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# Boring family fears, traffic concerns addressed

First of a 3-part series on grade-level, site input for the new Farragut school

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With a Boring family member expressing concern about the impact a new Farragut school along Boring Road might have on her family home, which dates back to the 19th century, the second of three campus meetings seeking input about the make-up of the new school was held in Farragut Primary School before about 50 attendees Thursday, Nov. 30.

Dr. Garfield Adams, assistant superintendent of operations for Knox County Schools, joined Douglas Shover, KCS director of facilities and new construction, and Ryan Dillingham, KCS director of transportation, to lead a parent-teacher-administrator feedback/question-answer session about what grade-level school should be placed at the new site and the domino effect on the existing schools.

Adams said the input gathered will be a key element as he and other KCS officials recommend to Knox County Board of Education

one of three plans detailed and discussed for input at each Town meeting (see three plans, costing from



Adams

\$42.6 to \$66.8 million, on page 3A). That recommendation will happen in January.

"My family's been there since the 1800s, and this is huge for us," the Boring family member told the gathering. "And we have had seven generations that have lived there. It's important to us. We love it.

"We want everybody to enjoy it like they have been," she added. "People come and walk and take pictures. The whole community loves that road. We just want to make sure that the quality of it and the beauty of it is main thing.

"For me and all my cousins, this has been pretty emotional for us. Are you all going to work with us

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# Henry's 'Celebrate' Santa moments



# White 'can see peek' desire, but Hall fix vote 5-0

#### **TAMMY CHEEK**

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen took another step toward renovations of Town Hall when it voted unanimously, on on first reading, during a special-called meeting Thursday, Nov. 30, to amend its American Rescue Plan Act budget to pay an extra \$1.5 million for the renovations.

The Board also approved a contractor bid to do the work.

But the actions came with challenges from two residents who questioned the motion because it "does not match the agenda in the meeting packet, nor does it match the notice in the paper,' pointing out a 200-page comprehensive analysis by Cove Architecture was not in the meeting packet.

"I think what Mike (Mitchell) was more referring to was no-

body's seen the plans," Alderman David White said. "I can see where the average citizen might want to take a peek at the plans or the specifications and kind of see what we're going to do, but I don't think that was put out, and I think that was what Mike's talking about.'

However, "I'm totally 100 percent in favor of remodeling the (Town Hall) building," White added. "Our staff and employees need that. They need a work environment that they feel safe in and they can perform.

"I just think it's time. ... It's good for the citizens, so I'm certainly glad we're doing it."



White

About the 200 pages, "We did not include 200 pages of bid docu-

**Tammy Cheek** 

Henry Goodman, 1, was a among dozens of small children to enjoy a seat on Santa's lap while requesting Christmas presents from the North Pole during Town of Farragut's annual Celebrate the Season in Farragut Community Center Thursday evening, Nov. 30. Along with families getting a photo of their children with Santa, kids also decorated cookies, played games, enjoyed crafts and watched a holiday movie. This evening of fun was presented by Farragut Arts and Beautification Committee. (See related photos in West Side Faces, page 7B)

# Town pre-Christmas calendar

· Seventeen mothers, PTO leaders and educators have worked side-by-side in a committee to plan the Town's 2nd Annual Christmas Parade. The event — complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Admiral Dave, Finley the Dolphin, Buddy the Elf and ex-UT Vols Football greats Bobby Scott and Jeff Hall as grand marshals — is slated to begin at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, with Santa's Village open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Farragut Middle School campus.

The new route this year starts at FMS, travels down West End Avenue, proceeds toward Kingston

Pike but circles at the second island on the avenue, then travels back up West End to the high school, going the "wrong way" — or clockwise — in FHS's circle drive car lane before ending in the school's junior lot.

• Mario-Kart Tournament is from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, in Farragut Community Center. Test your skills in tournament play on Nintendo Switches. Everyone will get the chance to play multiple rounds. Is open to ages 6-12 for \$10 per participant. Registration required. Last day to register

ments that are very specific to what the contractor is doing and what they're bidding on," Town administrator David Smoak explained.

However, "the bids were available to the public to view at any time they wanted to through our website whenever we had the bids out and available, so that information was available," he added.

What (the Board is) approving tonight is a contract with Wright (Contracting) to do that work. Obviously, if the Board would like all that information and want to look through those 200 pages, we would be happy to give it to you. Typically, that's not something that we have historically done, but we do give you all the contract language and all the verbiage that you have in your packet in order for you to make an informed decision."

#### More renovation reaction, figures

"I'd say, after 30 years, it certainly is time," Mayor Ron Williams said about the renovation need. "We've run out of space and this will give us more space."

On first reading, the Board approved increasing ARPA appropriated expenditures from \$7.4 million to \$8.9 million, an increase of \$1.5 million.

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is Wednesday, Dec. 6. Sign up at townoffarragut. recdesk.com

'Twas the Night with No Parents is from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15. Get your shopping done or take a few hours to relax while your children spend the evening in Farragut Community Center. Lots of pizza, games, crafts and a holiday movie. Registration is required and open to ages 6-12 for \$10 per participant. Last day to register is Wednesday, Dec. 13. Sign up at townoffarragut.recdesk.com



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# **KCSO**reports

• At 9:19 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, two Knox County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to Cotton Eyed Joe along Outlet Road in Farragut on report of a disturbance.

Officers spoke with employee/complainant, who said "a male got into an altercation with one of the bouncers over taking a drink on the dance floor inside," the report stated. "Parties were separated upon officers' arrival, and (complainant) requested this (customer) to be criminally trespassed. Officers spoke with (the customer), who (said) he did not need medical attention and was upset over the situation

"Officers advised (customer) he was criminally trespassed, and that if he were to return he would be arrested.'

• At 10:29 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, a complainant came inside KCSO West Precinct to report theft from a Briar Creek Drive residence. Complainant advised he received an e-mail at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, stating his package from Amazon was delivered.

Complainant said he "went outside to retrieve his package and noticed the seal on the AMD package was cut open and the computer chip was stolen," the report stated. "Amazon advised the complainant to file a police report for the stolen computer chip."

Total value of loss was listed at \$358.99.

• At 8:07 a.m., Nov. 30, a complainant called KCSO West Precinct to report a 2018 flatbed trailer stolen from Knoxville Academy of Martial Arts. Value of loss was listed at \$5,000.

Complainant advised "there was a lock on the trailer prior to this incident," the report stated. "Complainant (said) he thought other employees had used the trailer until he found the cut lock in the bushes of the property."

• At 8:41 a.m., Monday, Nov. 27, a KCSO unit responded to Davita Dialysis, 111 S. Campbell Station Road, in reference to an attempted break-in/burglary.

A complainant presented a "broken dead bolt and took me to the rear of the building," the report stated. "She advised (an) employee ... arrived at the facility at 3:55 a.m. (that day) and discovered the dead bolt missing from the rear door where the employees enter. (Another) employee ... arrived at around 4:15 (a.m.) and also found the lock missing.

She took her break at around 6:38 (a.m.) and exited the rear door where the lock was missing. When she exited, she heard something drop and saw the missing lock laying on the ground. I observed there was a lock box at the top of the door and suspected the lock

was placed there."

"A further investigation through (complainant) revealed that Davita Dialysis workers left the facility on Saturday, (Nov. 25) at around (5:)15 and the rear door was secure," the report further stated. "The cleaning crew discovered the lock broken on (Sunday, Nov. 26) at around (1:30 p.m.) when they tried to use their key to open the lock. A cleaning crew member placed the broken lock on top of the lock box and sent pictures to (complainant)."

Complainant "also advised she noticed another lock appeared to have been tampered with that contained a voltage box, also located at the rear of the building," the report stated.

"It appears as though at least three staff members touched the broken lock, but (complainant) wrapped the lock in a plastic glove prior to my arrival," the report further stated. "... It should be noted that the temperature during the night was as low as 31 degrees and there was frost on all surfaces.

"There are no suspects at this time and no cameras at the facility." Total value of damage was listed at \$100.

• At 10:18 p.m., Nov. 26, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a lost wallet. Complainant advised the wallet was last seen

at a restaurant along Parkside Drive. Complainant advised she did reach out to the restaurant. She also said her husband has Alzheimers.

• On Friday, Nov. 24, officers were dispatched to a Snyder Road hotel on a disturbance allegation. Upon arrival, officers spoke to complainant, "who said he had been contacted by at least six rooms telling him that someone was knocking on doors. Officers were able to locate (eventual arrestee) outside a room that was not his," the report stated. Eventual arrestee "was slurring his speech and was having trouble walking, could not tell officers what he was doing and was having trouble giving any information."

Complainant said the eventual arrestee had a room. Officers found his room and located 11 empty bottles of alcohol. Eventual arrestee "had the odor of alcohol coming from his person and breath and was clearly a danger to himself and others," the report stated.

Due to him causing a disturbance and the chances of this continuing, he was arrested and transported to Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility.

• At 9:43 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22, a complainant called KCSO West Precinct to report his work vehicle broken into at Cracker Barrel in Farragut.

Complainant finished eat-

ing, and upon returning to his 2019 Chevy Silverado noticed all his personal tools stolen.

Complainant advised all the listed property was in the rear of the locked vehicle in an unlocked box prior to this incident. Complainant advised his employers offered to reimburse all the stolen tools if a police report was made.

