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Alcona charities need assistance during the holidays and beyond

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

While many are busy this time of year wrapping gifts to tuck under the Christmas tree, many more are feeling the ever-after effects of a sluggish economy in rural Alcona County. Charities across the county are working hard to fill the need, not only at Christmas but all through the year.

Hunger is still a wide spread problem in the community. Alcona County Food Pantry, Lott Baptist Church Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Emergency food pantry, Alcona Elementary Weekend Backpack Program and the Roar Store in Alcona High School work to provide nourishing provisions for the food insecure.

The Alcona Food Pantry located in Harrisville feeds between 85 to 90 people a month on about \$25,000 a year, a difficult challenge, especially when the entire budget is accumulated through community donations.

Barb Potter, a volunteer for the Alcona Food Pantry, said the pantry is always in need of cash donations. Like many food pantries the cash is used to purchase the food at drastically reduced prices through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. This also helps to provide 30 like items for each box rather than a mix of items donated which may not make a complete meal.

Cash donations to any food pantry seem to be the greatest help, but some pantries will accept nonperishable food items and especially appreciate paper products such as toilet paper, hygiene products/soap. St. Vincent de Paul will also accept unexpired perishable items such as meat, milk and eggs.

St. Vincent de Paul appreciates gently used items of household goods, furniture, and clothing which does go out to people in need free of charge, items put up for sale in their resale store are charged a nominal fee.

Other charities in the county such as My Brother's Hope and the Alcona County Baby Pantry are free stores which provide necessary items. The Roar Store in Alcona High School offers the same to teenagers who may

not have what they need at home.

My Brother's Hope's call to action often leaves them low on personal care items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant, feminine hygiene products, shaving items, towels, sheets, blankets and adult winter coats. The Roar Store at the high school is also in need of personal care items.

The Alcona County Baby Pantry (ACBP) provides Alcona County children in need from newborn to age five providing items such as clothing, formula, baby food, blankets, bottles, diapers, bath essentials and furniture.

"The baby pantry is in dire need of diapers and formula all year long. We also need volunteers to work on the first Tuesday evening of the month especially during the winter," said Brenda Forsythe, volunteer and the treasurer for the baby pantry. Forsythe said they were hoping Santa would bring them a few new clothing racks for Christmas this year so they

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Community Service Trooper, Ashley Simpson (left) and Erica Melick manager of Haglund's Landscaping and All Outdoors in Harrisville, prepare to 'Stuff a Blue Goose' with toys, food and cash donations for local food pantries in Alcona County and the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 583 which assists families in need in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties. Haglund's Landscaping and All Outdoors donated \$1 for every chainsaw sold and \$5 for every gun sold from October 5 to December 5 to the holiday campaign. See related story on page 4. Photo by Mary Weber

How to help

The following organizations provide food, personal items and other needed provisions for people in need in the community.

• **Alcona Food Pantry:** Located at Harrisville United Methodist Church every second Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Alcona Food Pantry needs: Volunteers, cash donations, paper products, locally grown food. It accepts food items with usable dates but encourages cash donations because of their ability to get food items at reduced prices through the Eastern Michigan Food Bank.

Checks may be made payable to Alcona County Food Pantry; P.O. Box 342, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. Contact Shelly Dunn (989) 724-6451 or Barb Potter (989) 724-6268 to volunteer.

• **Lott Baptist Church Food Pantry:** Located on M-65 in Glennie. For more information about day and time call (989) 735-3771.

Lott Baptist Church Food Pantry needs: Cash dona-

tions, paper products, hygiene products, nonperishable food items. Cash donations are encouraged. Checks can be made payable to Lott Baptist Food Pantry; 4257 M-65 State Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737.

• **St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Pantry** located at 2227 F-41 in Mikado provides emergency food and funding for utility bills and housing on a limited basis for Alcona residents in dire need.

St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Pantry needs: Volunteers to help and donations of almost any items including perishable food goods that have not expired. Donations are accepted Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul also accepts furniture, clothing, and other goods. Please bring larger furniture items before 3 p.m.

Monetary donations may be sent to St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 13, Mikado, Mich. 48745. Volunteers may call Sandy, Leo or Sharon (989)

736-6271.

• **Alcona Elementary School Weekend Backpack Program:** Located in Alcona Elementary School in Lincoln provides enough food items to get a child in need through the weekend which is put into a backpack for the child to carry home.

Elementary Backpack Program needs: A weekend worth of nonperishable food is purchased through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. \$100 feeds a child for the entire school year but any amount will help. Checks can be made payable to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan with a notation for funds to go toward sponsoring Alcona Elementary School and sent to Kathleen Payton, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, 2300 Lapeer Road, Flint, Michigan 48503. The food bank also accepts Mastercard, Visa and American Express through its web site at fbem.org. Sponsorship forms are available in the Alcona Elementary School Office, 100 Barlow Road, Lincoln,

Mich. 48742. Call (989) 736-8256 or (810) 396-0227 for more information.

• **ROAR Store:** located in Alcona High School in Lincoln.

ROAR store needs: Personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream -- no razors. The free store provides food items purchased through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan but will accept unexpired nonperishable food products but nothing homemade.

Checks can be made payable to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan with a notation for funds to go toward sponsoring Alcona High School Pantry and sent to Kathleen Payton, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, 2300 Lapeer Road, Flint, Mich. 48503. The food bank also accepts Mastercard, Visa and American Express through its web site at fbem.org. Sponsorship forms are available at the Al-

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Obituary


Alice V. Mazur

Alice V. Mazur, 100, of Greenbush, formerly of Detroit, Mich., died on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015.

She was born on April 24, 1915 to Anthony and Frances (Bielecki) Jakubiszyn in Detroit, Mich. She graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit in 1933.

She married Joseph J. Mazur in 1945.

During World War II Mrs. Mazur was employed as an inspector for the Packard Automotive Company in Detroit, Mich. when the plant was producing military equipment.

Mrs. Mazur was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Oscoda and Queen of Heaven Parish in Detroit, Mich. She was also a member of the Women's Life Insurance Organization.

She enjoyed bowling, golfing, sewing, stamp collecting, and playing cards with her family. She loved to keep abreast with all of her children's and grandchildren's activities. She also loved to travel the country and spend time with family and friends.

Mrs. Mazur is survived by her husband, Joseph Mazur; two daughters, Cynthia (Alan) McGowen of Lincoln and Karen (Gary) Goodfellow of Chandler, Ariz.; one son, Daniel (Barbara) Mazur of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Lee Major, Jeffrey



Major, Janice Prokopec, Whitney Mazur, Michael Mazur, Sean Goodfellow, and Brian Goodfellow; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Dionne of Clinton Township, Mich. and Virginia Buzzelli of Roseville, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Saturday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Buresh Funeral Home in Tawas City. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until the time of the service. Cremation will take place after the service and interment will be held at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greenbush Fire Department.

Arrangements were made by the Buresh Funeral Homes Tawas Chapel.

Charities

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can display clothing easier.

The Alcona Humane Society is also a charity in need of help this time of year. Keeping stray and lost animals fed, warm and healthy until a forever home is found is a monumental task and expensive.

"Volunteers can help by cleaning kennels and crates, laundry, animal food dishes, mailings, fund-raisers and volunteering at Precious Paws Resale Shoppe," said Claudette Thomas, executive director of the Humane Society. She said that from January 1 until November 30 of this year 164 animals were adopted from the shelter, 58 lost animals brought into the shelter were returned to their home and 87 strays were taken off the streets.

The society has a long list of wish list items to help provide for the animals including non-clumping cat litter, pet carriers, Kong dog toys and washable pet toys, washable bedding, litter boxes, and items to keep the kennels and animals clean such as Dawn dish soap, HE laundry soap, Bleach, mops, brooms, and more. A complete list including the brands of cat and dog food accepted can be found on the website at alconahumanesociety.org.

Other charities provide support and help to specific groups. Day One of Alcona County provides services to at-risk pregnant mothers and families with children three years of age and younger and The Chosen Ranch, which just opened its doors this year, is providing a home, counseling and other support to abused, abandoned and neglected children. Both charities need financial support to continue through the next year.

Most all of the charities are in need of cash donations or volunteer help throughout the year and hope the community continues to support them now more than ever.

(See the related story on how to help.)

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Sage	known as Mary's shawl
Dandelion	known as Mary's Bitter Sorrow

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 6	41	31	0.00	1.9	15	SW
Dec. 7	41	33	0.00	1.5	18	SSW
Dec. 8	40	34	0.00	5.9	24	SW
Dec. 9	46	38	0.00	3.4	18	SW
Dec. 10	52	37	0.00	9.4	39	SSW
Dec. 11	50	34	0.00	4.6	30	SW
Dec. 12	43	33	0.00	5.6	14	ENE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.00	0.0	0.42
December to Date	0.02	0.0	0.72
Year/Season to Date	19.72	8.5	27.29

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 16

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Senior Center, 5039 Campbell Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

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.

A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Come join your fellow comrades at the veterans coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville.

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.

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

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.

Free Range Crafts, something new for crafters, will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Bring in your crafts in progress, ideas, and questions to share with

others. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Greenbush Chamber of Commerce will meet at 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall 5037 East Campbell Road, Greenbush. Guest speaker will be Laura Frawley. Dinner and refreshments are \$9, reservations required. For more information, call (989) 724-5216. The public is invited to attend.

Anyone interested in amateur radio emergency and public service communications is invited to attend the Alcona County Amateur Radio Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building located at 2600 M-72, west of Harrisville. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit their website at www.alconaradio.org.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

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. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

Classic movie night at 5:45 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Free popcorn. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details. Co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

A euchre tournament will be held at 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. This event is hosted by the Greenbush Historical Society.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

A Kid's Christmas party will be held at 1 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Kids age 12 and under are invited to have lunch and visit with Santa. Adults can purchase a lunch, if available, at a nominal fee. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

Computers and Wi-Fi available for seniors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Treadmill and exercise bike also available.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

Euchre players will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

The Sunrise Side Carving Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the AuSable-Oscoda Senior Center, 653 State Street, Oscoda. Anyone interested in wood carving is invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

There will be a gingerbread house workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Children and teens are invited to come into the library to make a spectacular gingerbread house. All materials provided free. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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SWEET	TREAD	CESTURE							
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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 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan, at 1:15 p.m., Wednesday, December 23, 2015. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed Road Commission budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2016.

Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the Road Commission office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning December 2, 2015, until the hearing.

Alfred J. Scully, Chairman
Board of Road Commissioners
County of Alcona, Michigan

12/2 thru 12/16

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

5:45 p.m. Friday, December 18
Alcona County Library, Harrisville



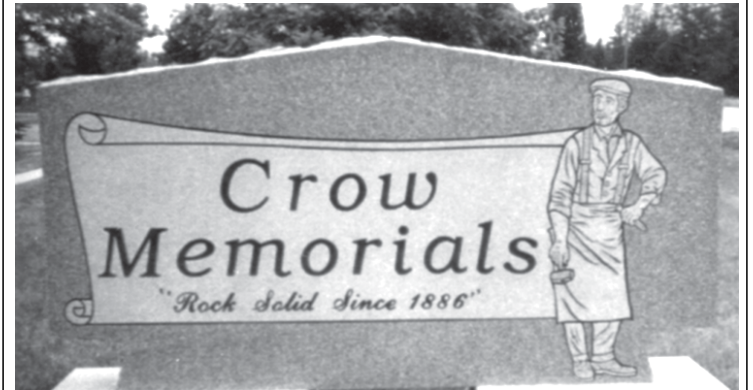
Enjoy the library's new big screen as Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven star in an angelic 1947 tale set at Christmastime.

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Items Needed

My Brother's Hope is in need of winter boots in all sizes, including children's, and men's work boots. 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. Hours for taking donations to My Brother's Hope are listed in the calendar. The volunteers there ask that if the building is closed, please do not leave items outside the door. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Classic Christmas Movie

Everyone is invited to a classic movie series using the new big screen and projector provided with a grant from the Community Foundation of NE Michigan. This month's classic movie stars Cary Grant as an angel sent to help a harried young bishop (David Niven) and his wife (Loretta Young) during Christmas. Everyone is welcome. The movie will be shown at the Harrisville branch in the main section of the Library on Friday, Dec. 18 at 5:45 p.m. There will be free popcorn and beverages. This new event is co-sponsored by the Alcona County Library and Inspiration Al-

cona. For more information, including the movie title, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the web at www.library.alcona-lib.mi.us.

Children's Theater

The Alcona Children's Theatre will be presenting the play "A Christmas Carol" on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Alcona High School auditorium. The actors are fourth through eighth graders attending Alcona Community Schools. This is a school adapted play that follows the theme of the original novel by Charles Dickens. The production will have audience participation with the singing of several traditional Christmas carols throughout the production. The students would appreciate community members attending and supporting their efforts. This is an after-school program founded by teachers Jeanette Klein and Sara Glomski. For more information, call Klein at Alcona High School (989) 736-8534.

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. 21—Baked chicken, buttered noodles, Brussel sprouts, pickled beets, and pears.
 • Tuesday, Dec. 22—Meatloaf, baked potato, mixed vegetables, and Jell-O with fruit.
 • Wednesday, Dec. 23—Bourbon pork chop, potato lyonnaise, Prince Charles blend, tossed salad and mixed fruit.
 • Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24 and 25—All centers closed.

Gingerbread Houses

Children and teenagers are invited to a gingerbread house workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All materials are provided free of charge. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Family Movie Matinee

Enjoy a newly released animated movie on Monday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There will be free theater-style popcorn at the only big screen with surround sound in Alcona County. For more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

Community helps Stuff a Blue Goose

On Saturday, Dec. 12 the Michigan State Police from the Alpena Post held the third annual Stuff a Blue Goose event.

During the event troopers and other staff members stood outside Wal-Mart and Neiman's Family Market in Alpena for an eight hour period, with Blue Gooses (patrol cars) collecting nonperishable food items and new, unwrapped toys for families around the area who are in need this holiday season.

The event generated so much support from the com-

munity that a patrol Tahoe was stuffed six times and a patrol Charger was filled five times. The toy donations were then given to the Vietnam Veterans of America-Chapter 583 to be distributed to families in need in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle counties. The food donations were given to The Salvation Army of Alpena. The final estimated count revealed there was 2,019 toys and 4,681 food items collected.

Numerous businesses provided assistance with the event including: Nieman's Family Market, Wal-Mart, Basic Black Salon, Community financial Credit Union of Hillman, Family Fare in Rogers City, Haglund Landscaping & All Outdoors in Harrisville, and Alcona Motors in Lincoln. Other contributions were made by Right Away Restoration & Cleaning, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Northern Eye, great North foods, Alpena Power Company, Georgie's Wrecker Service, Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, and Haglund's Landscaping and All Outdoors.


"Without the donations from these businesses and the very generous donations from all the members of the community, this event would not have been possible. Thank you again for helping the troopers of the Alpena Post make a difference in the lives of those in need this holiday season," said Trooper Ashley Simpson.

top ten

Favorite NFL Teams

1. Cowboys	7. Bears
2. Packers	8. Giants
(tie) Patriots	9. 49ers
4. Broncos	10. Saints
5. Steelers	
6. Seahawks	

Source: The Harris Poll



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Alcona High School office.

Monetary donations can be made payable to the Alcona High School with a notation for the ROAR Store and dropped off at the high school office or at Huron Community Bank attention Roar Store/Ann Eddinger.

Items may be dropped off at the Alcona High School office on North Barlow Road in Lincoln during school hours or at the Huron Community Bank in Lincoln or Harrisville with a notation Roar Store/Ann Eddinger.

• **My Brother's Hope Free Store:** Located at 76 N. Barlow Road across the street from Alcona High School. It provides Alcona County residents with free household and clothing items as well as personal hygiene, laundry soap and some baby items. The free store is open the second and fourth Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be open the Saturday after Christmas.

My Brother's Hope needs: Personal hygiene products of any kind, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving items, deodorant, paper products such as toilet paper, linens including sheets, pillow cases, towels, bedding, adult winter coats and cash donations. Donations can be sent to My Brother's Hope, 76 N. Barlow Rd., Harrisville, Mich. 48740 for further information about the mission or to volunteer call (989) 335-3541 or e-mail, mybrothershope@gmail.com.

• **The Potluck Café:** is a collaboration of area churches which serves free hot meals to the needy twice a month on the second Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and on the third Friday of the month at St. Raphael's Catholic Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. except in December. Free hair cuts are provided during the St.

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The Potluck Café needs: Paper products and cash donations. Checks may be payable to My Brother's Hope Pot Luck Café and mailed to 76 N. Barlow Road, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

• **Alcona County Baby Pantry:** Located at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Mikado. Provides Alcona County children in need from new born to five years old with clothing, formula, baby food, blankets, bottles, diapers, bath essentials and furniture on the first Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alcona County Baby Pantry needs: Volunteers to work the first Tuesday of the month starting at 4 p.m. Donations may be brought to the St. Raphael Catholic Church on the first Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon or taken to St. Vincent de Paul in Mikado next to the church during regular operating hours with items earmarked for (ACBP) Alcona County Baby Pantry. The pantry needs diapers, sealed formula, baby food, clothing racks, and children's items new or gently used.

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• **Day One of Alcona County:** Provides one-on-one services to at-risk families with children under the age of three. The program works with families to make sure the children get the best start possible while helping parents to become self-sufficient, whether by making sure the child is healthy and has food

to helping young mothers attain a high school diploma, a job or provide a safe place for their family to live.

