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PAW helps kids shop



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Thomas Rife has a chat with Santa Claus in the Fort Madison Chamber's Enchanted Forest Saturday afternoon, as mom Nicole looks on... and listens. Below, is the City of Fort Madison's Grouch entry into the Enchanted Forest.

MORE SHOPPING: Shop open to general public next Saturday from 10-2 p.m

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - The PAW Animal Shelter and its army of volunteers once again put on a shopping experience for local youth in order to help them put packages under the tree for their families.

More than 20 children were on hand Saturday afternoon at the Santa Shop behind the Fort Madison Chamber's Enchanted Forest in the Aldi building in downtown Fort Madison.

PAW Director Sandy Brown said there were more than 100 kids shopping last weekend, the first weekend of the shop, and about 50 had come through this week before 1 p.m.

The shop was open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the past two weeks. Saturday was the last day for kids to shop with elves and get free wrapping. Next Saturday, the shop will be open to the public, but there are no elves to help children on that day because it's open to everyone. There also will be no wrapping.

"On the 17th, the shop will be open to the public during the same hours," Brown said. "Kids can shop but there will be no elves and no wrapping."

The event is one of the major fundraisers each year for PAW and Brown

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EDITORIAL



Decking the Halls tough this holiday

I can't deck the halls this year because they're all full of boxes.

I haven't been much in the Christmas spirit this year. But I did watch a little Bad Santa - what a weird flick.

I've had a sweet little crush on Lauren Graham for years, but you have to really claw to hang onto the spirit of that movie. Wow.

Anyway, my hallway, as is typical this time of year, is full of brown cardboard boxes with these black arrow smiles on them. There's some other boxes, too, but my family will snoop through this column for hints, so we're not going there.

Sorry, Nat.

Suffice it to say that I deeply miss the days of shopping onsite for gifts. I think we'll all get accustomed to shopping online eventually, and if the taxes are actually coming into the area from those purchases, it makes it a bit easier to swallow. But I miss the sounds and smells and distractions of Christmas shopping.

The spontaneity of it all and the stop in that local watering hole to celebrate the season were part of the traditions with my brothers. Doing a shot a Peppermint Schnapps "every time a bell rings" is something that is missed as well.

The more and more Christmas gets commercialized - as Charlie Brown so rightly prophesied - I get a bit more distant from the holiday. Maybe Halloween is moving up the on the list of favorites.

Anyway, I'm going to wait this year to put up the tree because the wife and

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Obituaries/From the Front

Aldi helping keep Santa Shop going

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said the event has had to be moved eight different times over the past 14 years to keep it going. She said if they have to move again they may be unable to continue it.

Brown said she was so appreciative of the Aldi Corporation for allowing them to have the event there for the second year. She said Aldi doesn't even require them to move everything out each year, which saves on volunteer time and effort.

"The community really likes this and unless we have to move we're not going to stop," she said. Last week close to 100

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Youth shoppers and elves work through the tables of gifts at the PAW Santa Shop Saturday in the Aldi building in downtown Fort Madison.

kids came in and shopped for family and this week they had about 50 before noon with two hours left for shopping.

Next year will be PAW's 15th year holding the Santa Shop. Brown said her whole family has been involved in putting on

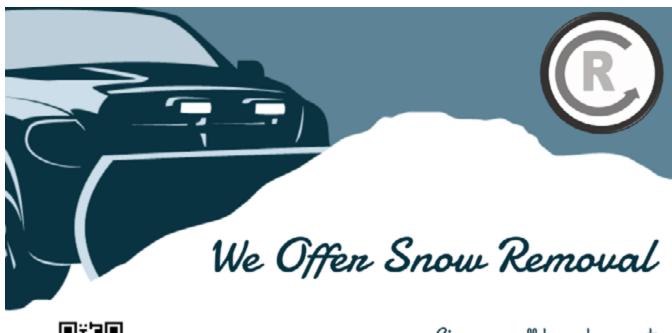
the event, including her grandchlidren.

She said there will also be a spring fundraiser this year at the location.

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OBITUARIES

DALE G. HOLTERHAUS

Dale G. Holterhaus, 86, of Cedar Rapids, IA and formerly of Ft. Madison passed away on Friday, December 9, 2022 at 6:45 PM at the Hiawatha Care



He was born on June 28, 1936 in Ft. Madison to George and Viola Mathiasmeier Holterhaus. On November 30, 1957 he married Carol Doering in Ft. Madison. Dale worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for four years, then Chevron for twenty five years and lastly Mervyn's Department Store in Lakeland, FL.

Dale was a member of St. Judes Church in Cedar Rapids and was a former member of Sacred Heart and Ss. Mary's Church in Ft. Madison. He enjoyed golfing and traveling. Dale and Carol spent the first thirty two years of marriage in Ft. Madison and spent thirty two years of marriage in Lakeland, FL.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Holterhaus of Cedar Rapids; two daughters, Julie (Dale) Jones of Morrison, IL and Jean Dirks of Ankeny; three sons, Brian (Sandy) Holterhaus of Cedar Rapids, Greg Holterhaus of Robins, IA and Brad (Dyan) Holterhaus of Adel, IA; nine grandchildren, Leslie (Brian Ross) Bendlage, Lindsey (Andy) Schutte, Joanne (John) Van Etten, Jessica (Sawyer) Woolf, Mitch (Taylor) Fondell, Jason Dirks, Daniel Holterhaus, Tara Holterhaus and Taylor (Logan) Wagner; five great grandchildren, Claire and Jack Van Etten and Olivia, Micah and Madeline Wagner and one sister, Sheryl (John) Wilken of Naples, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Roger and a great grandson, Lucas.

The Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, December 16, 2022 at 11 AM at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at the church. Burial will follow in Gethsemane Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk. com.





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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM H. **PENCE**

William H. "Bill" Pence, 89, of rural Lomax, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

Bill was born July 22, 1933 at the family home near Lomax, where he would live all of his life. He was the son of Herbert and Wanda (Fisher) Pence. His father passed away when



Bill was a young boy. He was raised by his grandfather William Fisher and his mother. On August 1, 1954 he married the love of his life, Vieva Joyce Lindgren at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Stronghurst, Illinois. She preceded him in death January 27, 2021.

Bill attended the Pleasant Grove Grade School and graduated from Terre Haute High School in 1951. Bill began farming at the age of fifteen. This developed into a lifelong passion for agriculture. His farm was recognized as a Sesquicentennial Farm. He enjoyed showing registered Hampshire Sheep

along with his sons and daughters at many State Fairs and National Shows. He helped organize Illinois Western Sheep Producers and served as the first Chairman. He also sold Walnut Grove Feed locally for many years. In later years, he raised registered Angus cattle. Whether sheep or cattle, he always had a trusted border collie with him to move his livestock.

He was a member of the Terre Haute United Methodist Church, serving as Church Board Chairman for many years. He served on the Terre Haute School Board and was on the Henderson County Board for 10 years. He was also Lomax Township Supervisor for 12 years and was a Lomax Republican Committeeman for 26 years. He enjoyed hunting, especially coon hunting, telling stories, and visiting with his friends and family. He never met a stranger. He loved the sport of baseball and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include five children: Susan Pratt of LaHarpe, Steve (Julie) Pence of Lomax, Sherry (Kevin) Beals of LaHarpe, Sally (Rodney) Boyle of Burlington, Iowa and Shirley (Rod) Morrison of Cameron, Missouri; 16 grandchildren: Mike (Amy) Pratt, Cassie Pratt, Sasha (Andrew) Kloepper, Shannon (Felecia) Pence, Amber (Jason) Duncan, Drew (Erica) Pence, Skyler (Mariah) Pence, Samantha (Tyler) Howe, Madison (Kevin) Mershon, Mitch (Brooke) Beals, Mason Beals, Jessica (Nick) Malone, Fisher (Ashley Demers) Boyle, Tucker Morrison, Carter Morrison and Sam Morrison; twenty-two great-grandchildren and one sister: Jane Buchanan of Florida. Also surviving is one brother-in-law: Harold (Barbara) Lindgren and sister-in-law: Mary Ann Lindgren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife he was preceded in death by one son: Stanley Fisher Pence and two grandchildren: Kade Pratt and Meredith Beals.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 11, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe with Rev. Jim Clayton and Rev. Lee Unger officiating. Burial will be held at the Heisler Cemetery, on Bill's farm, near Lomax.

Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe.

A memorial fund has been established for the Terre Haute United Methodist Church or the Lomax Fire Department. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Bill's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

12/08/22 - 9:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tamera Jean Robey, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue K, on a charge of 2nd degree burglary. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/08/22 - 9:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2800 block of Avenue K.

12/08/22 - 9:09 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a

block of Avenue D.

12/08/22 - 2:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 700

block of 13th Street. 12/08/22 - 3:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of Avenue

12/08/22 - 10:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Elliott Mathius Hemphill, 31, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 32nd Street report of a burglary in the 800 and Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.

Lee County **Sheriff Report**

12/08/22 - 1:44 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Trenton Lee Mathes, 26, of Kahoka, in the 2500 block of 280th Street, Montrose, on a warrant for 3rd degree burglary. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until prov-

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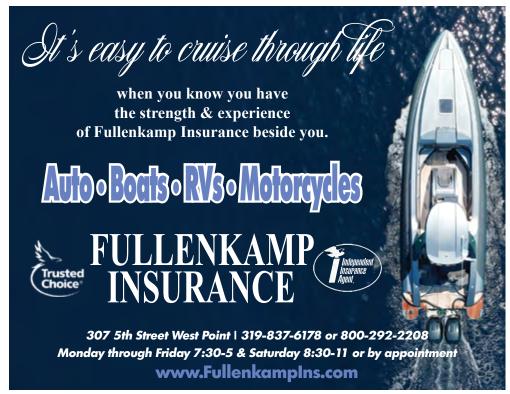
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OBITUARIES

PEGGY A. McGEE

Peggy Arlene McGee, 68 of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, December 8, 2022 in Odes-

She was born September 6, 1954 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Travis and Mary VanVelkinberg Brown.

Peggy had been employed as a home health caregiver for many years.

She loved all types of gemstones and was always on the lookout for new ones. Peggy had a heart for caring for others and brightened many lives over the years.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Lester (Pete) of West **McGEE** Burlington, IA and Mildred Burgess of Keokuk, one son, Travis Mc-Gee (Sarah) of Warsaw, IL, seven grandchildren, Chelsey Shedd, Cori

Shedd, Dakota Shedd, Drake Shedd, Kevin Padgett, Trystan McGee and Weston Mc-Gee and two great-grandchildren, Dakota Dominguez and Elysia Gonzalez and one on the way. She was also survived by one sister, Joy Brown of MS and three brothers, Robert Brown (Gale) of Independence, MO, Ralph Brown (Shelly) of Waynesboro, TN and Clyde Brown of Independence, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Ann Margaret Shedd.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m, Thursday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Larry Wallingford officiating. Burial will at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.



From the Front

Time is running out to get the halls decked for Xmas

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daughter aren't coming until a few days before-

Tay literally threatened to beat me up if I put a single ornament on the tree. She did acquiesce to allowing me to put the tree up, however.

That means we're going to do a traditional Christmas this year and may end up decorating the itchy thing on Christmas Eve.

To that end, I guess I better get the lights out and starting working on that hornets' nest. My patience wears thin with lights very quickly. And Lee insists on about 25 strands of lights, which makes the tree weigh so much that when a train goes by six blocks from the house, it wobbles.

But it is gorgeous when we're done. We don't



believe in tinsel. That crap can be found for 364 days after Christmas, hiding on book shelves, stuck to vent, or wrapped around the brush roller on the Dyson vacuum.

And when we did have it, we had to put it on one strand at a time. I always subscribed to the toss-

and-let-gravity-sort-it-out strategy.

Then there's the annual debacle of moving the furniture around so the tree fit just right. I know a piece gets moved out of the front room into the living area, but I have to have a hand-scripted map from Taylor's phone to remember how I do it properly.

