin and Ricki Human have not been in business long, but their efforts already are making a difference in the community.

The couple, owners of Ricki's Pet Depot in the Village Green shopping center, have helped facilitate the adoption of more than 70 cats since opening earlier this year.

They have partnered with Loudon County Animal Shelter to find homes for felines, and have upwards of a dozen of the animals at the front of the shop at any given time.

"We are hoping to break [the] 100 [mark] by the end of the year," said Kevin Human, whose friendship with April Kennedy of Loudon County Animal



Michelle Hollenhead

Sara Clark, Ricki's Pet Depot groomer, frequently donates her own time to help care for animals. She adopted her own rescue dog, Tennessee (above), at the store earlier this year.

Shelter started when he worked at Tractor Supply in Lenoir City.

"We had been putting aside dog food for them [at that time],

and once we opened the store, we reached out to see what we could

See RICKI'S on Page 6A

When to begin drawing Social Security?

New farragutpress business columnist Yvonne Marsh is a certified financial planner and certified public accountant specializing in personal financial planning focusing on life transitions — including retirement, widowhood and divorce — at Marsh Wealth Management in West Knoxville. She is a member of Financial Planning Association for CFP® professionals. Her columns will appear monthly.

Question: I am 65 years old, married and want to retire next year. I'm trying to decide if I should take my Social Security next year or wait until I'm 70 and live on my investments until then. How do I decide?

Answer: The time between retirement and age

70 is the sweet spot for retirement tax planning. One strategy is to delay SS until age 70 (thus growing 8 percent/year) and live on your 401k dollars. This assumes you'll be in a lower tax bracket before age 70. Because there are several factors to weigh, this is a part of retirement planning that needs professional guidance.

Question: My husband has always been the financial person in our house. He has recently been diagnosed



Financial Planning
Yvonne Marsh

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Business Spotlight...



L to R: Jeff Mynatt (Volunteer Rides), Paul Makres (who donated the van along with his wife Angie), Rachel Giannaris (van recipient), Mark and Leigh Ann Wisham (First Choice), Cynthia Russell (KARM) and Anne Shope (Napa)

First Choice Automotive

Volunteer Rides and First Choice Automotive teamed up to donate the independence and freedom a reliable automobile provides. In 2016, Jeff Mynatt of Byrd's Automotive founded Volunteer Rides as a way to provide vehicles to those who need them the most. Volunteer Rides works hand in hand with Knox Area Rescue Ministry's Serenity long-term addiction recovery program, to select the recipients of the vehicles. Local body shops, repair shops, insurance companies and parts suppliers all donate their labor, supplies, and services to restore the vehicles to roadworthy condition.

The recipient of the most recent Volunteer Ride was Rachel Giannaris from Knoxville, who plans to use the vehicle to get herself to and from her full time job. Giannaris has been in the Serenity program for two years and is on the final leg of the program. "Tears and excitement" are how Rachel described her reaction when she got word last week that she would be receiving the van. The tears were flowing again for Rachel as she was handed the keys to her Honda Odyssey, which Angie and Paul Makres donated to Volunteer Rides. First Choice Automotive held a reception on Tuesday to celebrate Rachel receiving her van. The locally owned and operated repair company provided all of the labor and some of the parts with Napa and Carroll Tire Company providing the rest.

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do to help.
"This is not a sales pitch," he added. "We are only a pass through for the adoption fees – we don't make any

Kobus
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After finishing her training in lash extensions, she discovered lash lifting.
"I worked with Elleebana One Shot Lash Lifting," she said.
"Back in the day years ago, [lash lifting] was called 'lash perming,'" Kobus added. "[Lash perming] was taking perms for your hair and putting it on your lashes. It became a service that was no longer done because it was causing so many issues."

But, she said lash perming was a popular service, so Elleebana founders, Otto and Zoe Mitter of Australia, came up with a new, healthier concept.
"[Otto Mitter] wanted to bring something that was healthy and natural for your lashes," Kobus said. "So he started working with a chemist and came up with [the product] Elleebana, which means 'peace and tranquility.' He worked with a company, Belmacil Tint, and that's lash and brow tint product."
"[The Mitters] worked with [Belmacil] for 10 years to make

money off the adoptions. Our hope is that the adopters will shop with us."
They also work with Loudon County Friends of Animals Group, which fosters animals previously in "kill" shelters.
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sure [Elleebana and Belmacil Tint] would not interfere with each other, and you would get a beautiful, gorgeous lash lift along with a tint that would stay. You no longer would have to get lash extensions," she added.
Kobus works as a master stylist with Elleebana and Belmacil and is an Elleebana trainer.
BK Lash & Skin Boutique typically is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, and has evening hours by appointment only. To book an appointment, visit bklash.com or call 865-257-9468.

Marsh column
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with a form of dementia, and I don't know what to do next.
Answer: The next step is to get your finances organized using an online tool like Everplans or a hard copy binder. You'll know what assets and insurance you have, and can make a plan to pay for his care. You'll also need a financial power of attorney that allows you to manage his financial affairs. And just as importantly, make sure you have a plan for yourself in case your assets are drained paying for his care.
Question: My parents paid for a long-term care policy and never used it. I know I should be thinking about one for myself, but it's hard to pay that premium never

knowing if I'll even use it.
Answer: I hear you. But yet health costs not covered by Medicare are the biggest unknown expense we face in retirement.
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Have financial questions? Send them to Yvonne Marsh at questions@marshpros.com, and she will review your question for possible inclusion in a future column.



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Davis, interim FBC pastor, 'humbly surprised' by offer

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First Baptist Concord has a new interim senior pastor while the church continues its search for a permanent leader.

The Rev. Dr. Randy Davis of Nolensville preached for the first time this past Sunday, Dec. 10, at the both the 9 and 10:45 a.m. services.

The Rev. John Avant, former senior pastor, resigned in August to lead Life Action Ministries, and the church currently has an active pastor search committee at work.

Davis is no stranger to East Tennessee. The Alabama native pastored

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In addition to serving as interim pastor at First Baptist Concord, the Rev. Dr. Randy Davis also serves as executive director for Tennessee Baptist Missions Board near Nashville. Davis and his wife, Jeanne, have two married daughters, Wendy and Beth, and four grandchildren.



Photo submitted

Eun's instructors earn worldwide recognition

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What goes around — the privilege to train under a grand master martial artist who is quite hands-on — comes around in the form of world recognition for three instructors under Grand Master Seong J. Eun's leadership.

"It's not very often that instructors such as ourselves have a grand master to learn under," said Michael McKeehan, a taekwondo fourth-degree black belt who, at 68, joined two fellow instructors at Eun's Martial Arts Center in Farragut to earn a Letter of Appreciation from World Taekwondo Headquarters, Kukkiwon, in Seoul, South Korea.

Owen Hale, a third-degree black belt at age 68, and Jeffrey Galler, a third-degree black belt at age 60, also were honored during a brief ceremony at the center in Aspen

Square Saturday morning, Dec. 2.

Eun presented each instructor a Letter of Appreciation, which read, "In recognition of your outstanding contribution and dedicated service to the development of Taekwondo and its culture," signed by Oh Hyun Deuk, president of the Kukkiwon.

"This community doesn't realize that there are very few, if any, grand masters that are actually instructors," McKeehan said.

"... These students are being rewarded by being taught by those of us who have learned from the

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Eun

Carson Farmer's rodeo trail



Photo Submitted

Farragut High School graduate Carson Farmer competed in a rodeo in Arcadia, Florida, in October.

LIKE A FARRAGUT COWBOY

2015 FHS grad aims for prestigious Frontier Days rodeo next summer

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Lenoir City may not be the western frontier, but right now for Carson Farmer it's the next best thing.

The 2015 Farragut High School graduate practices daily on the family's pastureland, honing the rodeo roping skills he hopes will lead him to compete at Frontier Days in Cheyenne, Wyoming, next summer.

"That is the granddaddy of them all," he said of the competition. "Cheyenne would be a dream come true, just to ride [in that arena]."

"I don't care if I rope a single cow, it would just be an honor to be there."

The goal is more than achievable. After three years on the amateur rodeo circuit, he is finally pursuing the next level of the sport, and recently received his "pro card."

"You have to be 18 to get it," he said. "And it is only a permit until you win \$1,000, then it becomes your card."

Farmer estimated if he just places at two upcoming rodeos, he will be able to qualify. He participated in three pro rodeos earlier this year, and won his first competitive saddle in Franklin.

Step by step, he is following what he hopes will be a life-long career path.

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A: If ingested in small amounts, both poinsettias and mistletoe typically will only cause a mild gastritis.

You could expect your dog or cat to have some vomiting, but it



Stephanie Myers
Ask the Vet

will often resolve without treatment, with a couple of exceptions.

If large amounts of mistletoe are eaten, it can cause cardiac problems, specifically bradycardia (low heart rate) and/or hypotension (low blood pressure).

Additionally, if pets are elderly, fragile and/or have pre-existing medical conditions, the vomiting could result in possible dehydration and necessitate hospitalization.

Take care during the holidays to protect your pets from potential hazards.

If you have a question about your pet, you may e-mail Dr. Myers at lenoicityac@gmail.com

Farmer

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"It is the most addictive thing in the world," Farmer said.

He said realizing there was money to be made in the sport was just icing on the cake.

"I have always been competitive," Farmer said. "My cousin has always roped, and one year he made \$36,000 about 20 years ago."

"That really got my interest, to know you could do that for a living."

Farmer took up riding as a sophomore, after becoming "burned out" following eight years of football play.

"My dad told me to find another sport, or to get a job," he said.