At the time of this report there were no known suspects. Value of loss was listed at \$2,145,51.

• At 3:45 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21, a complainant called KCSO North Precinct to report an identity theft that occurred at a Lake Park Circle address.

Complainant is the victim's daughter and she was helping her file the report. Complainant advised an unknown suspect used the victim's personal information to open an account.

She advised the victim received a letter from a collections agency. She advised the letter stated that an account with Best Buy was in collections in the amount of \$1.937.83.

She advised her mother does not have a Best Buy credit card and did not make these purchases.

The purchases were made in January and February of 2021. She advised she just received the letter notifying her of this Wednesday, Nov. 8.

# correction

The website to purchase tickets for the Farragut High School musical "Chicago: Teen Edition" — with performances taking place Thursday, Dec. 7, Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9, in the school's Vickie B. Wells Auditorium — was incorrectly listed in a Community section story in our Wednesday, Nov. 29, issue.

The correct link is chicagofhs.com We regret the error.

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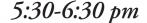


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# New school input

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to help maintain the quality of our life there? I mean, we are all here to be great neighbors to you all. We want you to be great neighbors to us as well."

"What I can say is I have not received any complaints from any families in my time here in Knox County Schools and

even in my time here as an administrator," Adams said about complaints possibly filed by residents adjacent to new Knox County



school locations.

"What I do know is the community, they normally utilize our campuses, whether it's walking around the park or the track or what have you, and they're very involved ..., he added. "... The school is the hub of the community.

"I can't give you an example where we have not been great community partners. I can wholeheartedly say 'yes, we will be great community partners."

In addressing the Boring woman's concerns, "A couple of things that are working in

# Town Hall fix

From page 1A

"This amendment is needed to budget for the additional expenditures required for the Town Hall renovations," Smoak said, adding that because of the grant, the amendment also would increase revenues from \$1,791,566 to \$3,858.263.

In Town Hall, at age 32, "Much of the office space ... does not provide for an efficient working environment for the staff or to be able to conduct productive meetings with the public," Smoak said.

our favor, and ultimately in your favor, on that site in that we're not looking at a high school on that site," Shover said. "So we don't have athletic fields and the lighting that goes along with it. There are requirements now for site lighting for parking ... you can't have bleed over, and you have to have a study that shows you're not bleeding light over on to adjacent properties.

"The other thing is — we just talked about it — we've got an oversized site (41 acres) for the building that we're going to put on," he added. "So we're not going to have a building that is sitting right at the edge of the road.

"So I think there's going to be enough opportunity for some buffer space between your homes and whatever ends up on that property for it not to be in your face when you walk out to get a paper."

## Site traffic concern

Meanwhile, "The Town of Farragut again is adamant" about avoiding traffic stacking onto Boring Road, Shover said.

"We'll not be queuing cars out into the public way," he added. "All that stacking will occur on our property," also noting the "oversized site" would be ideal to handle stacking because "those things tend to start eating up a little bit of acreage as well."

Three Options for school The three grade-level options for the new school introduced by KCS through Adams are as follows (all three options would require rezoning):

# **Option I**

• Build a new kindergarten through fifth-grade elementary school (1,200 capacity) while keeping all four Farragut schools as they are — not

merging FPS into that school. At a cost

of \$42.6 million, the least expensive option, this would greatly relieve overcrowing at FPS and FIS.

However, disadvantages listed were not addressing overcrowding at Farragut Middle and Farragut High schools, nor would it address traffic concerns at those two schools. **Option 2** 

Dillingham

Build a new middle school; establish a freshman academy.

FPS would be converted into K-through-fifth-grade; the existing intermediate school and two-thirds of existing FMS building would be expanded into a K-through-fifth-grade elementary school.

The remaining one-third of

that building would house the new freshman academy. FHS would then be grades 10-to-12.

While easing high school and middle school traffic and providing a long-term, comprehensive solution for all four schools, there were cons:

Cost would rise to \$66.8 million and the entire construction process would be longer.

Traffic-wise, it would increase the number of students arriving and departing from FIS from 1,000 to 1,400 — also making this the largest elementary school in the county.

# **Option 3**

 Build a new kindergarten through fifth-grade elementary school (1,200 capacity) while converting FPS into an elementary school.

The existing FIS building would house the freshmen academy; FMS would be unchanged while FHS would become 10th-through-12th grade.

At a cost of \$48.3 million, this option provides a long-term, comprehensive solution for elementary and high schools, in terms of advantages, while creating room for growth in four separate schools and give the freshmen academy a dedicated space.

Cons include a longer build process, does not address traffic issues at FHS or FMS and does not add capacity at the current middle school.

# Knox County '24 Election calendar set

With the Knox County Primary Election quickly approaching, Farragut and Knox voters, perspective voters needing to register and candidates have a few dates to keep in mind leading to the 2024 General Election in August.

 First day to pick up Knox County absentee ballots is today, Wednesday, Dec. 6;

 Knox County candidate qualifying deadline is Thursday, Dec. 14;

 Candidate withdrawal deadline is Thursday Dec. 21; Deadline to register to vote

is Monday, Feb. 5, 2024;

 Knox County Primary Early voting begins Wednesday, Feb. 14, and runs through Tuesday, Feb. 27;

 Knox County Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 5.

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# business briefs Two businesses, one space

• Knox County recently has again achieved one of the highest honors in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

For the 27th consecutive year, Knox County Finance Department received the Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. The ACFR details the county's financial condition and its overall budgetary performance.

• M&M Productions USA has hired Daniel G. Beckner as an account executive within the Knoxville market for the full-service event planning and

production company that serves clients across the country.

Beckner has accumulated diverse experiences working in video pro-

duction,



Beckner

sales, marketing, financial and relationship management positions.

Beckner joins the team after almost a decade in leadership positions within video production, marketing, sales and relationship management fields.

He will manage area sales leads and pursue target markets while implementing industry trends and opportunities. His responsibilities include serving as a conduit between clients and M&M Productions USA leadership and serving in technical support roles as needed at events.

• The Knoxville Museum of Art recently welcomed eight new members to its Board of Trustees, which helps to set policy, ensure funding and oversee management of the museum.

New members are Scott Bird, partner and chief operating officer of MoxCar Marketing + Communications; Judy Doyle, KMA Guild co-chair; Rob Heller, CEO, Centeur LLC; Kay and

# Belle Therapy+Wellness, Dragonfly Lactation, serve local women

#### TAMMY CHEEK

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Two businesses are sharing space to serve the area's women.

Ally Capps, physical therapist/owner of Belle Therapy + Wellness, a concierge service, and Melanie Kondrat, owner of Dragonfly Lactation, recently opened their businesses at 10805 Kingston Pike Suite 100, next to Costco.

"It's great," they both said about opening.

"We have a lot of people stop in just to say 'hi' and see what's going on in here," Kondrat said. "They see us and look at Costco."

"We're here to celebrate Belle Therapy + Wellness," Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Julie Blaylock said during an FWKCC-sponsored ribbon cutting Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the business.

Capps, a pelvic floor specialist, works primarily with women, especially in the pregnancy and post-partum realm.

She explained pelvic floor physical therapy is an umbrella term, which includes pregnancies, but "it's not just for childbearing."



Tammy Cheek

Melanie Kondrat, second from left, Dragonfly Lactation owner, watches as Ally Capps (with scissors), Belle Therapy + Wellness owner/physical therapist, prepares to cut the ribbon during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event at the two businesses, 10805 Kingston Pike Suite 100, Tuesday, Nov. 26. Alongside are Chamber members and other supporters.

Her clients' ages range from 21 to 72.

"There's a larger percent of women, as we go through puberty or menopause, (whose) bodies change a lot and that, ultimately, leads to a lot of pain, a lot of tissue changes, "Capps said. "And just think about the injuries ... everyone's slipped and fallen sometime in their life."

Capps started Belle Therapy + Wellness as a mobile business about two years ago. She graduated from physical therapy school in 2016 as a generic physical therapist. After she married and became pregnant, Capps realized the trauma of childbirth and later became pelvic floor certified.

As a mobile business, "I started out driving around, taking my table and my equip-

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# Partners Greer, Wilson open Pure Beauty Salon

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Natasha Greer and Bonnie Wilson recently have partnered to open Pure Beauty Salon Studio in Renaissance | Farragut, 12748 Kingston Pike, Suite 101.

"We're super excited about being here," Greer said. "It's super nice. All the people at the Renaissance have been super friendly. It kind of feels like a little neighborhood, really."

Greer, a Greenback resident, and Wilson, a Loudon resident, provide any kind of hair service — cuts, color and keratin treatments — as well as facial waxing.

Greer has been a hair stylist since 2007.

"I knew that this is what I wanted to do, I think, since when I



Bonnie Wilson, left, and Natasha Greer recently combined their skills and partnered to open Pure Beauty Salon Studio in Renaissance | Farragut, 12748 Kinston Pike, Suite 101.

Larry Leibowitz, community volunteers; Susana Navarro, president and CEO of Navarro Inc.; and Gail Van Hoozier, KMA Guild co-chair. was in the sixth grade," she said. "I graduated high school early and started beauty school right away."

