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Addison Dumas of Lincoln (above) visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the Mikado Goodfellows Christmas party on December 7. Approximately 190 children enjoyed cookies, punch, and a visit with Santa. They also received a present and bag of candy. Needlecrafters from the Lincoln Senior Center provided stocking hats. Goodfellow elves (back row, from left) Kay Lovelace of Mikado, Sharon Leeseberg of Mikado, (front row) Sharon Somers of Lincoln, Denise Lee of Mikado and Susan Barwick of Glenie with presents for children attending the party. *Courtesy photos*



## Referral service helps residents find assistance

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

A referral service which addresses basic needs is not only helping more people in Alcona County but is also expanding its service to include all but one county in northeast Michigan.

The referral service 2-1-1 is a free, easy-to-remember telephone number which connects people in need with people who can help - 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Alcona County became a 2-1-1 service area about three years ago. Only two counties in northeast Michigan are not currently connected to it,

Ogemaw and Iosco. However, according to Alcona County Commissioner Carolyn Brummund, Ogemaw County is in the process of getting the Federal Communication Commission's approval for 2-1-1 service.

Brummund is on the 2-1-1 Board of Directors and on its executive committee. She said it is a service she is passionate about because of how helpful it is to people who have no idea where to turn and she is delighted that more and more people are being helped by having the service.

According to Brummund, 73 Alcona County residents utilized the 2-1-1 service in its first year of availability in 2012; last year 127 used the service and this year, between January 1 and December 12, 210 Alcona County residents called seeking referral assistance. "The numbers are growing more and more every year as people learn about it," Brummund said.

The 2-1-1 service refers people to resources in their community. After dialing 2-1-1, a trained professional will assess the caller's situation, identify needs and refer the caller to the resources which can help. Calls are confidential and callers can remain anonymous if they wish.

The service has a vast list of referral phone numbers which can connect the caller to assistance in many ways including:

- Basic human need referrals: Food banks, clothing, shelters, utility payment assistance and more.

- Physical and mental health referrals: Crisis intervention services, support groups and medical information lines, et cetera.

- Employment support: Unemployment benefits, financial assistance, job training, et cetera.

- Support for veterans, older Americans and people with disabilities: Health care, adult day care, independent living, work force training, Meals on Wheels, et cetera.

- Support for children, youth and families: Quality childcare, Success by Six programs, after school programs, summer camps, mentoring, tutoring and more.

- Crisis calls: Suicidal thoughts, domestic violence, et cetera.

The service costs about

## Firearm deer harvest down from last year

The 2014 firearm deer season wrapped up on November 30, and challenging conditions and lower deer numbers in some areas likely have led to fewer deer being taken this year.

Each year the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes. Those estimates are later replaced by a rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons using an annual hunter mail survey.

The 2014 firearm deer season harvest appears to have

decreased in all regions this year, but particularly in the Upper Peninsula. Experiences can differ widely within regions. DNR biologists estimate that, compared to 2013, the harvest was down approximately 30 to 40 percent across the Upper Peninsula, decreased perhaps as much as 10 percent in the northern Lower Peninsula, and was down about five percent in the southern Lower Peninsula.

Deer populations in the Upper Peninsula are down after two severe past winters. The DNR significantly reduced antlerless quotas prior to this season and has

invested in habitat improvement and research assessing the role of predators, habitat and weather conditions in driving U.P. deer abundance.

The 2014 deer season forecast indicated hunters should expect to see fewer deer in the region, and some locations also saw more than 40 inches of snow accumulation before the firearm season opened, making hunting access challenging and driving deer to migrate out of such areas earlier than normal.

"The number of deer brought to our check stations declined as much as 60

percent in some locations, though hunter success was somewhat better in areas with higher deer densities," said Upper Peninsula Regional Supervisor Terry Minzey. "Winter severity has moderated since then, but we'll continue to monitor conditions and regional deer populations through the months to come."

Deer harvest did not decline as dramatically in the Lower Peninsula. "The tough winter last year did not impact deer populations below the bridge as it did in the Upper Peninsula," said

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Ashley Autenrieth, Wildlife Division deer biologist for the northern regions. "But reduced antler size this season indicated deer condition was affected."

Concentrations of standing corn that provide secure cover for deer contributed to adverse hunting conditions in some locations. Brent Rudolph, Wildlife Division research specialist, also said that "department research in one southern Michigan study area indicates deer numbers are still only slowly rebounding following an extensive outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease several summers ago."

The research project is being conducted in collaboration with Michigan State University, with assistance from many hunter volunteers, and also has received financial support from Safari Club International.

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

Hunters who do not receive a survey in the mail but who wish to provide their hunting and harvest information may visit [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer) and select the "Complete a Deer Harvest Survey Online" link. Hunters should only provide this information once they have completed all of their 2014 deer hunting activities.

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

# Obituaries

## Esther E. King

Esther Ellen King, 94, of Oscoda died on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

She was born May 30, 1920 to Terrence and Elizabeth (Lokinski) Perkins in Saginaw, Mich.

Mrs. King is survived by two daughters, Linda (Fred) Champagne of Harrisville and Donna (Donnie) Milwrick of Lincoln; two sons, James King Sr. of Oscoda and Dale (Yvonne) King of Oscoda; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Edward (Joyce) Perkins of Saginaw, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kelly, in 1992. They were married for 50 years.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Mikado Township Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

## Thomas M. Smolen Sr.

Thomas M. Smolen Sr., 80, of Oscoda died on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City.

He was born November 8, 1934 in Highland Park, Mich. to Clement and Elizabeth (Pacheshnik) Smolen. He was raised in Detroit, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

He married Rose Scamazzo on July 4, 1953. They were residents of Wayne, Mich., Westland, Mich., Garden City, Mich., Mikado and Greenbush before moving to Oscoda in 2002.

Mr. Smolen worked for General Motors for 15 years and was also a carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for a short time.

Mr. Smolen is survived by his wife, Rose; two daughters, Christine Marie (Edward) Williams of Taylor, Mich. and Diana (Victor) Kellar of Snover, Mich.; two sons, Thomas M. (Linda) Smolen Jr. of Mt. Clemens, Mich. and Steven (Brenda Vaanderlan) Smolen of Mikado; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Aline Ryan and Colette Chupa; and one brother, Rudolph Smolen.

One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Private memorial services will be held.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

This summer Michigan State Police Trooper Jamie Bullis and retired MSP Trooper Tim Hose met with and mentored several teenagers that were deemed at risk teenagers. They taught them about making right choices and how to strive for a better life in a program called Chosen.

Those lessons included: How to avoid a life of crime. How to treat women and how to stand up for those who could not stand up for themselves. How to be the men that God created them to be. How to get a job and provide for themselves. How to forgive those that they felt wronged them.

Couldn't we all take a lesson from these men and women in uniform who are trying to make a positive impact in our country. These men and women tuck their children into bed at night then venture out to protect and serve our community not knowing if they will ever come home again. Wouldn't it be great if instead of showing our children how to protest or be filled with self pity we could all spend a little time teaching them respect for others, their community, their country, and for themselves.

All our police, firefighters, paramedics and conservation officers ask of us is to pray for them and to shine a blue and red light to remember the law enforcement officers and firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to show support to those still working to keep our streets and homes safe.

I live in Harrisville and we will have our lights on and there is a standing invitation to any service people to stop by and have a cup of coffee. Thank you for your service. We will be praying for you with deep gratitude. May God be with you and protect you.

Frank and Virginia  
Dimercurio  
Harrisville

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## Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2014

Date	Weekly Report		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	Temperature (F°)			Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
Dec. 7	34	23	0.00	9.1	25	S
Dec. 8	39	32	0.00	12.6	31	SSW
Dec. 9	37	27	0.00	4.6	25	NNE
Dec. 10	29	23	0.00	6.9	23	NNE
Dec. 11	39	22	0.00	4.3	21	N
Dec. 12	35	31	0.00	1.1	13	N
Dec. 13	44	31	0.00	1.1	12	NW

### Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.00	0.0	0.42
December to Date	0.03	1.1	0.78
Year to Date	27.61	4.5	27.35

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, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Food pantry open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

A blood drive will be held from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. Appointments preferred. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

The Alcona County Library board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their regular monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. Entertainment will include a short holiday skit. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin, (989) 727-3350 or Don Cattleberry, (989) 354-5504 for more information.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 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, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group meeting open to the public will be held at the EMS-EOC building at 2600 East M-72 starting at 6:30 p.m. Anyone in-

terested in Amateur Radio emergency and public service communications is invited to attend. Free refreshments to be served. Please contact Stan Darmofal, at 724-5550 or see [www.alconaradio.org](http://www.alconaradio.org) for further information.

Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. Everyone is welcome.

A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

A chicken dinner and Christmas sing-a-long with Judge Laura Frawley will be held at 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Dinner and refreshments is \$9 per person and reservations are required. For more information, call Sharon at (989) 724-5216. This event is sponsored by the Greenbush Chamber of Commerce.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

A pizza night will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. All proceeds to benefit Toys for Tots. For more information, contact Shirley at (989) 335-0461.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For details, call (989) 736-8879.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. 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 East F-30, Mikado. For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Two separate no-cost FCC Technician Level Amateur Radio classes will be held beginning at 9 a.m. at the EMS building located at 2600 East M-72 (south side), six miles west of US-23. Study material must be completed prior to the classes. An FCC exam session for all amateur radio levels will be held immediately following the conclusion of the technician

classes. The standard FCC exam fee applies. Contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 to obtain additional details and to register for the class and/or exam session.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

A children's Christmas party will be held at 1 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Children will meet Santa and have lunch.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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### Super Crossword

Answers

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People in Need

My Brother's Hope is in continuing urgent need of personal care items, especially shampoo and conditioner, clean, gently used towels and sheets, and diapers, size 5. Donations may be taken to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library during regular library hours, and to the Cozy Cabin Beauty Shop, 215 S. 2nd Street, Lincoln, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Clarification

Dr. Dan O'Brien, veterinary specialist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), made the following statement to provide some clarification in the story "Bovine TB still an issue in northern Michigan" in the December 3 issue of the Review — in the third full paragraph on page six that begins "If we are able...", what I meant to say and should have conveyed more clearly was this. "Our modeling research indicates that if we are able to sustain the same hunter effort we've had so far relative to deer numbers and baiting compliance, we should expect only about a half percent decrease in TB prevalence (from what it is now) over the next 30 years. But it's very likely that TB won't be gone entirely. As far as the progress that has already been made, we (that is, hunters and the DNR) have reduced TB prevalence in the deer herd in Deer Management Unit 452 by about 65 percent since 1995 (from 4.9 percent with TB in 1995 to 1.7 percent as of 2013)."

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. 22— Fishwich on a bun, broccoli cheese rice, green beans, coleslaw and fruit.

• Tuesday, Dec. 23— Smoked sausage, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, pickled beets and fruit.  
• All centers closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Dec. 26.

Away at School

Ben Buchner, a former Harrisville resident and student at Alcona Community Schools, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the National Aviation Academy in Clearwater, Fla. To achieve this status he maintained an overall grade point average of 96.23. Buchner's grades were divided among general aviation, airplane power plant and airframe maintenance and mechanics and he had to pass oral and practical exams to receive his government ratings in each of the categories. He was also awarded Top Aviation Technician of his graduating class as voted by his instructors and fellow classmates.



Ben Buchner

In attendance at his graduation on October 28 were his parents, Bill Buchner of Harrisville and Gale (Anson) Rowley of Hubbard Lake; his grandmother, Alice Kohut of Hubbard Lake; sister Jen Buchner of Harrisville; and brother Bruce (Kelsey Gagnon) Buchner of Saginaw, Mich.

Following graduation Buchner was hired by General Atomics of Los Angeles, Calif. He will be moving and begin his new career in southern California in the very near future.

Tax Season Volunteers

Anyone looking for a way to help their community is asked to consider becoming a tax volunteer to provide free tax return preparation for people who need tax help but can't afford it. People with low-to-moderate incomes, seniors and people with disabilities usually qualify for this free service. No previous experience is required. Volunteers receive specialized training in January and have the option of serving in a variety of roles. The AARP and the IRS provide equipment and materials that allow volunteers to prepare basic individual income tax returns.

Volunteers learn many aspects of tax return preparation. This includes tax deductions and credits that benefit eligible taxpayers, like the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Michigan Property Tax Credits and Heating Credit. The hours to volunteer are flexible. Volunteers generally serve an average of three to five hours per week. After successful training in January, a volunteer may volunteer at any of the sites through the tax filing deadline which will be April 15, 2015. Volunteers are needed at the two locations in Alpena, as well as locations in Tawas, Oscoda, Hale, Lincoln and Hillman.

Those volunteering will become part of a program that has helped people file tax returns at no charge for more than four decades. It is people helping people. For more information, call Donice at (989) 255-4513 or visit the AARP volunteer website www.aarp.org/volunteer.



Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Voice of Democracy Contest winners are (from left) Nicole Walen, first place and Morgan Stewart, second place, with Ron Skiba, chairman of the Voice of Democracy committee for VFW Post No. 6466. This year's theme is "Why veterans are important to our nation's history and future." "I personally want to thank both girls for their well thought out answers to this year's theme. Both entrants were very thoughtful and dramatically written. A lot of patriotism was evident," Skiba said. *Courtesy photo.*

# Outgoing supervisor receives honor

At a recent Alcona Township Board meeting, honors were given to former Supervisor Roger Carlin for his outstanding contribution to the township's harbor and beach park in Black River.

Carlin, who stepped down from the supervisor position in September, was instrumental in improving the park.

According to newly appointed Alcona Township Supervisor Marlena MacNeill, he and his wife, Peggy, worked tirelessly along with community volunteers, to transform the public access to Black River and Lake Huron from an overgrown jungle of trees to the inviting and welcoming site it is today.

Residents who saw the transformation over time felt recognition was in order and had a plaque made that will be installed at the park area in the spring. "We wanted to do something that would memorialize Roger's efforts and commitment to the public, specifically at the park, but in general over all in his many years as Alcona Township Supervisor," said Terry Wortley, who initiated the idea.

MacNeill said, "The plaque was a really kind gesture and is a measure of the deep re-



Former Alcona Township Supervisor Roger Carlin accepts a plaque for his work on the Alcona Township Park from recently appointed Supervisor Marlena MacNeill. *Courtesy photo.*

spect and appreciation Roger garnered as township supervisor. And it's no wonder, Roger served Alcona Township citizens giving unselfishly of his time, energy, and talents and was dedicated to ensuring the quality of life here. His quiet, solid leadership and commitment to the greater good will be missed and difficult to match."

MacNeill, who served on the Alcona Township Board

as a trustee for the last several years, was selected by the board to serve the remaining two years of Carlin's term.

MacNeill can be contacted at (989) 727-3788 or at macne01@charter.net. Go to alconatownship.com for more information about meeting dates, contact information for other members of the board, and general information about Alcona Township.

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\$330,000 for the 20 counties it serves. Funding for 2-1-1 comes through a variety of sources, according to 2-1-1 Executive Director Sarah Kile. "Each county in our service area pays 15 cents per person in their county. In many counties the local United Way contributes a portion of the amount. Some counties get private contributions, some get county, city and township donations and still do fundraisers like garage sales and donation tins. The rest comes from corporate sponsors such as Dow Chemical Company and Consumers Energy," Kile said.

Brummund said 2-1-1 just received a \$2,500 grant from FirstMerit Bank. She said for the 15 cents per person Alcona County pays annually, the service is too valuable not to have. "If we help even just one person a year, it's worth it. If I was a young mother and lost my job and didn't know how I was going to feed my children or keep them warm, I could call 2-1-1 and get the information I need to help my family. Paying for 2-1-1 is part of what we can do for mankind," Brummund said.

She explained the need for 2-1-1 service varies depending on the caller's situation. "I heard (that) a call came into 2-1-1 from a single father. His young daughter needed a backpack when she started school and (he) didn't know much about it, so he called 2-1-1. During the conversation he shared with the 2-1-1 professional he was trying to get his little girl ready for school on a limited income and it was difficult to know what was needed and available," Brummund said.

She explained the father

received referral information about free lunches, where to get free clothing and coats and where to get a backpack. In all, the father received nine different referrals to help get his little girl started with school in the best possible way.

According to Brummund, the service is only as good as the efforts from organizations in which the caller is referred to. She said it's not a guarantee of service, such as heating assistance funds being readily available to a person in need.

Any person or group that wants to help should contact 2-1-1 to share what service they can offer. It's also important to call and let 2-1-1 know when the offer can no longer be given, Brummund said.

Kile explained 2-1-1 exists to give people access to up-to-date information which sometimes changes rapidly. One example might be the health department which changed procedure, or lost or gained funding for a service. She said callers can call 2-1-1 to see if the service is still available in their community. "It's a place to go to get real, up-to-date information... 2-1-1, just three simple numbers which can make a world of difference in a time of need."

For more information about 2-1-1, visit [www.211-nemichigan.org](http://www.211-nemichigan.org)

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# Calendar of Events



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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Food pantry open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan

Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Join the Harrisville Nature Club for the 115<sup>th</sup> Audubon Society Christmas bird count. Meet at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 10 a.m. Materials will be handed out for the four bird sections in east Alcona County. Final bird data will be tallied back at the library. For more information, call Frank Apsey at (989) 724-3056.

**TUESDAY,**

**DECEMBER 30**

There will be an Awesome Art Project from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library, 2291 South F-41. This is a free program or ages eight and up. Snacks included. For more information, call (989) 736-8389.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2**

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For details, call (989)

736-8879.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

A soup and pie luncheon will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The public is welcome.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

A rock painting class will be held at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, call Armondo

Calles at (989) 747-0307 or the library at (989) 724-6796.

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring proof of residency in Alcona County and proof of income.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**

Weight Loss Support group will meet at 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 101 East Main Street in Lincoln. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**

A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For details, call (989) 736-8879.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harris-

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# Alcona boys basketball starts season with 1-1 in opening week

**By Jordan Steiner**  
Basketball Writer

The Alcona varsity boys basketball team lost its first game of the season, but bounced back in the second game and was able to use a strong second half to notch a win.

The Tigers are returning six seniors and seven juniors to the team this year. The seniors consist of Trenton LaVergne (co-captain), Jason Steiner (co-captain), Brandon Smigelski, Brandon Ritchie (co-captain), Nick Lamantia and Chase Matthews. The juniors are Jeff Schram, Nate Swinson, Alec Link, Isaac Dubuque, Hunter Sullivan, Mitchell Havercroft and Tristan Gordy.

Alcona started the season on Tuesday, Dec. 9 by heading down to play powerhouse Bay City John Glenn. The Bobcats beat the Tigers 55-41. Alcona's offense struggled to get started while the Bobcats stormed out with eight straight points and led 14-4 at the end of the first quarter.

At the start of the second quarter the Tigers still struggled, but were finally able to get something going, and got to within four points before John Glenn went on another spurt to end the half at 27-18. After that the Bobcats never looked back as they won the game 55-41.

Trenton LaVergne led Alcona in scoring with 20 points and Jason Steiner posted 11, while Alec Link helped with six points and Nate Swinson and Brandon Smigelski pitched in with two points apiece.

In the second game of the week on December 11, the Tigers hosted the AuGres Wolverines. They dominated the second half and won the game 60-34. Again Alcona's offense struggled out of the gate, but was able to get



Trenton LaVergne dribbles into position as teammates Jason Steiner (14) and Brandon Ritchie (24) look on. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

something going when Smigelski hit a three-pointer to narrow the Wolverine lead as the half ended with AuGres up 24-21.

Whatever Coach Brian Somers said to the team in the locker room at half time worked as the Tigers roared out on a 7-0 run thanks to the efforts of LaVergne and Havercroft. The Tigers weren't done as they scored another 17 points to bring their lead to 45-31 at the end of the third quarter. In that stretch LaVergne scored six points, Steiner scored nine and Smigelski made two points with a jump-shot.

The Tigers put up another 15 points in the fourth quarter thanks to jump shots from Hunter Sullivan and Chase Matthews. They dominated on defense. Steiner and LaVergne had active hands on the defensive end, leading to several fast break points and assists.

LaVergne had 25 points and Steiner had 15 to lead the scoring. Smigelski and Havercroft put up 10 and four points respectively while Matthews, Sullivan and Brandon Ritchie pitched in with two apiece. Alcona played at Mio on Monday, Dec. 15 and hosts Tawas on Wednesday, Dec. 17 which will be the last game until January because of the holiday break.

