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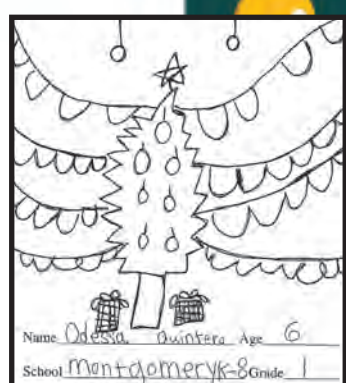
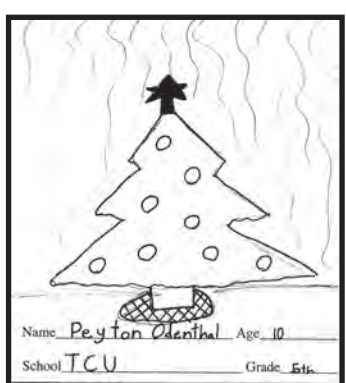
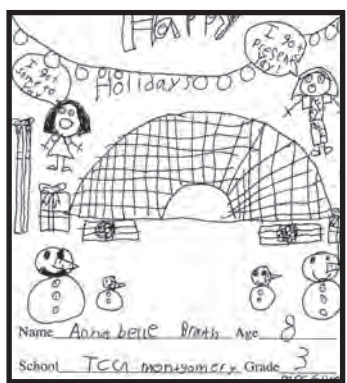
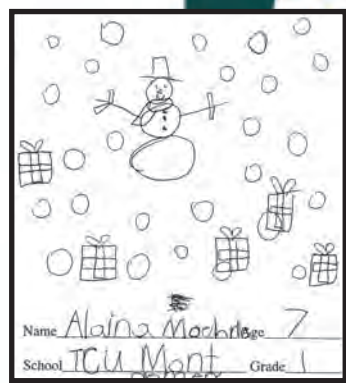
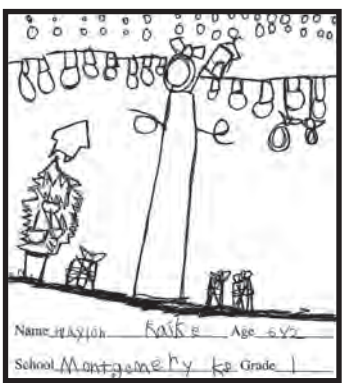
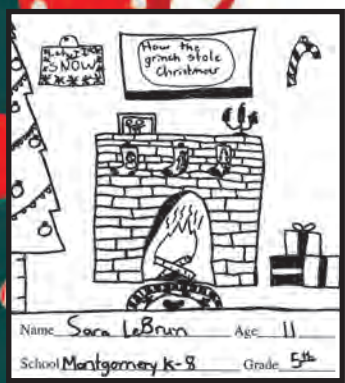
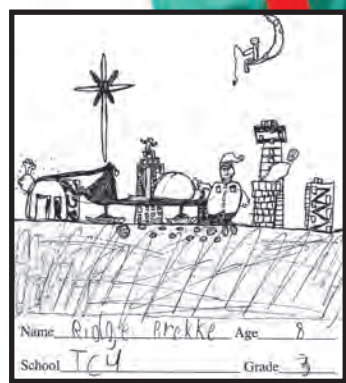
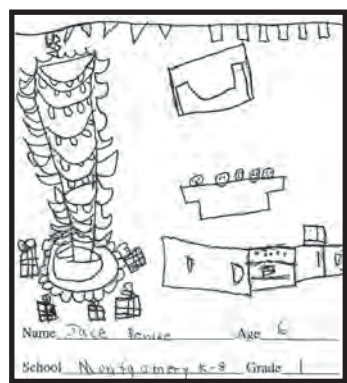
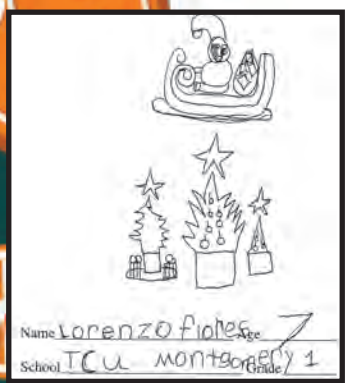
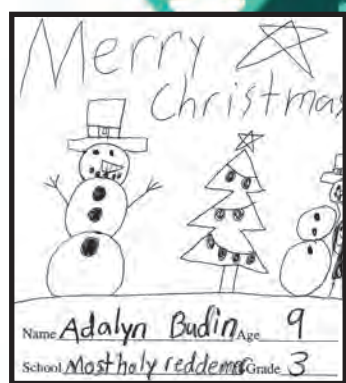
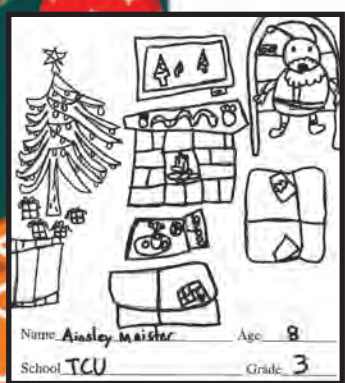
presents our