"It's what I've always done," said Wilson, who has been in the hair styling business for 20 years. "I've always loved being at a salon, so it's always what I wanted to do." Like Greer, Wilson went to beauty school right after high school because that was her calling.

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# Belle Therapy

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ment, to clients' houses," she recalled. "I finally got busy enough to where I could afford to do an office space."

Additionally, she provides traditional physical therapy services such as rehabilitation, preventative care, education workshops and classes.

Kondrat, an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant, provides lactation services to help new mothers navigate the feeding experience.

"I help families feed their babies," she said. "I primarily work with breastfeeding families, but I work with bottle feeding, formula feeding and pumping families.

"I provide educational services to help prepare pregnant mamas for upcoming feeding journeys with their babies," Kondrat added.

Sharing the same space, "We run workshops and educational services together," she said about herself and Capps.

"I've always been after Ally (to) 'be ready for an office space,'" Kondrat added.

"I needed a dream to become fruitful," Capps said. "This is, honestly, a bigger space than I originally was looking for but my kids go to school five minutes down the road," she said.

Belle Therapy + Wellness is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and weekends by appointment, which can be booked at 865-315-7515, by e-mail at ally@belleknoxville.com or online belleknoxville.com

Dragonfly Lactation is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. Book appointments in one of three ways: 865-268-3970, mkondrat@dragonflylactation.com or www.dragonflylactation.com

# FWKCC successful auction a win for Habitat



Tammy Cheek

Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce presented a donation, proceeds from its Sept. 29 auction, to Knoxville Habitat for Humanity at the Chamber office, 118626 Kingston Pike, Wednesday, Nov. 15. On hand were, front row from left, Angela Harvey, FWKCC board vice chair; Christine Dean, FWKCC board chair; Kelle Shultz, Knoxville Habitat president/CEO, the Rev. Palmer Cantler with Knoxville Habitat; and Farragut Mayor Ron Williams. Back row, from left, are Ken Finster, FWKCC board treasurer; Amy Shewmake, auction co-chair; and John Haney, auction committee liason.

# **Pure Beauty**

From page 4A

Working alongside Greer "is great," Wilson said. "She's very easy to work with."

Regarding their business, "There're not many small salons anymore," Greer said. "We worked together at a years" before venturing out on their own, Greer added They chose Renaissance because "it's a super pice area

salon previously for about 10

cause "it's a super nice area and it's not too far down the road from where we were," Wilson said. "It's a good location.

"I really love this spot," she

added, also noting, "There's a lot less traffic here."

"This is a more intimate place (as their previous salon), not as many people coming in and out," Greer said.

To book an appointment, call Greer, 865-591-3475, Wilson, 865-684-7753, or go on Facebook.



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Chloe Clark with daughters, Kennedy, 5, left, and Evelyn, 2. Not pictured is Chloe's son, Grayson, 7

# Celebrate the Season

Town of Farragut's annual indoor Christmas celebration

Celebrate the Season, Town of Farragut's annual indoor Christmas celebration, brought hundreds of children together with their family members to meet Santa — and get a photo along with decorating cookies, playing games, enjoying crafts and watching a holiday movie.

The festive evening, presented by Farragut Arts and Beautification Committee, took place Thursday, Nov. 30, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

Photos by Tammy Cheek and Alan Sloan





Molly Wagers and her son, Will, 2



Caroline White, 5, with Santa



Auden Holvick, 4, left, and Olivia Smith, 8



Amelia Rogers, 5

Twin sisters, Madison Eiffert, left, and Brooklyn, 5, with their big brother, Landon, 7



Mary Ochman with her children, from left, Elli, 2, Joey, 6 and Julian, 4



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# Pair of perfect Bearden hoops records to begin the week

# Lady Bulldogs 48 **Morristown West 36**

# **BILL HOWARD** Correspondent

BEARDEN — It was one scoring streak after another Friday, Dec. 1, when Morristown West's girls basketball team visited Bearden High School.

Fortunately for the Lady Bulldogs, most of the streaks went their way. The result was a 48-36 win that improved their record to a perfect 5-0.

"Streaky game," BHS head coach Justin Underwood said. "That's a good team. We still have some stuff to work on. We've got great kids and they work hard."

With 2:25 left in the first period. Bearden led 6-0 and Morristown West had hardly gotten off a shot. The Lady Trojans finally got a pair of free throws and a lay-up and trailed 8-4 after one.

Aubrie Messer's floater with 3:50 left in the half brought West to within one, 12-11. But BHS finished the half on a 9-2

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# Bearden boys 72 **Morristown West 38**

# **BILL HOWARD**

Correspondent

**BEARDEN** After Bearden High School's boys' basketball game at home Friday night, Dec. 1, Bulldogs' sophomore point-guard Justin Nordin said the team's goal was to hold Morristown West to under 50 points.

Mission accomplished and pretty easily.

BHS scored the final nine points of the first quarter to lead 17-6 after one and never looked back. It was a resounding 72-38 Dawgs win that kept their record a perfect 8-0. "We scrapped pretty hard when we were pushed and challenged," Bearden head coach Jeremy Parrott said. "Kinda sloppy at times. I felt like we answered the bell on the physical end of it." After the 11-point difference at the end of one quarter, the closest West would get the rest of the game would be 21-16 with 2:44 left in the half.

# Johnson 3, MC signees



niors signed with local colleges, three of them volleyball stars inking with Johnson University, including Tia Carter (seated, center), surrounded by family members and coaches Wednes-





# Lady Hawks learn from Alcoa classic experience

# **STAFF REPORTS**

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VALLEY HARDIN Learning lessons from a pair of losses in a classic format at Alcoa High School, Jennifer Galloway's Hardin Valley Academy Lady Hawks took care of business against district rival Lenoir City at HVA Thursday, Nov. 30.

After losses to Alcoa and Sevier County, "We were able to make some adjustments," said coach Galloway, as her team's win last week improved Hardin Valley's record to 3-2 entering the week. "They're really, really good teams.'

As a result, "We focused on being more physical in practice," she added.

Against the LCHS Lady Panthers, "We played really well; we're able to finish the ball. ... and we did really well on defense," Galloway said. "We've been able to execute some of the things that we worked on from Thanksgiving until that game, so I was real proud of our execution on both ends of the floor."

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Lady Admirals look to bounce back from loss

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COOKEVILLE -Going up against a Division I-Class AAA team that has reached the state tournament "final four" the past two seasons, Farragut Lady Admirals head coach Jason Mayfield knew it would be a tough challenge.

Losing 41-24 while scoring just eight points in the first half of this Friday night, Dec. 1. game at CHS. "We obviously didn't do what we had hoped to do offensively," said Mayfield, whose team sported a 4-3 record entering this week. We actually had cut (the lead) to nine a couple of times in the fourth quarter. We just had too many turnovers."

who signed with Maryville College while surrounded

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# Lady Bulldogs

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run and led 21-13.

Five straight by the Lady Trojans to open the second half cut Bearden's lead to three, 21-18. But the Lady Bulldogs then outscored West 14-2 over the next four minutes to make it 35-20 with 1:52 left in the third.

Six in a row by West followed by five straight from BHS made it 40-26 after three.

"The third quarter was big for us," Underwood said. "We hit some threes and got going on offense."

Sophomore point guard Natalya Hodge hit three treys in the third period, and junior shooting guard Kendall Anne Murphy nailed one.

Bearden's end-of-third scoring run continued into the

The Dawgs promptly an-

swered with nine straight

points over two-and-a-half

minutes to make it 30-16. Two

free throws by West put the

If Morristown West had

any hopes of staying in the

game, they were gone mid-

way through the third. An 8-1

Bearden run — six by Nordin

— to open the period made it

The period ended with

"We struggled in the first

half on being aggressive," Nor-

din said. "Coach talked to us,

and we locked in in the second

half. We got offensive boards

"We had some streaks where

we shot it well," Parrott said.

"For the most part it looked

and pushed it on offense."

Bearden up a commanding 51-

39-19, and the rout was on.

halftime score at 30-18.

Bearden boys

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fourth with five more points - all by Hodge — on a lay-up and another three. The score was now 45-26 with 6:15 left.

Down 48-28 with 2:44 remaining, the Lady Trojans managed to score the final eight to make the game seem closer than it was.

Hodge led all scorers with 18, 15 in the second half. Murphy scored 12. Messer led Morristown West with 15 while Jhaniya Mitchell added 11.

"We definitely started out a little bit rough," Murphy. said. "Throughout the game we came together as a team and started playing a lot better. Our D was really good the whole time."

"We had some decent looks we ordinarily hit, and we missed some free throws," Underwood said. "Early season, still getting into a rhythm."

like an early-season game.

"We gave up too many offensive rebounds early, but holding a team to 38, that's pretty good," he added.

The Bulldogs' offense didn't let up in the final period. A 10-2 run to start the period made it 61-30, and Bearden cruised from there. Nine players scored for the winners.

"We're deep," Parrott said. "We still got football guys coming in."

Nordin led all scorers with 25, while Sean Capshaw added 17 for Bearden.

Parrott had praise for Nordin. "We're gonna depend on him a lot to do what he did tonight," the coach said.

Bereket Evans was high for the Trojans with 14 points.

"Bearden's a very good basketball team," Trojans head coach Joe Dobyns said. "I was proud of my guys for continuing to fight."