There's the big red bell that hangs in the archway off the greenery decorating the molding. I have a lot of things that go outside, but that may have to wait, too. King Bob and the minions are ripe for Christmas thieves.

Kelsey used to love hanging the ornaments and that will be incredibly difficult again this year, but we carry her in our hearts and we know she's here with us. My youngest daughter wasn't hell bent on anything, but the traditions of decorating the tree were not to be trifled with.

I love her for that. Despite my short attention span, that was one of my favorite things about her. Right next to sitting down stairs and hearing her sing in the shower upstairs.

The house is unbelievably too quiet now. That angel has to be singing in God's choir.

I wish she was here to wrap all the stuff in these boxes. I could pawn that off on her. I'm sure she'll be watching down and laughing her butt off as I wrinkle and rip and cuss and tape scraps of paper to cover holes - then unfold my legs and collapse on my back on the floor to let the blood flow again.

Taylor said she will have time to do my wrapping and hers (...whatever), bake for about 12 hours straight, and watch a list of about 20 movies all in the 48 hours she has before Santa comes.

At 29 she's still the oldest kid I think I've ever seen aside from my brother John. This girl will come into my room at 7 a.m. without fail so we can go downstairs to see what Santa brought. I know she still has trouble sleeping Christmas eve.

She tries to be an adult but Lee and I know its fake. She's an adult in all the other realms of adult-hood she needs to be "adulting" in, but when it comes to Christmas...she knows there's really a Santa Claus.

No matter what he does for the other 10 months and 23 days each year - he always delivers.

This year will surely be no exception. Delivering on Christmas is precious and detailed, secretive and beautiful.

Whether it's commercialized or traditional, it will always come from the heart. Anything else is quite simply - Beside the Point.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa **Board of Supervisors** Agenda **DATE: Monday. December 12, 2022 MEETING CONVENING TIME:** 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. (CDT) LOCATION: 933 Avenue H Fort Madison, IA

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Pledge of Allegiance Approve Agenda Public Input

Presentation of Compensation Board Recommendation

Discuss and Consider Approval of Contract for Property Management at Lincoln Ridge with Keokuk Housing Authority

Consider Approval of Resolution Declaring EMS as Essential Service

Consider Approval to Replace One Part-time Paramedic and One Parttime EMT

Discussion of Notices of **Eminent Domain Pro**ceedings from NuStar

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (12)

Consider Approval of Monday, December 5, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:

A. Reclassification-Sheriffs Office

- B. Step Increase- Sec-
- ondary Roads C. New Hire- Elected
- Position

Reports:

- A. Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
- C. Manure Management Update for Merigold

in Green Bay Township D. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected Commission or Committee Reports Adjourn

> Possible workshop to follow

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PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON AIRPORT COMMISSION MONDAY, **DECEMBER 12, 2022** 6:00 P.M. **Municipal Airport 50 Airport Road** Fort Madison, IA 52627 **AGENDA**

ROLL CALL APPROVAL OF MIN-**UTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

BUSINESS: 1.Grant Funding for dirt

work west of runway(terraces)2.Dirt work west of runway (terraces)3. AWOS Grant Application4.Painting5.Baxter Hangar Rent6.FY July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Budget7.Other Business

AIRPORT MANAGERS REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE CENTRAL LEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT **DONNELLSON, IOWA** 52625 **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER DECEMBER 13, 2022** 7:00 A.M. **REGULAR MEETING**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approve agenda
- 3. Receive Visitors:
- a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
- b) 7-12 Science Presentation
- 4. Superintendent's Report:
- a) January Board Meeting - January 10, 2023 (7:00 A.M.)/Workshops b) 2023-2024 District
- Calendar Planning c) Finance Update
- d) Top Workplace Mul-

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- e) Strategic Planning Update
- f) Vacancies **CONSENT AGENDA:**
- (Motion) (Exhibit I) 1. Approve minutes
- 2. Financial reports: General and Schoolhouse funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account
- 3. Approve prepaid bills
- 4. Approve monthly bills
- 5. Overnight Trip Requests:
- a) Girls' State Basketball Tournament -2/27/2023 - 3/4/2023, Des Moines, IA
- b) Boys' State Basketball Tournament -3/6/2023 - 3/10/2023. Des Moines, IA

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Approve Architect for District Office & High School Science Classroom Renovation (Motion) (Exhibit 11)
- 2. Discussion of Future **Director District Maps** (Exhibit III)
- 3. Approve Second Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit IV) a. 401.14 - Employee
- Expression b. 408.1 - Licensed
- Employee Professional Development
- c. 602.1 Curriculum Development
- d. 602.2 Curriculum Implementation e. 602.3 - Curriculum
- Evaluation f. 605.1 - Instructional
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- of Instructional Materials
- h. 605.2 Instructional and Library Materials Inspection
- i. 605.3 Objection to Instructional and Library Materials
- j. 605.3R1 Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials Regulation
- k. 605.3E1 Instructions to the Reconsideration Committee
- I. 605.3E2 Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials Request Form
- m. 605.3E3 Sample Letter to Individual Challenging Instructional Materials
- n. 605.3E4 Request to Prohibit a Student from Checking Out Specific Library Materials
- o. 605.4- Technology and Instructional Materi-
- p. 605.5 School Library
- q. 402.2 Child Abuse Reporting
- r. 601.2 School Day s. 802.4 - Capital As-

4. Approve Second Reading of Board Policies 800 Series: (Motion)

- 5. Approve First Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit V)
- a. Board Policy 411.8 - Classified Employee **Probationary Status**
- b. Board Policy 501.5 -Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures As a Receiving District
- 6. Approve 28E Shared Agreement - Tennis with Keokuk Community High School (Exhibit VI)
- 7. Transfers: (Effective FY2023-2024) (Motion)
- a. Hollie Weber Instructional Coach to TAG Instructor
- b. Julie Crozier Middle School Instructor to Instructional Coach
- 8. Resignations: (Motion) a. Brenda Schmidt
- Bus Driver (Effective 12/2/2022) b. Julie Walford - Food
- Service Worker (Effective 1/06/2023)
- 9. Contract Approvals: (Motion)
- a. Miranda Hawk -Hawk's Place Associate
- b. Abby Sugars -Hawk's Place Associate
- 10. Board Reports 11. Adjourn (Motion) **FOLLOWING AD-**JOURNMENT AN EX-**EMPT SESSION WILL**

BE HELD TO DISCUSS **NEGOTIA TJONS AS** PROVIDED IN IOWA CODE 201. 7.

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 24, 2022

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Rick Larkin, Chuck Holmes.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

At 10:01 a.m. Pflug opened a Public Hearing for input on a Community Development Block Grant Application for a new Health Department Building. There were

no comments received before the hearing. Items discussed were:

Need for The Activities Was Identified:

Lee County Iowa is in need of a facility to be offices and clinic space for the Lee County Health Department. The County is proposing the construction of a facility at 5001 Avenue O, Fort Madison, IA with a preliminary cost of \$5.5 million.

How the Proposed Activity will be funded:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program through the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Lee County. Iowa will fund the remainder of the project costs through grants from USDA, American Rescue Plan funds.

Date Application is Due: The CDBG application is due upon completion.

Requested Amount of Federal Funds:

Lee County, Iowa will request \$800,000 from the Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Federal Funds That Will Benefit Low-and Moderate-Income Persons:

51% of the grant funds will benefit the Low-and Moderate-Income persons in the area where the project is located. Lee County has used limited clientele survey to determine the LMI benefit for this project

Where the Activity will be conducted:

The project will take place at 5001 Avenue O, Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa.

Minimize Displacement of Persons:

During construction of the project, there should be no residents that will have to be displaced.

Plans to Assist Persons Displaced:

Lee County will adopt a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance agreement to comply with Community **Development Block Grant** requirements and will update as needed.

At 10:10 a.m., Fedler made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Seyb. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2022-98. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2022-98

WHEREAS, The Lee County Board of Supervisors (hereafter County) needs to construct a facility in the City of Fort Madison, to house the Lee County Health Department, and;

WHEREAS, The County is in need of a new facility with adequate space for the LCHD, and;

WHEREAS, The County has low to moderate income individuals who need the services of the LCHD. and:

WHEREAS, The County intends to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds to construct the new facility at 5001 Avenue O, Fort Madison, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 24th day of October, 2022, that the County intends to maintain the new facility for the duration of its useful life and will provide any required local match as part of the project and any awarded grants for the project.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Settlement Agreement and Release with James Lair for adjustment of his driveway at 3069 County Road 103, due to an elevation rise caused by a con-



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struction project, in the amount of \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve a surcharge of \$4,000.00 on a previously purchased Mack Truck. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve joining the lowa State Association of Counties in contracting for a soil analysis on agricultural land during utility construction, at a cost of \$600.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve a Class E Liquor License for Garner One Stop in Montrose, for the period December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2022-97. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Holmes-aye and Pflugaye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-97

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SU-PERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Scott and Angela Hannum 2051 West Point Road West Point IA 52656

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of lowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of lowa.

PASSED AND AP-PROVED this 24th day of October, 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Monday, October 17, 2022 Board Minutes. Motion carried. Pflug abstained.

Moved by Seyb,

seconded by Larkin, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve a step increase for Avery Jacobs, Conservation Tech, from \$21.01/ hr. to \$21.64/hr. effective 11/4/22; two new hires for the Sheriff's Office, Princess Ephraim, Correctional Officer, \$20.83/ hr., effective 11/1/22 and William Vandenberg, Deputy, \$25.25/hr., effective 11/7/22; nine new hires for EMS- two EMTs, Ellie Vance and Emilee McKay, \$17.40/hr., effective 10/25/22 and seven EMTs in training, Jacquelyn Tuck, Morgan Malone, Daniel Douglas, Quentin Schneider, Justina Mortimer, Kylie Grogan and Catherine Casey, \$15.00/ hr., effective 10/25/22. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:
Larkin reported on a
Community Action Board
meeting and a Landfill
Commission meeting.
Holmes reported on a
Workforce Development
Board meeting.

At 10:45 a.m. a motion was made by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Matt Pflug, Chairman Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

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Bloodhound Sports

Hounds improving but still looking for first win



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Sophomore Dayton Lamar works in the paint, sliding between a couple Mustang defenders Saturday afternoon in Fort Madison's 52-45 loss to Mt. Vernon. Lamar had 11 points in the loss.



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BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - The gears are just starting to turn for the Fort Madison Bloodhound boys basketball team.

But shifting the gear is still a problem as the Hounds fell 52-45 to visiting Mt. Vernon in a Saturday afternoon tilt at the Hound Dome.

The Hounds fall to 0-3 on the year, but Head Coach Ryan Wilson said the Hounds would be 2-1 if they played the two previous games the way they played against the Mustangs Saturday.

"A huge step forward today as a varsity team," he said.

"If we would have played this way for four quarters last night, not just two, we would have won and would have won at Mt. Pleasant."

The Hounds spotted Mt. Vernon a 4-0 lead early but battled back to take an 8-6 lead on a 3-ball from Hunter Cresswell.

The Mustangs' Zach Fall converted on a floater in the lane to tie things up at 8. The two would tie it up again at 13 after a Leif Boeding three for the Hounds and a bucket inside by Ryne Moeller for Mt. Vernon.

The Mustangs would go on a 6-2 run to wrap up the first quarter when senior Joe Rhomburg would hit a 3 at the buzzer for a 19-15 lead.

Fort Madison would trail the rest of the first half but would go into the locker room down by just one at 25-24 when Dayton Lamar converted a couple free throws.

Both teams were whistled for 3-second violations in the final minute of the half, one of four 3-second calls on the night.

Lamar finished with 11 points on the night and dominated the boards when he

was on the floor.

Wilson said they were bringing the sophomore along slowly and working him

into schemes as the Hounds find their identity.

"As much (time) as he can handle really. He's only a sophomore, but his presence

is huge offensively and defensively," Wilson said.

"We need to find a way to get him and Hunter and Aidan (Boyer) on the floor at

the same time.