His sights then turned to horses. The animals and the rodeo sport was already familiar to him, as his uncle, Ed Farmer, has long been on the pro rodeo circuit as a steer roper.

Farmer's father, Joel, who also

ropes and rides, insisted Carson take care of a horse before buying him one of his own.

The family then lived off Union Road, and Carson found a mildly neglected local horse that he began to visit and groom.

"My dad told me it would be a year before I got my own horse, but it was probably just six or seven months before I got one," he said.

Ed Farmer, who lives in Georgia, found Carson's first horse, and the FHS alumnus said he spent every Saturday, driving to his uncle's home to train.

Of all the events in competitive rodeo — including barrel racing, saddle and bareback bronco riding and bull riding — Farmer's choice has always been calf roping and team roping.

He said the sport is not hard, but there is a certain strategy and requires a lot of practice time.

His family, which also includes his mother, Angela, supported Carson's passion so much that

they moved to an expansive property in Lenoir City four years ago so he could train regularly and freely. Farmer estimates he ropes at least 200 times a day, using either real calves or a "dummy" calf he has on site.

Farmer primarily rides 13-year-old "Yeller," a horse he has had for three years that he "wouldn't give up" even though he has had several offers.

He and his father practice and ride together, and sometimes compete in team roping events. Earlier this year, they came in 10th out of 352 teams.

Farmer hopes to give professional rodeo a real chance after he completes his sociology course at Pellissippi State Community College. "I would at least like to find a job in the western industry," he said.

"To be able to compete is the most fun thing," Farmer added. "And to win money, doing something you love, there is really nothing like it."

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DECEMBER

• The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign will run through Saturday, Dec. 23. For more information, visit salvationarmyusa.org/

• Episcopal Relief & Development annual Holiday Matching Gift Challenge runs through Dec. 31. For more information, call 855-312-4325.

• Nutcrackers collected over a span of 40 years currently are on display in Farragut Town Hall through December. The collection, which belongs to Beverley Hammond, a Farragut Arts Council member and Farragut Museum docent, includes a 100-year-old nutcracker that was brought to America from Sweden by her mother-in-law. For more information, call 865-218-3372.

• The Cove at Concord Park is hosting its annual Holiday Festival of Lights from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday Dec. 15, through through Saturday, Dec. 30, excluding

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Event is free, although Knox County will collect non-perishable food items for The Love Kitchen. For more information, call Mike Donila, 865-215-6616.

• Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will present the 31st annual Clayton Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16, and 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17. Tickets start at \$8.50. For more information, call 865-521-2337.

• The WordPlayers, in collaboration with Pellissippi State Community College, will present "A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas," beginning at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15, and at 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17, at Clayton Performing Arts Center. Tickets run from \$8 to \$12. For more information, visit wordplayers.org/

• Tennessee Children's Dance Ensemble will hold open auditions for new members starting at

1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, at Dancers Studio. For more information, call 865-584-9636.

• Modern Studio in Happy Holler will host "Winter Wonderland Jam" from 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Dec. 16. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For more information, visit eventbrite.com/.

• Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett has launched his final Wreaths Across America team as mayor. A \$15 sponsorship will pay for a wreath made of live greenery to be placed on a veteran's grave Saturday, Dec. 16, at either the Old East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery along Lyons View Pike, East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery or Knoxville National Cemetery. For donations, checks should be mailed to "Wreaths Across America," 400 Main Street, Suite 615, Knoxville, TN 37902.

• Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

will hold its meeting starting at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17, at East Tennessee Historical Society. For more information, e-mail Randy Tindell, randy.tindell@summit-viewhm.com/.

• First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge will host its annual Christmas Concert "Repeat the Sounding Joy," starting at 7 p.m., Sunday and Monday, Dec. 17-18. For more information, visit fumcor.org/Christmas-music/

• Town of Farragut will host a free class on Medicare Part D from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 18. Walgreens Pharmacy manager Jennifer Aramburo will cover how Medicare Part D works, what is covered, how to

enroll and other important information. For more information, call 865-218-3375 or visit townof-farragut.org/register/.

• Newcomers Club will hold its meeting starting at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Bearden Banquet Hall. Farragut High School Madrigal Singers will perform. For reservations, call 865-985-0521.

• Captain WYC Hannum Chapter 1881, UDC will commemorate the birthday of Captain WYC Hannum starting at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 22. For more information, call Debra, 865-856-9300.

• Dogwood Arts officials are calling all artists for Dogwood House & Garden Show. To apply before Sunday, Dec. 31, e-mail, kcrason@dogwoodarts.com/

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Davis

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First Baptist Church in Morristown and then First Baptist Church in Sevierville — totaling more than 18 years at both.

“So, anytime I get to come back to East Tennessee is a good thing,” he said in a phone interview.

Davis was called to his current position, as executive director for the Tennessee Baptist Missions Board near Nashville, in 2010.

The pastor plans to continue working both jobs, and said he plans to drive each week from Nolensville, which is near Nashville, to Farragut on Saturdays, then returning late Sunday or Monday.

Davis said he had suggested several names to First Baptist Concord’s pastor search committee, and “was humbly surprised when they asked me to consider it,” he said.

He said he was not seeking the position himself, but, “I prayed long and hard about it, and I feel like this is a door the Lord has opened.”

Davis and his wife, Jeanne, have two married daughters, Wendy and Beth, and four grandchildren.

Honored

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grand master.”

“It’s a great honor. I had no idea. It was a great surprise,” Hale said. “What we do here we do for the enjoyment of it. To be honored this way is very pleasing.”

Eun’s students, around 290, range in age from 3 to 84. “It’s a wonderful family here,” Galler said.

“They brought me in as an outsider,” added Galler, one of Eun’s 16 instructors. “I’ve learned a lot from them. And I’m really fortunate to be able to work with all the kids and their families.”

“I’m very proud. They have been training more than 10 years. They always volunteer for our events — testing and demonstrations — and many times they contribute with community service,” Eun said. “And they also are good influences to little kids.”

Jenni Henderson, an instructor at the center who is a second-degree black belt, also participated in the ceremony, which was held in front of several elementary-age students and their parents following a training session.



Alan Sloan

Eun’s Martial Arts in Aspen Square, Farragut, held a ceremony to recognize three of its instructors after they earned a Letter of Appreciation from World Taekwondo Headquarters, Kukkiwon, in Seoul, South Korea. Grand Master Seong J. Eun, far left, owner, presided over the ceremony Saturday morning, Dec. 2. From left are honorees Michael McKeehan, 68, a fourth-degree black belt, and third-degree black belts Owen Hale, 68, and Jeffrey Galler, 60. Also present was instructor Yumee Eun, a third-degree black belt who is the grand master’s wife.



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Angie Hooie, the church’s children’s director, said the event not only promoted the real meaning of Christmas, but also was an opportunity for children and their parents to spend time together.



Cybil Murray holds **Callahan Moore**.

Baylor Mason, 3, and her 4-year-old brother, **Hunter**.



Luke Whitt, 2, enjoys his cupcake.

Savannah Murray holds 9-month-old **Max Martinez**.



Travis and **Christiana Salley** and their children, **Solara**, 5, right; **Felicity**, 4, and **Elijah**, 3.



Santa with **Elliot Smith**, 6, and sister, **Lydia**, 5

CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Sponsored by Farragut Beautification Committee

Lining up early to visit Santa were hundreds of children, escorted by parents and grandparents, who attended Celebrate the Season in Farragut Town Hall Thursday evening, Dec. 7.

The annual event, sponsored by Farragut Beautification Committee, gave children a chance to have their photo taken with Santa, decorate cookies, make crafts and perform as part of Bearden United Methodist Church’s bell choir. Farragut High School Madrigal Singers also performed.



Allyson Lall and son, **Max**, 11 months, with Santa.



Addison O’Dell, 9, and **Colette O’Dell**, 7



Twins **Aria** and **Jay Brummerstedt**, 5, and **Charlotte Clanton**, 5



Rika Shinohara, 6, and sister, **Rena**, 4, with Santa

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead, Birthday Party for Jesus, and Tammy Cheek, Celebrate the Season

2017 Service to Humanity Award, Optimist Club of Knoxville, goes to six area honorees

Optimist Club of Knoxville 2017 Service to Humanity Award high school honorees, along with their parents and school officials, were recognized recently at the club's annual Youth Appreciation Week luncheon at The Foundry on the World's Fair Site in Knoxville.

Michelle He, Farragut High School; logged more than 200 volunteer hours with Knox County Public Library; volunteered 30 hours with Mu Alpha Theta tutoring students who struggle in math.

Matthew Goldstone, Hardin Valley Academy; organized and ran a dona-

tion drive for victims of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, raising more than \$1,000 in cash and item donations; volunteered at Knox Area Rescue Ministries homeless shelter.

Other area honorees: Sydney Craig, Bearden High School; Breanna Jeffries, Knoxville Catholic High

School; Cooper Jackson, Christian Academy of Knoxville, and Eliza-

beth Hethmon, Webb School of Knoxville.

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Keane named to All-South team



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Skylor Keane, Farragut High School senior soccer midfielder, has been selected for the 2017 United Soccer Coaches Fall Girls High School All-South Region Team. A Class AAA All-state honoree, Keane earned Region 2-AAA and District 3-AAA Player of the Year honors for the 2017 season. She also earned All-District honors each of her four seasons with the Lady Admirals.

Lady Ads snap streak

With fast start, juniors lead FHS past Bearden

KEN LAY

Correspondent

A fast start helped the Farragut High School girls basketball team snap a lengthy losing streak to its longtime rival.