Love, "She's establishing herself in the paint well, and our

ing for her," Galloway said. "Kamryn Butcher (guard) is doing a lot of things, just a lot of different things to help us offensively," she added. "And defensively, she is getting a ton of deflections, and she's coming up with some steals at

girls are doing a good job look-

# December 2023 COUPON GUIDE

# **One 'Wild' win hosting 1st hockey classic**



Photo submitted

Grabbing one win against stiff competition versus teams from North Carolina, Atlanta and Nashville, the new Smoky Mountain Lady Wild 10-Under youth hockey team hosted its first regional classic showcase Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19, at Cool Sports, Home of the Icearium in Farragut. Players, front row from left, are Evie Donsbach and Riley Bray. Middle row, from left, are Olivia Limburg, Gillian Burns, Zoe Short, Aubree Delorme, Esther Kessler and Emma Bruchey. Back row, from left, are Maddie Monckton, Bailey Malloy, Ella Fail, Aniston Dunsmore, EJ Roma, Hannah Ruediger, Macy Shallenberger, Piper Lancaster (on shoulders of Macy), Rylie Foster, Lakyn Foster, Reagan Haase, Karolina Fuerst and Nadia Unocic. Coaches, from left, are Ally Derthick, Sam Haase and Jeff Monckton, along with managers Chris Donsbach and Christy Bruchey.

# Lady Ads

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However, "Our girls definitelv didn't quit or anything," he added. "We kept playing hard; we just couldn't get anything going. And then just when we maybe had a chance, we would give up an offensive rebound or we would turn the ball over.

"And when you do those two things, it's not a good recipe for anything good."

Two Lady Ads reached double figures in scoring for Farragut, but got just two frees

some timely manner. And then Ava Claire Rather (guard) has been just fantastic and relentless on the boards for us."

throws of offensive help from high 12, while junior guard their teammates: sophomore wing K J McNealy had a team-

Annie Price scored 10.



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HVA girls

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Juniors have led the Lady Hawks. "Kyndra (West) played really well last week," the HVA coach said about the guard. "She had 20 and close to a double-double with points and rebounds. "

About forward Kamiyah





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# Farragut Sings!

# Town schools combine voices for holiday music night Dec. 13 in FBC

## **TAMMY CHEEK**

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Farragut's schools are combining their students' voices for a collaborative concert, Farragut Sings!

Farragut High, Middle, Intermediate and Primary schools music students will be singing songs of the season starting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, in First Baptist Concord, 11704 Kingston Pike.

It is free and open to the public, although "we will take donations at the end of the concert, and the donations will offset the costs of presenting the program," said Mitchell Moore, one of FHS's choir directors. "Anything we make over that will be split equally among the programs."

Each school will perform its own pieces, followed by a combined piece with all 200-plus singers, and then a sing-along with all singers and the audience.

"It was kind of an idea that was floating around for a little bit," Moore said. "We met in the summer to talk about if everybody would be interested in doing it, so it was a collaboration between all the schools that are involved.

"We know what the programs do, so we saw a lot of value in letting our students see the same thing and letting our community see the same thing," he added. "So, we thought having a combined concert, where it's from the youngest all the way to the oldest, to celebrate what music is in our lives, the school and the community, would really help us legitimize what we do to the community and also let our kids see the path of what they can do when they get older."

They chose FBC because "it was the largest place to fit as many people as we have," Moore said. "We're expecting a large audience, and we wanted to make sure it was spacious, acces-



sible and could fit what we needed for the choirs.

"We do hope, if it goes well, we will expand it in the future," he added. "We're already dreaming big."

Moore noted the best part of holding the concert is "I see the value of it, and that's one thing, but the students are seeing the value in it. That's probably the most exciting thing."

"This is our first year presenting this concert, and we are so excited to be a part of it," FPS music teacher Hilary Hohl said. "All of the Farragut schools will have groups performing."

She said FPS has an ensemble of 17 students in kindergarten through second grade who are participating.

"They will be performing 'Somewhere In My Memory' from 'Home Alone,' by John Williams, arranged by Audrey Snyder. All of the students will be performing 'Night of Silence,'" Hohl said.

"Our eighth-grade Advanced Choir will be representing Far-

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Farragut High School choir students, from left, Taylor Lowry, Layla Baker and Brooke Ryan, are three of the students practicing for Farragut Sings!, a collaborative concert with all four Farragut public schools participating. It begins at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, in First Baptist Concord.

Tammy Cheek

# Lunch Bunch a monthly Concord/Farragut fellowship

## TAMMY CHEEK

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A group of Farragut and Concord area residents gather monthly to make dining out a special occasion.

Calling themselves the Lunch Bunch, the group of about 15 to 20 meet once a month — around noon on the second Wednesday — at a different restaurant in their community.

Most recently, they dined at



Mimi's Café, Parkside Drive, Nov. 8, and plan to eat at Chesapeake's Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Turkey Creek. Next up is lunch at Conner's Steak & Seafood Jan. 10.

"We vote on a location," one of the founders, Linda Lewis, said. "We only go to restaurants in the Farragut area.

"It's so interesting when you see the plates of food brought in," Lewis added. "The menu just comes alive. The restaurant just explodes with the dishes (because) the staff makes a big hoopla out of it" for the group.

Besides having fun, "we want to support the restaurants in our area," she said.

Lewis said the group is com-

#### Photo submitted

The Lunch Bunch gathered at Mimi's Café, Parkside Drive, for their second Wednesday noon meal Nov. 8. Attending the dining experience, from far left, counter-clockwise, are June (in stripes) and Terry Barnes, Kelly Selmons, Cela Barron, Joyce Forte, Kathy Kopp, Linda and George Walker, Bonnie Rouse, Linda Lewis, Dinah Stanley, Cindy Burgess and Deena Trimble.

prised of all ages and genders. "There are no dues," she said. "Each person simply buys his or her own food."

The idea for the Lunch

Bunch started with Lewis and Linda Walker, who observed restaurants having such a hard time during COVID.

"I asked 'why don't we start a

Lunch Bunch?" Walker said. "Sure, count me in," Lewis recalled saying.

Their first stop was First Watch. Then they met a couple

more people who joined in, and then a couple more. From word of mouth, the group grew.

"Everyone has a good time," Lewis said.



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• Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee will host Double Your Donation Day telethon starting at 6 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 7. This annual event is a day of giving to benefit SHFB.

All donations made Dec. 7 will be matched by generous sponsors up to \$750,000. Typically, a \$1 donation to the food bank provides three meals, but on Dec. 7, \$1 will provide six meals to neighbors facing hunger in East Tennessee. Donations can be made online at secondharvestetn.org/DYD or by phone at 865-243-8227.

• Walmart is allowing customers in the Knoxville area to bring their used or broken string Christmas lights to select stores to be recycled and kept out of local landfills.

Customers just need to bring their lights to their designated store and deposit them into collection boxes located inside the store by the "General Merchandise" entrance and by the "Garden Center" entrance. Walmart will then work with a recycling center to recycle the lights.

All holiday lights will be accepted, including indoor and outdoor strands as well as bistro/patio lights — whether they're working or not. Lights will be accepted through Sunday, Jan. 7, at the 10900 Parkside Drive location just outside of Farragut among 13 in the Knox area.

• Remote Area Medical – a major nonprofit provider of pop-up clinics offering free, quality dental, vision and medical care the needy will hold a one-day clinic Saturday, Dec. 9, at Coalfield High School, 1720 Coal Hill Road.

All RAM services are free, and no ID is required. Free dental, vision and medical services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The patient parking lot will open no later than 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Friday night, Dec. 8, and remain open for the duration of the clinic. Once in the parking lot, additional information regarding clinicopening processes and next steps will be provided. Clinic doors open at 6 a.m.

Due to time constraints, patients should be prepared to choose between dental and vision services. Medical services are offered, in addition to dental or vision services, free to every patient.

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Services available at the free RAM clinic include dental cleanings, dental fillings, dental extractions, dental X-rays, eye exams, eye health exams, eyeglass prescriptions, eyeglasses made on-site, women's health exams and general medical exams.

In case of inclement weather, volunteer cancellations or other circumstances, the parking lot may open earlier or a smaller number of patients may be served. For more information, see RAM's FAQ page.

 25th Annual Holiday Festival of Lights at The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 S. Northshore Drive, has lights coordinated to music from 6 to 9 p.m. each evening through Sunday, Dec. 31, excluding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to donate to The Love Kitchen. Visitors also can make monetary donations via a QR code available inside the River Sports Outfitter facility. Several fire pits available to warm up or roast s'mores. Pets on leashes are welcome.

# Shrader accepted to 'Be a Gov' at APSU

Austin Peay State University congratulates Delaney Shrader of Farragut for choosing to "Be A Gov," being accepted thanks to "hard work and commitment," a school press release stated.

# **Farragut Sings!**

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ragut Middle School," said Kimberly Mink, FMS choral music/musical theater Related Arts Department chair and lead teacher. "We have over 90 students in this class.

"I think this event will be the first of many where we bring all of the Farragut schools together and showcase the music programs from all of our schools," she added. "We hope it will become a tradition and something that the community and families look forward

"We have some families that have students in several schools. This is a great opportunity for cross-generational experience for K-12 students in our community. This is also a great bridging opportunity for each school.