"Hunter is very unselfish with the ball and makes things happen. With both of them on the floor, we can move Hunter to the perimeter and he can get to the bas-

ket. But we need to find ways to make that work." Fort Madison would tie things up at 29 with 4:17 left in the third. Mt. Vernon would mount another run, scoring six straight until Cresswell hit a 3 from the left baseline to cut the lead to 35-32.

Mt. Vernon led 39-35 going into the final period and Fort Madison would get as close as 2 when Cresswell converted a couple free throws with 5:24 left in the game.

The Mustangs again would have a six-point answer to go up 47-39. Leif Boeding scored Fort Madison's last four points, including a 3-ball from the top of the key to cut the lead to five at 50-45, but the Hounds were out of timeouts and had to foul to stop the clock with less than 30 seconds left.

Mt. Vernon would convert the last two free throws to seal the win.

"This was our first late game situation and they looked a little shy,... timid and not sure what they wanted to do," Wilson said.

The Hounds were 11-14 from the free throw line, but committed 20 turnovers, six in the fourth quarter.

Cresswell finished with 14, to go with Lamar's and Carson Rashid's 11 each. Boeding finished with nine for the Hounds.

The Hounds (0-3, 0-2) will have four more games in the next ten days before the holiday break.

They play at Williamsburg Tuesday and then have back-to-back games at Keokuk on Friday and then Saturday in the River Rivalry Series.

Fort Madison will play Centralia at 12:30 at Keokuk High School in the River series.



Sports

Hounds get 2nd with only 9 wrestlers at Wentzville

PCC Staff

WENTZVILLE, Mo. - Four Bloodhounds claimed titles at the Liberty Wentzville Invitational, an annual trek for the Hounds before the holidays.

Fort Madison went short-handed with just nine wrestlers, but came away with second place with 208 points.

Nolan Riddle (144), Henry Wiseman (150), Teague Smith (182) and Ike Thacher (215) all brought home gold medals from the event.

Emmett Kruse (157) and Daniel Sokolik (285) finished as runners-up and Logan Pennock (126) and Landon Rudd (190) took 3rd to help the Bloodhounds to 2nd place.

The Hounds took just nine wrestlers to finish runner-up in the 19-team field.

Riddle scored a pin at 3:02 over Ladue Horton's Sam Loiterstein. Riddle had a bye, a medical forfeit, a pin and then a tech fall in the semifinals to get to the title match.

Wiseman wrestled three full 3-period matches to get decisions in round 1, round 4 and the title match. He also scored a pin in round 5. The junior won

his 4th round match by a 2-1 score with Kaden Barnes of Fulton scoring an escape with :03 left.

Teague Smith scored three straight falls at 175 and then won by medical forfeit in the semifinals before recording a tough 3-1 decision over Hayden DeVilder of Francis Howell Central 3-1. Smith got a take down early and earned a penalty point in the third period for the win.

Ike Thacher rolled through the 215 lb bracket with five pins, four of which came in the first period. He scored a pin in the third period to capture the title over Richard Meyer of Holt

Kruse lost a 7-3 decision in the title match to Kyden Wilkerson of Centralia for 2nd place, and Sokolik was pinned at 2:32 in the title match for his second place finish.

For the complete results, click the following link: https://www.trackwrestling.com/predefinedtournaments/predefinedtournam

<u>definedtournaments%2FTeamResults.</u> <u>jsp&twSessionId=jymgpjyexz</u>.

HTC girls downs New London

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

NEW LONDON - The Holy Trinity girls basketball team probably doesn't have a team goal of holding opponents under 20 points a game, but they did just that Friday night.

The Crusaders dominated New London for four quarters in a 51-18 win in SEI Superconference South action at New London.

Teagan Snaadt led all scorers with 18, mostly coming in transition as the pace of the game favored Holy Trinity.

Snaadt and freshman Presley Myers came out strong for the Crusaders scoring the first eight points, while HTC allowed the Tigers just two points in the early going.

The Tigers didn't get their second bucket until there was just 4:58 left in the first half, which is all they would get in the half as HTC raced out to a 29-4 lead.

Snaadt had 11 and Myers had six for the Crusaders in the first two periods.

The Tigers' Sophie Mal-

lot heated up a bit in the second half with a couple three-pointers on the way to her team-high eight points. Mylee Miller had six in the second half for New London.

Despite HTC's defense and rebounding, it was the offense that impressed Head Coach Tony Johnson.

"We worked on (defense) a little bit this week, but I think tonight I was more impressed with the offense because we kept the ball moving and we kept the bodies moving," Johnson said.

"We worked on that for an hour and a half last night to keep things moving because we tend to like to sit and watch a little bit."

The Crusaders are still playing without starters
Natalie Randolph and Mary
Kate Bendlage, both out with knee injuries.

Despite the loss of offense from Randolph and Bendlage, Johnson said Holy Trinity is playing well and competing each night.

"Nobody's even brought it up. Nobody's saying what could've been. Next man up is all we can do," he said.

One of those next play-

ers up is freshman Presley Myers who finished with 12 points.

Johnson said Myers, who made a name for herself helping the Crusaders to the state volleyball tournament as an inside hitter, is coming along quickly on the hardcourt as well.

"From week 1 to now she's come leaps and bounds. She's getting accustomed to the speed and physicality of it. In the post it can get pretty rugged down there," Johnson said.

But Johnson said the Crusaders don't have any quit in them.

"Keep playing. They didn't quit so I'm not gonna quit on them. That's the biggest thing with them. They never quit playing hard and that's all you can ask for," he said.

New London played a better third quarter, keeping pace with the Crusaders being outscored just 10-8. But HTC pulled away behind Kayla Box's four points in the fourth quarter to seal the

HTC (2-3, 1-3) hosts Class 1A No. 13 Burlington Notre Dame (5-0, 4-0) on Tuesday.

Tigers too much for Crusader boys

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

NEW LONDON - New London's Kade Benjamin threw in 15 points in the first half including three dunks, but it was Blaise Porter's 21 second-half points that did in the Crusaders Friday night.

The two combined for 53 as the Tigers stuck an 87-66 Southeast Iowa Superconference South win on HTC Friday night.

The Tigers raced out to a 21-6 lead through the first quarter, but then HTC settled in and shifted some defensive pressures.

The moves worked as the Crusaders outscored New London 23-20 through the rest of the first half and trailed by just 12, 41-29 at the half.

"The second quarter we

played really well. We came out and tried something different in the first quarter and it didn't go our way and we played a little timid and scared," Head Coach John Hellige said.

"Then we relaxed and our second-quarter defense was more effective."

Maddox Rung and Nick Fullenkamp, who's playing in his second game after missing two with the flu, both hit two 3-balls in the second quarter to keep HTC in the game in the second-period run.

But any momentum was lost coming out after the half.

Hellige said there was some timidness on the part of the Crusaders.

"Porter and Benjamin get a lot of notoriety and I don't know if that led to some of our kids being a little afraid. But it's games like this that will pay off for us down the road," he said.

"I told them about when I used to go down to Shopton Park on Sundays and play. If you went there and didn't match the level of aggressiveness and energy, you went home feeling scared and timid. That's kinda what happened tonight."

Conner Gehling, who led HTC with 19 points on the night, scored eight in the final period. But Porter scored nine slashing through the HTC interior defense to help put the game away.

Fullenkamp had 15 points and Luke Hellige had 10 points for HTC. Adam Sobczak and Rung had eight points each in the loss.

The Crusaders (1-5, 0-4) take on Burlington Notre Dame (4-1, 3-1) on Tuesday at home, before traveling to Van Buren on Friday.

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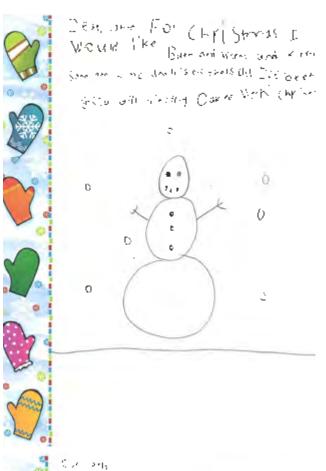


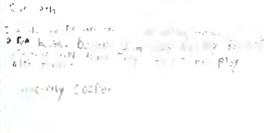


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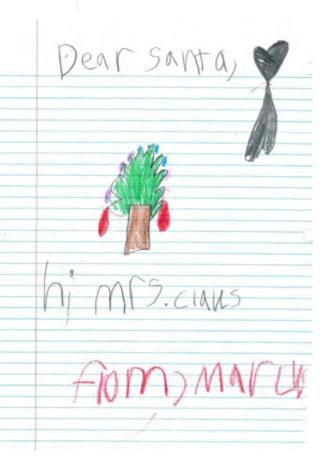
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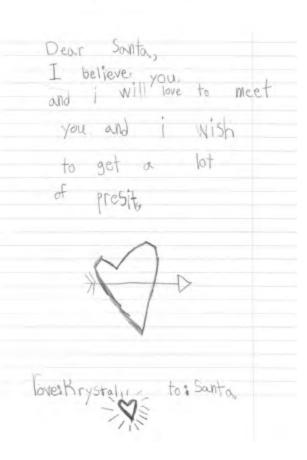
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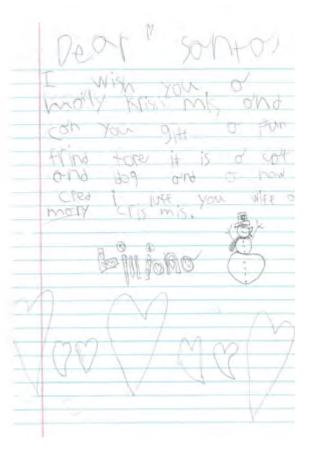
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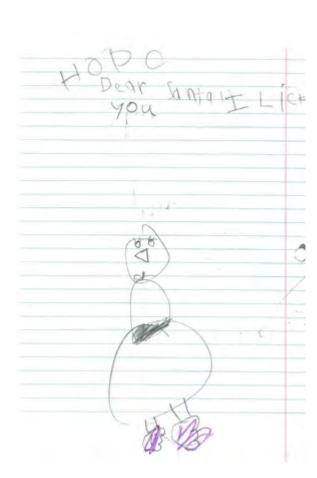


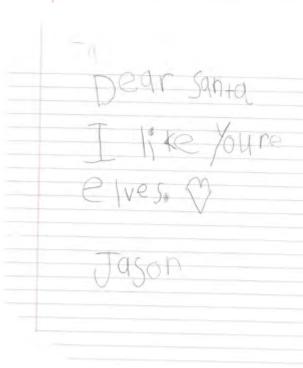


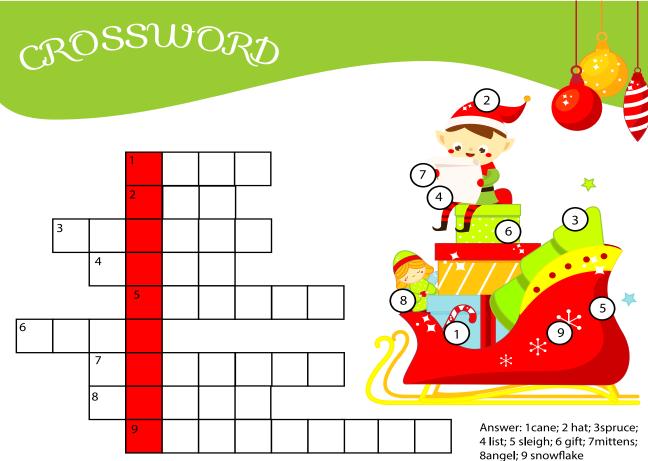
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Central Lee Elementary School Mrs. Campbell, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my toys last year. I have been a good boy this year. I want some digits for Christmas and I won't have some pokey cards for Christmas too.

Sincerely, Gavin Neally



Dear Santa.

can I please have a Lol doll and a sweatshirt please? Love,

Zoey Strange



I would like Iowa State basketball two tickets. And I would like a red and yellow mini fridge and pop to go with it.Then I would like a big stuffed teddy bear. Next a mini claw machine and candy to go with it. Lastly, a Iowa state basketball And Kobe Bryant one too.