Annual Christmas Edition

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Featuring original drawings from area students in grades 1, 3 & 5,
along with letters to Santa Claus from children in the area.

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LETTERS TO Santa!



I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Lego set. I think I have been good this year because: I can do stuff really good!
Sullivan M., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Walkie talkie. I think I have been good this year because: I sit nicely on the carpet!
Liana E., Age 5

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Mazikeen T., Age 5

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Ethan L., Age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Bob. I want toys and goodies. I work at Merrick and I live in a group home with my friends Karl, Gary, and Kevin. I pack my lunch and go to work in the van. I came to Mom's house for Thanksgiving Day. I had turkey, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and apple pie. I had an olive (omelette) for breakfast with cheese. I like to ride the bus and train to downtown mpls. I like to work puzzles. I have lots of them. Please tell Ryder with the Paw Patrol, I said hi.
Love
Bob's Durga

dear Santa,
for christmas I would like
1. Minecraft legs
2. Match box cars
3. Magnet blocks
4. blue and red army men
5. anything you want to give to me.
Love Jace
I Love you
Jace Beulke
Age 6

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Colton L., Age 5

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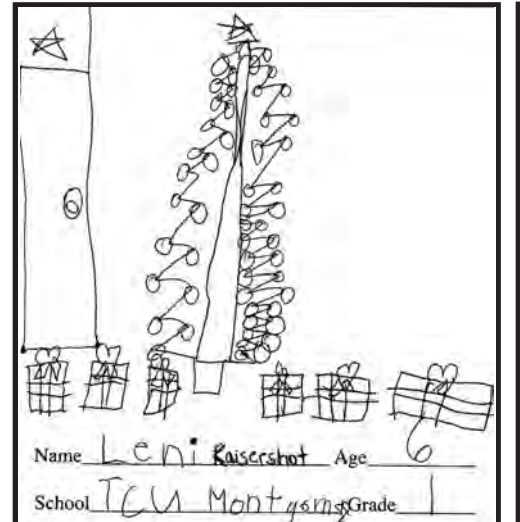
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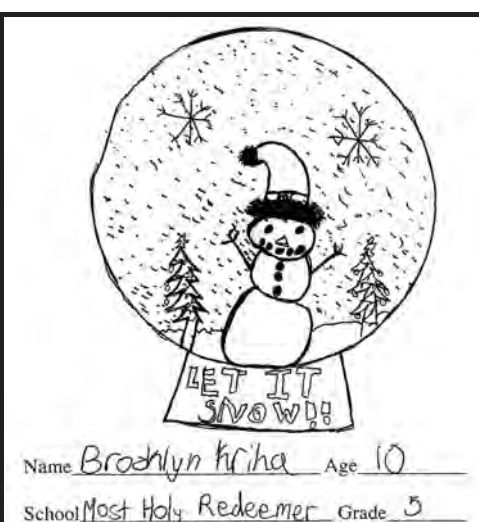
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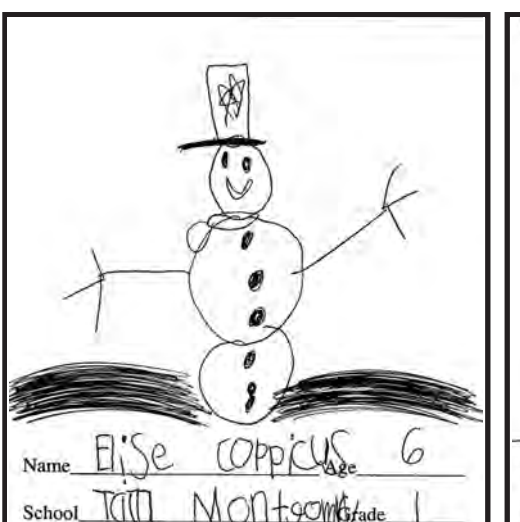
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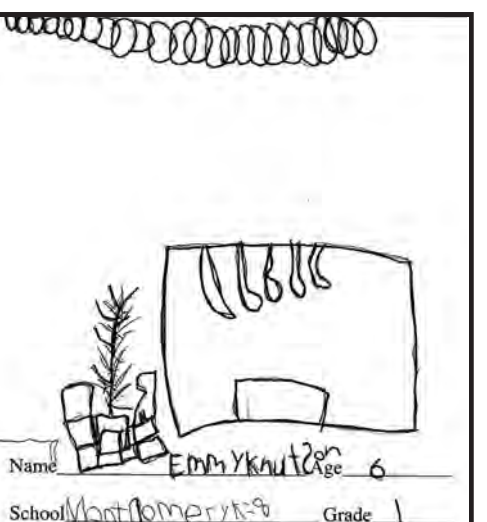
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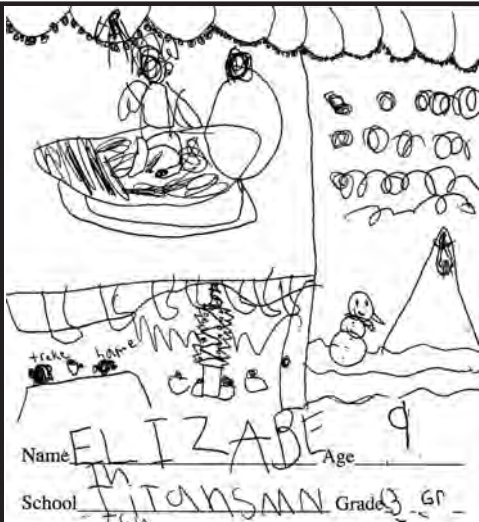
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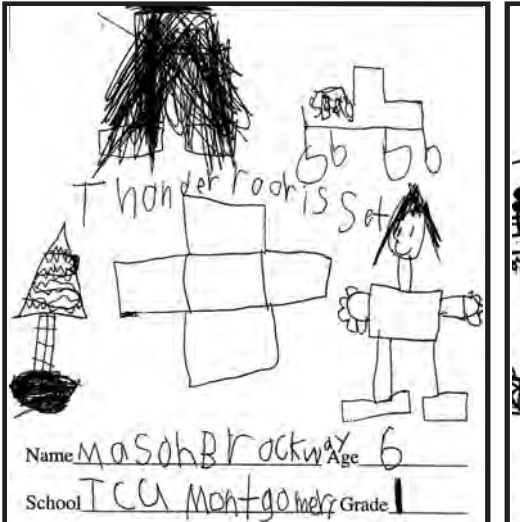
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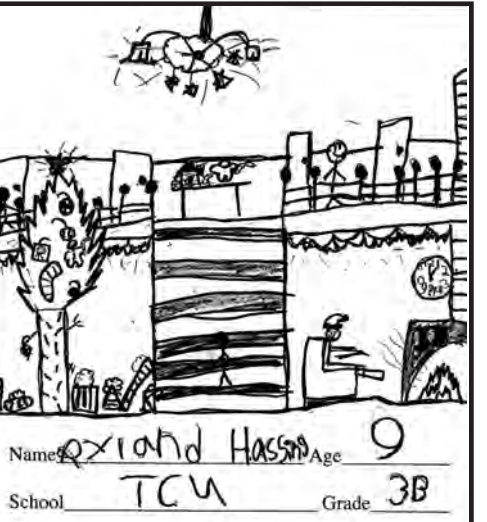
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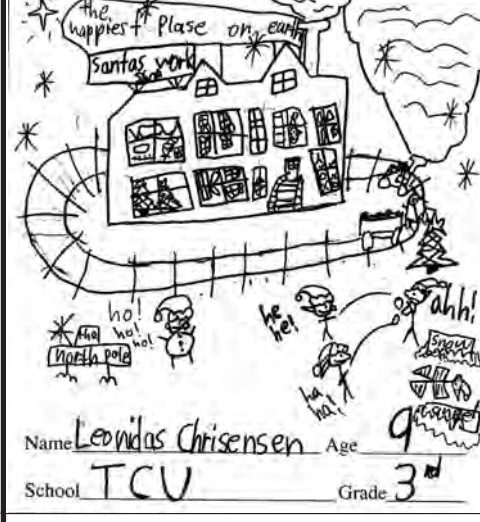
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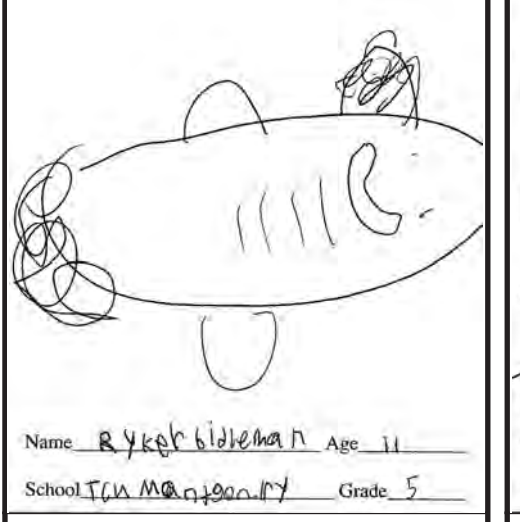
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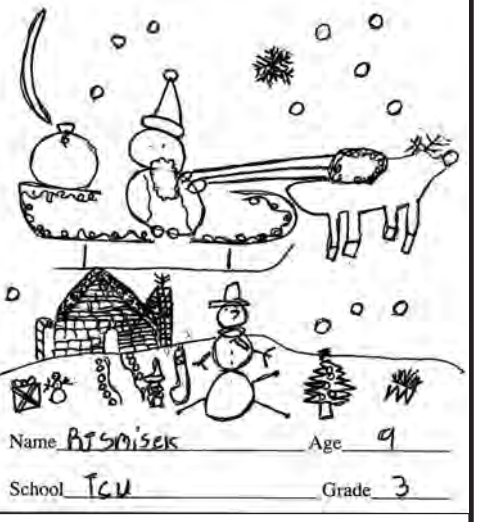
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Addie S., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: A Hello Kitty stuffy. I think I have been good this year because: I help my friends.