Day One of Alcona County needs: Monetary donations. The program has received several small grants but still has a long way to go to attain the \$90,000 necessary to keep it operational throughout the year. Donations should be made payable to Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan, 1044 U.S. 23 North, Alpena, Mich. 49707 and noted for Day One of Alcona County.

• **The Chosen Ranch:** A Christian home in Alcona County giving abused, abandoned, neglected and homeless children a home. Provides support through Bible based programs designed to tackle real world issues and struggles through boys and girls summer, youth group and leadership programs and fellowship events.

The Chosen Ranch needs: Monetary donations made payable to The Chosen Ranch, P.O. Box 190, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. For more information call (989) 464-9394.

• **Alcona Humane Society:** Located at 457 W. Traverse Bay Road in Lincoln. The society gives refuge to the counties unwanted and lost animals.

Alcona Humane Society needs: The animals at the shelter are always in need of volunteers to help in a variety of ways. The wish list for this charity is lengthy and includes non-clumping cat litter, pet carriers, washable cat and dog toys, washable bedding, cleaning products, and office supplies.

Check out the entire wish list by going to the web site at alconahumanesociety.org. Monetary donations can be made payable to the Alcona Humane Society and mailed to P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 or can be made on line with a credit card on their website.

Donations of gently used household goods can be donated to the society through the Precious Paws Resale Shoppe located in the Harbortown Marketplace in Harrisville. For more information call the shelter at (989) 736-7387. Shelter hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Christmas tree permits available for national forest

Christmas Tree permits are available from all offices of the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Each permit is \$5 and good for one tree. There is a limit of three permits per household. Christmas tree permits will be sold until the last day offices are open before Christmas.

This year any fourth-grader who has a valid Every Kid in a Park pass or paper voucher will get one free Christmas tree permit. For more information on getting an Every Kid in a Park pass or voucher visit: www.EveryKidinaPark.gov.

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• Arrive early at the cutting area. It may take longer than planned to find that special tree. Remember that, while conifers can be found in groups in the wild, they will often be spaced out and interspersed with other tree species.

• Be prepared for a winter outdoor experience. And remember, many national forest roads are not maintained or snowplowed during the winter.

• Cut the tree a bit longer than needed (six to 12 inches), in order to have room to make a fresh cut on the bottom before putting it up.

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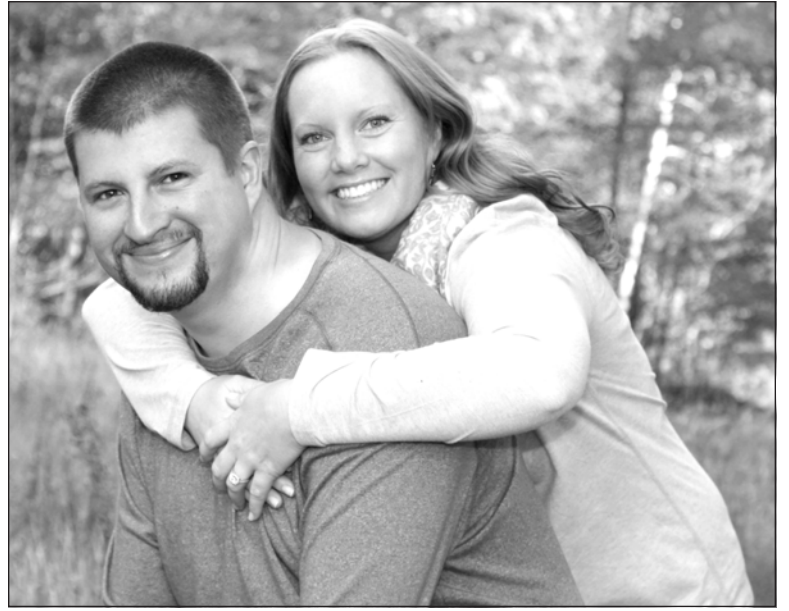
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Julie Mitchell of Harrisville and Brent Mitchell of Hubbard Lake.

She is a graduate of Alcona High School and Ferris State University. She is employed by Andrew C. Tarkington, DDS.

The future groom is the son of Joe and Carla James of Lincoln. He is a graduate of Alcona High School and Northwestern Michigan College.

He is employed at Alcona Tool and Machine.

A July 2016 wedding is planned in Hubbard Lake.



Charisse Mitchell and Matthew James

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Hayes/Young plan summer wedding

Melissa Hayes and Ryan Young announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lisa and Garry Hayes of Mikado. She is a graduate of Alcona High School and Alpena Community College. She is attending Saginaw Valley State University and is employed at Lost Lake Woods Club.

The future groom is the son of Sally Young of Mikado and Gerald Young of Oscoda. He graduated from Oscoda High School. He is employed by Yankee Hay Company.

A July 15, 2016 wedding is planned in Harrisville.



Melissa Hayes and Ryan Young

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Source: fisher.library.utoronto.ca

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Pill splitting dos and don'ts

Dear Savvy Senior,
Is pill splitting safe? I have several friends who cut their pills in half in order to save money, but I have some concerns. What can you tell me?
Cautious Kim

Dear Kim,
Pill splitting – literally cutting them in half – has become a popular way to save on pharmaceutical costs but you need to talk to your doctor or pharmacist first, because not all pills can be split.
The reason pill splitting is such a money saver is because of a quirk in the way drugs are manufactured and priced. A pill that's twice as strong as another may not be twice the price. In fact, it's usually about the same price. So, buying a double-strength dose and cutting it in half may allow you to get two months worth of medicine for the price of one.
But is it safe? As long as your doctor agrees that split-

ting your pills is okay for you, you learn how to do it properly, and you split only pills that can be split, there's really no danger.
If you're interested in splitting your pills, talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if any of the medicines you use can be safely split. It's also important to find out whether splitting them will save you enough money to justify the hassle.
The pills that are easiest to split are those with a score down the middle. However, not every pill that's scored is meant to be split. Pills that are most commonly split include:
• Cholesterol lowering drugs, like Crestor, Lipitor, Mevacor, Pravachol and Zocor.
• Antidepressants, like Lexapro, Celexa, Serzone, Paxil, and Zoloft.
• High blood pressure medicines such as, Accupril, Zestril, Diovan, Avapro, Norvasc, Tenormin, Toprol

and Cardura.
• Erectile dysfunction pills, like Viagra, Cialis and Levitra.
Having the right equipment is very important too. Don't use a knife or scissors to cut your pills in half. It can cause you to split them unevenly resulting in two pieces with very different dosages, which can be dangerous. Purchase a proper pill cutter that has a cover and a V-shaped pill grip that holds the pill securely in place. You can find them at most pharmacies for \$3 to \$10.
For convenience, you might be tempted to split the whole bottle of pills at once. But it's best to do the splitting on the day you take the first half, and then take the other half on the second day or whenever you are scheduled to take your next dose. That will help keep the drugs from deteriorating due to exposure to heat, moisture, or air. It will also help ensure that any deviation in the size of one dose is compensated



Savvy Senior

in the next. It's also important to know that pills are only safely split in half, and never into smaller portions such as into thirds or quarters.
Some pills should never be split. Drugs that are time-released or long-lasting and tablets that contain a combination of drugs probably shouldn't be split, because it's difficult to ensure a proper amount of active ingredient in each half. Pills with a coating to protect your stomach, and pills that crumble easily or irritate your mouth shouldn't be split either, along with chemotherapy

drugs, anti-seizure medicines, birth control pills and capsules containing powders or gels.
Again, your doctor or pharmacist will know which drugs can and cannot be split. If you're taking a medicine that can be split, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need. Then you can start splitting safely, and saving.
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Alcona boys basketball begins season with new coach

By Ben Murphy
Sportswriter

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team began its season last week under a new head coach and have a 2-0 record with two wins over AuGres and Atlanta.

Head Coach Toby Suttle moved to the area in August with his wife to teach special education at Alcona Community Schools. He has been coaching basketball for the last 19 years.

"We have a team full of athletes who are eager to learn and grow as people first and players second," Suttle said of this year's Tiger squad. "They are all great kids, who,

once they figure out how to play basketball as a team, can do something really special together."

A season ago the Tigers went 14-8 overall and lost to Tawas 43-36 in the district "C" championship game. Alcona also lost all-time leading scorer Trent LaVergne to graduation in the off-season.

Seniors returning from last year's team are Hunter Sullivan (point guard), Nate Swinson (shooting guard), Alec Link (small forward), Mitchel Havercroft (forward), Jeff Schram (forward), Tristan Gordy (forward) and Isaac Dubuque (center).

"Although we lost the

school's all-time leading scorer, who was one heckuva player, this team will replace that loss offensively by playing an up-tempo style of play centered around playing together," Suttle said. "We are lucky enough to have 11 guys who can step up on any given night and lead our team in scoring."

New to the team are a group of talented sophomores, those being Jordan Steiner (point guard), Tim Hutchinson (guard), Alex Stephenson (guard) and Devon Mills (forward).

"As for setting specific team goals, we haven't," Suttle said. "We're more concerned with what type of people we are growing and stretching into. In terms of goals, we will focus on our process. The outcomes will take care of themselves."

The Tigers finished in third place in the North Star League Little Dipper last year, with a record of 10-5 in conference. Defending champion Hillman is expected to be strong again and Mio senior Ben Lubitz is seen by many as the best player in the league.

"In the North Star League, there are a number of talented teams with whom we'll have to reckon," Suttle said. "In my opinion, every team deserves respect and we will prepare accordingly. As for where we'll stack up, we'll be a much different team in February."

On Thursday the Tigers played at AuGres in a North Star League (NSL) contest, winning 57-52.

"We were tested from start to finish by a team that took us down to the wire," Suttle said. "It was definitely a learning experience for all of us."

The Tigers made 10 three-pointers in the win, led by Link with 17 points. Swinson netted 13 points, Mills had eight, Hutchinson had six and Steiner added five.

On Monday, Dec. 7 the Tigers opened their season in Atlanta, picking up a lopsided 80-24 NSL victory in Suttle's debut as head coach.

"We were able to make eight threes and learn to play against someone other than ourselves, which was nice," he said. "Our youngsters, Hutchinson and Mills led the way in scoring with 19 and 18 points respectively. What I enjoyed most, other than watching us improve, was the support of our fans that traveled all the way to Atlanta to support our boys, I loved that."

Alcona played the home opener on Monday, Dec. 14 against Mio. The Tigers travel to Tawas on Wednesday, Dec. 16 for a non-conference contest. The Tigers are off for awhile after that, returning to action on January 5, 2016 when they host Tawas.



Kimberly Kruttlin of Ossineke bagged this eight-point on November 15 just north of Lincoln. *Courtesy photo.*

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Lady Tigers dominate in the paint to earn win over Au Gres

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team welcomed Au Gres Sims for a North Star League (NSL) match up on Friday, Dec. 11 which turned out to be a thrilling game for fans.

The Lady Tigers struggled to find an offensive rhythm and trailed 10-6 at the end of the first quarter, but found their way back with great defensive pressure from Torie Harmon, Alissa Terpstra and steals from Madison Lane and Kendra LaFave.

The Lady Tigers worked together on offense to tie the game 11-11 and 13-13 and with momentum in their favor Alcona was able to pull ahead 19-18 by the sound of the halftime buzzer.

In the third quarter, both teams continued to battle trading bucket for bucket but Alcona managed to outscore the Wolverines 13-10 to maintain the 32-28 lead heading into the final quarter. The fourth quarter was a battle to the very end with the Lady Tigers taking home the 41-35 victory over Au Gres.

"We got off to a slow start but our post game was really strong tonight. We took care of the ball better in the second half. Our defense is getting stronger game by game," said Head Coach Brad Cole.

Terpstra led the Lady Tigers with 13 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Taylor Livingston stepped up with nine points and six rebounds. LaFave contributed seven points; Harmon covered the floor adding four points, five rebounds and eight assists.

The Lady Tigers had the

home court advantage on December 8 as they played host to the Atlanta Huskies for more NSL action. The Lady Tigers went to work quickly at both ends of the floor taking a 22-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

They continued pressure on the ball to advance the score to 33-3 heading into the halfway mark. After the break, the Lady Tigers went back to work as fans watched the score climb to 50-7 at the sound of the third quarter buzzer.

Atlanta struggled under Alcona's constant defensive pressure and couldn't find any answers to slow the Lady Tigers down. Alcona went on another 19-4 run and secured the 69-11 victory.

"Everybody was involved in our first win of the year. Hopefully, now we can get back on track," Cole said.

The Lady Tigers offense was led by LaFave with 15 points. Decker added eight points. Harmon put up seven points, pulled down six rebounds and four assists. Jordan Joyce had six points, and three steals. Brooke Shultz delivered six points. Claire Feldhiser had five points. Jessica Grove added four points and six rebounds. Rachel Warner had 4 points. Terpstra had four points and snatched eight rebounds. Sydney Pierce stepped up with two points, four assists and three steals.

Alcona traveled south into Wildcat country on December 7 to play against Alpena. In the first quarter, the Lady Tigers ran into foul trouble which put Alpena at the charity stripe and allowed the Wildcats time to take an early 13-4 lead.

The Lady Tigers turned up the heat in the second quarter to close the gap to two after a basket by LaFave with 3:56 remaining on the clock.

The Wildcats matched Alcona bucket for bucket to keep the score within their grasp. LaFave delivered a triple and Warner added one from the charity strip to pull the Lady Tigers within three points before halftime, 23-20 Alpena.

The beginning of the third quarter looked promising for Alcona after LaFave sank two buckets from the outside to give Alcona the 28-25 lead. However, Alpena had other plans. The Wildcats went on an 18-2 offensive push and took back the lead. While Alcona struggled to find the bottom of the basket, Alpena made a 20-10 offensive run to push the Wildcats' lead to 43-30 by the end of the third quarter.

Alcona came back strong in the fourth quarter but the deficit on the scoreboard was too much for the Lady Tigers to come back from. The Wildcats went on to secure the 57-44 victory over Alcona.

"Alpena beat us in all aspects of the game tonight. We didn't play to our potential," Cole said.

LaFave led the Lady Tigers with 22 points. Decker came up with nine points. Sydney Pierce contributed five points, four steals and four assists. Terpstra added three points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Taylor Livingston had two points and six rebounds.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Mio on December 15 and will be back at home Friday, Dec. 18 against the Fairview Eagles.

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For the Week of December 7-13, 2015

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Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Alarm	4
Drug Crime	1	Suicidal Person	1
Domestic	3	911 Hang Up	1
Unlawfully Driving Away	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	3
Patrol Check	3	Warrant Arrest	1
Civil Complaint	2	Fraud/Embezzlement	2
Breaking & Entering	1	Medical	2
Noise Complaint	2	Larceny	2
Missing Person	1	Be On The Lookout	1
Littering	1	Juvenile	1
Suspicious Events	5	Gunshots Heard	2

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	5	Caledonia	2	Curtis	6
Greenbush	4	Gustin	9	Harrisville	11
Hawes	5	Haynes	1	Mikado	9
Millen	3	Mitchell	5		
City of Harrisville	7	Village of Lincoln	5		



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Sahara is around four months old. Her coat reminds us of the desert; it is beautiful and unique. She is very sweet and purrs to your hearts delight. Sahara likes to be held and would make a wonderful companion for anyone. She loves the company of another cat and is looking for the perfect home to call her own.

These pets, and others, are available for adoption!!
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Lincoln Chapter No. 184 Order of the Eastern Star held its installation of officers on October 24. Those installed (front row, from left) Helene Edwards as Esther, Mary Hilderbrand as Ruth, Claudia Schiller as treasurer, Joyce Forgo as worthy matron, Andy Forgo as worthy patron, Laura Coleman as warder, Bob Hilderbrand as associate patron, (back row) Kathi Olah as chaplain, Susan Littrell as associate conductress, Beverly Harmon as conductress, Jim Coleman as sentinel, Rita Sands as secretary and Paula Coleman as associate matron. *Courtesy photo.*



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Communion

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December 24th

Christmas Eve ~ 6 p.m.

December 27

Eucharist 10 a.m.

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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.

Christmas Schedule for Catholic Churches

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, 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

Friday, December 25

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

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



Spruce Lutheran Church

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Have a Blessed Christmas

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVE WORSHIP

Thursday, December 24th ~ 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.



Christmas Cards

By Jim Gagnier

The season is upon us and the time has come once more

To get the Christmas card list out as in the days of yore

And as we add our little notes of wishes and good cheer

It seems I can't help thinking of the ones who won't be here

And of all the smiles on the faces we won't see

And laughter we will surely miss around the Christmas tree

And I'm thinking wouldn't it be nice if only we could write

A Christmas card to each of them to make their season bright

And so this year upon that day when we mail cards once more

I'm thinking maybe I'll add something never done before

That when we stamp each envelope and seal it with our love

I'll make a little quiet prayer to the good Lord up above

That he deliver Christmas cards to the ones we once held dear

The ones who just can't be with us on Christmas Eve this year

And on each envelope then maybe he could write this down

"To someone who we miss,....address: Somewhere in Heaventown."

Merry Christmas to you and yours.