Sincerely, Jansen Swan

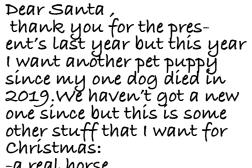
Dear Santa,



Dear Santa,

I would like a light blue míní fridge, a claw machine, a big spishmellow, a Fitbit, a Gecko, a volleyball a míní pop machine a Polaroid camera light pink and Nike shoes pink and white santa. I have been a really nice girl can I have them please.

Emersyn Welch



- -a real horse
- -a real Llama
- -a giant squishy
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- -a phone
- -a laptop
- -a thousand dollars
- -a yacht

Sincerely, Arianna York



I want míní claw machine, slime kit, water bottle, a real gecko, volleyball net, candy, mini tree, mini fridge (white and gray), some pops big squash mellow, fidgets, clothes, cookíes, clothes for elf, stíckers, shoes, and a teal polaroid camera.

Sincerely, Shelví Westfall



Dear Santa,

1 am a good kid. So can I have a baby dog or cat? And I want a hoverboard, an Iphone 14 and clothes and a sweatshirt that says "Macie".

Love. Macie Cheney



Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a Pokemon and a Playstation 5 and a Pc and Nike shoes and a iphone 14 too! I have been mostly a good boy.

Sincerely. Ayden Moss



Dear Santa,

First I want to say thank you for the toys last year. I have been really good. Now I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas, a camera that I can use for photographs. Also I want a hamster.

Love,



Central Lee Elementary Gchool Mrs. Campbell, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a ps4 and a xbox without working at home for it. I want Pokemon cards and I've been good but I míght hít my síster sometimes. Will you forgive me?

Love, John



Dear Santa,

I would like a promote airplane, a nerf gun and a new bike. I hope you have had a good Christmas and a good year. I've been good this year.

Sincerely, Dillion Timpe



I'd like a new dirt bike gear and a hoverboard. I want a red gecko like my teachers. I have been extremely good.

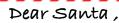
Sincerely, Brycen Mehl



Dear Santa,

I would have 2 iphones, lots of Pokemon cards, and legos. I would like a toy car that I can ride in. I have been good for a long while. I also want a pet parrot so it won't bite me. You need to go on a diet so no cookies for you.

Sincerely, Kaiden Hensley



thank you for the presi want for Christmas an airsoft gun and lots of soft blankets, a glass desk and more pairs of boots and a dirt bike gear. That's all I want please. I've been so perfect.



Dear Santa,

I want a Dasher toy, the grinch, and a cat for Christmas too. I want a baby sister for Christmas and I want my teacher to visit for Christmas. I want you to give me a kiss. I want a big teddy bear and a puppy. (a real one) I want a violin and a carriage. 1 want you to help my mom

Please Sincerely,





I do not want to be greedy but I really want my cat back and if you have seen my cat I really want it back for Christmas. Merry Christmas.

Sincerely, Jaylee Fuller



Dear Santa,

I am Mrs. Clause for the school program it will be really fun. Did you know that we have an elf on the self in my classroom? Its name is Mr. Jils. When will my elf come at home? I really miss her, Santa can 1 have a squish mellow!

Love, Brystol Gerdes



I bet you are busy this year and thank you for all you do. Can I have a new water bottle and a Who Would Win book. I would like a Playstation 5 game pass and that is it.

Love,

Logan Juarez



Central Lee Elementary Gehool Mrs. Campbell, 3rd Grade

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Love, John



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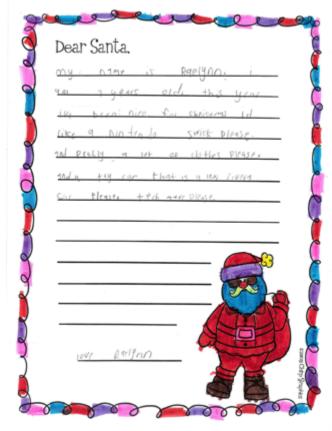


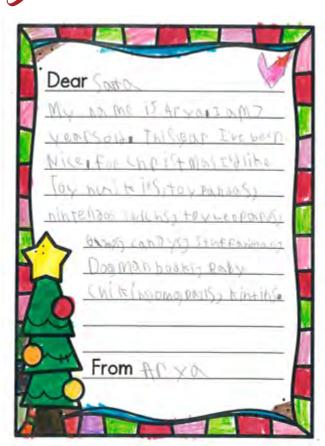
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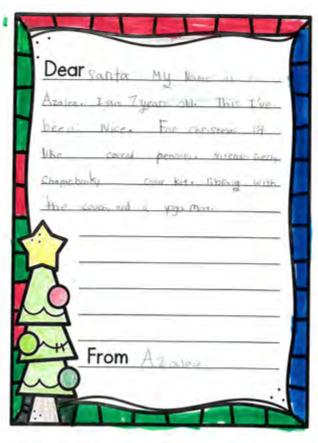
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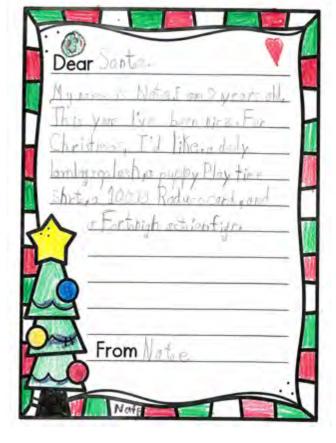


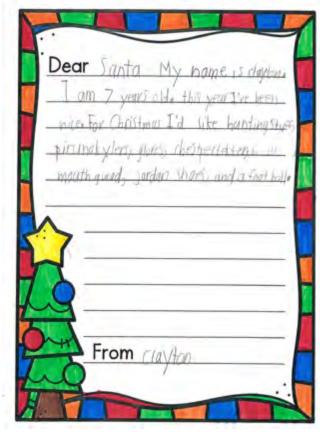




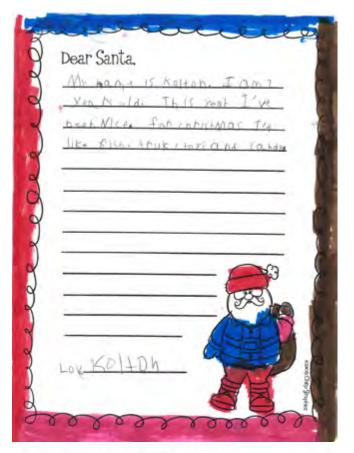


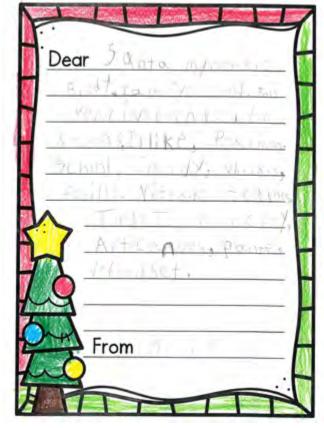




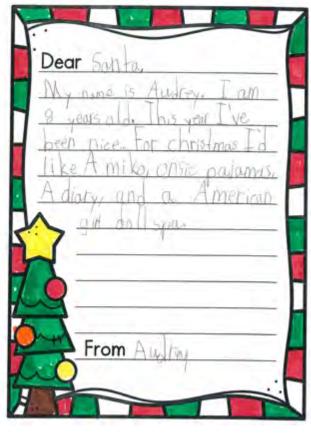


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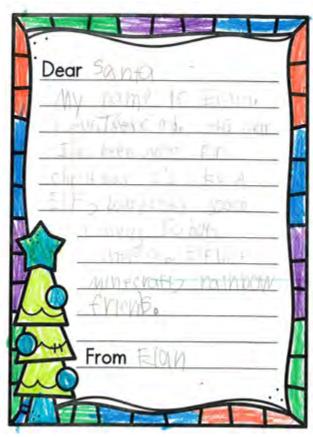