Intermediate Farragut School will have 37 fifth-graders singing "Winter Lights" by Audrey Snyder and "It's Time to Deck the Hall" by Mary Donnelly and George L.O. Strid, plus another song with the other choirs.

"This kind of concert ben-

efits our students in a few ways," FIS music teacher Allen Ramsey said. "First, it gives them the opportunity to be part of an ensemble of performers, where what you contribute is significant but is still just a small part of something greater.

"This helps build the students' confidence in performance, where they know, even if they get nervous or make a mistake, chances are no one will notice because of how many performers there are," he added.

Secondly, "It gives our students the opportunity to take pride in their hard work of practice and performance, where they can feel the audience response to something they did," Ramsey said. "Finally, it lets our students

see a pathway for their future in learning music," the FIS music teacher added.

"They get to listen to and perform alongside the choirs from the middle and high schools, which lets them see some of the possibilities if they continue performing in choirs after leaving the intermediate school."



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# obituary

John Milton Cypherd Jr., 83, of Knoxville, passed away peacefully at home Friday, Nov. 24, 2023. John was born in Peru. Indiana. to John Milton Cypherd Sr. and Iva Mae Hanger. His mother passed away from cancer when he was just a young boy. His father remarried Jean Sharp Ward and she raised his children as her own.

John was a very talented athlete in high school and college. He lettered in both basketball and track when he graduated in 1959 from Peru High School. After high school, he attended his beloved Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, where he played basketball for the Purdue Boilermakers and graduated with a degree in civil engineering in 1964.

Shortly thereafter, he proudly enlisted and served for more than six years in the U.S. Army. The years that followed led to many new adventures. In 1970, John moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, and was named the youngest

vice president for a nationwide infrastructure construction company called Burnup & Sims.

A few short years later, he met and married the love of his life of 46 years, Peggy Sue. They moved to Orlando, Florida, and started their own engineer-

Mr. Cypherd

ing and construction company called STS, Inc., raised five children and spent many wonderful years with cherished friends in the Bay Hill Country Club Community.

In 1994, they retired and moved to the mountains of North Carolina where they resided for several years between the Sapphire Lakes and Kenmure Golf Communities and made priceless friendships along the way.

In 2016, they made their final move to

Knoxville, to be closer to family.

John was an avid sports fan, golfer, fisherman and a diehard Boilermaker alumni. He was a huge supporter of Purdue Athletics and a long-time honorary John Purdue Club member.

He was active in each community he was a part of throughout the years and passionate about giving back. John would be the first to donate to a fundraiser or volunteer for an event. He was an active member with the Community Church of Tellico Village.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Iva Mae Hanger Cypherd, John Milton Cypherd Sr. and stepmother, Jean Ward Cypherd; sisters, Joan Fites and Judy Potts; and wife, Margaret S Cypherd.

John is survived by his children, Kathryn Nagy and husband, Philip, of Knoxville, Christopher Cypherd and wife, Ronda, of Orlando, Florida, Robert G. Cypherd and wife, Gail, of Fishers Island, New York, John M. Cypherd III and wife, Stacey, of Tampa, Florida, Sonya Gauer of Orlando, Florida, Lt. Col. Peter Zike and wife, Sonia, of El Paso, Texas: niece, Bebee Mullen Bugge and husband, Adam, of Thief River Falls, Minnesota; cousins, Dick Cypherd and wife, Judy, of West Lafayette, Indiana, and Eileen Cypherd See of Denver, Indiana; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, in Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel with a service to immediately follow. Afterward, friends and family are asked to join a reception and time of fellowship.

The family has designated Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics for memorial contributions in honor of John Cypherd. Please make donations payable to Purdue Foundation and mail them to Purdue Foundation, 403 W. Wood St., West Lafayette, IN 47907 or online at https://connect.purdue.edu/IMO-JohnCypherd



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April 22	October 28
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June 10	November 25
June 24	December 9

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# FARRAGUT BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AGENDA DECEMBER 13, 2023 • 7:00 P.M. FARRAGUT TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

1. Approval of minutes for the April 27, 2022, meeting. 2. Election of officers.

3. Public hearing on a request for a home occupation permit (interpretation/use-on-review) for a home recording business at 456 Chapel Grove Lane, Chapel Grove Development, zoned Attached Single-Family Residential District (R-4), Ms.

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# FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD AGENDA Tuesday, December 12, 2023 Farragut Town Hall - Board Room • 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes for the October 24, 2023, meeting.

2. Staff report - wall signs approved in the past month.

**3.** Review of a primary permanent ground sign for Pals Automotive, located at 314 N. Watt Road.

**4.** Review of a primary permanent ground sign for Hearthside Bank, located at 11140 Kingston Pike.

5. Review of a primary permanent ground sign for Current Watersports, located at 11221 Outlet Drive.

6. Review of a permanent ground mounted subdivision sign for Grigsby Park Development, located off Grigsby Chapel Road. 7. Review of a landscape plan for Hearthside Bank, located at 11140 Kingston Pike. 8. Review of a landscape plan for Dollar General and Advanced Auto Parts, located on the south side of Kingston Pike, approximately 600 feet east of Watt Road.

**9.** Review of a landscape plan for Dunkin Donuts, located at 13038 Kingston Pike. 10. Regular December meeting date, cancellation due to holiday schedule.

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Betty Howard, Applicant.

# obituaries

Dianna Lynn (Hendrickson) Daw It is with heavy hearts that the family of Dianna Lynn (Hendrickson) Daw announces her passing on Nov. 19, 2023.

Lynn was most passionate about her girls. but she also took great pleasure in

riding her bike, passing on her knowledge of plants and gardening, going for walks and listening to her favorite oldies but goodies on her vintage iPod. She leaves a beautiful legacy and will be deeply missed. Lynn was preced-



Mrs. Daw

ed in death by her husband, Stuart Daw; mother, Virginia Cunningham; father, Leland Hendrickson; brothers, Terry Hendrickson, Max Hendrickson, Lee Hendrickson and Jeff Cunningham; and niece, Rhonda.

She is survived by daughters, Robyn Norris and husband, Mark, and Amy Noe Howard and husband, Rob; granddaughter, Brittany Norris Hattley; nephew, Josh; nieces, Faith, Holly, Candice, Brandi, Sheila and Debbie; sister, Patty Sowders; several great-nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life Gathering is being held beginning at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, in Farragut Presbyterian Church.

Friends and family also are invited to share memories and condolences online at rosefuneraltn.com.

## Juanette L. Edwards

Juanette L. Edwards, 90, went home to be with Jesus Tuesday morning, Nov. 21, 2023, at home surrounded by her family.

Juanette was known for her generous heart and lifelong devotion to her family and friends.

She traveled extensively throughout her life and enjoyed the natural beauty of God's creation and creatures, which she captured in many paintings.

Juanette also was an avid gardener, accomplished bowler and talented ballroom dancer. She loved to read and spend time bird watching and caring for her many pets.

Juanette had a beautiful singing voice

and was a member of the Chattanooga and Atlanta choruses of Sweet Adelines and sang bass.

A wonderful cook, Juanette will forever be remembered for her delicious pound cake, which she was always willing to bake for family gatherings, neighbors or anyone who asked.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Roy Edward; son, Greg Edwards; grandsons, Brian and Jeremy Edwards; sister, Geraldine Suggs; brother, Wayne Harris; and parents, John L. and Myrtle Harris.

Mrs. Edwards

She is survived by sons, Bruce (Kathi) of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Jeff (Joy) of Bartlett, Tennessee; grandchildren, Lindsey (Ashley) Edwards of Knoxville, Jessica (Jason) Fleener of Olive Branch, Mississippi, Melissa (Keith) Betts of Olive Branch and Natasha (Brownie) Brimage of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

She also is survived by great-grandchildren, Jackson, Luke and Marley Betts, Dillon and Brownie Jaxson Brimage and Preston Edwards. And her precious dog, Bonnie Sue.

The Edwards family thanks Barbara Dowling, Dr. Flickenger and Jeanie Green, Tennessee Cancer Center, Amedisys Hospice Care and the Rev. Steve Peak for their loving care.

A graveside service will be held at Anderson Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Ringgold, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation at www.t2t.org

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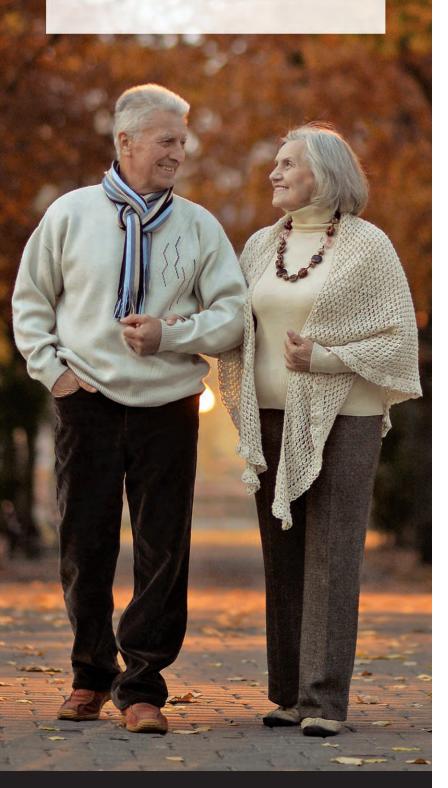
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# LETTERS FROM FARRAGUT PRIMARY SCHOOL 2ND GRADE STUDENTS

## DEAR SANTA,

Can I get a dog and a Stuffy. I would like a snow gold and a magic tree house books, too. Thank you, Santa.