Each year as part of AMA ESD's staff holiday party, staff and community partners donate gifts which are auctioned to benefit a local charity that directly affects children. This year, the auction raised \$1,451 for Feeding Kids Ministry. This donation will feed 500 children in the area. (From left) Sarah Prevo, early childhood coordinator; Tony Suszek, assistant superintendent; Cathy MacDonald, school psychologist; Lisa Krey, general education secretary; Joanne Gallagher, Feeding Kids Ministry; Rexann McConnell, autism consultant; Geri Samp, teacher consultant; Heather Martin, Great Start liaison. *Courtesy photo.*

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Reporting Our Thanks at Christmastime



To all of our valued readers, we'd like to say thanks for making us your trusted and preferred local news source. We're so proud to be a part of this wonderful community, and we've really enjoyed sharing with you the people, places and events that make it so special.

We hope this holiday season and the New Year deliver much joy and good fortune to you and yours. We wish you all the best!

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ALCONA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

Alcona Township has prepared a draft Recreation Plan for 2016-2020 which will be available for the next 30 days at the Alcona Township Offices and online at <http://www.alconatownship.com>.

Written comments may be submitted to (Doug Kuffert, 4026 Mt. Maria Rd, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747 or by email at kuffertd@yahoo.com.

A copy of the Recreation Plan is available for inspection by contacting Dawn LaLonde, Alcona Township Clerk, at 471-2948.

A public hearing will follow the review period.

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New Year's Hours:

Monday, Dec. 28 - 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 29 - 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30 - 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31 - 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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Have a happy, healthy holiday

By Jessica St. George

The holidays are a joyous time filled with family, friends, festivities, and a lot of food. Avoid feeling sluggish and over-stuffed after holiday celebrations by following these five tips for a healthier holiday:

- **Makeover your meal:** Make your favorite dishes healthier by making simple ingredient swaps. Instead of heavy cream in your casserole, use low-fat milk. Provide whole grain crackers and salsa for an appetizer instead of chips and creamy dip. In baked goods, try substituting natural unsweetened applesauce for butter, and cutting back on the sugar.

- **Tweak your sweets:** Fruit is naturally sweet and makes a wonderful alternative to traditional holiday desserts. Try baked apples with cinnamon and frozen yogurt instead of apple pie and ice cream. Yogurt parfaits can also be a fun way to get everyone involved by letting guests pick their own fruit, nuts, and other toppings for a personalized dessert.

- **Eat smaller portions:** With so many delicious foods in front of us, it can be difficult not to eat everything in sight. Start by choosing smaller portions of each food so you can still get a taste without over-stuffing yourself. Also, try using a smaller plate. The plate will look fuller with less food and create the illusion that you are eating



more than you actually are.

- **Rethink your drink:** Hot cocoa, cider, and cocktails all add to your calorie intake at the holidays. Instead of filling up on sugary beverages, quench your thirst with water. Spice things up by adding fruit slices to your glass, or try seltzer water with 100% fruit juice for a little fizz.

- **Get moving:** Incorporate physical activity into your holiday traditions by playing a friendly game of flag football, dancing, or taking a walk while catching up. Keep the healthy habits going throughout the year with gifts such as reusable water bottles or workout gear.

These simple adjustments can mean the difference between feeling bloated and tired during the holidays, and feeling your best. With a little discipline and creativity, the holidays really can be happy, healthy, and fun.

For more information on staying healthy through proper nutrition and physical activity, visit the Michigan State University Extension website at msue.msu.edu.

(Editor's Note: Jessica St.

George is a Michigan State University Extension Health and Nutrition Institute Program Associate.)

Upcoming MSU Extension programs:

- Northern Michigan Pesticide Applicator Certification Center: December 10 at the Presque Isle District Library, 181 E. Erie Street, Rogers City, Mich.

- Nutrition and cooking program for parents of young Children: Coming in January-February 2016. Contact Jessica at MSU-Extension office in Harrisville at (989) 724-6478.

- Pest and crop management update meeting: February 2, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. at Alpena Community College, 655 Johnson Street, Alpena. Contact: MSU Extension-Van Buren Office at (269) 657-8213 or msue.vanburen@county.msu.edu.

- Smart Vegetable Gardening 101 Webinar Series January 19, 2016 through February 23, 2016 from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30. Registration deadline: January 15, 2016. Contact Rebecca Krans at (906) 875-0606 or e-mail to: kransr@anr.msu.edu.

Firearm season estimates show deer harvest up in Lower Peninsula, down in Upper Peninsula

Each year, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes. The 2015 firearm deer season wrapped up November 30, with indications of mixed results throughout the state.

The harvest appears to have decreased in the Upper Peninsula and increased in the Lower Peninsula.

"We anticipated a poor harvest in the U.P. due to the drastically low deer population throughout much of the

U.P. over the past couple of years," said Ashley Auterieth, DNR deer program biologist. "However, we've seen uncharacteristically high temperatures and low snowfall levels so far this fall, and if this continues, we hope the herd will begin rebounding."

Although reports differ widely across and within regions, DNR biologists estimate the harvest, compared to 2014, was up perhaps as much as 17 percent in the Lower Peninsula, and declined approximately 19 percent in the U.P.

"Fortunately, the Lower Peninsula hasn't had a drastic drop in deer numbers over the last few years," said Chad Stewart, DNR deer management specialist.

"That, coupled with good wild apple and acorn production over the last two years, has made for good conditions for the deer herds in these areas," Stewart said.

Warmer than average temperatures made for a more challenging hunt in the beginning of the season since deer don't tend to be as active in warmer temperatures. Biologists noted, however, that many hunters stayed out longer to enjoy the weather, which may have helped the harvest.

Biologists saw excellent body condition and antler development on many of the bucks that were registered at check stations.

Although the U.P. saw lower harvest numbers, the bucks that were registered tended to be either three and a half or four in a half years old. This reflects the low numbers of younger age classes from winter effects and the continuing impact of predators.

Regardless of preliminary impressions, Stewart stressed the importance of Michigan's hunter harvest survey, which he called "a vital tool for Michigan's deer program, and an important way in which data provided by hunters contributes to our information base."

A rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons will occur using the annual hunter mail survey. The survey is mailed in early January to randomly selected hunters.

Hunters who do not receive a survey in the mail but wish to provide their hunting and harvest information may visit www.michigan.gov/deer and select the "Complete A Harvest Survey Online" link. Hunters should provide information only once they have completed all of their 2015 hunting activities, including seasons that are open as late as January 1, 2016.

For more information about hunting opportunities or deer management in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/hunting or www.michigan.gov/deer.



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Bowling

Early Bloomers
December 1

Bluebells	178.5	94.5
Mums	164.5	108.5
Daffodils	156	117
Buttercups	150	123
Rosebuds	121.5	151.5
Tigerlilys	116.5	156.5
Violets	58	215

High game: Gina Broadwood, 180. High series: Carla Travis, 485.
High team game: Rosebuds, 323. High team series: Mari-golds, 830.

December 8

Bluebells	199.5	94.5
Mums	172.5	121.5
Buttercups	168	126
Daffodils	159	135
Rosebuds	136.5	157.5
Tigerlilys	122.5	171.5
Violets	71	223

High game and series: Lori Miller, 197 and 481.
High team game and series: Buttercups, 308 and 859.

He's & She's
November 27

Awesome Four	128	52
Wine Tards	121.5	58.5
Part Timers	95	85
Splits Happen	88	92
All or Nuthin	83	37
Eilf-Bubliz	61.5	118.5
Prince-Monnier	53	127

Men's high game and series: James Armstrong, 258 and 762. Men's high handicap game and series: James Armstrong, 258 and 762.
Women's high game and series: Sue Weichel, 313 and 568. Women's high handicap game: Leticia Norton, 278. Women's high handicap series: Sue Weichel, 751.

December 11

Awesome Four	131	79
Wine Tards	123.5	86.5
Part Timers	122	88
Splits Happen	116	94
All or Nuthin	110.5	39.5
Eilf-Bubliz	81.5	128.5
Prince-Monnier	55.5	154.5

Men's high game: Dave Glazar, 248. Men's high series: Dennis Barton, Jr., 656. Men's high handicap game: Fred Bubliz, 264. Men's high handicap series: Dennis Barton, Jr., 707.
Women's high game and series: Flora Yingling, 221 and 545. Women's high handicap game: Carla Bernard, 263. Women's high handicap series: Leticia Norton, 709.

Wednesday Nite Women's
December 2

Back Alley Bar	98	52
JB's Auto	85	65
Ark Plumbing	79.5	70.5
Alcona Tool	77.5	72.5
Lincoln Prec.	73	77
Alcona Abstract	72	78
Stoney Acres	57.5	92.5
Alcona Dredge	57.5	92.5

High game and series: Gale Rowley, 246 and 559. High handicap game: Gale Rowley, 274. High handicap series: Gina Broadwood, 672.

December 9

Back Alley Bar	119	61
JB's Auto	103	77
Alcona Tool	96.5	83.5
Ark Plumbing	90.5	89.5
Lincoln Prec.	85	95
Alcona Abstract	81	99
Stoney Acres	73.5	106.5
Alcona Dredge	71.5	108.5

High game: Gale Rowley, 218. High series: Karen Godi, 538. High handicap game and series: Anne Hall, 248 and 685.

Huron
December 8

Frankless	102.5	59.5
AuSable Trad.	84.5	77.5
Back Alley Bar	81	64
Lincoln Prec.	71.5	90.5
Rob's Repair	68	94
Gary Oil	61.5	100.5

High game and series: Roger Klukowski, 245 and 659. High handicap game: Ed Schmitz, 287. High handicap series: Michael Baird, 755.

Sportsman
December 10

Flour Power	97.5	37.5
Phil's Barber	77.5	57.5
AuSable Inn	75	60
Cole's Appl.	73	62
Brownie Lake	67.5	67.5
LLW Club	59	76
Home Town Fit.	57.5	77.5
We R Versatile	33	102

High game and series: Eric Monnier, 245 and 668. High handicap game: Eric Monnier, 276. High handicap series: Simon Pompa, 780.

Minor
December 5

Boys	42	23
Girls	23	42

Boy's high game: Triston Robinson, 104. Boy's high series: Garrett Somers, 148. Girl's high game and series: Claire Somers, 47 and 73.

December 12

Boys	47	31
Girls	31	47

Boy's high game and series: Garrett Somers, 78 and 121. Girl's high game and series: Adonia Schott, 54 and 108.

Majors
December 5


Team 2	86.5	62.5
Pin Busters	82	68
Team 4	80.5	69.5
Team 1	51	99

Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 160 and 456. Boy's high handicap game and series: Matthew Turpen, 244 and 633. Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 121 and 332.

December 12

Pin Busters	102	78
Team 2	96.5	82.5
Ace	89.5	90.5
Lucky 7's	72	108

Boy's high game and series: Alex Harmon, 189 and 476. Boy's high handicap game: Alex Harmon, 239. Boy's high handicap series: Matthew Turpen, 632. Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 158 and 377. Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 221 and 649.



The Garden Bug

This insect's skull-like markings on its back are unsettling, and when it is disturbed, it squeaks loudly, hops about and shrugs its wings up and down. It has long been superstitiously regarded as a harbinger of war, pestilence, hunger and death. Entomologists drew from mythology to name it: *acherontia* from the river of pain in the underworld, and *atropos*, the Fate who cuts the thread of life.

Death's-head hawkmoth

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.nhm.ac.uk

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(All meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month, except for February, August and November the first Wednesday of the month.)

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April 13	August 3	December 14

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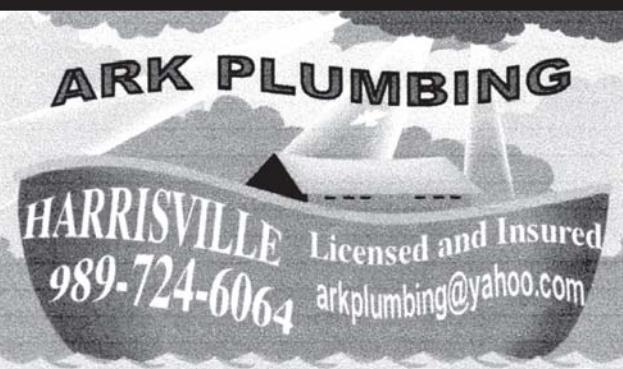
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

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 (989) 335-3541.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Sunrise Side Carving Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the AuSable-Oscoda Senior Center, 653 State Street, Oscoda. Anyone interested in wood carving is invited to attend.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

The Sunrise Side Carving Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the AuSable-Oscoda Senior Center, 653 State Street, Oscoda. Anyone interested in wood carving is invited to attend.

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

Euchre players will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Senior Center, 5039 Campbell Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

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 7

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

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

for details.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Play pinochle at 1 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. **Everyone is invited.**



In 1510 in Riga, the capital of Latvia, the local Order of the Blackheads (a guild for unmarried merchants) set a pine tree in the town square on Christmas Eve. It was laden with candles, fruit, nuts and paper flowers, and young men and women sang and danced around it, and at the end the tree was set ablaze. Riga celebrates its heritage as the "birthplace" of the decorated Christmas tree with a colorful market in the town square, selling sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes and meat pies with Black Balsam, a traditional Latvian herbal liqueur.

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 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
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 2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross
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 • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
 • Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 4257 State Rd. Glennie
 Sunday morning service 11 a.m. (989)735-3771.
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 2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345
 Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond
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 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & *Youth Programs (Grades K-6th)
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 Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
 6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
 Worship 9 a.m.
 Rev. Karen Thompson, Wednesday office hours 1 - 4 p.m.

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 Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 739-3424 • graceonthebase@gmail.com
 www.grace-epc.org • www.epc.org
 6012 N. Skeel, Oscoda, Next to Parks Library

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Fell down shaft neck broken

Arthur Saylor Meets Tragic Death at Ford's Walkerville Plant.

December 16, 1915 - Falling down a 30-foot shaft Arthur Saylor was killed at the Walkerville, Ont. Ford Automobile plant, where he was engaged as night watchman.

He was found in the bottom of the shaft at 3:00 o'clock in the morning of December 6, still alive but died at noon.

The foregoing information was obtained from a letter

written by Mrs. W.J. McDonald of Detroit to her mother, Mrs. Thos. W. Green. The letter also stated that the funeral was held on Dec. 8th, and that Rev. E.R. Rice preached the sermon.

The dead man and his family lived here for many years and his children attended school here at the time when Mr. Rice was principal of the high school.

A. Silverthorn retired

Veteran Member of Sturgeon Point Crew Moves to Harrisville. Addison Silverthorn, for over thirty-five years a member of the Sturgeon Point life saving crew and later a member of the Coast Guard service, has just received notice of his retirement from the service, effective Dec. 15th. Premature announcement was made some time ago of this action.

Mr. Silverthorn is retired with two thirds pay (about \$73 per month) under the new law effecting the Coast Guard Service. He has purchased a home and moved to Harrisville, where he will open a Jeweler store and photograph studio on Lake street.

The Review joins in welcoming "Ad" and Mrs. Silverthorn as permanent of the town.

Auto accident

Peter Madore Has a Narrow Escape—Buggy Wrecked

December 16, 1915 - Peter Madore had a narrow escape Saturday evening when an automobile driven by Martin Charboneau crashed into his buggy as he was driving home. The buggy was demolished, but Peter escaped by a miracle. The harness was ruined and the horse ran home.

Charboneau was driving with only a lantern for light and ran into the buggy from behind. The buggy top was raised and Peter did not hear the approaching machine, first becoming aware of its presence when he saw the wheels from his doubled-up position under the wrecked buggy.

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Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 16, 2015

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Few Showers
High: 44 Low: 37

THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 27

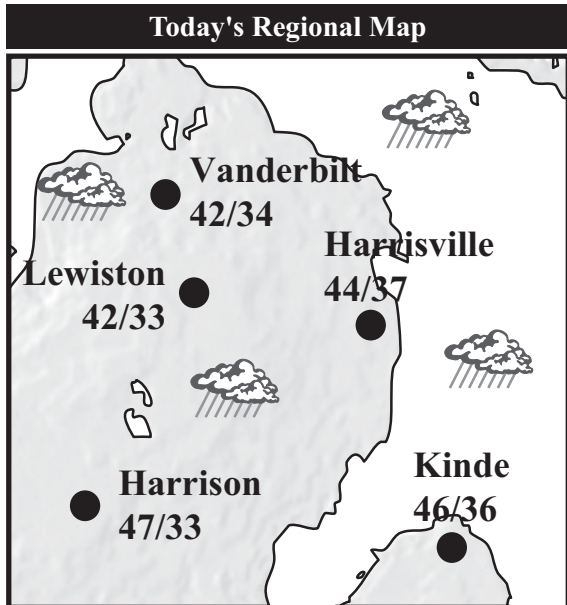
FRIDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 33 Low: 23

SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 23

SUNDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 28

MONDAY
Cloudy
High: 35 Low: 31

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 29



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 44°, humidity of 87%. East wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 57° set in 1984. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 37°. The record low for tonight is -12° set in 1980.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	41	37	34/20	0.00"
Tuesday	39	34	33/19	0.00"
Wednesday	45	37	33/19	0.00"
Thursday	54	37	33/19	0.00"
Friday	49	40	32/18	0.00"
Saturday	44	38	32/18	0.00"
Sunday	56	42	32/18	0.64"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	8:04 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	11:35 a.m.	10:48 p.m.
Thursday	8:04 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	12:09 p.m.	11:57 p.m.
Friday	8:05 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	12:42 p.m.	Next Day
Saturday	8:06 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:08 a.m.
Sunday	8:06 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	1:49 p.m.	2:19 a.m.
Monday	8:07 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	2:26 p.m.	3:30 a.m.
Tuesday	8:07 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	3:07 p.m.	4:41 a.m.