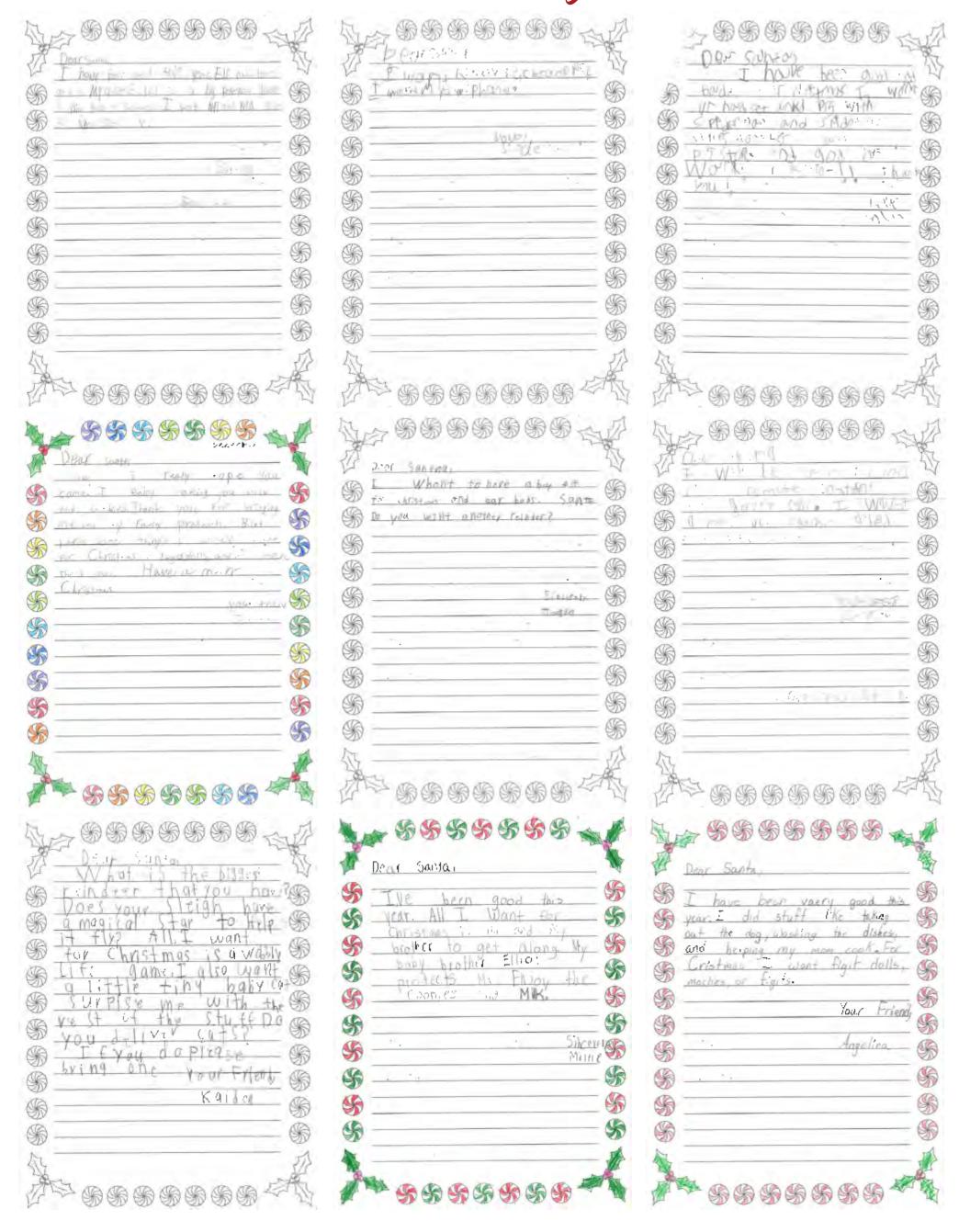






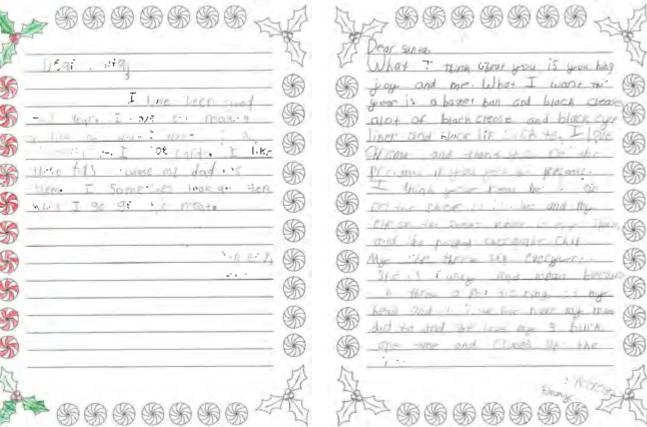
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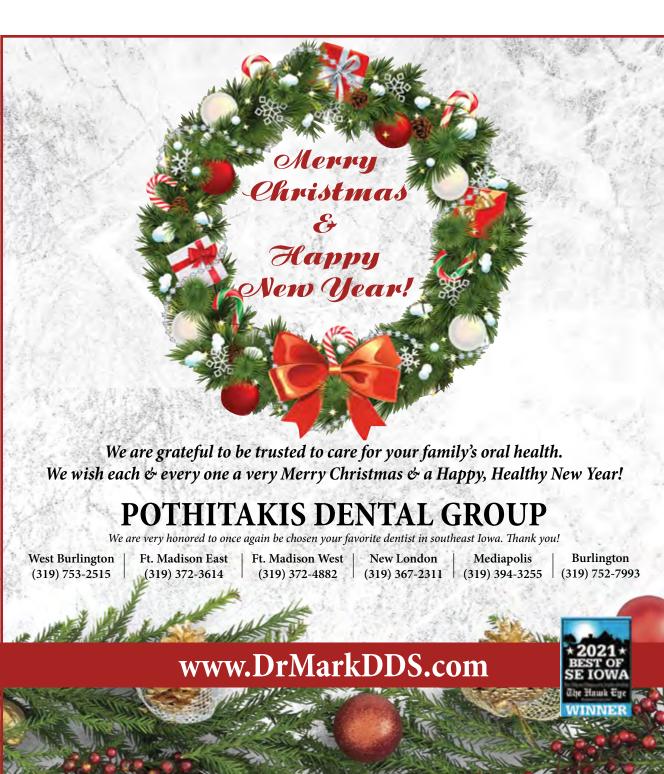
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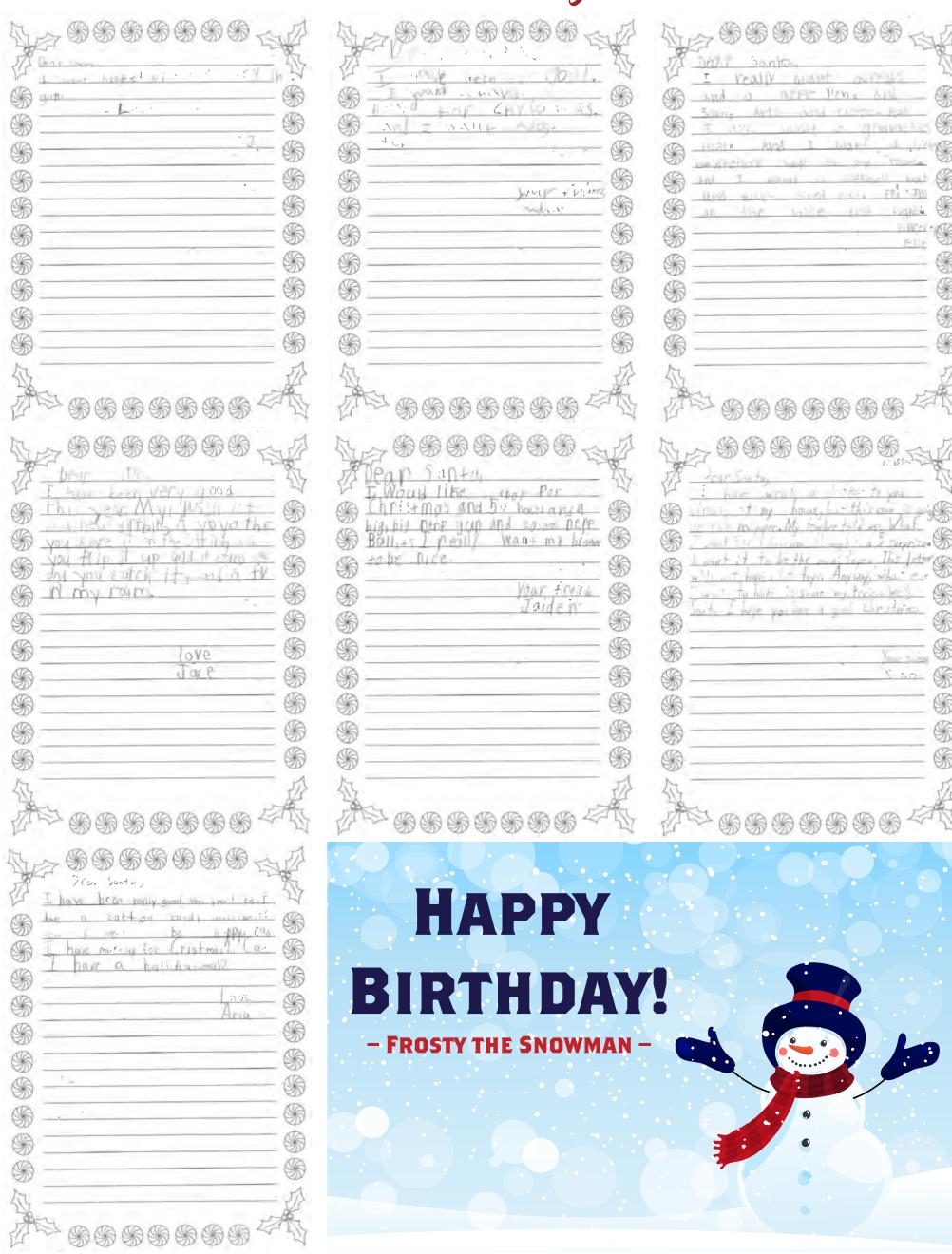
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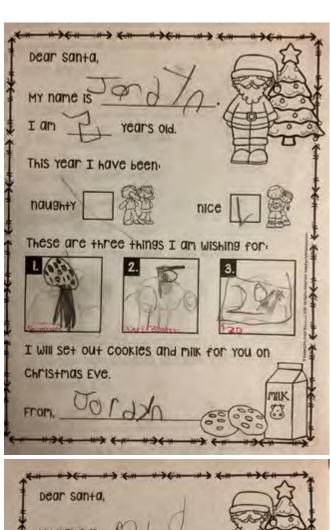
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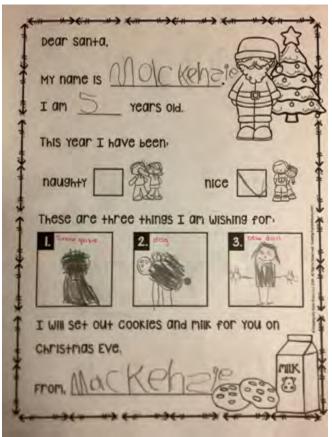


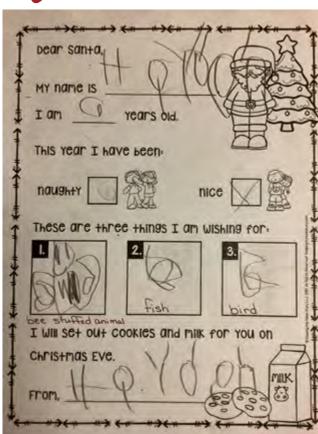
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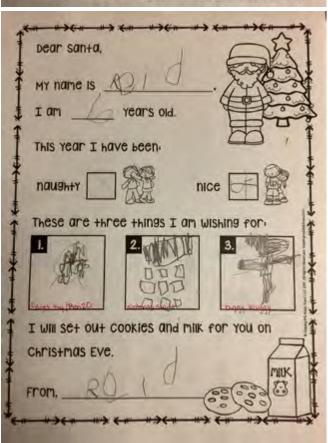


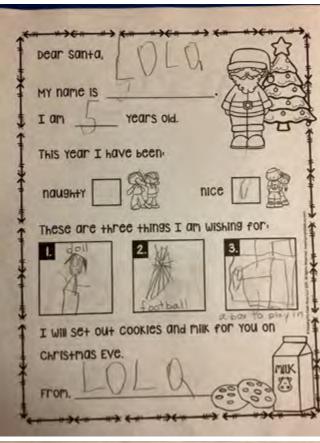
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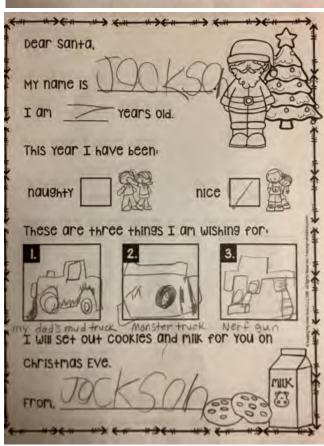


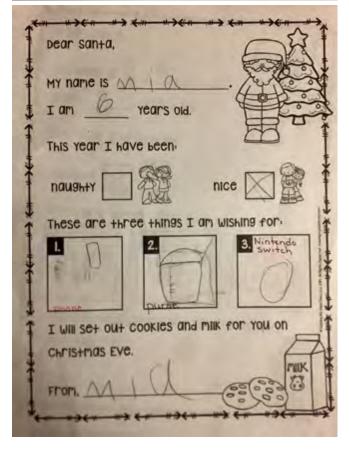


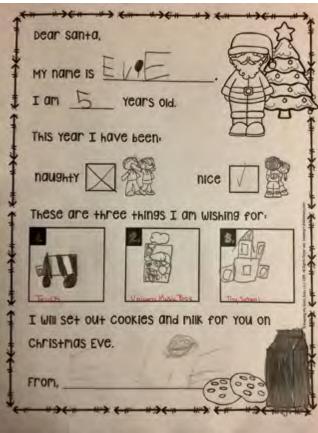


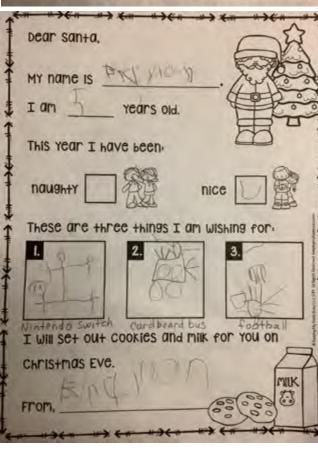




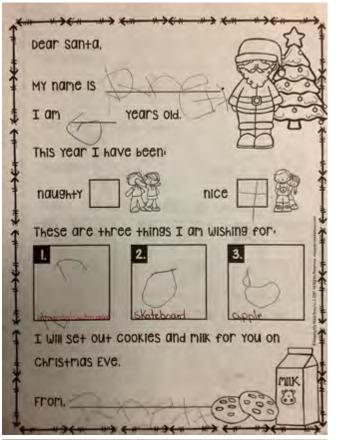


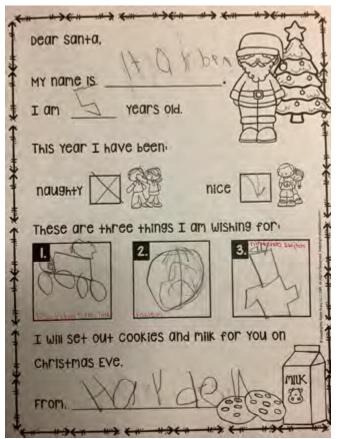


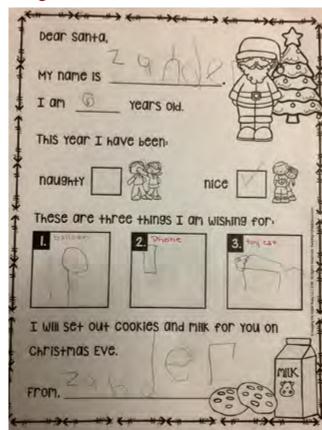


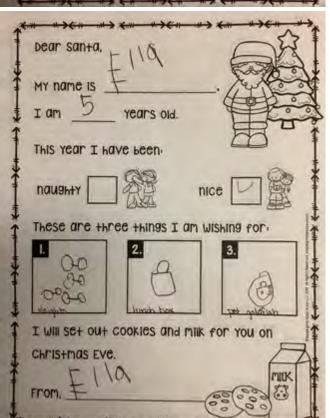


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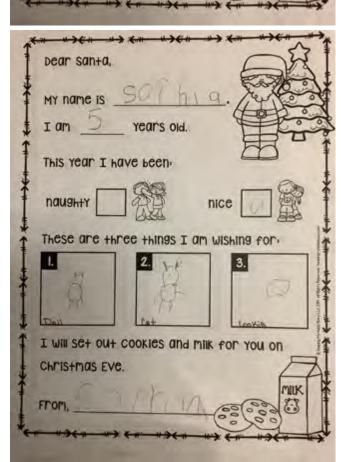