Gems V., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Fluffy headphones and a Gabby Dollhouse toy. I think I have been good this year because: I listened to my teacher.

Aubrey V., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: A bus and a phone. I think I have been good this year because: I have been good to my sister and to my mom and my dad.

J.J., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Slime and baby dolls. I think I have been good this year because: I am nice to my friends.

Hazel C., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: A bow and arrow. I think I have been good this year because: I am the nicest daughter.

Catherine C., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: RC electric car and an electric Grave Digger that goes in the water. I think I have been good this year because: I have been nice to my friends at school.

River T., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Baby toys, baby, bottle, high chair, diaper bag with purple that comes with a bottle, iPad case. I think I have been good this year because: I am kind to Maddie!

Adrienne H., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Toy dinosaur, toy lobster. I think I have been good this year because: I treat my family nice!

Anders P., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Unicorn stuffed animal, water bottle. I think I have been good this year because: I am nice to my sister!

Bailey F., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: A book. I think I have been good this year because: I am a kind friend.

Link G., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Barbies, unicorn toys with sparkles. I think I have been good this year because: I play with everyone at recess!

Evalee A., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Fake handcuffs, Barbie house, new Barbies. I think I have been good this year because: I have been being nice.

Piper O., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Barbie house, new hat. I think I have been good this year because: I love Mrs. Frederickson!

Jaelyn S., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: LOL stuff, cool markers. I think I have been good this year because: I clean sometimes at my new house.

Willow S., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Hot Wheels, Nerf guns, water guns. I think I have been good this year because: I play nice with my brothers!

Kash H., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Fake monster truck so I can go in it outside with 2 seats so my brother can get in. I think I have been good this year because: I helped my mom get the diaper bag.

Kizer A., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Toy teddy bear. I think I have been good this year because: I am kind to my family.

Luci B., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Diamonds. I think I have been good this year because: Sometimes I get dressed quickly in the morning and I brush my teeth!

Sawyer S., Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: A dog. I think I have been good this year because: I listen to my elf!

Logan A., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: A puppy that moves by itself, Barbie house, a chart that has stickers. I think I have been good this year because: I do good stuff at home!

Adelita Q., Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: A four wheeler, a Nerf gun. I think I have been good this year because: I've been good to my sisters. I share with them.

Lucian S., Age 5-1/2

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: A fake phone, a stroller with three seats, makeup, diaper bag, and a fake computer. I think I have been good this year because: I'm helpful at home.

Amirah Lehman, Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: Princess stuff and dollies. I think I have been good this year because: I do my homework.

Lucia Hernandez, Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: LOL dolls, dollhouse, a Tinkerbell doll. I think I have been good this year because: No hitting my sister.