SINCERELY, CHARLOTTE

# DEAR SANTA,

This year I have been great. I helped my dad rake leaves and when my friends seem sad I cheer them up. If I am on the nice list I would like some desk pets and if I am on the naughty list I don't want coal just leve a letter.

# SINCERELY, SHRITHA

# DEAR SANTA,

I really want to have a little apron and I want a pet bunny. Also I want to See Harry Styles. And I want love.

## SINCERELY, AUTUMN II

## DEAR SANTA,

I love the presents you have gave me evry year can you bring me a huver board please.

## SINCERELY, CHRIS

# DEAR SANTA,

Can you giv me some Legos please for Christmas and dinosaurs too. I have been good Santa.

#### SINCERELY, BEN

## DEAR SANTA,

DEAR SANTA.

I'v been good this year. I would like a watch please. I love you Santa.

SINCERELY, JACKSON

# DEAR SANTA,

I would like a real parrot Squishmellow. Camera for Chelsey to stay safe.

SINCERELY, SAM

# DEAR SANTA,

This year I really want a panda doll the one I've been going crasy about. So can you get that for me and can I get a pen for my iPad!

# SINCERELY, ANDIE

## DEAR SANTA,

I am happy I saw you last weekend. In case you forget, I want the Star Wars lego gunship for Christmas. I hope the weather and reindeer both make Christmas Eve easy for you to deliver the presents.

# SINCERELY, MAX

## DEAR SANTA,

Evey year I love every present you give me, this year I would like something new, like the toy Elsa with shoulders to he'd with accessories with a brush.

## SINCERELY, ERMA

## DEAR SANTA,

for Christmas I want ... • slime • cactus • robot puppy • ruby earings • heart earings • Sailboat earings • squishy cover set • ruby neglect • sqiushy keychain • heart sqiushy • water botle with pads • eight pads • flowers • set of clothes • pjs • robe • sqiushy apple • stress ball • funkapop • sqiushy banana

# SINCERELY, ELIZABETH

TEAR CANTA

# DEAR SANTA,

How's the north Pole? I want all quill and parchment, a rev boomerang, a basketball thas teal. 200 hundred cookies, a spy watch, another diamond art painting, and some one to do my homework. Thank you Santa!!!!!!!!!!

# SINCERELY, JACKSON

# DEAR SANTA,

for Christmas I would like a kidsized real-working Tool set and a build-it-yourself wood work working kit, foam sensory paint, young scientist Microscope set, Truth or Myth? Science Kit, hobeman sphere, easy balance adjustable stills and young scientist chemistry Lab and. Beginners science Lab. Safe travels Santa!

# SINCERELY, JACKSON

# DEAR SANTA,

I would like a monster high dolls. Surprise. Ahha doll. Roubux human Ariel. Aphmal doll. LoL doll. Makeup kit. Happy Holidays to all.

SINCERELY, RILEY

# DEAR SANTA,

I hope you spread the most joy in the world ever! I really, really want a venasour stuffed animal, and as tall as it would be in real life. I also want a Pokemon scale vida game. I'm going to make something in return.

# SINCERELY, MAVERICK

# DEAR SANTA,

I want a ton of squashes a water

# DEAR SANTA,

I want a Christmas tree train.

SINCERELY, IAN

# DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for my elf Twilight. Every morning I am excited to see her location in my house. For Christmas, I wish for a binocular so that I can see objects like mountains from far. I have sent my wishlist with Twilight, please grant all my wishes. Does Twilight really go to the North Pole every night?

THANK YOU!

# SINCERELY, AYESHA

# DEAR SANTA,

My name is Alaina, I am 8 years old. I have been very good all year. I help my mom and dad with chores. there are only 3 toys I would like to have. 1. Zuru snachles, 2. Elmer's Glue Glassy Deluxe Slime Bucket, and 3. prismacolor premier color pencils 72-pack. Merry Christmas!

# SINCERELY, LOVE, ALIANA

# DEAR SANTA,

I wunder how you git the elfs to Behave in the work shop? You are the best to me I know my toys are hard. Butt you take your time no Christs morning. You Deliver tops to kids like me. I like your Red Close and hat. You can chang rols in the work shop. Thank You Santa.

# SINCERELY, (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

DEAR SANTA,

For Christmas I want some good pokemone and a puppy also. Some ncado's and xbox. I'm sorry if it is to much to ask for but this is what I want for Christmas.

# SINCERELY, BARDIN

#### DEAR SANTA,

I wold like to get an X Box, Dreamzzz lego, I SURVIVE, WINGS OF FIRE, Pokemon, The First charizard, a computer, an PS 5, and more books.

# SINCERELY, JAMES

proof watch a pretend computer a pretend kitchen sphere maker. (I only want one you chose.)

# SINCERELY, ROSIE

# DEAR SANTA,

I want a White Christmas. and I hope all of my family is with me on Christmas Day. I al so want roller skates! And I want Nikes for Christmas. I had a good chat with you but I must go have the best Christmas ever! have a good day!

SINCERELY, BAILEY

I am amazed of how you do it. I like the way you make children like me happy. Do you know why Christmas colors are red, white and green? I think since your elf work hard every Christmas you should give breaks once in a while. Thank you for all yo have done Santa.

# SINCERELY, CAMDEN

# DEAR SANTA,

I have been so good this year. I want ice age toys. My Elf is named Jingles. Ho Ho Ho!

SINCERELY, HENRY

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# DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for being so kind. I wish for a new fort kit that's easy to build. Thank you for making cristmas real fun! III be happy with any thing. I hope you have a good cristmas! I love you!!!!!

# SINCERELY, CALEB

# DEAR SANTA,

I can not thank you so much because you make kids happy and you give lots of gifts. every year you come down the chimney from the North Pole to give lots of lov and happinies to the people. Thank you Santa.

# SINCERELY, TEJAS

# DEAR SANTA,

I hope your elves are doing well. I think I've been really good this year. I want a switch and Mario kart 8. Have a nice trip.

# SINCERELY, ANDREW

# DEAR SANTA,

My name is Mina. this Christmas I wish for good luck for me and my dad and mom. I wish for piano lessons so my parents can listen to the music and have a nice, peaceful night. I wish I can visit Vietnam so I can meet my grandparents, my uncle, and my cousins. I also wish to have my own suitcase and a Gabby doll houses.

# SINCERELY, MINA

# DEAR SANTA,

I have been really good today. I really want to be on the nice list not the naughty list. I hope you have the bet Christmas Santa My name is Nora. I want a nerf gun, a slinky, chocolate candy, play doh.

SINCERELY, NORA

# DEAR SANTA,

Can I have a fitbit watch please thank you SINCERELY, EVELYN

# DEAR SANTA,

for crisis I would like a spy drone and stuff for my bearded dragon Brow. And a nintendo switch. For my frind to come back so he from New York. And To Mark New friends too. And a good ydihlet. And I am thankful for my school Faragit primary school.

# SINCERELY, JAMES

# DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for presents to all children. I want a crossword puzzle book. I have question for you how many elf's do you have?

# SINCERELY (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

I have been very good. May I please have roller-skates, more squishmallos games and can you help my mom when my dad has to go out of town. We'll leave cookies and chocolate milk. I hope you are safe. SINCERELY, HAYDEN

# DEAR SANTA,

thank you for the gifts. I love the gymnastict bar you have me agin. thank you. you are the best. I want a bracelet kit for christmas. Happy christmas.

# SINCERELY, ALIVIA

# DEAR SANTA,

I know that it is alomost Christmas so i'm going to try to be relly good. And I'm already in my christmas spirit. And I really Like your beard. And I hope it snows this year. last year was so fun and I hope its fun this year. It propaply will be cause its fun every year. thank for the prents every year. And I'll the voices for you. And I'll maby have caroots.

