

## Former HUNT commander pleads guilty to willful neglect of duty

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

The 10 month long investigation into the former commander of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) ended last week with a guilty plea in 88<sup>th</sup> District Court in Alpena.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12 Delmar M. Putnam Jr., pleaded guilty to willful neglect of duty contrary to MCL 750.478 which carries a penalty of one year and/or \$1,000.

His guilty plea was pursuant to an agreement which had several stipulations: He must pay \$1,400 in restitution; he will resign immediately (December 12) from the Michigan State Police (MSP) and will not seek re-employment with MSP; he will also surrender his Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) license/certificate and authorize MCOLES to permanently rescind his license/certificate to serve as a law enforcement officer in the state of Michigan; and he will not face any additional charges surrounding the improper use of public funds while assigned to HUNT in Alpena County.

According to Charles H. Koop, special prosecutor from Antrim County assigned by the Attorney General's Office, the investigation leading to these charges began in early February and Putnam was suspended at that time.

Following the completion of the initial investigation conducted by the Michigan State Police, the matter was referred to the Attorney General's Office in April and Koop was assigned to the case. Additional investigation was conducted and search warrants were issued in Au-

gust for insurance and bank records.

Koop explained the investigation was triggered by allegations that Putnam was personally involved with an informant — not that he was taking money. "The Michigan State Police have a set of rules as to investigation of misconduct. The first step in the investigation was to look at finances," Koop said. "The investigation was unable to confirm an intimate relationship; just contact that shouldn't have been taking place — being in the informant's home after work hours — that type of improper relationship."

Putnam, a native of Lansing, Mich. took over the command position of HUNT in July 2011. Putnam graduated from Everett High School in 1986. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University and more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, including 18 years with the Michigan State Police.

HUNT is an undercover multijurisdictional drug interdiction team that was put

in place in 1990 in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.

The investigation found that during late 2011 and early 2012, Putnam was using funds belonging to HUNT for his personal use. These funds were intended for undercover purchases of illegal drugs.

Koop said he looked at several felony charges when the investigation concluded — and ruled them out in place of the misdemeanor and plea agreement stipulations. "There is a statute in Michigan for elected officials, which police officers would come under, who misappropriate funds — it's a 10 year felony. When I looked at the sentencing guidelines, he (Putnam) would have gotten probation to six months. We looked at embezzlement — a five year felony. However, he left an 'I owe you' note — his claim was that he didn't show intent to permanently deprive."

"If he is convicted of a felony he will lose his license and be discharged — this plea agreement is the same sentence as



Delmar M. Putnam Jr.

a circuit court would have given without the expense and uncertainty of a trial," Koop said. "He wanted to plead 'no contest' — but (in this agreement) he had to acknowledge on the record what he did. I wanted the public to hear it out of his mouth. This should put to rest that he did something he shouldn't have done."

Koop explained that if

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## Rape trial ends in mistrial

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

For the second time in six months a jury could not reach a unanimous verdict to convict or to acquit an Oscoda man in the alleged rape of a 17 year-old last January.

After roughly eight and a half hours of deliberation, the Honorable Ronald M. Bergeron declared a mistrial in the rape trial of Nicholas Patrick Dibattista-Costello, 22, of Oscoda which began in 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Dibattista-Costello is charged with four counts of criminal sexual conduct, first degree, in regard to an alleged incident with a female victim in Alcona County on January 8.

The decision to declare a mistrial came after the foreman of the jury told the court that, in her opinion, more deliberation would not change the fact that members of the jury could not reach a unanimous verdict. Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas J. Weichel and defense attorney Stephen Freeman concurred prior to the judge's decision.

Dibattista-Costello has been lodged in the Alcona County Jail since mid-January and will remain there until he is sentenced in Iosco County for a charge of probation violation.

The probation violation, which Dibattista-Costello pleaded guilty to in court on December 6, is in regard to an attempted criminal sexual conduct, third degree charge he pleaded guilty to and served nine months in jail for in 2009. While on probation Dibattista-Costello admitted to purchasing alcohol for two minors on January 8 — a violation of state law, and also consuming alcohol on January 8, which was in violation of his probation conditions.

Weichel said he will be consulting with the alleged victim prior to making a decision in regard to bringing the case to trial a third time.

Despite Freeman's request at bond reduction, Dibattista-Costello will remain in jail with a \$500,000 cash surety bond. He will receive credit for time served in jail for the attempted CSC, third degree, and for the 11 months in Alcona County Jail.

## Lincoln resident spreads happiness throughout the year

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

The spirit of Christmas is alive and well and hangs out within Gerry (Geraldine) Strenk not just in December, but throughout the year.

The perpetually happy Lincoln resident radiates good will and cheer wherever she goes. "I'm a people person," Gerry said with her elfin-like grin, "even when I was little. I'd stop everyone and talk to strangers; I'm interested in people and do what I can to make people smile."

Gerry was born and raised in Detroit, Mich. She was the youngest of three to Walter and Jennie Strenk. Gerry's mom used to tell her she was always just like the little



Gerry Strenk spreads Christmas joy during the Festival of Lights celebration in Lincoln. Photo by Mary Weber.

girl portrayed in the lyrics of "Daddy's Little Girl," a song popular for many years. "You're the spirit of Christmas, a star on a tree, you're the Easter Bunny to mommy and me, you're sugar, you're spice, you're everything nice, and you're daddy's little girl," Gerry sang merrily.

Gerry admitted to being a social butterfly all of her life. She took dance at the Hawthorn Recreation Center, in Detroit, Mich. when she was little. Being the cheerful soul she was even then, her dance instructor entered her as an applicant to be the Back to School Princess for Hudsons in 1955. "Somehow I won. I got a dress designed just for me that was all lace and a carriage ride from Belle Isle all the way to downtown Detroit and received the Key to the City of Detroit. I met Auntie Dee, a Detroit personality, who had a kiddie talent show in the 1950s and radio announcer Fred Wolf," Gerry said.

She attended Detroit's Cleveland Intermediate School and then Pershing High School in the 1960s. Gerry enjoyed the cultural diversity of the school. "I wasn't the same color as most of the kids who attended. I had a small incident early on when I had to stand up for myself and I did. After that I think they respected me and accepted me and even watched out to protect me," she said. It was a good experience and something even Gerry's mother agreed at the time was the best thing for her. "I was on the swim team and basketball team and I was one of the first co-op students to get a job. I worked as an X-ray surgical clerk for Blue Cross/Blue Shield," Gerry said.

Gerry has had numerous job experiences since that first job. She's worked assisting

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## Obituaries

### Raymond L. Lantz

Raymond Louis Lantz, 81, of Barton City died on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 at The Home at AuSable Valley Community in Fairview.

He was born October 16, 1931, the son of Fredrick and Orphia (Atwell) Lantz in Detroit, Mich.

He married Earlene Hall February 3, 1951.

He lived in Garden City, Mich. where he was in the U.S. Navy Reserves and worked for General Motors.

Mr. Lantz retired from machine repair work at GM in August of 1994 and moved to Barton City in March of 1995.

He was an avid outdoorsman who especially liked hunting.

Mr. Lantz is survived by his wife, Earlene; one daughter, Vickie Sugden; one son, Scott Lantz; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Micheal and Gary Lantz.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Arrangements were handled by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

### Herbert E. Murphy

Herbert E. Murphy, 70, of Lincoln, died on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 at his home.

He was born October 9, 1942 to Herbert and Marion (LaDuke) Murphy in Saginaw, Mich., where he was raised.

On May 2, 1964, he married Judy Wrathell, in Saginaw, Mich., where they resided for many years.

He worked at Central Foundry for General Motors until he moved to Lincoln in 1988.

He was an avid sportsman and hunter and enjoyed travelling. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Barton City Aerie No. 4141.

Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Judy; one daughter, Ann (Steve) Carpenter of Clio, Mich.; one son, Michael (Heather) Murphy of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren, Steven and Shianne Carpenter, Michael Murphy Jr. and Cadence Murphy; one great-granddaughter, Kylie



Massey; three brothers, Paul (Marge) Schmidt of Saginaw, Mich.; Charles (Judy) Schmidt of Perris, Calif.; and Arthur (May) Milwrick of Grand Junction, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Herbert Murphy III in 1978.

The visitation will be held at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. Burial will be on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens in Saginaw, Mich.

### Lynn A. Dinkel

Lynn Allison Dinkel, 65, died on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 in Whitmore Lake, Mich.

He was born February 16, 1947 in Brighton, Mich. to Gerald and LaVerna (Rigney) Dinkel.

He served in the Vietnam War. He was a carpenter.

Mr. Dinkel is survived by one son, Shawn (Lyndsey) Dinkel of Howell, Mich.; four grandchildren, Destynee, Skyler, Chase and Hayley Dinkel of Howell, Mich.; four sisters, Deanna (Ron) Trinosky of South Lyon, Mich., Cindy (Harold) Wines of Howell, Mich. and Nadra Derryberry of Howell, Mich.; two brothers, Ronald Dinkel of Whitmore Lake, Mich. and Kevin (Nancy) Dinkel of Harrisville; special niece and caregiver, Tricia Liebert; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald (June) Dinkel and LaVerna Rigney.

Arrangements were handled by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel.

### William T. LaRoche

William T. LaRoche, 80, of Lincoln, died on Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 at his home.

He was born December 19, 1931 to Ambrose and Anna (Rienke) LaRoche in Alpena, where he was raised.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

On September 18, 1953, he married Grace Barber in Warren, Mich., where they were long-time residents.

Mr. LaRoche worked as a yardman for OMS manufacturing, retiring to Lincoln in 1997.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting and working in his garage. He had a natural talent for fixing motors and other machines. He was a member of Solid Rock Church of God in Harrisville.

Mr. LaRoche is survived by his wife, Grace; one foster



son, Michael Schartow; and many nieces and nephews, including Paul Labadie.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Dec. 29 at the Solid Rock Church of God in Harrisville at noon, with a luncheon to follow. The Rev. Edward Morrison will officiate. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



*Commiphora myrrha* is found in Yemen, Somalia, Eritrea and eastern Ethiopia. The plant has spiny branches with sparse leaves and can grow up to 9 feet tall. It is harvested by cutting the tree's trunk, making sap ooze out and drip down the trunk. As the sap hardens into resin, it is collected and sold for use in perfumes, incense and medicines.

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## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,  
The former commander of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT), Del Putnam, steals taxpayer dollars and he is charged with willful neglect of duty, a misdemeanor. The punishment? Payback the \$1,400 you stole and you can't be a cop in Michigan anymore.

How can it be that a person who was given a badge and gun and promised to serve the public is allowed to escape appropriate punishment for the crime? If a clerk at a store steals \$1,400 from the cash register, are they told, "You can't be a clerk anymore?" No. Under Michigan law, it is a felony and they are charged with theft and often put in jail.

It seems clear that Mr. Putnam is taking the fall for something bigger than what the public is being told. What else can explain such an egregious miscarriage of justice?

Paul Peterson  
Harrisville

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#### Most Common Address Suffixes

1. Drive
2. Street
3. Road
4. Avenue
5. Lane
6. Court
7. Way
- (tie) Circle
9. Boulevard
- (tie) Place

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### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2011-2012

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 9	35	27	0.15	11.3	32	ENE
Dec. 10	35	23	0.00	1.2	14	N
Dec. 11	32	24	0.00	2.7	19	SW
Dec. 12	37	27	0.00	1.8	16	SW
Dec. 13	42	30	0.00	5.9	23	SW
Dec. 14	37	27	0.00	1.4	12	NE
Dec. 15	40	35	0.11	11.3	29	SSE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		20012-2013	
Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content	
Weekly Total	0.26	2.1	0.42
December to Date	0.93	2.5	0.90
Year/Season to Date	25.23	4.4	27.52

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

## Calendar of Events

*(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, "bingo," "garage sales" or "raffle ticket sales" information is also not eligible.)*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Spruce Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients must be present to receive food and bring identification. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Alcona Community Schools is hosting a K-12 holiday program in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will last until approximately 7:45 p.m.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 2 to 4 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona woodcarvers will meet in the upstairs hall of the Lincoln Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. Beginners, intermediate and master carvers welcome, class taught by Bill Hastings. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. in the upstairs hall of the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (800) 733-2726 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

The Alcona County Library board will meet at the Harrisville branch, at 2 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 736-6045.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main St. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior

Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

Free Zumba class at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at noon. New comers are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Alcona High School, 51 N. Barlow Rd., Lincoln from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. For more information, call (800) 733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Storytime and craft for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St., from 10:15 to 11 a.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

Popcorn and a movie at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at 2 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

A Christmas Eve service celebrating 150 years will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 N. State St. (US-23) at 8 p.m.

There will be a Christmas Eve candlelight worship service at Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 6012 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, church affiliation or membership is not required.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Two computers and WiFi are available for seniors over 60 to use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main St. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Family movie matinee at the Harrisville branch of the

Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. at 2 p.m. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

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Walk in the upstairs hall from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Storytime and craft for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St., from 10:15 to 11 a.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

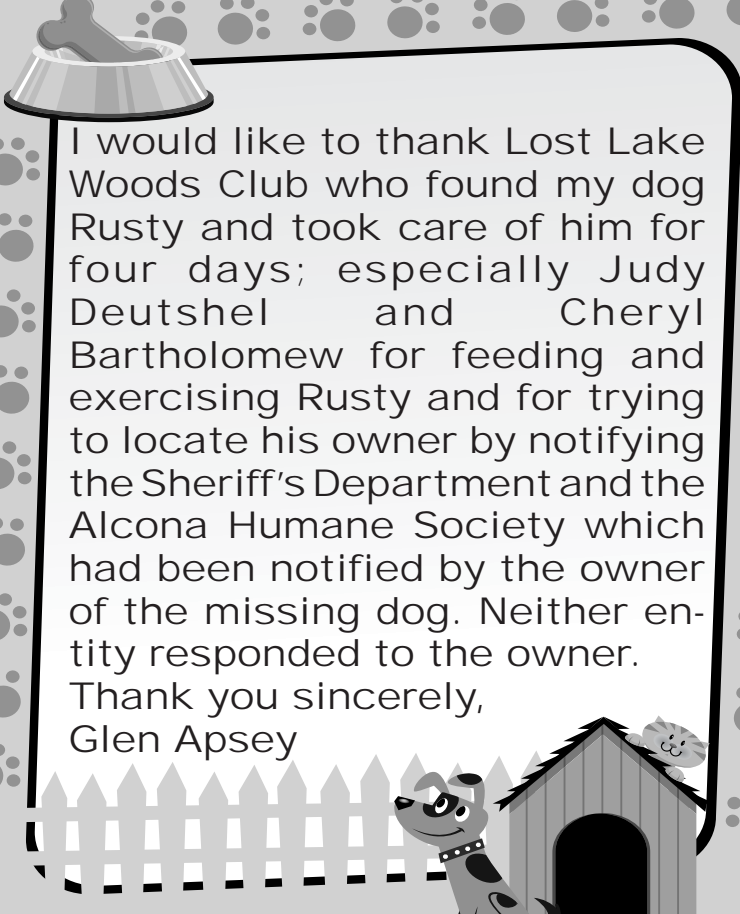
My Brother's Hope Potluck Café-Take 2 will serve a free meal and offer free haircuts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. For more information, call Susan Armstrong (989) 724-6365.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Spruce Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients must be present to receive food and bring identification. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.



**Christmas Eve**  
**150 Years**  
Come Join the  
Celebration ~ 8 p.m.  
**Harrisville United  
Methodist Church**  
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I would like to thank Lost Lake Woods Club who found my dog Rusty and took care of him for four days; especially Judy Deutshel and Cheryl Bartholomew for feeding and exercising Rusty and for trying to locate his owner by notifying the Sheriff's Department and the Alcona Humane Society which had been notified by the owner of the missing dog. Neither entity responded to the owner.  
Thank you sincerely,  
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## Local Notes

### Jessica Glenn-Beatty M.D. Family Practice Welcoming New Patients in the Ossineke Services



Alcona Health Center, Ossineke Services is very proud and pleased to announce the arrival of our new Family Practice Provider, Jessica Glenn-Beatty, M.D. Jessica moved to Northeast Michigan when she was 14 and attended high school here. She earned her undergraduate and medical degree at Michigan State University then returned home to Northeast Michigan to begin her medical practice with Alcona Health Center. She has a special interest in women's health and natural/holistic health. Call today to make an appointment with Dr. Glenn-Beatty.

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#### Items Needed

My Brother's Hope is in urgent need of children's and baby clothes, including diapers of all sizes. There is also an ongoing need for personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap, et cetera). Donations may be taken anytime to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989)724-6365. All donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

#### E-book Reader Instruction

Special classes will be offered on Wednesday, Dec. 26, Thursday, Dec. 27, Wednesday, January 2, 2013 and Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to learn how to download books to e-book readers at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Download free books with a library card from the library's "Overdrive" system to the Kindle, Nook, iPad or other system with individualized instruction. There is limited enrollment. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

#### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, Dec. 24—All centers closed.
- Tuesday, Dec. 25—All centers closed.
- Wednesday, Dec. 26—Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, tossed salad and peach cobbler.
- Thursday, Dec. 27—Beef pot roast, red potatoes, baby carrots, coleslaw and fruit pie.
- Friday, Dec. 28—Pork chop bake, cauliflower, pea salad, chocolate peppermint cake and fruit.

#### In the Service

Air Force Airman Randall P. Alimenti graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the U.S. Air Force. Alimenti is the son of Melissa Haken and Rodney Haken, both of Ossineke. He is a 2011 graduate of Alpena High School.



Randall P. Alimenti

#### Employees Giving Back

Employees of the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union raised funds, during the third quarter of the year, to support various service organizations and other entities to help residents in the communities where the branches are located.

The Lincoln branch of Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union was able to collect \$394.98 and several donated items to give to My Brother's Hope in Alcona County. My Brother's Hope is an organization that provides assistance to families in need throughout the year. Clothing, personal care items, household products, and meals are available to less fortunate individuals in the community. It is a volunteer based organization that relies on the support of the community and many organizations within. The staff of the Lincoln branch accepted monetary donations as well as clothing and household items. Staff organized many

different fundraisers such as a bake sale, candy bar sales, and a windmill raffle.

The main and north offices focused fundraising efforts on the Relay for Life and the 6th Annual Zonta Walks for Women event. With the help of credit union membership they were able to raise a combined total of \$3,792.84. These funds will help pay for mammograms for those who cannot afford to get an annual exam as well as assist in research to find a cure for cancer. Both the Relay for Life and the Zonta Walks for Women celebrate cancer survivors, celebrate the lives of those lost to cancer and provide encouragement to those currently battling the disease. They also stress the importance of early detection and prevention.

The Oscoda branch was able to help 12 children for the entire school year through its fundraising efforts by raising more than \$1,200 for the Oscoda Backpack Program. This volunteer based program is an undertaking of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, which attempts to reduce child hunger and promotes nutrition and healthy eating habits. They provide backpacks with enough food for the weekends when children are not receiving meals at school. This ensures their nutritional needs are being met at home. While children receive nutritious meals at school, many go hungry over the weekend. Volunteers place the backpacks in the children's lockers each Friday.

The Ossineke branch of AAACU focused its fundraising efforts on the Sanborn Township Fire Department. They raised a total of \$232.86 for the volunteer based department. The Sanborn Township Fire Department provides public safety services to residents within the township. The department is comprised of volunteers from the community who dedicate their time responding to fire and ambulance calls. The funds raised by the Ossineke branch help the department with their ongoing expenses.

Staff members of Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union was able to raise \$224.96 for Shelter, Inc., which is a private, non-profit agency that provides safe shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault since 1978. Its mission is to end personal violence in our communities through advocacy, education, community collaboration and systems change.

Shelter, Inc. provides an array of services, free of charge, to assist those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and sexual assault, including emergency shelter, counseling and 24-hour crisis intervention. It also offers many additional services including long-term housing, information and referrals and legal advocacy. The Shelter, Inc. 24-Hour toll-free crisis line is (800) 396-9129. The Tawas branch of AAACU held a bike raffle and accepted donations for individuals at the shelter.

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# Bowling

**Huron**  
*December 11*

Harrisville Lmr.	29	132.5
Gary Oil	1	118.5
Shotmakers	19	111
Back Alley	11	106
Robert's Floor	15	101.5
Rob's Repair	15	91.5
Mancino's	25	91
B & D Sales	5	88

High game and series: Jon Klukowski, 300 and 736.  
High handicap game: Jon Klukowski, 310.  
High handicap series: Jack Schmitz, 771.

**Wednesday Nite Women's**  
*December 12*

Alcona Abstr.	119	91
Alcona Tool	112.5	97.5
JB's Auto	110.5	99.5
Back Alley	105	105
Cole's Appl.	102	108
Stoney Acres	98	112
Lincoln Prec.	97.5	112.5
Ark Plumb.	95.5	114.5

High game and series: Ruth Travis, 204 and 538.  
High handicap game: Ruth Travis, 242.  
High handicap series: Linda Blumer, 667.

135. Girl's high series: Raegan Eller, 349.  
Girl's high handicap game: Taylor Sobeck, 224. Girl's high handicap series: Sadie Johnson, 617.

**Early Bloomers**  
*December 11*

Violets	240.5	119.5
Buttercups	204	156
Mums	204	156
Tigerlilys	171	189
Bluebells	167.5	192.5
Marigolds	167	193
Daffodils	164.5	195.5
Rosebuds	121.5	238.5

High game: Gina Broadwood, 192.  
High series: Tammy Mendyka, 502.  
High team game and series: Tigerlilys, 441 and 1,264.