Walker Wensman, Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: I would like tiny Legos, a craft kit and a bracelet making set. I think I have been good this year because: I have been helping my mom to carry in the groceries, and I have been picking up my room. I have also been folding up the couch blankets with my brother Parker.

Presley Bergman, Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: I would like a fast car. I would like a sticky gecko robot that goes on the wall. I would also like a statue of Jesus. I think I have been good this year because: I'm kind to my sister. I give her big hugs. I make my bed and pick up my clothes.

Remington Blom, Age 5

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: I would like an elf. I would like a mermaid tail for me to wear, and it needs to be waterproof. I think I have been good this year because: I follow the rules at home and at school. I try to be good to my twin sister, Everly. I try to help young kids win games by telling them to think with their brains.

Adalyn Johnson, Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: I would like a toy horse. I would also like school stuff so I can play school with my twin sister, Adalyn. I like Legos also; I think I have been good this year because: I'm a good listener to my dad and my mom. I'm a good helper with folding clothes.

Everly Johnson, Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: I would like an, all pink, Owala water bottle. My big sister and I would also like a make-up set. My new baby brother needs a new pacifier and a bottle. I think my little sister would like a stuffed animal. I think I have been good this year because: I listen to my parents. I unload the dishwasher when they ask me to. I helped to put away my clothes and my older sister's clothes once.

Gianna Norgren, Age 6

I would like these things from Santa Claus this year: I would like a basketball hoop that is shorter, that sits on the floor. The one on my closet door is too tall. My little sister would need more stuffed animals, a mermaid and a small turtle. I think I have been good this year because: I've been eating healthy and faking my plate to the sink. I also put my milk in the fridge.

Jack Sundheimer, Age 6



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School TCU Grade 3rd

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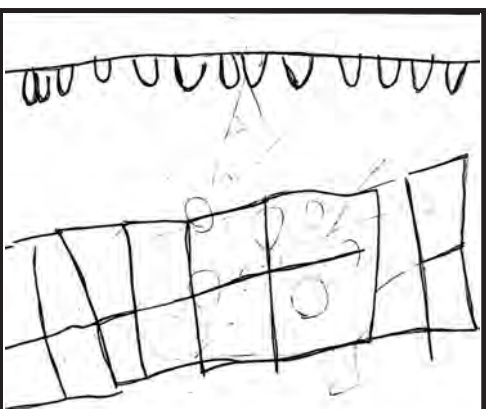
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School TRICITY UNITED MOUNT Grade 5th

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School Montgomery K-8 Grade 1

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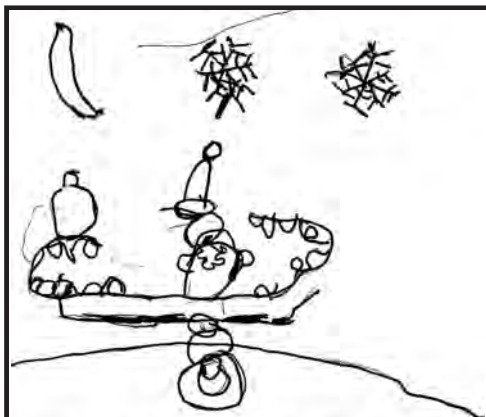
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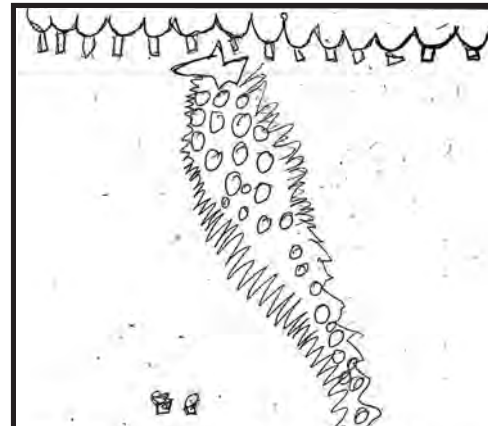
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School Montgomery K-8 Grade 1st

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School Montgomery, K-8 Grade 1

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School TCU MONTGOMERY Grade 5th

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School TCU MONTGOMERY Grade 1

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Le Center, Montgomery, St. Peter



Name Basharah Decker Age 8
School TCU MONTGOMERY Grade 3rd

Happy Holidays from...

Odenthal Meats
Heidelberg



Name Gabriel Rose Age 11
School Montgomery TCU Grade 5

Happy Holidays from...