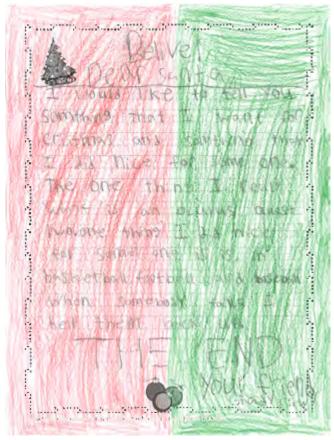


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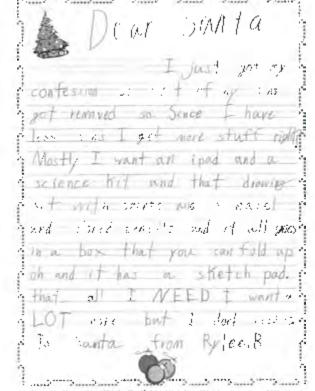












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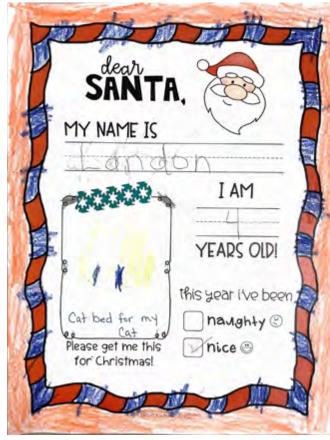


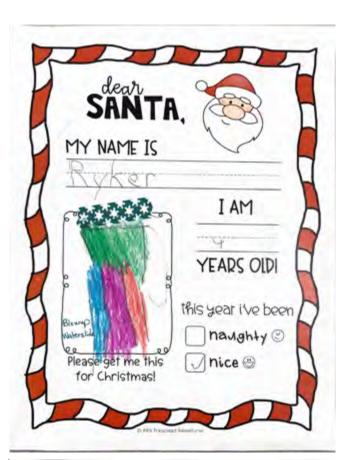
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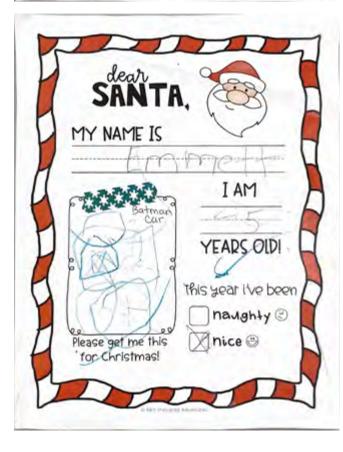








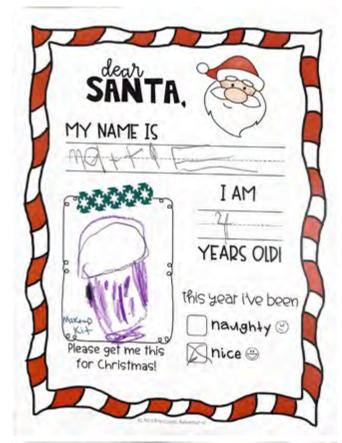


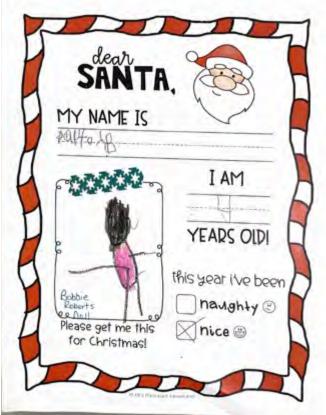






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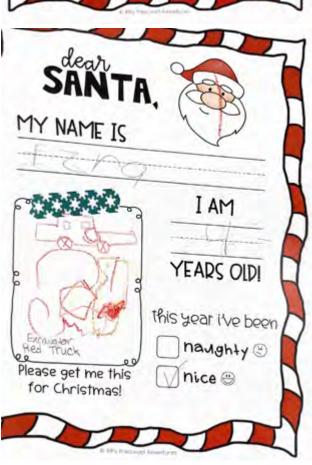
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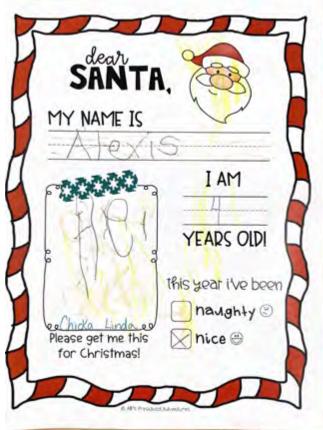




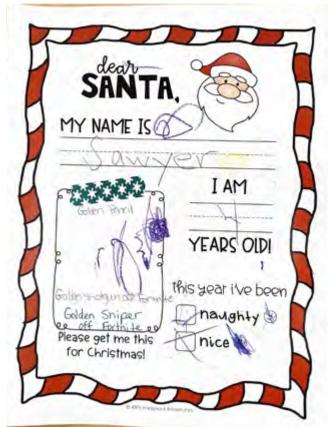






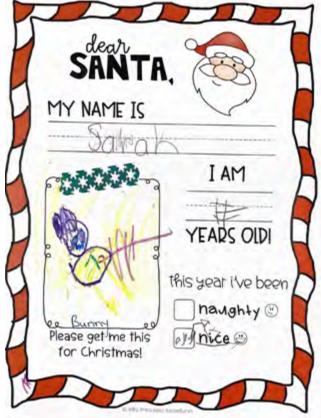








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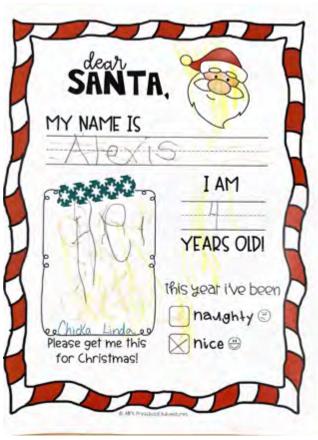




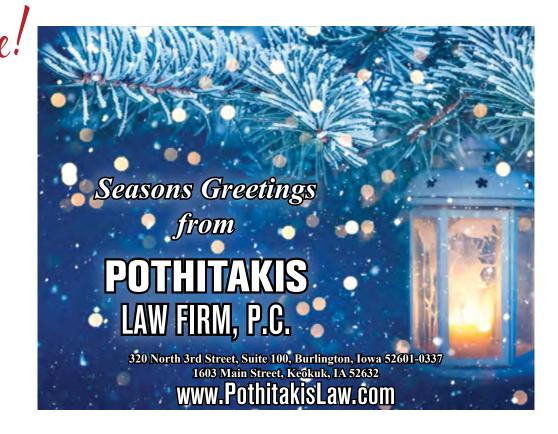












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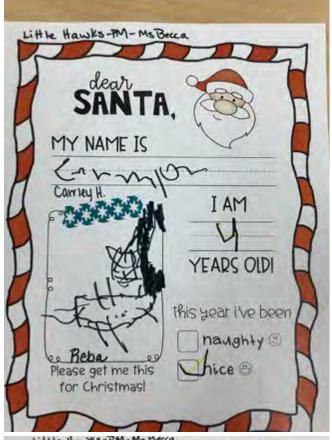








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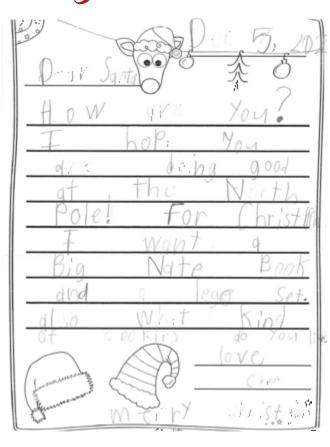


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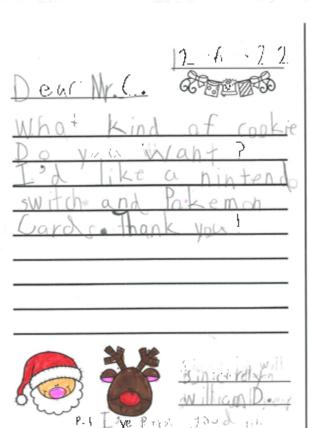








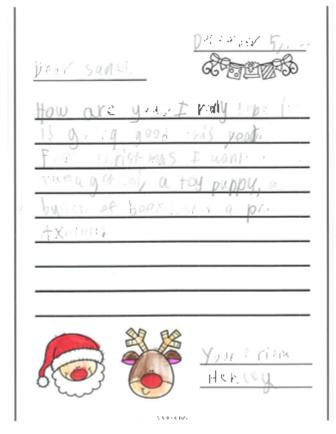




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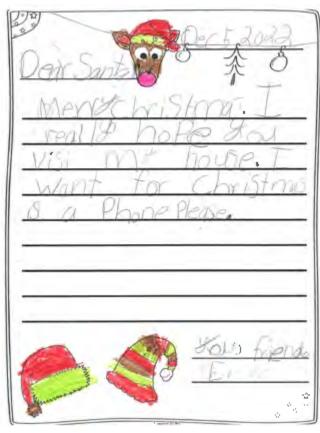








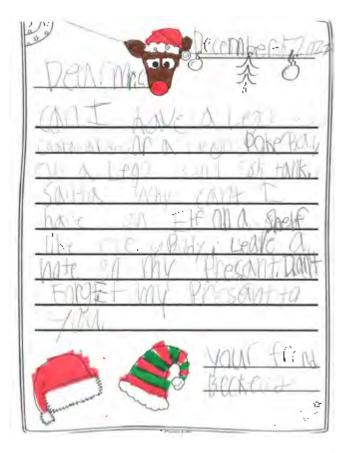








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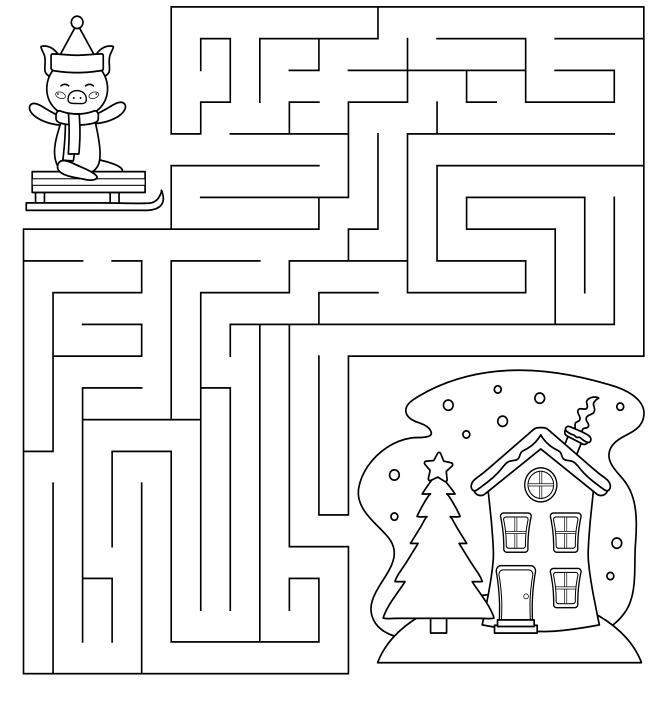