**Majors**  
*December 15*

Team 6	115	95
Wizards	112	98
Destroyers	109	98
Kingpins	104.5	105.5
Woodchucks	103.5	106.5
300 and one	86	124

Boy's high game: Jay Nordstrom, 166. Boy's high series: Stephen Turpen, 437.  
Boy's high handicap game and series: Cory Hoffman, 253 and 704.  
Girl's high game: Taylor Sobeck,

**Minors**  
*December 15*

Team 1	25.5	9.5
Little Devils	23	12
Pin Busters	14.5	20.5
Bumper Kids	7	28

Boy's high game and series: Brenden Hudgins, 124 and 221. Boy's high handicap game and series: Blayne Smith, 234 and 436.  
Girl's high game and series: Chloe Bunton, 79 and 147.  
Girl's high handicap game: Sammy Nordstrom, 213.  
Girl's high handicap series: Chloe Bunton, 415.

**Sportsman**  
*December 13*

Phil's Barber	18	93.5
Cole's Appl.	26	78.5
L.L.W. Club	19	73
Top O' Mich.	4	73
Shirt Shack	11	71.5
Morgan Elec.	12	60.5

High game and series: Ray Medore, 268 and 720.  
High handicap game, Frank Belloli, 304.  
High handicap series: Dave Glazer, 848.

## Guilty Continued from page 1

Putnam wanted to go to another state to be a police officer, he would have to be certified and that process should reveal the situation in Michigan. "The primary goal of the plea agreement was to insure that Mr. Putnam would no longer be a law enforcement officer and that he could never again be a law enforcement officer in the state of Michigan, along with a public acknowledgement by Mr. Putnam that he used public funds for his own personal use," Koop said.

Koop said this was a difficult case - not factually - but because it involved a police officer. "As a prosecutor I work with police officers all of the time. When I have to investigate one, it is difficult because we expect police officers to adhere to a higher set of standards. When one does something like this it is personally offensive to me and it makes it difficult."

"We are disappointed that this happened," said Michigan State Police Detective Lt. Patrick Boyd, task force section commander from the seventh district. "The MSP has a long-standing tradition of demanding the highest possible standards of professional conduct from its enlisted and civilian members. To that end, all allegations of misconduct are aggressively investigated."

"The process used to investigate allegations of misconduct is clearly established in department policy. Oversight of the investigation process is the responsibility of the internal affairs section."

"We look forward to moving forward with the team and its new commander," Boyd said.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for February 4, 2013 in 88<sup>th</sup> District Court in Alpena.



Carly Mitchell, 17, of Hubbard Lake shot a seven-point on the morning of November 17 at Little North Hunt Club located inside of Consolidated Hunting League in Hubbard Lake. *Courtesy photo.*

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# Happiness Continued from page 1

bookkeepers, was a substitute teacher for special education children, was a nanny for a family of six children and worked in retail.

One position that Gerry holds near and dear to her heart was the job of taking care of her mother before she passed away. "I promised my mother before she died that I would take care of my dad when his time was near and I kept my promise," she said. For Gerry, family is everything, even though Gerry

never married or had any children of her own.

It was shortly after her mother's passing when Gerry began collecting angels. "I've always believed angels watched over us. One of the last things my mom said to me was she would be gone only out of sight, but she would still be with me. After mom died my cousin sent me a beautiful song 'Serenade by Angels' and ever since angels just seem to keep finding me," Gerry said while reaching for some hot water for tea on a table full of Christmas candy and cookies amidst many angel decorations.

In fact, every room in her Lincoln home is filled with angels. "They just keep flying in," Gerry said laughing. "The angels who look like children are some of my favorites."

"When my dad was sick in the hospital, a very kind woman approached me one day and said that Walter (my dad) would be going home tomorrow. She said she knew this because my Guardian Angel had told her so. The woman didn't know my father or his name. The next day my dad passed away," Gerry said.

She was able to find the woman and they formed a friendship. The woman was artistic and drew a picture of what Gerry's guardian angel looked like, a picture which Gerry still treasures today.

Gerry's sister, Bernie Blaszak, is also very artistic and has painted many pictures of angels for Gerry. A poem which Blaszak wrote in 1991 about their mother titled "A Christmas Angel" was published in "Great Poems of our Time" - National Library of Poetry in 1993. The book is now in the Library of Congress.

Gerry believed the angels have helped guide her to where she is today, living a

quiet life in Lincoln. "My sister was already living up here when I came to visit her in 2003. I moved up here from Warren 30 days later. I love it here," Gerry said and commented on how now she has an entire community of friends which she calls family.

Gerry still works in retail for Kmart in Oscoda but tries to always make time for fun, family and friends. "I look out for a few neighbors that can't get around and take them to do their shopping and things. I really enjoy all there is to do up here and try to make it to every event I can. I don't have a lot of money, but there is a lot to do up here for free or a little donation. I do what I can to help make things fun."

"I wear silly hats to make people laugh or to lighten their day. I enjoy the spirit of giving, even if it means just giving a hug to someone who needs it or gifting them with a small token, showing I care about who they are. I always say thank you to any of our fire or police personnel when I see them. When we need those people we are usually too upset to think of thanking them, so I thank them for their duty when they aren't busy working," Gerry said.

Gerry is known in the community as being "Mrs. Claus" and has just the right personality, which if you didn't know her by name, you may think she is indeed the real thing.

"I have moments, like anyone, when I feel just a bit low, but all I need to do is put on some Christmas music, no matter what time of year, and I feel happy again. I don't know what it is or why I'm so happy. Some people ask me if I take medication or something to make me feel this way and I tell them no, I'm just happy on life. It's just an inner bubble which I've always had," she said.

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Financial considerations for remarrying later in life

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 What are the financial issues that come with remarrying later in life? I've been seeing a wonderful man for two years and we've been talking about marriage, but I want to make sure we understand all the possible financial consequences before getting hitched.

Single Senior

Dear Single,  
 That's a great question. Getting remarried later in life can actually bring about a host of financial and legal issues that are much different and more complicated than they are for younger couples just starting out.

Here are some common problem areas you need to think about, and some tips and resources that can help.

• **Estate planning:** Getting remarried can have a big effect on your estate plan. Even if your will leaves everything to your kids, in most states spouses are automatically

entitled to a share of your estate - usually one-third to one-half.

If you don't want to leave a third or more of your assets to your new partner, get a prenuptial agreement where you both agree not to take anything from the other's estate. If you do want to leave something to your spouse and ensure your heirs receive their inheritance, a trust may be the best option.

• **Long-term care:** You may be surprised to know that in many states, spouses are responsible for each other's medical and long-term care bills. This is one of the main reasons many older couples choose to live together instead of marrying. Staying unmarried lets you and your partner qualify individually for public benefits, such as Medicaid (which pays nursing home costs), without draining the other one's resources. But, if you do remarry and can afford it, consider getting a long-term care

insurance policy (see long-termcare.gov) to protect your assets.

• **Real estate:** If you're planning on living in his house or vice versa, you also need to think about what will happen to the house when the owner dies. If, for example, you both decide to live in your home, but you want your kids to inherit the place after you die, putting the house in both names is not an option. But, you may also not want your heirs to evict him once you die. One solution is for you to give your surviving husband a life estate which gives him the right to live in your property during his lifetime. Then once he dies, the house will pass to your heirs.

• **Social Security:** Remarriage can also affect the benefits of many divorced or widowed seniors (especially women) who receive Social Security from their former spouses. For instance, getting remarried stops divorced

spouse's benefits. And getting remarried before age 60 (50 if you're disabled) will cause widows and widowers to lose the right to survivors benefits from their former spouse. Remarrying at 60 or older, however, does not affect survivors benefit. For more information, see [ssa.gov/women](http://ssa.gov/women).

• **Pension benefits:** Widows and widowers of public employees, such as police and firemen, often receive a pension which they can lose if they remarry. In addition, widows and widowers of military personnel killed in duty may lose their benefits if they remarry before age 57, and survivors of federal civil servants that receive a pension will forfeit it if they remarry before 55. If you're receiving one of these benefits, check your policy to see what the affect will be.

• **Alimony:** If you are receiving alimony from an ex-spouse, it will almost certainly end if you remarry and

Savvy Senior

might even be cut off if you live together.

• **College aid:** If you have any children in college receiving financial aid, getting married and adding a new spouse's income to the family could affect what he or she gets.

To get help with these issues, consider hiring an estate planner who can draw up a plan to protect both you and your partner's interests. Also see [elderlawanswers.com](http://elderlawanswers.com), a contributor to this column and a great resource on many other legal topics.

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org).)



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12/12 & 12/19

**By Kathryn Fritz Kniep**  
Columnist

*"Fly, fly do not fear, don't waste a breath, don't shed a tear*

*Your heart is pure, your soul is free, be on your way, don't wait for me*

*Above the universe you'll climb, on beyond the hands of time*

*The moon will rise, the sun will set, but I won't forget."*

Jean Jacques-Goldman and Phil Galdston

For once in my life, I had a column written before deadline. It was about Christmas. Specifically, it was about donating to ensure, as the Goodfellows say, "No child without a Christmas."

And then a single news bulletin changed the concept of that phrase forever.

Twenty children – 12 boys and eight girls. Twenty children between the ages of five and seven. Little kids named Chase and Dylan and Noah, Madeline and Emily and Grace. Still in the formal phase. Too little still to have fooled around with their names to make them "cool."

All of them gone, shot dead, in what police believe to have been less than five minutes.

I keep thinking back to the days when I worked as a teaching classroom aide. My entire class was 18 kids. Two less than were lost in Newtown, Conn. on Friday.

That's part of it. The other part is how the 18 children in that class made me laugh and cry and fall so in love. How they convinced me that whatever else I wanted to do in my life, I wanted children in it.

Dear God, someone shot 20 children. No matter who you are or where you are or what you believe, if you've ever had a child in your life, that has to hit you somewhere right around the solar plexus. Or the throat.

As a parent, you send your kids out into the world every morning and you believe that once they arrive, once they "get there," safe from random vehicles or snowy roads, they will be safe. You have to. If you didn't, you couldn't let them go.

Friday, or in the early hours of Saturday morning, 20 sets of parents got the news that every parent fears most. More than 20, actually. The six adults who were lost presumably had parents, or families, too.

# Fly

Even the shooter had a father and a brother. Even the shooter, dead as well, was only 20.

And any parent my age can tell you, no matter how old your child grows to be, the fear of that call never abates entirely.

The most accurate statement I've heard came from a priest who had been out in the early darkness of Saturday morning, visiting the families. He was having difficulty speaking and he apologized. "It's the week before Christmas," he said, "and I've been talking with parents who have lost their joy."

It's happened again, for the fifth time in 2012, the 62<sup>nd</sup> in the past three decades. And this time, the victims were little kids.

Little kids are wiggly. They smell like healthy, clean sweat and warm milk and they have the ability to go boneless, molding themselves to the shape of your body when you hold them.

Virtually every parent, everywhere, whether they have one or 10 kids, can tell you about a spot on each of their children – the nape of a neck, the little ET-shaped toes – that is impossible not to kiss or cuddle. At five and six, they've just barely begun to think in the abstract.

They wear their hearts on their sleeves, these little ones. Concerned about the plight of the elephants, demanding canned goods for kids who have less or nickels to drop in The Salvation Army bucket. They can be beautiful, caring pacifists one moment and implacable, difficult beasts the next.

They can give us the giggles as they explain naughty behavior and bring us to tears as they sing their nonsense songs. They can step into a whole new world by donning a half-yard of fabric shaped into a cape or a nylon net tutu. They are, as the priest said, our joy.

As our president said on Friday, our hearts are broken. The children of Newtown are all our children. And every single time this happens – in a movie theater in Colorado or a parking lot in Arizona, in a temple in Wisconsin or a shopping mall in Oregon, or an elementary school in Connecticut – someone, somewhere, loses their joy. And our society is diminished.

There can be no question, we must find a solution – or at the very least, a preventative – to this epidemic of madness. If this many people were being harmed by a product or an infection, we would have mobilized already. We cannot keep our children, or for that matter all of us, locked in, fenced, buzzed and wired and otherwise protected from the world we live in.

Gun control is part of it, but not all. Of the 62 mass murders between 1982 and last Friday, almost half of the guns used were obtained legally. At the same time, more than 60 percent were committed with at least one semi-automatic weapon. I would

## Puttin' On The Fritz

be the first to say that freedom is immensely important. That freedom, ultimately, is more important than safety. But there is a mid-ground to this issue, somewhere between the responsible hunter and the unregulated gun show. The time has come – has passed, really – when we have to talk about it.

We must improve the mental health system in our country. State budget cuts and the loss of federal funding have reduced the dollars that support these programs drastically again and again. The result is programs – especially for the low-income or uninsured – with waiting times of months or more, videotaped "counseling" and no dollars for medication or therapy.

We need to get better, everyone agrees, at recognizing the individual approaching the edge. The thing is, while everyone agrees, we aren't doing it. That's clear in the escalation of anger in our society, in violence, and in mass murders themselves. I'm not certain, on an individual basis, that in a population the size of ours, it's possible or possible without violating the rights of far too many.

I said earlier that if this loss were the result of a product or an illness, we would be fighting it with every resource available. Perhaps that is what we must do. We have 30 years of data available now; we have shooters who have survived. Perhaps we need to channel the funding, the data, the intelligence and the acumen necessary to determine what factors are causal to creating a shooter – and what interventions, treatments or education can help – early on in that individual's life, well before the brink. Early enough to redirect their path.

Whatever the solution is, and in all likelihood it's all of the above and much more, we need to start addressing it as a priority.

A major, major priority. What we face will not be reduced by pointless platitudes about people killing people or God not being in schools. It will only be reduced by frank discussion, study, preventative rather than protective planning, priority funding and a willingness – rather drastically lacking in our country these days – to consider the alternative view. To give up, perhaps, a bit of our precious freedom in the interest of our greatest joy.

I, for one, don't believe the two to be mutually exclusive.

*(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville.)*

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# Busy week ahead for girls basketball

**By Hope Smith**  
Basketball Writer

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team has three games on the roster this week which started with an away game in Hillman on Tuesday.

The Tigers will host the next two games beginning Thursday, Dec. 20 against Alpena's Wildcats starting at

6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 22 against Montabella High School starting at 4 p.m.

"We're excited to get the opportunity to play Alpena this year because they haven't played any local class C or D teams in the area for a number of years," said Coach Brad Cole.

Just after Christmas break, on Thursday, Jan. 3,

2013 Alcona will be on the road traveling to Alma High School. "The girls need to play tougher teams in order to grow as a team, continue building and get stronger year after year," said Cole.

The junior varsity game will start at 4:30 p.m. and the varsity will take the court at 6 p.m.

# Alcona boys varsity splits two games

**By Ron Yokom**  
Basketball Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team split two games last week that were as different as night and day.

On December 11 they hosted the Rogers City Hurons and came away with an easy 56-29 victory over one of the weaker Huron teams in recent memory.

On December 14 they traveled to Beal City, a three-

hour trip, and were defeated 73-56 leaving a 2-1 record heading into two away games this week at Fairview and Posen before the holiday break.

In the game against the Hurons, after giving up the first field goal of the game Alcona went on a 12-2 run and led after the first quarter 19-6. Jared Steiner was hot scoring 11 of Alcona's points.

The Tigers started the sec-

ond quarter with an 8-0 run to take a 27-7 lead and never looked back. They had a 33-12 lead at halftime. Carson Jameison, Dawson Forsythe and Aaron Ritchie scored four points each. The huge margin allowed Coach Tim Somers to play his bench for most of the second quarter and give them some much needed game experience.

With the starters back in for the third quarter, the Tigers went on an 11-2 run to extend their lead to 44-16. Dustin Yokom finished the quarter scoring Alcona's last five points as they went into the final period with a 48-22 lead.

Again Alcona's starters left with the court with about three minutes left and never returned to the game as they watched their teammates play the rest of the game.

Steiner led the Tigers with 15 points, six assists and four steals. Trent LaVergne added 10 points. Ritchie and Forsythe scored six points each; Yokom scored five with Andy Cammack, Eric Hampton, Garret Norling and Cody Franklin scoring two points each.

The junior varsity team also won 36-29 with Jason Steiner scoring 12 points.

Unfortunately, detailed information on the Beal City game was not available by press time. However, the Beal City team was strong, quick and made 15 of 26 three-point attempts. LaVergne led Alcona with 22 points and Steiner scored 16 points.

The JV team lost its game 69-47. Brandon Smigelski scored 15 points.



This year's award winners in the Voice of Democracy Program hosted by the Alcona VFW Post No. 6466 are (from left) third place - sophomore Morgan Stewart; first place - sophomore Nicole Walen; second place - senior Victoria Ankner; with VFW commander Ron Skiba. As the first place winner, Walen will go on to participate in the VFW's District 11 competition. Theme for this year's essay contest -- "Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?" *Courtesy photo.*

## Christmas At Home

**By Jim Gagnier**

The season's upon us and some will say  
It's time to pack and be on our way  
To that land where tropical breezes sigh  
And the warm sun shines in a cloudless sky  
Don't stay up here I'm constantly told  
Where the days are filled with bitter cold  
I just smile and answer "Thank you, but no  
I want to be here when there's Christmas snow  
And on that day when Christ was born  
I want to wake up to a frosty morn  
With icicles shimmering at dawn's first light  
And the pine trees dressed in their gowns of white  
So let all the others sally forth  
I'm making my plans to stay up north  
To hover around the fireplace glow  
While watching the frosty winter snow  
And enjoying the warmth of loved ones dear  
While drinking a cup of Christmas cheer  
Reviewing our blessings while candles gleam  
And each one telling his Christmas dream  
And on Christmas eve around the tree  
We'll gather and offer our sympathy  
To those who must follow the urge to roam  
And miss the sweet joy of Christmas at home.

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# Alcona's girls basketball teams



**Girls varsity basketball team** (front row, from left) Nikki Smith, Tylar Campbell (second row) Karina Cole, Megan Quick, (third row) Manager Rooke Shultz, Manager Devainie Brulinski, Hannah Terpstra, Maddie Feldhiser, Nicole Walen, Lilly Manning, (back row) Manager Brittany Decker, Student Assistant Walker Kelly, Cassie Carpenter, Sydney Pierce, Kendra Cole, Coach Brad Cole, Assistant Coach Mark Feldhiser, Alissa Terpstra and Turner Somers.

**Girls junior varsity basketball team** (front row, from left) Manager Abby Franklin, Manager Rachel Warner, Cheyenne Parkinson, Ally Higgins, Coach Kristi Arnold, Sam Schopfer, Tori Harmon, Manager Kendra LaFave, (back row) Claire Feldhiser, Katelyn Nelson, Sierra Forsythe, Jessica Grove. Missing: Kayla Hampton and Manager Keilee Elmer.



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# Alcona's boys basketball teams



**Boys varsity basketball team** (front row, from left) Schyler Bates, Garrette Norling, Aaron Ritchie, Jared Steiner, Eric Hampton, Cody Franklin, (back row) Assistant Coach Adam Williams, Ben Dubuque, Dawson Forsythe, Trenton LaVergne, Dustin Yokom, Andy Cammack, Carson Jamieson, Assistant Coach Perry Budreau and Coach Tim Somers. Missing: Assistant Coach Darwin Ginder.

Boys junior varsity basketball team (front row, from left) Brandon Smigelski, Nathan Swinson, Isaac Dubuque, Ryan Shultz, Jesse Schram, Brandon Ritchie, Jason Steiner, Mitchell Havercroft, (back row) Manager Lauren Yokom, Coach Steve Yokom, Jesse Collins, Jeff Schram, Hunter Sullivan, Cody Collins, Nick Lamantia and Assistant Coach Cori Upper. Missing: Mitchell Krisan.

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# High candle anxiety: A Christmas tale

By **Jim Gagnier**  
Guest Columnist

I could see that the little altar girl was really struggling. My heart went out to her as she made yet another attempt to light the candle.

At this point, the congregation knew that something was definitely wrong and she must have felt the eyes of every person in the church upon her.

"Hold the flame down on the candle until it melts the wax," I whispered rather loudly. "The wick is buried." I just couldn't help it -- I'd been there.

My thoughts immediately went back to my days as an altar boy at St. Vincent De Paul in Pontiac, Mich. and one particular incident at Christmas time -- an incident which, 67 years later, I still recall with a shudder.

Alter boys were different in my time. We didn't just stand around looking holy. We considered ourselves an integral part of Mass. We liked to think the priest actually needed us in his performance. One of our duties was to light the candles before the service began.

This sounds fairly simple and it was for the ordinary Mass which required only two candles both of which stood just a few feet above the main altar. You could almost light them by hand.

But a requirement for the high Mass was lighting the six candles which towered high above the main altar and could only be reached by using a 10 foot lighting pole. This task called for a keen eye, a rock steady hand and a stout heart.

The wick was too high up to be seen...it was more of a situation of "feel" and, with the long pole shaking in your hands, it was not an easy task.

We all dreaded this job. Our worst nightmare was that there would be one stubborn candle where the wick was buried in the wax and it just

would not light. With a couple of hundred people in the congregation staring and wondering what was wrong with that idiot alter boy, we all went through "high candle anxiety."