Local UV Index

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today, widespread rain Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 61° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in North Perry, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 47° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 73° in Newhall, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:25 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
Venus	4:33 a.m.	n/a
Mars	2:32 a.m.	1:46 p.m.
Jupiter	12:10 a.m.	12:46 p.m.
Saturn	6:48 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
Uranus	1:28 p.m.	2:24 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 16, 1835 - New England experienced one of their coldest days of record. At noon on that bitterly cold Wednesday the mercury stood at four degrees below at Boston, 15 degrees below at Norfolk, Conn. and 17 degrees below at Hanover, N.H.

Weather Trivia

What is sleet?

Answer: Frozen raindrops.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - A Telescope Under the Tree

After 6-1/2 decades of sentient life, I am still trying to understand the reasoning behind why so many people put telescopes under their trees at Christmas. I received my first spyglass refractor on my 10th birthday, and when as an early teen, I desperately wanted a weather station for the Holidays, I got a large wall mirror instead. The mirror was such a huge disappointment that it may have even solidified my decision to become an astronomer, but the mirror certainly had its perks when I began to date. If buying a telescope this Christmas is truly your heart's desire, kindly consider these few recommendations. Stay away from Kmart, Walmart, or any department store sold telescopes. They are useless, overpriced, poorly constructed, and will do more to turn you and your children off to the pleasures of astronomy than promote its attributes. I will say that Galileo would have been proud to own a Kmart special because his instruments were even worse optically. Also consider a reflecting telescope, one that uses mirrors to bring the light that it collects to a focus rather than a refractor, which uses lenses to achieve the same purpose. Newtonian reflectors on Dobsonian mounts represent your biggest bang for the buck, but still expect to pay from \$200-\$500 for a decent telescope with at least two eyepieces. So where do you go to purchase a telescope? If you are a beginner, I would strongly suggest Orion at www.telescope.com. You can chat online with a representative or give them a call at 1-800-447-1001 to discuss your wishes. If you live in southeastern PA, make sure to visit Skies Unlimited, www.skiesunlimited.com, located at 52 Glocker Way, Pottstown, 19465, 1-888-947-2673. I guarantee that owner Bob Black, (who has a shopping day named after him) and his staff of Ted, Dave, and Tom will get you started in the correct direction by dispensing lots of advice with no pressure to purchase. Happy Holidays! www.astronomy.org

Birthday surprise

Mrs. Taylor Lived in Harrisville Forty Years—Now in Battle Creek.

December 16, 1915 - A pleasant surprise was perpetrated upon Mrs. Anna Taylor of 482 West Van Buren street, at the weekend, her relatives assembling to assist in the celebration of her seventeenth birthday anniversary: Those present were her nephews and nieces: Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Eraser and children, Elizabeth, Lenore and Jack; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Briggs and children, Frances, Myrtle and Charles; also children and grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Swift and children, Harvey and Arnold. The out-of-town guests were Mr. C. C. Briggs of Harrisville, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Williams of Cleveland, Ohio.

A delicious chicken pie supper was served at 6:30, following which the hours were spent in social chat. A telegram was received by Mrs. Taylor from her only brother, who is in business in business in Duluth, Minnesota, conveying congratulations, and stating that a business trip prevented his being present. Many beautiful gifts were received from relatives in other states as well as in Michigan, these included silver, table linen, slippers, gloves and the like."

The foregoing will interest Mrs. Taylor's friends in Harrisville, where she lived for forty years before going to Battle Creek several years ago. She is still active, walks several miles a day and keeps up her interest in church matters.

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **COMICS:** In the comic strip "Peanuts," where was Snoopy born?
2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of unicorns known as?
3. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Who once said, "When a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully"?
4. **U.S. STATES:** The Mystic River flows through which U.S. state?
5. **MEDICAL:** What is the medical name for a condition known as "the bends"?
6. **ASTRONOMY:** Which planets in our Solar System are known as the gas giants?
7. **TELEVISION:** Who did the character named Lurch work for?
8. **HISTORY:** Where was Martin Luther King assassinated in 1968?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Balearic Islands located?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What would a vexillologist study?

Answers: 1. Daisy Hill Puppy Farm; 2. A blessing; 3. Samuel Johnson; 4. Massachusetts; 5. Decompression sickness (also known as divers' disease); 6. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune; 7. "The Addams Family"; 8. Memphis, Tenn.; 9. Mediterranean Sea (Majorca, Minorca, Ibiza and Formentera); 10. Flags (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

The History Channel

- On Jan. 2, 1897, American author Stephen Crane survives the sinking of The Commodore off the coast of Florida. He will turn the harrowing adventure into his classic short story "The Open Boat."
- On Dec. 29, 1915, the French National Assembly formally cedes the land that holds the British war cemeteries to Great Britain, ensuring that even as World War I was being fought, its most sacred monuments would be forever protected.
- On Dec. 30, 1922, in post-revolutionary Russia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR, also known as the Soviet Union) is established, comprising a confederation of Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine and the future republics of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia.
- On Jan. 3, 1938, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, an adult victim of polio, founds the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, later renamed the March of Dimes Foundation. The virus, which affects the central nervous system, flourished in contaminated food and water and was easily transmitted.
- On Dec. 28, 1954, Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington is born in Mount Vernon, N.Y. In 2002, for his performance as a corrupt cop in "Training Day," Washington became the first black man to win the Best Actor Academy Award since Sidney Poitier in 1964.
- On Jan. 1, 1973, Roseann Quinn, a 27-year-old New York teacher, visits Tweed's Bar in Manhattan and is picked up by her soon-to-be killer. The incident inspired the cautionary novel "Looking for Mr. Goodbar," later made into a movie starring Diane Keaton.
- On Dec. 31, 1999, the United States hands over control of the Panama Canal, putting the strategic waterway into Panamanian hands for the first time. A ship heading from New York to San Francisco can save about 7,800 miles by taking the Panama Canal rather than sailing around South America.

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th-century Nigerian novelist, poet and professor Chinua Achebe who made the following sage observation: "One of the truest tests of integrity is its blunt refusal to be compromised."
- Historians say that on April 4, 1968, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. participated in a pillow fight in the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. This wouldn't be noteworthy, of course, except for the fact that he was assassinated at the motel that same evening.
- Those who study such things say that men without beards are 40 percent more likely to describe themselves as happy.
- In November of this year, a bulldog named Otto set a Guinness World Record. In the city of Lima, Peru, Otto rode a skateboard through the legs of 30 people, setting a new record for skateboarding through the longest human tunnel.
- You probably won't be surprised to learn that before horseradish was called horseradish, it was known as "stingnose" in many areas of the United States. However, you might be surprised to learn that it was sometimes rubbed on a person's forehead to relieve a headache.
- Lawmakers in Kentucky evidently once thought it necessary to pass legislation making it illegal to paint one's lawn red.
- You might not think of tarantulas as fragile, but they are. Despite their soft, furry appearance, if one of these spiders has even a short fall without catching itself on its thread, the drop likely will shatter its exoskeleton or rupture its abdomen.
- If you ever have the good fortune to encounter a group of bunnies, you'll know that you can collectively call them a "fluffle."

Thought for the Day: "If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons." -- James Thurber

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included president Jordan, clerk Somers, assistant clerk/treasurer Hussain and council members Gauthier, Healy, P. Somers, R. Somers and Stutzman. Absent was treasurer Mary Kossa. Also present were several guests. President Jordan introduced village resident Amanda Zielinski and stated that she wants to join the council. She was asked to sit with council members at the table and will be sworn in at the January meeting by attorney Cook. Welcome aboard Amanda.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Stutzman. The minutes of the special hearing for the DDA extension were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Gauthier.

The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy.

Mike Serafin, fire chief, gave his report. There were nine medical runs and two fire runs, both were mutual aid runs with surrounding townships. Two new fire fighters will be joining the department. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy, to add Alex Schram as a new fire fighter; the other prospective member will come to the next meeting. Following a brief discussion and a request from Mike, a motion was made by Healy, with support from Gauthier, to appoint Billy Cordes as the new assistant fire chief. Motion carried. President Jordan thanked the departments for all their work throughout the year and added a special thanks to Ryan Mendyka of the fire department for his help with a child who received burns to her hands from hot chocolate during the Festival of Lights Celebration on Friday evening.

President Jordan gave the street report. He stated that there hasn't been much activity this past month, however, maintenance equipment is running very well. An extension to a culvert was made near the Senior Center. The sewer flow meter has been fixed and things are now running well.

Dates were set for the calendar year. They are as follows: January 4, February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 6 (Wednesday), August 1, September 7 (Wednesday), October 3, November 7, and December 5. All regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the village hall. A budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 at 6 p.m.

In public comment time, Brenda Slater stated that Steve is doing a fabulous job. We agree. Jason Ogden from the Alpena News introduced himself as the new reporter for Alcona County. David Dionn from Lost Lake Woods Club introduced himself as the spokesperson for the Alcona County Reptilians. They meet monthly and he invited everyone to attend their meetings or look at their website. In old business Healy stated that the Festival of Lights Celebration went very well on Friday evening. She thanked the Alcona athletes and coach Jason Somers. She thanked several people including Mike Serafin and Ryan Mendyka for cooking and serving hot dogs, Naomi Potter for baking cookies for the cookie walk and Bob Schrade for manning the hayrides. In the home decoration contest -- first place went to Ralph and Kay Diamond; second place went to Joe and June Lincoln; third place went to Larry and Linda Somers; and fourth place went to Jerry and Diana Burt. The business decorating contest was won by Sue Harvey of the Cozy Cabin beauty shop. President Jordan thanked everyone who helped in any way. Several people commented how much they appreciated the effort

that went into making the evening perfect.

President Jordan gave his report. He said he feels we have been richly blessed with all the volunteers that put so many events together. He thanked various individuals including; Ted Shaneour for planting flowers and hanging decorations; Steve Slater for his many tasks; Dave James for all his help repairing things; Bill and Kathy Putsky; Mary Gillies; Ted and Debbie Shaneour and Joan Toombs for doing decorations on the trees. Steve is currently working on the second set of bleachers, they should be done by the end of this week. The intention is to paint the dugouts in the spring.

There is the possibility of repairing the water system at the playground much cheaper than originally thought. There are some electrical boxes that are not working properly. President Jordan stated he would like to add some new ones as well. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to spend up to \$500 to do the necessary repairs. Several repairs have been made to various pieces of equipment this past month. President Jordan stated that he would like to set aside a day where everyone could get together and go through some of the paperwork in the hall. President Jordan said it has been a pleasure to work with everyone the past nine years. We've changed the looks of the community and continue to forge ahead. He wished everyone "Happy Holidays."

A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to pay the bills as presented. Carried. Motion to adjourn by Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Carried.
Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting on December 9 was called to order by Supervisor Hubbard with a pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Hubbard, Thornton, Timm, Scott and Swinson. Also in attendance Nancy Beck, zoning administrator, and six citizens. Motions to approve agenda; minutes of November 4; to pay the bills; and to place treasurer's report on file were made. Correspondence: MTA workshop for Board of Review Training.

Planning commission held a public hearing on a request for a special land use permit from PI Telecom Infrastructure for the construction of a 300 foot self support telecommunications tower. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to table for further review. Proposed meeting dates for 2016 were decided and will be published.

Zoning administrator: Sobeck has been cleaning up, and Sunrise Sanitation discussed the rest of clean up and privacy fence. Public comment: Betsy Lehdorff discussed possible Facebook page to reach more of the residents in the township. Unfinished business: None. New business: Ben Varney from PI Telecom spoke to the board about the proposed cell tower and location choices. Supervisor will attend GIS meeting with county and NEMCOG. Building at Bear Springs and Hubbard Lake Road supervisor will contact health and building departments. Motion to allow the planning commission to make copies of proposed recreational plan and to allow them to have up to five extra meetings to get it ready by March. Motion to send up to four board of review members to the training in Alpena on February 23. Meeting schedule for 2016 will be the second Wednesday of every month except February, August and November will be the first Wednesday. Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is January 13. Planning commission meets January 4.

Helen Timm, Clerk

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's December board meeting was called to order by Supervisor MacNeill at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier and Mead. Excused: Bouchard. Motion to approve minutes, financial report and bills. Motion passed. All in favor.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held December 8 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and two guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." County commissioner Craig Johnston briefed the board on the happenings at the county level. One thing of importance to the townships will be the counties update "overlay photo file." Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report given and put on file pending the audit. Her report reconciled with the clerk's office. Committees gave reports with the planning commission hoping to finish the township's recreation plan for its February meeting.

Spitznagel/Harvey: To appoint Steve Healy and Connie Sysak to the township's planning commission. Motion carried. Young/Spitznagel: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson, Clerk
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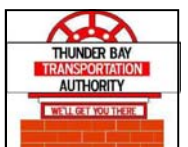
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Cabin in the woods

Maine aims to reduce the number of homeless veterans in the state to zero. A project to build 21 cabins in the Maine woods for homeless veterans got another push forward recently when state lawmakers approved nearly \$400,000 in federal tax credits.

The project, called Cabin in the Woods, is being spearheaded by Volunteers of America and is pulling in support from all corners.

The one- and two-bedroom cabins will be built on an 11-acre wooded section of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center-Togus property under a 75-year lease. The fully furnished ADA-approved cabins will be for both men and women, and the site would include a community center.

In April, to satisfy the concerns of the state's Bureau of Veteran Services, the Labor, Commerce, Research and

Economic Development committee approved a bill that would guarantee that the government would provide services to those veterans living in the cabins. Additionally, the VofA would have an agreement with each veteran to help with benefits and services.

It's estimated that the project will cost \$4 million, with money coming from the state, federal grants and private donors. More details

need to be ironed out before the full slate of supporters will come on board, but they will come, including one large national hardware and lumber company that will fund construction.

For homeless veterans, many of whom deal with PTSD and substance abuse, a cabin in the quiet Maine woods, with medical assistance and support services nearby, might well be the perfect vehicle for healing and

eventual wellness.

The Volunteers of America have a hand in multiple services for homeless veterans. They understand that without a safe and stable place to live, other steps forward, such as physical and mental wellness, employment and education, just aren't possible.

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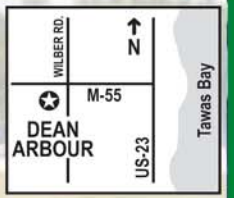


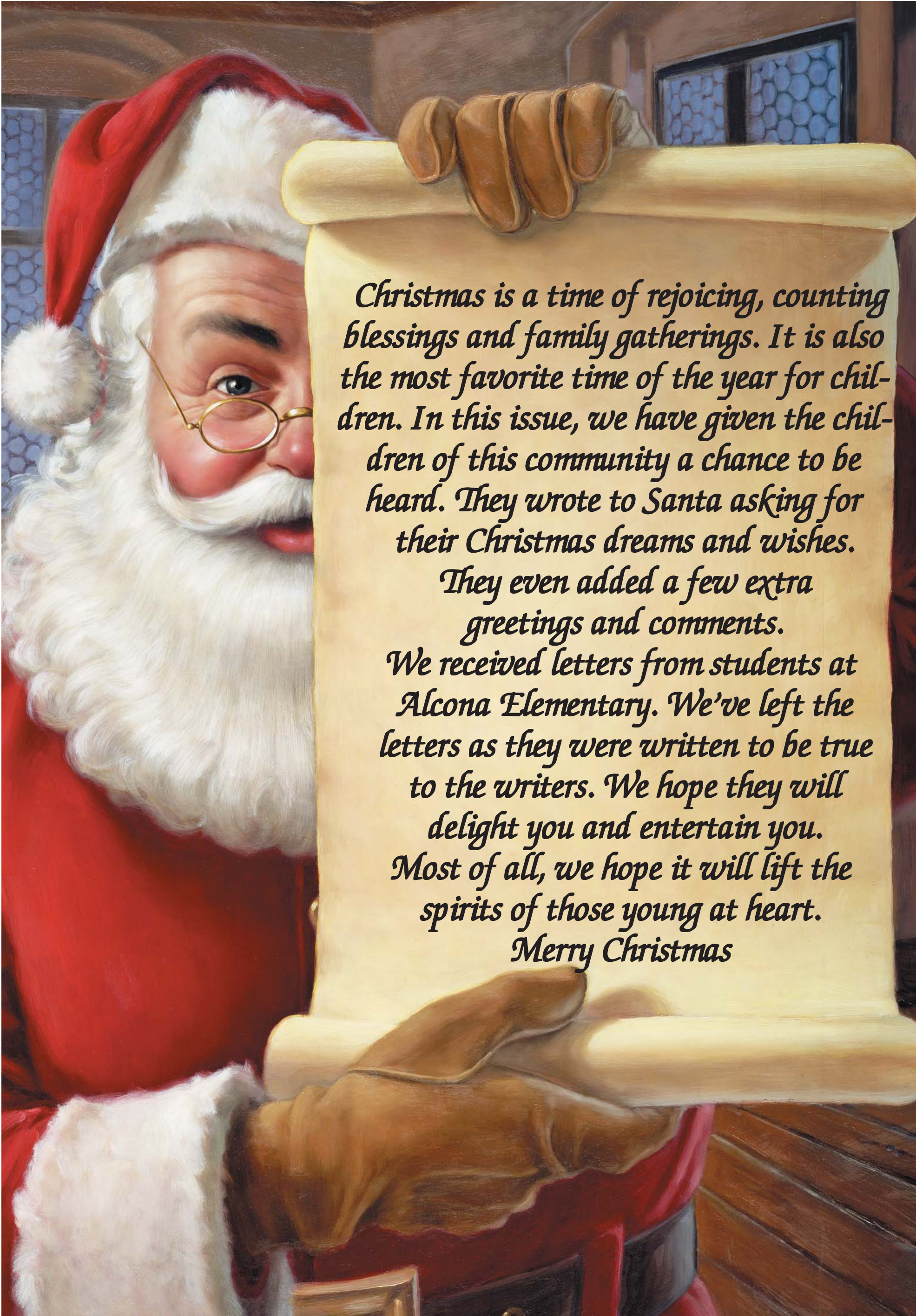
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Christmas is a time of rejoicing, counting blessings and family gatherings. It is also the most favorite time of the year for children. In this issue, we have given the children of this community a chance to be heard. They wrote to Santa asking for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



*When they saw the star,
They rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
And when they were come into the house,
they saw the child with Mary his mother,
and fell down, and worshiped him...*

~ Matthew 2:10-11

At Christmas and always, may your heart and faith in God lead you down the road to peace, joy and contentment. We feel blessed to be a part of this community and we thank you for your friendship and support.