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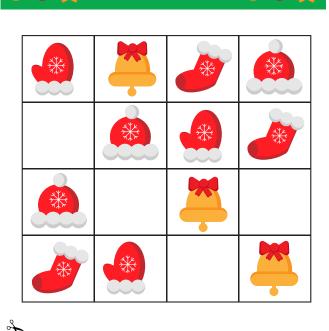








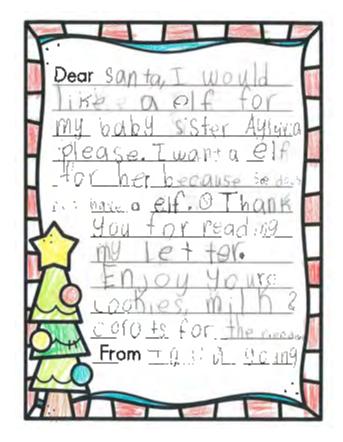


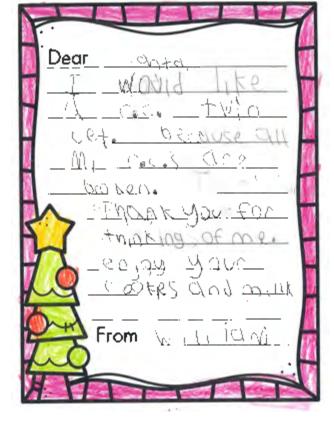


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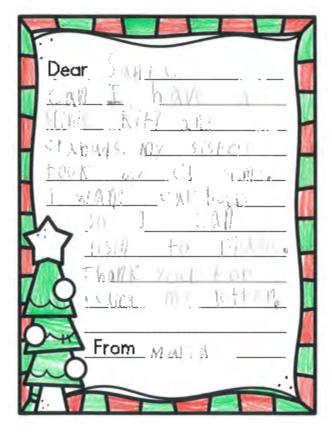


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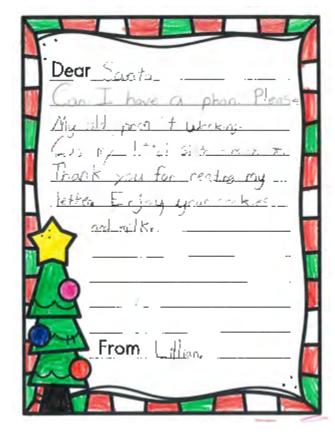


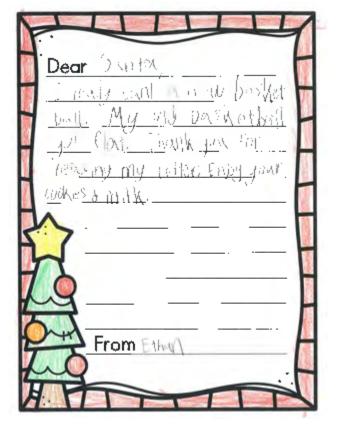






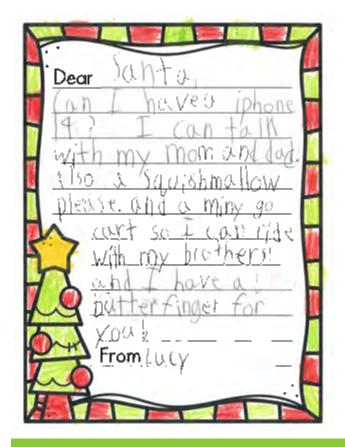


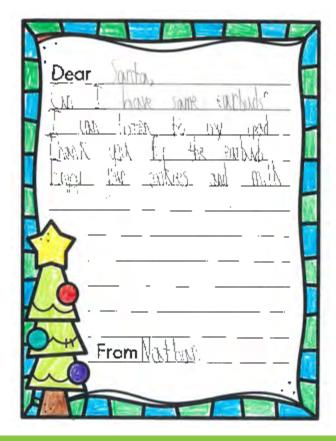






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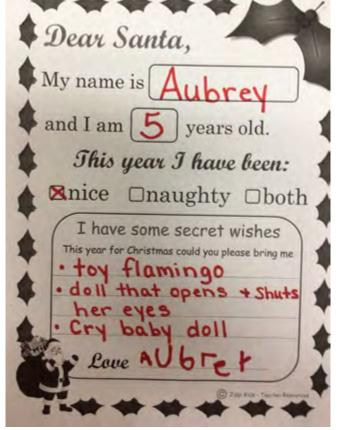


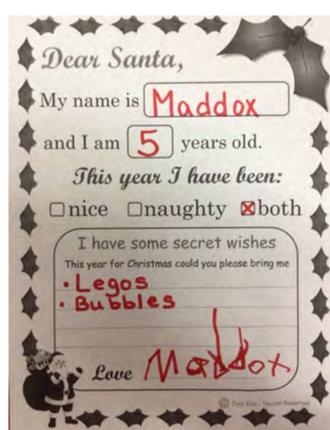
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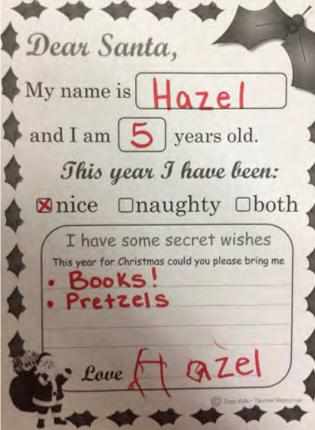


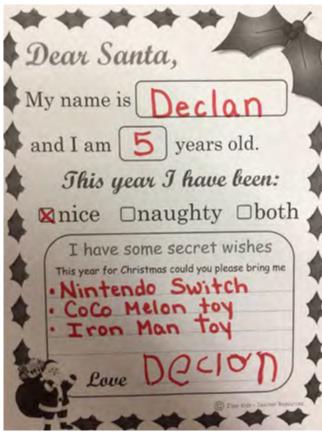
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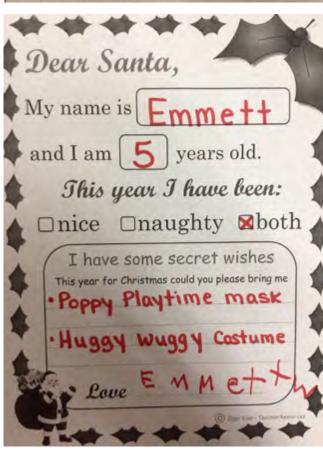


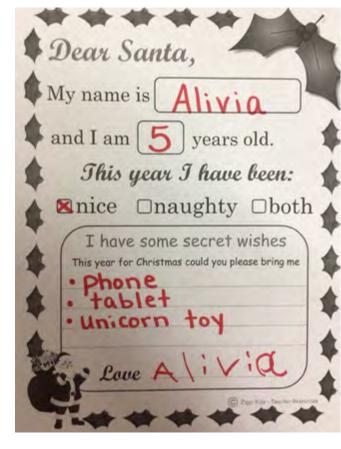


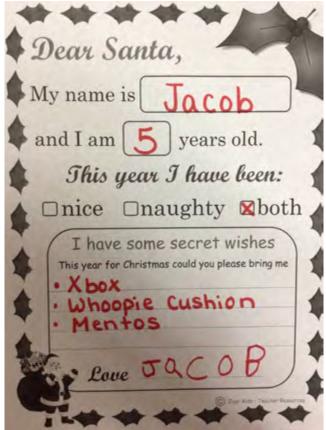














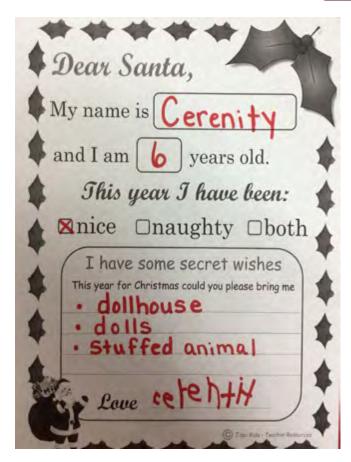
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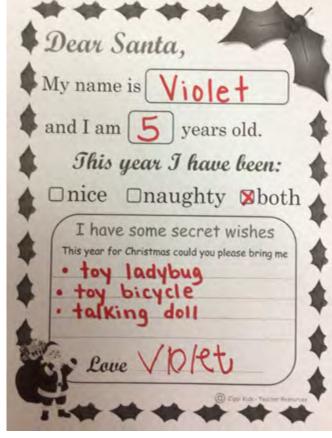