This particular cold wintry December morning was just a few days before Christmas in 1944. I was serving the high Mass at 6 a.m. -- the "graveyard shift" for an altar boy. My partner was a younger kid named Jackie Deschane. Little Jackie was a rookie, which wasn't in itself bad. But he was also what we used to call "an eager beaver" -- he wanted to do everything.

The church was practically empty at this hour, just a few old ladies, a couple of guys on their way to work and the nuns...three pews of them. This was the Mass they attended every single day and it did put a little pressure on us because Sister Muleeta, the trainer, coach and all around boss of all the altar boys, sat there among them.

I was just removing the alter cover and arranging the big book when I heard a squeaky voice at my side. Jackie wanted to light the candles. I was still not fully alert after a long winter's nap and, in retrospect, I'd like to think that affected my judgment "Sure...go ahead," I replied.

It turned out to be a bad decision -- a very bad decision. In minutes Jackie was bounding up the altar steps, the long lighting pole in hand, looking for all the world like some pint sized medieval knight charging up the hill toward the enemy.

I was still in my morning fog when I suddenly felt a tug at my cassock and a rather loud whisper, "Jim, the altar is on fire."

I guess the words didn't really sink in, at first, because I came back with some inane reply like, "well, just blow it out." And then it hit me like a ton of bricks -- the altar is on fire!

To be precise, the actual altar was not burning but the prospect of that becoming a reality was excellent because he had set the garlands and boughs surrounding the candles on fire.

I looked on in horror as the yellow flames steadily advanced up the garland of evergreen, closer and closer to the huge trees which stood on each side of the old wooden altar.

In those days the church was decorated with real trees and boughs so one could readily imagine what would happen if one of those trees ignited.

I completely lost my nerve. All sister Muleeta's careful training and my altar boy experience went out the window as I imagined the headlines in the local newspaper "Altar boys burn down entire St. Vincent's complex." Since the church, the rectory and our hall were all interconnected this definitely seemed a possibility.

All reason deserted me as I ran from the altar into the sacristy shouting at the top of my voice, "the altar is on



fire" hoping to get the attention of Father Harris whom I had seen earlier. The good priest was no where to be seen.

In full panic, I could think of no other recourse but to enter the "holy of holies" -- the adjacent rectory where the priests lived. This was an unthinkable act in ordinary circumstances but, these were not ordinary circumstances.

All was dark and silent in the rectory first floor chambers so I bounded up the stairs into the long hall where the actual sleeping rooms of the priests were located, shouting all the while. Suddenly, one of the doors opened and the rotund figure of Monsignor Linsynmyer appeared. What a sight must have greeted his eyes -- the figure of a small boy, white surplus streaming as he raced down the dark corridor, shouting at the top of his lungs like some modern day Paul Revere.

"I'll be right down," he shouted. I ran back into the sacristy just as Father Harris walked in through the outside entrance. As I came down the four steps from the rectory, I tripped on my long cassock and flew through the air in what must have looked like a perfect swan dive which ended with me landing right at the feet of the startled priest.

Eventually he managed to piece together enough of my inane jabbering to understand the problem. He then calmly did what I should have done in the first place.

He grabbed the fire extinguisher hanging on the wall and doused the flames, fortunately, before they reached the tall trees. All this time little Jackie stood there by the altar, frozen in terror, staring up at what he had wrought.

The church had filled with smoke and, to my amazement, the three pews of nuns still sat silently observing this bizarre scene. To this day I could never quite understand their behavior -- unless they were praying for some kind of "Divine Intervention."

Little Jackie never went back to the altar. We tried to get him over the extreme phobia this trauma had brought on. We started him on the low candles first with the idea of gradually advancing to the dreaded highs. But on the first attempt, he threw down the pole and ran screaming from the altar. He confessed to me years later that he even had some problems lighting vigil lights after that horrible day.

I was eventually forgiven and served as an acolyte for many years, well into high school. And I eventually gained somewhat of a perverse notoriety as the guy who was responsible for

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# Alcona County Sheriff's Report

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### Complaint Statistic

Car-Deer Accident	9	Property Damage Accident	5
Message/Well Being Check	2	Miscellaneous	3
Dog/Animal	7	Traffic	3
Agency Assist	2	Malicious Destruction of Property	3
Trespassing	3	Domestic	1
911 Hang Up	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	1
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Warrant Arrest	3	Civil	1
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Millen	5	Mitchell	1		
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changing the Christmas decorating codes at St. Vincent's. If you go to that church today during the Christmas season, you will note that the boughs, garlands and trees are placed at a very discreet distance from the high candles.

As my attention returned to the present, the alter girl had finally lit the stubborn candle. I breathed a sigh of relief. Hopefully, this little incident would not affect her career on the altar.

The Christopher Movement once had a motto that went, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." To altar boys back in those days, it sometimes seemed like the candle was more deserving of the curses.

*(Jim Gagnier and his wife, Charmaine, are retired and have been living in Harrisville for over 20 years. He was a manufacturing engineer for General Motors and has always enjoyed writing as a hobby.)*



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**By Judy MacNeill**  
*Health Columnist*

'Tis the season for baking your richest, most decadent recipes, attending Christmas parties, slurping on eggnog, and of course, gaining the obligatory 7-10 pounds during this month...or is it?

Is it possible to survive the holidays, health intact, without flinching when stepping on the scales?

What if there was a happy medium between enjoying the holidays while not undoing all your health efforts from the previous 11 months?

I believe it can be done. It just takes a little planning, and of course, the desire to stay the course.

Give the following five tried and true tips for staying healthy and sane during the holidays a try:

1. Be realistic. Most likely you will encounter more tempting foods than you usually do this time of the year. Give yourself permission to focus on maintaining a healthy weight rather than trying to lose weight during the holidays.

2. Plan time for exercise. If you tend to travel more during the holidays, you may find it is more difficult to stick to a consistent work-out plan. But remember that every little bit counts. Strap on a pedometer, set a goal of 8,000-10,000 steps per day, and then challenge yourself to take a few extra trips around the stores when shopping for gifts, park a little further out in the parking lot, take a break and go for a brisk walk between stores.

3. Don't go hungry. If you know your next party will have loads of high-fat tempting foods, don't skip eating beforehand. Eat a healthy snack before arriving at the party. You will be less tempted to over-indulge. My favorite is an apple with peanut butter, or a glass of skim milk and a banana. Works like a charm.

4. Focus on quality instead of quantity. Ask yourself if anyone is really going to miss having 50 dozen cookies lying around. Instead, look for one or two really delicious recipes, and then prepare small amounts to be shared. Keep portions small.

5. Ask if you can bring something. If invited to a

party, see if you can bring a dish and then prepare something healthy to pass. It will allow you to eat healthier and maybe encourage others to do the same. As a starter, I have included a few recipes here.

### Smoked Salmon & Cucumber Bites

- 1 large (12-inch) cucumber
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 4 ounces crème fraîche
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 4 ounces pre-packaged smoked salmon, cut into inch-long strips
- 2 teaspoons fresh dill, chopped, for garnish

#### Preparation:

Peel and slice cucumber into 1/4-inch slices.

In a bowl, mix lemon zest, lemon juice, crème fraîche, and pepper.

To assemble, top a cucumber slice with a strip of salmon, a dollop (about 1/2 tsp) of crème fraîche mixture, and garnish with dill.

*(Makes 44 (serving size: 1 bite). Amount per serving -- Calories: 14. Fat: 1.1g. Saturated fat: 0.7g. Monounsaturated fat: 0.1g. Polyunsaturated fat: 0.0g. Protein: 1g. Carbohydrate: 1g. Fiber: 0.0g. Cholesterol: 4mg. Iron: 0.0mg. Sodium: 21mg. Calcium: 2mg. Adapted from Health Magazine December 2012.)*

### Roasted Cauliflower with Fresh Herbs & Parmesan

#### Ingredients:

Use parmesan and any fresh herbs you have on hand for this dish. While parsley, tarragon and thyme make a nice combination, you can also try sage, chives and rosemary for this holiday recipe. If no fresh herbs are available, substitute with dried, but cut the amount by half.

- 12 cups cauliflower florets (about two heads)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup (1 ounce) grated fresh Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

#### Preparation

Preheat oven to 450°.

Place cauliflower in a large re-sealable plastic bag. Drizzle with oil; toss well to coat. Spread over large baking sheet. Bake at 450° for 20

minutes or until tender and browned, stirring every five minutes. Sprinkle with parsley, thyme, tarragon, and garlic. Bake 5 minutes. Combine cauliflower mixture, cheese, and remaining ingredients in a large bowl; toss well to combine.

*Yield: 8 servings (about 1 cup). Calories: 89. Calories from fat: 35%. Fat: 3.5g. Saturated fat: 0.8g. Monounsaturated fat: 2.1g. Polyunsaturated fat: 0.4g. Protein: 5.2g. Carbohydrate: 12.1g. Fiber: 5.4g. Cholesterol: 2mg. Iron: 1.1mg. Sodium: 251mg. Calcium: 83mg. From Cooking Light November 2005.*

### Cheesecake Re-invented

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup skim milk, heated almost to boiling
- Egg substitute equivalent to 1 egg, or 2 egg whites
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups low-fat cottage cheese

- Lemon zest (optional)

#### Directions

Combine water, gelatin and lemon juice in blender container. Process on low speed 1 to 2 minutes to soften gelatin. Add hot milk, processing until gelatin is dissolved. Add egg substitute, sugar, vanilla and cheese to blender container. Process on high speed until smooth. Pour into 9 inch pie plate or round flat dish. Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours. If you wish, top with grated lemon zest just before serving.

*Nutritional analysis per serving -- Calories: 80. Fat: trace. Carbohydrates: 10g. Protein: 9g. Cholesterol: 3mg. Sodium: 200mg. Dietary fiber: Trace. Adapted from: "Fix-It and Enjoy-It! Healthy Cookbook" published by Good Books.*

My hope for all of you is that this helps bring the focus back on family, friends, and fellowship.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your life this year. Here's to health, happiness, and peace for you and yours.

*(Judy MacNeill is a registered dietitian, a wellness and nutrition consultant and a long-time resident of Alcona County. She lives in Harrisville with her husband, Warren.)*





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# Whooping cough and flu on the rise

All Michigan residents are being urged to get vaccinated against pertussis, also known as whooping cough, and influenza to protect themselves and vulnerable infants.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), along with the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) and Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) are behind this effort.

"Most parents today have never seen the devastating consequences that vaccine-preventable diseases can have on a family or community," said James K. Haveman, director of the

MDCH. "Through vaccination, Michigan families are much better protected than they were in the past but vaccine-preventable diseases are still a very real threat and they continue to exist in the communities in which we live, work and play."

On May 17, Veronica McNally, mother of Francesca "Franny" Marie, lost her three month old daughter to pertussis.

Both Veronica and her son had pertussis disease which went unrecognized by numerous health care providers. McNally was not advised of the importance of receiving a tetanus-diphtheria-

acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine for herself and those around Franny to cocoon her daughter against this serious disease.

Additionally, her two older children were on a delayed immunization schedule.

"In deciding to delay my children's vaccination schedule, I thought I was doing what was in their best interest," McNally said. "I thought I was informed. I thought my vigilance in seeing a doctor when my children were sick was going to help protect them. I thought I was on top of my children's health. But I was naïve."

Whooping cough is one of

the most commonly occurring vaccine-preventable diseases in the U.S. and cases are on the rise. In Michigan, there has been a steady increase in pertussis throughout the past decade, with a peak of more than 1,500 reported cases in 2010. There have already been 597 reported pertussis cases as of September 30.

Influenza is also a life-threatening disease especially for infants. During the 2010-11 flu season, there were six influenza-associated pediatric deaths in Michigan. Currently, flu activity nationwide is beginning to increase. Michigan already has seen

12 cases.

"Since health care personnel are the first line of defense in diagnosing, treating and preventing the spread of these infectious diseases, it makes sense that we lead by example to protect not only our patients, but the entire health care work force," said Michigan State Medical Society President-elect Dr. Kenneth Elmassian.

"Whether we commit to it as individual providers, or as health care institutions, we must take all appropriate measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases in health care settings. This certainly includes vaccinating ourselves against seasonal and pandemic flu and pertussis," he said.

In Michigan, vaccination rates among adults are very low with almost 17 percent of adults ages 19-64 and only 66 percent of Michigan adolescents ages 11-12 having received the Tdap vaccine.

Studies have shown that immunity to pertussis wanes after the childhood series has been given, therefore it's critical to vaccinate adolescents and adults to further boost their pertussis protection.

Vaccination rates are also low for the flu vaccine, with only 31 percent of Michigan adults ages 18-64 vaccinated against the flu during the 2011-12 season.

"Today's vaccines are created using modern technology and involve many scientific disciplines. Our patients and their families should feel confident that the 'how to' and 'wherfores' of vaccine administration is greatly understood today," said Dr. Anthony Ognjan. "The techniques involved for safe and effective vaccination delivery have been simplified for the average physician, specialty physicians and other health care providers, by diverse groups of scientists, physicians and clinical practitioners."

MDCH, MOA and MSMS are urging Michigan families to talk to their health care provider today about the vaccines they need for themselves and their family. Further, Michigan health care providers are encouraged to never miss an opportunity to vaccinate and to strongly recommend vaccines to patients of all ages.

Even for those who don't have a baby in their family or social circle, they should consider that these diseases can be passed on anywhere that air is shared.


"To all expectant mothers, I urge you: Please ask your doctor about vaccination against pertussis and flu for you and all members of your family," said McNally. "Protect your infants."

For more information about vaccinations in Michigan, including pertussis and flu, visit [www.michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize) and [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu). To read more about Franny's story, visit [www.frannystrong.org](http://www.frannystrong.org).


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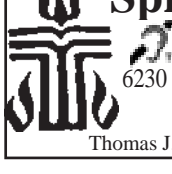
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# DNR finds 2012 firearm deer season successful, encourages hunters to share harvest information

The 2012 firearm deer season wrapped up November 30, and according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, hunter reports from around the state have been mostly positive.

Into the first few days of the firearm season, the number of individuals that purchased a deer license was up two percent compared to the same point in 2011. Firearm season check station activity also increased this year in the Upper Peninsula and southern Lower Peninsula, but was about the same in the northern Lower Peninsula. Check station data indicated deer were in good condition, with improvements to key measurements compared to 2011.

"Hunters coming to deer check stations have a great opportunity to contribute data that we use to manage the resources they care so much about," said Dr. Russ Mason, DNR Wildlife Division chief.

Each year the DNR generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes on November 30. Those estimates are replaced by a rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons using an annual hunter mail survey.

The 2012 firearm deer season harvest appears similar or up slightly compared to the 2011 season. Experiences can differ widely within regions. DNR biologists estimate the harvest, compared to 2011, was up perhaps as much as 10 percent across the Upper Peninsula and very similar to last year in the northern Lower Peninsula.

Experiences in the southern Lower Peninsula varied

widely, and harvest in that region is expected to be anywhere from five percent lower to give percent higher compared to 2011.

Impacts related to epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD), a viral disease that affects Michigan deer but does not have human health concerns, appear to have been highly localized, but pronounced where they did occur. Data on hunter observations about the impacts of EHD collected at the check

stations suggested these impacts were not widespread, but the DNR also has been getting input from unsuccessful hunters that did not have deer to bring to a check station.

"Some hunters in southern Michigan saw substantially fewer deer compared to last year," said Brent Rudolph, DNR Wildlife Division Deer and Elk Program leader, "yet we had pretty good conditions for hunters to enjoy their time afield, and

the overall attitudes of deer hunters around the state have been upbeat."

Rudolph also stressed the importance of cooperation with the hunter harvest survey, which he called "another vital tool for Michigan's deer program, and another way in which data provided by hunters contributes to our information base."

Hunters that do not receive a survey in the mail but wish to provide their hunting and harvest information

may visit [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer) and select the Deer Harvest Reporting Form link. Hunters should only provide this information once they have completed all of their 2012 hunting activities, including seasons open through as late as January 1, 2013.

For more information about hunting opportunities, deer or EHD in Michigan, go to [www.michigan.gov/hunting](http://www.michigan.gov/hunting), [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer) or [www.michigan.gov/wildlifedisease](http://www.michigan.gov/wildlifedisease).

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**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 30 Low: 21

**SUNDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 28 Low: 20

**MONDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 27 Low: 15

**TUESDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 31 Low: 19

**Today's Regional Map**

**In-Depth Local Forecast**

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 38°, humidity of 70%. Southwest wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 53° set in 1957. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of snow, overnight low of 33°. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -12° set in 1973.

**\*Last Week's Almanac**

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	32	22	33/19	0.02"
Tuesday	29	17	32/18	0.00"
Wednesday	35	23	32/18	0.00"
Thursday	42	32	32/18	0.00"
Friday	34	20	31/17	0.00"
Saturday	38	32	31/17	0.25"
Sunday	46	39	31/17	0.15"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

**Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	8:06 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	11:58 a.m.	Next Day
Thursday	8:06 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	12:24 p.m.	12:39 a.m.
Friday	8:07 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	12:51 p.m.	1:42 a.m.
Saturday	8:07 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	2:44 a.m.
Sunday	8:08 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	1:51 p.m.	3:44 a.m.
Monday	8:08 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	2:26 p.m.	4:43 a.m.
Tuesday	8:09 a.m.	4:59 p.m.	3:07 p.m.	5:38 a.m.

**Local UV Index**

UV Index  
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

**National Weather Summary This Week**

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today, partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 56° in Germantown, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today, scattered showers and thunderstorms Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 82° in Naples, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 52° in Colville, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 71° in Artesia, N.M.

**Tonight's Planets**

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:49 a.m.	3:53 p.m.
Venus	6:08 a.m.	3:29 p.m.
Mars	9:59 a.m.	6:56 p.m.
Jupiter	3:35 p.m.	6:43 a.m.
Saturn	3:53 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Uranus	12:49 p.m.	1:06 a.m.

**Weather History**

**Dec. 19, 1957** - A tornado, 200 yards in width, killed two people along its 15-mile path from near Waldo to near Buena Vista in southwestern Arkansas. People from one house were carried 250 yards and cars were said to have been carried 600 yards.

**Weather Trivia**

What year was the costliest drought in U.S. history?

**Answer:** The drought of 1988, with losses greater than 40 billion dollars.

**StarWatch By Gary Becker - Low Sun, High Spirits**

As we head full speed towards the Holidays, the sun is putting on the brakes as it reaches its lowest point in the sky, the winter solstice on December 21 at 6:12 a.m., EST. It's the tilt of the Earth's axis, 23.5 degrees from the perpendicular to its orbital plane that creates this effect and all of the other consequences of the changing seasons that we experience. During each quarter the sun's noontime position either moves up or down by the same amount as Earth's tilt. Why am I in such high spirits? I can't deny the Holiday festivities, which are also related to the time of the solstice, play a part, but the downward trend of the sun is nearly over and Sol's motions will soon be reversed and headed in an upward direction. On the day of solstice, which literary means "sun standstill," Sol will rise at its most southerly position from the east and set at its most southerly position to the west. At noon when the sun is highest in the sky for the day, it will be at its lowest noontime position for the year. If the daily spin of the Earth could be stopped at local noon, when the sun was due south, and if we could take a hike over land and sea, what would we witness? Traveling southward over the curvature of the Earth towards the sun would find Sol getting one degree higher in the sky for each degree of latitude we traversed. We would have to stride some 4400 miles south or 64 degrees in latitude to move the sun into a position where it would be directly overhead. We'd find ourselves on the Tropic of Capricorn, assuming that we lived where I live at 40.5 degrees north latitude and celebrating the first day of summer in the Southern Hemisphere. Going northward would eventually cause the sun to dip below the horizon. So even though shadows are at their longest this week, the lowly sun starts coming back, slowly at first, but with the promise of another spring and the warmth of summer on the horizon. Happy winter to all! [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

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**TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez**

- 1. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a formicary?
- 2. ASTRONOMY:** Which planet has two moons called Titania and Oberon?
- 3. GAMES:** What is the color of St. James Place in the game "Monopoly"?
- 4. LANGUAGE:** What does the Greek word "platypus" mean?
- 5. MEDICINE:** What is a more common name for the condition called odontalgia?
- 6. GEOGRAPHY:** The island nation of Madagascar lies off the coast of which continent?
- 7. INVENTIONS:** Who invented the modern ballpoint pen?
- 8. MEASUREMENTS:** How many gallons are contained in a firkin?
- 9. MYTHOLOGY:** Who was the daughter of King Minos who helped Theseus to escape from the Labyrinth?
- 10. MOVIES:** What was the name of the women's baseball team in "A League of Their Own"?