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**VFW Post No. 6745 Ladies Auxiliary**

Twelve members attended the December meeting along with one guest, Diane Kunst, District 11 Conductress. The minutes from the November meeting were read by Emma Liske, secretary. There was one correction to the minutes. The treasurer's report was read by Sandy Light, treasurer, and she also reported that the second dues notice was mailed to 16 members.

The Sanborn School November 11 program was attended by ladies auxiliary members Arlene Lay, Kathy Vichunas and Frances Ziesman and post members Louie Bey, Don Bushey, Chuck Gauthier, Ken Kowalski, Mike Scott and Al Vichunas.

Christmas fruit baskets will be prepared by Donna Bushey and Frances Ziesman and they will be delivered in the near future. The members observed the 95th birth-

day of Bertha Golder by singing "Happy Birthday."

The next meeting of ladies auxiliary and post members is on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015.



**Greatest Birding Moment**  
As the year comes to a close, I love to reflect on my greatest birding moment. This year it was the male painted bunting that came to my yard for an afternoon. He was more beautiful than any picture I've seen. I simply love birding. It's great fun!

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# Lady Tigers face tough teams

**By Hope Smith**  
Sportswriter

The Alcona girl's varsity basketball team headed south on Friday, Dec. 12 to take on AuGres Sims High School. The Lady Tigers worked hard to keep the game close with only one basket separating the teams for the first three quarters 8-6, 18-16-18, and 31-29.

However, in the final period Alcona committed a few errors which allowed AuGres Sims to pull away just in time to secure the 46-40 victory.

Kendra Cole turned up the heat offensively and defensively; she scored 18 points and pulled down 15 rebounds -- her third double double this season. Nicole Walen contributed 10 points and seven rebounds. Sydney Pierce had five points and five rebounds. Torie Harmon put up four points, grabbed four rebounds and made four assists. Alissa Terpstra added two points and had four rebounds and Keilee Elmer delivered one free throw.

"Turnovers and missed free throws down the stretch got us tonight. Our effort was much better, but we still need to play four complete quarters," said coach Brad Cole.

With another game on the road, the Lady Tigers went up against the Atlanta Huskies on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Alcona jumped out to the early 24-2 lead in the first quarter and never slowed down cruising to a 41-7 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, the

Lady Tigers continued their offensive push outscoring the Huskies 13-5 to end the period with the 54-12 lead. They finished with a 69-14 win. "After four games in eight days it is nice to win. Great team effort with everyone scoring," said Cole.

K. Cole had another strong night with 17 points, 10 rebounds, four assists and four blocks. Harmon added 13 points, Elmer stepped up with nine points and three steals; Forsythe had six points and eight rebounds. Pierce put up six points; Walen added five points and nine rebounds. Jessica Grove had five points, Terpstra made four points and Claire Feldhiser and Samantha Schopfer each had two points.

The Lady Tigers had home court advantage on Monday, Dec. 8 against the Alpena Wildcats. Alcona took control offensively early to secure a 12-5 lead and maintained the narrow 18-16 lead going into halftime. After the break both teams battled for the lead but Pierce knotted the score at 31 to end the third quarter. In the final

quarter the Lady Tigers struggled to find an offensive rhythm to keep pace with the Wildcats and were quickly outscored 20-6 to earn the 51-37 loss to the Wildcats.

Pierce led the Lady Tigers with 10 points and four rebounds. Harmon put up nine points; Cole added six points, nine rebounds and three steals. Terpstra made four points, Schopfer and Elmer each had two points and Forsythe pulled down five rebounds.

"I know we started off (against) three of the toughest teams in our schedule, but we obviously have a lot to do to get to our potential," coach Cole said. "We are going to have to work harder to prove ourselves."

Alcona's junior varsity team came up short 50-36 to the Wildcats.

Alcona played host to the Mio Thunderbolts on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and will travel to Fairview on Friday, Dec. 19 for the last game before winter break. The Lady Tigers will be back in action on January 5, 2015 when they host the Tawas Braves.



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## Bowling

### Huron

December 9

Seven	113	97
Gary Oil	111	99
Harbortown Pi.	104.5	105.5
Lincoln Preci.	103	107
Rob's Repair	100.5	109.5
Back Alley Bar	98	112
High game: Dave Baker,	246.	
High series: Jimmy Armstrong,	661.	
High handicap game: Frank Belloli,	302.	
High handicap series: Jerry Blaszak,	780.	

### Wednesday Nite Women's

December 3

Lincoln Prec.	107	43
Alcona Tool	93	57
Back Alley Bar	84	66
Ark Plumbing	77.5	72.5
Alcona Abstract	77	73
JB's Auto	67	83
Stoney Acres	55.5	94.5
High game and series: Carla James,	237 and 621.	
High handicap game and series: Carla James,	261 and 693.	

December 10

Lincoln Prec.	123	57
Back Alley Bar	105	75
Alcona Tool	102	78
Alcona Abstract	96.5	83.5
Ark Plumbing	88	92
JB's Auto	81	99
Stoney Acres	80.5	99.5
High game: Gale Rowley,	211.	
High series: Sherry Klukowski,	589.	
High handicap game: Carol Wenzel,	266.	
High handicap series: Sherry Klukowski,	724.	

### He's & She's

December 5

Wine Tards	141	69
Splits Happen	135	75
Up Your Alley	134	76
Part Timers	116.5	93.5
3 Right/Wrong	109.5	100.5
Family Affair	81	129
Wild Ones	74	136
Men's high game: Stephen Weichel,	259.	
Men's high series: Dave Glazar,	654.	
Men's high handicap game: Stephen,	285.	
Men's high handicap series: Dave Glazar,	687.	
Women's high game and series: Gale Rowley,	214 and 542.	
Women's high handicap game and series: Lauren Desonia,	267 and 705.	

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## Pool League

### Alcona Women's

December 11

Mikado Tavern	58
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Glennie Tavern	41

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Iosco County Area Public School Districts  
Second Semester 2014-2015 School Year  
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3	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
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7	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
8	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
9	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
10	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
11	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
12	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

The above identified Iosco County Public Schools will now accept applications from non resident pupils for Second Semester Enrollment of the 2014-15 school year. Applications are now available. Completed applications for Unlimited student enrollment in Hale Area Schools, Oscoda Area Schools, Tawas Area Schools and Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools will be accepted January 12, 2015 thru January 23, 2015.

To obtain an application, contact the superintendent's office in the Schools of Choice district.

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# Targeting walleye throughout the day

When anglers target walleye through the ice they often experience different levels of activity as the day progresses. In early morning, around sunrise, the fish will be active and you may want to use larger lures and more aggressive jigging.

As time wears on those fish will scale their intensity back - during that time you'll want to select smaller lures.

When all activity seems to have dropped off you'll want to consider sitting tight and waiting for the fish to come to you. Then, as sunset nears, often their activity will pick up and you'll want to revert back to your early morning strategies.

Want even more tips on fishing for walleye? Check out their page on the Michigan Fish and How to Catch Them website.

*This tip was adapted from Michigan Outdoor News.*

Northeast Lower Peninsula December 11

- Grand Lake: Ice anglers were fishing in the shallow bays only.

- Long Lake: Also had ice anglers fishing in the shallow bays.

- Thunder Bay River: The number of fish has dropped but anglers were still taking a couple steelhead up near the 9th Street Dam.

- Otsego Lake: Ice anglers were fishing in shallow waters along the shoreline.

- Oscoda: Pier anglers fishing at night were still picking up some whitefish and the occasional walleye.

## Northeast Michigan Fishing Report



Ice conditions are still sketchy. Anglers should observe caution. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

- AuSable River: So far, the launch ramps are fine and steelhead are being caught. Water temperatures were in the mid 30s. The forecast for the weekend looks to be very good for river fishing but it might be a good idea to pack some rock salt or sand just in case the ramps ice up.

- Lake Margrethe: Ice fishing is underway, however, anglers need to use caution.

- Houghton Lake: Ice anglers can be found off Harvey's Marina in the East Bay. The ice is clear with no snow so be sure to bring cleats for easier travel. Some are using tip-ups while others are jigging. For walleye, try blues and perch minnows and for pike use anything that has some flash to it.

- Lake St. Helen: Was producing some nice northern pike.

*(The Weekly Fishing Report is intended to give anglers an "idea" of what is going on around the state. Updates for the report come from DNR Fisheries creel clerks and field staff as well as DNR conservation officers working in the field. For those looking for specific information on a certain body of water or port, it is safe to say if a certain species is being caught in some waters in the area, more than likely they are being caught in all waters in that section of the state that have that species. This report has been provided by the DNR Fisheries Division; (517) 284-5830; located in Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Mich. 48933.)*

## Bowling

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Early Bloomers December 9		
Daffodils	213.5	146.5
Buttercups	204	156
Marigolds	200	160
Mums	178	182
Rosebuds	164.5	195.5
Violets	120	240
High game and series: Carla Travis, 181 and 433.		
High team game and series: 418 and 1,233.		

Sportsman December 11		
Phil's Barber	108.5	80.5
Village Lanes	107.5	81.5
AuSable Inn	101	88
We R Versatile	97.5	91.5
Cole's Appl.	78.5	110.5
LLW	74	115
High game: Larry Yingling, 288.		
High series: Jimmy Armstrong, 748.		
High handicap game: Larry Yingling, 337.		
High handicap series: Larry Elmer, 831.		

Minors December 13		
Tigers	73	18
Red Skulls	44	21
Girl Power	39	52
Boy's high game and series: Garrett Somers, 79 and 132.		
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 86 and 145.		
Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 206 and 385.		

Majors December 13		
Crazy Kids	127.5	61.5
Spare Happens	96.5	92.5
Pin Busters	92	96
Lucky 7	59	121
Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 195 and 522.		
Boy's high handicap game: Cory Hoffman, 240.		
Boy's high handicap series: Luke Loyer, 668.		
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 131 and 353.		
Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hoffman, 214 and 602.		

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The Board of Education of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, will receive sealed bids on a pool blanket/cover with wall mount radio control winder for the Oscoda High School pool. Sealed bids will be received until 1 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2015. Bid documents are available on the District's website, www.oscodaschools.org and clicking on Board of Education, or at the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education Office located at 3550 East River Road, Oscoda, Michigan 48750, or by calling (989) 739-2033.

All bids must be sealed and clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope: OHS Pool Cover. Bid packets should be submitted to Susan Barnhart, Central Office Manager, Oscoda Area Schools, 3550 East River Road, Oscoda, Michigan 48750. Bids are to be submitted no later than 1 p.m. local time on Monday, January 19, 2015. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No or, e-mail, telephonic, or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. The bid shall also be accompanied by a sworn or notarized statement disclosing whether the bidder is an Iran Linked Business in compliance with PA 517 of 2010. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include these sworn and notarized disclosure statements.

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Mark A. Parent  
Secretary, Board of Education

# Fire danger increases during holidays

While the holidays are a time for celebration and gathering together with family and friends, it is also a time for heightened awareness of the dangers of fire.

"The holiday season is a time when the risk of experiencing a house fire is increased," said Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Ashley Simpson. "Some contributing factors

include increased cooking in the kitchen, Christmas trees that get dry, the use of candles, electrical outlets that become overloaded, frayed electrical cords, unsafe holiday decorations and increased commotion in the house that might leave children unattended."

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, one of every three home Christmas tree

fires are caused by electrical problems.

The good news is these tragedies can be avoided by adopting some basic fire safety behaviors. Simpson offered the following fire safety reminders.

- Take care when choosing a live Christmas tree. Do not purchase one that's dry or losing its needles. Set the tree in a large, tip-proof stand, away from heat sources and exits, and water it daily. Keep presents away from hot tree lights.

- Carefully inspect decorative lights for worn or frayed cords before use. Only purchase lights and electrical decorations bearing the name of an independent testing lab (such as U. L.) and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and maintenance.

- Always unplug lights, both inside and outside, before leaving the house or going to bed.

- Choose flame-resistant, flame retardant or non-combustible materials for holiday decorations whenever possible.

- When using candles, place them in large, tip-proof, heat resistant holders and keep them away from combustibles, children and pets.

- Take extra care when cooking. Avoid having large crowds of people in the kitchen and never leave cooking unattended. Keep the stove area clean to avoid grease fires.

- Have your chimney and furnace professionally inspected and cleaned. Don't burn gift-wrappings in the fireplace, as this can cause chimney fires.

- If you have to use space heaters, keep them at least three feet from any combustible surface or material. Don't let children near space heaters, and never use them when you are asleep.

- Have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home, especially outside a sleeping areas. Test alarms monthly and replace batteries at least once a year.



Gabe Schnieder, (left) regional representative for Senator Carl Levin, stopped by the Alcona County Board of Commission meeting recently to deliver a framed copy of the federal registration expanding the Marine Sanctuary from the shores of Presque Isle to the shores of Alcona County in Lake Huron. The copy had a personal message written by Senator Levin congratulating Alcona County on the expansion. Commissioner Kevin Boyat (right) accepted it on behalf of the county. *Photo by Mary Weber.*



Part of traditional Yule or Christmas celebrations in several European cultures, burning the yule log stretches back many centuries. Celtic pagans decorated oak logs and burned them for 12 days during winter solstice. Afterwards they tossed the ashes on fields or put them inside amulets, but kept a piece of the charred log to light the new log for the next year's solstice.

*- Brenda Weaver*  
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# Are we home yet?

**By Warren MacNeill**  
Columnist

We are deep into the Christmas season. It's a time for securing old bonds and a time for building new ones. This is a true time of coming home.

The old saying, "home is where the heart is" has a quality of truth to it. A person wants to be where they are appreciated. During a recent vacation I had the chance to have that feeling.

In October we had the amazing opportunity to spend a couple of weeks in Scotland. This adventure started when our daughter was invited to go on a red stag hunt in the Scottish Highlands. I try to be with my kids when they are hunting so I skillfully wormed our way into going. The hunt itself was only three days, but I thought if we were traveling that far we were going to make the most of it.

The first thing on the itinerary was to visit my ancestral home. Our journey started with a stopover at Kisimul Castle in the town of Castlebay on the Island of Barra. Barra is in the outer Hebrides Islands and a five hour ferry ride from the mainland. Kisimul Castle is the historic location of the Clan MacNeill since the 11th century and was the last active feudal castle in Europe.

On the ferry ride we met another tourist named Lisa MacNeil from Cape Cod, Maine. Lisa was also on a pilgrimage to Kisimul to fulfill the need to see where she came from and to touch her home stone.

As we pulled into Castlebay we passed the shadow of Kisimul Castle. I had a very strong feeling that I had been there before. It could be from years of studying the location or it could be something much deeper. We walked off the boat with Lisa, where she was greeted by a driver from a different hotel than ours. He invited us to put our luggage into his vehicle and of-



## Eastside Outside

*By Warren MacNeill*

ferred to take us to our hotel which was on the way. I tried to protest but he said, "we are an island community, we all work together." He refused my attempt of a tip stating, "This is Barra, and we are family."

It was well after dark when we pulled our luggage into the lobby of the Castlebay Hotel. We were greeted at the front desk by Mairi MacNeil, a true highland island princess. I signed the registry and Mairi looked at my name. With a perfect TV Scottish brogue she looked me in the eye and said, "Welcome home Warren." She said my name in a lyrical way like I have never heard it said before. Her words made me almost gasp. Her welcome gave me a feeling of belonging that I was yearning for. I had needed to feel like I was a part of this ancient site, part of something bigger than myself.

The next day we awoke to a breathtaking panoramic view of Castlebay and Kisimul Castle. We had a very fun filled and interesting three days on Barra. We soon found out that these island people had mainly four last names, MacNeill, Campbell, Mac-Dougal and MacKinnon. We also found that everyone knew each other. It felt like being home.

By the second day, wherever we went we were being called by our first names and we were calling relations and new friends by theirs. It was amusing to me that anytime something strange or different happened, the explanation was, "This is Barra." It became an excuse or explanation for many things. For

some strange reason this made perfect sense to me.

There is also a saying on Barra that explained a lot for me about some of my "issues." They say, "When a Highlander opens his mouth you can see what's in his heart." This is a great excuse for a leaky filter.

We met Lisa again on the crossing back to the mainland. Her stay on Barra was quite different than ours but equally rewarding. Her goal was to see objects; our goal was to meet people. Both of us found what we were looking for; what we took away from our visits far outreached our expectations. The problem was our visit left us wanting more.

The trip was amazing from beginning to end but during the entire time I was haunted by the statement made by Mairi MacNeil, at the hotel desk at Castlebay, "Welcome Home." That single statement still pulls me back to Barra. Someday I will give in to that pull and return.

I don't know if Mairi was trained in hospitality or hotel management. I don't know if she even realized the impact of what she said. She had nothing to gain or lose by us coming back; she had a natural love for people and her home.

After two weeks in Scotland, our vacation was over. It was two weeks spent eating fresh fish, finding out that a lively conversation is more important than any television show and learning that banter and a good, lively debate are held in high regard. I also discovered that if

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### PUBLIC HEARING Curtis Township Zoning Ordinance

The Curtis Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on text amendment changes to the Curtis Township Zoning Ordinance at 7 p.m. on January 5, 2015 in the Curtis Township Hall at 4932 F-30, Glennie, Michigan 48737.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the proposed text amendment changes. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the public hearing to: PC Chair Ken Walls, Curtis Township, P.O. Box 90, Glennie, MI 48737.

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# Shepler's taps Moran Iron Works to build new ferry by summer

A \$3.8 million ferry, thought to be the first ever built in Michigan, will soon be under construction at Moran Iron Works in Onaway, Mich.

Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry is investing in the project both to provide customers with the latest in ferry travel and to help bolster the northeast Michigan economy. "The idea of building a climate-controlled ferry for our customers right here in Michigan - instead of sending the work elsewhere - really appealed to us," said Bill Shepler, CEO of Shepler's. "As a third-generation family business, we're focused on giving back to the region that has been so good to us."

Shepler and Tom Moran, CEO and founder of Moran Iron Works, announced the project recently at Moran's fabrication facility, where pre-production processing and planning are already under way.

The 85-foot, all-aluminum ferry - to be christened "Miss Margy," after Shepler's mother - is scheduled to carry its first passengers in July 2015. It will include an air-conditioned cabin, as well as a ventilation system to remove interior condensation from windows, improving the view for passengers during inclement weather.

"We're proud to work with Shepler's on one of the most unique passenger vessels on the Great Lakes," said Moran. "An all-aluminum hull, three of the most modern and powerful marine engines on the Great Lakes, along with the most advanced cabin comforts, make this project sophisticated and challenging."

"This provides thousands of man hours of work to northeast Michigan and demonstrates the Shepler family's commitment to providing jobs for our communities," Moran said.

Presque Isle County's non-seasonally adjusted jobless rate was 7.9 percent in October, according to the Michigan Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. Only six of the state's 83 counties had worse rates.

The keel will be laid in mid-January and the hull completed over the next four months. The ferry will then be launched through Moran's Port Calcite Collaborative, a deep-water port in nearby Rogers City, Mich., and transported to Shepler's facility in Mackinaw City, Mich. where seating will be installed and painting done.

The 281-passenger ferry, Shepler's largest, will have a top speed of about 40 mph. Shepler's has a fleet of five passenger ferries and one cargo vessel.

Moran and Shepler's have previously collaborated on modifications for two vessels, but this is their first ferry construction project. Ferries are usually constructed in ship building meccas, such

as Louisiana or Sturgeon Bay, Wis. "But for this project, we liked the idea of watching it being built and having a say in how it was being built," Shepler said. "This may be Moran's first ferry, but they are so particular in what they do that there was no question in our minds that this was the right way to go. Moran is the epitome of doing it right."

Miss Margy will be a K Class passenger vessel built in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Moran is working with SeaCraft Design, a naval architecture and design firm based in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., for the vessel design.

Moran Iron Works is a national leader in custom modular steel fabrication, specializing in work for power, marine, mining, and other industries. The company has its corporate headquarters and largest manufacturing facility in Onaway, Mich. and also operates a manufacturing facility in Cheboygan, Mich. and a port and fabrication facility in Rogers City, Mich. For more information, visit [www.moraniron.com](http://www.moraniron.com).

The Shepler family has provided transportation to Mackinac Island, Mich. since 1945, starting with a speed boat piloted by Captain William H. Shepler, Bill Shepler's father. In 2015 Shepler's will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> year in business. Today, Shepler's daily operations are handled by Captain Shepler's grandchildren, Chris, Patty and Billy. See [www.sheplersferry.com](http://www.sheplersferry.com) for more information.

