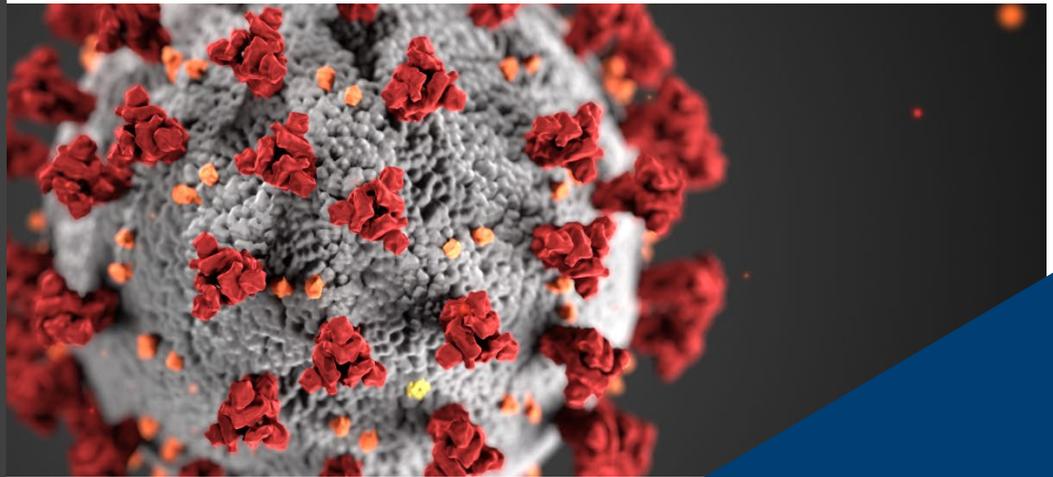


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Happy ThanksMAS!

KELLY DURKEE-  
ERWIN



My family is thankful for our newest member, Ginger, otherwise known as our pandemic puppy. We got her on Halloween and she has already brought us so much joy!

EILEEN DRYDEN



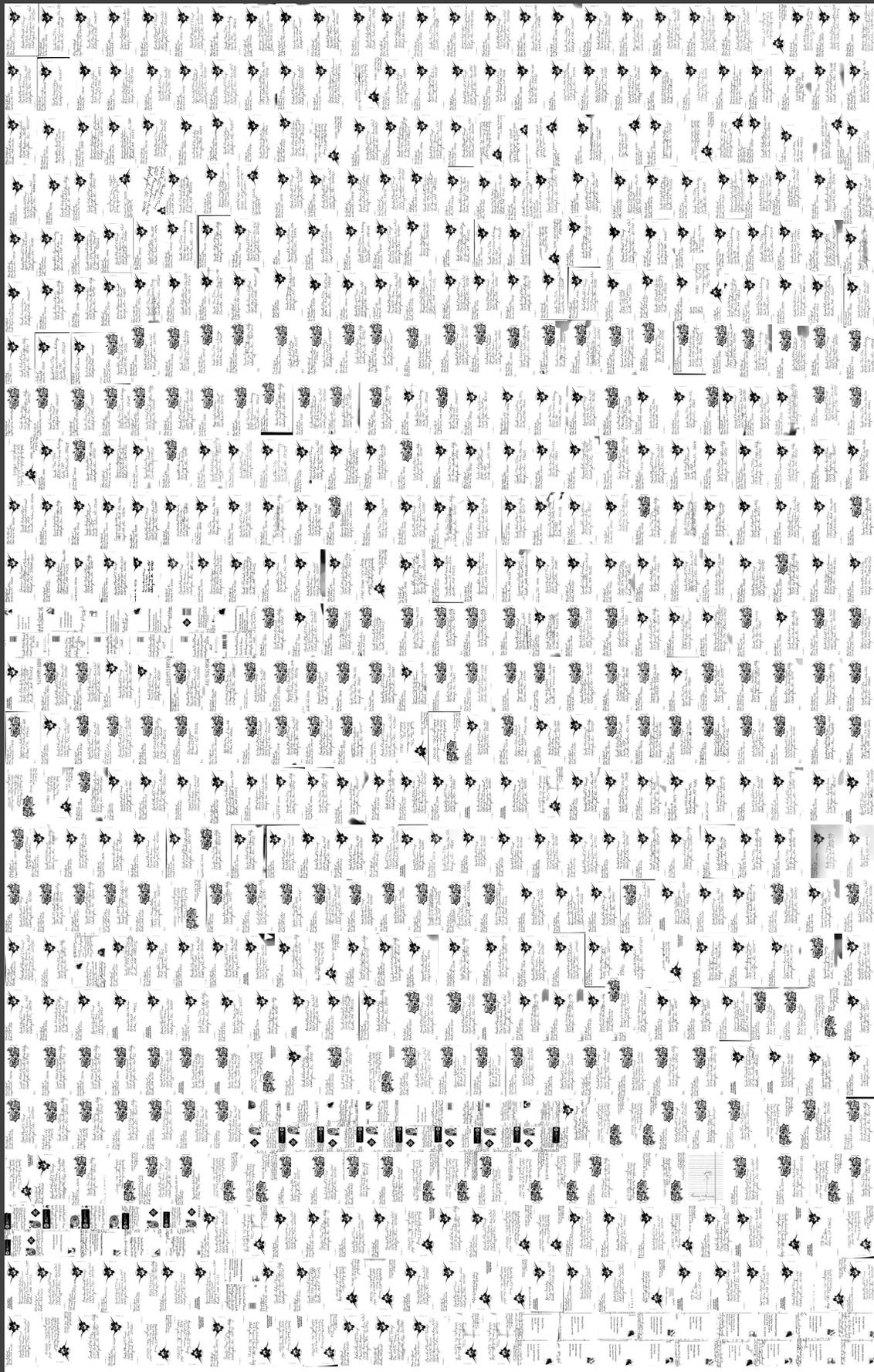
I'm not able to see family this holiday season, so I've been learning how to perfect my grandmothers' Thanksgiving and Christmas recipes. I'm proud of this cherry pie, which we serve with homemade whipped cream. The secret ingredient? Love...and lots of sugar.

KAILYN SITTER



I am so grateful and blessed for my third granddaughter, Blakely Jean Barrett, born 11/16/20 at 12:04am. I'm also so blessed and grateful for my other two granddaughters, Tess Everly Dussault – 4 years old and Ellie Kate Dussault – 17 months!

JOANNE DUSSAULT



Civics Work 2018-2020...everyone needs a hobby?

**ALLEN GIFFORD**



Despite the pandemic, we want to make sure that our 3-year-old, Ava, is able to enjoy the seasons. For Halloween we did 'inside trick-or-treating,' where she went room-to-room in our house via a 'scavenger hunt' to get candy. We also stopped raking the leaves for a week so she could enjoy all the sensory joys of fall. Here she is enjoying the fruits of our (lack of) effort!

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