Answers: 1. The scientific name for an anthill; 2. Uranus; 3. Orange; 4. Flat-footed; 5. A toothache; 6. Africa; 7. Laszlo Biro; 8. 9 gallons; 9. Ariadne; 10. Rockford Peaches. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Super Crossword**

**CONFECTION COLLECTION**

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|--|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                  | <b>46</b> "Buenas —" (Juan's "Good night") | <b>106</b> Singer Jackson — "Taps" co-star Penn | <b>10</b> Wagner of baseball                         | <b>48</b> Fashion designer Marc  | <b>80</b> Red dye                    |
| <b>1</b> Magical stick                         | <b>50</b> Sun's setting                    | <b>110</b> King Ahab's father                   | <b>11</b> Actor Thicke                               | <b>49</b> Pond gunk  | <b>82</b> Ellipse bit                |
| <b>5</b> Shoots (for)                          | <b>55</b> See 51-Down                      | <b>111</b> Hills over graves                    | <b>12</b> Escapade                                   | <b>51</b> With 55-Across, 1980s Chrysler chief                           | <b>83</b> Yacht basin                |
| <b>9</b> Haifa "Hi!"                           | <b>57</b> Fair-hiring abbr.                | <b>115</b> Ceylon, now                          | <b>13</b> Solely                                     | <b>52</b> Lime drink   | <b>84</b> Jet capacity               |
| <b>15</b> Christmas verse opener               | <b>58</b> Ate away at                      | <b>119</b> Harrow rival                         | <b>14</b> Handle wrongly, as funds                   | <b>53</b> Struck (out)   | <b>88</b> — Croix, Que.              |
| <b>19</b> Have — (freak out)                   | <b>59</b> College in Worcester             | <b>120</b> Well-drilling structure              | <b>15</b> Pint-size                                  | <b>54</b> QB's gains (hot winds)   | <b>89</b> Slangy affirmative         |
| <b>20</b> G4 or G5                             | <b>65</b> McMahan and McBain               | <b>121</b> Theme of this puzzle                 | <b>16</b> Small non-speaking role                    | <b>55</b> Santa — (hot winds)  | <b>90</b> Chain-clad actor           |
| <b>21</b> Honolulu's — Palace                  | <b>66</b> Kenyan's neighbor                | <b>122</b> Beach grains                         | <b>17</b> Dahl of "Sangaree"                         | <b>56</b> Org. for dockworkers   | <b>91</b> Tandoori flatbread         |
| <b>22</b> Wild West's Wyatt                    | <b>67</b> Deadened                         | <b>123</b> Actress Peet                         | <b>18</b> Neutered, as a pet                         | <b>57</b> Artist Muniz who's the subject of the documentary "Waste Land" | <b>92</b> "Hurrah!"                  |
| <b>23</b> Shrub that's the source of briarroot | <b>71</b> "So that's your game!"           | <b>124</b> Iowa State's city                    | <b>24</b> Mane stuff                                 | <b>58</b> Having a single flat, musically                                | <b>96</b> One ornamenting            |
| <b>25</b> Knots up                             | <b>74</b> Alternative to Barneys           | <b>125</b> "— Eyes" (1975 hit for the Eagles)   | <b>28</b> Trig. ratio                                | <b>59</b> Egyptian boy Pharaoh   | <b>98</b> Head nun                   |
| <b>26</b> Jazz great Fitzgerald                | <b>81</b> Renovate                         | <b>126</b> Murder                               | <b>29</b> Even (with)                                | <b>60</b> Jewish youth org.  | <b>99</b> Merciless                  |
| <b>27</b> Exposing bios                        | <b>85</b> Motor City labor org.            | <b>127</b> Less sparse                          | <b>31</b> "Star Trek: The Next Generation" counselor | <b>61</b> French seat  | <b>100</b> Ring around the sun       |
| <b>28</b> Ben & Jerry's flavor                 | <b>86</b> Lively, musically                | <b>128</b> Ernie's bud                          | <b>33</b> Wildly happy                               | <b>62</b> Diabolic   | <b>102</b> Fathers                   |
| <b>30</b> Stripper St. Cyr                     | <b>87</b> Beethoven's Ninth                | <b>129</b> Gas brand in Canada                  | <b>34</b> Score — (get points)                       | <b>63</b> Audition CD  | <b>103</b> In the thick of           |
| <b>31</b> Wee children                         | <b>93</b> Actress Leachman                 | <b>DOWN</b>                                     | <b>35</b> Political satirist Mo                      | <b>64</b> Tolkien fiend  | <b>104</b> Every 12 mos.             |
| <b>32</b> "Tennis, —?"                         | <b>94</b> Like the moon's surface          | <b>1</b> Part of kWh                            | <b>36</b> Shady giant                                | <b>65</b> Chuckle bit  | <b>105</b> Prone (to)                |
| <b>33</b> NASA's Spirit and Opportunity        | <b>95</b> Motorists' org.                  | <b>2</b> Plot unit                              | <b>37</b> Bray ending                                | <b>66</b> — lacto diet   | <b>107</b> Gust-filled               |
| <b>37</b> Wolflike carnivore                   | <b>97</b> Roman 201                        | <b>3</b> Yuletide tune                          | <b>38</b> Peruvian Sumac                             | <b>67</b> Apartment building VIP   | <b>108</b> Catty                     |
| <b>40</b> "Life" actor Beatty                  | <b>98</b> "Ugly Betty" network             | <b>4</b> Resides                                | <b>39</b> British isle                               | <b>68</b> 1982-2005 Saudi king   | <b>109</b> — Rice Burroughs          |
| <b>41</b> From long —                          | <b>101</b> Lumbering rock gp.              | <b>5</b> Actor Danny                            | <b>43</b> One of Hershey's                           | <b>69</b> Sleep: Prefix  | <b>112</b> Silent drama              |
| <b>42</b> "Boy Blue" rock gp.                  | <b>102</b> Small, short-term cash advance  | <b>6</b> Survivor's shout                       | <b>44</b> Letters after exes                         | <b>70</b> Central New York city  | <b>113</b> — Mills Portrait Studios  |
| <b>43</b> Trained in the pool                  |  | <b>7</b> Vaulters land on them                  | <b>45</b> — -mo                                      |  | <b>114</b> Big brewers               |
|  |  | <b>8</b> PTA subj.                              | <b>47</b> — d'oeuvres                                |  | <b>115</b> "Ditto"                   |
|  |  | <b>9</b> View                                   |  |  | <b>116</b> Antis' calls              |
|  |  |   |  |  | <b>117</b> Charlie's angel           |
|  |  |   |  |  | <b>118</b> "It comes — surprise ..." |
|  |  |   |  |  | <b>121</b> Airport car               |

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**STRANGE BUT TRUE**  
by Samantha Weaver

• It was Albert Einstein who offered the following explanation of relativity: "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity."

• In Singapore, one of the colorful customs is training birds for singing competitions. It's not always just a hobby, though; for some, it's a serious — and costly — business. A single well-trained bird might sell for as much as \$60,000.

• If you're an oenophile — that's an aficionado of wine — you probably won't be surprised to learn that as the cost of a wine goes up, so does a drinker's appreciation of that wine. It seems that it's not all about the quality of the vintage, though: In a recent study, tasters were offered two samples of the same wine, but each sample was labeled with a different price. The tasters overwhelmingly preferred the more expensive vintage.

• Only one-fifth of homes in America are not air-conditioned. In the sweltering South, a mere 5 percent lack that vital amenity.

• Those who study such things say that the wind power in an average hurricane is equivalent to 1.5 trillion watts. That's the same amount of power that is generated by fully half of the entire world's generating capacity.

• The works of Agatha Christie have been translated more times into other languages than those of any other author in history.

• Many people see dogs as doing heroic work in tandem with law enforcement and the military, but they're not the only animals put to such use. In Mozambique, sniffer rats are being used to find unexploded land mines so experts can disarm them. They're known as HeroRATs.

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Thought for the Day: "To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first. And, whatever you hit, call it the target." — Ashleigh Brilliant

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**MOMENTS IN TIME**  
The History Channel

• On Jan. 6, 1759, a 26-year-old George Washington marries Martha Dandridge Custis. Historical documents have revealed that Martha may not have been the great love of Washington's life. He wrote cryptic yet passionate love letters to Sally Fairfax, the wife of his friend George Fairfax.

• On Jan. 1, 1863, a farmer named Daniel Freeman submits the first claim under the new Homestead Act for a property near Beatrice, Neb. By the 1890s, many homesteaders found that farming 160 acres of such dry land was nearly impossible. At least half of the original homesteaders abandoned their claims.

• On Jan. 3, 1924, British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workers discover the solid-gold coffin holding the mummy of the boy-king Pharaoh Tutankhamen, preserved for more than 3,000 years.

• On Jan. 5, 1945, Japanese pilots receive the first order to become kamikaze, meaning "divine wind" in Japanese. Most of Japan's top pilots were dead, but youngsters needed little training to take planes full of explosives and crash them into ships. At Okinawa, they sank 30 ships and killed almost 5,000 Americans.

• On Jan. 4, 1965, in his State of the Union address, President Lyndon Johnson lays out for Congress a list of legislation needed to achieve his plan for a Great Society. His list included the creation of Medicare/Medicaid, Head Start, the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

• On Dec. 31, 1972, Roberto Clemente, future Hall of Fame baseball player, is killed along with four others when the cargo plane in which he is traveling crashes off the coast of Puerto Rico. At the end of September, Clemente had gotten his 3,000th hit in the final game of the season for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

• On Jan. 2, 1980, in response to the December 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter asks the Senate to postpone action on the SALT II nuclear weapons treaty. Carter feared that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan could lead to the USSR gaining control over much of the world's oil supplies.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patti L. Crowl, a single woman, and Andrew M. Byce, a single man, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank, its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated February 28, 2007, and recorded on March 8, 2007 in Liber 439 on page 1,260, and assigned by said mortgagee

to OneWest Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-seven thousand three hundred forty-three and 14/100 dollars (\$87,343.14). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 9, 2013. Said premises are situated in township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Town 26 North, Range 6 East, Section 25. East 554.66 feet of northeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4 except north 264 feet of east 276.66 feet except north 264 feet of west 84.9 feet S228/594 includes Parcels C and

D. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: November 28, 2012 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 414741F01 11-28, 12-5, 12-12, 12-19

### Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Vernon M. Hammons and Gloria J. Hammons, husband and wife, to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, whose address is 1100 South Bagley Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707. The mortgage is dated December 9, 2010 and recorded on December 14, 2010 at Liber 475, pages 725-740, Alcona County records. There is claimed to be due on the mortgage at the date of this notice, for principal, interest, and other items paid as allowed by the mortgage, the sum of \$136,272.71 and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured thereby. The power of sale contained in the mortgage has now become operative. Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and pursu-

ant to the applicable foreclosure statute, the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County courthouse at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage 4.125 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale. The property subject to the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Situated in the village of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan. Lots 7 and 8, Block 6 of Burton's Addition to the village of Greenbush, according to recorded plat in Liber 1 of Plats at page 9 of Alcona County records. The period of redemption will be six months from the date of sale,

unless abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: November 28, 2012 Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union Mortgagee Daniel W. White Attorney for Mortgagee 313 North Second Avenue Alpena, MI 49707 (989) 354-4104 12-6, 12-12, 12-19, 12-26, 1-2, 2013

### Foreclosure Notice (All counties)

As a debt collector we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty. Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David Vance, a married man, and Sheila Vance, a married woman of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company dated June 2, 2009, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on June 5, 2009, in Liber 462, page 949 of Alcona County records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$43,131.99 (forty-three thousand one hundred thirty-one and 99/100) plus accrued interest at 5.125 percent (five point one two five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the

statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on January 16, 2013, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Mich., of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Curtis, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Curtis, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: The east 330 feet of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 25 North, Range 5 East, Curtis Township, Michigan, excepting the south 95 feet of the east 100 feet thereof. Commonly known as: 8406 Clouse Road; Parcel Number 030-017-300-01500. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 19, 2012

By Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR No. 10105864 12-19, 12-26, 1-2, 2013 & 1-9, 2013

### State of Michigan Probate court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 12-5119 DE

Estate of Patricia Lou Lindsey Date of birth: October 25, 1932 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Patricia Lou Lindsey, died November 22, 2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jerri Lyn Williams, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: December 5, 2012 Sean Paul O'Bryan P45881 315 N. Main St. Davison, Mich. 48423 (810) 653-9333 Jerri Lyn Williams 230 Second St. Paris, KY 40361 (859) 227-6089

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Downtown Harrisville on the lake one bedroom, den, sitting room with efficiency kitchen including new stove and refrigerator. Unfurnished \$300 per month plus utilities. Must have first and last month's rent plus security. One year lease, credit check. For appointment to view, call (313) 882-8145 and (989) 724-6970.

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### ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's December board meeting was called to order by supervisor Carlin at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: Carlin, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead and MacNeill. Clerk's minutes and treasurer's report were filed. Motion to pay bills, passed. Dawn LaLonde, Clerk This synopsis published prior to board approval.

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## HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held December 11 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and 11 guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." From the floor, Pastor Ernie Ruemenapp of Faith Heritage Baptist Church approached the board asking for a waiver of the fee for a variance application to their land use permit. After discussion Jamieson/Pyne: To grant the request for the waiver. Motion passed. Clerk's minutes were approved as read, treasurer's report was accepted and reconciled with the clerk. Zoning administration had one landuse permit and two violations dealt with. Ordinance enforcer/liquor inspector, board of review, fire department committee, planning commission and Alcona County commissioner Bill Thompson gave their reports. Discussed the subject: Tax foreclosed property title transfer sent to the township by county treasurer. Will deal with this at a special called meeting before December 30.

Young/Pyne: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson,  
Township Clerk

Published prior to board approval.

## MITCHELL TWP. MINUTES

The Mitchell Township Board met on December 10.

Action items: Approved draft minutes of the November 12 regular meeting. Approved the November financial reports and heard from auditor Robert Carpenter. Accepted a resignation from the board of review and made an appointment to the planning commission and to the zoning board of appeals. Accepted the zoning administrator's report as filed. Voted to approve the 2013 meeting schedule for the township board, board of review, and planning commission. Members present: Supervisor Greg Murnock, clerk Warren Cross, treasurer Kevin Small, trustees Carla Brimm and Sheri Sanford. Absent: None. Public present: Fire chief Mike Lay, assistant chief Linda Lay, auditor Robert Carpenter and two members of the public. Next meeting is February 11, 2013 at 7 p.m. For the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Warren Cross at (989) 848-7395.

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and are described as: Township of Harrisville, county of Alcona and state of Michigan, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, Section 10, the east half (east one-half) of the northwest quarter (northwest quarter) of the northeast quarter (northeast quarter) of the northeast quarter (northeast quarter) of the northeast quarter (northeast quarter) of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, Harrisville Township lying west of the following described boundary line. Description of a line dividing the northwest one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, Harrisville Township, Alcona County, state of Michigan. Commencing at the north one-quarter corner of said Section 10, thence north 89 degrees 45 minutes 06 seconds east along the north line of said section and the centerline of Walker Road, 662.12 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 00 degrees 48 minutes 16 seconds west 308.31 feet; thence south 02 degrees 38 minutes 22 seconds east 321.55 feet; thence south 15 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds west 92.69 feet; thence south 05 degrees 18 minutes 14 seconds west 57.82 feet; thence south 43 degrees 20 minutes 24 seconds east 37.42 feet; thence south 01 degrees 27 minutes 33 seconds east 483.15 feet to the point of termination on the north one-eighth line of said section. Make: Mansion. Model number: 9948.

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## CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 10 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce, council members: Tartaglia, Sanderson, Kaiser, Crick, Lemere and Baird and city attorney Cook.

Minutes of city council meeting of November 12 amended to read correct spelling of harbor master Baksis and extension of harbor payment to city through May, 2013.

Motion by Lemere, support by Crick, to pay the bills in the amount of \$45,325.01. Motion carried 6-0. Council advised by mayor Dobis that Wilcox Engineering is in town and is working on the sewer and storm sewer mapping and water issues as agreed to by council, according to accepted bid at September 10 city council meeting. A final report will be prepared by Wilcox Engineering in March 2013, and will include the water/sewer maps, testing results, and an evaluation of Adams Street concerns.

Mayor Dobis presented the county contract for services rendered, i.e., master tax file maintenance and printing services for the period of 2013 thru 2016. Motion to accept the terms of the contract by Tartaglia, support by Crick. Motion carried 6-0. New harbor commission appointments were presented by outgoing chairman Art Laatz. Neil Gehring has been reappointed to a three year term,

2013-2016 and has been elected by the harbor commission to serve as the new chairperson. Walter Wynbelt was elected by the harbor commission to serve as the vice chairperson. Mayor Dobis recommended the conformation of Janet Mansfield to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Art Laatz, for a three year term, 2013-2016. City council voted in favor of the recommendation six ayes, 0 nays.

City council accepts, with regret, the resignation of Art Laatz from the harbor commission and would like to acknowledge all his hard work and time spent in his years on the harbor commission.

The Water/Sewer Budget Hearing opened at 7:30 p.m. The 2013 budget was presented for discussion and public comment. Proposed millage rates were discussed. The rate of 1.5 mills on the existing millage and the 2.6 mills on the improvement millage projected to remain unchanged, with no changes to the water/sewer rates at this time. The budget hearing closed at 7:32 p.m. Motion to approve water, sewer, sewer bond and interest and water debt budgets for 2013 by Lemere, support by Baird. Motion carried 6-0. Motion to approve payment of end of year water/sewer bills by Tartaglia, support by Sanderson. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Dobis presented auditors finding concerning new state information about 2013 per diem payments. Beginning January 2013, all per diem payments will

be subject to state and federal taxes. Motion by Crick, support by Lemere, to approve Huron Community Bank, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, Northland Area Federal Credit Union, First Federal of Northern Michigan and Chemical Bank as the institutions used by the city for its accounts and treasurer Thomas Keerl, clerk Barbara Pierce, deputy treasurer, Sharon O'Callaghan, and deputy Clerk Marjorie French as the current signatories on those accounts. Motion carried 6-0.

Reports: Clerk Barbara Pierce reported that anyone interested in obtaining an absentee application for the school millage vote on February 26, 2013 can contact their local clerk's office. Harbor commission - Marion Tartaglia gave review of the current status of the harbor. Planning commission - Michael Baird reported the next planning commission meeting will be January 9, 2013. Tree board-Joan Crick reported the Let's Move Initiative will be asking the Village of Lincoln for its support.

Council last comments: Alderman Baird brought for discussion the seasonal issue of snow removal on city sidewalks. Alderman Sanderson asked council to continue support of the Pure Michigan ad campaign. Motion by Sanderson, support by Crick, to contribute \$500 to the Pure Michigan campaign. Motion carried - six ayes, zero nays. Lemere moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

## CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting held December 12 was called to order by Supervisor Ott with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Board members present: Ott, Thornton, Timm and Hubbard. Absent: Jack Scott, trustee. Also in attendance Nancy Beck, zoning administrator and two citizens.

Motion to approve the minutes of November 7. Correspondence: School Board meeting December 13 concerning millage for tri-county school district. Board of Review Training in Alpena. Motion to pay the bills. Motion to place treasurer's report on file.

Planning commission: Working on telecommunication towers, and wireless communication equipment. Waldeck submitted draft for changes to cemetery

ordinance. Adopted schedule for meeting dates in 2013. Next tri-township meeting is April 18, hosted by Alcona Township.

Zoning administrator's report: C. Burke still cleaning yard. Beck is working on signs to be in compliance in the township. Northend Park report: We have been approved for the second grant for the park. Phase 1- they are currently working at the park and will finish up in the spring. We opened the bids for lighting in the hall. Motion to table the bids until the next meeting.

Motion to reappoint Jane Waldeck and to appoint Travis Swinson to the planning commission for a three year term. Motion to have Jack Scott, trustee, as liaison to the planning commission and

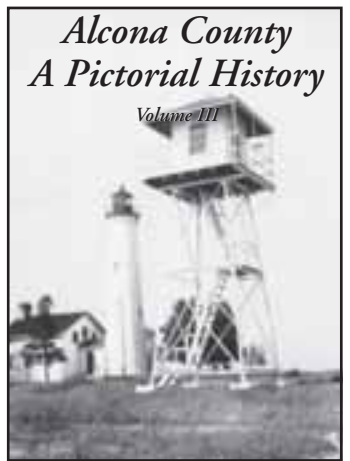
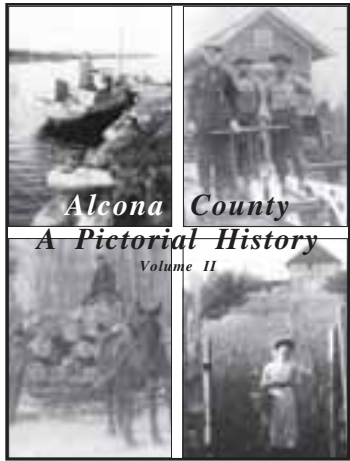
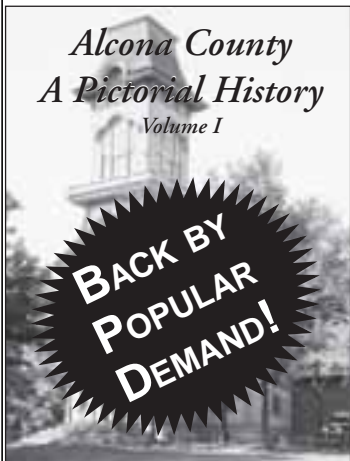
Ken Hubbard, trustee, as the liaison to the zoning board of appeals. Jack Scott will get bids for new signs at the cemetery. Motion to send four people to board of review training in Alpena, February 12, and to buy two new books.

Motion to put supervisor's name as trustee on the annuity program with MetLife. Motion to hold all meetings in 2013 on the second Wednesday of the month, except for February, August, and November which will be held on the first Wednesday of that month. Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.. All motions at the meeting were passed.