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5	Unlimited	12	2 Openings
6	Unlimited		

Applications for limited seats available for second semester of the 2014-2015 school year will be accepted from December 15, 2014 to January 22, 2015. Applications received after January 22<sup>nd</sup> cannot be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified by mail after January 22, 2015. For further information or an application, contact Alcona Community Schools, 51 N. Barlow Rd., P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, MI 48742 or call (989) 736-6212 or visit [www.alconaschools.net](http://www.alconaschools.net).

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## Home Continued from page 11A

you want to irritate a Scotsman, agree with everything they say. With a renewed appreciation for human interaction and diverse viewpoints we made our journey home.

After we flew back into the U.S., I stopped at a gas station by the airport for fuel and a drink. At the counter I was met by a clerk that wouldn't even look up from his cell phone to take my money. He did say, "Have a nice day," but it sounded almost sarcastic, like a scene from a Saturday Night Live sketch spoofing poor service. The sad part was, I was home and I didn't feel welcome.

I'm not saying that everyone in Scotland was like Mairi and I'm surely not saying everyone here is like the gas station attendant. In fact, if you really want to feel "welcome" sit at one of Jill's tables at The Flour Garden in Harrisville or get waited on by the bandanna girl at B. C. General in Barton City.

I am not often the traveler, but what I have found is that no matter where people go they want to feel like they are home and they are with fam-

ily. Even though we are not on an island we are our own little family community. We are a community that has our own celebrated idiosyncrasies and quirks. That's okay, hey, "this is Alcona."

The area that we live in is heavily dependent on visitors for our survival. Visitors that travel to our area come here for a specific reason. The reason could be family, it could be that they once lived here or it could be to visit a new area. But one thing that they are all looking for is their Mairi, a person who makes them feel at home.

We can all be Mairi to at least one person this season, a person asking the question, "Are we home yet?"

Merry Christmas. I wish you home for the holidays.  
~ Warren

(A native of Alcona County, Warren MacNeill has been a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for more than 20 years. He lives in Harrisville.)

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# Come All Ye Faithful

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## *Spruce Lutheran Church*

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### **CANDLELIGHT FESTIVE WORSHIP**

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 8 p.m.**

Candlelight Service with Communion.

**Christmas Day Worship** ~ to be celebrated with your family in Christ at the church of your choice. No services will be held at Spruce Lutheran Church.



## **GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Sunday, December 21; 11 a.m.

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### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**



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### **CANDLELIGHT FESTIVE WORSHIP**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 5 p.m.

Communion Candle Light Service

**Christmas Day Worship** ~ to be celebrated with your family in Christ at the church of your choice. No services will be held at Trinity Lutheran.

## **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

[www.standrewschurchharrisville.org](http://www.standrewschurchharrisville.org)

### **Sunday Eucharist**

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 9:30 a.m.

### **Christmas Eve Eucharist**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 5 p.m.

### **Lessons & Carols**

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 a.m.

### **Festival of Lights**

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### **CANDLELIGHT FESTIVE WORSHIP**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 8 p.m.

**Christmas Day Worship** ~ to be celebrated with your family in Christ at the church of your choice. No services will be held at New Life Lutheran.

## **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

### **201 Second St., Harrisville CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 11 a.m.

Candlelight Communion Service

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 7 p.m.

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## **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**

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### **Christmas Eve Service**

Wednesday, December 24 at 7 p.m.



## **Christmas Schedule for Catholic Churches**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Wednesday, December 24

St. Anne Catholic Church, Harrisville-4 p.m.

St. Raphael Catholic Church, Mikado-6 p.m.

St. Catherine Catholic Church, Ossineke-8 p.m.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Thursday, December 25

St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Black River-9 a.m.

St. Catherine Catholic Church, Ossineke-11 a.m.



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### **Christmas Eve Service**

Wednesday, December 24 at 7 p.m.



# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Shared housing can help seniors in many ways

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 What can you tell me about senior home-sharing programs? Since my father passed away last year, my mom, who's 70, is interested in renting out a room in her house for some extra income and for the companionship. Is this a wise idea?

Housemate Hunting

Dear Hunting,  
 It could be a great idea if your mom has the space and can find the right housemate/renter.

Shared housing among older adults has gotten a lot of attention lately as more and more people are recognizing that they can use their home to get help with a variety of needs, such as generating income, getting help with household chores, and even finding some much needed companionship.

But home sharing isn't for everyone. Your mom needs to carefully consider the pros and cons of renting out a room in her house, and make

a list of what she wants (and doesn't want) in a housemate/renter.

To help her sort this out, the National Shared Housing Resource Center offers a 16-page "Consumers Guide to Home Sharing" that provides a self-questionnaire to those considering renting their home, along with a list of renter's questions and important points to discuss, and a sample home-sharing lease agreement that lays out the details in writing. This guide costs \$10 and can be ordered at [nationalsharedhousing.org](http://nationalsharedhousing.org).

After going through the guide, if your mom wants to proceed in finding a renter, a good first step is to contact a home-sharing program in her area that matches adults who are looking for shared housing with older adults who are looking to rent.

These programs handle background checks and other screenings, and consider lifestyle criteria when making matches. They can also help

her with the leasing agreement that the renter would sign that covers issues like smoking, pets, chores, overnight guests, use of common rooms, et cetera.

Most home-sharing programs are free to use or request a small donation. Others, however, may charge the homeowner and potential renter a fee for this service.

There are dozens of home-sharing programs throughout the U.S. You can find a list at the National Shared Housing Resource Center website at [nationalsharedhousing.org](http://nationalsharedhousing.org).

If you don't find a program that serves your area, you can also search for housemates through national resources like Let's Share Housing ([letssharehousing.com](http://letssharehousing.com)), the Golden Girls Network ([goldengirlsnetwork.com](http://goldengirlsnetwork.com)) and Roommates 4 Boomers ([roommates4boomers.com](http://roommates4boomers.com)). All of these programs offer national web-based matching programs and charge membership fees that run



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# Michigan DNR's fire program celebrates 100 year anniversary

Historically, it's the years with the large wildfires that garner the most public attention. For example, in 2012 – the year of the Duck Lake fire – 497 fires burned 23,814 acres.

In 2014, Michigan set a new record when it came to wildfires – a record low. This past fire season, 167 fires burned 550 acres across the state. “The record low numbers for wildfires can be attributed to damp weather conditions,” said Paul Kollmeyer, who oversees the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) wildfire suppression and prevention efforts.

In addition to the wet weather conditions keeping fire numbers low, Kollmeyer said the DNR’s work to spread fire prevention messages has been key in helping to reduce the number of wildfires caused by people. “Nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by people,” he said. “Our strategy has always been to get an educational prevention message out to folks of all ages. Through our efforts most people now take extra steps to be careful with fire. They also understand that they need to check if the DNR is issuing burn permits before they burn leaves and yard debris.”

Spreading the fire prevention message across the state requires a lot of boots on the ground at schools, parades, fairs and other events. The DNR has 68 fire officers deployed at 48 stations across the state who – in addition to suppressing wildfires on public and private land – join their friend Smokey Bear to remind folks to be careful with fire.

“Fire officers are required



This historical photo shows a pull-behind water unit connected to hand lines for fire suppression. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

to have diverse job skills,” Kollmeyer said. “They might be interacting with elementary school kids one day and building a firebreak the next day. Their jobs require a lot of specialized training. It’s a job that has evolved a lot over the past 100 years.”

The historic low number of wildfires corresponds to another historic event in Michigan: 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of William J. Pearson being appointed as the state’s first full-time forest fire officer.

Pearson developed the state’s fire control organization, starting with the aid of a few game, fish and forest wardens and some part-time assistance from a handful of temporary patrolmen, lookouts and fire wardens. He also developed a system of lookout towers and telephone lines for spotting and reporting fires. These tools and techniques gradually evolved into the fire suppression organization the DNR has today.

Prior to 1914, forest fire suppression and prevention

was handled by the timber industry, funded by a fee assessed on their ownership acreage paid to the Northern Forest Protective Association. By 1907, the legislature authorized the employment of “not more than 10 district deputy game, fish and forestry wardens to employ firefighters, impress labor and enforce the fire laws.”

But it was the appointment of Pearson in 1914 that really got the ball rolling. That year, there were 935 fires reported that burned 408,765 acres. The private fire associations began to fall by the wayside as the state stepped up fire prevention and suppression efforts.

Tactics for fighting fires began to change at that time, too. When World War I began in 1914, horses were still being used to haul cannons and other heavy equipment; by the end of the war, tanks and other mechanized equipment had proved their value in navigating difficult terrain and began to be incorporated into firefighting tactics replacing horse drawn plows, axes and shovels.

This was a turning point in the way Michigan battled wildfires back then and mechanized fire fighting remains the most efficient

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## NOTICE

The Alcona Township Board of Trustees will hold a budget workshop on January 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 US-23 South, Black River, MI 48721.

## The Christmas Glow

By Jim Gagnier

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And as the memories cascade down from days that I remember

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means to combat wildfires today.

"The reason we don't have million-acre fires anymore like we did in the 1800s is

because we have mechanization and a road system to quickly respond with off-road fire fighting equipment oper-

ated by skilled fire officers," Kollmeyer said.

It didn't happen overnight. In 1923, 1,336 fires burned 466,474 acres. Two years later, 3,887 fires consumed 733,750 acres. And in 1930, there were 4,690 fires reported, burning 290,300 acres. But gradually, both the number of fires and the destruction they wreaked were reduced.

A big change occurred in 1944, when Smokey Bear was adopted in a national campaign to engage the public in fire prevention. "We still message with Smokey's help, even after 70 years," Kollmeyer said. "Our fire program is not just about fighting fires, it's about preventing fires, too. People have changed and their mindset has changed."

But the mission of fire officers hasn't. "Fire officers were originally hired for prevention and coordination," he said. "That hasn't changed."

Prescribed fire designed to

enhance wildlife habitat or reduce hazardous and invasive vegetation has become a large portion of a fire officer's duties in recent years. "This year in Michigan, there were more acres of beneficial prescribed burn treatments than what we responded to for wildfires," Kollmeyer said. "We conducted 105 burns for 10,488 acres to enhance wildlife habitat, improve forest regeneration, to control invasive plants and to reduce the risk of wildfires."

When not actively suppressing fires, fire officers spend a lot of time training - maintaining their skills as well as developing new ones. "We cooperatively train rural fire departments in wildfire fighting techniques, maintain equipment and assist with the development of new equipment," said Dana Pelton, a DNR forest fire officer supervisor in Gaylord, Mich. "Additionally, we write plans outlining parameters

that will provide the desired results for upcoming prescribed burns."

Fire officers will also assist with other forestry activities - marking timber for sale, treating diseases and removing hazardous trees (such as at Belle Isle in Detroit, Mich. this year), she said.

A background in forestry is helpful for fire officers, but it isn't the only attribute the DNR looks for when recruiting. Ability to communicate with the public, make presentations and mechanical aptitude all come into play. "It's a multifaceted job," Pelton said. "There's a lot more to it than just driving around a fire truck."

And, of course, fire officers will continue to work on enlightening the public to the dangers of wildfires. "You never know about the fire you prevented, but that's the way we like it," Pelton said. "And for those that aren't prevented - we'll be ready."

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### Complaint Statistics

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Patrol Check	2	Domestic	1
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# Jobs in timbering, wood products go begging

**By Eric Freedman**  
Capital News Service

The woods are calling, and so are logging and wood products companies.

Calling for skilled employees, that is. Experts say the labor shortage hampers economic growth.

Many experienced foresters and other workers in northern Michigan are retiring. At the same time, jobs in other industries such as mining, energy and construction often pay higher wages than those at timber-related companies.

The demand is expected to continue as the state looks for new uses for forest re-

sources, including products and energy, according to the Michigan Biomaterials Initiative.

More than 27,000 jobs are directly in the state's forest products industry and more than 146,000 are supported by Michigan forests, according to Michigan State University Extension.

Brenda Owen, executive director of the Michigan Association of Timbermen, said many companies struggle to find workers, especially smaller businesses. "Our members are keenly concerned about a tremendous lack of skilled labor, or even unskilled but trainable la-

bor, for our timbering companies, our sawmills, our manufacturers," she said.

Recently launched initiatives in the western Upper Peninsula and the Onaway, Mich. area are meant to provide some of that training.

Two major factors are lack of training and lack of knowledge about opportunities, Owensaid. "Everybody thinks they're going to carry chainsaws, but we have some pretty high-tech jobs available." They include lumber graders at sawmills, equipment operators and forklift operators.

Employees are needed to run state-of-the-art comput-

erized, mechanized equipment that's operated with a joystick, like a video game.

Also in short supply: Welders able to go into the woods to fix heavy equipment and drivers for logging trucks.

"We're struggling to get viable employees in those positions," Owen said. She added the association wants to collaborate with Michigan Works! to provide on-the-ground training.

Ironically, the recent expansion of opportunities in other industries lures people away -from timbering-related jobs. "There's no way we can compete with construction," said Brian Nelson, co-owner

of Marvin Nelson Forest Products in Cornell, Mich., near Escanaba, Mich. "If you can operate a harvester, you can operate other heavy equipment."

Nelson said his logging company competes for employees with two paper mills in the Escanaba, Mich. area. Skilled workers at the mills earn at least one and a half times what he pays. For Nelson's company, the major labor shortages are cut-to-length harvester operators and truck drivers.

"We try everything, word of mouth, unemployment offices, Craigslist, newspaper ads, wherever we can find to help," he said, adding that well-qualified harvester operators are like free agents in professional baseball and football: In heavy demand and able to name their own price.

According to Owen, "a lot of quality employable" workers in the Gaylord, Mich. area are signing on with oil and gas companies because of higher wages. And in the U.P., "there are pockets where skilled labor is going to the mining field because the mines pay more."

The labor shortage does have a bright economic side for some workers willing to work more, she said. "These guys can get overtime — I have loggers paying 20 hours a week overtime."

There are some recent initiatives underway to help close the labor gap. Last year, Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, Mich. started an associate degree program in forest technology to help fill industry needs.

"Private industry is looking for people to mark timber. The state has started hiring forestry technicians, and the county forests need people to mark timber," said Bill Perkis, the head of the program. Starting pay is in the \$18-\$24-an-hour range.

"These are the nuts-and-bolts guys who walk in the woods and mark timber," Perkis said. "There's a real demand for these technicians." The curriculum includes courses in tree identification, forest ecology and health, wildlife habitat, use of global information systems for electronic mapping, forest management and forest soils.

Seven students enrolled in its first academic year, and about the same number this year, Perkis said. He added the college plans to market the program beyond the U.P. and northern Wisconsin.

In the northern Lower Peninsula, the Industrial Arts Institute opened its first 15-week training program in welding, graduating 16 students in mid-November. The next class starts January 6, 2015.

All graduates found jobs immediately, including one who received 11 job offers, according to Marilyn Moran, who handles public relations for the institute. It was created by Moran Iron Works, a manufacturing company in Onaway, Mich. that makes

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# Feds study bat protection but loggers disagree

**By Kevin Duffy**  
Capital News Service

A fight over logging restrictions is delaying federal protection of the northern long-eared bat, a Great Lakes species already decimated in the American Northeast.

A decision on whether to list the bat as endangered or threatened has been pushed back to April.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has federal jurisdiction over protected species, is using the extra time to respond to the unexpected controversy, said Mollie Matteson, a senior scientist and a bat disease specialist at the Center for Biological Diversity.

Endangered means a species is at high risk of extinction in the wild, according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Under federal law, a threatened species "is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range."

Forest industry officials worry a federal listing will hinder logging. They propose state-enforced operational guidelines as an alternative.

The dispute lies between timber industry advocates and bat conservationists, but political leaders and state delegations also have a stake in the issue, Matteson said.

The Center for Biological Diversity, a Tucson, Ariz., nonprofit organization dedicated to the long-term protection of species, petitioned the Fish & Wildlife Service to classify the long-eared bat as threatened or endangered in 2010. And a Defenders of Wildlife petition for its endangered listing is closing in on its 50,000-signature goal.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials recommended the listing, later distributing guidelines on how best to log forests without harming the bats.

With the species still officially unprotected, the guide-

lines lack the force of law, Matteson said. Enforced or not, the recommendations, which suggest restricted logging from April through October, have fueled industry-led controversy.

The proposed guidelines for long-eared bats follow current restrictions for the Indiana bat, one of the first species listed under the Endangered Species Act, said Rob Mies, director of the Organization for Bat Conservation based at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. An endangered listing is a decision

backed by science, not by economics or politics, he said.

Some factions of industry are pushing for a "threatened" listing, which allows special rules to be written that would exempt certain activities such as logging in the bats' native habitat.

"Timber management programs in Wisconsin and Michigan have begun to address habitat features that support long-eared roosting," said Henry Schienebeck, executive director of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association.

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A bat with white-nose syndrome. Photo courtesy of Organization for Bat Conservation.

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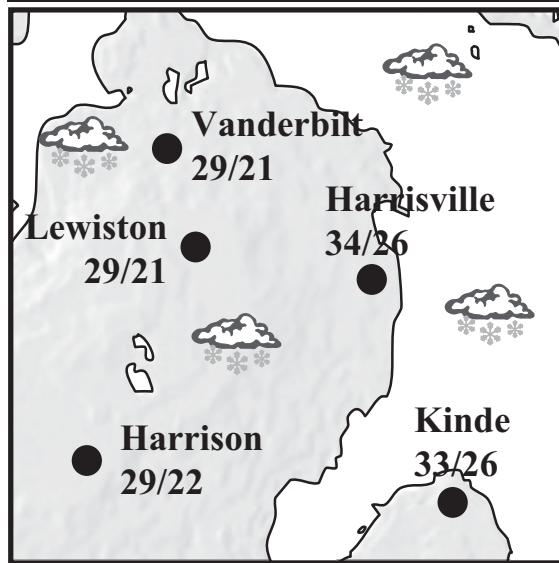
## Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 17, 2014

### Seven Day Forecast

	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Snow Possible High: 34 Low: 26
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 30 Low: 23
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 31 Low: 23
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 32 Low: 26
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 25
	<b>MONDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 22
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 32 Low: 21

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 50% chance of snow, high temperature of 34°, humidity of 74%. West wind 10 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 47° set in 1984. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of snow, overnight low of 26°. Northwest wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is -17° set in 1980.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

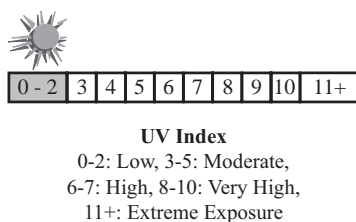
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	39	30	33/19	0.00"
Tuesday	37	24	33/19	0.00"
Wednesday	28	20	33/19	0.00"
Thursday	37	18	32/18	0.00"
Friday	34	30	32/18	0.00"
Saturday	40	31	32/18	0.00"
Sunday	43	35	31/17	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
<b>New 12/21</b>	8:05 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	3:07 a.m.	2:05 p.m.	Full 1/4
Wednesday	8:05 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	4:10 a.m.	2:41 p.m.	
Thursday	8:06 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	5:14 a.m.	3:21 p.m.	
Friday	8:06 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	6:17 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	Last 1/13
<b>First 12/28</b>	8:07 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	7:19 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	
Saturday	8:07 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	8:16 a.m.	6:08 p.m.	
Sunday	8:08 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	9:07 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	

### Local UV Index



### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 54° in Germantown, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, isolated showers and thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 79° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain today and Thursday, scattered rain Friday, with the highest temperature of 50° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see isolated rain today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 72° in Artesia, N.M.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:39 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Venus	9:08 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Mars	10:55 a.m.	8:23 p.m.
Jupiter	9:23 p.m.	11:33 a.m.
Saturn	5:51 a.m.	3:26 p.m.
Uranus	1:15 p.m.	1:58 a.m.

### Weather History

**Dec. 17, 1987** - A storm in the southwestern U.S. brought heavy rain and heavy snow to parts of California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. Charleston, NV was blanketed with 12 inches of snow. Lake Havasu City, AZ was drenched with 2.26 inches of rain.

### Weather Trivia

What is sleet?



