

clean the house and put up the tree.

Would you please bring me a police truck with a camper and a boat? I think my chimney is too small, so it is a good thing you have magic.

Your friend, Brady Roger

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Blitzen? Are all of your reindeer ready to fly? How is the weather at the North Pole? I want a toy Indian for Christmas. Remember I don't have a chimney. I will leave cookies and milk in the kitchen.

Your friend, Keegan Smith

Dear Mr. Claus,
How is Rudolph doing? Is he ready to pull the sleigh? Can you get your suit zipped up or have you gained too much weight? I would like a fork lift that I can ride on. A Game Boy would be nice if the elves can make one. Turn by the post office in Almena and look for a peach colored house with bricks.

Your pal, Turner Linner

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Will all of the toys be finished by Christmas Eve? I really like horses, so I would like two horse necklaces. I could use a jump rope too. I have tried to be good by keeping my room clean. I have been helping my mom by cleaning the bathroom and the table.

Your friend, Ethan Hale

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have taken care of the dogs, unloaded the dishwasher, and helped my mom clean house. I want a Webkinz that is a terrier. I already have four of them, and they are a lot of fun. Would you see if your elf Jingles could make one for me? I'll be anxious to see you on Christmas Eve.

Thank you, Katie Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
Are you training any new reindeer this year? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Is she busy cooking for all of you? I would like a Baby Alive doll. I see them on TV every day, and they look so nice that I want one. I also want a Game Boy.

Your pal, HalLee Linner

Dear Santa,

How do your elves make all those things? Your workshop must be very big. I will be sure to leave carrots for your reindeer. They ate almost all of them last year. For Christmas I would like a real dirt bike. I think I would need a helmet too. We have a horse arena in front of our house and a big barn, so I know you can find it.

Love, Caden Kinderknecht

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I have been sharing my toys with my sister. I have kept my room clean. I hope that you can bring winter coats for my sister and me. I also need a flashlight. You will have to use my front door since I don't have a chimney.

Love, Kaci Ross

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Is it snowy at the North Pole? I have been good. I helped my parents clean my new house before we moved in. For Christmas I would like a cage for guinea pigs and a toy Indian. You will find my house at the bottom of the hill by the water tower in Almena.

Your friend, Morgan Wright

Dear Kris Kringle,
Is Rudolph healthy and ready

to pull the sleigh? Is Mrs. Claus doing okay? I am making a picture for you and Rudolph, and I will leave it under the tree. I want a PlayStation 3 and a game with it. Good luck on your big journey.

Your pal, Alex Stillion

Dear St. Nicholas,
Is it really cold up there and how deep is the snow? How are Comet, Cupid, and all of the other reindeer? I have been wondering how big your elves are? I wanted you to know that I have been a good boy. I help take care of my baby sister. I would like a real horse and a real cow for Christmas. I will leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you and some carrots for your reindeer.

Love, Austin Deal

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer doing? Have you been giving them lots of good food so they will be healthy and strong? How long does it take you to harness the reindeer and get the sleigh ready? I hope you can bring a toy dart gun, a farm set, and a sweat-shirt. I will have hay and water ready for your reindeer.

Your friend, Briely Yocum

Dear Santa Claus,

Is Mrs. Claus helping with the elves? How are you doing? My sister and I have been really good. We have been helping with the chores. I want the Pet Shop monkeys. I could also use some winter clothes. I live on Main Street in Almena in a red and white house. We have some hay that your reindeer might like by the side of the house.

Love, Brooklyn Baker

Dear Man with the White Beard,
I think you have lots of snow at the North Pole now. Am I right? My chimney is big so you might fit to come down. If you are too big, just knock on the door. I want a real dirt bike. A sixty would be good. I hope that will fit in your sleigh. I want a big candy train.

Your friend, Cooper Muss-

man

Dear St. Nick,
Your tummy reminds me of a bowl of jello. What does your house look like? Is Mrs. Claus busy cleaning it? I would like a Butterscotch Pony and a Baby Alive doll for Christmas. I will leave gingerbread cookies and strawberry milk for you.

Love, Aquarius Hill

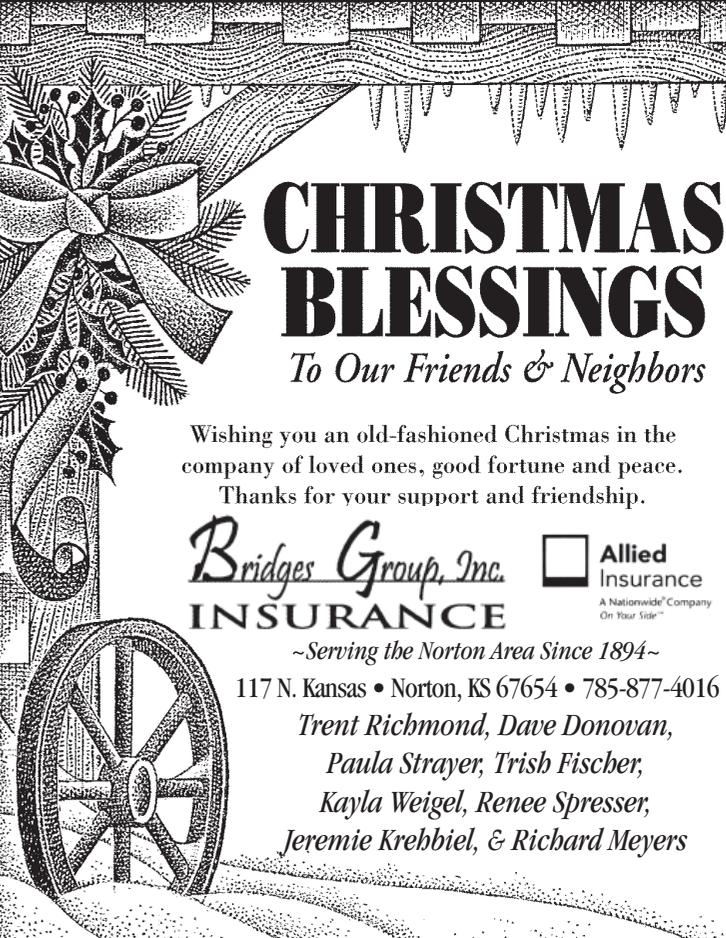
Dear St. Nicholas,
Have your trained Rudolph yet? How do you live on the mountains? I have my tree up, and I helped decorate it. It will be ready so you can leave presents under the tree. I want a PSP. I have helped clean my room and have tried to be good.

Love, Dawson Stevens

Dear Santa Claus,
I have always wondered how reindeer fly. What makes Ru-



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