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Helen Timm, Clerk

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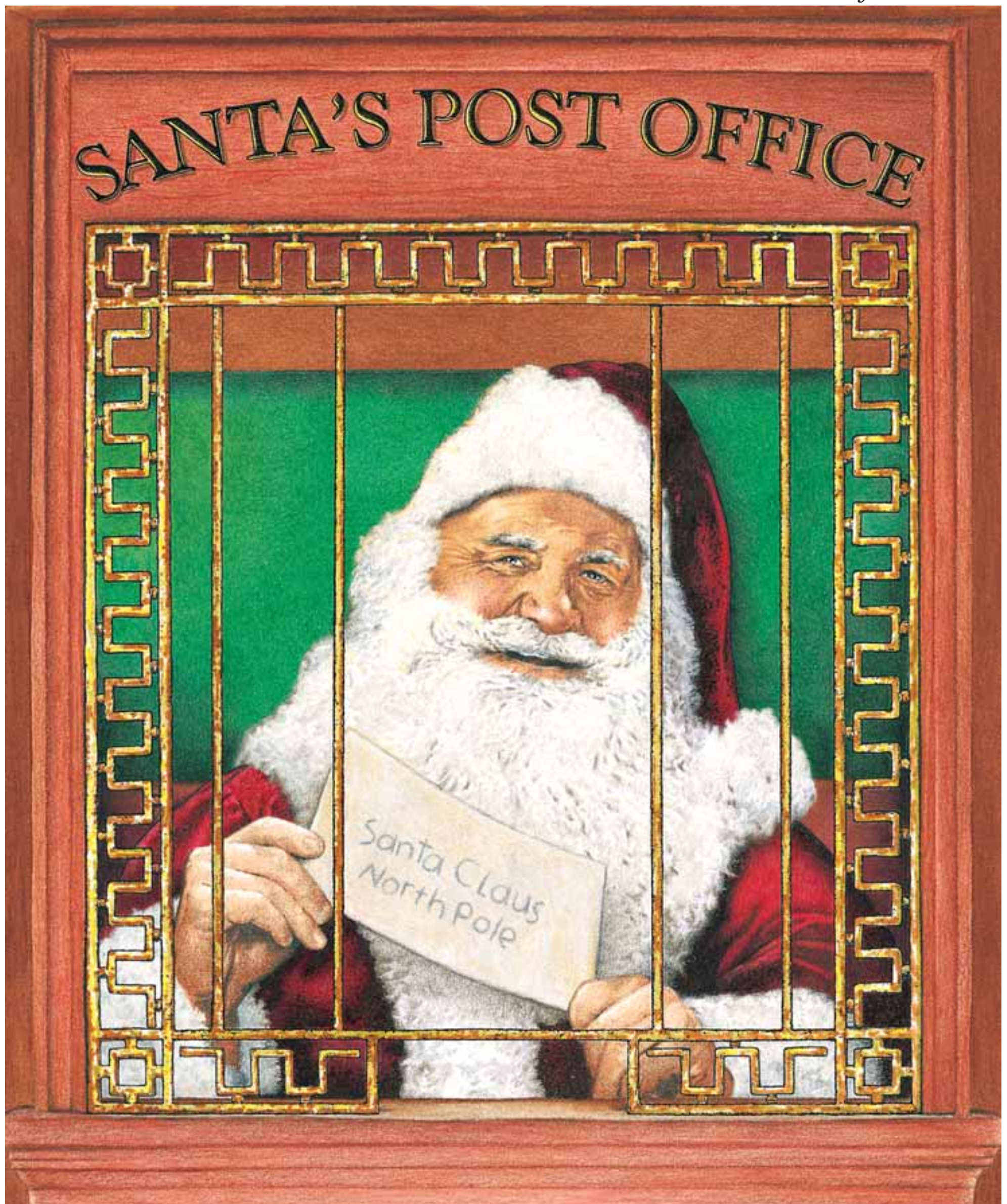
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We received letters from students at Alcona Elementary. We've left the letters as they were written to be true to the writers. We hope they will delight you and entertain you. Most of all, we hope it will lift the spirits of those young at heart.

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Love, Jasmine Walker

Dear Santa,  
 I want a toy eagle and I would have a toy dragon like a monstorous nightmare. And I would like a new pretend "How to Train a Dragon" book and I would have some play dough, and a new dragon paper. I really want a golden ninja dragon toy.

Love, Marius Spears

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want Stompies Slippers and the Princess and the Pop Star Doll.

Love, Rilee Tracy

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want walkie talkies and I want remote control semi and I want a remote control helicopter that is red and blue with lights. I want a new PSP games like Paradise. I want a car with buttons on it that can drive by itself and a batting cage.

Love, Preston Sharp

Dear Santa,  
 May I have a tinker bell mat and I want Stompies too. Probably I will pick another Barbie clothes set and barbies. I would like some new clothes and kitchen stuff. I would like legos and blocks and letter magnets and necklaces. And little foot necklaces that go around your foot. I want some more dresses.

Happy Christmas,  
 Savannah Misiak

Dear Santa,  
 I want dress-up clothes. And I like make-up. I want a Barbie pet and some clothes for my Barbie. I want a pretend Christmas set with Santa Claus. I want some school sets and pretend globe and Christmas lights.

Love, Emma Morrison

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a tv for my room. I want more make-up I only have a little bit, I gave most of it to my sister. I'd like a pogo stick and roller

skates.  
 Love, Lily Kozlow

Dear Santa,  
 I want Barbies and babies, and that's all.

Love, Taylor LaFave

Dear Santa,  
 I want skaties and a toy water tower and a toy gun. I'd like a toy airplane and dinosaur puzzles. I want a toy car.

Love, Ryan Lee

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a DS an angry birds set that you put together like a space-ship, I want lego bat man set that you build and a picture of my family and a blanket like Marius.

Love, Jayson Lincoln

Dear Santa Claus,  
 What I want for Christmas is Stompies. When you jump it comes right alive. And I want a big girl bike. And I want a pig from Toy Story. You can make it fly. And I want a Sheriff Woody from Toy Story with a hat please for Woody and a hat for myself. Jingle Bells to Santa.

Love, Aurora Boland

Dear Santa,  
 I want a gun that shoots out bullets that are sticky. I really really want a rocket ship and I want a new pair of shoes. Jingle Bells all the way to Santa.

Love, Emily Boland  
 P.S. What is your elves name?

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a real hamster, a la la loopsy and slippers. I want new pajamas. I want a baby doll that walks. I want my own tea set.

From, Julia Deornellas

Dear Santa,  
 I want presents and I like it when you deliver stuff in the sack. It's really great. I'm going to give you some cookies and milk to munch on. I like Santa Claus.

Love, Christopher Alexander

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a remote control helicopter and I don't know what else I want. I would like a Lego Triceratops. I can't have nerf blasters because they are for bigger kids.

Love, Kyle Duncan

Dear Santa,  
 I want some presents. I want toys. I want a baseball hat that's brown and white. I also want a football hat that says the Detroit Lions and a shirt from the Lions. I want a basketball shirt. I want a hockey helmet and a shirt. I like the Red Wings and I want legos.

Love, Brandon Fogle

Dear Santa,  
 I want some Power Rangers and Monster Trucks and an electric train. I want a Sponge Bob toy that comes with a Pineapple and Gary and Patrick.

Love, Travis Fowler

Dear Santa,  
 I want Spider Man and spider man with a car and spider man on a web that can make him fly. I want a hat. I want Mickey queen. I want new black shoes that are not tie. I want Mario and Mickey queen chair but this time its gonna be Batman. I want a picture of me and my dad. I want my own Batman glankie. I want a picture of me and my dad and my mom and my brother and sister.

Love, Ethan Gould

Dear Santa,  
 I want Thomas the Train Pillow. I want a toy horse and transformers and a toy computer and legos and a toy bouncy ball that is fluffy and that is all.

Love, Daniel June

**Mrs. Mullen's Class**

Dear Santa,  
 I want some Play-Doh. And I want some baby dolls. And I want an alarm clock, too. And a baby doll bed. My sisters really want some makeup and I do, too. I think my mom wants something for Christmas, too. Can mom have a sparkly dress and high heels, too? And I want some paint. You can't sleep on the couch if Santa's in the house. I would like some nail polish, too.

Love, Mikayla Morrison

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a John Cena toy. I want a monster truck and a dump truck.

Love, Bryan Riso

**Mrs. Klinger's Class**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas Eve I would like a horse and a balloon and something to keep the balloon with you.

Love, Adonia Schott-Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I love your toys. Thank you Santa for giving us Christmas cheer. I want a green and white hat to wear on hat day. I also want a stuffed puppy for Christmas. I want one of Santa's reindeer's bells.

Love, Marisol Klinger

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie house and I want a fuzzy coat for my mom and a Christmas tree for my grandma and I want a stuffed monkey.

Love, Aubrey Massey

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me presents. I would like a Barbie and a fairy movie. Also a purple hat and a red ball. I want a mermaid movie.

Love, Raelynn Hill

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all of the presents you give to everybody in the world. And thank you for giving all the presents to my little sister named Hannah. I want a Barbie car that me and my sister can ride, and I want a cotton candy maker that we can make cotton candy in. And I want a Barbie in the Dream House. Love, Leah Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa,  
I'm not sure what I would like.

Love, Evan Woods

Dear Santa,  
I would like to get a DSI Excel and this big huge Batman cave that comes with the penguin on Batman. And I want Robin. Don't look at me until I do "Beep" because I'm making you a present.

Love, Vinny Mahalak

Dear Santa,  
I would like a pink BB gun and I would like a Barbie car and I think we are going to go with a teddy bear. Thank you Santa. I really want you to have a present. I could color a picture for you next Christmas.

Love, Delylah Shelby

Dear Santa,  
I love you and I like the first Christmas because of all the things you brought me. I want a Barbie and I want another Mickey Mouse because I lost my Mickey Mouse's shirt. And can you buy me a hula-hoop because my brother accidentally broke mine? And can you buy me a ring toss set? And can you buy me a new stuffed animal?

Love, Savannah Sauve

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas. I want a new toy red car. I want some paper. I want a toy doll and Play-Doh.

Love, Courtney Milwrick

Dear Santa,  
I would like a blue Triceraptops with 3 big horns and a shield on the back of its head. And a candy cane and a toy elephant and a bouncy ball. And a green DS with a dinosaur game.

Love, Tristen Cahill

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a DS and some games: Optimus Prime and Bumblebee and Sonic the Hedgehog. I would like one of those spinney things that you spin and then twist and then pull it and spin it into the tub. And some Play-Doh and some plastic tools to use with the Play-Doh. Can you leave some carrots for us?

Love, Travis Walker

Dear Santa,  
I would like an Easy-Bake oven to make cookies. And an Easy Refrigerator. I also want paint and paper and my own house. And hopping shoes to jump real high.

Love, Destiny Sanders

Dear Santa,  
I would like a blue airplane and a yellow truck and a toy computer that's not real. And a toy school and a fake garbage truck that has a garbage bag.

Love, Alex Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a blue and red car and a blue car with an airplane. I would like an alien game.

Love, Dustin Keyser

Dear Santa,  
I would like a tractor for Christmas. I would also like a dump truck. Hi Santa. I want a big candy cane for Christmas. Maybe your elves can make a dirt bike for me and put it outside.

From, Matt Dellar, age 5

Dear Santa,  
I would like Pop the Pig for Christmas. I would also like a tractor.

From, David Dixon, age 6

Dear Santa,  
You know what...I have been thinking about a toy helicopter and it has wheels too. I is both a car and a helicopter. And you know what? I bet you know about everything. Guess what I saw on TV that the helicopter can go through water and everything.

From, Avery Glore, age 6


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Dear Santa,  
 I would like a little doll for Christmas. I will feed her. I would also like a little toy dog. I would also like a little Christmas tree for my room. I would like a little vest for my brother, Grady, because he says "ve, ve" and my mom thinks he is saying vest. I also want a toy crown.  
 Love, Baylee Goddard, age 6

Dear Santa,  
 I would like an I-Pod for Christmas. I am going to play games.  
 From, Jacob June, age 6

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a present. Come to Kimbo's house after my house he lives in the back in a white and green trailer.  
 Your Friend, August LaFave, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a tinker bell bouncy ball, a light up pillow, and I would like a beautiful day. I would like a tinker bell bed, some golden coins and a toy tinker bell doll.  
 From, Isabella Laird, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a clock, computer and a camera.  
 Your Friend, Tanner Leeseberg, age 6

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a toy bicycle, and a singing duck that talks.  
 From, Rylee Manning, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I want an Easy Bake Oven. I will make cookies and stuff.  
 From, Grace Mecier, age 6

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a purse, a doll, a toy dog and a pretend phone.  
 Your Friend, Hailey Morrison, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a remote control race car, and a toy helicopter with a remote control.  
 From, Ricardo Perales Jr., age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a real dirt bike and a toy monster truck, a toy four wheeler, Legos, a pretend dirt bike and a real four wheeler.  
 Love, Ricky Schott, age 6

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a real four wheeler, some Legos and toy box.  
 Your Friend, Ashton Smith, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a real four wheeler, a remote control car and some lipstick.  
 Love, Sofia Smith, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I want a DS, a horsey named Butterscotch, a little toy dog and a remote control car. Thank you.  
 Love, Gracyn Tracy, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a toy, imagineck rocket ship and a remote control monster truck and I want a one of the whole collection for the imagineck rocket ship with the buildings and the monsters and the spider things in there. And there is a car inside of it. And I would like Dino Legos...those are my favorite things.  
 your Friend, Kelvin Travis, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I would like mostly gum, and a helicopter with a remote control and a monster truck with a remote control and a toy phone, a water pool and a crown. I want a new pillow and a baby puppy and that would be a real one, and a make-up kit. I want a coloring book with markers and a lamp.  
 Love, Jenna West, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I want a remote control monster truck and an airplane and a car, building blocks and toy zebra.  
 Your Friend, Gage Woodward, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 I would like an x-box, controller for it, a choo-choo train that I can control. A remote control rocket ship and a little toy van.  
 Love, Triston Robinson, age 5

**First Grade  
 Ms. Arnold's Class**

Dear Santa,  
 Are your reindeer ok? I like to play with dress up clos. Ms. Arnold thinx I am sweet! I wish for you to bring Miah a jump rop. I want a iPod. I love you Santa!  
 Your friend, Allie Travis

Dear Santa,  
 How many reindeer do you have? I love Science! Ms. Arnold thinks I am AWESOME! I wish you would bring Alyna a preety dress. I wish for a Science book. I hope you have a very merry Christmas.  
 Your buddy, Carter Upper

Dear Santa,  
 Are your rander ok? I like to play on the monkey bars. Ms. Arnold thinks I am wonderful! I wish you would bring Allie a stuft animl. I wont a koala and sum candy. I love you Santa.  
 Your friend, Miah Jo Schopfer

Dear Santa,  
 How does the rander go around the world that fast? I am skinne. Ms. Arnold thinks I am awsum. I wish you would get Ms. Arnold a car. I want a pig and an iPod. Have a vary good Christmas!  
 Your buddy, Zean Monnier

Dear Santa,  
 Did Mrs. Claus have a baby? How many elves do you got? I like Ms. Arnold and my teddy bear. My teacher thinks I am nice. I wish I could see her every day. I want a ds. Have a safe trip!  
 Your pal, David Sharboneau

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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am funny! Ms. Arnold thinks I am cute. I wish my teacher was my kuzin. I want an I Pod tuch and IPod cuvr. Have a happy ride.  
Love, Elli Mae Spalding

Dear Santa,  
What dus Missis Cluz do? I like to play baseball. My teacher thinks I am a good kid. I wish Calvinb would get more stuff animuls. I would like a ds game and tools. I love you Santa.  
Your pal, Jansen Harte

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Clas? How are the rander? My dog is special to me. Ms. Arnold thinks I am cute. I love her. I would like David to get a drt bic. I would also like a drt bic. Have a merry Christmas Santa!  
Love, Raymond Geddert

Dear Santa,  
Ho dus yor slay go so fast? I like my cat. Ms. Arnold thinks tat I am pride! I wish you would git Ellie a eagle. I want a new cat. Have a merry Christmas.  
Your pal, Alayna Legstra

Dear Santa,  
Wut is going on at the north pol? Can I take a ride to the North Pole? I have a dog. Ms. Arnold thinks I am funny, smart, and a good singer. She thinks I would be a good elf. I wish you could make David a rock star. I wish I was the king of the world. Have a merry Christmas and happy New Year.  
Your pal, Jaden Weichel

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I like my stuffed animals. Ms. Arnold thinks we are cute! My wish is for you to have a good Christmas. I want a wii. Merry Christmas Santa!  
Love, Lily Pappas

Dear Santa,  
How do yor reder run? I am spechl. My teacher thinks I am kewt. My wish is that I am Ellie's friend. I want a ipod tuch scrn. Have fun Roodoff. Ho Ho Ho!  
Love, Kaitlyn Thacker

Dear Santa,  
Are your randear

ready for flying? I like to play soccer ball. Ms. Arnold thinks that I'm cute! I wish you a merry Christmas! I want a Santa hat for my wish. I hope you have a safe trip around the world.  
Your friend, Angelina Howe

Dear Santa,  
I know that your favoret is milk. I like chocolate chip cookies. Ms. Arnold thinks that I am usually good. I wish you would bring Ms. Arnold a new car. I want a snow bord. I hope you drive safe.  
Your friend, Calvin Bosely

Dear Santa,  
How is the north pol? I am pretty bcuz I lik to be pretty. Ms. Arnold thinks I am responsible. I hope my dad and mom are special and that they love me. I want Jingle the Husky pup. Have a very merry Christmas.  
Love, Danica Manning

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Santa Clas? I like to ride on my bike. My techr thinks I am rly ausum. I wish you could bring Max a transformer. I want mnstr chruks. I am glad the randeers are flying.  
Your friend, Ervin Charles Joslin

Dear Santa,  
How are the rander? I lik to do is play outside. Ms. Arnold thinks I am good. I wish my cat lived in my house. I want more pet shop animuls. Dogs and cats. I hope you have a very merry Christmas.  
Love, Kayleigh Karas

Dear Santa,  
Is it cld at the north pol? I like to rid my bik. Ms. Arnold thinks I am respectful. I wish for my mom and dad to get a present. I want Barbies. I hope all the elves are alright.  
Your buddy, Maddison Daggett

Dear Santa,  
How is the rander dooen? I like science. Ms. Arnold thinks I am koot. I wish Kylie was my sister and my brother's sister. I want sidelanders. What type of cookies do you lik?  
Your pal, Warren Leeseberg

Dear Santa,  
How cold is the North Ple? I like to rollerskt. Ms. Arnold thinks I am coote. My wish is for Jaden to have a toi guitar. I also what a toi guitar. I love you Santa.  
Your friend, Jayden Martenies

Dear Santa,  
Are the radier redy to be off? I have a dog. My teacher thinks that we are udorabl. I wish you would bring a presit for my mom. I want a gutar. I hope you have a safe trip.  
Love, Kylie Keyser

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a DSI, games, a red sweatr and toys. I will leve you cookies.  
Love, Janey Cronk

**Mrs. Haneckow's Class**

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudonlph well? I hope he is well. May I Please have a monstertruck.  
Love Max Ayers, age 6

Dear Santa,  
I would Like a TV for x-mas and a DS, a B B gun and a remote comtrolcar Please and Thank you and I want a four wheeler.  
Love Nathan Basner, age 7

Dear Santa  
I want an ipod  
Love, Corey Boboltz, age 7  
p.s. I love christmas!

Dear Santa,  
I Wot a For Welr wut is it liak at your plasa  
Love, Hunter Conklin, age 6

Dear Santa,  
If you would Id like you to get me a brawlin Buddy I Know all of the bad Choices Ive made lately Im sorry. PS I hope rudolph is pulling the sleigh on christmas night  
Love, Duane Fletcher, age 7

Dear Santa,  
I Want a Ds For CHRiSTMAs And IWant some of the Games too. that is all I WaNt For CHRiSTMAs.  
Love, Novalee Forsythe, age 8



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Dear Santa,  
I Like Rydolph I Like  
Pillow pets. I Like trac-  
tors. I Like giri friends.  
Love, Andrew Good,  
age 7

Dear Santa,  
I hant you for My pre-  
sents I Love my pre-  
sents Hop I get Cloths  
for CHrIStMAS  
Love, Mia Hutchison,  
age 6

Dear Santa,  
can Please have a toy  
uNicorn and a toy  
Squirreil And dog And  
a Stuffed bunny and  
WolVes.

Love, Aream Monnier,  
age 6

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuffed wolf  
and stuffea Bear DS  
Stuffed ZeBra PS. Hi I  
Hope reindeer make it  
CHRlStMAS Day PS can  
I Have an iPod and a  
bike

Love Kaytlyn  
Ouillette, age 7

Dear Santa,  
I MADE A Presnt For  
you I KNO Prancer dont  
Byt. My brother wheeler  
a toy four Wheeler. Can  
I have a ds?

Love, Cassi  
Rifenbark, age 8

Dear Santa,  
CAN I Have a  
rollercoaster? Are you  
Having a good NeW  
Year?

Love, Sawyer  
Seminoff, age 6

Dear Santa,  
I HOpe you HAVE A  
very Merry chrishmas  
How do you get all the  
prESent Here? Please  
give me a stuffed el-  
ephant. PS Howdo you  
Know Where our hoses  
are every christmas  
Eve?