Answer: Frozen raindrops.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Dobsonians: Biggest Bang for the Buck

In 1967 a Vedantan (Hindu) monk by the name of John Dobson (1915-2014), intrigued by astronomy and telescope making, left the order and co-founded (1968) the San Francisco Sidewalk Astronomers. Dobson had been building telescopes for decades and bringing astronomy to the public near his monastery, but as a Sidewalk Astronomer, Dobson and his telescopes became a national sensation among amateurs. The telescope, a simple reflector, was nothing new. The design had been conceived and first built by Isaac Newton in 1668/9. It consisted of a parabolic mirror at the bottom of a tube which sent its converging light beam back up the tube to a piece of aluminized glass. The flat secondary reflected the light cone through a hole in the upper portion of the tube where a focuser, which held an eyepiece, was located. What made Dobson's telescopes so special was the simplicity of its mount, a box-like structure which rotated and allowed the telescope to pivot up and down at its balance point. It was so simple and easy to make that Dobson often built one of his scopes in just a day's time. Dobson never patented his invention, and as a result, its design was free to be modified and enhanced by amateurs and commercial entrepreneurs alike. Before Dobson, a portable telescope's size was limited by the bulky, heavy mounting system which supported the instrument. After Dobson and the technology which kept thin mirrors from flexing, the size of the light-gathering primary mirror was essentially limited by the dimensions of the van or SUV that was used in its transportation. I've looked through 17-, 20-, 25-, 30-, and even 36-inch Dobsonian telescopes that had been easily transported to the remote site where they were being used. Start off with an eight or 10-inch model and several eyepieces; and you'll have a splendid Christmas gift that will not only be cost-effective, but will provide a lifetime of observing pleasure. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

## Jobs

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large modular steel products, including wind turbine components and barges.

The four graduates hired by Moran Iron Works started at \$14 an hour. Two hired in the Charlevoix, Mich. area started at \$20 an hour. One went to a \$100-an-hour job in the oil fields of another state, she said.

The genesis for the institute was the difficulty the company encountered as it expanded from 50 employees four years ago to 130 now, Moran said. "We couldn't hire people fast enough to meet our need," including welders and fabricators.

Obstacles included applicants who couldn't read a tape measure and who lacked a work ethic — "showing up on time, having the discipline to come hard, go home tired and come back to do it again the next day," she said.

# Dollars And Sense

By David Uffington

## 2015 credit predictions

What will the new year bring us financially? Here are some educated guesses and predictions:

CardHub (www.cardhub.com) assembled the opinions of financial experts ... who don't agree on all points. Credit-card interest rates likely won't go up, credit will be more available because of low rates, and consumers are likely to spend more in the next years (to the tune of \$60 billion in credit-card debt) because we haven't learned anything from the past few years.

Overdraft protection might be harder to get, and your credit worthiness will be checked before banks offer that service on your accounts.

The reader machines for "chipped" credit cards will show up in more places, especially since new rules (starting next October) will force merchants to pay for any fraud if they haven't installed new machines. If you have an opportunity to swap an existing card for one with a chip, take it.

Data breaches will continue.

U.S. News (money.usnews.com) consulted experts who see more access to credit in 2015, especially for those who haven't qualified in recent years, for two main reasons: Banks are a bit more relaxed with approvals now, and bad credit is scrolling off the credit reports of consumers who got in financial trouble before.

We'll see more offers of

balance transfers at zero percent interest for a year or year and a half. Again, credit-card companies are more relaxed about extending credit now.

More credit-card companies will provide FICO scores on your monthly statements.

Without consensus from experts on how 2015 will go financially, your best bet is, as always, to keep your head down. Don't charge what you can't pay for within three months. Look at statements when they first come in for any signs of fraud or compromise. Save, save, save. Try to get one more year out of your vehicle before buying another one. Keep good security on your home computers, and stay on top of news about viruses and how they might present themselves in email or on websites. If you can qualify for a zero-percent interest balance transfer credit card, use it to pay off any other credit card that charges interest. (Don't close that other account -- just don't use it.)

But mostly, don't give in to the feeling that it's safe to start spending extravagantly. It's not.

*David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply3@gmail.com.*

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# Veterans Post

By Greddy Groves

## Answering machines at homeless hotline

Too many homeless veterans aren't getting the services they need when they call the hotline. The VHA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans is supposed to provide 24/7 access to support services, programs and trained counselors, coordinate with the Department of Veterans Affairs for services and monitor the referrals, connect veterans to VA and community resources, and much more.

The VA Office of the Inspector General found a lot of holes in the system during a general audit of the call center. Of the approximate 79,000 homeless veterans who called the center:

- 27,000 could only leave a message because counselors weren't available.
  - 13,000 could not be referred for service because the message they left was inaudible.
  - 3,300 weren't referred to VA medical facilities even after giving all their information.
  - 51,000 referrals were made, but the center gave no feedback on the quality of assistance given by the VA, as is required by policy.
  - 24,200 referrals were closed with no follow-up, even though the VA medical facilities didn't provide any services.
  - There were 40,500 instances where veterans weren't referred to services, or the referral was closed without making sure the veteran received any services.
- As always, the devil is in the details. The report docu-

ments cases of unaccounted counselor time when they were logged off the system, homeless counselors being used instead for Crisis Line help (and being paid by the call-center budget), calls regularly being forwarded to an answering machine, and staff who weren't monitoring the counselors' time or calls. Here's the big number: Coun-

selors spent 61 percent of their time NOT talking to homeless veterans.

It seems that many of the policies and guidelines for the call center weren't being followed. To read the sad details in the rest of the 35-page report, see [www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-13-01859-42.pdf](http://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-13-01859-42.pdf)

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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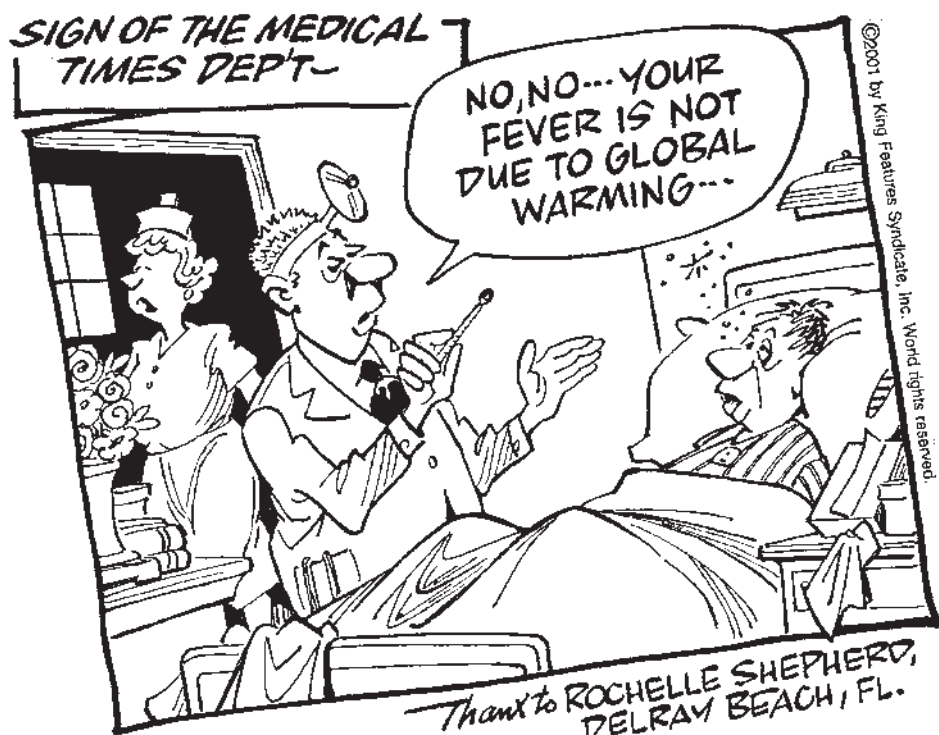
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



**WHY WAITERS GO WACKY NO. 1,753-**  
MRS. ANNOYIA SENDS STEAK BACK-"TOO RARE". THEN SENDS IT BACK AGAIN-"TOO WELL-DONE". FINALLY AFTER THREE MORE TRIES SHE ACCEPTS SAID STEAK THE WAY SHE WANTS IT PREPARED....

Thank to SYD LOPEZ, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

## BY AL SCADUTO

**HOWCUM? SEZ WIFE LULA, WHO MAKES SURE THERE'S A DRAWER FULL OF GOOD, GLEAN HANKIES.. THAT HER HUBBY WILL ALWAYS PULL OUT AN OLD, TORN ONE WHEN THERE'S COMPANY AROUND..HOW-W-CUM?**



# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What would a group of emus be called?
2. **SCIENCE:** What is the only known metal that turns to liquid at room temperature?
3. **MYTHOLOGY:** In Greek mythology, what was the name of the ship that Jason used in pursuit in the Golden Fleece?
4. **AD SLOGANS:** Which company's ads claim its services are "So easy a caveman can do it"?
5. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Which ancient philosopher once said, "If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading"?
6. **MEDICAL:** What is the condition called cyesis?
7. **TELEVISION:** Who used to sign off his program with the words, "Good night and good luck"?
8. **LANGUAGE:** What is the American equivalent of the British term "braces"?
9. **MOVIES:** In which film is "The Children's Marching Song" performed?
10. **LITERATURE:** What is the subject matter of the book "Ten Days That Shook the World"?

**Answers:** 1. A mob; 2. Mercury; 3. The Argo; 4. GEICO; 5. Lao Tzu; 6. Pregnancy; 7. Edward R. Murrow; 8. Suspenders; 9. "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness"; 10. The Russian Revolution (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

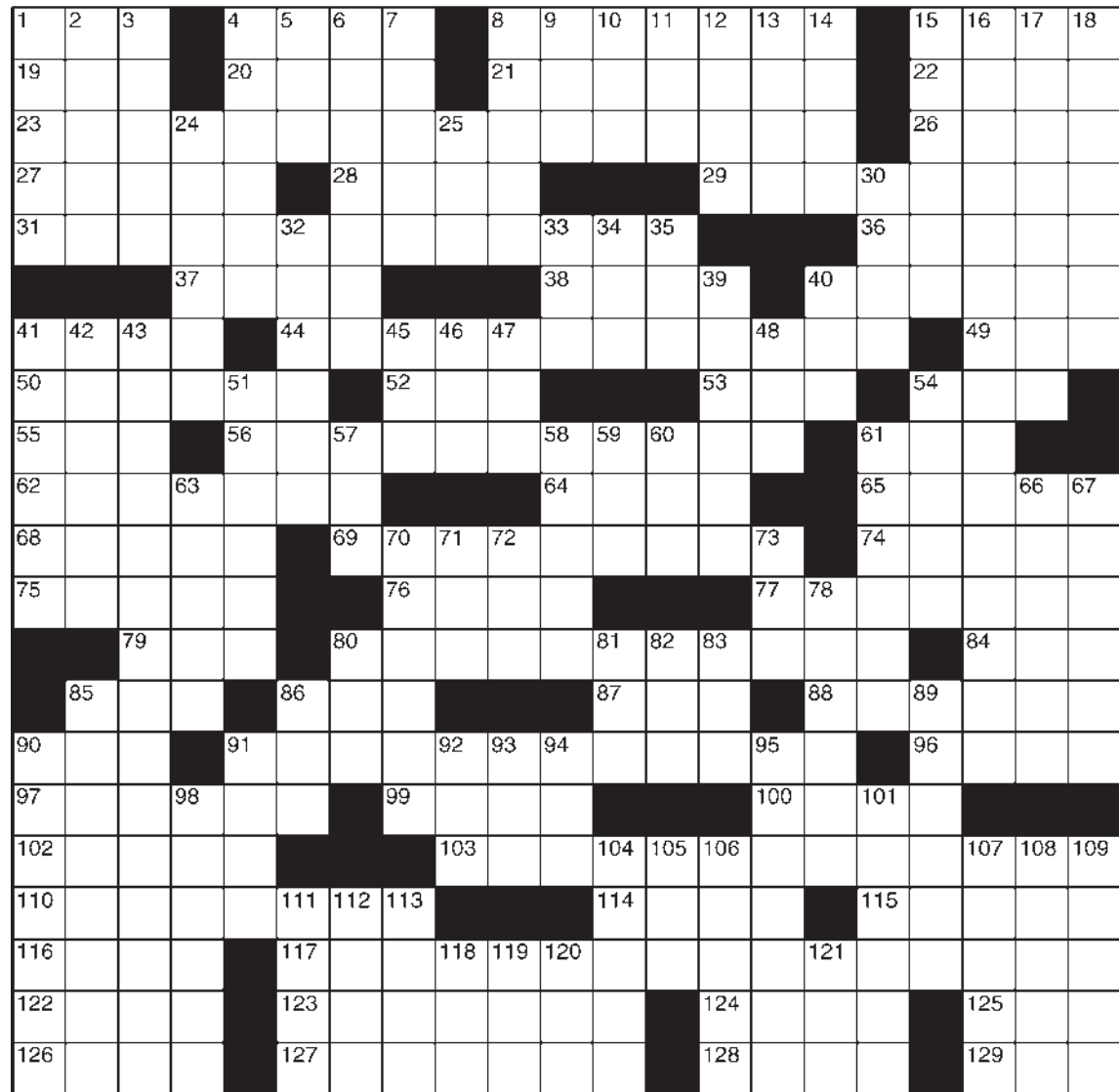
# Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 29, 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket is murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by four knights on orders of King Henry II of England. The Christian world was shocked by Becket's death, and in 1173 he was canonized a Catholic saint. In 1174, Henry was forced to do penance at his tomb.
  - On Dec. 31, 1879, in the first public demonstration of his incandescent light bulb, inventor Thomas Alva Edison lights up a street in Menlo Park, New Jersey. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company ran special trains to Menlo Park in response to public enthusiasm over the event.
  - On Dec. 30, 1936, in one of the first sit-down strikes in the United States, autoworkers occupy the General Motors Fisher Body Plant in Flint, Michigan. In all, the strike lasted 44 days. Among other things, the workers were given a 5 percent raise.
  - On Jan. 1, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill issue a declaration, signed by representatives of 26 countries, called the "United Nations." The signatories vowed to create an international postwar peacekeeping organization.
  - On Jan. 3, 1952, Sergeant Joe Friday's police drama "Dragnet" comes to television. A popular radio series since 1949, it became one of the first TV series filmed in California, instead of New York. It began a long line of crime and police dramas, continuing into the present with "Law & Order" and "CSI."
  - On Jan. 2, 1981, Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, is captured by British police, ending one of the largest man-hunts in history. For five years, investigators had pursued every lead in an effort to stop the serial killer. Sutcliffe himself was interviewed nine times. When Sutcliffe was finally convicted, he had killed 13 women.
  - On Jan. 4, 1999, for the first time since Charlemagne's reign in the ninth century, Europe is united with a common currency when the "euro" debuts. Eleven European Union nations launched the currency in the hopes of increasing European economic growth.
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## Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Tanning lotion bottle abbr.</p> <p>4 Herringlike fish</p> <p>8 More savory</p> <p>15 1998 Apple debut</p> <p>19 Confucian "way"</p> <p>20 Undiluted</p> <p>21 Qualified to join a payroll</p> <p>22 One-billionth: Prefix</p> <p>23 "Oklahoma!" lyricist</p> <p>26 1982 Disney film</p> <p>27 Ranch in the film "Giant"</p> <p>28 Pear variety</p> <p>29 Of a certain earth science</p> <p>31 "Pretty in Pink" star</p> <p>36 Silly</p> <p>37 "Wait just —"</p> <p>38 Thumbs-downs</p> <p>40 Don's code of silence</p> <p>41 Push-button bankers</p> <p>44 19th-century chief justice</p> <p>49 Snaky fish</p> <p>50 Just so</p> <p>52 Above, poetically</p> <p>53 Cigar residue</p> | <p>54 From Jan. 1 until now</p> <p>55 LAX landing</p> <p>56 Explorer for whom a Colorado peak is named</p> <p>61 "... — a puddy tat!"</p> <p>62 Fall back</p> <p>64 Irish coin</p> <p>65 Really longs</p> <p>68 "Three Sisters" sister</p> <p>69 Member of 'N Sync</p> <p>74 Hearty hot dog topping</p> <p>75 Hymns, e.g.</p> <p>76 Appliance plug-in</p> <p>77 Terrier type, informally</p> <p>79 Hi- — (some stereos)</p> <p>80 Classical guitarist and lutenist</p> <p>84 B&amp;B, e.g.</p> <p>85 Move quickly</p> <p>86 104, to Ovid</p> <p>87 "— hoo!"</p> <p>88 Cro- — man</p> <p>90 Unit for Lend</p> <p>91 1980-81 secretary of state</p> <p>96 Setting of the Taj Mahal</p> <p>97 Miatas and Millenias</p> | <p>99 Ireland, to its natives</p> <p>100 Bus. get-togethers</p> <p>102 In combat</p> <p>103 "Tootsie" director</p> <p>110 Item-trading place</p> <p>114 Dip — in (try tentatively)</p> <p>115 Vital artery</p> <p>116 "What — God wrought!"</p> <p>117 "More Than Human" sci-fi novelist</p> <p>122 In a tie</p> <p>123 Ill-fated ship</p> <p>124 Philosopher David or newsman Brit</p> <p>125 Stockholm loc.</p> <p>126 Dried up</p> <p>127 Doorways</p> <p>128 "Stupid — stupid does"</p> <p>129 Walk- — (tiny roles)</p> | <p>7 Evil one</p> <p>8 "90210" network</p> <p>9 With 93-Down, put on a clothesline</p> <p>10 Imminent alumni: Abbr.</p> <p>11 Bit of body art, briefly</p> <p>12 "— your pardon"</p> <p>13 Wiesel with a Nobel</p> <p>14 Western city on I-80</p> <p>15 Perform plainsong</p> <p>16 She sang "A Tree in the Meadow"</p> <p>17 Divinely chosen</p> <p>18 Hide</p> <p>24 "Finally!"</p> <p>25 Chinese soup additive</p> <p>30 Tart fruit</p> <p>32 Views anew</p> <p>33 Wilson of Heart</p> <p>34 Hack (off)</p> <p>35 Nov. follower</p> <p>39 Military hats</p> <p>40 —Kosh B'Gosh</p> <p>41 1980s video game systems</p> <p>42 Bullfighter</p> | <p>43 Press secretary under Bush and Reagan</p> <p>45 Costello of comedy</p> <p>46 Gibson of film</p> <p>47 Jorge's gold</p> <p>48 Suffix for an enzyme</p> <p>51 Northeast toll road</p> <p>54 Luxury craft</p> <p>57 "The Fresh Prince of — -Air"</p> <p>58 "I — hand"</p> <p>59 Brit's bar</p> <p>60 Gershwin or Glass</p> <p>61 Washington port city</p> <p>63 Actress Everhart</p> <p>66 Novelist Glyn</p> <p>67 "Raw" color</p> <p>70 Contact lens brand</p> <p>71 Dictator</p> <p>72 Dernier —</p> <p>73 NNW's opposite</p> <p>78 Revived</p> <p>80 Singer Croce</p> <p>81 Sch. in Manhattan</p> <p>82 Red Sox, on scoreboards</p> | <p>83 Seoul soldier</p> <p>85 Sweltering weather spell</p> <p>86 IRA choices</p> <p>89 Fake fireplace item</p> <p>90 Huge hits</p> <p>91 Aural pair</p> <p>92 "— for Noose"</p> <p>93 See 9-Down</p> <p>94 Rx order</p> <p>95 Moving force</p> <p>98 "Frasier" role</p> <p>101 Mean stares</p> <p>104 Drug cops</p> <p>105 Summer, to Michel</p> <p>106 Dinosaur sidekick in Nintendo games</p> <p>107 "You — Beautiful"</p> <p>108 Home of baseball's Indians, informally</p> <p>109 Welles' "Citizen" and others</p> <p>111 URL start</p> <p>112 Toledo locale</p> <p>113 Korda of tennis</p> <p>118 Grain staple</p> <p>119 Cell material</p> <p>120 "Black gold" Thurman</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was novelist Mary Ann Evans -- better known by her pen name, George Eliot -- who made the following sage observation: "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact."
  - In the five-year span between 1946 and 1951, television ownership in the United States jumped from 10,000 to 12 million.
  - You probably don't know the name Clara Peller, but if you were watching TV in the 1980s, you would almost certainly recognize her as the "Where's the beef?" lady from fast-food chain Wendy's incredibly successful ad campaign. You might be surprised to learn that Peller wasn't an actress; she was a manicurist. A commercial producer named Joe Sedelmaier was shooting a different ad when he realized they needed a manicurist on site, so an assistant ran to a local beauty shop and returned with Peller. As soon as she greeted Sedelmaier with a gruff "How ya doin'?", the producer realized that she had potential. He convinced Wendy's to create an entire campaign around the octogenarian. The gamble paid off; the restaurant's sales jumped by 15 percent almost as soon as the ads began to run.
  - TV's Gilligan's island was created in the middle of an artificial lake at CBS Studios in Hollywood. The cost of construction was \$75,000.
  - The next time you're at a hockey game, be sure to watch out for stray pucks; they travel through the air at speeds of up to 100 mph.
  - There is a species of ant found in Australia and Tasmania that, in some cases, can kill a human with a single sting.
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Thought for the Day: "I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them." -- Ian L. Fleming  
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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: C equals A

LBI C ZQCWWSZ ONQSZSBRW

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### CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 8 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, clerk Pierce, council members Crick, Kaiser, Luenberger, Sanderson, Thomas and Baird, city attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Treasurer Keerl.