*Rich and Mary Gillies
Aaron, Sara, Henrik & Ethan Healy
Jeff and Marilee Brooks-Gillies*

Received via the US Mail

Dear Santa,
A Barbie camper, tablet, soda shoppe, kitchen set, pink refrigerator, dinnerware set, pots and pans set, play vet with two my doll furniture pets, cappuccino maker, groceries.
Love, Khloe

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Mongeau's Class

Dear Santa,
I would like a tablet, a bike, a treasure truck, box of cars and a zummer dino. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Brenden Wascher, age 5

Santa,
Thank you Santa for my presents and for my sisters presents. I would like a monster truck. My elf is at my house sitting on a plate. I have my Christmas tree up. We have our decorations on the tree.
Love, Reid Travis, age 5

Santa,
I would like a real guitar, a phone, a little microphone for my baby brother, Hunter, batteries, a shiny diamond ring, and a red Santa hat. And some make-up at my mommys house. I will leave you some cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Amelia Sommer, age 5

Santa,
I would like some rings, make-up, some barbies, some hair ties, a horsey, some short sleeve dresses, new shoes, and a pony. Thank you for my presents last year. Hi Santa.
Alexis Peterson, age 6

Dear Santa,
Have I been a good kid this year? I hope the reindeer eat all the carrots and you eat all the cookies and milk. I would like sparkly comb for me.
Jaxon Morgan, age 5

Hi Santa,
I love toys Santa please? I like you getting toys for me Santa. I like you! I like you getting everyone toys! I like you bringing toys for all the people. I like you going down the chimney! I like you going down every chimney in the whole world! You're the best going down chimneys!
Love your friend,
Taelyn MacNeill, age 5

Dear Santa,
I like my mom and dad. I would like a present.
Alexandra Laird, age 5

Dear Santa,
Can I have a phone, a puppy, a batman house, some more cars, a piano and drums please? Hi Santa you're nice! Love you Santa!
Your friend,
Christopher Kroon, age 5

Dear Santa,
I love you! How's the weather? I would like a remote control robot, a new pillow, and a remote control army truck. I wish I could have a big box of snow so I can keep it and play with it.
Your friend, Carson Koch, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a phone, monster high clock, new tablet because my old one has a crack screen with a pink case. A cooking set with apron and spatula, monster high coloring marker set, a stuffed Santa for my brother Jack. A sleeping beauty dress-up dress for Halloween, monster high flashlight, and a pretend army knife. I will give you some chocolate cookies and chocolate milk.
Love Santa, Madelaine Huebshman, age 5

Love Santa, Madelaine Huebshman, age 5

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you? How are the reindeer doing? I really want a tablet, please. Also, make up and Nonnie wants a new phone and Puppa wants a new four wheeler. Thank you. I Love You Santa!
Shailagh Warren-Skeans, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want Robots and guns and hammers. I want robot spider and a robot. I want an I-Tablet and a phone and then I want my own computer then a walkie talkie. And paper hearts to give to my grandma and everyone in my family so they can hang them up. I love you Santa.
Love, Jack Rhodes, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Flying Fairy and a Walking Fairy that has a remote control so I can walk her and a baby fairy that flies. I like My Little Ponies and a rainbow desk that you can color on it. Thank you Santa!
Juliet Mann, age 5

Dear Santa,
I really want a whole box of blind bags that have a sparkly pony in them. I also want a Shopkin that are little food toys, the whole box, please. Thank you Santa.
Katrina LeBerge, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a unicorn, a pretty beautiful flying unicorn and pack of gum also some juice pop. A pretty wall with paint and a beautiful Ipad and I want a beautiful Ambulant like Sophie! Thank you Santa!
Love, Bryanna Jackson, age 5

Dear Santa,
I hope you eat my cookies. I love you. I want a toy barbie and a tablet. I want an Elsa Castle and a toy stuffed animal kitty. I hope you get candy in my stocking. I love you and I will thank you for all the presents you bring me.
Love, Bayley Houghmaster, age 6

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is Rudolf real? How are your Reindeer? How are the elves doing? Is it cold up there?
From Henrik Healy, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want some cool cars and some fast cars and three monster trucks. I want four remote control cars.
Love, Evan Gehring, age 5

Dear Santa,
I wish I can have a Saddle and Ride Barbie horse. Santa, I am gonna bring you cookies and milk.
From, Myra Armstrong, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want some window clings like Mrs. Mongeau's and I want some Play Dough. I also would like some new markers.
From, Ryleigh Desonia, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Frozen tablet, a Barbie doll and a really big Barbie house that opens, with a dog.
Love, Evelyn Cheatum, age 6

Dear Santa,
I would like lots of Barbie dolls, a snowsuit, boots, gloves, and a Barbie hat. I will leave cookies my mom and I make and milk too.
Love, Nichole Durance, age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been mostly good. Could you please bring me presents? I would like a kitchen and toy doggie. I am going to get you cookies with chocolate on them.
Love, Twyla Barton, age 5

Dear Santa,
Is it cold up North? It looks like it is cold in the cartoons. Could I please have a tablet. I would like a purple one. I would love a real phone. It should be pink. Do you have magic at the North Pole?
See you soon, Adelle Boyat, age 5

Dear Santa,
Can you get me the Frozen Barbie Castle and Frozen make-up. I would also like a Frozen Piano. I would like Frozen Pajamas and Frozen dollies. Everything Frozen! Thank you Santa and Elves!
Love, Paityn Elder, age 6

Dear Santa,
Hoe are you? I would like the Bear Movie. Please bring me presents.
Your Friend, Alex Altman, age 6

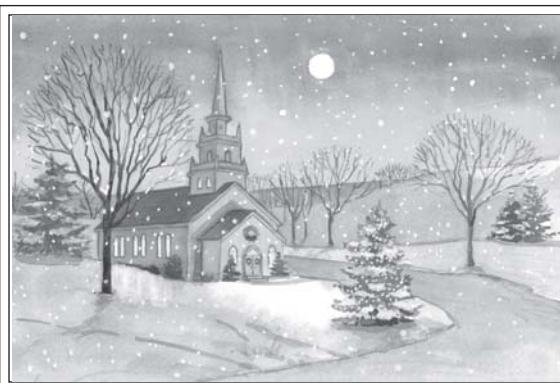
Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me presents.
Love, Alyssa Hale, age 5

Mrs. Mullen's Class

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed animal. I want a Barbie. I want a Frozen movie.
Love, Abby Wortley

Dear Santa,
I want games and Play-Doh.
Love, Adalai Liebler

Dear Santa,
I want Rocking Barbie and a rocking horse.
Love, Adriana Grove



With you in mind at Christmastime

As we join you and your family in celebrating the birth of our savior, we recall the many generous folks we've had the privilege to serve this year, and know that we are truly blessed.

Merry Christmas



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Dear Santa,
I would like a Christmas present pony. And I would like a live horse. And I would like 2 Guinea pigs.

Love, Alanna Schnittjer

Dear Santa,
Can you buy me a present? I want a toy frog. I want cow-girl boots for Christmas.

Love, Alexis Schmidt

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great day! You're the best Santa ever. I hope you wish us a Merry Christmas. I would like 2 toy mermaids and a fake Genie land. I would like some fake flowers for my mom.

Love, Annilene Stoley

Dear Santa,
Happy Christmas. Have a good Christmas year. Have a good day working on the toys. I want an X-Box. Have a good day with your elves. I want a dirt bike.

Love, Dayton Businger

Dear Santa,
I love you. Will you give me a train for Christmas? I love you and Happy Holidays. Thank you.

Love, Tayler Wilburn

Dear Santa,
I want Legos. I want a bow and a train track. I want cards.

Love, Tommy McKenzie

Dear Santa,
I would like a bow and arrow.

Love, Madison Hall

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed animal and a puppy. I want a Barbie doll. I want a dress. I love you, Santa.

Love, Lexi Wojda-Weichel

Dear Santa,
I want a sled and a dress. I want a baby doll.

Love, Paige Fraser

Dear Santa,
I want a pretend horse set. I want a Barbie house. And a little toy kitten. I want a doctor set. What do you do?

Love, Khloe Boyd

Dear Santa,
I want an Elf on a Shelf. I want a Little Pony toy. And a heart pillow. I want a bird stuffed animal. I want to tell Santa that I love him.

Love, Hannah Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and I want a remote-control snowmobile that can go in water and now and rocks. And a dino Transformer. I already have one, but I want one with Indians. And a castle that fights the dino transformer.

Love, James Storey

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a toy car? And a little Christmas tree. I want a monster truck.

Love, Jacob Smith

Dear Santa,
I want some new pencils and some coloring books. I want some elf clothes. Do you really have a white beard?

Love, Kisela Mecscis

Dear Santa,
I like Santa. I love him. I want a toy horse. I want you to bring me a Barbie that turns into a tail. I want pet shops. I want necklaces and I want earrings. Thank you for the presents and candy.

Love, Isabella Cronk

Dear Santa,
I want a toy helicopter and remote-control truck and toy truck with a camper.

Love, Ethan Levline

Dear Santa,
I want a remote-control care and a remote-control airplane. I want a Hot Wheel.

Love, Lochlin Gordy

Dear Santa,
I want a new racing car. And a Doc McStuffins station. That's what I saw in a book. And I kind of like that new sailboat for water.

Love, Tina Marie Cripps

Dear Santa,
Can we have a real elf? Can I have a new train set and a remote-control monster truck? Can I have a number?

Love, Will Dellar

Dear Santa,
I would like to give patterns to you. I will give presents to you. I would like a calendar and a school.

Love, Joshua Perez

Dear Santa,
I would wish for a Guinea Pig. I wish for its food, its tank, and I like dolls. I want a Cinderella if you don't have them it's fine. I still love you.

Love, Hailey Fasel

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie for my house and Barbie's sister. And some cleaning stuff with a mop and a broom to help mama clean. I love you.

Love, Breanna Link

Dear Santa,
I would like some makeup. I want jewelry. I want to do whatever I want. I would like puzzles. I want a phone.

Love, Brilee Travis

Dear Santa,
I would like a tractor. I think I would like a car. And I want a map to see upstairs.,

Love, Joshua Abee

Dear Santa,
I like Santa. I like Christmas trees. I want a stocking. I like puzzles. I like toys.

Love, Zoe Bowers

**FIRST GRADE
Ms. Green's Class**

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a lego set. I also want a girl doll and a boy doll for both me and my brother. He also wants a lego set. What I don't want is only books or crayons because I already have a lot of them.

From, Arnie Colosky

Dear Santa,
This year I want Barbie House and a eay bake oven and Have I mentioned how I Help my sister? I reach cups in the cubere for her.

From, Danica

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego set. I want a Super hero. I want a mouse trap game. I want a Puppy. I wnat a Lego Batman. I want a tatoo.

From, Tristan

Dear Santa,
I have been bad Santa. I am going to make it up to you. I want a easy bake. I want a jeep. I want my sisters to be nice to me and my brothers to be nice to me.

From, Everly

Dear Santa,
I am trying to make my sister feel happy because she is sad or cranky fo I try my best. Please can I have some surprises.

From, Elliyana

Dear Santa,
This year I want a American doll suitcase. I also want a doll. and I want a basket ball. I try to be good at home so I can get stuff.

Olive

Dear Santa,
I want a train. And I want a robot and a toy truck. A toy four wheeler, 2 toy dirt bike, a hunting shirt, a fluffy toy sponge Bob. I've been good this year by helping wash the dishes.

From, Joshua

Dear Santa,
I hav ben gud. Wil you bring me the Lagos and a zumr puppy. I want a toy truk and a Lego starwars.

Brandon

Dear Santa,
I want a legoset and a remote controlled truck I want it to snow on christmas I want my mom to give me a nerf gun.

Hans

Dear Santa,
my sister is being mean. I cleaned my room. I washed my clothes. I want a doll. Please can I have a black kitty to. Also I want a blue fish. Can I have a stuffed Black dog with white spots. I want 3 monster dolls.

From, Liberty Pfau, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a frozen doll, Legos, hunting stuff, singing Elsa with mic, makeup, flashlight, Decendence Doll, and a swedr.

From, Sawyer

Dear Santa,
I want a iPad and a elf at my house and a skates.

From, Olivia

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler lego set and a toy dump truck. Also a Scoobydoo Lego Set.

From, Brett



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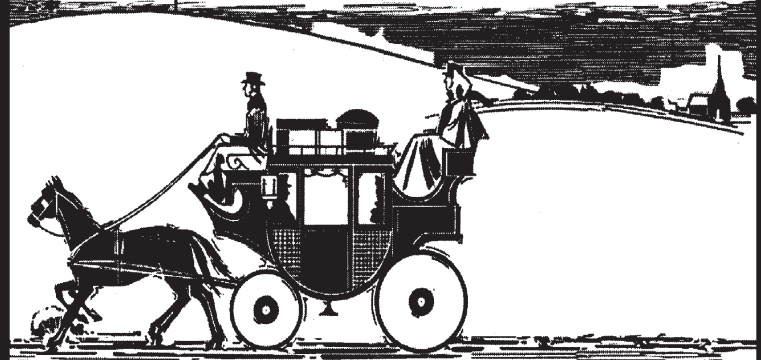
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Dear Santa,
 I want a Hunt ing Stuff x-
 box 360 Bat-Man Lego Set
 Minecraft family wondurful
 christmas.
 From, Nathen

Dear Santa,
 I want a farm. I want ninja
 turtles. I want ninja turtles
 set. I want toy fish. I want toy
 turtle this year. I have been
 good I helped with dishes.
 From, Ryan

Dear Santa,
 I Brought my clothes and
 my Brothers clothes once just
 my Brothers clothes up once.
 Please give me a Batman Lego
 Set and minecraftlego set and
 a scooby do lego set.
 From, Ben

Dear Santa,
 I want boots for my mom
 and I want an Amarian doll
 and I want a shirt and I want
 some legos.
 From, Syerra

Dear Santa,
 I was being a very good
 girl. But Johna than has been
 bad But want is some new
 socks and jeans Also I want
 some Pokemon book.
 From, Myera

Dear Santa,
 I would like Transformers,
 and rollerskates. And a lego
 city Police officer set. A Com-
 puter, a optimus prime I have
 been good this year by help-
 ing my dad making my bed.
 From, Zachary Hall

Dear Santa,
 I was good because I made
 . I want Frozen lagos. I want
 anew bike. I want a sled.
 From, Cia

Dear Santa,
 I want 2 ky 10 ren mini
 tiger and a old clock. And a i
 phone and a zoomer kitty. I
 wan kaid of mean to my m om
 But Good after All!
 From, Harry Gehring

Dear Santa,
 I clean my room and I
 would like Elsa ice skates, A
 guitar. A drum. A tut.
 From, Trinity

Dear Santa,
 I want Bat Man Legos. I
 want Pokemon Legos. I want
 Lego cars. I want Pokemon
 Cards. I want Lego guys. I
 want Lego cards.
 From, Cooper

Dear Santa,
 I want for Christmas a
 Ameaican dolll named Sage,
 a Anna doll. some Lego freinds
 and a easy bake oven.
 Love, Tori

Dear Santa,
 I want a lego set and a
 Video game. I also want a
 Phone and a Lamp. I mop at
 home.
 From, Rickie

Dear Santa,
 I want a lego set. Can I
 have a 4-wheeler with it? A
 lego 4-wheeler.
 From, Trenton

Dear Santa,
 Iv bengood and bad i want
 a u marukendol that is all.
 Love, Secret

Dear Santa,
 I what a forzen set also I
 what an Anna Doll I will leave
 cookies for you and I what a
 sone clothes for my Dad.
 From, Willow

Mrs. Haneckow's Class
 Dear Santa,
 can I please hav a stuffed
 rein deer. I really want hus-
 kies. My mom wunts a bill
 dog i rilly want huskys.
 Kaidance, age 6

Dear Santa,
 How are our reindeer?
 Santa this year I miet lehrn
 how to ice skat! I like the
 present I got last year. Santa
 this year I would like for
 Christmas a real Dog with a
 Callar and on that Callar I
 would Like to have a crystal
 on it would you get Krystal
 that hose she wanid.
 Love, Leigha, age 6