European Roasterie
Le Center



Name Shivika Mathison Age 2
School TCU Montgomery Grade 1

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Seneca Foods
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Name Kevin H. Age 8
School TCU Grade 3

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Name Grayson Cornell Age 7
School TCU Montgomery Grade 1

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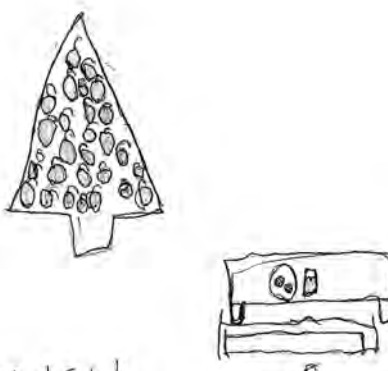
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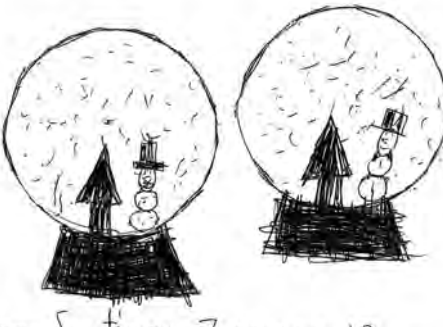
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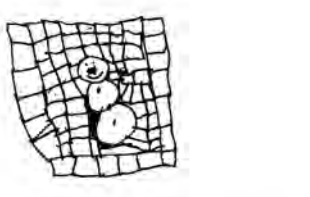
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School TCU Montgomery Grade 5

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School Montgomery TCU Grade 3rd

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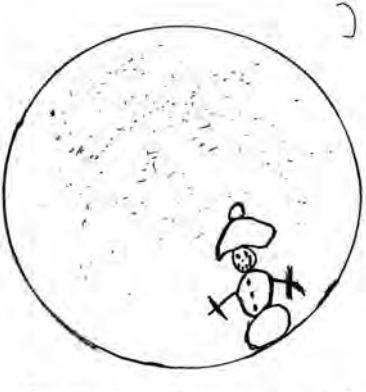
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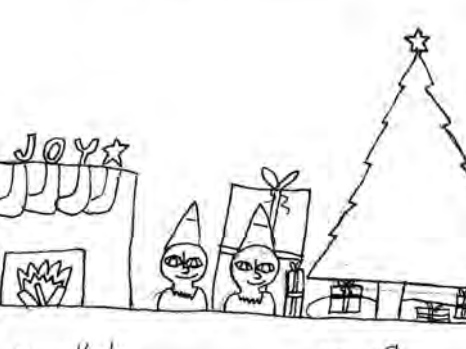
Name Meghan Walter Age 10
 School TCU Montgomery Grade 5th

Seasons Greetings from...
White Front Saloon
 Montgomery




Name Jemma Kni Age 8
 School TCU Grade 3

Merry Christmas
House of Insurance Agency, Inc.
 Montgomery




Name Kate Age 9
 School TCU Montgomery Grade 3

Happy Holidays from...
Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative Jordan



Name Luke Jordan Age 9
 School TCU Grade 3

Happy Holidays from...
Center Stage Dance
 Montgomery




Name Weston Age 10
 School TCU Montgomery Grade 5th

Happy Holidays from...
Inspire Services, LLC
 Montgomery, St. Peter & New Ulm




Name Riley Vien Age 6
 School Montgomery KS Grade 1

Merry Christmas from...
Wayside Liquor
 Montgomery




Name Alvaro Olguin Age 10
 School TCU - MONTGOMERY Grade 5

Happy Holidays from...
CornerStone State Bank
 Montgomery



Name Reelyn Miller Age 8
 School TCU Grade 3

Happy Holidays from...
Seneca Foods
 Montgomery



Name Riglee Schulz Age 6
 School TCU Montgomery Grade 1

Merry Christmas from...
Wise Furniture Co.
 Le Sueur

Montgomery Christmases of Yesteryear

120 years ago in 1905



Christmas Hardware

IS NOW READY, and there is nothing better to give the boys, these things are pretty as well as useful. Let the boy learn the use of tools. Let him learn how to make things, and let him have good things to work with. Tools and Cutlery of the best kind at the lowest prices we can afford.

OLDENBURG BROS.

"Yule" is Scandinavian

The word "Yule" has, in reality, nothing to do with Christmas. It is an old Scandinavian word, signifying the winter solstice, which was always kept as a feast by the heathen Goths.

Old Irish Superstition

It is an old Irish superstition that gold should not be paid away on Christmas Day, nor silver Lent.