Motion by Crick, support by Baird, to approve the minutes of November 10. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser, to pay the bills in the amount of \$28,283.05. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Sanderson, support by Thomas, to approve the use of 400 yards of city sand to be utilized by the library for its parking lot expansion. Motion carried: 6-0. Motion contingent upon contractor's findings with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources concerning viability of area to be covered. Maguire Iron, contractors who constructed the new water tower, has submitted a service contract for 2014. Services include inspection, cleaning and disinfection of the tank. The contract is for \$3,550 every two years for six years beginning in 2015. Motion by Crick, support by Luenberger, to accept the service contract by Maguire Iron for 2014. Motion carried: Ayes: 5, Nays: 1. It is the recommendation of Neal Gehring, harbor commission chairman, to reappoint harbor commissioner Dan Bruske to a term ending December 31, 2017. Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird, to appoint Dan Bruske as harbor commissioner, term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried: 6-0. Reports: Harbor commissioner Baird reported the harbor commission has reviewed the 2015 budget. All bills for 2014 have been paid. The harbor commission is asking the city for a short term, non-interest, loan of \$5,000, as was done last year, for start up money for 2015 with first payment due July 2015. Motion by Sanderson, support

approve paying the end of year water/sewer bills for 2014. Motion carried: 6:0. Mayor Dobis informed council of the Pure Michigan request. Karen Sanderson, representing Pure Michigan, asked for a donation of \$500 to maintain the city's presence in the Pure Michigan summer and fall media campaigns. Motion by Sanderson, support by Luenberger, to donate \$250 to the preapproved 2014 and \$250 to the 2015 Pure Michigan campaign. Motion carried: 6-0. Alcona County Library has requested approximately 400 yards of sand which is being stored at the airport, for a library project to expand the grassy space at the north end of the library parking area. Motion by Sanderson, support by Thomas, to approve the use of 400 yards of city sand to be utilized by the library for its parking lot expansion. Motion carried: 6-0. Motion contingent upon contractor's findings with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources concerning viability of area to be covered. Maguire Iron, contractors who constructed the new water tower, has submitted a service contract for 2014. Services include inspection, cleaning and disinfection of the tank. The contract is for \$3,550 every two years for six years beginning in 2015. Motion by Crick, support by Luenberger, to accept the service contract by Maguire Iron for 2014. Motion carried: Ayes: 5, Nays: 1. It is the recommendation of Neal Gehring, harbor commission chairman, to reappoint harbor commissioner Dan Bruske to a term ending December 31, 2017. Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird, to appoint Dan Bruske as harbor commissioner, term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried: 6-0. Reports: Harbor commissioner Baird reported the harbor commission has reviewed the 2015 budget. All bills for 2014 have been paid. The harbor commission is asking the city for a short term, non-interest, loan of \$5,000, as was done last year, for start up money for 2015 with first payment due July 2015. Motion by Sanderson, support

by Crick, to grant interest free, short term loan of \$5,000 to the harbor commission. Motion carried: 6-0. Commissioner Baird reported seasonal rentals, as of now, are up by 10 percent for the upcoming boating season. Planning commission: Mayor Dobis reported that in the past five years, the planning commission has completed a master plan, a recreation plan, and new zoning ordinances. The master plan will be up for review in 2015. Airport commissioner Boucher reported he is looking into getting approval from a private owner of land that has very tall trees which are interfering with the approach to the landing strip at the airport. The FAA is advising the trees need to be trimmed. Tree board member Crick reported that designated trees within the city have been cut down and stumps removed according to plans. County commissioner Thompson reported the county is looking into a county wide GIS system which would help the city with its future projects. City council would like to thank commissioner Thompson for his years of dedicated service to the county. This is his last meeting as a county commissioner. Fire department advisory member Baird reported a new contract is being worked on with Harrisville Township and the original contract of 1998 is still in effect. Comment cards: Resident Ernie Andree expressed concern about areas of W. Dock Street that are caving in. Mayor Dobis will direct city maintenance workers to access matter. Council's last comments: Discussion concerning other city streets that may qualify for new tar and chip resurfacing in 2015 by the county. Motion to adjourn by Crick. Adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, Jan. 12, 2015 at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice: Road commission meeting time change. The December 24, 2014 meeting of the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners has been rescheduled to be held on December 30, 2014 and will begin at 12:30 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. at the road commission office at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan. Road commission meetings are open to the public.

Notice of budget hearing: The board of road commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a public hearing at the road commission office, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 30, 2014. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed road commission budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2015. Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the road commission office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning December 8, 2014, until the hearing (excluding holiday closings on December 25 and 26. Alfred J. Scully, Chairman, Board of Road Commissioners, County of Alcona, Michigan.

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# Bats

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Long-eared bats, more than any other species of bat in America, are associated with old-growth forests, Matteson said. These old growth forests provide many of the habitat features – including snags and hollows – that long-eared bats prefer. And industry officials say these trees, often containing dead or dying sections, are the kind that logging operations tend to avoid.

But bats are opportunistic and generally look for any type of tree meeting their reproductive and resting needs, Matteson said.

The primary threat to the bat is white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that takes the bats' fat reserves, killing them during hibernation. Its presence in the Great Lakes region was confirmed two years ago and in Michigan in April.

Stopping the disease has been nearly impossible, and white-nose syndrome is still without a cure. But bat advocates say other threats can be minimized to improve the fate of the mammal.

"The argument that the focus on protection of the bats should be reserved for the syndrome does not take into account factors having an influence on the species' survival," Matteson said.

Other threats – habitat loss, hibernation disturbance and environmental toxins – play a role in the near-decimation of the species in the Northeast. Matteson explained those threats are factors federal and state governments can control.

Mies, who is also the coordinator for the North American Bat Conservation Alliance, said, "Many are led to believe this species is endangered, and we should protect it for intrinsic reasons."

"But if these bats are to disappear, people will begin to see a loss of food production and an increased need for forest management," he said.

That's because bats eat lots of the same moths and beetles that destroy crops and forests. "States generally have no issue with the need for long-eared bat listing – it's an issue of details," Mies said.

As conservation advocates push for a listing that protects both the species and its surrounding habitat, some industry officials question the role of habitat in protecting bats. Schienebeck said, "The timber industry has already initiated habitat rehabilitation and doesn't see species limited by this habitat."

Despite concerns about their long-term survival, Great Lakes bats aren't dying yet. Experts say the pattern for the fungal disease takes three years to reach peak intensity. This is the third winter the disease has been in the Great Lakes, so the bats' future is at stake, they say.

The final listing determination by the Fish & Wildlife Service was originally scheduled for October 2 but has been delayed until April 2.

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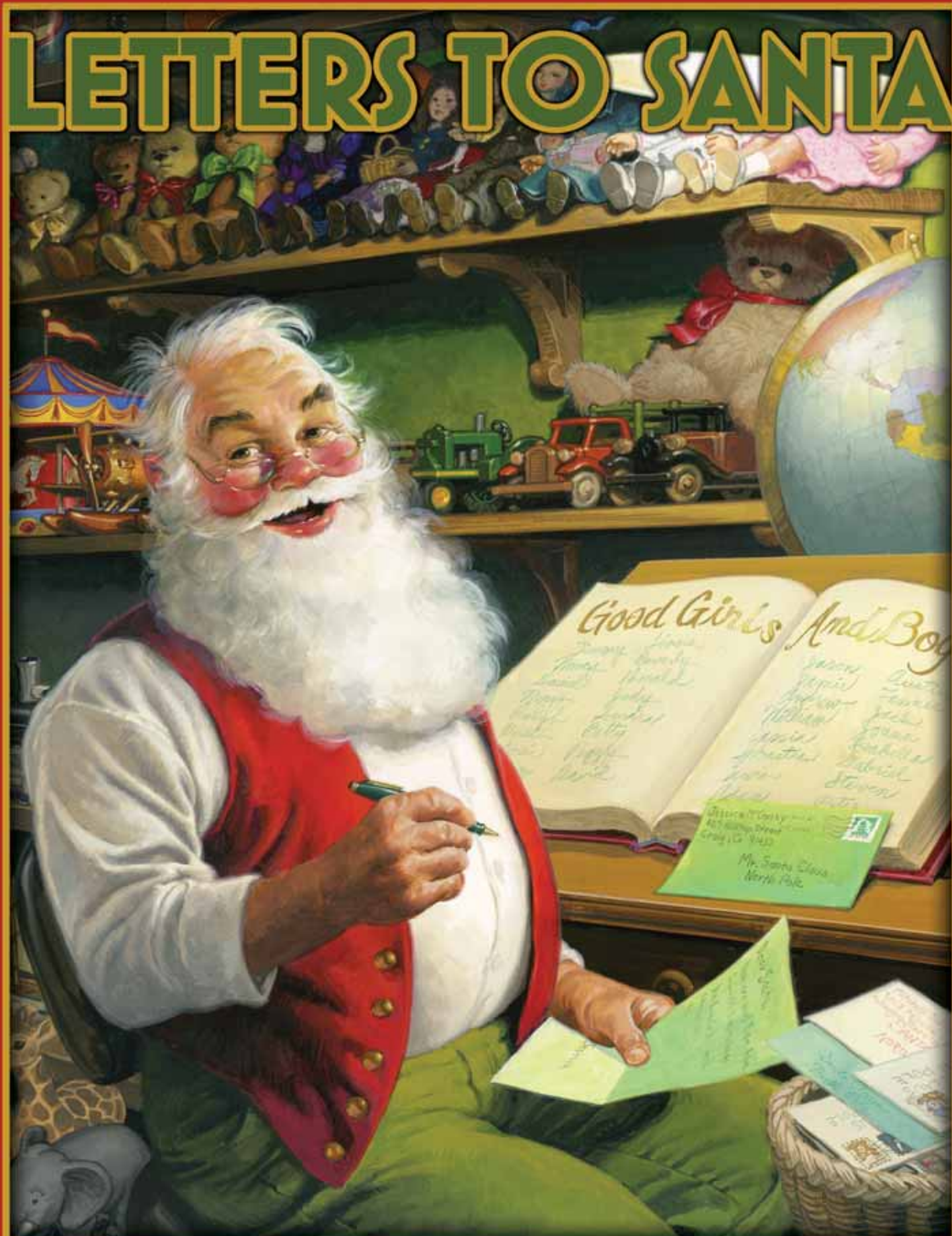


Christmas is a time of rejoicing, counting blessings and family gatherings. It is also the most favorite time of the year for children. In this issue, we have given the children of this community a chance to be heard. They wrote to Santa asking for their Christmas dreams and wishes. They even added a few extra greetings and comments.

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.

**Merry Christmas**





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Love, Elexia

Dear Santa,  
I want a bird, a blue jay one and a unicorn.  
Love, Alexis

Dear Santa,  
I want a unicorn.  
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,  
I want a Ana dress and unicorn.  
Love, Abby

Dear Santa,  
I want a Doc McStuffins, a new sweatshirt, a toy frog and I guess I want a kitty toy too.  
Love, Myra

Dear Santa,  
I want Hungry Hungry Hippos, a purse and that's it.  
Love, Khloe

Dear Santa,  
I want a kitty, two dogs and that's it.  
Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,  
I want monkey bars and sand. A pink purple bike, a purple wallet, earrings, lipstick, play dough, a phone, paper, a computer, a blanket, a horse and a bell.  
Love, Taelyn

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for giving presents!  
Love you Santa!  
Carson

Dear Santa,  
I want gum and a toy.  
Love, Ryleigh

Dear Santa,  
I want new boots and a real gun for hunting deters and new snowpants and that's it.  
Love, Lochlin

Dear Santa,  
I want a Elsa toy, Elsa dress, Ana dress and that's it.  
Love, Adelle

Dear Santa,  
I want that dinosaur I saw on TV, that Jake thing I saw on TV, I want the 2 dinosaurs from TV, that jumping thing I

saw on the TV and that's all.  
Love you Santa!  
Love, Christopher

Dear Santa,  
I want a camera and a watch. Ponies, Minnie mouses, hello kitty and lip stick.  
Love, Amelia

Dear Santa,  
I want to ask you for a rocket ship, a toy one. I want a toy truck. I want a monster truck and a purse.  
Love, Will

**Kindergarten Mrs. Mullen's Class**

Dear Santa,  
I love you, Santa. You are the best. I like you. I want a big airplane set and I want a sniper Nerf gun. It shoots a big missile. That's it.  
Love, Josh Ratz

Dear Santa,  
I want a Frozen castle. I love you, Santa. I know you sneak in our living room to give toys for us.  
Love, Alexis Hottenstein

Dear Santa,  
I hope you like this present. It is a new hat and belt. I want an Elsa doll and an Anna doll. I want a toy snake - the kind that opens its mouth with fangs. Goodbe.  
Love, Ceanna Stern

Dear Santa,  
Can I see your elves and your reindeer and his bells? Get something for my brother - a guitar. I really wish that I could have a big guitar. I love you Santa. And a guitar for my sister. And two hot chocolates. And I've got something for you, Santa. And I wish you a Merry Christmas., Santa. And don't forget two guitars - one for my mom and one for my dad, please.  
Love, Trinity Wilburn

Dear Santa,  
I want to make some chocolate chip cookies with peanut butter. I want your elves to bring me this fairy that floats up in the sky without you touching it. I want to meet your wife. We love you Santa.  
Love, Addison Birk

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me presents. I want to play with a dump truck. I want a boat.  
Love, Tyler Warren

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote control car for Christmas. That's all, Santa, nothing else please and thank you.  
From, Rickie Cheatum III

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuffed animal. And I want flowers. And I want a picture of Santa. I want a kid's computer. And I want a new book. I want to go on your lap for Christmas.  
Love, Liberty Pfau

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a Barbie. I want a horsey. I want a play apple. I want a picture frame for me and my mommy. I want a Santa Claus hat. I love you again.  
Love, Claire Somers

Dear Santa,  
I want presents. I want candy. I want plants. I want a flower for mom, but you'll have to bring it in the summer because it will die in the winter. That's all I want.  
Love, Sawyer Kirby

Dear Santa,  
I want Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer for Christmas. I want flowers for Christmas. I want shapes for Christmas. I want blocks. I want a clock. I want toys. I want clothes. I want shoes. I want dolls. I want a toy Santa Claus. I want a map of toys. I want a dog. I want a cat. That's it.  
Love, Kaidance Barnes

Dear Santa,  
I want books. I want a Batman and reindeer Lego set. I want winter boots.  
Love, Ben Myers

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I miss you. I like when you come to my house. I would like sand that never dries out (Kinect Sand). I like when you put the toys under my tree. I like when you make the toys. I want those things that you bring anywhere and you can put them on, and chapstick. My grandma doesn't have any more chapstick.  
Love, Olivia Gauthier

Dear Santa,  
How can your reindeer fly? How many presents do you have? What does your sleigh look like? I want some blocks. I want cars. I want a flower pot. I don't want anything else.  
Love, Coop Breier

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a big Minion stuffed animal, and I want a Minion Big. And an Anna and an Elsa doll, and an Olaf doll. I like him, he's funny. And some Legos and some drums. Thank you for making the presents for us. I like you, Santa. I like your elves. I want an elf on a shelf.  
Love, Tori Dellar

Dear Santa,  
I hope you give me a cool mermaid that we can take the tail off and it would show the legs. Santa, I hope you can get me a rock star that we can change her into pretty clothes. I love the way you look, Santa. I hope you get something kind of like a birthday present for my birthday. And I hope I have a Merry Christmas.  
Love, Leigha Belanger



Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for bringing my presents. I love you Santa. I want to see your reindeer. I want you to bring me a unicorn stuffed animal. I want a stuffed animal horse. I want an Elsa toy. I want a nametag. I want a calendar. I want a Frozen lamp. I want a notebook. I want a basketball hoop and a basketball. I want a stool. I love you Santa. We miss you, Santa. I want new books. I want scissors and pencils and gluesticks for my house. I want a real horse that has a nametag on it and his name is Rosie. I want coloring pencils.

Love, Everly Gordy

Dear Santa,  
 I hope you have a great Christmas. I wish you have a great day. I would like fishing stuff and a flashlight and a tablet.

Love, Nathen Geddert

Dear Santa,  
 Can you bring me some presents? I want a monster truck. I want a car. I want my own window and I want my own cars and presents and toys and rainbows. I like Santa because he brings us presents. I want you to bring a toy daddy, like a fake person. I like Santa's mom. Goodbye and thank you!

Love, Brett Travis

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Hot Wheels that my sister and me can drive in. And I would like a Lightning McQueen watch. Then I would like a telephone - a play one. I want this Lego set that you can make a dinosaur in. I want an octonaut with a dinosaur and that he can go in it. Then I want a Lightning McQueen set with a ramp. Then I would like a train set that would be right in the living room waiting for me. Dear Santa, I hope you give all of this to me.

Love, Timmy Hoggard

Dear Santa,  
 I love you, Santa. I'm going to leave a lot of cookies for you. How do your deer fly? How do you have a big list? Have I been on the good list? My tree is going to look beautiful. I want some toys. How do you grow so small? Is Rudolph real? I want some more movies for a VCR. And I want a VCR. Can I have a timer for my own room? I want some DVDs. I want some more wrestlers. Can I have some boxing gloves? I want some clipboards. Can I have a phone? Can I have some more coats? Was I being good? I want some more pairs of boots.

Love, Gavin Lobaugh

Dear Santa,  
 A new bike would be nice because my purple one is getting old. I've had it since I was three. The paint's coming off. I already have three blankets, but would like an extra. I would like a game and a play cat. One more thing - a sled.

Love, Myera Holberton

Dear Santa,  
 I want an Elsa sings Let It Go. I want a monkey that holds a banana and the banana pops out. Dear Santa, I want roller skates for Elsa and Anna from Frozen. I want a dinner table and I want a kitchen so I can cook everything I want. I want a piggy bank. I want a headband that has a flower. I want a costume that says "Olive is a doctor." I want a doctor's bag because mine got ruined. I want an Anna hair that goes to my costume. I want a soccer ball. I want the doctor's bag to say, "Olive's first doctor bag." I want decorations and beans for a bracelet. I want a doctor bag for my costume.

Love, Olive Wingfield

**Mr. Klinger's Class**

Dear Santa,  
 A bow and arrow, puzzles and games, a new bike with a kickstand, mine is all falling apart and stuff right now.

Wyatt Alderman, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A Frozen doll.  
 Syerra Clissold, age 6

Dear Santa,  
 A real doggy that I can walk, and a baby doll that listens to me.

Cia Cox, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A Frozen doll.  
 Bailey Dellar, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A doll house and some Barbies, some dress up clothes for me and my sister, and some cards for my brother.

Paityn Elder, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A purple bike.  
 Danica Gauthier, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A black bike, a bow and arrow, angry bird transformer telapods, and some video game pieces because they are my favorite things I do while watching TV, a new bike helmet, some painting tools because my mom and me like to paint together, and new scissors that fit me.

Harrison Gehring, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A kite, a big bike that has training wheels, a princess game, some trucks, a Sophia Castle, a big Amber doll and a big Sophia with Minimus the Horse.

Elliyana Grinshaw, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 Optimus Prime at the Big, Bad Toy Store, and a front loader garbage truck with white and black stripes with a zombie mask.

Zachary Hall, age 6

A monster truck set, and a car set, a scooter, bubbles, I wish I wanted like a big toy of wrestling guys and the stage so they won't come out, and new toy set of orange stripes and black stripes with a zombie mask,

Jack Huebshman, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A tank top, a skirt, and play dancing shoes with high heels.

Liberty Kerr, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A robot car, and a remote control for my TV, and I would like a little butterfly robot that I can drive around on snow clouds and come back down, and a big TV that plays video games and will watch TV all weekend.

Izzy Lincoln, age 6

Dear Santa,  
 Dollies, Dora Stuff, toy igloo for a penguin, a toy robot, and Peter Rabbit stuff.