Dear Santa,
 how are you? Doing are
 the randr doing? good? I have
 a Karaoke maching and a
 tablit and sum new clos and
 sum new shoes and sum ice
 skating and sum snow flake
 and a sled and a igloo and
 sum ornaments.
 Love, Addison

Dear Santa,
 I want minecraft fighters
 and a football for my brother.
 I want a little power ranger
 for my little brother Jake.
 Xander, age 7

Dear Santa,
 I want my ears pierce I
 want my own pare of boots.
 I want my own pare of shiny
 shos. How are the reindeer?
 How are you?
 Love, Bailey Jane Dellar,
 age 6

Dear Santa,
 Thak you for my family I
 want soccer gear. I want a
 stuffed reindeer. I want a
 snake. and a stuffed animal.
 Love, Zac, age 8

Dear Santa,
 I want skate board stuff
 How are you and your wife
 have a good day.
 Love, Landin, age 7

Dear Santa,
 I want a family, north Pole,
 reindeer, I want a sata also
 doll with a micrphoe.
 Mary, age 7

Dear Santa,
 How are you How are your
 reindeer and the alves mak-
 ing the toys and I am ready
 for my new toys. Love, Claire
 G., age 7

Dear Santa,
 Hoo are you. Santa hoo
 the reindeer. I wantid Baby
 peshehoys and rokin brod
 and tablit. I love santa.
 Love, Alexis, age 7

Dear Santa,
 I want a toy santa claus. I
 want a remot hellacopter soc-
 cer ball football player.
 From Jack, age 6

Dear Santa,
 How are the Reindeer. I
 want a Elsa doll
 microphone. ice cream.
 puppy. Santa
 Love, Ariana, age 7

Dear Santa,
 For crismas I want a ring
 and a nice sister and a new
 dog and a corn dog and a new
 bike and bond aid and a ring
 pop a hot dog and a Elsa doll
 with microphone a toy or wii
 book and a new pillow and a
 witch finger.
 Love, Liberty, age 6

Dear Santa,
 I want a puppy I want paw
 pcol chrox, I want a ice crem
 mushen, a koce mushen.
 Love, Sawyer, age 6

Dear Santa,
 how is the reindeer santa I
 Wish I hav my family and we
 will mak a ginger breadman
 for you santa.
 Michael

Santa,
 I want a nuw par of sus
 and Frozen Fevre and 20 mur
 and 1 Frozen mugfon and a
 Frozen legos and a tulfone
 and a toy cosrudr and a par
 sus for my brbes and i owes
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 they toys. marey crismsi
 santa
 Ellie, age 6

Dera Santa,
 I want spy dog. How ary
 you I hop your reindeer our
 rede to fli.
 Love, Gavin, age 6

Der sata,
 hour are the radeer. Pliz
 brin a puppy an a htisfy and
 bring a sabods an a gam.
 Love, Josh, age 6

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Dear Santa,
I want a plonerckis mis and a remotckinthrolcr I want santa for ckrimis and a hat and mittens.

Luve, Ayden, age 6

Dear Santa,
I would like, togo the north pole.

from claire, age 6

Dear Santa
How aer you and your wife doening I rely liked when the randeer clompd on my house.

Love, Katelyn

Daer Santa claus
wht is yur fafite cucas i want a fone i want a cus,mpotre i want a ipode i want all gatre.

Love, Branden, age 7

Dear Santa
is your ckookees is it deelishis i hop it is oh i wont a remote coht car and a a smol puppy.

Love ceanna

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Ceanna, age 6

I want a fold blee I want a Dog cote I wont a coon dog. I wont a mr mad that changis its tale culr and a cike mrmad that duse the same thaing. I want a rele live iefoone. a tabit a insid out culring buke. a 13 inch + aisue dole. a pack of mors. a licetronic cor that goe fast then a regelr cor.

Allie, age 7

Santa,
Ples mac my panda, and a plyer 2.

Love, Izzy, age 7

Dear santa claus, Hoy you Doen Sata Ho. is misis claus Don I will. I will a kano. msi, cot camne machine.

Love, Sierra, age 7

Dear Santa,
I want hunting stuff I want four wheeler I want a coon Dog I want a Legos I want a tabilit.

Love, Tyler, age 7

**SECOND GRADE
Mrs. Misiak's Class**

Dear Santa,
Do the elves do all the work or do you make some toys? Do you pay the elves when they're done making toys? I think I've been kind of naughty and good at home. I have been having trouble with Ashton and Sawyer, because they're getting on my nerves a lot.

The first thing I'd like to have is legos. They are big and really fun to play with. There are also rebels like the movie. The walker it is like a robot it doesn't have hands and it can't speak. There is star wars legos the live in space, and they fight a lot, there is one character and it makes a lot of noises the colors that he has is gold and tin. The other type of lego is the ship the people on the ship are good guys. I can play with them. I can build almost anything I want. This is the perfect present for me, please put this under the tree.

The minecraft video game, it's all made of blocks almost everything is made of blocks. The people look like their real but they are just blocks. They look like real people it's very cool and it's like the same as the old one. I plan on build-

ing stuff like, houses. The game let's you kill zombies and animals. You can get some meat from cows and pigs. Sheep give you wool. It would be a fun game for me to have.

P.S. Please be safe while traveling. I am leaving you cookies and milk.

love your friend, George Kirby, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie because she is pretty and big and it has a slide with it. Her house has three floors in the house it has a bedroom, living room and a kitchen too. There is two barbie dolls with the seat. There is a car that is pink and big.

I think Santa is almost a thousand years old because. How long has he been living. Has he been on earth since my dad has alive?

I want a tablet because I can play games and do other stuff on it to. For my family can play on it with me and friends. I see a lot of people have them. They seem very fun to play with. I like to read Stories online too With my mom and dad.

Sincerely, Ariana Riso, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Why do you use reindeer I think you use reindeer because you can get house to house fast so people don't see you. I think i have been good this year I helped people in need.

First present is destiny the xbox game. I would really like to get that game. The xbox game is green on the top. The person on the game can run the person on the game is very tall and strong. He also wears a cap and he is a super villain. If i get the game I really want to play it it is very important to me. I want to get the goosebumps game for xbox.

This is the present I want is a 3ds the game I want for it is goosebumps the color I want is red what I like about them is they have lefer to switch to 3d. I also want a dirtbike I want it to be green and I ride it really good.

Sincerely, Karsen Gonyea, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I have always wondered why you wear a red suit. why do you wear a red suit? is it because red is a christmas color? I have been mostly good. I even woke up in a good. I even woke up in good mood today. Out of the coyndnes out of my heart i help my mother every day and i set the dinor table. I hope I am on the nice list. So please hear me out. I really, really want a makeup kit this year. I would like a make-up kit to have some light green eye shadow, light red lipstick, light pink eyeshadow, light blue eye shadow, light red eyeshadow and darkblue eye shadow all in one box.

I can wear it what on my eyes and lips and I could play beauty shop with it. If I could have just one more thing i wood have a collection of Monster High Dolls so i can have something to play with at my house!

from: Rylee Kroon, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
where do you go to every night. I think you go to alaska do you? I was very good this year I love school.

I would really love to have a phone. I would really love it if you give that to me. I would like to do with the phone is doing balloons. I would really love it if you gave me that items will you please give me a phone.

my second toy I want is a remote control helicopter. I would use it to scare people thinking that it was a alien.

I hope you have a good time dropping off all the presents to all the kids and I hope you don't fall off your sleigh. I would leave your reindeer's carrots and apples. I wouldn't forget about you santa I would give you cookies, milk and a present. One last question why do you wear a red suit and a red hat? Do you have owls? if you do are they black, brown, white. Do your elves look like you.

love, Casadora Pittman

Dear Santa,
I would really like Call Of Duty black ops. It is a playstation game it is like black ops 2.

I can play it on my playstation 3 and play online with my friends. I think it will be the best game when I play it. Santa can you put black ops 3 under the Christmas tree.

The second present I would like Minecraft story mode. I Like it Because I have a story to it And I want it for my playstation 3 I can get minecraft friends on it and it's a video game. And can you put it under the tree.

Casey League

Dear Santa,
Why do you give us presents. I think because you are nice. I have been mostly good because I have been listening to my parents but my brother bothers me.

I would really like a tablet please. A big tablet with pink and two feet it will be mine. Can it have hearts on it? This is my favorite gift i want. I really want it because my family has an Ipod and i want my own tablet. Can you make different colors Lagos. You can play with them, you can make things out of them. The Lago parts that are in my brother's book. Can I please have make-up, all kinds of lipstick, lipgloss and fingernail polish. Black lipstick.

Santa can i ask you something how do reindeer fly? Why do you not work but the elf's do? Why do you live at the North pole? Why do you always wear red? Do you really only eat cookies? Are your reindeer magical? Do you wear make-up Santa? Do you like Lagos? How do you not get cold on your sled? How do you go around the world in one night? How many elves do you have? Do you like pizza? Dose Miss Claus ride in your sled? Are reindeer really real?

Have a nice trip around the world. I hope you don't get cold or stuck. Thank you Santa for making everyone all the toys. I hope you get a lot of cookies and carrots.

Sincerely, Rayna Koch, 2nd grade



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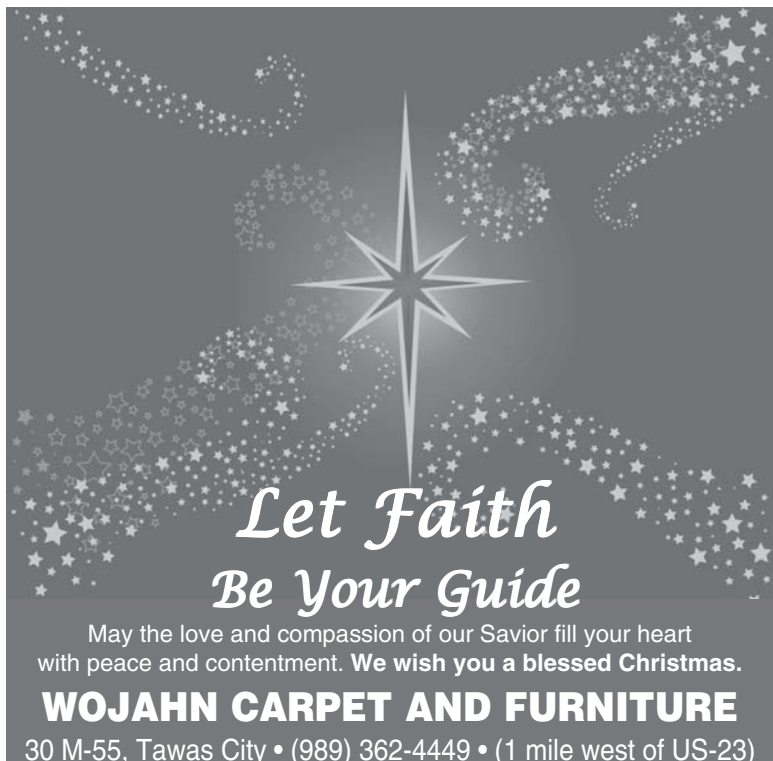
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Luke 2:7*

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Dear Santa,
wtaking cahy do you mkae toys. i thank you mack toys for kids. i think i have been good. i have been re of my baby sister. i wunt babes with penk har becus it is a good present and i want to play with it. i want a barbie dem howes becus it has a living room. it has a bedroom. it has a kitchen. it has a bathroom. it has a door and a car. and a barbie pop up camper. becus it has slied and fack fier. and it can fake drive. and fack toy dog and cat to with it.
love piper Flerchinger

Dear Santa,
How do the elves make toys?

I thing they make them out of tools. I was good this year. I listen to the teacher when she tells me to do something. I would really like a monster high doll.

Her name is Frankie, she has pink and black hair, she is a vampire and a batt. Frankie has pink and black hair. she is a vampire and a batt.

She can do the splits, she can do flips, she can do tricks, she can do batt tricks. She can do the splits. She can do flips. She can do tricks. She can do batt tricks and move. The second present is legos. Its a beach house. It can build stuff. Its a lego box. A house and a beach.

It is a beach house it can build stuff and it comes with a person and her name is Emma.

Sincerely, Nyhia Jackson, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

Why do you like cookies? because I don't know I was really good this year. I helped my dad and mom. This year I want a remote controlled spy drone. I want it to be camouflaged on the top and it has lite orange on the bottom and it looks like a little curvy square fore blades on each side. And it has a blade guard I am going to play with it and see what my roof looks like. my 2nd present is a 3d deer target, it is light brown and 16 points on on the deer. It has black on the sholder were you are supposed to shoot it. If I get it I will shoot it and play with it. I relly want to see it under the tree this year. and last but not least a cross-bow toy that is camowflaged, and it shoots really far. I am going to play with it and shoot it at the 3d deer and this present also I want to see under the tree. And merry christmas.

sincerely your friend, matt dellar, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

I hope that I get Skylander Giants, I also want a playstaition4. I want skylander giants because they are fun to play with and they are bigger than the others ones. I want a playstation 4 because my dad has one but i cant play it at all because there is nowhere to plug it in.

I think that i've been pretty good but my sister Ellie keeps getting me mad. Other than that i've done good in school and getting good grades. I have also been doing pretty good at home but once again

Ellie gets me mad and I will get in trouble but, sometimes it's me.

The present I want the most under my tree are the skylander Giants.

Your friend, Mason Norling

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? I think they have pixie dust.

My favor this year is good. this is how i provide with evidence well i did my homework and did my writing and i also helped my mom with stuff and made my bed.

Santa i want a phone with a purple back and diamonds and with lots of mario games. Also facebook and a reading area on the phone. I would also like a princess game.

Can i please have a tablet for christmas with a password that only i know. If you send me it can u write me the password so only i know it please leave it under the tree.

Can i please have some ds games because i don't have any and i cant play on it so can i please have some. Also i would like a barbie with a dreamhouse and dress. Also i would like a kitten for christmas because they're so cute and i don't have one.

sincerely, madison boland

Dear Santa,

Why do you have elves? I think they work for you. I have been good. I helped my sister and my brother clean their room. I would like teen beach 2. On the cover it has bikers and surfers. You could take it in the car to watch.

I would also like a barbie. I has a blue dress. It sings and and when you spin her the dress changes. You could play with it in a barbie house. I could play with the doll and watch teen beach 2 at the same time.

Merry Christmas! Have a safe trip. I will leave you cookies and carrots for the reindeer.

Your friend, Lauren Travis.

Dear Santa,

How I think that sprinkling fairy dust on their noses makes them fly. I've been good most of the time so i think i will be on the good list. I want a small purple tablet and a small tablet and it's purple. I would play games like on the computer i would read i would do math. I would do math like adding and subtracting. I want to watch movies and i would watch girl movies.

I want a t.v. but a medium size also can it be purple. i hope i was good on the good list. Where is the north pole can i please visit. I want to see reindeer fly. I would really like a tablet. I would like a desk lamp purple with blue stripes. Robot cat that is black and pink. Movie home and inside out. I will leave you big cookies and milk.

love, Jamie Hall

Dear Santa,

What do elves look like? I think elves are small. I think my behavior is good this year. I have tried to be good. I would like a Nabie tablet for christmas. It is black and smooth. I would play games on it.

I would also like a Sky Rover. The Sky Rover is green and black. A sky Rover flies. I would play with it.

I would also like Lego Minecraft. It has a house. It has minecraft villagers. I would built house on it.

Have a safe ride. I will leave you cookies and milk. How do you deliver all those presents?

Your friend, Gunnar Levline, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

Why do the Elves work so hard? Is it because there are so many toys to make? Santa am I on the nice list? Because I have been good almost all year and heres some prof I do the dishes and do what mom and dad tell me to do.

For christmas this year I would like a tablet please I would like it to be purple bedazzled and sparkly I would like it to be the bone that can be a tablet to a laptop I would like it to be rectangle, medium and the company verison. If I get the tablet I would play games, read Homework, watch TV, cartoons, games, download games. This is the perfect gift if you put it under the tree.

I would like a type cover for my tablet it is blue and sparkly it's the newest what has real keys and fingerprint. I can type clean touch And put decorations on it. I will share it with my brother and it will be The perfect gift.

Love, Emily Geddert

Dear Santa,

Why do you make the elf's work so hard? I think the elves make a lot of toys. I have been good every day and night and every year.

I want really like a 31 bat man game. In the game he is a black bat man in the game he's a man and a bat all in one it comes with bad guys in I will use this on the bus in my ds bag I will use it to play on the bus to play games with it. And I will also use it on trips to places and family vacations.

This present I want is a Mario 2 game it has Mario and animals in it. The game also has Princess Peach and bad guys it has a shooter and gems. He can jump he can also get big, small, and medium sizes. he can shoot fire and stomp.

Can you please get me these things for Christmas. I hope you have a safe flight to deliver the presents to all the children. I love you santa.

Sincerely, Dustin Keyser, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

am i on the nice list? because i was good i helped my dad help people up the stairs.

i want a barble with a bike for cristmas. it can do the spits it is very tall she wears a pink dress down the her ankles. i also want a pink tablet you can play games like minecraft.

i am going to leave apples for your reindeer and for you santa i will leave choclate chip cookies and milk.

sinserly, Brydi McGirr

Dear Santa,

For christmas a Xbox One is a new system. It is black you can design it. You can play games. It can play music and you can play games. I really want it please.

I want a ps4 on the front it

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has black and orange. I will use it to play games i can make it tall and i can make it long this is the present i want the most under the tree.