Love, Brooklyn  
Storey, age 6

Dear Santa,  
Thank You for my Pre-  
sents I Loved Them a  
lot because I Love Pre-  
sents Please Please Give  
Me a horse for crismis.

Love, Emma Travis,  
age 6

Dear Santa,  
I Like santa I waNt a  
Munster truck What  
has a remote coNtrol.

Love, Gage Travis, age  
7

Dear Santa,  
Do You have  
RuDOLPH THE RED  
NOSED REINDEER? Do  
you have a red Sleigh?

Love, Ziggy  
Villalobos, age 7

### Mrs. Glomski's Class

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy horse and  
a coloring book. Happy  
Christmas.

From, Mikayla  
Antuma

Dear Santa,  
Can I have an i-pod  
touch? Can I have a  
fish? Can I have a dog?  
Can I have an elf? Do  
you like ice cream? Can  
I have a x-box? Can I  
have a knife? Can I have  
a monkey? Can I go to  
the North Pole? Can I  
have a rabbit?

From, Collin Walker

Dear Santa,  
I like your glasses.  
how does the Rudolph  
fly Santa? Do you have  
some pixie dust? I love  
you Santa. X-box 360.  
Here is your cookie.  
Santa thank you for the  
presents. I love you  
Santa.

From, Kaylee  
Wambold

Dear Santa,  
Please get my sister  
Just Dance 5. Please  
get my Mom some  
candy. Is it cold in the  
North Pole? Please get  
me a Barbie sand castle

and a Barbie hotel. How  
do you make toys? I  
want a bunny.

Love, Onica Glomski

Dear Santa,  
I want a 3DS. I want a  
DSI XL. X-box 360, wii  
plus a dirtbike.

Love, Waylon  
Nedwash-Long Happy  
Christmas

Dear Santa,  
How do the reindeer  
fly? Happy Christmas.

From, Chase  
Kamischke

Dear Santa,  
I want Lego Friends  
and a wii and a castle  
and a big bear and Pet  
the Cat stuffed animal  
and a little DS and a life  
size doll and a fish and  
a kitten and a big eyed  
lion.

Love, Sage Gauthier

Dear Santa,  
I love you and will you  
give me a remote con-  
trol helicopter? I love  
Santa and I love you. I  
love Rudolph the red  
nose reindeer.

Love, James Baldwin

Dear Santa,  
I want Legos Vam-  
pires. I want Legos  
ninja. I want a toy bb  
gun. I want a ninja. I  
want a dirt bike. I want  
a cookie.

Love, James Good

Dear Santa,  
I want at x-box 360. I  
want you to give my  
Mom bubble gum. I  
want you to give my dad  
binoculars.

Love, Kaleb Bray

Dear Santa,  
I want a DS and with  
a new game. How fast  
are the reindeer? I want  
a play house. TV in my  
room. I want a laptop. I  
want an elf. New Buzz  
Light Year and a wii.

From, Sam Johnston

Dear Santa,  
Do you like rats? I  
want a fur real friend.  
How do you control the  
reindeer? Do the rein-  
deer like carrots? I like  
you. Do you like cats?  
What do the elves do?  
Do you like an i-pad? I  
want a x-box 360.

Love, Emily Samp

Dear Santa,  
I want a sweater and  
a x-box and a #DS and  
a Play Station 2 and  
Legos and PS2.

Love, Nathan Nardi

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Dear Santa,  
I want a horse and a unicorn.  
Love, Sarah Fall

Dear Santa,  
I Love you but how do you get to the houses so fast and tell Rudolph that I love him. I want a baby mini book and a baby worm in a jar and a doctor kit and a zebra stuffed animal and a real Parrot and a venison and cookies.  
Love, Jena Wambold

Dear Santa,  
I want Christmas a DS and a Spiderman and a gun 22.  
I love you Santa, Dalton Huebshman

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dora Home and Tinker Fairy. How will you get the Presents down the chimney? How will you get the reindeer to fly? Love you Santa!  
Merry Christmas, Tabetha Adolphi

**Second Grade Mrs. Samp's Class**

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. claus doing? How are your reindeer doing? How are you doing? Santa what are your favorite cookie? Santa Santa will you please give me tree Presents A real PuPPy and A remote contro  
Love, Owen Sauve

Dear Santa,  
How are you? IU can't wait to see you. I do Love sitting on your lap. How do your reindeer fly? when it's christmas can I have a Kite, a remot control car, a a lion that has gross Stuff in it but cant eat eni a squirt gun, and a remote controlled spider. Have a nice trip.  
Love, sam Prince

Dear Santa,  
How are the rein deer going this year? How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are your elves doing? How do the reindeer fly? May you please make or buy me some Lagos people please Santa?  
Love, Parker Leeseberg

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Have you been feeling good? May I have a hero factory. Thank you you are the best.  
Love, Ryken wallemier

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I hope his nose is extra bright this year. with out you every year it would be tragic. I hope you're the person that bring peace to the world For Christmas I wish for world peace please and may be some more stuffed animals please. I would like 1 new game boy game. By the way I wish I could visit you some day  
Love, Sierra west

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a great Christmas what kind of cookies and milk would you like? Happy new year santa. How are the reindeer? How are the present? santa may I have a 3dsxl andarow sand a Wiiuanda Mario postesr. Please and Thank you  
Love, Marc Kriehner

Dear Santa,  
Happy holidays! How are your snow flakes? I hope you have a nice Chirstmas! Could you please bring me a Princess Scooter, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 30 minute a day learning system and the movie Prep and Land-ing.  
Love, Abigail Kozlow

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing? How are you? How is Mrs. Claus and the elves doing? May I please have Just Dance 4? Can I please have a camera? Can I please have a wiiu? Can I please have a puppy? May I pleas have an American Girl doll? Can I please have a purse? May I please have a D.S.?  
Love, Kelsey Hansen

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Rudolph too? Christmas is my favorite Holiday. How is mrs Claus and your elves, and sleigh? Have your reindeer grown At my house there are snowflakes falling I hope you have a good Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk like I do evry year and carrets for your reindeer. May I please have a...furby and earrings, books, munkey pillow pet, toy cows, New folder for scool, American doll clothes and shoes, clothes and shoes for me, toy reindeer, cande, toy kitten, and puppys, 3Ds, whole

bad kitty books toy sock muncky, two walkey talkeys.

Love, Sydney petty my three dogs wants bons my pig wants food.

Dear Santa,  
I would like to know how your doing? May you please bring game. The sonic classic collection please. Marry Christmas Santa. I would like lego Mario.  
Love, Louis weeks

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing? How is your other reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are you? Is it fun at the North Pole? Happy New Year. Do you like the milk and cookies? I like all of the reindeer. Hope you have a good Christmas this year. Can I please have a Fur Real Friend pony, zoobbets, PoP the pig, Dogiedoo and some new books. Thank you!

Love, Chloe Bunton You are The best.

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? Mrs. Claus HO!! HO!! HO!! Merry Christmas that is funny and cute. So how are the cookies? Santa please say O.K. because Mrs. Claus baked it and decarated them How are the reindeer? May I pleas have A guitar phone  
Love, Lanore Lunn



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Linda, Shannon and Allie

Dear Santa,  
could you please leve for me a some stocking some candy. I want a Zebra and dophin  
Love, Miranda

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Thank you for the presents from last year. How do the reindeer turn a roundand how do they eat cookies? May I please have a spiderman Watch, BatMan toy Batma Nintendo game, and movies Thank you!  
Love, Nathan Preov

Dear Santa,  
how is Rudolph doing? I can't wait to see you. What is Rudolph's favorite treat? I wish I can go to the North Pole with you. I want to see your elves. What's your favorite cookie? I like Rudolph's red nose. Do you take long on the sleigh? Are you good at control the reindeer? Is it cold in the North Pole?  
Love, Logan Bates

I want a Ipad and all of the books Hollyweb of scholastic, a white Board to write on with dry erasemarkers.

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Rudolph, the elves, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? What are your favorite cooKieS? What are Rudolph's favorite treats?I hope you bring me a Barbie, Barbie clothes, and a Sport car for Barbie to drive. I would also like an all black Kitten. Drive carefully and be Safe. Enjoy the cookies.  
Love, Sarah Thacker

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are feeling good I would please like a toy Sonic and Epic micky powr of Illusion, toy giant-knuckles, toy grea kale toy tails I really really hope your feeling good and Thank you?  
Love, Jack Goldstrom

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I was good. I hope you have a good Christmas. I will leave a cookie under the christmas tree. have the reindeers been good? I love you santu claus. MayI please have a glow pad, kite, yoyo, remotetrain, remote fast cool car, glow sand, super suit, ??????, wa-ter squirthers pez, legos, blocks, DS, DS games, teacher stuff, spas stuff, white board dry erase markes, tissues, justin beiber poster, clock, toys, baby doll stuff, glasses, teddybear, mohey, cardy, memory, fake clocks, furby, dollhouse, bug catcher, marekers, glue, scis-sors, paper, puppy, ????????, sharpie, yoyo, yoyo, kitten, minicom-puter,  
Love, Hailey Lincoln

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I will Bring you some cookies and milk How is mrs. claus? How is Comet? Santa Can you Please Have a kindle Fire. Can you Please Bring me Some PetchaPter BoKS. May I PleaSe Have a Stuff Kitten. havea Merry christmas  
Yours Truly, Paige Dalpizzol

Dear Santa,  
how is mrs. claus Do-ing? How is Rudolph Doing? Have a good ChrImas Santa. I can not wait until ChriStmas. ChriStmas iS my favorite Holiday? But CriStmas is not About PresentS itS get-ting together With your Family fiendS. I Love ChriStmas I liKe when you give us presenST Tell mrs. ClauS have a good ChriStmas I would liKe to have a pony please and a phone and a Kitten PleaSe and I want mtms and Curs the movie and Stompees PleaSe  
love Caitlin

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you have a good trip here. How are the reindeers this year? how do your reindeers fly? I have been very good this year. May I have a mp3player, a D.S.i, a computer for myself, a set of legos and a nerf gun. Be safe!  
From, Logan Zachowski

Dear Santa,  
how is Mrs. Claus do-ing? When you come to my house I Would't let my dog, Gracie bit you. She will bein my bed room. Could you pillow get me a MP3 player, a Pillow Pet, a computler a monster high doll a real Kitten, and clothes for School, I will leave You milk and cookies  
Love, Brooklynn Schlicker

**Mrs. Misiak's Class**

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have? I think you have 999. Please get me a compondbow 19-28 pounds, Orange target bow, Scope for 22 and a new 22 barrel, a nerf gun a striker and the new Hail fire, a LOT of Legocity  
your friend Brady

Dear Santa,  
how may pets do you have? I think you have 7 reindeer, 2 dogs and 1 cat. Can I have a Spar-tan cheerleader cos-tume with pom poms and a pair of boots with green and white on them? Boots size womans 6 and a half. The dress size 10. Can I also have Stompeez, size womans 6 and a half? I want the uni-corn ones please. I also want a WiiU with the new Mario Borthers 2. I hope you like the cook-ies.  
Love, Elise Klinger

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Dear Santa,  
 How many elves you have? I think 200. I would like a moster High doll. She has a pink dress and blue flowers with blak and pink hair. I would like LaLa Lopsi it has orange hair. I wold like stompees. They are purple and pink bunny the ears go up and down. Barbie I has a purple dress. she has blond hair she is a prinenes and her name is rupncel. naL wirht I hopeyouhavea safely  
 Love, Savannah Wright

Dear Santa,  
 Is mrs. Claus a good cook? From the way you look she must be. For Christmas I would like a camouflage and brown Bbgun. A Black, Blue, yellow and green, remote controle monster truck. A red tackle box with a black shelf inside. Merry Christmas  
 Love, DJ Howe

Dear Santa,  
 how do you fit through the chimney? I hope you like the cookies I leave for you. What is your favrite color? What are your reindeers up to? Are you real? If you are real wake me up when you come to my house. then I will know you are real. I want a cuddlepupit and fake nails, a 3DS, a cool shirt that has flowers, diamonds, and spackles on it. It is purple and Pink I want a WiiU and 3-D glasses. Have a safe trip.  
 Love you, Julia Rose Bartz

Dear Santa,  
 haw does Rudolf have ashine nose. I think that you put a light bulb on his nose? I wuld like Stompeez. I want the yellow cat ones and laptop that is blue and it is little. I would like a Dreamlite. It is a bee shape.  
 Love Tatum Donovan

Dear Santa,  
 I've been trying to be good this year. Do you like mint pies? I think you do. I would like a Bey blade the new one dark bull and The game Sorry and the dog dreamlight and the cat stompeez Have a safe flight.  
 love, Gordon Gould

Dear Santa,  
 how are you Doing Good. OK now here's the thing's I want. I want a 3DS and Stompez the Yelloy Cat ones. Dolly and a nerf gun a nerf gun is a gun that shoots out sponges. have a very safe Trip.  
 Love, Blaire. A. Dellar.

Dear Santa,  
 how do you fit down the chimney? IThik that you have a potion. That helps you go down the chimney. Ok now lets go to the presents. Frist I wanta blue DS as big as you cen git the DS  
 Love, Hayden Johnston

Dear Santa,  
 I leave you cookies. I was wondering if the reindeer would like a sanckon-the go. I think they would like hot ocoa with a cany cane in it. Let me know if that is right. Thank you. Dear Santa, I Would like a Facke Fjord not plastic It has a little black on top lots of white on the bottoam. Stompees. The Pink and White dog stompees. ToW Mice both With orange then White then blacke small pleas. Now rr the one with the Korean song. Merry christmas  
 Love, Emily Lobaugh  
 hope you like the cookies.

Dear Santa,  
 from Dylan m. Karas. to Santa, Merry christmas Santa Clause I ben a littl bad wiLL you stiLL it wiLL be my Brthday. december 28 will you stiLL give my sum Pressint Plllesse Santa closs will give me a nerf gun Santa closs  
 Love, Dylan m. Karas.

Dear Santa,  
 I been thInKIng about you. I Know that ChrImas is very important to you. Please give me a Ds. and Indotab games, Like Camp Rock. Also a Ip0ad. and a Barbie Wii game. Have a nice trip and take care!  
 Love, Krystal LisaBith Beliger

Dear Santa,  
 how many reindeer do you have? I think you have ten. I have been realy good this year. I w ant this this year for Christmas is a new bike. It is pur ple with words on it. I w ant a

stuffed animal that looks like Ruldalph, a furby that is blue. Have a safe flite.

Love, Carmen Dellar  
 Dear Santa,  
 This yere I have been A vary good boy I had Problums but This year I tried a lot I have helped cook dener and do chors. and washed deches. how do you mack the rain deer?  
 Love, Sean

Dear Santa,  
 where do you get the money from for the toys? Ho Ho merry christmas  
 from, Dylan Karas

Dear Santa,  
 I have been a very good boy this year. What I w ould like for ChrImas is a Hot Wheels wall trackS and a transformer. I w ould also liKe a monster truck. I will leave milk and cookies for you.  
 Love, Anthony Campbell

Dear Santa,  
 What is your favite food my favite is apples I have been very good for Christmas. Could I have please have morio Bros morioDS and pillow pet. I hope the weather is good on chistmas eve  
 Love, David Gauthier

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing Santa? I hope you have a great ChriStmas. I Would like a Lego Gold Mining DumP truck, a Wii NaScar Game, a BB Gun Case, a BB Gun target. I would alSo liKe a monster Jam truck a Lego Police forest station and DS, DS Game. Don't forget to change RudolPh's light.  
 Love, Owen Dellar

Dear santa claus,  
 I would like Toothless the baby dinosaur. Please bring some toys for Josh. Thank you for the presents last year.  
 Love, Jaydon

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Laptop and a ipad a ipade a Lago frends set and I wont you to injoy the cokees that we made. tell Ms. clos I seid Hi and the elvs I Love them o and injoy the milk too.  
 Love, Morgan Munsey

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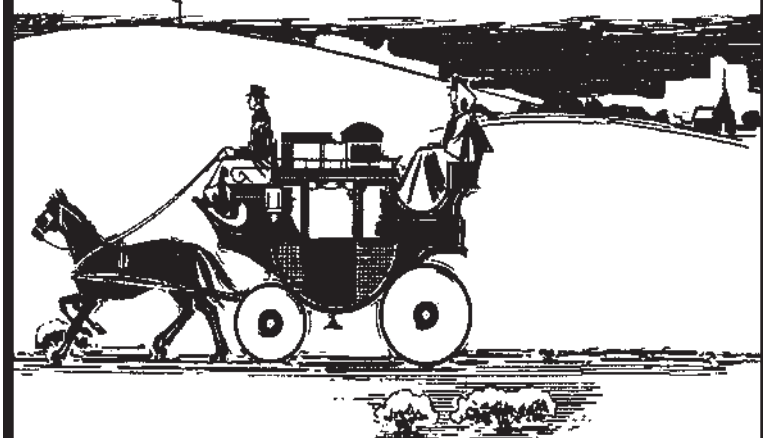


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Dear Santa,  
How do you get the down chimney. I thicK you are magicK. Wat I would liKe iS a super mario brothers for Dsi. IiS abowt two Brothers mario and Lwigi. Have a saFe flight.

Love Robert Earegood

Dear Santa,  
How are you doin Santa I Woint Lego set Plus Trasformers.

Love, Thane Colvin

Dear Santa,  
How do you get down our chimney Santa? I think you have magic. I thout what if the botom was on fire. I'm sure that your magic could do that probloem or that your maikc wore off. Ds please It looks like this, on top and botom are black and the other parts are the color. Dion saur track down track please This is how you play first you put a car on the track and then you let the car go then the car go into a Dino saurs mouth and onother car has to go on the dino saurs tail. If you want to get tose two car out first a car has to go on a blaster and you ame at the dino saurs chest then shoot and the car that was in the dinosaurs mouth will go out and put a car on the track and put the track down then let go that how you play.

love Rika Duncan

Third Grade  
Mrs. William's Class

Dear Santa,  
I would like mp3 player head fons la DeDo Doll city girl monster high Bratillas JaDe Doll. thank you love, samantha

Dear Santa,  
I Would like Batman Ark Ham Asylum, Batman Arkham city Tony Hawk's Americn Wastelands Special eDition Amazing Spider Man game movei Avin and the Chimpunks Squeakey four wheeler Lego Batman 2DC Super heroes, xbox360, your ok, your nice, your a good guy, kinect Fable 4 Fableone the Simpsons one game Batman Dark night rises. the incredibles and the underminer game and thank you love Mattew turpen

Dear Santa,  
I Know how hard you work but can you please give me a pink nintendo D.S. I would also like more thick books to read every night before or in the morning I also wonder how all of the raindeer look like. l An I wish that I can have a coloring book of sponge bob.

Ilove you santa claus, Jesslyn Haley Harris

The Crismas List to Santa

The movie of madagascar3 alego mp3 ninja eminyfargue key chain coat rack with building studs and lego city minifigures minifigure shaped ice pop mold lego brick back back pack with Zippered stud pockets Drinking mug 3D brick detail alego walet light up minyfigure lantern the move Brave Merry crismas how about therain Deer and roodof Caydan hendrix

Dear Santa Claus  
How do your reindeers fly? How is rudolph doing is his nose still bright? Anyways I want a remote control helacopter, a kit for a Lego house, some pj's, some shorts, some pants shirts, new snowpants, boots, a coat, scarf, for every kid around the world to have a Merry Cgristmas. new dress clothes, new wii games, xbox 360 and games anda caculater  
Sencerly Blayne S.

Dear Santa  
Christmas is a wonderful time of the Year and you are a wonderful person. And please if you are out there. Will you please bring me a slushy maker. And plese bring me the move heaven's door. Plese bring me a trampoline. Please bring me a Wiiu. Please bring Me a lime green coler for my dog tucker. Please bring me a lime green leash Please bring me a kindle frie hd. please bring me a tatoo maker. os injny your cookies and milk. thanks santa  
sincerely your friend  
Avory

Dear Santa,  
this year for Christmas I would like a wii and I would like a brat Zilla doll too and I would like the monster high

doll Clawden I would also like colrsplasher jewelry and I would like a lodedodoll and the new shoes hidehitops and some dvd's new katy pery musik DVD the game moreio bros. and that is all I want fo chistmas

Love Brooke

Dear santa  
I hope you are feeling well can I please have a 3Ds and mariokart7 and mario 3D land and Laptop  
from Dustin

Dear Santa,  
I would like a cross-bow, bubba cup mug, dirt bike, orange duct tape, tent and Hex Bug maze. I would also kike it if you made sure to take my Tita and Uncle Luis a present while they qare in Mexico. Have a Happy New Year  
Brendan Bustamante

Dear: Santa  
What I won't for christmas is a laptop, ipod, tuch scerm, computer, phone, mp-3-player, Ds and a Big time Rush skit and that's What I won't for Christmas.  
To: Santa From: Zylinda Sanders

Dear! Santa  
I Would like for cristmas a fack play cash register So I can play store  
From: Hannah Tanner

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have bratzilla, monster high dolls, craft supplies, and an I phone. Thank you and Merry Christmas  
Jasmine Magalski

Dear Santa, I would like an xbox, Grand TheFt auto, Ipod, dsi gime, remote controltruck and Boat, and for my brother not very much and or my mome a new Jeep. and for my dog Jack just new toys.  
merry christmas, Dover Shepard



**Mrs. Loyer's Class**

Dear Santa  
if you don't mind I would like a DSI and an ipod and a food set and a phone. I would really like a pair of slippers a laptop, a real one. I would also like a music player. How are your dear? Is Rudolf's nose still red?

by: Jade Deornellas  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa  
How are your reindeer doing? all I want for Christmas is a B.B Gun and a toy Gun with a Remote control, a 4 wheeler and a Toy Steve McQueen Car. plus a Bass Guitar with a Drum set.