Ellie Norling, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 Barbie toys, a house, I want some pictures for me and my mom, some coloring books, I want some chairs, some pillows and a blanket for my bed, and some new markers and crayons.

Alexis Peterson, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A doll house, a Barbie that has sparkly hair, and an MP3 player, a tablet, and an Olaf stuffed animal, and an Elsa and Anna doll, and a Christmas Tree, I want some horses, and I want an elephant, and pink glasses because mine busted and a computer.

Secret Pittmann, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A Ninja Turtle toy, a Ninja Turtle poster, a ninja Turtle helicopter.

Braedon Scott, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A monster truck, a dinosaur toy, and I want a bow and arrow, and I want a robot.

Josh Siebert, age 5

Dear Santa,  
 A toy magnet, and a toy truck, a toy cat.

Ryan Smith, age 6

Dear Santa,  
 A big Elsa doll, an Anna doll, a Stuffy Elsa with fur, and a Stuffy Anna with fur, a toy Sven, a book about just Elsa, a princess book and that's all.

Sawyer Somers, age 5



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Dear Santa,  
An Anna dress, and an Elsa doll, and a dress up dress, and anew ball, and a princess poster, and anew lunch box, because I used to have two and now I have one, and an Anna poster because my sister has one, and a new skirt and shirt, a an Anna doll, stickers, and a new TV, because I don't have a TV and a new doll house with dollies to go with it. And I want a new cup to drink from with princesses on it.

Katelyn Sommer, age 5

Dear Santa,  
An Elsa doll, and an Anna doll, and Olaf with a castle for Olaf, and a castle and house with Barbies, and a monster truck for my brother, and something for my mom and some pictures for my dad from my mom. And a Frosty the Snowman, a globe.

Willow Ward, age 6

Dear Santa,  
A treasure chest, and Anna and Elsa doll, and an Anna and Elsa doll house, and Anna and Elsa clown, and an Anna and Elsa dress, some stickers, some new scarves, new hats, some new markers and so paper to go with it.

Sierra Wright, age 6

### First Grade Mrs. Glomski's Class

Dear Santa,  
I'm writing a letter because I'm too shy to ask you in person. What I would like for Christmas is a doll, a new bed, a new house so I have more room to run around, and a big huge swingset only for me, not my sister, she's 10 years old and too old to play. I would also like new blankets and a little mini stove because my sister lost hers. Please get my sister her own room because she wants her own room, but I like sharing with her.

Love, Allie Stewart

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I would like a happy family.

Love, Adonia Schott-Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the presents last year. Please bring me a tablet this year. How are your reindeer doing?

Love, Cole Upper

Dear Santa,  
Thank you Santa for all my presents and thank you for giving all the other kids presents. A gas four-wheeler is what I want. A sewing kit because I know how to sew. A art set that's all I think.

Love, Cuyler Smith

Dear Santa,  
Hi Mrs. Clause! What are getting everyone for Christmas? I would like a fake puppy. Brialle would like a mickey mouse club house. Alisha would like legos. Mesha would like a lot of books. CJ would like some cars. My mom would Christmas dress and my dad would like a tie. Grandma Linda wants a purple necklace.

Grandpa Tom he wants a new house because he's living in a cabin now.

From, Nyhia Jackson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a whole treasure chest full of diamonds, gems, necklaces, rings and money. Most of all I would like a present box. I would like a Santa like you that is magic. I would like a clip up thing that you can put stuff in like paper. I would like a Santa hat and a math book. I would like my friend George to have a little something too. I want him to have a little treasure. I would like a little diary too. I would like a Santa costume for my cousin Hannah. I would like a stuffy of Mrs. Procnier. I would like an art kit. I want a tablet too, please. I would like a few CDs for my mom please. I would like some lipstick for my mom, please. I would like a whole pack of colored paper please.

I love you Santa, Cassie Pittman

Dear Santa,  
I like you. Can you give me some presents please? I would like a toy gun, some toy cows and calves, and some army people. I want a toy SUV police car. For my mom I will give her a rose. For my brother Christian some army people, for my sister Mikayla I will give her horses, for my brother Rick a world cup game. For my brother Josh I will give him some cars. I love you Santa. I hope that you have a nice Christmas.

Love, Anthony Perez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Buzz Lightyear toy, Skylanders and legos. My Call of Duty Black ops game broke so can you bring me a new one?

Love, Mason Norling

Dear Santa,  
I want a tablet and a Shamus wrestling toy. Can you also bring me a Playstation 4 and the new wrestling game they have. That's all.

Your friend, Nick Link

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like some toys. Please bring my mom a necklace and my dad a flashlight. My sister needs a ring and my brother could use a flashlight too. I would like to have a necklace too.

Love, Jamie Hall

Dear Santa,  
Please bring my mom some rings. Get my dad more scary video games, that's what he likes. I'm sure Ashton would like more video games, too. Sawyer likes Frozen. I would like some music and the Mad Max movie.

Love, George Kirby

Dear Santa,  
I want a pirate treasure for Christmas, a remote control truck, a MP3 player, a 4-wheeler, a wolf necklace, a dragon necklace, a snake necklace, maps, a skylander game and a minecraft book. My brother I would like him to get a minecraft book and

transformers game. My sister I would like her to get earrings and a ring. My mom would like money. I would like a picture of a skull. Thanks for the toys last year.

Love Isaac "Zeek" Kiprotich

Hi Santa!  
Can I have a puppy, a tractor, a fake 4-wheeler with a battery, a computer, a TV in my room and lots of toys?

From Ben Johnston, age 7

Hi Santa,  
Is it real cold at the North Pole? It is cold here! I would like an Elsa dress, a Barbie doll with a red dress, and a car for Barbie. My Mom would like some earrings. Emma would like an Anna dress. Daddy would like anew belt. Andrew would like a uh oh.

Love, Clair Griggs

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Could you give my Mom some blue curtains for the livingroom windows. My Dad would like some tools. Grant would like a toy phone. My Uncle Zac would like a nick nack with a snowman in it. I would like police legos.

Love, Landin Good

Hi Santa,  
Why do you live so far away? I would like an X-box 360 and the game Halo. My sister, Bree, would like some hair stuff. That way she wouldn't use my Moms. My Mom would like some hair stuff too. My Dad could use a microwave. My dog would like a bone.

Love, Brandon Fogle

Hi Santa,  
I want a Anna dress for Christmas. I want you to give my Nana and Papa a new baseball hat. I want another toy for my cat. I would love to have a pet parrot that talks. I want 8 kittens for Christmas too. They will need a bed too. No more animals ok? New Legos would be nice. I also want a new Barbie for Christmas. I want a parrot cage for the parrot that I am getting for Christmas. I want a new necklace, a real one, and a sparkly rose. I want a new cup for Christmas.

Love, Addison Dumas

Hi Santa!  
You're the best season ever! And I like your presents because your elves are good present makers! I would like a remote controlled race car and remote controlled helicopter.

Love, Noah Deornellas, age 6

Hi Santa!  
I would like a bungi chair. I would like for my friend Charlie, a olaf backpack. My brother a batman coat. For my mom I would like a set of earphones. And for my dad, a screwdriver. And for my dog, a new bone. For my grandma, I would like a bible. And for my grandpa, I would like a birthday present so he can give it to my grandma. I will give you a present. I will set the gingerbread house by your plate.

Love, Sophie Boyer, age 6

Hi Santa,  
Do you sleep all Christmas Day? My sister, Aurora, wants a DS2. I want a Barbie and a Barbie's Dream House and a dress for her. Willie would like a lion stuffed animal. Emily would like legos. My Dad wants a tool box. Mom wants pots and pans to cook with, and fake flowers.  
Love, Maddie Boland

Hello Santa,  
I would like a purple baby doll and a pink baby doll for my brother, Chase. I would like Frozen stuff but I already have the movie. My Step Dad would like a new Michigan coat, then my Mom doesn't need to buy one. My cousin Allie would like a necklace and more Monster High stuff. Memaw would like a witch. My Mom would like a new baby, but don't tell her. Emma would like me to come to her house.  
Love, Zoey Arcand

Dear Santa,  
My brothers would each like a toy car. Josh's favorite color is yellow and Zack's is green. I would like a skateboard and a Transform robot. My Mom would like a very, very bright flashlight. My Dad would like some new tools. I love you!  
Matt Abee

Dear Santa,  
I want a balloon that can blow up and never pop. And I want a pet horse for Christmas. And a bunch of toys. And some toys for my brother. And I want a chalkboard and some paint. And with paper. And I want some movies. That's it.  
From, Damien Podbilski

**Mrs. Haneckow's Class**

Dear Santa,  
I love you, you are my frafit in the world.  
Love, Emily Atkinson

Dear Santa,  
I hop that you will get me a present when it is wintre.  
Lona Bartz

Dear Santa,  
how are you doeg I wud like for Christmas a mia and me Book and a Else Dress and a santa toy a pink rose Books a Book bed a dog please.  
Addison Beatty

Dear Santa,  
How is the reindeer.  
Darren Boyat

Dear Santa,  
thank you for last yere toys for last I love the toys You so much.  
Gavin Dellar

Dear Santa,  
May I have a wiiu ples santa, miyi ples books ples.  
Matt Dellar

Dear Santta,  
How are your reindeer? I'm 7 year old and I am in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, can you please bring me a zombie water bottle and a zombie lunchbox.  
Thank you, Zachary Elder

Dear Santa,  
I have a cat santa please can you git me a toy car I wod have a car and a cat and a dog.  
Piper Flerchinger

Dear Santa,  
Howe or you doing? or the randere ok or you doing good I hop so.  
Love, Emily Geddert

Dear Santa,  
how are you, how are the randere how is mis.  
Ella Gehring

Dear Santa,  
I wot a wii santa have god day.  
Karsen Gonyea

Dear Santa,  
haw r the rader I love the chruk it was fun, ma I hav a Shark tooth, mockin that thruk. Jack and Annie Book  
Isaiah Kiprotich

Dear Santa,  
I Love you Christmas Thank Four the presits.  
Rayna Koch

Dear Santa,  
I please wot hedfos I please wot a toy santa I please wot a toy reindeer.  
Rylee Kroon

Dear Santa,  
a game heli craft wool uv blac ops I blac ops II blac ops II world wr carft III  
Casey League

Dear Santa,  
Thank you I love you santa clos. how r yor reindeers  
Gunnar Levlina

Dear Santa,  
Toy car guinea pig may  
Brydi McGirr

Dear Santa,  
can I hav a anna and Elso bed  
Ariana Riso

Dear Santa,  
I love santa il be good  
Destiny Sanders

Dear Santa,  
thank you for the presints last yere I rely liket the belbank.  
Love, Emma Schroeder

Dear Santa,  
How ar reindeer are they warm? Kack and a nr I phone and FBI suit.  
Brandon Stanley

Dear Santa,  
ples thak u santa fur my toys, cros buo, liglos, shato E su I hope vat you hav a gud flut the rader. i love you santa  
Lauren Travis

Dear Santa,  
I hop you have a maere Christmas  
Barry Wascher

Dear Santa,  
How r the reindeer and the elfs at the north pole?  
Your friend, Brooklyn Webb

**Second Grade  
Ms. Misiak's Class**

Dear Santa,  
How do you fit down the chimney? I think you Shrink like a army guy and then jump down the chimney. I really want a bungee chair for Christmas. I really want a bow and arrow fro Christmas please. I really want some slippers please. Love santa  
from: Syrus Acord

Dear Santa,  
How do you eat all thos cookies in the world? I think you fed your reindeer sum of the cookies. Dear Santa I wud like a tablet because I ned to patis reading and math. thack you Santa have a nies day. I would also like a ese backr so I cud back for my family. lastly I would like sum monst high doll so I cud play monst high oh and I would also like a monsthig catcoms to please and thank you Santa.  
Love, Virginia Barnes Miss you santa. Talk to you later santa. Love you Santa

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I think you prinke masek dust on the reindeer. Can I please have a 3ds It is Blak It looks fun two me. My famile can wash me. I can spad time wah my famle. I wood like a remot kentrl air plan It can fly. I can share with my famley. It Looks fun tow me. I can spet time whith my faeley. I wood like a watch It looks fun two me. I can tell time. It will Look cute. Also santa if you have room in your slegh could you bring me a stop and chop Grembot.  
Your Friend, Emily Boland

Dear Santa,  
How do you fit down the chimney. how you put your eeft down the chimney cvsas was zae rown and litte was carey you up fow you to put the Toys down for kids and I kan haiv a Lego man ples.  
Riley Clark

Dear Santa,  
How do You get Your roder to gow? do You like frot or vegehables? I Thick you say that nams. I Thick You like frot cus its gud. I cat wat for crismis. I hop I get los of presins. I rile wot a ds Ples. I wot a ds With gams like moteow I Love it Ples. I wot it cus I cud lon of uf it I cud lon a lot I am Planbing to lrn with it. I wud olsow like toblit. The bs it has gems I wud luv the bs Pinck Ples. I wot the doblit sow win wey go on trips. lastly I wot a nrf gun. I riley wot a nrf gun ples get the nrf gun. I dot hav varey much toys ples and shek you. I serelis wot it. I love plaen with the nrf gun. Ples and Shak You.  
Love, Julia Gall Deornellos

Dear Santa,  
How do you get around in one night? i think you time travl. can I please have transformers of extinction the video game vesion. and also halo lego. and I wold love minecraft blocks not the video game. and I would also love skylanders not the starters pack the guys and crystal and also I would like a bungee chair. And could you bring me a PS4  
from Kyle Duncan



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Love, Katie Fasel  
Mare Crismis Sunta I can't wate intil you giv me The Presints.

Dear Santa,  
How do you fliy? I wode Like a DS and A Callfo DoDe for DS Ples. I Wode A bungee chair ples Satu. I wode like a I Fone Ples Satu.  
Travis Fowler

Dear Santa,  
How do you reindeer Fly do ther have a Flyig powr to Fly. How do you Fit in the chimney? I want a Hmbells. I want a lego set For Christmas. and a transformer and a bunj care and a wupesin and a biefoa wimpy kid, dog, transfor I wot for crismis.  
Love, John Greenlee

Deer Santa,  
how do you see us and how do you go throw the chimney with a fire in it. I want a tablet because I don't have to Licen to my sister and I can play games on it Xbox I want a xBox Becuse I can play with my sister and I can play coluvduty moarn wolfar and my hole Famly can Play coluvduty modern wore far and play ahunting games the other one was a dirt bick be cuse I can rase I can praktis and finly I can do jumps. a 22 pistel gauten gun air hvges cotinun can't mushen slushy maker a ipod and a ds because means I can lod games on it and I want a candy maker with Balls of candy with some shoger and some carmal with jelly and penet buter.

sunserly Jansen Harte Loves santa, but we all lov you so if I ever meet You I will tak to you abot sumthing because it is privet and it is abote my famly and my grama santa. we all Love You and miss santiclas because all you do for the hole werld. the end.  
sunserly Jansen Harte

Dear Santa,  
How do you eat all those cookies in one night. can I please have a hover ball? I saw it on a commercial. It looked cool and fan to me! I saw one that was pink but I want a purple and pink one. It slides on any floor and will not scratch your walls can you please get me a piano fire flames for decoratshn. I like piano music please make sure it has a lock on the keyboard and seat so my little sister can't use it oh and I need a key. oh and I forgot one more a bagee chair please and 13 wishis move and game.  
from our loveing friend Zoe Kirk

Dear Santa,  
How do you Eat so meny cooeis in one Nite? I think you give some to your reindeer. I wood reely Love to have A 3DS. I want to have the 3Ds Because I like games so I can play gams evry Day. and I want it to Be pink and PerPle Because that is my Faveret colers and I will tack good car of it. I wood allsoe like to have a corn cady amker. I want a coten candy maker Because I like caten candy. and I allsoe wood tack vary good care of it. and I will Make coten candy fore my Brother and my Friends and my sister to and I Love my Friends. I wood like to have a gatar to. I want a gotar because I like to sing to. and I want it to Be pink with roses on it and Flowers on it to.  
Love, August LaFave  
talk to you Later, tootles and allsoe 8teen 3Ds games and some new P.J.s and a Bungiy chair and A Exercise Ball and A password Jernle. tootels  
August LaFave

Dear Santa,  
how do your reindeer fly? why do you like cookie's? I think you use magic feed corn. and I think you like cookies because they are sweet. can I please have the hole set of diary of a wimpy kid book's? It can help me read better. they are funny to read. and they are the book's that are rigte for me! I would also like a monster high castle. it can entertain me when I am bored. I would like the one with pink and black on it. it will make me happy if you get if for me. lastly I would like cra-zy sand. I would like the purple one. it's squishy and fun. I will be happy. it will be fun. talk to you later.  
from: Isabella Laird

Dear Santa,  
wat I wot for Krismis is a zoomer and a xbox 360 and a Pokemon dek.  
Danyl LaLonde

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? I think you say the magic word. could I ples have snow glow Elas I her on a comurshul she looked prity to me and we could sing togetrr and be best frend's and she taks and her dress lights up and when you Lift her arm up tale she sings and when you Lift arm forward. olaf apers. could you also bring a relly guitar so I can praktis to be music mugishen.  
Love, Danica Manning

Dear Santa,  
How do you get all the way orde the world wth only praber. well lets get to the przit. I want a Drt bike I want a DS But I Don't want to be mean But I want a Lot of stuff I want tweve PS2 I want nrf gun I want 23 crse and kitin cady makr 34 sky ladrs PS4 5 ril cool remot cahtrol 6 arr ilan krze. tap it and bow pocm bag. your relly nice to give all ave one prazists I Love you Santa. Your alvs ther relly nice to love you santa with much Love  
From Elijah Piirala

Dear Santa,  
How do you fit down the Chimney? I think you fit The elfs down The chimney for you. I really Love to get a leap frog so Please Get it. I freally want a leap frog thet's pink with a Game I can play Games on It so whin Im Bored. It will fun I can bring It to Show and tell. I would also Like a tablet so I can Learn with It. but my brother will take it. so I can have fun and read with It. I would Love a tablet so I can Print a coloring papar. I would Love a bungee chair so Please get It for me. So I can bring It to school to sit in It and one thets pick cause its my favor-ite color. Good Bay. Also Santa if you have room in your sleigh could you bring me slippers and Ugg boots Please and thank you.  
Love Taylor LaFave miss you

Dear santa,  
how are you so quite. I cant think of a answer Im not sure what to Ask. I would like a bungee chair Please. I would like it Because my camp chair is not comfortable. A Bungy chair is more comfortable. A Bungee chair is Bouncy.  
Love, Nick Ratz

Dear Santa,  
do you like fruit and vegetables because I am making a tree of fruit and vegetables for you and there is cookies but Santa you can eat them after you eat the Christmas tree. I woud like a red iphone.  
Triston Robinson

Dear Santa,  
Why dot you let perple see you I thik I no why Because if someone see. How do you elf to bild Lego city. Show man rat con ples thak you.  
Delylah Shelby

Dear Santa,  
How do you eat all those cookies in one night? I think you feed some to your reindeers. I relly want a tablet because I can Play games on it. I want it with a case the color Dark Blue. I want so I can Pracdes to Play math games with my brothers Grady and Braxton. I also want it because I can Play games with my friends. I wold also Like a boanarow. I want it the color Light Blue. with twenty arose. I want it because I can Practice on my dad's Target. it will be fun to play with. Lastly I wold like a craola paint maker. I want it because I have broken crans and I can make Them in to paint. I don't have that much paint, so I can make more.  
Love, Baylee Goddard

Dear Santa,  
How do you fit get all the presents in the bag? I think you hav a goyit bag I wood like a black tablet. a black tablit! I can poot books on my black tablet! It will be able to happ me with math! I wood like a tablet charger! I ned a tablet charger if my black tablet is dead I can charger it! it Will be easy to poay it! I knee it for my tablet! Lastley I wot Hotdogs! becus if I gat hugree I have tham! I can bring tham aheawan! I can make Hotdogs!  
From, Marius Spears

Dear Santa,  
 How do you get down the chimney? when thar is no chimney? I think you come in the Door. can i Please have a flying fairy. that flots on your hand. can i Please have a nerf relelle Bow with 10 arrows. and a reveng from my Brother. Can I please have all of the horrible harry books for my class.