The Lady Admirals darted out to a big lead, but had to hang on to outlast Bearden 61-58 before a spirited crowd in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium Friday night, Dec. 8.

Farragut opened a 13-3 advantage when junior Brooke Christian nailed a 3-pointer midway into the opening period. Sydney Chapman, another junior, had an old-fashioned three-point play a short time later to give FHS a 19-5 lead.

Christian, Chapman and Morgan Carbaugh are juniors and starters for Farragut (5-3 overall, 3-1 in District 4-AAA after the win) — but none of them had ever beaten Bearden until Friday night.

"I've never beaten them and this is just a great feeling," said Carbaugh, who scored a game-high 24 points (including 17 in the second half) and grabbed 12 rebounds.



Alan Sloan

Keayonna Bourne, Farragut senior guard, drives past Bearden senior guard Trinity Lee during this Lady Ads versus Lady Dawgs rivalry showdown Friday, Dec. 8, in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

"We've been waiting a long time for this game. We had a game plan and we executed it."

Christian scored 12 points. Chapman, who finished with eight, had a

late steal that led to her making two free throws, building the lead to 61-54 and all but putting the game out

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FMS hoops teams enjoy blowout wins at Halls

KEN LAY

Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — Farragut Middle School's Lady Admirals turned up the defensive pressure early, cruising to a 40-13 Knox County Middle School Basketball Conference victory over the Halls Lady Demons at HMS Friday afternoon, Dec. 8.

"I thought our defense came out early and really set the tone with its pressure," FMS girls head coach Susan Davidson said.

Meanwhile, a huge second-quarter run spelled victory for Farragut Middle School boys at Halls, 57-31. (More on boys later in story).

The Lady Admirals (10-1 overall, 5-1 in conference play starting the week), were led by Ashlynn

Sheridan's 10 points. Ace Strickland, the county's Most Valuable Player last season, scored eight points and grabbed eight rebounds. Haley Prince pulled down six rebounds. Ella McFerran scored four points and made six steals. Keeliegh Rogers finished the game with seven steals.

While the Halls girls dropped to 1-7, 1-5, the HMS boys fell to 0-8.

Farragut's boys (5-5, 3-3 after the win) made eight 3-pointers and had three players post double figures in scoring. Dillon Atwell led all scorers with 14 points. Isaiah Smith added 13 and Mason Collins finished with 11.

"It was a great day for us," FMS boys head coach Randy Swartzentruber said. "Our first group came in here and played really well in this environment."

KEN LAY

Correspondent

Bearden High School's boys basketball team kept its perfect record intact Friday night, Dec. 8. But Bulldogs head coach Jeremy Parrott was less than pleased.

"The fact that we're finding ways to win pleases me, but we've still got a long way to go," Parrott said after Bearden used a huge fourth quarter to pull away and earn a 76-53 District 4-AAA victory over rival Farragut before a near capacity crowd in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. "This is a great bunch of kids but we've got to start things better."

"Somewhere down the line, somebody's going to make us pay for these lackadaisical starts. When our backs are up against the wall, we play better for some reason," he added.

Bearden (12-0 overall, 4-0 in the district after winning) was led by guard Quez Glover with a

game-high 26 points. Trent Stephney added 16 for Bearden. Shamarcus Brown had 11. Pember scored seven. Roman Robinson and Justin Ketterl finished with six each.

The Bulldogs led throughout the game but never created much separation until the fourth quarter.

The Admirals (3-6, 1-3 after the loss) pulled to within 44-42 when Caleb Thompson hit a pair of free throws midway through the third stanza.

But the Bulldogs responded

with a 10-4 run to take a 54-46 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

"Our coach talked about intensity at halftime and we came out and we stepped it up," Brown said. "We've got to start out playing better defensively."

"I thought we played really well for about 36 minutes," Admirals head coach Jon Higgins said. "We played well for three quarters. But two or three times [throughout the game] we lost our minds a little bit."

"We turned the ball over and we made decisions that we don't usually make," he added.

Thompson led the Ads in scoring with 12. Chris Dalton added 11. Ethan Sherrill scored 10 and Tre Moreno had nine.



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State '3-peat' for FHS dance

Farragut High School dance team has won the program's third consecutive TSSAA state championship in Small Varsity Pom Division. Coach Adonia Adams' team took first place during TSSAA Dance Team State Championships in Murfreesboro Saturday, Nov. 11. Farragut also finished second statewide in Small Varsity Jazz. Team members, front row from left, are Grace Reed, Olivia Rice, Presley Packer (senior co-captain), Tatum Allen (senior captain), Mackenzie Wilcox and Taylor Gee. Back row, from left, are Hannah Kochanski, Brenna Bocik, Brooke Thayer, Shelby Elam, Lucy Watkins and Bridget Gibson. Not pictured are Adams and Tracy Moore, team sponsor.

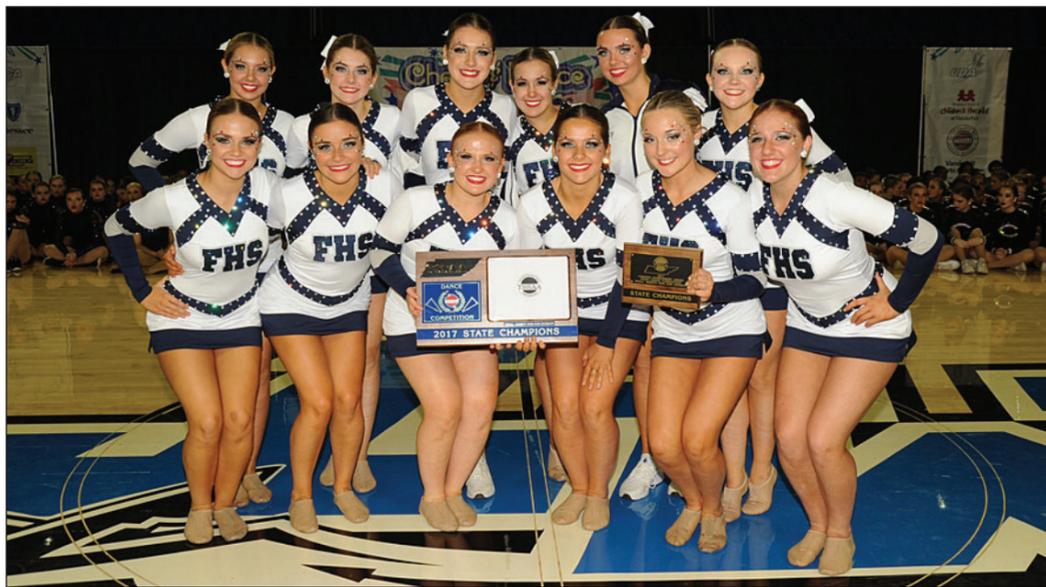


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Lady Ads win

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of reach with 27.2 seconds left. "This was a big win for us," Lady Admirals head coach Jason Mayfield said. "It was a big night for Morgan, Syd and Brooke because they've never experienced a Bearden win." Trinity Lee, senior guard, and Jakhiya Davis, sophomore post,

each scored 17 points each for the Lady Bulldogs (7-4, 1-3 after the loss). Annaka Hall added 10. "Farragut came out of the get-go and they wanted it really bad from the start of the game. ... They were more passionate, they played with greater effort," Bearden head coach Justin Underwood said. "... Hats off to Carbaugh, she had a fantastic game."



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AGENDA FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN December 14, 2017 **BEER BOARD** 6:55 PM **BMA MEETING** 7:00 PM **I. Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call II. Approval of Agenda III. Mayor's Report IV. Presentation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 V. Citizens Forum VI. Approval of Minutes A. November 9, 2017 B. November 20, 2017 VII. Ordinances A. Second Reading 1. Ordinance 17-16, Ordinance amending the Capital Investment Program budget of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget, passed by Ordinance 17-09 B. First Reading 1. Ordinance 17-07, an ordinance to rezone Parcel 44, Tax Map 152, located at 430 Virtue**

Road, 87.1 Acres, from A, R-2, and FPD to R-1/OSR and FPD (AKP Properties, Applicant) 2. Ordinance 17-18, an ordinance to correct an error in the zoning designation for the property at 12603 Evans Road to change the designation from R-1, Rural Residential, to A, Agricultural (Town of Farragut, Applicant) 3. Ordinance 17-19, Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article 6, Finance, Section 2-267, Depository for town funds, of the Farragut Municipal Code **VIII. Business Items A. Approval of updates to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual B. Approval of 2017-2018 Snow Removal Schedule & Road Additions C. Approval of Proposal from Fulghum, MacIndoe & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for Greenway Connection under Kingston Pike at North Fork of Turkey Creek. D. Approval of Proposal from Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Services for Virtue Road Improvements, from 2200 feet south of Broadwood Drive to 700 feet south of Kingston Pike. E. Approval of Contract for McFee Park Surveying Services F. Approval of Town of Farragut 2017 Strategic Plan **IX. Town Administrator's Report X. Town Attorney's Report****

AGENDA FARRAGUT BEER BOARD December 14, 2017 6:55 PM **I. Election of Officer A. Chairman B. Vice-Chairman C. Secretary II. Approval of Min-**

utes A. September 28, 2017 **III. Beer Permit Request A. Approval of a Class 1, On-Premise Beer Permit for Sakura Sushi & Hibachi, 11145 Kingston Pike**