Your Friend, Brandon Fogle

Dear Santa,

Am I on the good list or the naughty list? I should be on the good list because i'm very good. Also why do you wear red and white? How do you make your sled?

Thank you for the D.S I got last year. When I got it open I couldn't stop playing with it.

This year I would like a lego set. I would like to have a boat lego set with lego people. Also there's a dinasour lego set I would like. The dinasour is small but I would like to have the blue one with some lego people to go with. I really hope I get this fro christmas. I hope you get this for me on christmas day.

Love, Benjamin Johnston, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

How do the rain deer fly? i think the rain deer fly from magic. i have been very good this year because i helped clean the carpets with my mom.

For one present i nascars if you can i want the nascar's too be blue and a little bit grey and the number to be 88. i reallu want to play with my little brother with the nascars. and i dont want the nascar not to break. RC truck and i want the color to be black and it to be a ram type also a kind of cop shield and i want the car to go fast and to drive i will play with in my house. i want the presents to be by the steam of the tree.

love, Anthony, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

Santa how do you deliver all the presents in one night? Santa I have been helping out around the house and i have been really good this year. This year I would like a owl costume and I want it to be a fuzzy soft cozy brown and white and very very fury I want it to fly high and maybe wear it for halloween. I would like to wear my my owl costume for a awesome party. Santa can I have some candy with the ow costume and make it be peeps please.

My next present is an Anna costume from frozen and with anna I would like bunny peeps. By the way the color of the anna costume is pink and blue and yellow and black and brown. and I would like it go with a cape in blue.

My last present is 4 stuff animals owl and a moose and a parrot and parry the palpus.

sincerely, Addison Dumas, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

Present One - Xbox 360 Game.

I would like a new X-Box 360 game. I would like it to have guns, be for two players, it to be a survival game with Zombie's, be able to make guns, and be able to mine. It is a survival game for seven to eight year old

kids and on the cover has Zombie's coming at a guy. What I can do with this game is I can a

Zombie, I can jump up one foot, and also I can Zombie's. I can be cool in the game.

Present Two - New Wrestler action figure.

I would like a new Wrestler and his name is Seth Rollins. He has yellow and black hair, and dresses all in black. I can play with him with all my other wrestlers, make him stand up straight, bend his arms and legs, and fight all my big wrestler.

Present Three - Pokemon Cards.

I would like Pokemon Cards. Pokemon cards are colorful and have pictures of the Pokemon. I would battle other friends with Pokemon Cards.

Thank You Santa, Nickolas Link, 2nd grade

Ms. Samp's Class

Dear Santa,

My behavior was very good this year. I have been very good this year because I help out the family with house work.

For Christmas this year I would like for everyone to have a good Christmas. I would like them to be happy for Christmas and be happy for what they get. So everyone can be happy. I hope everyone has a good Christmas like I hope to have one.

I would also like to have an ultimate olaf. I want this because it can walk and talk and also I want it because he is funny and because Christmas is my favorite time of year. I would control him the remote that it comes (it looks like a snowflake).

I am gonna leave eight carrots for the reindeer and an apple for rudolph and I'm gonna leave santa a letter at the post office and made a note and picture with colorful color's. I hope for at least a couple presents that I wanted.

Sincerely, Addison Beatty, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

What do the reindeer eat? I think you give them carrots. I think that I've been really, really good at school. I still think that I could be a better student than I am right now. I think that my brothers should have the same amount of presents than me.

I would like a robot this Christmas. Another thing that I would like are Legos and playdough. Would I be able to get a bike with a booster on it? I would like a large, black tablet and headphones so I can listen to music. Can I please also have a spirograph? I would love a giant, transformer that turns into a dino-bot. Please make my christmas amazing for me because I would love a 4-wheeler All To Me! I would also like a lawn mower and a tractor. I would love an alarm clock for myself. Can I have a real, bit, lifesize Jeep? I would also love a robot dog and a robot squirrel. I would like a tv for my room. Can I have binoculars too? I want a remote controlled helicopter and a remote controlled car and a plane too. I would like a snowmobile also. I want a Real computer that is black. I would really like driving Lego house that comes with extra block so that you can build other things to attach to the car. I would

also like a real phone. Can I have a new Santa Christmas hat? A Detroit sweatshirt please. Can you Please get me an Xbox. I really want tape! Plain tape. A video game that hooks up to the T.V. Lots and lots and lots of water balloons. And a lot more candy in my stocking + a new toothbrush in my stocking also. And a candy cane that is chocolate and big fluffy bear. A stuffed animal a Cheeta.

Sincerely, Matt Abee

Dear Santa,

What is your favorite sweet to eat? I think that you like cookies. Santa, I'm trying to be good, but I fought with my brother last night. But I will try to act better.

For Christmas, I would love Littlest Pet Shops and scanners. I would like Littlest Pet Shop sets. It has a purple side, it's an airplane, it comes with Littlest Pet Shops, it has a Peacock Driver, and it Just came out into stores.

I would like Barbies along with Barbie dollhouses. I would like Barbie Ken with clothes for my Barbies. I would like a horse that allows the Barbie to stay on it and ride it and horse riding clothes. For my Barbie's horses, I would like a stall. I would like a cat to play with that comes for the barbies.

I will probably leave carrots or celery out for the reindeer. And for Santa and Mrs. Claus, I will leave out cookies. But Santa, don't eat all of the cookies. Leave some for Mrs. Claus!

Love, Ella Gehring, 2nd grade.

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*Peace be with each of you and yours
this holiday season*

Connie and Kent Sysak

Dear Santa,
Have I been naughty or nice I have been nice. I have been nice by helping my mom clean my bedroom do the dishes and clean the kitchen. I would like a baby alive doll I want my baby alive doll to have brown hair, I want my baby alive doll to have a bracelet, it has a dress, and it talks. What I am going to do with my baby alive doll is I am going to play with it, I am going to have my baby alive doll climb up my ladder, I am going to sleep with it. My baby alive doll talks, it eats food, Another present is a american girl doll pet and the pet is a himalayan cat. I want a ballet outfit, and I want the princess bed, and I also want the jeweled leash. I want santa to have a safe trip, I am going to leave him cookies and milk, I a going to leave carrots for the reindeer.

Sincerely, Brooklyn Webb

Dear Santa,
I know that i've been good this year because, i've helped my mom a lot, this year. Also i've been good because when she's sick I bring a toothbrush and toothpaste over to her. I help my dad by grabbing tools for him such as, hammers, wrenches, and screwdrivers. I help my sister in kindergarten, get on her shoes and help her make the X before making the bow tie. And this is why I know i've been good this year, and every other year.

One thing I want for Christmas are legos, because i'm very creative with them. Their are different colors of Legos such as, red, yellow, blue, white, purple, gray, green, and black. Also one of the items that you or I, could get are bombs to shoot at other Lego people so it seems like a fight or war is going on. Well, I plan to play with them and after i'm done i'll pick them up and put them under the bunk bed. I can build many different things with Legos such as, cities, towns, cars, people, and etc.

Another thing i'd like for Christmas is a Tablet because, i'd it have for entertainment, also since I would be able to text my grandma and grandpa. The tablet i'll be describing is shiny, and the casing on the outside is pink. Also, it's sprint tablet so it has great signal for playing online games on it. I'd like to play on it or with it, and text family members and friends, changing cases between pink, blue, green and purple. Also I would enjoy changing the wallpapers on my tablet that I hope i'll get this Christmas.

During santa's travels through snow over America I hope he has safe travels because, if santa crashed I might not get any presents at all. I'll leave him several cookies, and a cold refreshing glass of milk. Also, I will leave his reindeer such as, Rudolf the rednose reindeer carrots so they don't starve through their flight over the earth. I'll give a mysterious present to Santa Claus for Christmas.

Love, Darren Boyat

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I had good grades on my report card mostly 3s. How do you fit all your presents in your bag. I think your bag is magic.

I would like some legos. I want to build stuff with legos Like ships, cars and homes.

The second thing i want is pokemon cards. pokemon card can be any color. I want 200 pokemon cards. My favorite part is the pictures. I will battle with my friends. Sometimes I trade cards.

I would like a crossbow dart gun. I will shoot it at walls and doors. Can you please try to make it camo. I would like transformers. i will fight with them. They can be any color.

I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love, Cole Upper

Dear Santa,
Is magic real or fake, and how do you go down people's chimneys. I think that the answer to that position would be magic would be fake. I was kinda bad this year, but I tried really hard to not be bad this year. I was so good that I got to play the xbox one and I also did not get grounded this year.

My present that I want most is a dirt bike that is small anuff for me and an throne for my brother. This is what it looks like and has. it has big wheels and a checkered flag. It is green and has flames on the sides, big and wide and it is gas powered.

The next thing I wan tis a trip to great wolf lodge for eight days in 2016 July first through the ninth (family trip).

The third thing I wan is a monster truck buggy. It is big, grayville and green. it can go through mud, it goes fast and it is big. I would use to play with it and to drive it around every day.

Sincerely, Damien Podbilski, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How do you get to all the houses before everyone wakes up? I think you fly up in your slaye really fast. I have been sorta good and I have been sorta bad. I fight with my sister a lot and sometimes I tame myself when Sydney is being mean.

The first thing I want for Christmas is a stuffed donkey. His body is gray with yellow eyes. He has a black mane and a black nose. His ears are green. Then he has a blue tail. The reason I want a donkey is because, at night I can go to bed with him. I can also play with him. I can pet him too.

Next I want a stuffed horse that is brown and white with blue eyes. I plan to play with her. I plan to take her everywhere. Next I can pretend that she's my real horse. She also has a green halter with green reigns.

The last thing I want is a stuffed cat that is calico with green eyes and her tail white. I plan to pretend that it's my real pet. I plan to watch tv with her. She also has a green bow on her ear.

This year I might leave out cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.

Love, Charley Petty, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How do you fit all your Christmas presents in your sleigh? I have been really good lately. I have been cleaning my room when I'm supposed to.

What I have been wanting a DSI XL for a while know I also want it to be blue. I would like a dinosaur case or a minecraft case it doesn't matter to put on my DSI XL.

The second thing I would like is a tablet. I would like it to be green abut I would like a red case to put on it. I will have all the games in the whole world and I will play every single one of them. I want it to be a apple that is the type of tablet.

The third thing I would like is a iphone that is blue or green it doesn't matter. On Christmas Eve I will leave out some cookies and milk for you.

Sincerely, Noah Deornellas, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been really good at school this year and at home because I have been doing my chores. I also have a couple of questions, how do you go down the chimney. This Christmas I would like a wii u. I also would like a game for the wii u. The game I would like is super mario maker. The third thing I would like is a hockey table.

On Christmas I will leave out a big cookie and milk. I also will leave some carrots for the reindeer. I hope you are safe and warm when you deliver presents.

Gavin Dellar

Dear Santa,
How do reindeer fly? I think that you put the dust on the reindeer. My behavior this year has been very good! I think I was good because, I helped my mom clean the house.

I would like a guitar. I would like it because, I would like to make music. I would like it blue if you can, six strings please, orange strings too. I would like a sparkly blueberry color. I would also like to have a tan, fluffy, small, kitten. I want it to only like me. some toys for the kitten. I will name her peach. Make s the kitten doesn't like my mean to me.

I hope you have a safe travel. Cookies for santa, and carrots for the reindeer. My favorite holiday is Christmas because you get lots of good gifts.

Love, Lona Bartz

Dear Santa,
Why do you ride on a sled? I was a responsible student this year so far because I did my chores. Like farm chores my chores are feeding the animals.

I want a set of pokemon cards, that 30 cards in the set. They are blue and rectangular and says pokemon on the back of the cards. I also want a remote control boat, the color of the boat is white with blue stripes. Also has to be fast and furious.

Santa I will leave cookies and milk, also I will leave carrots for the reindeer. I hope you have a safe trip and I hope you don't run into a blizzard.

sincerely, Daniel June

Dear Santa,
I am being good, I am not really naughty. I have been teaching my little brother things he don't know yet, I have been doing my chores.

What I want for Christmas is an I-pad with a typing pad. The color I want is black and grey. silver. Another thing I want is the hot wheel garage. I want some cool cars, and I want the color to be black. I want everything in the set.

The last thing I want is the treasure truck, the colors I want is blue and I want batteries with it too.

sincerely,
Barry Wascher

Dear Santa,

How do you get down the chimney? I think you get down by magic. I've been very good this year. In class I did not get in trouble.

For Christmas I want a purple stuffed animal rabbit. I will play with it. I will keep it on my bed except when I want to play with it. I will also bring it to show and tell. I want clothes for it too. I want pants, shirts, shoes and a dress.

Another gift I want for Christmas is three friendship bracelets for me and my two friends. I will give them to my friends. The bracelets will have red hearts. The bracelets will be red, purple and green. I will not lose mine. The bracelets will be very special to me.

I also want a baby doll. I want clothes for the baby doll. I want pants, shirts, shoes and dresses. I want my baby doll to have brown hair and brown eyes. I will keep it on my bed and take it to show and tell. I will not lose it.

I wish you, Santa, and your reindeer safe travels. I will leave you cookies and milk. What kind of cookies do you like?

Sincerely, Zoey Arcand, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

What do your reindeer, elves eat. I think you eat sweets like cookies, candy and brownies. I have been not so good because of my brother. My brother Michael is mean to me because I say something he keeps cutting me off.

What I would like for Christmas is a 3DS. It is blue, it has 3 games, it has 4 buttons, the inside is black, it has Mario kart, and it has stickers. The Ds has youtube with lots of videos.

I will take it on my bus and in my van and play games and Listen to videos and I want to change the background. I am gonna play games on it. It can take pictures and videos. It is really fun to play on. I had never had one before.

I would also like a toy car. It is red with yellow stripes. It is remote control and its really fast. It can fly and it's waterproof and it never breaks. I will play with it, I will take good care of it. It can stick to walls and shoots out water and it can shoot out paint balls and its called prankster car.

Have a safe travel. And i will leave you three cookies and a glass of milk.

sincerely, keith Knott

Dear Santa,

Why do elves have pointy ears? I think so they around the other elves better. I've been really good this year. because I told my mom that she almost ran over my cat I helped my mom and sister to find her but we couldn't.

This year for Christmas I want a tablet. On the tablet I would play games and watch videos. Also something I would do is listen to music or music videos. Another thing I would do is download games. I would like a memory card for the tablet so I could save things that I do on it. I also need a new charger and car charger.

Another thing I would like for Christmas is a cash box. Save the money i get and put it in it. If i was going to buy something at the store I would get a few dollars out of it and then make sure i locked it up. I would also carry it around with me wherever I went.

I hope that I get everything that I want for Christmas I am very excited and can't wait for it to get here. When Santa comes to our house I am going to leave out some some cookies and milk for him and I will get some carrots for the reindeer.

Sincerely, Cuyler smith, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year, so I think I will not get coal! I've been listening to my Mother, and have been cleaning my room, so I think I've been nice this year! Also how do you make all these kinds of toys in such a short time? I bet Dancer dances all the time.

For Christmas I would like a huge electronic nerf gun, because so I can practice shooting while having fun! I would like it if it was a 50 shot. I would also like it black and white, and I would like it with a good grip! It will shoot foam darts, and they would go all over the house. I want the nerf gun to be semi-auto, I also want it to be heavy.

I would like a xbox one with two wireless controllers. I would like it to be white, and for it to have 250 gigabytes! Just the usual plastic controllers, if you can, will you please make the controllers white. I would use the xbox one for entertainment by playing games, like Call of Duty three, and minecraft.

For my last item I would like a giant tote of all colors of legos! Also not those mega blocks those regular legos. I would like all sizes and it to come with a couple of those lego platforms. Can it come with lego guys please?

sincerely, Alexander Patrick Smith, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

Do reindeers love to eat carrots? I think they do love to eat carrots. I have being good this year. Why because I being good to my parents and my sisters.

For Christmas I would like a 3Ds for Christmas. It would have different colors like the rainbow. Also it would have games, netflix and youtube on it. You can listen to music on youtube. Also you can play games like zombies, princess and mincrafts.

Also what I want for Christmas is a hair set. It looks like a circle with a washer that cleans your hair and rinse it. It can wash your hair and rinse it. Also it can dry your hair too. Also I want it to come with a chair.

I wish you safe travels and I will leave you cookies and milk.

Sincerely, Destiny Sanders

Dear Santa,

Why do you wear a red coat when you drop off presents? I think he coat so ears a red the reindeer can see you. My behavior this year was bad. I know that my behavior was bad because my mom said it was bad. At home I help my mom with the dishes and I make the beds.

For christmas I want glow in the dark legos, build a fort kids set, and a horse. With my presents I would build a school out5 of my glow in the dark legos. With my hose I would have fun and ride it around town. With the build a fort kids set I would hide from my cousins.

I will leave you cookies and milk. There might be an evil snowman outside. I will leave your reindeer carrots outside.

Sincerely, Adonia Schott, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

Is one of your reindeer's nose red? I think that you do. I have been good sometimes and bad sometimes. I have been cleaning my room when told and cleaning around the house, I have yelled at my

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sister sometimes and I know that's bad.

I want a pet hamster for Christmas. I want it to be gray. With the hamster I want food, water, and a cage. I want to play with it and sleep in a bed with it. It can squeak at night.

I want 100\$ for Christmas too. I would need this because we don't have a lot of money. I want to give the money to my family.

I wish you safe travels to the houses. I will leave cookies for you and some other food for the reindeers.