# SINCERELY, CALLIOPE

# DEAR SANTA,

I wish my sister to be healthy. I want a shirt what say's I love my sis. and I love my bro. Baby SINCERELY, SYDNEY

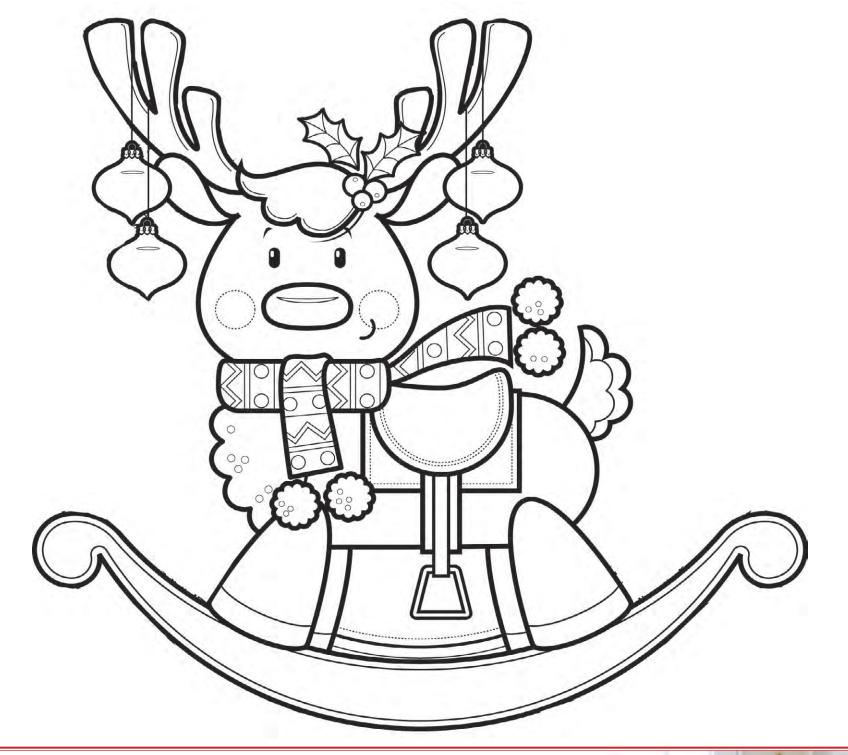
# DEAR SANTA,

How are you? How are the reindeer? I like ruuldoph. For christmas this year I would like a chinchilla cage and chinchilla food and a water bottle and pouder and toys and bedding so when my mom says I can get a chinchilla I will be ready. Remember not a chinchilla yet. Thank you so much.

SINCERELY, LOVE, BARRETT



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# SINCERELY, (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

I would like a knitting kit, cursive books, a new dance bag, a real makeup kit, a gizmo watch, a new wallet, and a new iPad case.

# SINCERELY, ELLA

# DEAR SANTA,

please help Comet after our dog bit him on his head. I hope you do. I really want a sewing kit that I can sew a dress and a bunch of other stuff. Thank you, Santa.

# SINCERELY, ADDIE

# DEAR SANTA,

I have been good this year. I want a nerf gun for christmas. Dont give my brother presents. He wasn't as good as me. Thank you for the presents!

# SINCERELY, ARCHER

# DEAR SANTA,

for christmas I want a American girl doll. I also want a white flaffy Kitten. The Last thing I want is a large pack of markers for christmas. All in all I Love christmas.

SINCERELY, NORA

# DEAR SANTA,

Can you please get me all of the Diary of a Wipey Kid I don't have., and cat kid comic clubs from 3-5, and hope my wishis come ture.

SINCERELY, COLIN

# DEAR SANTA,

Are you real or do you switch every christmas? Do you actually have a sleigh or do you have a car? How do you get the gifts? Are you married?

SINCERELY, ANNA

# DEAR SANTA,

Thank you Santa for all the presents you are the Best I love christmas I love to put christmas deakarating.

SINCERELY, (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for last year and this year i hop you injoy this year, im shor.

SINCERELY, ROSIE



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# SINCERELY, BRADEN

# DEAR SANTA,

I am glad that you sent Chippy the elf. He is funny and silly. I am glad that it is almost Christmas. I want to get new bike. I also want a basketball goll. I promise I will be good.

# SINCERELY, BRAXTON

# DEAR SANTA,

this year I want white shoes that I can draw on. And I alsow want a fure real friend too. I alsow want a elf out fett for girls. I want one more thaing too. A vary mary christmas. Ps, I will get some milk and cookies and carets.

SINCERELY, BRISTOL

# DEAR SANTA,

I hope you are doing well. I would like mittens for Christmas. My size is small 7-8.

# SINCERELY, HANNAH

# DEAR SANTA,

You are fake But Iill yase my imagination that you are real. You are the Best Guy ever.

# SINCERELY, JORDAN

# DEAR SANTA,

I love that you are really nice. Can you give me stuff such as: a pink tablet with my name on it, or a chapter book for kids.

You can give me stuff girls would like, too! I love you!

SINCERELY, JOYCE



# DEAR SANTA,

May you bless the children who don't get presents for Christmas please. May you please bless my family this christmas. May I please have a space orb, a trip to Rosemary Beach, basketball, and a Fernando taxis Jr. jersey basball.

THANK YOU!

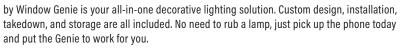
SINCERELY, CHARLIE











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# SINCERELY, ANTHONY

# DEAR SANTA,

I think I have been a good boy this year Saint nick. May I please have a hover board? I am very excited for Christmas! The thing I am most excited about spending time with family and friends. May I also have a lphone 13 please?

# SINCERELY (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

I am relley exidect for Christmas and I like the pjamas you elf gave us. your elfs are relley funny. I like the pjamas there super cute and the slippers are super cute. I wish to be talet at art

for christmas.

# SINCERELY, LOVE, HUDSON

# DEAR SANTA.

Sorry to bother you but I only want three things : a snow leopard stuffy, chinchilla suffy, and a sugar glider stuffy. Thank. you for everything in the past.

# SINCERELY, ANNALIESE

# DEAR SANTA,

My name is Kimberly. I've been nice and good. I tried so hard to be nice santa, an I want a doo with blue/pink hair. It's a Barbie.

# SINCERELY, KIMBERLY

# DEAR SANTA,

thank you for all the presents. I especially liked the bike. I think you're perfect. I love you reindeer. I will leave milk and

cookies for you, and carrots fo your Reindeer. This year can I have a Taylor Swift Eras Tour Reputation outfit please? Can I also have a puupy? I love you!!!!!

# SINCERELY, SAWYER

# DEAR SANTA,

I want a redtel catfish and a Jiit tedBeBen and a eruwonun. Last but not lest a farm.

# SINCERELY, WYATT

# DEAR SANTA,

what I want for christmas is a balancebeam and a glow in the dark blanket. and, super cozy socks. and, a little turtle. and, a Polaride camera and, a new tablet. and, a rainbow ghost blanket and, doll clothes and, pop up lanterns and, Happy nappers sleppers. and christmas books and a picture of you.

SINCERELY, DAKOTA

# DEAR SANTA,

I ben a very good girl. I really want to got to the north pole. I really want you to bring presents to my family and me. I hope all the kids are in the good list.

# SINCERELY, CIARA

# DEAR SANTA,

I would really like a babysitter barbie.

# SINCERELY (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

LOVE Christmas but I have one wish to make it's about my mom. She works very hard and its not fair so Santa could you make my moms life easier. PLEASE Santa oh, and I really appreciate the presents you give us.

SINCERELY, RUBY







for Christmas I want the crunch labs disc launcher build box because I want to be an engineer like Mark Rober.

# SINCERELY, ZEKE

# DEAR SANTA,

I think I've ben a good boy this year. What I would like for Christmas is a fast spining Rubiks cube and a nintendo switch. Thank you.

# SINCERELY, TAYLOR

# DEAR SANTA,

for crismis I wont a cichin like my sistrs because I wont to Irrn to make food that is why I want it and I osoe wont the cichin like grae and osoe I wont ice to in the cichin like my sistrs.

# SINCERELY (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

I want to sing a song. jingel Bells jingel bells. I love christmas too Youre elves are the sise of my shoe too aye! and merry christmas and I hope you leave something new. you are the best.

# SINCERELY (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

I hope you have a good christmas. I want to spid time with my fam llie this yiar. I wut for christmas is a barbie for christmas. trivelsef sefley

# SINCERELY, COOPER

# DEAR SANTA,

I hope you get 1,000 cookies this year. and Ive been a graft boy this year and I would like vbuck's, sharpies and a skech book.

# SINCERELY (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

I want to know how Ace and bandit are doing and sice you never really get presits i am going to make you one and this is what I want most for crismis and its makeup and I hope you have a happy crismis.

# SINCERELY, LILLIAN

# DEAR SANTA,

Hi Santa I want a bike, an electric scooter, a fidget cube, nerf gun target, stuffed animals and christmas clothes. The reason why I want these things is becaue I like all of these things and they make me happy.

# SINCERELY, PATRICK

# DEAR SANTA,

How have you been? I hope you are having a great break. I have been pretty good This year. my birthday is Dec. 19, so I don't need a lot of gifts for christmas. I want a bunch of Legos especially a firefighter Lego set. We have lots of cookeys and carrots for you and the reindeer.

# SINCERELY, WILLIAM

# DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for my presents from last year. I like that you give presents to people. I love the presents you give me. I am so thankful for the presents. I would be so sad if you gave me coal. I want a Staley cup and a Pokemon violet switch game.

Why don't you get presents from the people that you give presents to?

SINCERELY, CLARABELLE

# DEAR SANTA,

I loved my gift from last year. some of them I will wunt again! tell Jingles We love her.

SINCERELY, NELSON



Call Premier Eyecare to schedule your annual eye exam.



I would like a tablet and a new Alexa, and a lot of pudding cups in my stocking

# SINCERELY, ZION

# DEAR SANTA,

I love chismas and the presents. I Love your ho ho ho. marry Chismas. I wake up to see all the presents. Please get me all the presents I want.

# SINCERELY (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

I have been a good girl this year. I think you should get me some baby's and some teacher things and some unicorn stuff.