AGENDA FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION December 21, 2017 7:00 p.m. Farragut Town Hall. For questions please e-mail Mark Shipley at mshipley@townoffarragut.org or Bart Hose at bhose@townoffarragut.org **1. Citizen Forum 2. Approval of agenda 3. Approval of minutes - November 16, 2017 4. Discussion and public hearing on a request for a variance from the distance between driveways requirements in the Driveways and Other Accessways Ordinance in association with a**

requested access onto Dixon Road for Parcel 001, Tax Map 161, 524 Dixon Road, 44.8 Acres, Zoned R-1 (Richard LeMay, Applicant) **5. Discussion and public hearing on a request for approval of a final plat for Chantilly Acres Unit 2, Parcels 18.01 and 18.02, Tax Map 162, 1006 McFee Road, 4.46 Acres, 7 Lots, Zoned R-2 (Land Development Solutions, Applicant) 6. Discussion on a site plan for Kingston Pike Farragut, Parcels 78.03, 79, 80, and 81, Tax Map 151, 13110 Kingston Pike, west intersection of S. Watt Road and Kingston Pike, 18.59 Acres, Zoned PCD, Planned Commercial Development (GBS Engineering, Applicant) 7. Review of Town of Farragut Strategic Plan**

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Love,
Daniel

But my lol-dolls battery and I well I don't think we will get a free house and a zip-line
Siapserle

Dear Santa, Before I tell you what I would like to have, pleaseeee tell me if your brother your not real

I LUV SANTA

Dear Santa,
Nov. 26, 2017
I am 8 years old I am the 2nd oldest brother in my family. I have been good. My elf Robben has been really nice for all the years. I like myself I am glad we got Robben. And I'm glad I have you Santa. I'm glad I celebrate Christmas because its my birthday. And that's a gift to celebrate my birthday. Gods was to die for us.
By Tristan Walker
To Santa

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from Madelyn

Dear Santa
This year I want a video game, guitar, and video so...

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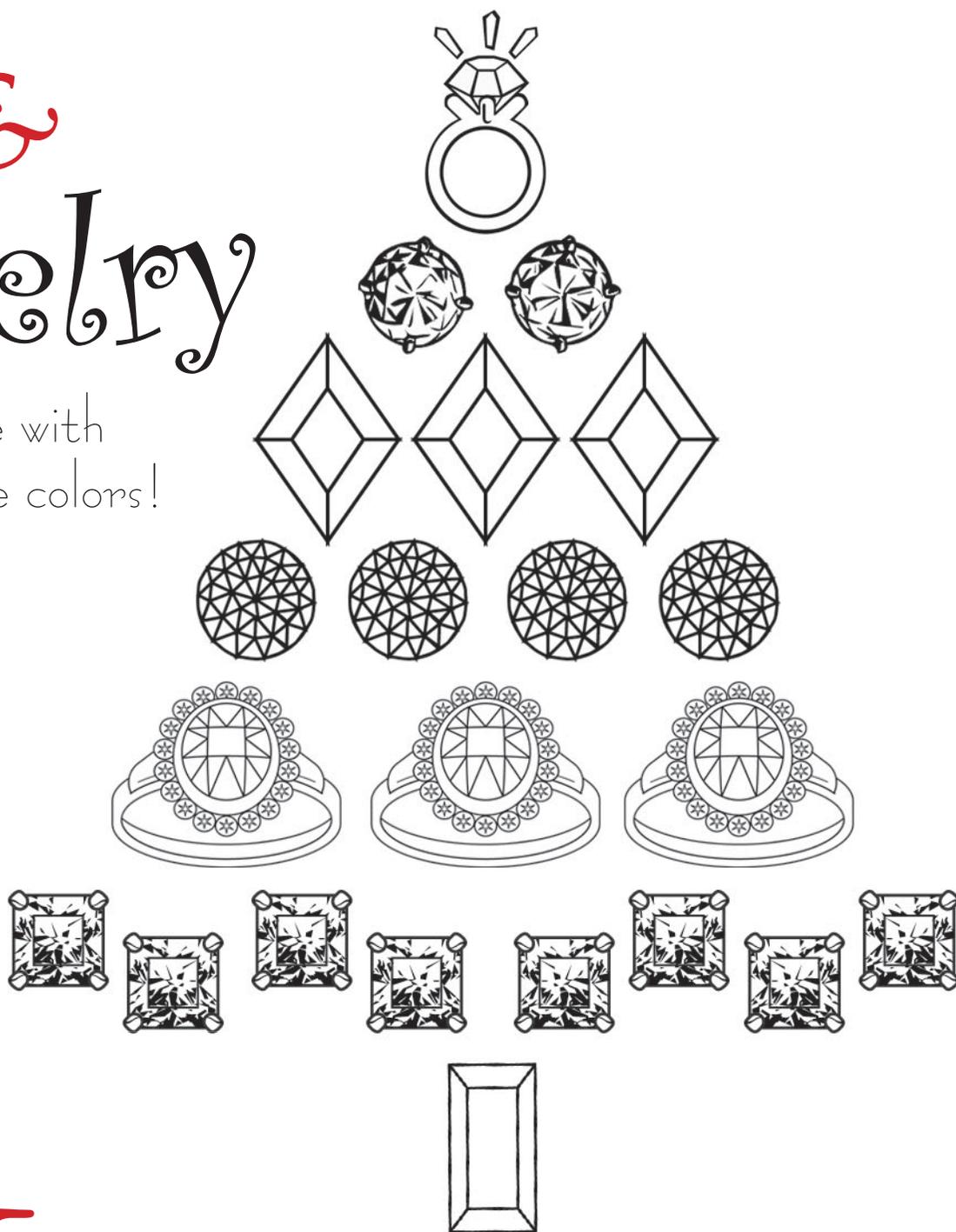
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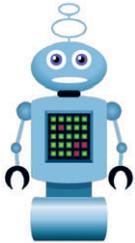
DEAR SANTA



LETTERS FROM FARRAGUT PRIMARY SCHOOL 2ND GRADE STUDENTS

DEAR SANTA,

Hi Santaclaus I hope you are ok. I hope you are ok. I hope you are ok. You are the best person of all. You are amazing. I had fun with you last year toys. Thank you for that and other things. I fell ok like you. I want a huge lego ninjago lego set and a robot you did not gave me.



Sincerely, Ahlaad Guddala

DEAR SANTA,

I'm seven years old and I live in Knoxville TN. I hope I'm on the nice list. For Christmas I can have anything but boy toys. I also don't want anyone mad.

Love, Abbie Liu

DEAR SANTA,

I am so excited for christmas I want an Alexa and bathbomes and I want a LoL and I want a squwicky.

Love, Abigail

DEAR SANTA,

I like to play with my brother and my sister. I like ice-cream and slushies my favorite ice-cream flaver is rainbow sherbet my slushy favorite flavers are blue rasberry and cherry. I like toys one toys I like are pokemon toys and cards and I also like stuffed animals.

Sincerely, Adael

DEAR SANTA,

you are a Hard worker because you have to go to more than 1000 house. By the way my elf steels spoones and gives us food. How do you read my

mind. I have to say you are very nice. I want a tablet and a lot of books.

Love, Adam

DEAR SANTA,

I like to play with my dogs, so I was thinking about you getting me another dog and more pets. I also want a ipad and more dolls and stuff. I also want alot of stuff. Like stuffed animals and I want a alarm clock.

That is what I want for Christmas from Santa.

Love, Addison



DEAR SANTA,

I can't wait for Christmas. What's your favorite kind of cookie? For Christmas I want a 3DS, puppy, kitty, gift cards and a tv. You are a hard worker because you have to go to over 1000 houses. The elf that you sent me is a hard worker and is a vary funny elf.

Love, Addy

DEAR SANTA,

I want to have all the carikters that are in the mowi P and theres directness to build the caricatures for crisis. I hope yore doing good.

sind Aiden

DEAR SANTA,

I am seven years old and I am on the nice list. I am sometimes nice and sometimes naughty. I want for Christmas a diary. I also want for Christmas a figit cube and a heart purse from Tommy Hilfiger. Are your reindeer sick?



Love, Alanna Hooper

DEAR SANTA,

I want a iphone I want another iphone for my dad. And a hoverboard. Merry Christmas santa

Love, Alex

DEAR SANTA,

for this Christmas this year I would like. Dr bike four wheeler molken coler car xbox 360 palystation. Intwindo swith. I dezer 3 pecac of col for figting my brother and talcking back to my mom and dad. I will good next Christmas and some good days like let my siter pick a game and all other times

Your friend Alexavier.

DEAR SANTA,

I would like for Christmas a tadlet 2 Bente braselet a new centrollor a Mincraft lego set, and for me tell thoughts elfs of yours thank you for Malseing thoughts gifts. An can you give me more gifts please?

Merry Christmas Love, Ally

DEAR SANTA,

I want fo Christmas presents pokemon stuffed animal. And a elf on shelf. And a puppy Merry Christmas.

Love, Alyssa



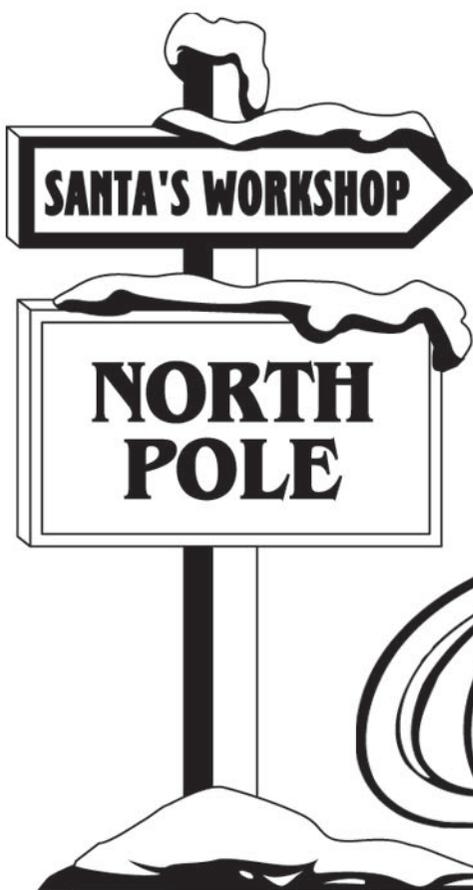
DEAR SANTA,

I lik to play with baby dolls in my room and my favered food is CANDY and wigs. And I like to play with Libby, Addison and Sophie. And I wunt a bunny and a taecup dog, MY OWN PHONE.