100 years ago in 1925

Christmas tree program for children Saturday
 The Montgomery Community Club, assisted by the local post of the American Legion, the S.O.S. Club, and the Ladies Auxiliary to the American Legion, will hold a Christmas tree program for the children of the community Saturday evening. The program will be held at 7:00 o'clock at the Community Christmas Tree, on north Main Street, and the people of the community are invited to bring the children so that they might hear the program and see Santa Claus.

This is the first Community Christmas Tree in the history of the city and the committee in charge is making every effort to entertain the children in the best manner possible.

Ten little rules for Christmas

- I will seek Christmas happiness for myself by dispensing it to others.
- I will give for the joy of giving and not in the hope of receiving.
- I will not dilute the milk of human kindness with the water of personal gain.
- I will appraise a gift for the sentiment of Christmas and not the sentiment of cost.
- I will bear in mind that in a merry Christmas the dollar sign comes at the end.
- I will put cheer in people's hearts even if I cannot put anything in their stockings.
- I will remember that about the only thing

that has never been reduced is the value of a smile.

I will also remember that there has never been an overproduction of kind words.

I will therefore be liberal at least with the things that don't cost anything!

And I will begin today, because it will be another year before Christmas comes again.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Local news

There is a large supply of Christmas trees in our city this year on account of the Avenue of Trees and when they are taken down, after the first of the year, it is the intention of Ed. Sladek, patrolman on the highways out of this city, to put them to good use. He plans to collect all the trees after they are taken down and use them on the highways to make snow fences. Businessmen and others are asked not to destroy the trees, but to keep them until the patrolman calls for them.

80 years ago in 1945



MONTY THEATRE PROGRAM

A Very Merry Christmas
 Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 22-23
 (Matinee Sunday at 2:30)

YEARS OF SUSPENSE SENSATION
HUMPHREY BOGART
 CO-STARRING SYDNEY HAYES
ALEXIS SMITH - GREEN STREET
WARREN'S CONFLICT
 COMEDY & NEWS
 No Show Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
 Tue. Wed. Thurs., Dec. 25-26-27

SCARED STIFF
 WITH JACK HALEY
 ANN SAVAGE
 A PARAMOUNT PICTURE
 COMEDY
 COMING—"DUFFEY'S TAVERN"

60 years ago in 1965

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 6 years old. Please bring me a Mary Makeup Doll and a Viewmaster. My brother, Bobby, is 4 years old and would like a barn and a field chopper. My sister, Christine, wants a walking dolly and slippers. She is 3 years old. We try to be good children all the time. We like you, Santa. Thank you.


Love, Debra David.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 4 years old. Sometimes I am a bad little boy, but I hope you still like me. I would like a pool table with sticks and balls. Don't forget the white ball! I have a little baby sister, her name is Shelly. I know she would like a G.I. Joe doll. Maybe some G.I. Joe equipment too.

P.S. Daddy will leave the front door open. There will be a can of beer and a banana on the T.V.

40 years ago in 1985



Ryan Barnett
 Holy Redeemer
 Grade 5
 Merry Christmas
 Skluzacek Oil Co.

Ann Madak G.S.
 Holy Redeemer
 Merry Christmas
 United Steel Products

Dear Santa:

Our names are Chris and Eric. We would like to thank you for the nice things you brought us both last year. We've been trying very hard to be good but sometimes we have a hard time. This year I would like some sticker and story books, Viewmaster, and some farm toys. My brother Eric would like puzzles, sticker and story books, cars, and some farm toys. We are going to have a baby at our house soon so maybe is you

could bring a toy a baby would like. We will leave some cookies and milk for you and your reindeer. Thanks.

We love you Santa.
 Christ & Eric Edel

Dear Santa:

Hi. How are you? I hope that you think I've been good this year. I want some toys because my mom and dad have a hard time getting me toys because I want so much toys. I hope your reindeer are doing okay. I love you very much.

Love, Corey Shriver, 2nd Grade

20 years ago in 2005

Dear Santa:

I've been a good boy. I clean out the dishwasher when I'm asked and I help Mommy and Daddy when they need help. I also do my homework. I would like a snowboard, a Nerf Dart Tag, and I'll let you know what else I want later. I will leave you and the reindeer cookies & milk for you, and bread & carrots for the reindeer. I'll leave a bucket of water in case your reindeer are thirsty.

Merry Christmas, George Doyle, 7 years old
 P.S. Thank you for the Polar Express Movie. I like it a lot.