By Mike Skuse

Hi Santa,  
How is the reindeer? Is Rudolf's nose still bright? May I have a remote combat transporter helicopter and also an Halo action blasts, and a blasterpro, soccer game for xbox 360. I would also like a foot ball game for xbox 360 as well. Thank you Santa

by Luke Byce

Dear: Santa  
How are you doing and how is Mrs. Claus doing is she baking you a lot of cookies. Another thing how do you get all around the world in one day. Is Rudolf's nose really red the last question does an elf come with you. I would like a control shark, Pokemon Black 2, Crurible nauts unlimited, MARUO Hoops 3on3, and Pokemon White 2

From: Gavin Walker  
To: Santa

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a laptop, and a mp3 player with an ipod. I would like to know how do you get around the world in 24 hours. I would also like a pillow too and why are the elf's ears so pointy. Last but not least I would want the best Christmas this year.

By: Jenna Dahn

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolf doing. I hope you get lots of cookies and milk!!! Tell Mrs. Claus I said hi and have a merry Christmas. Tell Dancer, Prancer, Vexen, Comen, Quped, Donner,

Blesten and the rest I said hi. Santa you are the best. I really really want to meet you Santa!!! I want to know how does Rudolf's nose glow

love your favorite person, liberty hobb's

Dear Santa,  
I think that on Christmas morning I am going to give you cookies and milk. carrots for the reindeer and some kisses for Mrs. Claus. All I want for Christmas are 1. baby doll with baby doll clothes 2. a pet bird (a parrot that talks) 3. more shoes 4. bean bag chair for my room 5. a coat that goes all the way to my feet 6. more Pandora beads for my necklace.

Love Braylin Roe

Dear Santa,  
I have been such a good boy this year I gave things to my friends and family. Bear Grylls Gerber knife and the Hot Wheels terrain twister for my presents Please

from Noah Alan Mercier

Dear Santa,  
I was wondering how your reindeer are doing. I like the presents you got me last year. This year I want a Dream Light, a surprise present. I love how you get people what they want. I will leave cookies for you and carrots for your reindeer. Thank you Santa.

Love Dakota Ann Stevenson

Dear Santa,  
How is your wife and family? We will be leaving out cookies for you and carrots for your deer. I would like a new Nintendo DS. Also a remote control Mustang with red racing stripes and zebra with purple mowhawk. Happy Holidays

Love, Fallon Hux

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? My name is Jamie Fletcher and what I want for Christmas is a stuffed Animal Graff, a Doll House for my sister and I to play Barbies with, a pony, some new clothes for school, and a phone even though I don't think I am old enough yet.

Sincerely Jamie Ann Fletcher.

Dear Santa,  
How do you get around the world in one night? I'm doing fine. For Christmas can I please have an art set, Ipod, laptop, phone, trampoline, 3DSXL, more games like Mario Kart, and Madagascar 3.

Sincerely, Sara Decker

Note to Santa Claus  
Dear Santa Claus, how is Rudolph and Dancer? For Christmas can I have an Ipod touch. Please and that is all I want. Thank you Santa OH: I almost forgot I also want some bling please? Does Dancer really dance? Dasher is he funny? OH can I have an action figure of Dasher, Dancer, and Prancer. Please? HO\_HO\_HO!

Love Glory ream Milwick

Dear Santa  
How is Rudolph and why are the elf's ears pointy? For Christmas can I please have a DSI? A reading tent please too! A snow globe please. Most of all I want to be a full time member of Animal Jam please please please? How is Mrs. Claus? Am I on the naughty list Santa? Is my sister on the naughty list? I hope you like the cookies and milk

Love Karlee Stewart

Dear: Santa  
I would like an Ipod touch. How are the elves doing? Are they tired from working all year! What list am I on? The good or bad. Circle and return.

From: Ashton Tracy

Dear Santa  
Are the Rudolph happy in the north pole? Can I have this for Christmas, I want a model and an Air Plane. Some clothes too Santa. How are the elf's Santa. How is Miss. Claus? I hope she makes cookies Are you happy up in the north pole? I love you Santa for ever and ever. I love you Santa. Thank you and Merry Christmas

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to: My Bff: Santa what I want for Christmas is a few monter High Dolls and I Love monter High Dolls. I have searched evey were! they are: meowlody and purrsaphone and Hide Dolls and gool euh I love you santa how are the little rein Deer? How are you and misses. clas? I Love your rain Deer how is rudolf? good or bad? Love, Alannah Washington

Dear Santa, My name is trenton Schnable I'm in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at alcona elematry. How's the north pole? How's the workshop doing? I would like a nintenDo DSI, Game case, ninja sord and a world records book 2005. I would also Like mario cart game, mario brothers, 2, mario party 6, Yoshi Island. I have been very good this year. I thank you Trenton Schnabel

Dear Santa, thank you For Sending me lots of stuff For Christmas last year. I loved them when I got home From School I wood go strat to my toys. And I also want to thank you For the candy. it was delicious and I am a little Bit older now. I was eight last year And now I am nine. And For this year For christmas I wood like some Flats. And some new Friend Ship Braclit. And a new calinder. And some cherry liPgloss. And I relly relly want an I Pod touch. And there is a lot more stuff I want. But I already send you my real list of stuff. Finally, how is the elfs are they working harD they ProBaBy make over 1100 presents. how is mrs claws. And how are the rainDeer are they jiggled up And ready to Fly. Well any way thank you santa have a nice Fly. your Friend, Ashlyn Gordy

mom and dad. Thank you for last years presents I rilly enjoy them very much! Have a good christmas. Finaly I will leave some cookise and 9 big karets for the re-indeer Thank you. Your friend Zachary Dettmer

Dear Santa, Thank you for getting a bean bag for me and my sister. This year I would like a Dsixl, nerfgun, game boy, Dsi, Ds and a remote control hellicopter. Finally Santa Clause can you at least get one thing of this list. Love Dylan Lacy

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gift from last year. The Wii is graet. This year I would like a DsixL, a dog, a phone. Finally I will leave no Bake cookies for you and the reindeer apples. Sy hello to mrs. Clause for me Merry Cristmis Love, Nicole Gauthier

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Dear Santa, Thank you for a great christmas last year. Does Dancer like to dance? May I have playdough, Harry potter Lego, poke mon cards, Nerf gun, morelongslevshirts? I was very very very very good ok. pleas fly safe Santa. love Kaiden Berryhill

Dear Santa for Chrismas can I have a Wii/DS/ Butter socth smoothy maker monster high car/ 3 monster highs gloe minibike/ gloe pad/ iPod/iPad jupen makyes scoodyDoo pop Race/ Babie couch/ Barbie doll car Barbie photoe doll Barbie Dreamz woode houes\ Cheyenne Malone Baby prisses travel

Fourth Grade  
Ms. Schick's Class

Dear Santa, thank you for getting me the Fogeage. Because I love it so much and all I have got to say is that you are the best ever santa. And all I would like is a few things and that is a commputer, a printer, to go with it. And my own Flat screen tv. And I think tow or three things for chismas this year. And that is to get Just dance 5. and one more thing and that is me makala mendyka to be in gymnasticks class oh and I would only like more thing and this is a apple tuch screan phone 5. Love, Makala Mendyka

Dear Santa, Thank you for the wonderful gifts last year. The nice warm jacket and the cool udraw game tablet. Here are the things I want and to give for Christmas. First, I'll start With What I Want to give For Christmas. My mome would like to get a purple dimond incrested ring in the shape of a monkey. I Would get my dad a hinting game. Lastly, my brothers David, Christopher, and Michael. I Want to get Michael a bibi gun. David a rader zim niknak. Lastly, My brother chris a hat With Jack the pumpkin King skull on it. Here is What I Want for Christmas Monster high dolls and lalaladeeda dolls and lots of green stuff. Thank you Your Friend, Victoria Skuse

Dear Santa, Thankes for everything you gave me last year. I really appreciate that. There are so many things I would like to have. The first thing I would like to have is a wii u. The second Thing I would like is a wii u game called Nentendo Land. There are many other things I would like to have but I just can't write them all down. Your friend, Hunter Winter

Dear Santa, I would like only two thing for christmas that would be to have a very good christmas with my



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Dear St. Nicholas,  
 Thank you for giving me a nice warm pair of socks. Now what I would like this Christmas. Is a Ipad, and a nother pair of socks because my old pair from last year have holes in them. Now so let's go on to the next thing I would like a dog but if you want me to get specific I want a German Sheperd and if you could house train him. I would love that now that is all I want for Christmas thak you for everything.

Love, Grant Botha

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all the wonderful gifts you got me Last year. All I want for Christmas is my grandpa to get better. Hope you and Mrs. Claus have a fun time. Say hi to all the Elvs and reindeer for me.

Love Jenna Fowler

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the games I got last year. But not just the games. I thank you for everything you got me. This year, I would like some socks. Also, I could use a remote-control car. Last but not least, please, if you can, bring me a cople of video games. Finaly, I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Your friend, Zach Stephenson

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for every thing I got last year. I like everything you got me. This year I really want a 2012 cobra CX 65. I also really want Every body to have a good christmas. I really want God to have a good birthday to. I really want a favke afro wig for christmas.

From your friend Keedon Mills

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all the wonderful things you got me last year. I hope I get to see my cousins from Virginia. For Christmas I would like Just Dance 4, a new pari of socks for hi-tops, a new pair of hi-tops I'd also like clothes for my cat, Some bows for my horses, but most of all a great Christmas. I hope you, your reindeer, and satna mouse enjoy their cookies!

Your friend, Lily Ryan Bilbey! P.s. Stay healthy

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all the things you have got me over all the years. This year I would like a razzer Scotter with a seat. I would also like a grave stone for my grandma's grave spote and for more people to belive in you Santa because it is Jesus's birthday. Finally, I hope you don't get Sick from all those cookies pluse I hope your reindeer stay Healthy. and be safe wale driving.

Love, Anna Marie Loyer

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Mario Toys and a Wii and a DS. Please

Sammy Hendrickson

Dear Santa,  
 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for the presents you gave last year. This year, I really want the Pokemon Black 2 game please. Finally, tell Mrs. Claus, your elves, and your reindeer I saide, "Hi".

Sicnerely, Gabriel Froehner

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all the things you got me last year and ever thing you guys got me I loved it all. So will you tell the elves and you for everthing last year. I wish for a toy hellicopter, more clothes, a new soccer and football, new shoes, drums and one more thing that everone has a good christmas. thank you fr all the presnet.

your friend, Brendan Roe

Dear Santa,  
 Think you for bringing me some wwe toys and I like them. This year I want monster high toys and I want a monster high video tape camera and I want every one of the twilight. Finally I want Santa to say hello to Mrs. Clause pelase.

your friend, Linda Braden

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for everything last year but this year I would like for all the people in the world who are sick to get better and all the people who are starving to be able to eat a great meal every day and I would like an Ipad please and thank-you. P.S. tell

Mrs. clause the reindeer and your elfs I said, hello. P.S. I wish I could be you fro anight to get to get to try the cookies.

your friend, Ashlyn Abend

Dear Santa,  
 thank you for everything you got me last year the hat cept my ears warm. This year I would like 4 weeks of no school but if not can you make Christmas come any Faster please. Airsoft pistol black not clear and army water proof boots and can you make this year safe please. Finaly Hope you have a safe ride

Your Friend, Dylan leeseberg

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the presents last year. I had fun with the toys and games. This year I want a hard shelf for my Wii. Plus I want a "How to Draw Your Dragon" book. I would like a Super Mario Brothers Brawl. I will leave you easy bake cookies and milk. I will leave carrots, too, for the reindeer.

Your friend, Caleb Kamischke PS I want a heater, lizard tank plus a lizard

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the presents last year. The toy kittens were so cute. This year I would like an I Pod touch and a nintendo DS. I would also like some more books. I want to read the rest of the dork diaries books please. Finally, I hope you have a fun time with your wife. Happy Holidays!

Sinceraly, Camaron Harris

Dear Santa  
 I am thanking you for the Bike That you gave me Last year I play with It evry Day. I want to see a picture of all your reindeer on one of my presents this year. This Christmas I want my mom to have a Little puppy or Kitten She would cry if she got one. I will Leav Carrots to all the raindeer I will give you chocalate cookies for your trip around the world. Have a nice Christmas santa

Love, By: Kendal Mclaughlin



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Dear Santa,  
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Your friend, Emily Decker

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the gifts you gave me last year. Me and my brother we're surprised when we saw all the presents you gave us for Christmas. you are the best Santa I have ever known. This year I hope this will be the best Christmas ever. My other Christmas was ok. I hope you will be safe when you ride on your magical flying sled this year. Finally, This year I hope you can give me the DS game called "Battle of the giants Dinosaurs" game. If you give the game, I will leave you puppy chow and some milk. For the reindeer, I will leave them big carrots. Merry Christmas Santa Claus!  
Love, Cecelia Spears

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good girl this year. How is Mrs. Claus and her cooking? Is Rudolph Still leading the sleigh.

What I would like this year is...New Snowpants, a Sled, an I pod cover, a New coat, (perferably the pink plaid one from Wal-mart) a trick-or-treating bag, Dsi games, a Furby, a new hat, and last but not least I want a new water bottle. I have one more question for you are the Elfes working hard?  
Love, Rachel Layton

Dear Santa,  
Thank you fro giving Dustin and I lagsos. We bilt people, bilding and car. This year I want a fun game. My mom needs a fluffy Pillow. I hope you and your reindeer make it. Ieat a lot of cookie Santa.  
Kegan Daniel Gillmore

Dear Sant nicholas thank you fro the toys you got me last year. This year I would like a 305xl a game boy, mareo Kart 3 Super Mareo Slugers Wii some cookies for you sant. Clause and some carrits for the fannder.  
Love Matthew good

Dear Santa,  
Thank you, for the things you got me last years toys and other stuff you me last year. But this year for christmas is to give food and drinks too others who are very poor and don't have an Sheliter. This year for Christmas, I would like a Couple of

books and some new clothes, and for my brother, he wants a new phone. Finally, I want a cat for christmas, That is the main thing I want  
Your Friend, Vincent Mendyka

Dear Santa,  
Tahnk you for the Slide that you gav me a couple years ago. Santa can you Please get mea P.S.P. and Thant is Whet I reall reall reall reall wont t get for christmas.  
Camron Belanger

Dear Santa,  
Thank you, for all the surprises you left for me last year. Like a coat that I really needed for the winter. This year, I would like a Droid tablet or a Ipod touch and I would like one day just one hole day with My Mom. And tell Mrs. claws I sid hi. please Make one wish true and hope you like the cookies.  
your Friend Mason Storms

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the stuff last year it was the best Christmas ever. This year I would like a Iphone touch and 3ds. Another thinbg is a beebeegun, a bigger bed, a ploar S snowmobile. Some other is a Xbox360, Wii, Mario kart and a Ipad. Santa did you have a good Christmas last year O did you have a good

Christmas with the re-indeer. I'll Make you cookies and Milk! p.s. Merry Christmas.  
Your Friend, Blake Dellar

Dear Santa,  
Thaank you for the amazing gift's last year. This year I would like a #9 saints foot ball jersey, a Farit, shoes, hat, 22. Finaly I will leave you cookies!  
your friend, Nick Rasmussen

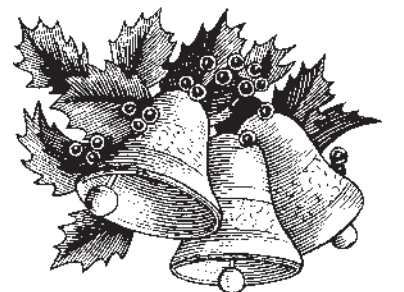
Dear Santa  
I love the things from last year. Epesially snow board. But it is getting to small for me. Can youy bring me another one? This is a list of things I mant. First I want a dirtbike, Boaconstritor, and my mom to get better. I don't want any thing else.  
Sincerely, Jon Gusa

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Dear Santa  
thank you For the presents last year. Will you tell all the raindeer I said hi and that I Will leave them a carrot Pleas. I hope that you get around the World safly and have the Best Christmas ever this year and the elvs tell the elv's that I said hi and to have a good Christmas to. Finally I would like a iPod touch iphone, Ipad3, laptop, Kendal Fire, Nook, Wiiu, and a little lab

puppy.l  
Love your Friend Nick Somers

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for every thing I got last year. I appreciate it. This year may I please have a coton cany maker, a popcorn maker, a lap top, some games any kind, cute boots, a blue phone with minutes, some clothes if you can get any of that I would appreciate. Santa you are a wonderful guy I really appreciate it.  
your Friend Brynne Carpenter

Dear Santa,  
thank you for the legos and the rc and all the other stuff. and my mom thank's ya for buying her a new car. My brother has been bad most of the time this year. I have been mad and bad to. But he was worse than me. My mom has been mean but not very bad. Now about the presents I would like a ds game called mario Kart 7 for 3ds. I want it because it will be the first 3ds game ever! Well so long.  
your friend: Ethan Nedwash-Long



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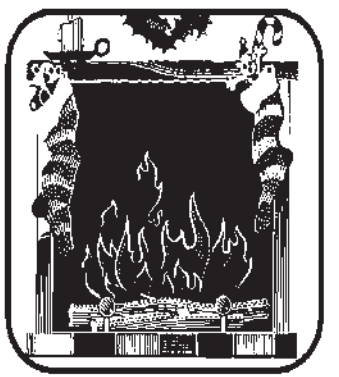
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Merry Christmas to our many friends all over the area. May the holiday bring many wonderful surprises.

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Attorney at Law and Staff

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the presents that you got me last year. I love the things even the blizzard maker. This year I would like nascar unleashed for nitendo 3ds, Ipod touch, xbox 360, I phone 4, and a remote monster truck, oh and a bow, And the Hunger Games. Finally I hope you have a good time eating cookies and oh wait you don't eat milk you drink it well I hope you do. P.S. We might put are tree in the same spot last year.  
 your Friend Jacob Sytek

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all the things you brought Me last year such as my Dsi, and stuff I really like the things you got me. but this year I would like different things. This year I would like something like a ipod touch, 3Ds, Wii u, Kindle fire or something like that. Finally, I will leave you cookies and milk and some carotes fro your rain deer.  
 your Friend, Keegan payne

Dear Santa,  
 Tahnk you for the wii and wii games. My family injoys it. This year I want a laptop Some D.S. games because I only have 3 of them and can I have a Jumprop and a holohop and I

relly relly want a cotoncandy maker. or anything wood be fine. Finily, I promes to put out cookies and milk and maby carots for the deer if thay are good.  
 your friend, Rachel Hayes

Dear Santa  
 Thank you for all the presents last year. I played whith all of it a lot. This year I would like wwe 13 a game for the wii Because WWE12 is getting a little boring. Plus wwe13 has new people and new people forms. And what about a Kindel fire. So when we go far away somewhere. And I can play it in the deer blind. Or an I pod touch. So when we go somewhere far away. And so I can play games on it. pleas. I would really like one of these three things. And Make sure the poor have food and water!!! Please do so.

Your buddy Jake Tanner

Dear Santa,  
 Tahnk you for the game because I got to Play it with my family. And for that DS for my brother he shared it with us. This year I would like is a DS a MP3 touch screen. A lap top touch screen. A touch screen Phone that I can text my friends. A 3 DS and a barbie doll that takes pitchers. The setch pa-

per like ashlyn gordy's not the see thew kind. And a real mirror phone that I can have speakers to my house. And an x box 3 60. Finally I will leave you cookies and milk for you and carrots for your raindeer.

Your friend Karen Sharboneau

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for everything you gave me over each christmas I wnet throu. I played with everything you gave me. The one thing I played with first was the stuffed horse that you gave me wen I Lived in Kentucy. This year may I pleas have a 3DS with some games. Finaly I will Leave somethings for you and the ranedeer.

Love, samantha Fletcher

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the gifts last year. I enjoyed them they were great. We play the Wii almost every day. I Thank you for eating every last cookie and for drinking every last drop of milk to. This year give people what they need. Can you get a Laptop for my mom. Get my dad a warmer for his back so he dosen't have to use Aunt Angie's warmer. The only reson I want you to these things for my mom and my dad is

because my mom's Laptop is broke and my dad's back hurts. Can you just these things for my mom and dad they need these things. Finally, give the people the stuff they need. Give the por people food and clothes. Give the people the stuff they want and give the bad people a lest one present. Thank you for the stuff you give.

Your friend, Janae Kierzek-Harte

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all the gifs last year. This year I would like one thing it is a 250 Suzuki. Finally let people have safe travels to visit friends and family.

your friend, Dawson Martindale

Dear Santa,  
 Thanks for all the gifts you gave me every Christmas and im looking forward to getting more gifts this year. This year I want...a red 3ds XI, a red small Quad, block ops for xbox 360, a xbox 360 3 month membership card, a club penguin 3 month member ship card, last, I want a play staition3 with need for speed, undercover. Finally Christmas has came again and im hoping for new gifts this year.

your friend Brenden Hudgins

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for What you got me last year. Like the barbie clothes. Can you get me more barbie clothes and stop. And a new car or van for my mom.  
 Your friend, Kaitlyn Kienutske

Dear Santa Claus,  
 Thank you for the presents last year. I really enjoyed the red bag with the clothes and the candy canes. I also enjoyed the stuffed dog in my stocking. This year I would like anything really but I might as well tell you what I like. I'm starting to like animal print and ductape. So if you put those things together you have the perfect present for me. I also like ductape with penguins., Sock monkeys and mustaches. The only other thing I can ask for is if you can let people have their Christmas miracles if they need them. Finally I will leave you cookies and milk, And I will leave the reindeer an apple and carrots. Oh and one more Thing, how many reindeer are there?