# SINCERELY, JULI

# DEAR SANTA,

May I please have a hoverboard boy heeleys, and a whoopee cushion. I hope you and Mrs. Clause have a GREAT winter break! I wish you good luck on Christmas eve!

# SINCERELY, BENNETT

# DEAR SANTA,

Please send extra bacon, strawberries and marshmallons. You're awesome.

# SINCERELY, JAMES

# DEAR SANTA,

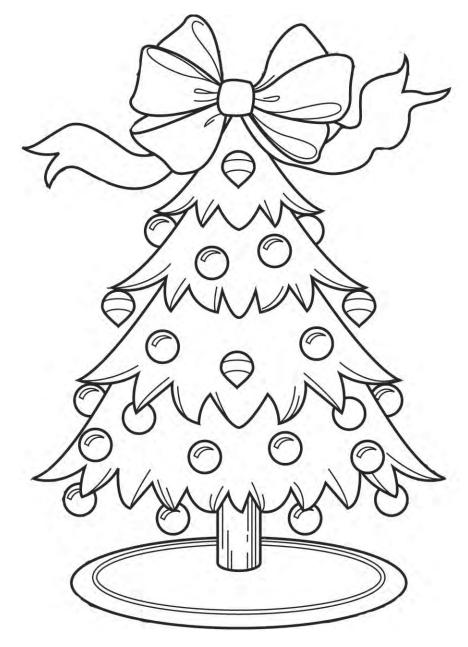
I have been extra good this year. I clean my room and help my mom cook dinner. I would like you to bring presents for all the foster kids in TN. Also, could you please bring me a cotton candy machine so I can help feed them.

# SINCERELY, SAVANNAH

DEAR SANTA,

I wish for an electric scooter.

SINCERELY, JONATHAN







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# SINCERELY, SAILORS

# DEAR SANTA,

I would like a Stanley, Stanley taper, glue on nails, hover board, nice cube, gym bar, Boulder, tumble track, power pen, clicker, uggs, smartphone. How are the reindeer?

# SINCERELY, KATHRYN

# DEAR SANTA,

here are some things i want for Christmas. Hatchimalsx, Barbies, cooking toys, a coloring book, clothes. I Love Christmas so much. I Love you so much.

# SINCERELY (ONLY SANTA KNOWS)

# DEAR SANTA,

Hello Santa how are you. Is it fun in the north pole. Thank you for My Cristmas gift Last year. For Cristmas this year can you please get me game cards for my nintendo.

# SINCERELY, ADHARV

# DEAR SANTA,

Happy Christmas! This is my christmas list ... a kind of marble run, toys, cars different kind, legos. That is all for my Christmas list. And again, Merry Christmas. Have a good time in Christmas. Hope you don't get tired by riding to everyones house. I will tell Gumin and Yan to bring you a healthy snack. Merry Christmas.

# SINCERELY, JASPER

# DEAR SANTA,

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# SINCERELY, MAYSEN

# DEAR SANTA,

I have been great this year. I would like a blue electric sckater, a Alexa, and a Tennessee Basketball. Thank you!!!

# SINCERELY, CHARLIE

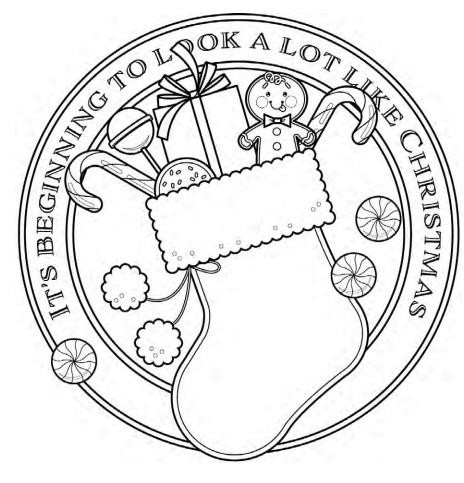
# DEAR SANTA,

for Christmas I would like a 100k Robux, 100k Vbux, football with all the NFL teams on it, 20 Donkin donuts, Green and red arm sleeves, Red and Green curries, New Shades!!

# SINCERELY, CULLEN

# DEAR SANTA,

We are moving. I love the new house. I am so excited because it is my first Christmas in the U.S. I moved to America this year from Korea. oh and I have some stuff that I wished for. A crystal growing science kit and a



squishmallow bracelet making kit.

# SINCERELY, ZOE

# DEAR SANTA,

happy Christmas. I hope you had fun making toys fro everyone. I don't have a Christmas list, I just want you to surprise me because I just want to spend time with my family.

# SINCERELY, JULIA

# DEAR SANTA,

this year I would like a pogaStick for christmas.

# SINCERELY, EZRA

# DEAR SANTA,

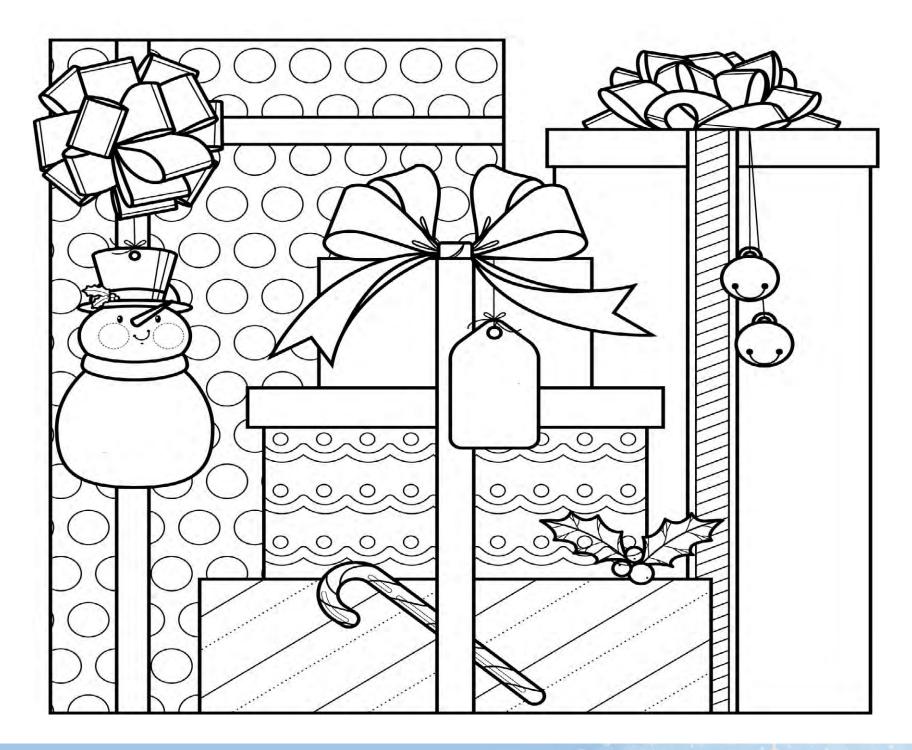
I was good this year. I want a video game. I want a broncos football. I ant a football card pack. I want a Cristan Mccarfy jersy.

# SINCERELY, BECKHAM

# DEAR SANTA,

I am a good girl. I am friends with every one. I like to chare. Can you bring a hamster with a set of babies? Will you also bring my brother something good. He just had surgery. Please remember all the kids who don't have a family. They need you too!

# SINCERELY, ATNENA





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I've been very good this year and I would love to have a green dragon Stuffy. Please and thank you.

# SINCERELY, HUNTER

# DEAR SANTA,

I wish for some legos and some nike shoes and some new barbies and clothes and a toy kichin and a jewelry. I want a bardie camper. I clean my toys and fuld cleans and put clothes away. I hope you have a good christmas and a happy now year.

# SINCERELY, SADIE

# DEAR SANTA,

I want a nintendo Switch from you! I been good because I been takeing good care of my sisters and listen to my parentes.

# SINCERELY, YUIKA

# DEAR SANTA,

Thank you for giving all of the children presents.

The thing I want the most for christmas is a Magic Mixey. You and your Elves work so hard every year. A question I want to know about you is Has somebody ever seen you at there house while you are giving them some presents under the christmas tree? Merry christmas!

# SINCERELY, OLIVIA

# DEAR SANTA,

I would love to have some good toys and what I want is football gloves, foot cards flag football and I would like electric modencycle and a new mess t-shirt, new clothes and shoes. I want some of a bag of candy and i just want to say thank you for all you gave me.

# SINCERELY, TIPTON

# DEAR SANTA,

Toys, chiristmas blaenkit, cat squishmelow, boweeh blaenkit, firishe, cat stufft aboyall, cat toys,Prestons merch. I have ben good because kind, ruspectfar.

# SINCERELY, GRAYSON

# DEAR SANTA,

For christmas I want coymnastic physet and is the North pole cold. I want playdoh For chistmas Is the North pole big. Santa I want a bunk beds for my life Dolls and Do you like my christmas tree.

I want a helment for my bike. I want a pet dog for my life Dolls. Then What is the North pole like. What the does North pole look like. how far is the north pole. I want a tv for my life Dolls. Five more my life Dolls and Rainbows shadow high Dolls Bratz Dolls

# SINCERELY, MOTENA

# DEAR SANTA,

I have been so good. I want yoo to sprise me. My family is sew nice My brother is so much fun I had a lot of fun this year. I went to a movie it was the trols movie.

SINCERELY, LOVE, REAGANS

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