Love Rilee Tracy Miss you

Dear Santa,  
 How Do you Fit down the chimney? I thik you pout your elfs down the chimney. I want Lego Star Wars becus I dont have one and I Love Star Wars. And ABilt. And Want it becuss we can Play Sky Landers

Love, Kelvin Travis

Dear Santa,  
 is roodaf rel? How do you get down the chimney. How do you see us wen Wer Slepín. can I pleas have a Ben bag I will giv you 4 cookies and milk. can I see one uv yore elfs pleas. Merry Christmas Santa. can I pleas have a Woch. and a bungee chair pleas. and a i phon pleas and Diary of a wimpy kid book pleas. I will billd you a snow man and tpsn yous pleas. and 2 shrs pleas a Lego set a crat pleas.

Ashton Smith

Dear Santa,  
 how is live going? Are the elves ready for christmas? Can I please get a Barry sanders fathead. Barry is #20 can you get the that he played? I would like the white jersey. I would like it because I am planning on getting the legends of detroit fathead set. Can I please get a Isiah thomas fathead. Isiah is #11 he play for the detroit pistons. Can you get the years he played? I would like the blue jersey. I love the pistons and Isiah is a legendary pistons player. I would like it because I am planning on getting the legends of detroit fathead set. I would like NBA jam for the wii. NBA jam has flames on the case. To make sure it's for the wii check for wii on it. I would like it because I can play with my Dad. I like NBA games because th players always dunk.

Sincerely Garrett Somers

**Mrs. Samp's Class**

Dear Santa,  
 How do you remember all of the elves names? Do they tell you thar names. Camer for famle. fuch cashing plese and thank you santa. a new red also a memay card for a comer plese pokemon cards to and a nerf gun like a machine gun to.

Love your bff Tanner Leeseberg

Dear santa,  
 How Do you Deliver all of the toys. I think you push a button on the slae and it makes you go faster. I would Really like a mp3 player please that's purple. I will take good care of it. I will put it up high some where so nobody can get it. I would Really preshate it for a kindle fire that's pink red or purple

please that comes with a speaker. I whaht a kindle fire Becase my Brother Jack trew it akrost the yard. Becuse I Don't have any lektronix and I only have a DS that's Blue. I whould really thank you for some call of Duty Ghost's Book's that talk about the game. I like to read Chapter Book's I like call of Duty Book's.

Love Dalton Huebshman

Dear Santa,  
 How do your sleigh move? plees breing me a ipod gray and black is a casse. My dad will put it on my ipod. It will ceepit safe. Becuase i will play with at Mackun. Alos, I wuhun like a dsixl. It cume with blae on it. I need a star wars blackit set.

Love, Jacob June

Dear Santa,  
 How do you get all the presents in the bag? you has a big bag also I wout a mi craft book to read. a book with my frainds. I woud like a Xb0x to Beat with my fraids and with my mom and Dad. to play too and my and dad can play all games. good bay.

Love, Gage Woodward

Dear Santa,  
 can i please have a exrase ball i want it they are very bounce so i can sit on it i realy wnat it Santa. please give one to me please santa its a blue one xoxoxo santa

Jenna Rose West

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? Santa Please can I get a ranedeer and a x=Box 336 and a Robot. please bruing my Jacob Smith a jersey size 5t. thank you gifs last year. How are you doing.

Your frend Alex Smith

Dear Santa,  
 How do you get down the chimy? I thing you send a elf Down the chimy whith your Bag whith Presents. I whod Like zombie green Dino and XBox Black 360 and I ont rolrbhol and I wont some Shick.

xoxoxo Logan Brown

Dear Santa,  
 how do fit down the chimni can you get me xbox.

Travis Walker

Dear Santa,  
 Hoe do You fit in the chimmny. i think you Putt the toys in frsit then you go in. can i plese have a ipid my bruthers got one when they where 10 and 8 so can i pritty pleys have and ipid and can i ples have an elsa and anna doll Olof can took doll and can i plaes have and ty toys all of them. i Love them.

your Friend, Jasmine Walker

Dear Santa,  
 How Do you remember evrey buteys nams? I thank you have magic mibrey. I would really Love to get the meky make Bacus I neyd marky makrs and it wuld be couley to make a markey and it looks funny. Also I would like chadik sand is purple and sawney. I whant to felly it and it is indoor sand. I woad

Also liek a fney kelly find makey it is fansey and has glasis.

Love Leah Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa,  
 How do reindeer fly? I think you sprinkle pixie dust on there feet so they can deliver with you. I would realy love to get a frozen DS. It

s blue whith snow flakes on back. I want to take pictures of me and my family.

Love, Emily Burgess

Dear Santa,  
 How do you remember all of the elves names? I think you give them special shoes that tell you what thare names are. I wont a Digital camera fro Christmis. I am going to take pictures wara evrv I go. Aan I can take pictures of my family. I wold Relly Relly! like a Marker maker. So I could Make Markers that Know one elsa could. Aan I could give some to my friends for a prestant. So I can have beautiful colits too. I Relly Relly wont Knedec sand. So I can sqosh it and Make it.

Your friend, Marisol Klingler

Dear Santa,  
 How do you stay so quiet? I think you ried the reindeer In the. can you ples bring me the PS4 Also I would liek frkrid 4 the last thing I would liek is Skilanders trap I can maek skilanders cum to lief I can play the game intel bed.

Sincerely, Avery Glore

Dear Santa,  
 How do you fit down the chimey? I wut alsa relle bad. it has a light up dress. Olof toy and I wud lov a Olof game too. also sum babey stuff.

Love, Grace Mercier

Dear Santa,  
 how Do you Be so quit. When you dulifer presents to the chrisimis tree. I think you have magic Dust or throw a elf down the chimniy. I want a Divfre Bell Bow H has bluw Bowinarow and its wight it is a toy Bowinarow. and beedow too pleas and all the Beny Babesy and a hurs Bunjy char and a ck woiu bar please. and a toy pangwin, more thing a zebrow toy.

Love, Gracyn Tracy

Dear Santa,  
 How do You deliver all of those presents in one day? it is a Pithre uv a Nabi and a Fack cat with a lith then sum games you can Play Games and you walk with it you can Play Doges. it is soft and fusy and I like to look at Pithrs.

Your friend, Kayleigh Karas

Dear Santa,  
 How do you fit down The chimny? do you Send a elf down The chinny. I would rilx like a Zoomr Dog. he has Spot all over hime he is a roBot dog. I cant live whith out it. it is so adorubl. I whont to hear him say his frist word.

Love, Rylee Manning



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Dear Santa,  
Do you have chrimis Santa. I think you have elfs dres up as you. I wood love the xbox 360 with the game mincraft and NFL Foot ball. it is black i want a xbox 360 si. can breke my cusint Kiden i wrilly wood like a x box 360 becus so i can git my mom and dad. i wood allso like the game cold muoschrap. it cums with murbls to. i want it becuse and conetke sand it is sant that cunckd.

Your Frend, Vincent Mahalak

Dear Santa,  
Santa how can yoar reindeer fly? Do you have magic to fly or Do you have magic reindeer? I tank you have magic reindeer and I whad rille Love a Zome Zupes it hase Black Spots and a whit Bode and I wont it Becase its gowen to Play with my Dog. Also, I wuald Like to have a Play green bornovow. cuse my Brether hase a Bornovow and we can have wors and I wish can get me Dne Ples santa. Also, I wuald lake to have a 3DS Ples. Becase it sons vare osam.

Love, Sarah Fall

Dear Santa,  
Why do elves have pointy ears? I think there born Like that! reason 1 I whould really want a nerf bow. I want a toy not a real one with plastic bowlets whith far distence reason 2 so I can play with my brother who already has some. also I whould like a ninja turtle action figures. I want the ninj turtle with the purple mask I want to build a tower of blocks and then nock it down. hot wheels I want them so I can play play.

Love, Aden Acord

Dear Santa,  
What do you do When there is no Chimney? I thik you go threw the walls. I would Love to have the 2 DS with Pink Flowrs and it is black so I can beet my sisters. So I can put it in my DS Cds I would Love to have Lazr Rasr Red with flams. So I can Scar my Sisters. So I can save mouny. I would Love to have Mushash Smash. I woud Love masasus wiht hiscks. I would Love to Smash my sisters. We all wolud Love to Win it! evrewun wolud Love to win it!

Love, Aurora Boland

Dear Santa,  
How do you stay so quiet when you deliver present? I think you have Special shoes that make you fly. I want a cendol fuaeyr. I want a sampson galaxy. a want a pink talit. I also 3 DS came wathever you can fand.

your Frend, Ricky Schott

Dear Santa,  
How do you Get All the Presents? I tink you ou magik. I wod riley lick Shack manea it is a Famly Gaem. it is Funyey to it is Kcind of Hard to But I wont mind. PS and a 3DS.

Love, Jayson Lincoln

Dear Santa,  
How do you Fly around the world only in one Night. I Think You have Special Magic. I Would really love to Get a x box 360 and the concoller to be camo colleg. Also I wald lik to get a Kindl fire to with Minecraft Grame on it. I would like a Fone. I want to call my friends I want to Play my Gams.

Love, Preston Sharp

Dear Santa,  
How are you still awake at the end of Christmas Eve night: I think you drink alot of enrgy drinks so you stay awake all night. I would love to get a pink and blue DS4 Please!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Pluse I would like some intertamment please. Also, I would like a kindle that has a blue case. That's it. Thanks by! P.S I don't bleve in Santa cluse I was forst to do this But thanks for lisning ok. byyyyy

Lily Kozlow

Dear Santa,  
What if they have no chimnney? I think you go in the houses by the door I would Love to have my own atv. I want the falt cren the cheh not to big. I would love have my own Xbox. I waht the xbox one to pug in to the tv the Xbox has a x on it. I want a gatr. Becuase I want to mack hors the gaxr has a EEW no it.

Love Evan Woods

### Third Grade Mrs. Shultz's Class

Dear Santa,  
How have you ben. how have your raindeer ben. by the way my wish list for crist mas is a knew Barbie, a cot-

ton candy maker, a candy bar maker, a horse and a pot belly pig. i will send some cookies and milk for you and some carrots for your raindeer.

Your friend Gracie Brittain

Dear Santa,  
I wonder if your riandeer are being good latelee. I have on qeshtin, canI have 4 things for Christmans. One of the 4 things a Olaf bed set because I am cold at night and 2 more things please. Could I get olaf slippers and one more thing a olaf hat.

Janey Cronk Love your firend Janey

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a zoomey dog. I want a lovey pup dog there are a boy dog and a girl dog. I want a bord and some chok for my bord and I want my bord for my chok. How is your elfs and raindeer.

Your friend Maddison Daggett

Dear santa,  
I loved what you got me last year. But I would like a amaricin doll. But if you cant get a a amaricin doll that's ok. I also would like a i pod and if that's to hard to get you can get me a elsa doll and it would be a real srpris if you got me a kittin or a mous. but the two things I would love most of all is a par of rolrblads and a good critsmis.

Love, Novalee Forsythe

Dear Santa,  
The elf came back and I got him a tutu for Christmas but don't tell him. I loved my American Doll Sagie I really enjoy playing with hter and braiding her hair but theres a new doll and I have been wanting her and her name is Isabella. My mom got me a Kit American Doll movie. How is all the elfs at the workshop. Also I would like a build a bear work shop girl reindeer so I can do the journey on my ipad. And theres a new fashion desiner bookk that makes you become a fashion desiner that I would enjoy because I want to become a fashion desiner when I get older. How are you doing at the workshop? If you don't mind could you get all the animals a present and uncle Tim, mom and dad. Also could you get the American Dolls something.

Love, Sage Gauthier

Dear Santa,  
How are the raindeer doing and elvs how are they doing to can you asck the elas to get me a now wii game cold coll of duty gost that and an ipode that's all.

Love, Raymond Geddert

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Dear Santa,  
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Your friend Onica Glomski

Dear Santa,  
 Last year you were sick and I asked for a 3ds for Christmas. I asked for a poke,mon game. I am wondering how are your reindeer. Im wondering how are your elves doing. I am just wondering how are stuff going. how are you doing. how is everything going at the northpole. I cant wait to see Santa at my house.

Love, Andrew Joshua Good

Dear Santa,  
 I would only like 4 things for Christmas this year. 1. Portal 2 PC (non-beta) (from the steam store) 2. Tearaway PS Vita (full version) 3. Little Big Planet PS Vita (full version) (Card) 4. MetriCo PS Vita (Full Version) So really all I want is 4 video games. Thx. P.S. how are your reindeer going?

Sincerely, Marshal Hancock

Dear Santa,  
 I have been meaning to ask you what does ho ho ho mean. There is three things I want. I want a PS3 and some game the reason why I want is because the PS3. That we have my brother hog's it. Santa why do you have so many elf's I get that you need a lot but that mush. Another thing that I want is spy gear I want it because my brother takes all my things. The spy gear comes with a motion sensor so I can catch him doing it. Santa what do you feed your reindeer? Is it human food or no? Another thing I want is my own Ipad because my brother lost his so I have to share it with him.

Your friend, Cayden Hebert

Dear Santa,  
 I want a tablet with mind craft full version and a ps4 and asesinked unity. how many rane dear do you have?

Love, Chase Kamischke

Dear Santa,  
 All I want is a north face normal gun so I could go out side and go hunting with my dad and get some deer and sqearl and the kid of deer is a buck and a dow. Why ant you coming and eating all the milk and cookies? next time im going to get you. Reason is So I could get deer slomy.

Your truly friend, Dylan Karas

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a elf on the shelf for christmas. And I would like a horse. And a play house that I can fit in. And I want to meet santa. And the last thing I want is my own room. I will leave cookies and milk out for you.

Love, Arean Monnier

Dear Santa,  
 I would like some new lewers for fishing one more fishing pole even if I Got it last year this is all I want.

your friend Zean Monnier

Dear Santa,  
 I want an I phone 5s because my brother has one. I would like a I pod so I have something to do on the bus. I also would like a psp a ps vita. I would like a tablet. the reason I want a tablet is because I need something to do at home santa. The reason I want a psp with minecraft is because I need something to do at home. The reason I want a ps vita is because I need something to do at home. Santa I really loved that tornado twister you got me last year.

Love, Waylon Nedwash Long

Dear Santa,  
 How are your reindeer? I would like a i Pod So I can Make cute Mr. Bojangles video's. I would also like a Beados so I can make fun stuff like reindeer. One last thing I would like the Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series. Oh and be Very Careful of Mr.

BoJangles the beast!! (the cat) Santa what does HoHoHo mean? How did you spend your summer? Do you have any Pets?

Love Your freind, Emily Samp

Dear Santa,  
 I know it is crazy but all I want is a polar bear stuffed anamale and a Christmas swetter. For Christmas spirit Oh! I want to ask you something why don't you finish the milk and cookies I put out for you? But any way I want to wish you good luck with all the children. And you know all the children are excited for Christmas but I'm excited for you. And hay, I'm happy with what every you give me!

Love you. Miah Schopfer

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a lego energy cole and ninja go jay. I would like a set of 4 aicole jay zone ZX. What are you doing.

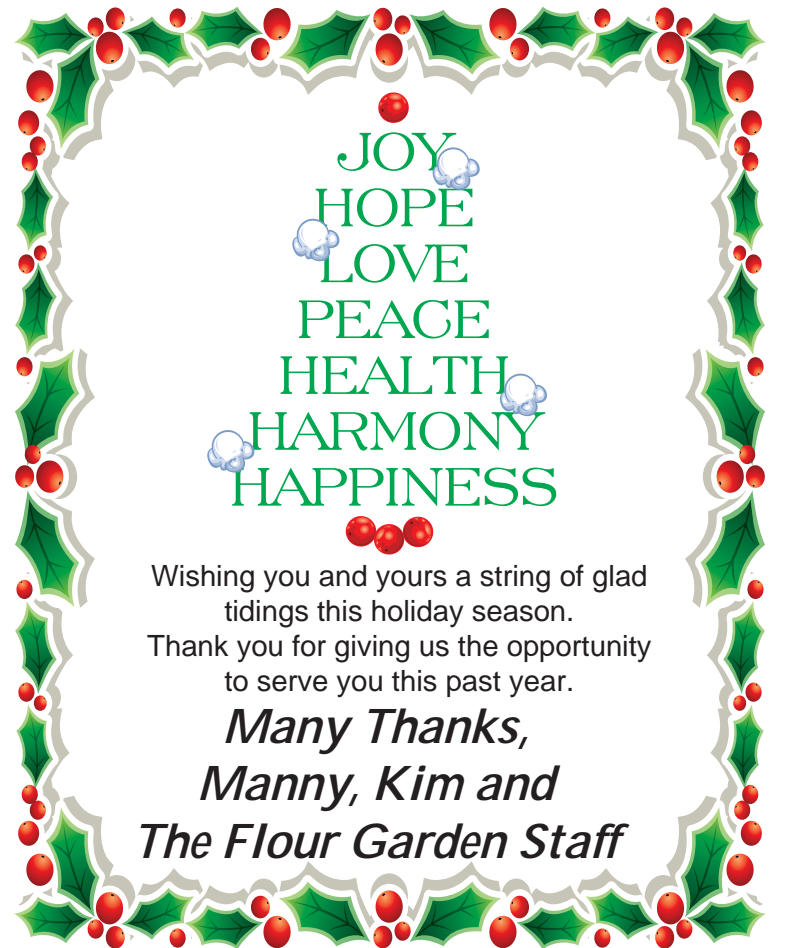
Sawyer Seminoff

Dear Santa,  
 I want a ar-15 with a scope on it so I could go hunting with my dad and get a buck and I can I have a some traps so I could go trapping with my dad. So I and my dad can get some raccoons and some coyotes and beavers.

Love, David Sharboneau




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 Luke 2:7*

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Dear Santa,  
 I only want 2 thing the Wuhejub Ball and the air hawk and I would like to know How the raindeer are Doing and How you are doing too.  
 Your friend Devin Shepard

Dear Santa,  
 How are your elves? would you please get me a iPad and a big one to. Becuase I only have a D,S. A new bike plase. New monster highs plase. you should know what ones to.  
 By Ellimae Spalding

Dear Santa,  
 how are your elfes doing and mrs. cloes doing. how many toys did the elfses make. how many house do you go to. but any way I want a puppy and a tool kit becues I am going to be a mukanick when I grow up and a Ipod. ustad of a tool kit I want my dog butterfly to live longer and I want a pet parit and a rabbit trap so I can have rabbit and mite biat and a pet shark so if a rober comes the shark will biat the rober.  
 Love, Trent Stanley

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I need a sled for JJ and a base ball and a bat. I would enjoy a snowbord oun that will last 2 yeres plese and thnk you. Ps. wiy is my elf hooly so wirred about homework? and we will leave cookies maybe so carrots for the reindeer and I would like to know if I am on the knotty or nice list please and thatnk you.  
 Sincerely, Brooklyn Storey.  
 I would enjoy a snow board because I would like to do something other than sled-ding.

Dear Santa,  
 how are you doing and this is what I want for Christmas a ps3 With to controller s a blue camo and a green one two and some games destiny marvol super heroes ninjago call of duty I will tell you the other games I want when I remember ok and I want a sipline two and a air soft guns a sniper and a pistol and a nurf guns that one that has squeeshy.  
 Love, Gage Travis

Dear Santa,  
 This year I think I want this Xbox one game that cold mincraft I do not want it to go to my mom's please. So that means can you please put it at my dad's please and plants vs zomdes gordinworfar it is for Xbox one and it because I

have it on my pc and it glitches on the pc please and at my dads too and thanks for my teddy bear and the candy and at my moms place you can do what ever you want. Love you Santa!  
 Love Ziggy Villalobos

Dear Santa,  
 Is your beard long? I want a bow so I can go hunting. I need a chair so I can set and play games. I need a hat so my head wont freeze. And coal so I can pot it in my fire plays. I wish I could have a beach in my house. And it is a chocolate dand the sand and a crackers as a sale bot and gummy birds flying around. How small are your elfs?  
 Love Collin Walker to the big man.