Merry Christmas Your friend, Brielle Keyser



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Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys and other stuff last year and I hope you liked the cookies and milk. This year can you bring me a xbox 360 and a halo 4, halo 3, halo reach, a big box of legos and 800\$. Finally I hope you get to my house.

Your friend Dalton E. Torsch

Deer Santa,

I would like an Airsoft gun. I would call of the wild, black ops2. My baby brother would like some toys, my Mom Dad would a TV. I would like a scope for my airsoft gun, austin would like a I Pad 3. I would Like to get a new game. I would like an 22 Rifle.

love, Brody Potts

Dear Santa,

I wish all of Haiti recives mony and food, also for my borthers and dad to get a deer. I'll putt Sugar Cookies down for you. Oh I woluld like to get a gutar. I'll p0utt extra cookies down for an gutar. And a big glass of milk. Santa I got one question how do you and the raindeer get around the world in one night? I'll leave carrot's for the raindeer.

Love you're friend Kaytlyn Earegood

Dear Santa,

Thank you...for the toys Last year they were very fun. also thank you for the game. This year...I am going to play my game that you gave me, my family and I play with it every Sunday and it is fun. actually it is going to be really fun and I mean really fun! finally...I want a 3ds and some 3ds games for christmas too. I also want one of those Halo figures that I really wanted. But with the other Halo Lego stuff also! That's what I want for christmas.

your friend Sean Gentile

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the great gifts last year I loved them. My list had just about all the stuff checked off. Thank you a lot I'm so glad I got most of the things I wanted. This year I will make more cookies for you because of last year when I ate all the cook-

ies and then spilled all the milk. I'm still sorry about that. I will try my best to stay away from the Cookies but I don't know how to survive without eating one. Finally, here comes the hard part of the list. The I want this toy part of the list. What you thought I'm going to write a list to santa and not ask for toys! Are you mad! anyway it's just a small list but it's not a cheap present because it's a Xbox it is really fun but I can't get it because my mom won't let me get one So I was hopeing you could ge me one.

Love, Amanda Phillips

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the toys you game me last year. This year I would like a tablet. I want one because the are really fun. I am thankful for anything you give me. Make sure you present for my sisters and brother. Finally, I will leave you milk and cookies. Can you try to give my mom a flat screen tv. My mom really wants one. Please shove a lot of candy in my stocking. I love candy!

Love Jocelyn cronk

Dear, Santa

This year I would like a phone. Because if I'm grounded, I can text my friends. Or if I'm on the bus I can text my mom. And if I'm at my mom's I can text my dad. I would also like a labtop. But it's not just a labtop. It's a mini labtop. And it has to be purple. Another thing I would like is a puppy. A girl puppy. A black lab. And I will name her peanut. And I would also like some new clothes. For hunting. And working on my farm. Also for the winter. Finally, I would like to be rich. Because I woant a bigger house. And because my family and I want to go on a trip. Specifically, to Great Wolf Lodge.

Love, Sarah Wassmann

Dear Santa,

Thank you for everything you brough me last year. I love the mp4 player until I lost the charger! The mini bowling set was fun also. This year I would like the newest Dork diarys

book, a new sketch pad, paints, new paint brushes, non-dyed Modeling clay and glitter. Finally, I hope that my grandpas cancer is all gone.

your friend, Miranda Baker

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for all of the gifts, and goodies you have gotton me last year. My favirote goodie was the big hershey bar in my stocking. Maybe this year in stead of chocolate chip cookies and chocolate Milk this year. I may put out sugar or peanut butter cookies with white milk. Maybe also I can put out some carrotes for your raindeer. This year I would like Beanie Ballz, Beanie Ballz are round stuffed animals that are fun to collect. Also maybe some dog and turtle stuff like, dog posters, and a big turtle statue. But mostly I would really like time with my family. I think that Christmas is one of my favirote holidays. Because of this is we get to spend time with my family and I think that Christmas brings us closer together. This is why because all of that time we do not have together will gone on Christmas. We will have more time together and we will be joyful and happy. Finally, I can't wait till every Christmas after every. I hope that Christmas will always be my favirote holiday, and bring us joy and happieness to everyone we know.

Your friend, Darien J. Panich

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the toys and games you got me last year I really enjoyed it all. I especially enjoyed the new DsixL it probably was the best gifts that year. This year I would like a Xbox 360 a hamster or a pair of new roller blades. And could you leave dog treats for my dogs. Finally, I will chocolate cookies and milk for you and I will also leave carrots and appOles for your raindeer and I hope you have a happy Christmas.

your friend, Alexis Lask

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the sled last year. It was even my favorite color...blue! When every I sent down the big hill at our house I'd go...ZOOM! My sisters like their sleds to. But Lexi put it up. She said it was to cold (She was right). This year do you think you could get me a Kindle Fire. Mys Sister has one and I would like one to. Finaly, Can you give the children in africa a gift basket at their door step pleas. Merry Christmas  
 Your tiny friend, Lila Bishop

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the brown guitar last year with the lime green butterflychair and everything else. This year I would like a new basketball, Ipod touch, amonkey case for Ipad touch. Also I would abslutely love if my bunnys princess and windchester could be inside for Christmas eve and spend the night inside. I would also like stuff for my bunnys like new food dishes, new cages, and wooden blocks with a bell. Also a new TV for the living room, just dance 4 for the wii. And sweat pantS with pockets. Also limegreen and hotpink duck tape. Last but not least dirt for when I race next year. But want the gear to be red and black to match my dirtbike. Finally, I will be sure to leave you milk and cookies for you. I will spread out raindeer seed for the raindeer and leave out carrots as well.

Your friend, Chloe Schram

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the floor mat piano I really like it. But I think it needs to be smaller. This year though, would you find a BIG picture of a tractor for my dad. And will you find a robin eggs blue robe and slippers for my mom. Also I need a new liter box because my kittys Winnie and Pipy both can't share a liter box. And my brothers...3 big NERF gun complete with bullets. Also will you please bring a BIG bone for Maximus. Finally, I wish for a doll house complete with tiny food items. Also may I have my own quad? And a new D.S

game. Hi Everyone!  
 Your friend, Emma Grace Johnston

Dear Santa,  
 Tahnk you for the presents last year. I had lots of fun with them especially the xbox 360. I paly it everyday. This year I want a laptop so I do not have to use the same computer al all of my family. Finally, I want an Ipad. The reason I want an Ipad is because I can never see the tiny screen on my Ipod. I would also like some of these video games Mario party 8, FIFA Soccer 2013 and NHL 2013.

Your friend, Brett Nelson

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the gifts last year. This year I would love ether a michigan State hoody or jersey maybe even an Xbox. lasty, my sister needs a new phone because her old phone died.

Your Friend Ben Thomas

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the laptop that you gave me last year. Even though I cracked the screen but I can still play it a year later. This year I would like an iPad2. I would like it to be black and have 32 gigs. I'd also like a black flip case for it. Finaly, our family will have milk and cookies when you come. There will be carrots for your raindeer too.

your friend, Colton Inglis

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the nerf gun. Then, thanks for the nerf bolets. last but not least, thanks for the pecils. This year I wont nothing but a happy family. And I wont to see my dad. finally, give my dog ziggy a lot of treats. Finnaly, I will give you cookies and cheer.

Your friend, Levi Kline

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the presents last year. What I Wan't for cristmas is hunting cloes. Also I want blackops 2 plus halo reach to. I wan't my family to have a good cristmas to. I hope my brother and Sister have a good cristmas to I know what my sister got for cristmas this year and my brother. Finall I

wan't every body in my family to have a good cristmas I hope my mom has a good cristmas.

Your friend, Mitchell Ladd

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the things you got me last year, I really like them because you gave me exactly what I wanted. They were very nice to have. This year I would like for all of the poor people in the world to get fresh food and water, and only for people who need it. For myself, I would like a small pack of mechanical pencils to keep in my desk at school. Also, I would really like the book Diary of a Wimpy Kid-number seven-The Third Whell. That is really all I want from you. Finally, on Christmas eve, I will leave afew apples and a small bag of baby carrots for y9our reindeer, so they will have a bit more energy for that night. My family and I won't forget your cookies and milk!

Your friend, Megan Grove

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all of toys that you gave me for Christmas. I really enjoyed the toys that I received. My cousins and I really enjoyed the toys that you brought us. I tried to catch you on our camera but we didn't catch you. This year I want nail polish in every color, a baby alive, lime green hair dryer and lime green hair curler. Plus a puppy for Christmas, I Pod Touch case, a basketball, yoga shorts, I Pad tow with a case, lime green soccer beanbag also red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, black, white, zebra, gray duct tape. Finally I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots on the table for the reindeer. Rudolph must have a really bright nose-that I had heard of.

Your Friend, Isabella Bates



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Dear Santa,  
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 sincerely, Koedy Berryhill

Dear Santa  
 Thanks you for the fun gifts that you got me and my Sister hailey. This year I would like for poor people



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wounen't be poor. Poor people would have someshere to live instead of a box. Finally, I would like a very, very, very nice Christmas for everyone and for all a good night!  
 Love your friend,  
 Briauna Lincoln

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the great stuff last year. This year a new pogo stick would be nice. I would like it if mom got a new deer rifle. finally, I would like you to try and help people in uganda.  
 Your friend, Nelson Quintel

Dear Santa,  
 thank you for the eletric scoter loast year also thank you for my pocet rocet that you got me two years ago. This year the thing I need most is a room! Well can you please get me call of duty balck ops II. And if you could get me some extra stuf for the game? Finally can I get something for a surprise? P.S. if you get me all the stuf I wont I will give you extra cookies next year.  
 Your friend: Ian Ryan Travis

Dear Santa  
 Tahnk you, for getting me blackop0s for Christmas. I really enjoy it. This year, I want an Iphone for Christmas. But I really want is to see my brother all the time. Because he's at college and I almost never get to see him. Finally, I want new tv for christmas with a vcr and a dvd player.  
 your Friend, Conner Morgan

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all of the presents last year. I really like the new Super Mario Bros game you got me. I also like

the other things you got me as well. This year I would like an X-Box 360 if you could get one. Mabye if you could get me a new pillow, I would like that as well. Finally, k if you could probaby get me a little bit more presents than last year, I would like that too.

Your friend, Patrick Payne

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for not exploding from all the cookies you eat. I thought you would pop by now. This year I wan't a Big Mac and a credit card and a tv. Fially I wan't an ipod. Also a laptop. Please get my brother a new pack of deoderant because I can't stay around him much longer.

Your friend, Billy Jones

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all the presents you gave me last year. I especialy love the wii. I Play it every day for at least two hours. This year I would really like it if you could get the new wii u for my family. I also would like it if you could get us new super mario bros. for the wii u. Finally, I would like to thank you for all the Wonderful things you have given me all these years.

Your Tiny friend,  
 Shane mendyka

Dear Santa  
 Thank you for the present last year. But I ant my famly all to gether again. I want my dad, k mom, Uncle Aron, Grandma Ruth, papa Woody, Uncle Don, Uncle Aline, Cosin Gaby, Cosin Dany, ant Dona, Cosin Nowa, Ant Darla, papa riky, bab cosin caslin, cosin Branden, cosin Nick, Cosin Claton, uncle Jon, ant Treana, Cosin Cris, cosin cj, cosin Livea, Cosin Caily, And my brothe Fallon but I think I am going to need a bigger hous but I don't need a new hous. This all I want this year.

Your favoret, Christian Hux

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the presents you brought me last year I really was excited to wake up and walk out of my room and see all the presnets under the tree and in

my stocking. This year I would love to get some 3Ds games, basketball size 28.5 and a new pink mountain bike. Finally, I will leave some milk and cookies and also some Carrots for the reindeer.

your friend,  
 Annabelle Rowe

Dear Santa,  
 Thank yo9u for all the wonderful gifts that you brought last year. I have ahd a lot of fun. I would like to say thank you all. I would like halo 4 plese. If it is not to much truble. Could you tell the elves to make it for playstation2. plese thank you. The one last thing I would like to say is thank you for every thing.

Zach N. Richardson

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. I was so excited when I opened my new gifts. I had fun with all of them. This year I would really like a new pink trick bike. When I was camping my tire popped. I would also like some new clothes and some new books. finally, I will leave some milk, and cookies for you. I will also leave carrots for your reindeer.

Your friend,  
 Brooklynn Pagels

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for all the wonderufl presents you gave me last year I Sleep with my pillow pet every night. This year I want a Bunk bed with a butterfly bed set. Finally I want to let you know that I want my mom to stop smoking, thanks Santa.

Your friend, Lorenda Thomas

**Mrs. Yokom's Class**

Dear santa,  
 Thank you for all the present from last year, and the year before, all of them were special and my family had a blast with it all! This year I want a new 3DS game and new mp3 player. I want the mp3 player because my last one won't turn on even if thairs a new battery in it. And the game I only have two that are 3D the rest of them are not. Lastly, Ill leave you cookies and milk and seven carrits for the raindeer. P.S. Hi!

Your Friend, Sadie Johnson

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the gifts you got me last year. I really enjoyed the x box 360 I play it a lot. This year I want a remote control truck that goes fast or a remote control helicopter that flys high. I also want a pogo stick. I would also like a new pedal bike. Finally, I wanted to ask you how your raindeer are doing. I am going to leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the raindeer. Thank you for everything you do.

Your friend, Taylor Stewart

Dear Santa,  
 I love all the present you broguht last year. Also, I love the 22 cal. you broght. I love it. This year I would like a black Xbox 360 with Halo3, Madden 13, and Call of duty blackk ops 11 please. Also, I would like a new 32 in. flat scren TV. (If I get a Xbox 360.) Also, with the xbox 360 with 4 contorlers. Thank you for all the nice gifes you bring to me.

your buddy Aidan Wrobel

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for everything I received last year. I've had a lot of fun using them. This year I would like some books and to have a good time with my family and friends. I would like something nice for my mom like a mother daughter necklace. For my dad he would like a new tool box. My brother likes books (like me) I was wondering if you could get him some Magic Tree House books. Oh and can you get some more chew toys for my dogs! Finally, I will put a couple of cookies and carrots out for you and the reindeer.

Your friend, Alyssa Dellar



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Dear Santa,  
Thank you for everything you brought me last year. My family and I are having a fun time playing hot potato with the sky ball you brought me last year. This year I would like a hot pink sky ball (my other one is starting to deflate). I would also like a 3DS Mario kart 7 game. Also I would like safe travel for those who are on sn9owy roads. Finally, I will leave you milk and cookies.

See you soon,  
Courtney Winter

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for what you got me and my family last year. We all enjoyed it. The things I enjoyed most was the things in my stocking also the D.S game and the ipod. This year I would like the movie Hunger Games also I would like the books of the Hunger Games, ornaments that have some of my pets names like Angel or Frannie or mabe one that says Moe or Jessie. But also the people in need of something support them and give them the things they need to make their living better. Finnaly, Thank you for every thing you have got me and my family over the years. I'll leave cookies and milk out for you.

Your Friend, Haley Spalding

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents you brought me last year I really enjoyed them. I really enjoyed the I pad the most. I love playing on it and listening to music on it. Its the best present ever. This year I would really like a big bean bag, also I have already made my christmas list and I will be sending it in later in December. Finally, I will leave out milk, cookies, and carrots for the reindeer. I might even put out something for the reindeer to drink. I will also put out extra cookies for your elves to eat.

your friend, Jordan Thacker

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I am very fond of the bean bag. I have to say Christmas night is a big mystery to me but you always end up with a big successful mis-

sion. This year I don't know what I want, to be honest I'm spoiled rotten. I get what ever I want from my parents and you. I don't understand why though I may be on the nice list but I can be a little mean to my family. I always apologize though. I'll find a way though to fix my mistakes. Finally, I will leave you some Christmas cookies, feel free to share shome with the elves too, they deserve it. Let's see...For the reindeer I'll leave some carrots just for a snack, they must be hungry going around the world. Write to you next year!!

Your friend, Rose Schopfer

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the awesome sled. I went sledding with my neighbors Gavin and Collin Walker and had lots of fun hitting jumps and going real fast. Also Toby my dog wants to thank you for the chew toys he loved them a lot. This year I would like an I-pad 5<sup>th</sup> generation 32 gigabyte. Also I want a new sled like the one you got me last year. Finally, I will leave you a presnet on the coffee table.

Your friend, Mason Clark

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my wii last year. Could you give me a rain deer this year. That's all I want. If there is one in my living room you will get extra milk and cookies next year.

your friend, Austin Southard

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for everything you gave me last year. Thank you for all that cool stuff. But please no more underwhere and socks every year after year please no more. This year I want all these items! Super mario bros. 2 DS and ploveid us with good travil and don't forget my ants and unkles with good travil to. Thnak you for all these items. Finally, if you get me all this stuff I will be very jolly. I want even ask for any more items next year. Any way, I have inoagh electronics like those dsess.

Love, Levohn palmer

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents you left last year. I really enjoy the bean bags and the new sled. This year I want everyone to be safe on the roads and for the hungry people to have enough food. Finally, I hope you leave me an Ipod.

Your friend, Dominic Howe

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the presents you gave me last year. They are all very nice. This year hope you will give all the children without homes very nice clothes and toys. Finally, I hope I will get a calico kitten and a wiener dog.

Your friend, Caitlyn Neff

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the cool stuff. You got me last year. This year I was hoping that you would give Food to people that don't have any food. Finally, I was hoping to receive 30 macanical Pencils and a wii.

your friend, Rodney Karas

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the awesome gifts last year. I like the PC. But this year I want something different. Really different. This year I want you and everyone in American to hope the people in the military stay safe during the war. A ton of our people have died in the war. I hope another ton doesn't die. That is the last thing we want to happen. We don't want it to happen at all. In conclusion, all I want for Christmas is for you and and all Amerricnas to hope our people in the war stay safe.

Yours truly, Madison Donovan

Deer Santa  
Thank you for the Presents Last year. I Loved the xbox. I have been playing it olot. I loved the game Iland. This year I wold like a nirt blaster. it would be rilly cool to have one of those. Secondly I wold Like 2 100 paks of 2 100 darts. lastly I wold like the move the cristmas story Part 2. My wish for cristmas is for all the homlis people to have a great cristmas.

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Sinseraly your frend  
Connor Forbes

### Sixth Grade Mrs. Shiffer's Class

Dear Santa,  
For Chistmas I would like a Kindle Fire and also thank you for everything last year. And do not listen to Brianna Fogle if you eat all the cookies you should be ok and I would also like a VERY fluffy blue pegacat because Blue is awsome and a cat with wings would be awsover and a blue one would be even better! If you can't get a blue pegacat I will take any fluffy cat. Thank you for every thing and Merry Christmas.

Love your friend,  
Trinity Keyser

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and you reindeer are doing well. This year I will leave you cookies, milk and carrots. This year all I would like is to be with my family on Christmas. Have a safe trip around the world and good luck!

Your Friend, Krista Breier, age 12 P.S. Thank you for the presents I received throughout my life!

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a purple unicorn. I want this because purple is my favorite color and unicorns are awesome. Also, I woant a pink pegacow. I want this because pink is okay, but a cow with only one horn and that has wings is EXTREMELY AMAZING! Oh, make sure you make them so fluffy that I'm going to die. I want a vampire that's green as a bestfriend. Last but not least I want you to stop eating all the cookies because if you get fat then you can have a haeart attack and die then there will be NO Christmas!

The best Girl, Brianna Fogle

PS I'll leave you carrots and water instead of cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the presents from last year. For Christmas all I want is peace on earth. And a mossy oak hat.

love, Hunter L. Clark

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a new smartphone because my other phone is cracked. Please make the snow white and FLUFFY. Thank you for everything.

Love, Raegen Eller  
P.S. ride safely

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a monkey because it's my favorite animal. If they come in pink I want it in pink because pink is my favorite color. I also want a brown puppy that stays little that is going to be named Brownie. And a kitten named gumdrops.

Sincerely Destiny Lacy

Dear Santa,  
For christmas I want a purple pony and I really want orange cow, a unicorn "It's so fluffy I'm gonna die." I wan oscar miejer hot dogs and I want to go to paris. This year im going to give you carrots and water because you need to cut down on the carbs. But you can also get those red velvet yoplait light yogurts "those are my favorite." I really want people to stop saying Kamryns a boy name ugghhh. The thing my Mom wants to know why people put kk? Bri's nickname is bacon but mine is loud mouth because im the loudest in the class. p.s. you might get one cookie p.s.s. I'm girlie

Love Kamryn Pelland

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine as frog hair. Are the elves doing good? how is ms. claws? Well Santa all I would like this year is a long bow with arrows and a quiver and that's all! Also thank you for the presents last year.

Sincerely, Antavius Mikazes 6<sup>th</sup> grade-Mrs. Gombos Class





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