Love, Amilya

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DEAR SANTA,

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Sincerely,
Andrew Watts

DEAR SANTA,

I'm 8 I have a little brother named parker. I want some Barbie makeup and some shop kin to play with. I want a Amarcan girl doll. I want a gum ball mushing. and I want a big teddy bear.

Love, Anna Katelyn

DEAR SANTA,

for Christmas I would like a xboxone, a Nintendo switch, 2 nerf robots I think I deserve them because I've been very good and I maybe be a little bad.

Your friend,
Archer and 12 switch.

DEAR SANTA,

Hellow my name is Ariana. I hope you have a great day. I love barbisa a lot and babies even when they are real. I want a real baby sister and a baby brother. I also want a hatchamol and more of the hatchamol eggs and some stuff for my Aarcin girl doll to.



Love, Ariana Mendoza

DEAR SANTA,

I lik blue and pink and purple. I have blue eyes. I have a blue shirt. I have black pants. I have brown hir. I hope you have a good day. I hope you are having a fun day. I have blue panst. I have shers. I have tous and a xdox and food. I have rbloks and candy and I have a tv. I hve a room and a ded. I

have a blue shirt and a purple shirt and a yellow shirt. I have a xdox. I hope you have a good day Santa. Can I have a hachamall and a creamro and poke mon cards.

Sincerely, Ariel Smith

DEAR SANTA,

Hi, my name is Asher. I am 7 years old. I wold like a drone, a glove and cloths. I have ben realy good this year. Have a happy Christmas!

Love, Asher L Morrell

DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Ashlyn. For Christmas I want a monster High dall and a new waterbatll. But what I really want a monster High dall set. Can you get me one of those sets. Christmas is the best Halladey ever. I love santa.

Love, Ashlyn Clancy

DEAR SANTA,

I can't wait for Christmas to come! For Christmas I want overalls and a hatchamols, snow snow snow! Tell your elves thank you for making all the toys. Don't worry we'll have cookies and chocolate milk for you. I miss you Merry Christmas Santa!



Love, Aubree

DEAR SANTA,

I wish for a dirt bike please please and I want a real dog and a wiill and a xbox, And bike and a TV and a Jake Paul merch. and YeYe merch and a computer lab and soccer shoe and a soccer shirt. and a real jake paul backpack.

Love Augustin

DEAR SANTA,

I want a soft shell turtle and a stuffed animall and for you giving me all these things I am going to leave you some kookies and milk. Thank you santa.

Love, Autumn

DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for presents and gifts. And I love elves. I want a puppie. I'm going to give you cookies.

Love, Ava

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Love, Basti

DEAR SANTA,

how are you. I can't wait for Christmas. I love getting presents. Can you tell Ernie to come on my moms birthday and put up the decorashins. I want a ipad for Chritmas. I also want a 100 doller bill. Is it fa going to houses.

Love, Benton

DEAR SANTA,

Santa I want Legos Jump rope Candy Games Books From Blair T.



DEAR SANTA,

I am 8 yers old. I hope I am on the nice list. For Crismas I would like a stuftanimle that is a rine dear. Also a real life pet munkey. How long is you're nice and notey list? What is you're favrite list. I bet it is the nice list.

love: Blake Gallups

DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Brianna and I am seven years old and I would like a lol suprie dolls, a fake car that can move. I would like a hachomales. I hope you have a very happy Christmas ho ho ho.

Love, Brianna Rodriguez (7)

DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Brody Kulisek I am seven years old. This Christmas I want the video game game Marvel superhero 2. Or a goll I want a Nintendoswitch. Thank you so much Santa bi Merry Christmas ho ho.

Love, Brody Kulisek

DEAR SANTA,

I want a hat weles toy and I want a nerf guns. And I want Transformers also I want a drone.

Love, Cade

DEAR SANTA,

I wish I can have a toy car to ride for my sister. Oh and I wish I can have a flute it's my faverite music! I'm exsided

for Christmas it's my favrite hoiliday. I got a new home I don't know you can make it but you will make it. Oh I forgot I have a note for you in my play room! Oh I forgot I still LOVE you. I want a robot too.

Love, Camila



DEAR SANTA,

I have been veary good this year! Please bring me

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 - 2. Hot Wheels
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Carter M.

DEAR SANTA,

I want a justist shert flip. I want a huverbord. I want a hachamoal, bird. I want a lex. I want

Love, Celyna

DEAR SANTA,

Pleas!!!!!! Can I have a go-cart pleas!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Christian

DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for all the presents for last year. This year I would like to give this year. Santa this year I'm going to leve you cookies and carrots for the reindeer. This year for Christmas I would like a phone. I've been good this year. I hope you have a great Christmas

Love, Cobi



DEAR SANTA,

Hello my name is colt. I want a rc boat for Christmas. Next I want a phone for Christmas. Then I want a Nintendo switch for Christmas. Can I have a xbox for Christmas santa. Finally can I have a gopro. Merry Christmas santa

Love, Colt Brooker



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Sincerely Connor Morris

DEAR SANTA,

There are many things i want to tell you santa. This is some facts about me santa my favret coler is blue and this is anther fact about me I have 2 siters santa. This what I want from you a nutedoe and mareeeeeadse. thank you for reading my letter santa.
from connor

DEAR SANTA,

For christmas this year I would like another doll house, in the doll house their is a lot of fernecher. I also want a dek of cards. I wish for a nintindo swich and a laptop. I also want a nerf gun, a trampoline, and another snowglobe. I derve them because I helped my sister.
Your friend Crimson



DEAR SANTA,

Hi Santa I am Cristian. I like pokemon and I wot to get a romot car and a box of Logos and a toy can the toy will by a car.

DEAR SANTA,

I love being kind. I hope you mak somr for everybody. Chirisma is my favorite halladay. I have a Chirisma list at home. I hope you don't get sick. I say Sary to everybody I hurt. So I am a good kid, like athur kids. I also what everybudy in the U.S.A. to be safe and kind.

Love, Daniel

DEAR SANTA,

Hello I am Daniel. I will tell you about myself. First when I was a baby I went to George Washington D.C. That is what

I know when I was a Baby. Also I want a robot.

Sincerely, Daniel Noh

DEAR SANTA,

I my addsid fur you to come to my home and give me a Pokemon codrl and i wunt a Nintendo swieh and i

I want a Pokemon ultra sun and moon and i wunt a xbox tea and a EDS and a DS.

Love, Dylan

DEAR SANTA,

I am 7 years old and I believe in you. I been good and I hope I'm on the nice list. For Christmas I would like ROBLOX noob and iny ROBLOX toy you want to give me but the girls. I also wunt five nights at freddy's action figures.

Love, Eli Booher

DEAR SANTA,

I hope you have a great year. You are so nice. You give kids prizzents. Tell your elfs thank you for prizents. I want a play stionshon.

Sincerely, love
Eli Raby

DEAR SANTA,

for Christmas I want a chocholet founten, balloons, a trampoline, a bike, a ginger bread house

Elisa

DEAR SANTA,

Christmas is a veary busy holloday an I hope you like cookies and milk because we will give you some. An this Christmas I olny really want a electric train an a bike alr. An the rest can be spris. An I hope you can sleep well when you go bake to the norethpolle. An ase always have a merry Christmas!!

Love, Eric Bukovitz 12121

DEAR SANTA,

Hi my name is Finlee. I've been very good this year, so can you please bring me a Hoverboard Nintendoswitch, Nanea Mitchell the American Girl, All fo the AG Doll Books.

Thank you.

Your friend, Finlee O., Age 8

DEAR SANTA,

For christmas this year I would like new games, and a pet and a little bit of col for not listening to my mom and dad and one time I helped my brother

how to swing your friend Francesco

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas this year I would like a doll that you can put earing and earphones and a shopkinplan. One big pack of numnums. 1 glow in the darck num nums. And golden slim. For the earphones is because one day I helped my mom to clen the flore. bad day was because I did not clean my room one cole I dezerf.

Your friend, Frida

DEAR SANTA,

My name is Garrett I have 2 dogs 1 at my mom's 1 at my dad's. My mom and dad is great at art my mom is better at math. I'm good at math my dad says and my mom says to I have my list also my dad is better at art. All I want for Christmas is my 2 front teeth.

Love, Garrett

DEAR SANTA,

Hello my name is Gavin. I would like this for Christmas. I would like a Irondome set and dreter crenic inoir shutl and poe domrin's blue xwing. But the most one that I want is Battlefront. I have been very good. I hope you have good brake.

Love,
Gavin Soffles

DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Grace I am seven years old. I wedd like to get a ultimate pfeurn maker, Singing Elsa Burbe, and what I want most is a barbe camper van. I have been very good. Have a merry Christmas.