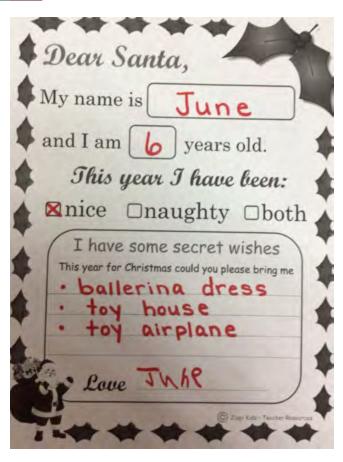






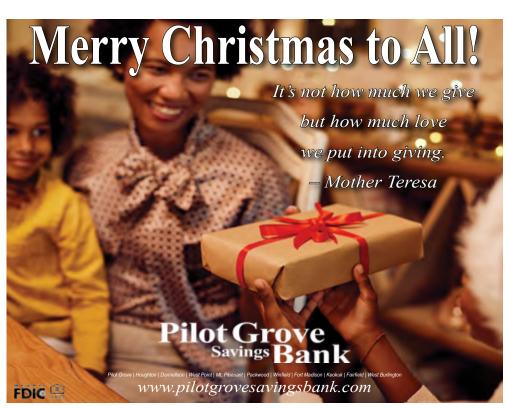




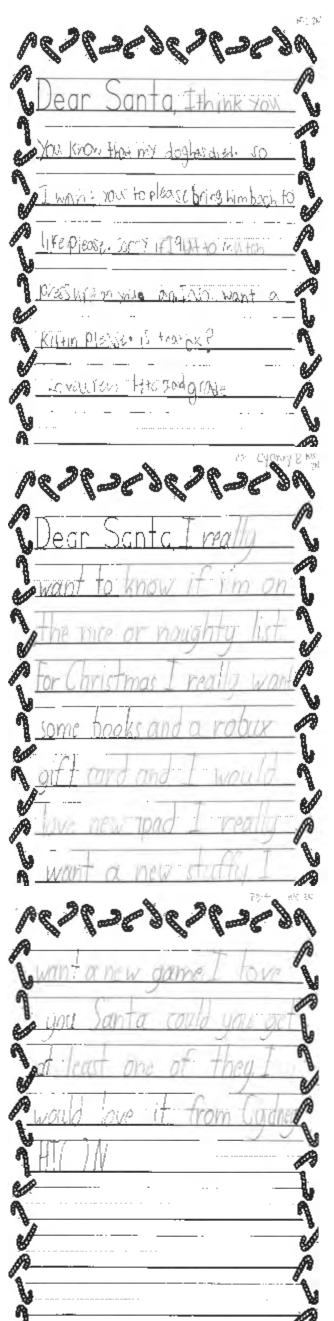


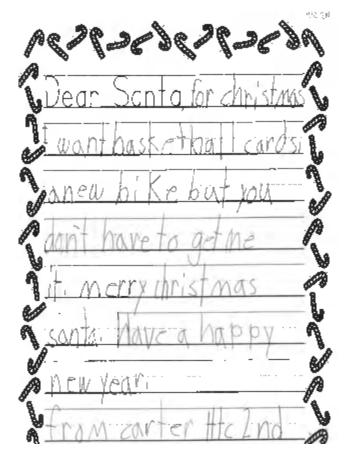
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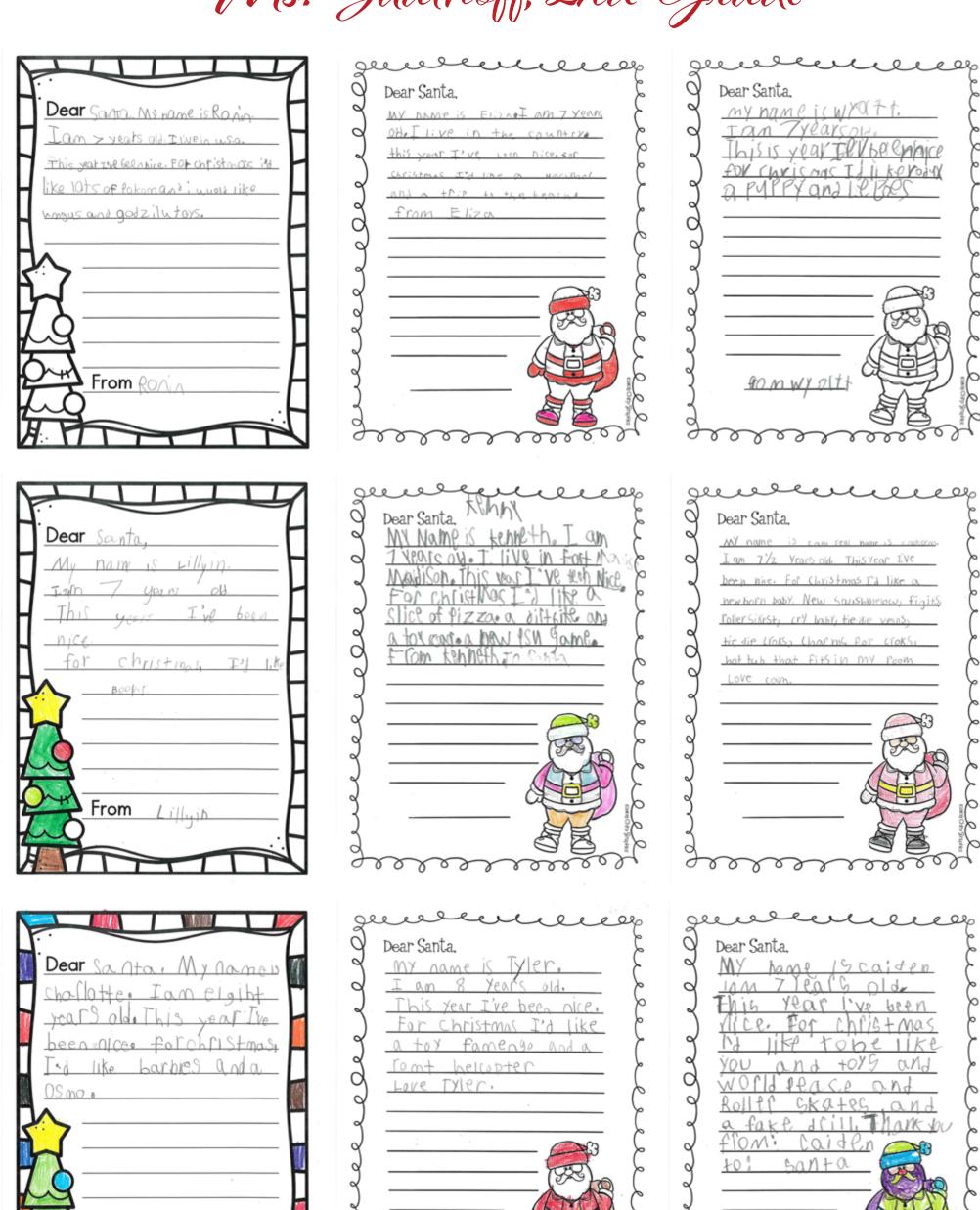


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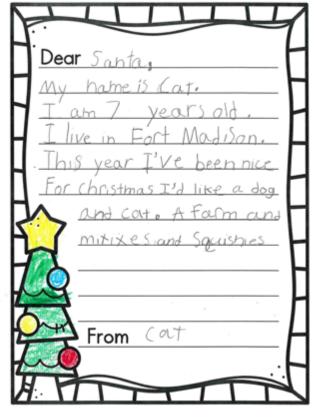


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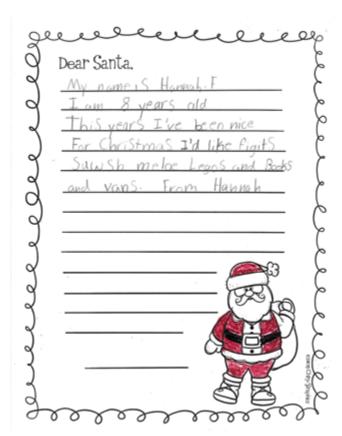


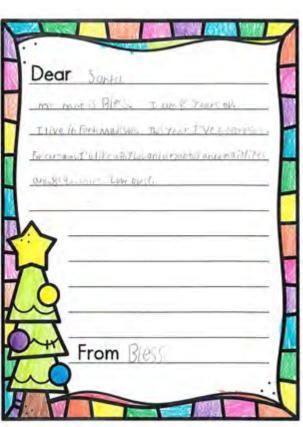
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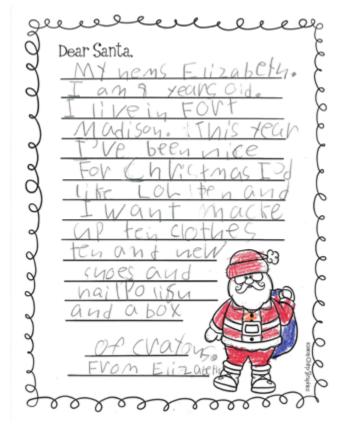






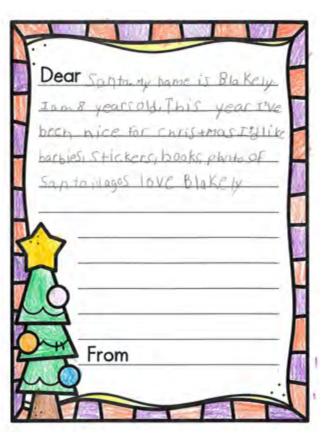












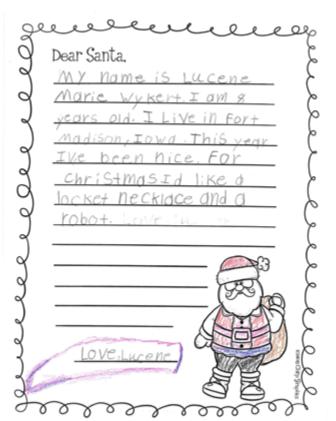
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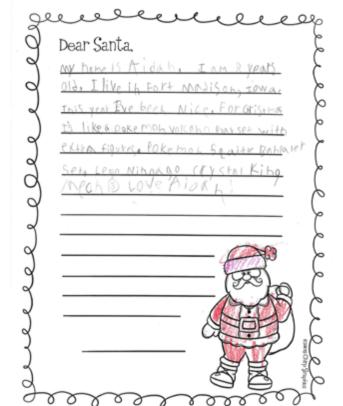












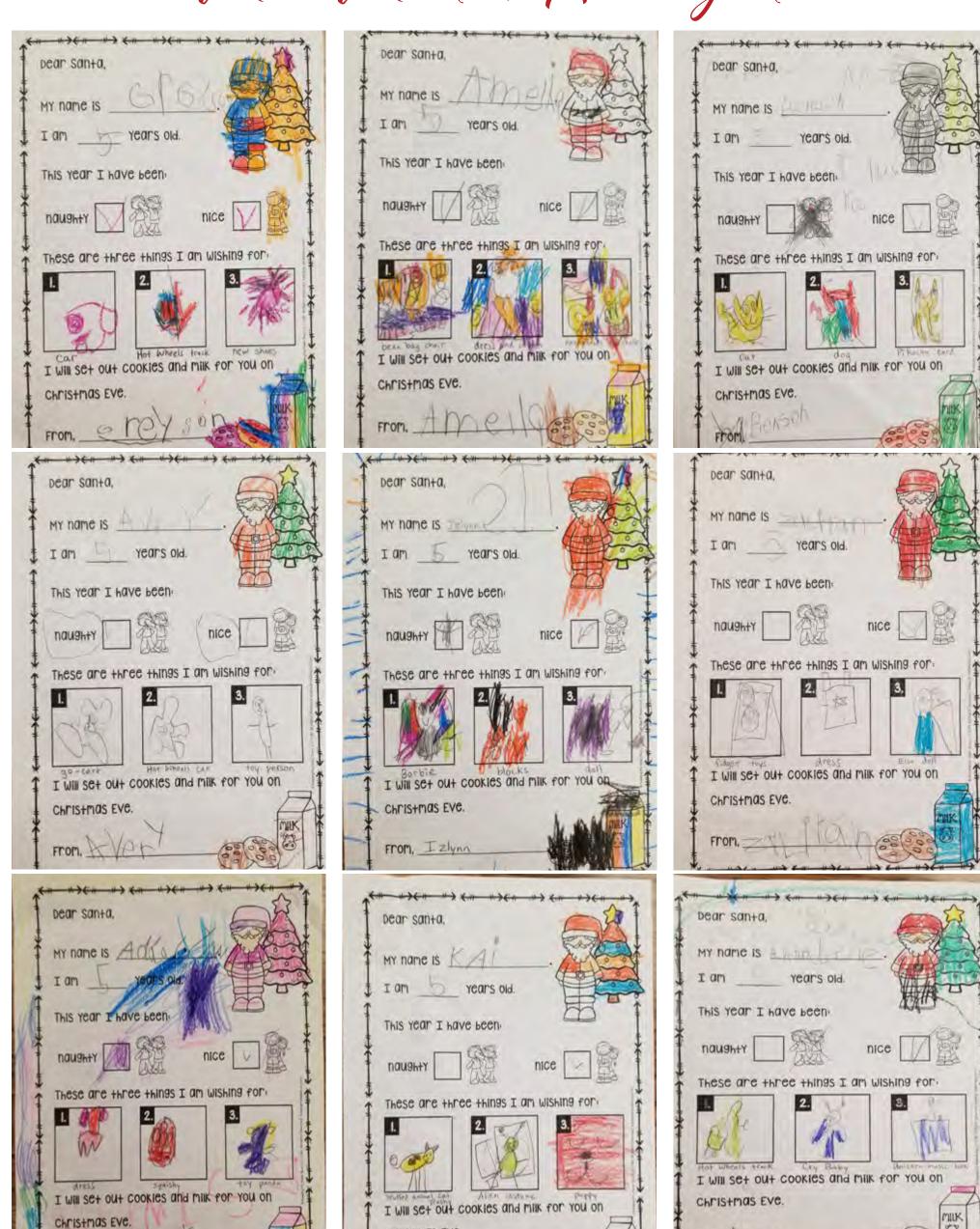




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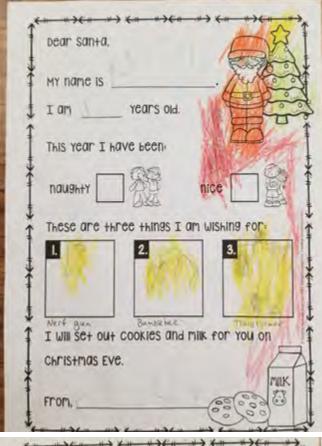
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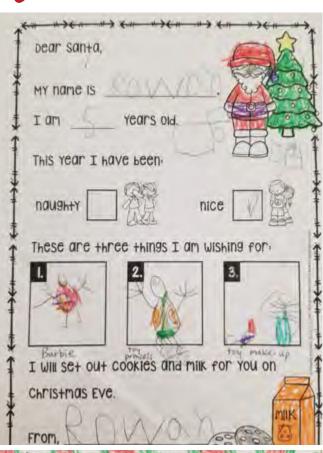


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