Dear Santa,  
 How are you today? I want a horse because I have a big yard.l And I need a super Mario ds games. And a puppy because I don't like cats because I sneeze around them.  
 Love, Aspen Wortley

**Mrs. Miller's Class**

Dear santa. I lik epizza. mrs. mille rthinks I am crazy!!!! corey wants A hot dog And ipod for chistmas and I want a bbgun. I hope you do Not run out of gas rond the world. The end.  
 Your friend, Nathan Basner

Dear Santa,  
 How is Mrs. claus is she doing good? and I hope you no i am funny my teacher think I am fables and may you please get something for my 2 week old baby sister. And can you please get me a littel elf so I can play with it?  
 your buddy, Riley Patterson

Dear Santa,  
 Why cant we see you? I like to play video games. Mrs. Miller Thinks I'm Awesome!!! I wish Mrs. Miller has a Red dress. I want monster High Dolls and more suff. I hope you have a good christmas.  
 Your Best Buddy Nikki O'Dea

Dear Santa,  
 How many reindeer do you have? I have 2 cats and my favorite color is bleach. I am awesome! I want a car. I want mrs. miller for christmas. good bye.  
 Love, Max Ayers

Dear Santa,  
 How do elves make all of the toys? I now how to swim, it is someting spesial about

me. mrs. miller thinks I am sweet and kind. I want you to give erica a pretty pink tablit. I want a Blue tablit and for my Dog to have her puppies. Have a jolly Christmas!  
 your Best Buddy Alayna Legstra

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I am relly good at math@ Mrs. miller thinks Im awesome! Dominic wants a Ipod. I would like a I phone to Lisen to music. Have a wonderful cristmas!  
 xoxoxo Angie Howe

Dear Santa,  
 how are the reindeer doing? I play on lucas i pod. Mrs. Miller thinks am awesome. Angelina want's a i phone for Christmas. I wish for a video game. Have a good chrhistmas Santa.  
 Love Erica Woodbury

Dear Santa,  
 How are you this fine day? I think I'm creative and vary special. I think mrs. miller thinks I'm smart. I wish tatum donovan gets a great gift, please, santa. My christmas wihs is a rock tumbler, please, santa? Have a great christmas!  
 Your pal, Jasmine Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
 How do eat so many cookies? I am a good at drawing. Mrs. Mille rthinks I am awesome. can you get my Dad a new house. can you get me a password journal and a tablet? I hope you have a safe and awesome ride around the world.  
 love, Mikayla Antuma

Dear Santa,  
 how are your elfs? I got a Bffs and Maching rings. I know Mrs. Miller likes me. I Wish that Jasmine ortiz gets a elf? I wish I get a 3DS and a game? Do me a good deal....Do Not run out of Snow! Ok. P.S. elf on the Shelf for Jasmine ortiz.  
 love, Tatum Donovan

Dear Santa,  
 how do your reindeer fly? I am a good drawer, Mrs. Miller thinks I am Awesome! can youj get a plane ticket to England for Mrs Miller? I want a tablet for Christmas. I hope you don't land in the ocean.  
 Your buddy Carter Upper

Dear Santa,  
 What do you look like? I am athletic. I play basketball. Mrs. Miller thinks I am awesome! I wish I could get lily pappas a dork diaries book. I wish for a Zoomer Zuppies. I hope you have a good Christmas Santa.  
 Your buddy Allie Travis

Dear Santa,  
 Why can't we see you? I like to do math Mrs. Miller thinks im Awesome! GivMrs. Miller a dig pink dress with a purple bow. I wish to have jist Decs 2015! I hope you have a good fly.  
 Love, Kiersten Dellar

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Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph the red nose reindeer real? I like to ride my skateboard. Mrs. Miller thinks I am cool. Can you give Max a transformer? For Christmas I want a big remote control helicopter ambulance.

Love, Ervin Joslin

Dear Santa,  
Did Zean get his pig? I like cats. Mrs. Miller thinks I'm awesome. Can you get Nikki a diamond? Can I have a laptop? Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night?

Your old pal, Jaden Weichel

Dear Santa,  
Do you get presents at the North Pole? I love to read books and play volleyball with Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Miller thinks that I'm a very good volleyball player. I wish Mrs. Miller can be happy most of her life with everyone. I wish I can have a Chinese wooden fan for Christmas! Merry Christmas to everybody!

Your friend, Emma Travis

Dear Santa,  
hi Santa, how are the elves? I love books and snow globes. Mrs. Miller thinks I'm good and fun. And I wish Nathan N. a 2DS game and I wish I got some bookies and a snow globe please and have a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Love, Hailyn Kammerer

Dear Santa,  
how are the reindeer? I like hotdogs and pizza. Mrs. Miller thinks we are awesome. My friend wants an IPod and hotdogs and a drum set. Have a great Christmas.

Colton Whitten

Dear Santa,  
What is it like in the North Pole? Can I please have a tablet, please? Can you please bring a thing of cars for Aidan? Miss Miller thinks I am a good student. have a good Christmas! See you next year.

Your Best, Best Buddy, Hunter Conklin

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have? I am really good at sports so I would like a volleyball. Mrs. Miller thinks I am awesome and smart. I wish Allic Travis a play date with me. I would like for christmas a Xbos and volley ball. Have a great christmas.

Love, Lily Pappas

Dear Santa,  
How do fit down the chimney? are elves small? I love video gamrs! Mrs. Miller thinks that i am a good student. And good at shcool. i wish that samuel could have a sleepover with me. i want to get 52 OS games. this is going to be the best christmas ever.

Love, Nathan Nardi

Dear Santa,  
how many reindeer do you Have? How do you fit in the chimney? I like bideo games and Reading chapter Book. Mrs. Miller thinks that I am a clever boy in class. I wish that my family is going to be

safe this Christmas. I hope when I get home my mom say "yes, do a sleepover". Have a jolly christmas!

Love, Sam Johnston

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer and elves? I love school! It is awesome! Mrs. Miller thinks I am awesome. Can you get my brother some Legos? He wants an airplane. Please and thank you! Can you get me a doll and a horse? Please and thank you! I hope you have a good trip. I love you!

Your friend, Cassie Rifenbark

Dear Santa,  
how do you ride reindeer in a blizzard? Do you hve head lights on the sleigh? I like hot dogs and corn dogs. Mrs. Miller thinks I am nice. Could you get Colton and Nathan hot dogs and pizza? Please and thank you! I would like like Spy gear, Spy toy gun and an iPod. Merry Christmas Santa!

your best buddy, Cory Boltz

Dear Santa,  
How can you go that fast? I am cute. Mrs. Miller thinks I'm awesome. Will you get Nathan a Spy watch? Can you please get me Spy gear and a play pistle with a scope? Merry Christmas Santa!

Your best buddy, James Good

**Fourth Grade  
Ms. Schick's Class**

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Abby and this year I don't want much. First, i would like this cool thing called Krazyart it's where you have these wacky colors of like playdough sand. you can also make cool shapes out of it. Second, I wish for a few books. I would like one to be Wizard of Oz and one a fantasy. Third, I would like to have a nice green scooter. Not one with a moter, just a regular push scooter. Finnaly, I would just like a nice warm Christmas with my family. I hope I get what I wish for!

Abby Kozlow of Alcona Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have not really had a rough Crhstmas before, but I have a feeling this one will be very good. This year, well it's okay, but the thing I want the most would be a chrombook. The problem with that is, first of all, it's expensive, second of all, it's way too easy for it to break. but I don't think you will mind. I will leave milk and cookies.

Sincerely, Jack Goldstrom

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I want a singer which is a little sewing machine, the Holiday Barbie, the Birthday Barbie, Barbie and Ken dolls, Frozen stuff, and a frozen guitar. Merry Christmas!

Love, Leah Braden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Owen. I'm 9 years old im a average forth

grader. My dad and I have been talking about rc cars theres one I like. It's called raider. Its a 1.10<sup>th</sup> Scull rc car and I would love to have a slot car track and two slot cars. I would love for my dad to have enough money to fix the rc car that he has. He's had it for ever but never got to fix it because he didn't have the right tools. It's been hard with a little brother thats 10 months old we dont have enough money to get or do all this stuff. But thanks to the wonderful Santa we managed to do all that.

love, Owen Dellar

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my presents last year. My Chrismtas wish is that you could give the children in the orphanage presents. This year my sister is turning 6 on December 14<sup>th</sup>. I really wanted to give her a present, but I can't find it in any of the stores. Its an Elsa doll that sings. I was wondering if you could get it for her. Can you please give my Brother a hot wheels car? I will bring you some cookies, broccoli plus carrots.

Sincerely, Krystal Belanger

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the stuff I got last year. But this year I would like Disney Infinity and some more people for the game. Also I would like some books for me too. I will leave you some cookies for you and some carrots for the reindeer.

Sincerely, Thane Colvin

Dear Santa,  
My name is Savannah Rae Wright. This Christmas I would like a Ipod, knitting kit, some new books (mostly horses please) and a pet horse with some supplies. Santa, can you please get my sister a Polly Pocket and some clothes for it? I would also like to wish that some poor people get some more things than they have. My grandpa works in Floriday and is coming home soon. I wish he travels safely. My family will leave the cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer on the table. This Christmas I would also like to hope that all the sick people will get better and be able to do what they couldn't do when they were sick. Can you also bring my great grandpa Wilber something like a new fishing pole or fishing kit?

Love, Savannah Rae Wright  
P.S. Santa can you give me more fab clothes?

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for getting me presents last year and I hope you had a safe trip last year and this year too. This year I wanted to get some gifts. What I want this year is an ipod, books, diary and some school supplies. I will leave some cookies for you and some carrots for the reindeer too.

Blaire Dellar



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Dear Santa,  
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 Sydney Petty

Dear Santa,  
 the one thing I want is a dirt bike. But I would like my Mom to spend more time with me. And my mom always spends time with my sister. Santa how many elves do you have? Is it cold at the north pole? And I will leave milk and cookies for you. And bring me lots of presents.  
 Sean Mauler

Dear Santa,  
 I want 8 web shooters, 3 spider-man costume, 8 lego sets. web shooters are things that Peter Parker makes, and spider-man costumes are things that Peter Parker made, and legos are things that you build.  
 David Gauthier

Dear Santa,  
 I like dogs so could get me dog toys, but what I really want is my aunt to get better. her name is Aunt pat. She can walk when she wants and she has her days. Maybe one day she will be happy and the next shes sad or mad. I love it when my aunt takes me. Her name is Aunt Janet. When Aunt Janet took me to see Aunt pat we got her to draw. We show the nurse the drawings so we know what can do. Santa I still like dogs, horses, chickens. A sheep borke my hand. But still keep those animals in mind.  
 Emily Lobaugh

Dear Santa,  
 My birthday is the day after Christmas. I hope you bring me a bell for my birthday every year. Santa claus I hope you bring me presents for Christmas.  
 Love, Ryan Stanley

Dear Santa Claus,  
 You're so sweet. Tell Rudolph I will put carrots out for him. Tell Mrs. calus she's the best! All I want for Christmas is a snowboard, a horse, winter boots, slippers, dresses, under armour head bands, phone and that's all I want for Christmas.  
 love, Caitlin Dettmer

Dear Santa,  
 For Chrstmas, i would like a crossbow. Also, I would not mind a Tablet or a video game (like a DS). also you keep that for a four wheeler!  
 Sicerely, Hayden Johnston

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Tablet and a little kitty. and for my grandpa to get better. I want my cat to have a toy and my mom anew tablet. For my Dad to have Duck Dynasty and any thing. and all the kids that dont have food to have food. I want a little live pet and a Seahawk blanket for my brother.  
 love, Julia Bartz

**Fifth Grade  
 Mrs. Holmes' Class**

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I would like new clothes, a new headset for my ps3 and Madden 15 for ps3. I also wish for happiness around the world. I also hope that homeless people get a home and new clothes. I all these things happen there will be cookies and milk for you and even carrots for your reindeer. But, you will ONLY get those things if those things happen. So if you want cookies I better not see homeless people after christmas. Also

please send me a letter back saying how your family's doing. I have a questions for you...how can you eat all those cookies in one night and does your family celebrate Thanks giving and Halloween?  
 Yours truly, Johnathon Hebert

Dear Santa,  
 I believe in the spirit of Christmas. I have some questions for you. Do you feed the reindeer Gliter? Like Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Bixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and blitzen and Rudolph? Thank you for the gifts last year. Like socks and clothing but this year could I have a Ipad, some socks knee ankle fuzzy and head are the prints, Lions, Spartonts, tigers Red Wings, Minion, Zebra, Puppy and Kittens and mustache the colors I want are neon pink green orange yellow and blue and can I have a spartants fuzzy blanket and a water and some minion bedding and a long minion pillow and I want my Grandma martha to live till my birthday and can I have the movies frozen bierded grownups and tammy and can I have minion duck . P.S. the minion pillow that is long and minion bedding is for moms house.  
 sincerely, Avery Wrobel

Dear Santa,  
 This year I would like money for an arcade in Frankenmuth. My first ? how are you. I will leave a six pack by the cookies. My Dad has been planning this for years.  
 Ashton Tracy

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the gifts you got me last year. I saw you ate the cookies and fed the carrots to your reindeer. I was wondering what kind of cookies you want this year? This year I will be in Florida for

christmas. I hope you can find us! This year for christmas I would like an ipad four or five and a nice camo sweater please if you can. P.S. dress warm for Florida  
 your friend, Karlee Stewart

Dear Santa,  
 I want to thank you for the gifts last year. For this year I want a necklace and a frozen doll for my sister. Thats all I need. For Christmas I have a special tradition. We have my sister put the star on the tree before we go to bed on Christmas Eve. Then we put up our Christmas ornaments and my favorite one was one with a shape of Santa Claus and your reindeer Prancer.  
 Elizabeth Stoley

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I would like a blue Otter Box case for my iPad 4 and an xbox game. The xbox game is Call of Duty Goast. Thank you for everthing that you got me last year. My family and I will leav you and your reindeer lots of cookies and carrots. I can't wait for Christmas to come and for you to come. Christmas breakfast, lunch and dinner will be really good. I also can't wait to open all of the presents I get. Christmas will be awesome.  
 Sincerely: Brody Inglis

Dear Santa,  
 Thanks for the gifts from last year. This year I want a cure for cancer and ebola. Also I would like my dads back and foot to get better. The most important gift is my favorite cats in the whole world snowball, Bear and Moma. I hope all my family has a great Christmas too.  
 Your friend, Olivia Krentz  
 P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,  
 For Chistmas I would like an apple computer and a wiiu with mario Kart 8. How do you eat so many cookies and drink so much milk? Don't go to my Old house in Commrce Township, go to Hubbard Lake because we moved, and my sister and I won't get any presents.  
 Sincerely, Natalie O'Dea

Dear Santa,  
 I am so glad that it is this time of year again! And not because of the snow and gifts, because of the holiday spirit that goes around! I don't care about what I get. I care about giving to people. Every eyar my school donates money for charity and homeless people. Even though you still bring gifts I will give a list when I do my second list. I really hope your reindeer like the mix and glitter and I hope you like the cookies there going to be home made! see you on Christmas night even though I won't achoually see you.  
 Merry Christmas.  
 Brooke Whitford

Dear Santa,  
 Tahnk you for the gifts you gave me last year. The only thing I would like for Christmas would be an m & m rubber case for my ipod. I will leave out cookies and a glass of milk for you and some carrots for your reindeer. My family's tradition is every Crhstmas Day my parents hide a pickel on the tree and my sister and I have to find it. Who ever finds it first gets to open a present. Oh, one more thing I would like for Christmas is my dad to be home earlier for Christmas. If thats possible.  
 Sincerely. Sara Decker  
 P.S. Have a Merry Christmas!



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Dear Santa,  
Thank you for toys and cloth you gave me especially the brother for sale shirt. This year I would like Monster High dolls, L.P.S animals, I pod touch and the last thing, my family at my house to spend time with them!  
Your friend, Rylee Fleitz

Dear Santa,  
Hows Mrs. Claus is she good? Well in this letter I want to talk about Christmas. Well i want for poor people and homeless people or any body who is on the streets, well i would like for them to have a wonderful christmas. That would mean alot to me. How does your giant bag work, the one that holds all the presents? Can you tell Dancer he needs to practice dancing because then his name wont really fit him. Well all I want for chrsmas is an ipod I know its not holiday like but I'm kind of spoild and I feel bad for it but its true. I would like the ipod because than I can play games and read stuff on google/safari.  
Kaiden Berryhill

Dear Santa,  
all I want is dino zoomer and to see my family more often and some ken cloths for ken dolls, new games for the same cube, a BarBie car and a hamster. Bust most of all for homeless children to get food and families and happy lives. Oh! and for wars to stop! I want a Bain Bag Chiar.  
from: Cheyenne Malone

Dear Santa,  
I would like to hae video games call Call of Duty Advance warfare, madden 15. Also I would like a bean bag chair, a bungy chair and a chin strap for football. Can the veterans get back home safely? Next I wish that Ebola stops. Can you please, please get homeless people a home and presents? Can you give orphans a lot of presents, too.  
Sincerely, Gavin Walker

Dear Santa Claus,  
All I want for Christmas is for all the people in the Army to be safe on Christas. I know thats not much to ask for but, hey, Its me! P.S. I would really like a new pair of earrings.  
Sincerely, Jesslyn Harris

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the gifts last year. The only thing I want is a new iphone5c with a unique case and a xbox 360 with

controllors. My family tradition is where we read a book every night until it's christmas eve.

Sincerely, Jasmine Magalski

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus doing is she good. Ii will talk about christmas in here. For Christmas I would like Xbox Live, A nerf gun, Wifi for the hole family, Blackops 2 and ghoasts. you probilly cant come through the chimney cuse the couch is blocking the way in. I will have fun.  
By: Joe Rizzotto

Dear Santa,  
Of course I would like presents but this Christmas I want the less fortunute kids to get something too. Like better clothing, some shoe's, maybe some toy's. Ijust want these kdis to have a wonderful Christmas! All I really want is a galaxy phone. A laptop, a kitten there's more but it can wait until next year. I also would like to know how your reindeer and elf's are doing?  
Your's Truly, Jade DeOrnellas

Dear Santa,  
how is mrs. Claus doing? How is Rudolph doing? what i want for christmas is a music 52 dvd.  
Love, Mike Doidge

Dear Santa,  
Hi, I have a couple of questions and maybe a short list. One, question I have for you is, how do you travel from house to house, around the world, in 5 hours? Aother is, do you have Thanksgiving and Halloween? One thing I have to say say is I have some cousin's of mine that I barley get to see and I just hope they will come to the Christmas party I have every year! I also want to wish the soldiers in the war a good luck! I'm so excited to go to my dads this weekend because I get to get my new phone! This is my list of thing I want for Christmas. 1. xbox 2. minecraft game for xbox. Well thanks for taling please write me back.  
Sincerely, Peyton Roach

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the gift's that you gave me the past 10 years. I love that you always care about us all. I hope you get me a bunny, tablet, ipod. Christmas is my favorite holiday of the season.  
your truley, Mary Fuller  
PS. I will leave you milk and cookies on my table.

Dear Santa,  
How have you Been? I hope your elfs are doing well. I know that my traditions change sometimes. But I know you fill my Grandma's house with stuff. But all I want for Cristmas is a couple of things...like a new phone with an sD card and a charger. I hope my Great Grandma likes what she gets.  
Yours truly, Samantha Nordstrom

Dear Santa,  
I have a very cool tradition. I have a very pretty star that my brother and I take turns putting on the tree. I don't care if I get anything for Christmas. It's about giving not getting. But the one and only thing I want for Christmas is a big makeup kit.  
Merry Christmas.  
Love Makenna Jean Seminoff

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wonder how the reindeer are doing? Are you doing good too? Do you want to know what I want for people around the world? I want them to have a good Christmas day. It would make me happy to know people are having a good Christmas. By the way, thank you for all the gifts you gave me over the years. I appreciate it. It's nice that you give all those kids toys. Ive been hoping for a guine pig for Christmas. I think they're really cool, Fuzzy, cute and adorable. I would think that would be cool because I never had one before. Come to think about it, do you get any gifts for Christmas? Do the elfves get any? Do the reindeer get any besides carrots? Does Mrs. calus get one or any at all. I'm done talking so see you later bye-bye.  
Gracie Acord

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new knife, a tomahawk and throwing knives. P.S. Please help the families who have a loved one who has died. Give the people who are sick and give people joy and hope like you always do.  
From: Noah Mercier

**Mrs. Yokom's Class**

Dear Santa Claus,  
There are not a lot of things I would like for Christmas. One thing I would like would be Holly & Poppy O'Hair, Cerise Hood and Ashllen Ella & Hunter Huntsman. Another thing I would like is that every single troop comes home safely. I would also like anyan cat doll with a voice chip. I would also like a LalaLoopsy girl or a LalaLoopsy Little. I would also like a mustach pillow or a teddy bear with a mustach on it. I rememeber when I was younger and my brother ate my Christmas candy. I was so angry I cried and he duid the same thing last year. By the way Comet is one of my favorite reindeer.  
Sincerely Kaidence Colvin

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a xbox 360 and the game I want are Gta 5, also mine craft and santro 3. I



**Happy Holidays**

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