Love, Grace Heal

DEAR SANTA,

for cristmas i want finger rings. I want a purple finger ring. I want the teal one two. a finger ring is a monkey that goes on your finger. Merry chrimes santa. I have been very nice. love Gracee



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Love, Hadley

DEAR SANTA,
I would like a baby alive for christmas and some bitty baby stuff. And an american girl hotel set. And a giant bear. And a American girl spa set. And posably another boy barbie.
love hanna

DEAR SANTA,
I am happy that you are coming for Christmas. I want a new dog for Christmas. And a new American girl doll. Christmas is awesome and fun. I want a alexa really bad. And I want some more books. I hope you get this letter.
Love, Harper

DEAR SANTA,
I want a new cool Nerfgun. I want a Alvin Kamara gerses. And a Atmeoy brown green. And Levon, bell gerses. Then I want a Jasdads gerses. And a lot of football cards.
Love, Hayes

DEAR SANTA,
Hellow I am Henry do you want to know about me well my adatude: I am normaly just relaxing chowing down watching tv. my actions: funny telling jokes all the time. oh and also I want a new sister and no school and a fave a x-box Please and you rock.
Your friend Henry

DEAR SANTA,
Hi! I'm Hunter I love sports. I like to play outside, play video games and here's some things I want for my Christmas, Tennessee fidgit spinner a Saints "Alvin Kamara jersy number 41, i tunes gift cards and big black big joe for me and my brother Hank to share when we play the Wii and xbox 1.
Censearly, Hunter

DEAR SANTA,
Santa you are happy and nice. He is not mean. I want a brather a pet spider



and a new tablet. I sometimes listen and help open doors. I have good Love, Isaac

DEAR SANTA,
May I please have a Hot hoops game!
Isaac E
I Luv Santa

DEAR SANTA,
Hello I hope you are doing well and when you come I will leave a plate woule of cookies. I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope the rain dear are doing good espeshaly roodof. I hope you bring lots of kids joy. I hope youou've ben good this year and not noty. Can you give me a fue presents. I hope you and Miss Close



haven't caten in argoument. I do not want you to get really cold and stay warm. On Christmas nite I'm going to sneak down stairs and see you and give you a big hug.
Yours Sincerely
Isabella Ashly Jones

DEAR SANTA,
This is a letter for ou in case you don't get my letter. I want cozmo-nightmire chca-goosebumps slappy world attack of the Jack don't forget to thank your elfs for all the hard work thave don. So have a very very Merery Christmas. Oh and feed your reindeer.
Love, Jack B

DEAR SANTA,
I am 7 years old I really like LEGOs. My name is Jack. I want Groerry gang careicters for crissmas. I also want bifferent LEGOs. Old sanet nick are your elvs being good or bad? I also want to now are your Rainbeer be having?
Hope you have a marry crissmissi.
Love Jack Peterson
To Stanta



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Public Skate
4P - 5:30P

Public Skate
Skate with Santa
7:30P - 9P

Saturday, Dec. 23

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
4P - 5:30P

Public Skate
7:30P - 9P

Sunday, Dec. 24

Public Skate
12:30P - 3P

Christmas Eve

Monday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day
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Tuesday, Dec. 26

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
4P - 5:30P

Public Skate
7:30P - 9P

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
4P - 5:30P

Public Skate
7:30P - 9P

Thursday, Dec. 28

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
3:30P - 5P

Friday, Dec. 29

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
4P - 5:30P

Saturday, Dec. 30

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
4P - 5:30P

Public Skate
7:30P - 9P

Sunday, Dec. 31

Public Skate
2:30P - 5P



Monday, Jan. 1

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
4P - 5:30P

Public Skate
7:30P - 9P

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
4P - 5:30P

Public Skate
7:30P - 9P

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
7:30P - 9P

Thursday, Jan. 4

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
7:30P - 9P

Friday, Jan. 5

Public Skate
11:30A - 1P

Public Skate
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Saturday, Jan. 6

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DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas this year I would like a Nerf guns, Rc boat, Rc, car, Drone a lot of lego sets, a pack of twizlerz as big as me. Xbox 1'x. I should get presents because I was nice to my sisters some days and I was rood to them other days
Your friend, Jack

DEAR SANTA,

I really like to make crafes and I like to Draw and think you for giving me lots of presens this year I want presens agein. And this is what for Chirismas I want a Americin girl Doll and whith a lot of oficseserys even erings. And I want a rodot boy. And I wnt a Amearican girl boy. And I want new skats. And I want a new real puppy but it has to be real.



Love, Jade

DEAR SANTA,

For christmas this year I would like Thomas is Supre Sashun chre jr chest two cars I was good evry Day I helpet my Dad with careing some rocks and

the wheel berl.

Your Friend Jax

DEAR SANTA,

for Christmas I would like a new bed. I just moved to Knoxville and really want a new bed for my new room it would look good in there.
Sincerely, Katherine C

DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for giving me so many presents. For Christmas I would like a puppy dog and lol dolls. You are soo nice. When I get my presents I feel happy tell my elf I said hi. I've been nice so far. I helped my mom this morning. Merry Christmas!
Love, Katherine. B

DEAR SANTA,

I like to play with my dog and my grandmothers cat and my favrit coler is pink and im 8 years old. I just movd from verchiny beach 2 mons ago here are some things I would like for crimas 1st a new shert for my amarokin girl doll and a new shert that is pink.
Love: Katie

DEAR SANTA,

Hellow my name is Kennedy. I

I want a Silicene babby doll, Candy, Books, Calico critters, but what I really want is a Diary of a Wimpy Kid on 2. Something. Have a good Christmas Santa.

Love, Kennedy Quisenberry

DEAR SANTA,

Hi. I hope you had a good year. I have one queshton. Do you ever get preasant? I hope you do get preasants. Have you had any visters? My favrot toy is Hatchamils.



I have two brothers, Mason and Cooper. They are both really nice. Cooper is cuter, Mason is creative. I'd really like some coloring books. What are some elf names. If one was actually named Elfis that would be funny. Does your family visit you on the holadys? Do you ever leave the North pole? Not to be mean but, how old are you? I might also like a life time supply of bubbles. I also would like a big thing of crayons.

Love,
Kensie Thomas

DEAR SANTA,

This year I would like some chubby puppies, a hacthomal, and craons. I tried my best like when I helped my mom clean the kicten. Some days I got in a fight with my sisters. Other days we got along like when we have sleep overs. Sometimes my sister meses up my room and I get mad.
your friend kenzie

DEAR SANTA,

I want a Lego Star Wars set. I want a Lego set because I like Legos. I want a Lego.man
Love Keygan

DEAR SANTA,

I want clothes, LOL dolls, squshes, lipe glose and trail mix for your rain deer and many. Also a dog. I want to see you again. Thank you!
Kiersten

DEAR SANTA,

Can I get a toy for my cats and dogs? Merry Christmas! Can I have a barbie camper? Thank you! Can I get

a pack of nerds? I want a barbie.
Kinzey

DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Kyndall Mays. And one of the Stuff that I whant is a phone case my has been taring a part. I really whont headfons. And sume felter for my camru. I whont the twin hachmul thank you, And have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Kyndall Mays

DEAR SANTA,

I am so excited for Christmas. This year I want bath bombs, a horse, hoverboard, a dog, computer, kittens, LOL, squshey, alexa, clothes, American girl doll, American girl doll clothes, Cristmas pajamas, shoes, paris wallpaper and money!

Love, Lakyn

DEAR SANTA,

for cristmas this year I would like 5 pillows. I think I deserve it cause I helped my brother work. One day I was good cause I made my brother laugh. Another time I was bad cause my brother and I got into a fight. One time I helped my brother learn to play football and how to catch.

Your friend Landon.

DEAR SANTA,

Merry Christmas! For Christmas this year I want tow horses, a new house in the country but not far from my family, I would also like a picture of Rudolf. And I would like a puppy. And I would like you to tell my elf and reindeer thank you/ and I want a computer that's what I want for Chrismas and thank you.



Love, Laurie Kate

DEAR SANTA,

I have been wanting a dog ever sense I moved to Knocksvill. I mis my dogs in Nashvill. And I wood love to have a fullweler for HeaHeas house so Nichlos.

Layton

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DEAR SANTA,
for crismass I want to have a LOL if you know what that is and a alexa and a overboard and I also want bathboms if you know what that is to. I also want a new Amaican girl doll to and I want maching close with my Amaican girl doll. And I also want a squshy if you know what that is to.

Love, Leana

DEAR SANTA,

I am 8 years old. I sill believe you. Do you have a big moustacash? I hope I'm in the good list. In Christmas I want a new ipad.

Love, Lesly

DEAR SANTA,

I like to play with my dolls in my room when I get home from school.

When I am at home I like to play with my older sisters so I want something that will keep me busy when I don't have anyone to play with like my sister. I want the pet vet for me and my sister to share.

Love, Libby



DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Lincoln. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want a Hexby Nano Space cosmic command set sooo bad. I hope after Christmas you get a great veacation!

Love, Lincoln Hardman

DEAR SANTA,

May I have some lego sets for Christmas santa. Also thank you for my toy last year. I will always leave you Milk and cookies. Merry Christmas santa!

Love, Logan

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas this year I would like a LoL doll and i would like is a books and a dire and a stufamall i dsrv it beases i listen to my mom. and fish.

Your friend, Lorena.

DEAR SANTA,

For Chrimas I want a lot of stuff. Like Nerf guns, Army guys and toy guns but most of all soccer toys!!! and soccer books and a Brother. And a new soccer goal. And I want a lot

of presants. Santa I have been good very very good and I want a xbox for Chrimas.

Love, Lukas

DEAR SANTA,

Hello I like it when you bring presents for Christmas. I liked seeing you in pre-k. You are the best.