Dear Santa:

I have been trying to be a good girl this year. Santa, I was wondering if you could bring me a puzzle, Dora Movie, or a new pillow. I will have some reindeer cookies and hot coca for you. Say hi to Mrs. Clause and all the other reindeer for me. I love you Santa. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

P.S. Don't forget about the other little children that do not get presents.
 Love, Sara Roberts.



Name Mariah Choudek Age 10
 School M-L Middle School Grade 5

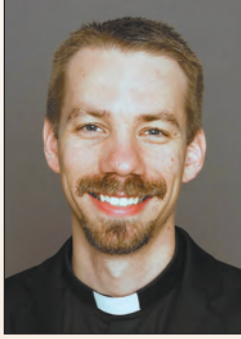
Merry Christmas from...
Montgomery Auto Repair
 Montgomery

Christmas Pastor Letters

The Gift That No One Expected

For generations, God's people longed for a Messiah — a king and shepherd of Israel. But no one imagined that the Messiah would be God Himself, born among us as a child. The Creator enters His own creation not with visible power, but with the disarming humility of an infant in a manger. Christmas reminds us that God exceeds human expectations: He gives us not merely a leader, but His very self. May this season open our hearts to recognize the God who gives more than we ever thought to ask for.

- Fr. Timothy Sandquist,
Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer in
Montgomery, St. Canice in Kilkenny,
and St. Patrick in Shieldsville



Holiday Greetings from St. John Lutheran Church, Montgomery

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you! It is a great time of year to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord — we watch for the birth of the Christ Child. The light of Christ breaks into a dark world. We give thanks that light comes to us again, now.

The song says it this way, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." I have been the interim pastor at St. Johns since April and have so enjoyed getting to know Montgomery during this time. Our prayer and hope from our congregation to you in the community and beyond is that the light of the Christ Child guides you into the new year 2026. It is a great privilege on behalf of St. John's to wish you a very Merry Christmas and that God's blessings will be obvious to you in the New Year.

Love in Christ,

- Interim Pastor David S. Wall
St. John Lutheran Church in Montgomery

Torchlight Holiday Business Window Display and Residential Lighting Contest Winners

The Torchlight Parade and Fireworks Committee would like to thank businesses who decorated window displays and residents who put up lighting displays in Montgomery for the contests.

This year's contests were sponsored by the Montgomery Community Foundation. The theme this year was "Classic Christmas."

The judges said, "Always hard to pick the Top 3 with so many great choices. Con-

gratulations to this year's winners in the Residential Holiday Lighting Contest!" and that "Everyone's window displays were great!"

Winners, for both residential and business, received Monty Bucks in the amount of \$250 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place.

They encourage everyone to take some time and drive around town to see the beautiful displays.

Residential

Business

1st Place - The Kuball Family
515 3rd Street NE

Took 2nd place in 2024



Submitted photo



1st Place - The Rustic Farmer/Revival on Main

Jarrod Schoenecker photos

2nd Place - The Christensen Family
700 Oak Avenue SE

Took 1st place in 2024



Submitted photo



2nd Place - Franke's Bakery

Submitted photos



3rd Place - The Kalina Family
300 5th Street NE



3rd - Bisek Interiors

Submitted photo

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Please join us in celebrating the reason for the season!

St. John Lutheran Church
Montgomery
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 3 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 5 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thursday, Dec. 25 – No service

Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Montgomery
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 9 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, Dec. 25 – 8:30 a.m. – Christmas Day Mass

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church
Shieldsville
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, Dec. 25 – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Day Mass



St. Canice Catholic Church
Kilkenny
Thursday, Dec. 25 – 9 a.m. – Christmas Day Mass

Calvary Church
New Prague Middle School, New Prague
Mike Sindelar – Interim Pastor
Wednesday, December 24 – 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Church of the Most Holy Trinity
Veseli
Father John Lapensky
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 4:30 and 9 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, Dec. 25 – 9 a.m. – Christmas Day Mass

Church of the Immaculate Conception
Lonsdale
Fr. Nick VanDenBroeke
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 4 and 10 p.m. – Mass
Christmas carols start at 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 25 – 9 a.m. – Christmas Mass
Saturday, Dec. 27 – 4 p.m. – Mass
Sunday, Dec. 28 – 8 and 10 a.m. – Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 31 – 4 p.m. – Mary, Mother of God
Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 – 9 a.m. – Mary, Mother of God

Triumphant Life Church
Lonsdale, 221 2nd Ave. NW
Pastor Ben Fenderson
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service – All are welcome!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

When the Holidays are over, don't forget to recycle! We can help!



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