You have nice elves. You have the best presents. I like your raindeer. Christmas is the best holaday. My dog really likes it when you bring him dog bones and toys. My brother likes it when you bring him dino toys. My dad likes the hand and feet cream. My mom wishes she could have slippers with puffy balls like mine. By Santa.

Sincerely

Macy Shallenberger

DEAR SANTA,

for Christmas this year I would like some nreFe guns and a new Bike and a r.c.chaleger. I theank i bsrv tem because I'v been note ivchrid to de good a littl bit.

Yor frend Macyn.

DEAR SANTA,

I am 7 years old and I am the oldest in my family. I was very good this year. For Christmas I would like a horse. And I want the world to be happy, safe, and no fighting, and everyone to have what they need and the babys and kids to be loved right.

Madeleine Wilson

DEAR SANTA,

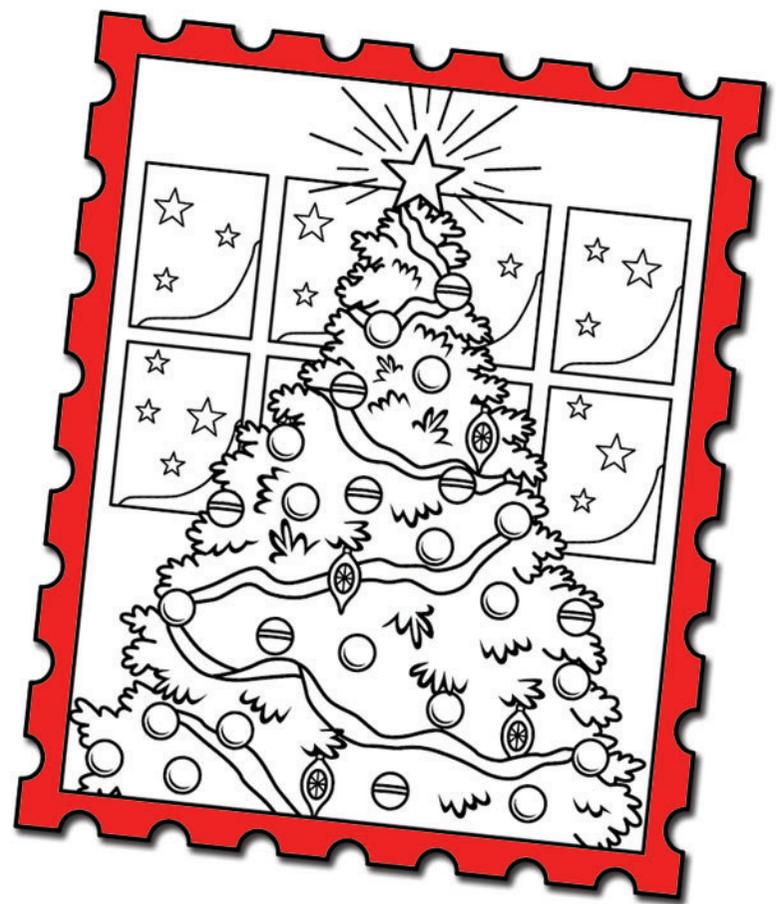
What a want for Christmas is a desktop easel with paint brushes and paint please. I also wan to loos my front tooth so I can say all I want for Christmas is my two front teeth my two front teeth oh my two front teth. I hope one of my wishes will come true.

From Madelyn

DEAR SANTA,

I am Madison. For christmas I want Barbies. am I going to Be on the good List. My Brother to Be nice. and My little Brother be kind.

Love, Madison Cade



DEAR SANTA,

I am thankful that you give present to people. My wish is that I want you to give everyday a happy Christmas. I want Mrs Edward's and the class to have a happy Chistmars.

Love Makenzie

DEAR SANTA,

Hello, I hope you like cookies. I got you sum. I am a good stunt. I like school. I want a Robot pupy and a scoter and a Hachumol for Crissmiss.

Sincerely Mary lee Bishop

DEAR SANTA,

I what pokemon cards, stuff animals and lagose.

Love, Matthew

DEAR SANTA,

Hello I hope you make it to my house. I will have a lot of cookys. You are veary nice to the kids. For crismos I wawld like or an exbox I.

Love, Matthew Bolme

DEAR SANTA,

Thank you fr the things you got

me last year. I want to get a bike and a hole pack of all the Goosebumps books and the Hall of Horrors and normal Goosebumps and Horrorland and Slappy worlds and the most wanted and Goosebumps wanted the haunted mask. And Merry Christmas!

Love, May



DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Meredith. For Christmas I want a pop figure and since you always watch me you know what movies I like. Don't give me Clawdeen Wolf because I already have her (Sorry if I spelled Clawdeen wrong.) Can you get me that paint set I saw on TV? Please get me all the Diary of a Wimpy kid books that I haven't read. Please get me the Big Nate Books I haven't read. Have a very merry Christmas.

Love, Meredith Flood

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DEAR SANTA,

Hello My name is Michael I an 7 years old. I would like to get Legos or Ar my men for Christmas. I hope you have a very good Christmas.

Love, Michael callahan

DEAR SANTA,

I'm 7 years old abot 8 and I believe in you. My Birthday is November 27 it is coming soon. What I what for Christmas is earrings. I also what a new warterbalt too.

Love, Michelle Galbraith

DEAR SANTA,

My name is Miles Reed Bryant, parents Marcus and Courtney bryant, and I am moving to Orlando, Florida but we will not live in are real house until about thirty days after we move we will live in a rental house these are some things I would like for cristmas

1. a miniture dirt bike
2. Zooma from paw patrol
3. a really fast drone
4. a really fast r.c. car
5. I want an I phone 8 the most.

And after all you are so cool.

Last but not least I would like to fly like you cause you are so cool.

Love, Miles to santa

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas year I would like a barbie dream house and a kid car that looks like my dads car. I dezerve it because I try my best and never stop, but I mite need some cole because bad a fue times. I'm Sorry.

Your Friend Molly.

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas this year I would like a smart watch and a note book. I tried my best to not fight with my sister. One I was good because I help my sister with her homework. Another day me and my sister got in a fight.

Your friend, Natalee

DEAR SANTA,

I'd like no cooking utencels, a scooder, Nentendo Switch, and suprizes. I also have a suprize for Clureese.

Love, Natalie

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas I want thick yarn, two needles, more yarn, India cloats and

some dose Mery Christmas!

Love, Nisha

DEAR SANTA,

If I was good this year I want a box of 1,000 rubber bands please, And I want sparkles, not sparkleys, and paterns, Thank you. May I also get a phone.

Love Olivia

DEAR SANTA,

I love you. For christmas this year I would like a LOL spris doll, Lap top, Xbox 360, play stashon, kol in my stoking. Maby ! pes of kol because I Have been mean to my sisster this year. pleas forgive me I did not men to. Rimiber 1 Pice of kol.

your friend, olivia

DEAR SANTA,

I hope you have a great Season this year. Am I beaing a good girl? Yes or no? I'm trying to. Is thar a bathroom in the Northpole? I hope Pixy dos not draw a mushdass on me. Do you have Ten Kinds of elfs? I would like a lot of toys please. Does Dancer pasgas?

Love, Olivia

DEAR SANTA,

I wun a xbox and a Nintendo switch and a game cod a Pomekmon ultra snu and a puddep Dag. I weunt a xdox2 and I weunt a game cad collboowe2 and a 3ds and a game cad pokemon ultra moon and a game cad super mario ddesey and a 100 boker.

Love, Payton

DEAR SANTA,

I am 8 years old. How many years old are you. Will anyways I want a new figet spinner for Christmas. I also want a hoverboard.

Love, Quinn Campbell

DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Raeanne, I would like to have a weley wisher and a make your own prfyam set. I only get two things this Christmas I hope you bown't have that much work.

Love, Raeanne Ellsworth

DEAR SANTA,

I want a mindstorms set for

and a stuffed animal and I want it to be a deer mainly because your ride in a sleigh and I also want it toe be a deer because I was born in CANADA and one of the animals that presents a deer

Love, Rafferty

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas this year I would like a Bay Blad set and somo's Hot wheels drak and a Havard ord and a fore wheeler because I was good most of the year the other not some Gum will You forgiv me

Your friend, Riley

DEAR SANTA,

I am seven years old and I have a dog. I am very good this year. For christmas I want fun toys like Amican girl doll. I want other things too. Which list am I on? Do I get a early presnt? Do you know what I want? I hope you do. I hope you have a good day. And Merry christmas. You are very good.

P.S. How long is your beard?

Love, Rosa Heroux.

DEAR SANTA,

Can a please get a Goosebumps book Santa they are the best to me. I love Christmas because it is a fun time with family and friends. Hope you make Christmas the best Santa.

Love, Ryder

DEAR SANTA,

Hi, my name is Savannah. I am 7 years old. This Christmas I want lol surprise dolls, Shopkins, 5 microphones, a bike and a fit bit. I don't care what I get. If it is ok I can get 1 thing I hope you get a long vacation!

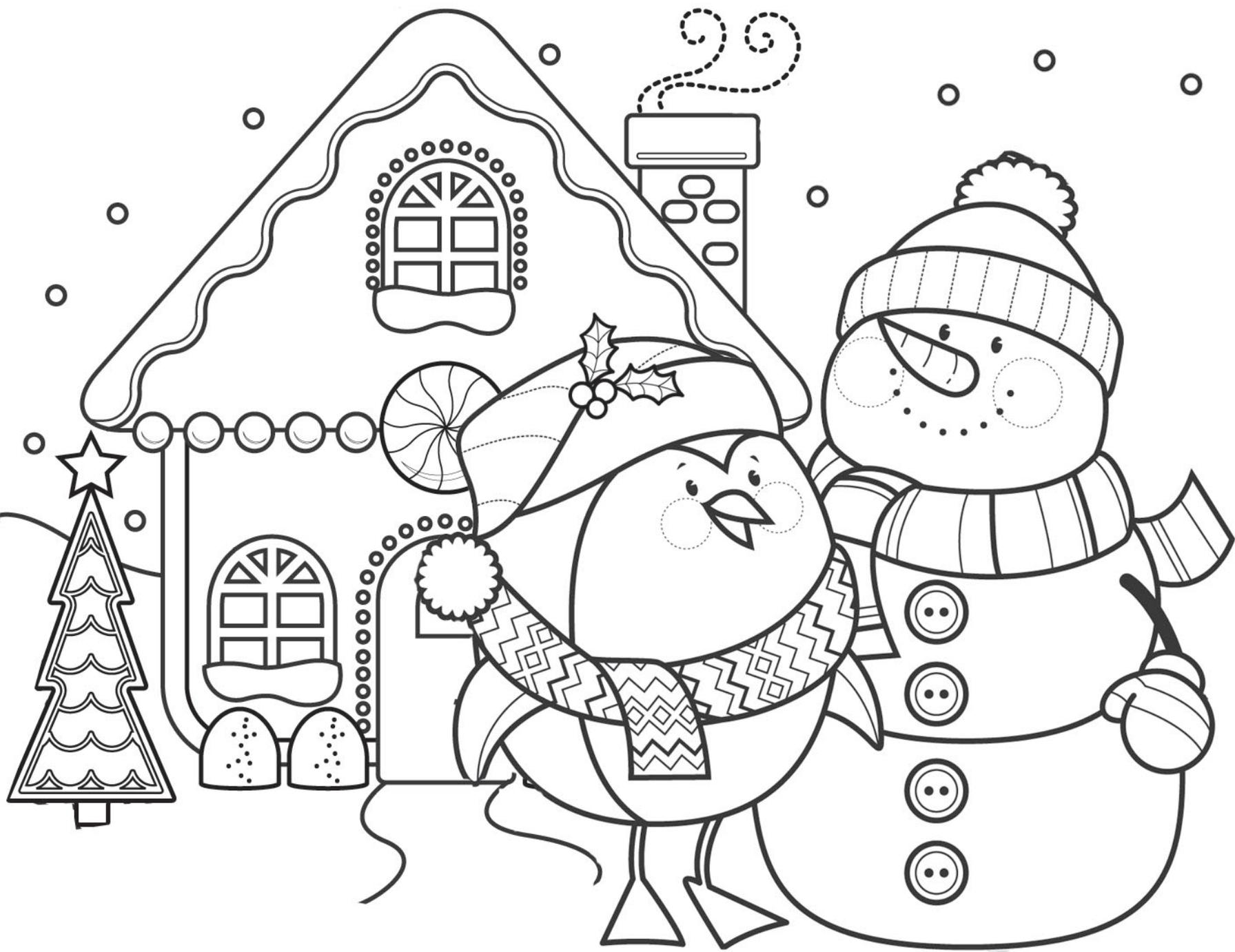
Love, Savannah White

DEAR SANTA,

Hiye. My name is Shyann Lad I hope you are having a great Christmas cgeer sezin I have been OK on behavyour but it can be workgh on. I want a 6 pack of LOL serprise dols. And shopcins bliinkt for my bgh. I also want shopcins sun glases to war out side. I waet an ifon five and a shapken



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cases for it. It's OK if you say no to all of this.

I love you, Shyann Ladd

DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Skyler do you think I have been good enough to have presents this year. If I have I would like an amibo, a pokemon lego set I hope you have a good Christmas Love, Skyler Meade

DEAR SANTA,

I am 7 years old and I have 2 sisters and 1 pet but, our pet is sick and it has teeth problems. Can I have a lizard for the oldest sister and a good chew toy for my pet and internet for the down stairs so my sister can play her computer? Love, Sonya



DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas this year I would like amaracen girl doll and a play set please.Can I please have them because I helped my mom yesterday and the day after that I lost electronets. I will be good this year promes. your frend Sophia

DEAR SANTA,

I m 7 years old I have a golden retriever. I saw you in Servill in a facke slay. I think that was one of your elves spoling he facke slay. I whant two boxes full of tiny legos. I also want three Amaracan girl dolls. I also want Legos firenands cits. Love, Sophie

DEAR SANTA,

Hello, my name is Soren. I am 7 years old. I have been very good for Christmas I want a remote controlled car. Have a very good Christmas. Love, Soren Estenson

DEAR SANTA,

I would love to have five more elite WWE toys thank you! Steve neo

DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for the present in last year! Next, I think I will wish for a book because I love to sience so, I can be

a science for. I grew up and I will give you a cookie and milk for Thank you and Marry Christmas!

Love, Suzuna

DEAR SANTA,

I am exsided for christmas and for you to come to our haose because very year you give us good presents because you are the best in the ol intir world and I am so icsided to get present from you you are the best in the world.

Love, Sydney

DEAR SANTA,

Before I tel you what I would like to have, Pleeeeeeeese tell me if your real. Because I think your real, but my brother says your not real.

Pu answer here _____.

Now for Christmas I would like a Hoverboard, a cool hat and a little science lab and coat. I did some bad so some coal, oh, and a xbox one's controller.

Your friend, Syed G.

DEAR SANTA,

I like to play and my sisters and I are really super-duper wanting a tree-house and maybe a zip-line. I cannot wait until Christmas! But my lil sister wants LoL-dolls but my big sister and I well I don't think we will get a tree house and a zip-line.

Signserle, Tatum

DEAR SANTA,

I am 8 years old, I am the 2nd oldest brother in my family. I have been good. My elf Robben has been really nice for all the years. I like my elf I am glad we got Robben. And I'm glad I have you Santa. I'm glad I celebrate Christmas because its Gods birthday. And thats are gift to celebrate Gods birthday. Gods was to die for us.

By, Tristan Walker

To, Santa



DEAR SANTA,

I want a snowboard pack of baseball cards. That is all I want for Christmas thank you.

Love, Ty



DEAR SANTA,

Hi how have you been. I hope you deliver all the presents to the kids. How has it been all dy you

sell well you have your elfs. This is what I want the Nerf Prosishe Strike set. I also want a Laser Tag set. Also a Nerf tank.

Sincerely Vadir Cortez

DEAR SANTA,

I am seven in a half years old. I'm living in Knoxville Tennessee. I hope I could be on the good list since I was good. I would like a Barbie doll. I also would want a lego. I would want a paintset with a paintbrush and a blank notebook to paint on. Last, I would like markers.

From Vilina Patnaik

DEAR SANTA,

It is me Vivian Tune. Haw are you? This Christmas I would like a real phone. I would also like an stuff animal with cloths please. And a big Hatchimals. And thank you for giving presents to the girls and boys. I love Christmas I decorated my room.

Love, Vivia Tune

DEAR SANTA,

Hi, My name is Vivian1. I'm 7 years old. Instead of getting a big bone for comet. Can you get a toy? Can you get me lots of candy canes? Have a merry Christmas

Love, Vivian Abbott

DEAR SANTA,

May I please have a drone and a big pokemon lego set. For Dad, Oh if you can get my dad a new car it would be grate

Love Weston. E.

DEAR SANTA,

I don't know if you are real. I am eight. I want a surivre book. I want five packs of rocks and a sleng shot. I hope you have a merry cristmas.

Love Willam Sherrod

DEAR SANTA,

I want for xmas
1. nom noms
2. Shopkinus
3. Doll house and dolls
4. webolle bouble

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on page 25

5. Jackit and hot and sock
 6. tent
 7. Amarca girl doll
 8. phon
 9. nail palish
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 11. ipab
- Yaratzy

DEAR SANTA,

I want all the legos there is in the world. I hope I am in the nice list. And I am 7 years old. And I want every thing that involves Minecraft in it. And I want all the Nerf guns. And I want all the boy toys. Thank you.
Love, Zain Juma

DEAR SANTA,

for christmas this year i would like a video game, gum, elf, 5\$, video game controler so me my sister and my brothe can play, sunflower seeds. I would like a remote control car, and a drone. I think I've been good because I leet my friend pick the game and sum time we had fun reseling on my friends tramlapen and we went easy on each other it was fun. One day me and my brothe tony got in an argument.

DEAR SANTA,

for christmas this year I would like litte facke dog. I would like a mosterhi. I would like pink huverbard and one

pes ov koll. Becaues I was meen to my brutr. I deverv thees toy cas I was nise to my mom.

DEAR SANTA,

I like to be in snow because you could do snowballs. I really like crismas to play with my parents and friends to do snowballs when its time to my friends go i go to sleep because when my friends got to go at night so that why I go to sleep and Tenesse crismas is cool in Tenesse. I want to see Santa because I never see him before and I really want sports.



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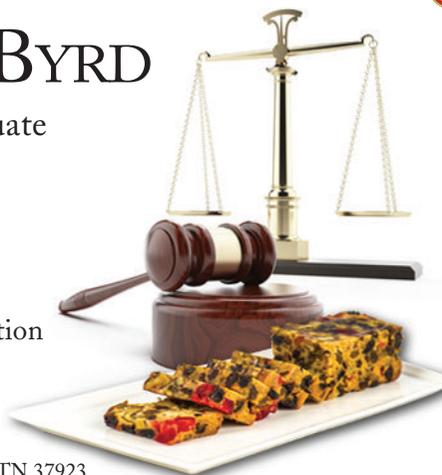
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