Love, Emily Atkinson, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

How do you fit all the presents in your bag? I have been somewhat good this year. I do lots of chores around the house.

I would really enjoy a pre-historic sea monster kit. The sea monster kit has eggs and a little tank that comes with it, the tank has a dinosaur background. Another item I would like is a rock polisher, it is yellow and black but mostly yellow. A rock polisher polishes rocks, which I enjoy doing.

I can't wait until you are here, I love Christmas. This year I'm going to leave you cookies and milk, and also some carrot for the reindeer.

P.S Why doesn't Mrs. Claus ride in the sleigh with you?

Sincerely, Emma Schroeder, 2nd grade

THIRD GRADE Mrs. Glomski's Class

Dear Santa,

How do the elves make the toys? How do the reindeer fly? I think the reindeer have magic. I think the elves have powers. My behavior this year has been normal. I do good in school. I do my chores when I need to. I would like an eyephone. The one I want is white and it has an apple on the back please. Thanks santa. If I got an eyephone I could text, I could call people, and if I don't know where I am, I can use it as a map please. I would also like a whole set of make-up. The one I want is in a little box. It has eye shadow and lip gloss in it. I can put it on my eyes (the eyeshadow) and the lip gloss goes on your lips. My mom would like to have a new phone and a new tablet please. My dad would like a new phone to and a nerf gun please.

Thanks, Sara Fall, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

What do the reindeer eat? I think they eat carrots. My behavior this year has been so-so. Sometimes I do not listen. I would like a minecraft story mode please. It is in a square box. I will play with it on my PS4 all day long. I saw the game at gamestop. I really want that game. I also want a fallout 4 please. It is in a square box. I can play it in the PS4 all day long. I saw it at gamestop. Please bring Ginger a new chew toy.

Avery Glore, 3rd grade.

Dear Santa,

Do your reindeer love carrots? If they do I will give them some. I think your reindeer do love carrots. I have been good this year. I helped my mom with booboo and ask my mom if she needs help. I would also like a karaoke machine. I want a pink karaoke machine with Taylor Swift cds, and two microphones. If I got that I could sing and pretend I am Taylor Swift. If you can't find it, then I'll take a kitten. Please give my baby brother mickey mouse clubhouse books and toys.

Thank you, Delylah Shelby, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How do you fly with the reindeer? I think it is magic. My behavior this year has been normal. I help with my dad and mom and I do my homework. I clean my room and do my daily chores at my mom and dad's. I want a lot of kit-kats and a water bottle. I also want an ipod. I would like a case with my name too.

Thank you, Tanner Leeseberg, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Do the elves take baths? And is Rudolph real? I think yes they do take baths and yes Rudolph is real. My behavior this year has been great!!! I am helpful to my mom and dad. I listen to my mom and dad. I show good sportsmanship. I want a xbox 360 with gta please. I the xbox 360 has 360 on it and it is black with gta. If I get a xbox 360 I would play it. I wish I could get controllers with it and chargers. I want a kindle please. I would like a black kindle. I will download games and play it. I would like you to get my brother an iphone 6x please!!!

Ricky Schott, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

how do you see in the dark and how do you go down the chimney? I think you shrink to go down the chimney. I think I have been pretty good this year. Cause I listen to my

mom and dad most of the time and I do my chores. I would like a 3030. It is wood and long. Some are not very long. I can go hunting with it and practice hunting. Can you bring my dog some treats and sum stuff for mom and dad and Janae and me.

Jansen Harte, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Are elves real? I think no!!!!!! I have been good and helpful. I would like a pool in the summer. It is blue and 3 ft and real rubber. I will swim in it and cannon ball. I would like a Lions helmet. I can play with it. It is blue and white. I can play with it with my friends.

Thank you, Travis Walker, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Are the reindeer eating healthy? How many cookies have you eaten in your lifetime? I've been good and respectful. I help clean the house. I want and xbox 2 so I can play minecraft please and thank you with a minecraft game. It will make my little sister laugh. I want a DS. It is highlighter yellow and it glows. I want games for it. I will play games on it. Get my little sister a BIG cage please and my mom a music ipod that's green.

Thank you, Zoe Kirk, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Santa what is x-mas really about? I think it is about family. I have been good. I have been listening good in school. I would like my family together for Christmas. I would like Bryan, Emily, Andrea, Josh, my godmother, Aunt Sherri, my Uncle Bob and Aunt Laura and Jimmy. We can all have fun together. Please bring my brother, Josh something he would like.

Thank you, Danica Manning, 3rd grade

To Santa,

What is a true x-mas? I think it is having love and other stuff. I am missing one family member, my grandma-RIP. My behavior has been so-so. I was suppose to clean my room and I did not until the other day on 11/20/15. I would like 41 Monster High dolls, because I need new dolls please. I want the 41 doll set. It is orange and the name is in bold. I will dance play with it, dress it and play it. I want my family to be together. Can you bring my dog a chew toy. Can you bring a ring for my mom? For my dad a big size Reeses candy bar. My brother a big size trucks and cone zone toys.

Lillian Vogt, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Do the elves take baths? Is Rudolph real? I think elves do take baths, and I think Rudolph is real. My behavior this year has been in the middle. I don't always listen to mom and dad, but I do my chores and I'm good in school. I would like anew wii please. The wii I want is a white game system with a disc reader and a few buttons. I have one, but it doesn't work. But no games. If I can

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From Cheryl, Sheila and Laura

at the

Alcona County Treasurer's Office



have a new wii i would play my favorite games and family game nights on New Year's Eve. If there are no wii's I would like a black Cam Newton jersey. I would like a Cam Newton jersey please. It is black and blue with Newton on the back and a Carolina Panther on the shoulders. Cam Newton is my favorite NFL player and that's why I want one.

Garrett Somers, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How do the elves make toys so fast? How do reindeer fly? I think the elves might have powers and the reindeer do too. My behavior this year has been normal to not so normal. Sometimes I don't do stuff like I am suppose to and sometimes I do. Sometimes I fight with my brothers and sisters. I would like a new eye phone. The eye phone has an apple on the back of it you can do many things on it like games and facebook. I would just text my dad on it because he does not live with me. I would put it in my purse with me. Everyone likes an eye phone and it is like the best phone.

Kayleigh Karas, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

What toys do you make the most? Do the elves wear pointy hats? I think the elves were pointy hats to make them look funny. My behavior has been great this year. My dance teacher said, "You have been excellent in class." I have been good in class at school too. May I have an art set please? The art set I want has paint brushes and paint and paper and a case for it. I want the case color to be pink. I will paint pictures, draw, organize the case. I will draw a picture for you next year. May I please have wooden ballet slippers. The ballet slippers I want to get from you are wooden and point is flat. I can dance with them. I want real ones.

Rilee Tracy, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Do you Santa ring a bell or do the reindeer have necklaces that have bells on them? My behavior has been great. I always get my homework in on time. I sometimes get 3s on my spelling test. I have done my chores everyday. I would like a bungee chair. I want it to be pink please. I'll watch tv with it or play on my ipod with it. I love my fashion boots so much. I want fluffy boots that are pink or purple. I'll wear them every single day. I would like my dogs to have bones.

Jasmine Walker, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Elves, how do you make toys? Rudolph, does your nose really glow? Reindeer, how do you fly? I think the toys are plastic and wood. I think maybe Rudolph's nose does glow. I think they fly with pixie dust (magic). I have been mostly awesome this year. I help around the house, fix my own dinner, good, bad, SOMETIMES I don't listen to mommy. I would like a chocolate pen set please. the chocolate pen has a tray, "oven." I would bake chocolate decorations! Plus Treats! I would LOVE to get 3DS please! The

3DS I want is pink and black. It might have a game on it already. I will play games, chat on picto-chat, and use its camera. Please bring a boutique of fake red roses for my mama.

Sincerely, Emily M. Burgess, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Santa why do you always wear red? I think it is because it is your favorite color and it is a Christmas color. I have been good this year. I am good. I clean and am quiet when my mom is sleeping after work from 11-7. That is why I am good. Please and thank you. I would love a guitar for Christmas. The guitar I want is pink with a strap on it. If I could have a guitar I would play it. I saw that guitar in a magazine. I would love a tablet with a case. It is black with a pink case. I would listen to music, take selfies, and play games on it. So don't forget the tablet with a case. Please and thank you.

Taylor LaFave, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I hope I get good presents. Santa you're awesome! Santa why do you wear red? I think it is your favorite color. My behavior has been good, bad, sad, and a little mad too. I help people (for good). For bad, sometimes I say no. For sad my Grandpa died, and for mad when someone takes something from me. I want the game Skylanders because I love skylander games. It has a skylanders and cars on the game. I will play it and beat it. It's awesome! I love it forever, I really want it. I really want one so be been begging for one. I will play it all the time. Please get mom a back scratcher. Dad, get him twisted metal. Dogs, all kinds of toys.

Ashton Smith, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Do you go down the chimney? Do the elves? I think YES! I have been good this year. I always help my mom and dad around the house. I would like a karaoke machine please. If I can have a karaoke machine I will sing to you and your reindeer and elves. I would sing with it. I saw it at my friend's house. I really want it please. I would like some mechanical pencils.

Grace Mercier, 3rd grade

You write with them and put lead in them. bring my dog a bone.

Gracyn Tracy, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

how do you make toys for all of the kids Santa? Do you make a machine to make toys fast? I have been mad, bad, sad, good, great, so-so, not-so-good, very bad, and very, very bad. Sometimes I will be really quiet and sometimes I will be very good. I want a trampoline please. I want to get if for outside and will not rip it. I can jump on it and do high flips. I want a spider man watch. I want it so I don't have to ask what time it is to know when we go to school. If I don't know what time it is I could check what time it is. Can you get my brother Star Wars Swap Force. My sister, Devin, the dragon movies. My other sister, Mary, Monster High Dolls. My mom a new phone. My dad has a new phone.

Ethan Gould, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

how do your elves make presents so fast? Do they have super powers? I have been so-so this year. I have been treating people how they treated me. I really, really, really want skylanders. It has a portal of power. It has skylanders. It has vehicles. I would play it and beat it. It would be awesome and fun! I would like the skylanders team. It has skylanders traps. I will play it and beat it.

Cody Podbilski, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I have been so-so. Chris Alexander, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How does the elves make presents? I think the elves use magic. I have been great. I cleaned my room. I did my homework. May I have the Grace doll? I want a monster high dollhouse please. Mom wants a group of orchids. My dog needs a new toy.

Grace Mercier, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How can you deliver all those presents in time for Christmas and in one night? I think it is because you are fast. I have been so-so this year. I sometimes don't listen and sometimes I do listen Santa. I would like a new

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May the spirit of Christmas fill your heart and home with peace, joy and contentment. Our thanks and best wishes for a happy holiday reside with you, our customers and friends. Merry Christmas!
Alcona County Register of Deeds Office
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bungee chair. The bungee chair I want is red and green on it. It has your face on it. I will sit on it and bounce on it and relax on it. It can fold up and bend its legs. If there are no red and green then I would like an orange one. I would like a bow and arrow. The bow and arrow is green and red. It has an arrow that is red and green and it has your face on it. I will shoot it and practice on it. If there aren't any red and green then I will take a blue one. For my cats a mouse toy. For Willy a car. For Grandma a life-time supply of coffee. For Aurora a DS with a game. Maddy a barbie. a Barbie. For Mommy a kitchen aid.

Emily Boland, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
Santa, why do you wear red? I think you wear red because you like it. I have been so-so. Sometimes I do my chores and sometimes I do not. I would like a robo kitty. I would like a pink and white robo kitty. I would play with it Mon-Sat. I would bring it everywhere. If they do not have a pink and white one. I would like a pink and blue. I would like a guitar. I would like a big pink guitar. It can play music. If they don't have a pink one I would like a blue one.

Virginia Barnes, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
Why do you wear red? I think that is Christmas. I have been good. I would like a WWE hat please. I would like a black stocking hat, with John Cena on it. I would wear it. I want a John Cena WWE action figure. I will play with it.

Bryan Riso, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly? How many trips do you make? I think you have magic dust and you make 100,000,000,000,000 trips. I have been great. I help my sisters and play with them. Can I please have a transformer? Yellow and black that turns into a car. Can I please have star wars all of them.

Kelvin Travis, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How do you get inside the house without us hearing? You must be magical. If I leave out carrots, how do the reindeer get inside? We would definitely hear their feet stomping. I would like a new tablet. It is called a kindle with a red case.

Jayson Lincoln, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a new table and a DS3. Do you bring presents

of middle school kids? My sister is in 7th grade.

Riley Clark, 3rd grade

Mrs. Miller's Class

Dear Santa,

What dose ho ho ho mean? I think it means have a jolly Christmas. Santa, it wont get out of my head I am special becas I have an awsom family. I just talked to my brother and he said he wants a ninja turtle set and a toy motorcycle. I want a video game called lego dimenshons for the xbox 360 and madden NFL16 for the xbox. I want pokeymon cards too and super Mario maker and if my mom or dad do not get NBA 2k16, I want you to get it for me. Good luck Santa.

Sincerely, Vincent Mahalak, 3rd grade

Dear Santa and the elves,
How many elves do you have? How meny elves do you have? How meny stockings can you fill? What cookie is your favorit? I sure hope my best friend and my family have a good Christmas. Mrs. Miller thinks I can do good in school and do good on my work. I want Markis to have pokemon ex cards and Kiki to have a phone. For Christmas, I want the andominus rex and the t. rex from Jurasic world and can you make it's mouth open, please!!! Santa and the elves, have a safe journey!

Love, Logan Brown, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Hope you have a good Christmas. I am awesome because I am good at sports. Mrs. Miller thinks I am smart and I know a lot about sports. I want everyone to have a good Christmas. What do you want for Christmas? I want anew xbox game. I want a pair of muck boots. I want a under armor camo hoodie. I want a pair of nike and under armor pants. I hope you don't crash. Merry Christmas and have a good time.

Merry Christmas, Gage Woodward, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I have the best Santa, elves, and reindeer. Mrs. Miller thinks I am awesome. My mom wood want the peanuts movie. I want a read French bulldog. It can be warm and cuddly. They are fun to play with. Happy Christmas Santa. Merry Christmas!

Love, Marius Spears, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How many miles to you go a year? I have been to Florida and New York and I go to go see Plymouth Rock. My teacher thinks I am awesome, smart and more awesome. For my friends I'm going to get Gage a camo hoodie...for Dalton, I will get him a tablet. I want a laptop, a game mincraft, and tv for my bedroom. Have a good and safe trip. Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Preston Sharp, 3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Do you like to do your job? Elves-How many gifts can you make in one day? Reindeer-do you like traveling everywhere? Mrs. Claus-Do you like living in the north plie? I'm smart and never give up, no matter what, I try my best! Mrs. Miller thinks I'm intelligent and kind and awesome and nice! I hope my teacher gets lot's of money for Christmas. She's a great teacher! I hope my friends and family have a great Christmas! I want a RCA tablet, bounce off, and earbuds (color black)...that's all. Have a safe trip! Thanks for everything.

Your buddy, Jenna West, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How meny elves do you have? I have an awesome family. My teacher thinks about me as a nice student. I would like to get my dad a Michigan jersey for Christmas. For Christmas, I would like to get a bunch of pokemon cards that are mega ex cards. I will get my teacher a Spartan hat. One day my teacher told us to write a Christmas list of stuff to get so I decided to get my teacher sumthing. She likes Spartans so I decided to get her a Spartan hat. She said she would love it. Merry Christmas!

Your pal, Triston Robinson, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
Is it magic dust y'all use to make the raindeer fly? I know a lot of animals. I want to make my family happy. I want pokemon cards, bow and arrows, spy gear, nerf gun, hot weels (cars) and a drone. Good luck Santa!

Love, Ryan Lee, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How many gifts do your elves make in one day? I am smart and creative and an artist. Can you bring my teacher a michigin state t-shirt? She thinks I am smart, awesome, a leader and caring. I want for Christmas a toy that is called sew cool. It is a sewing machine and it has so much stuff with it. Be SAFE!

Love, Hannah Renschenski, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How many presents can your elvs make? I am awesome because I can play basketball and swim and play tennis and draw upside down. Mrs. Miller thinks that I am on task, respectful, and always safe and that I am nice...and funny! I wish that my family has a Merry Christmas. This is what I would like for Christmas...legos, Crayola crayon carver, Crayola gel



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cling makers, and more refills for my easy bake oven. I hope you have a good flight and merry Christmas!

Your pal,
Leah Kirkpatrick, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

What is your favorite kind of cookie? I love chocolate chip. I am a good boy, you're a good Santa. I think Mrs. Miller likes me. I would like you to bring Elijah a skateboard, Isabella would like cats and more cats, and Kylie legos. For Christmas I want reindeer, santa elves, and Mrs. Merry Christmas, Santa.

Love your buddy, John Greenlee, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I'd like to see reindeer! My mom wants a pretty ring and my dad likes a dog cop. My brothers want toy cars and I want minecraft and a play station. Dad is a cop. I like that dad is so he can catch the bad guys fast! So is it snowing soon? My read dad and sam are nice friends. I play games. I am special because I was born. Mrs. Miller says I am awesome. Have a safe trip and happy Christmas eve!

Your friend, Ethan DeVaughn, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How do you get to everybody in the world so fast? I skate and breakdance. Mrs. Miller thinks I am smart. I want my friend, Grant, to get legos. I want my other friend to get a drum set. I want a dirt bike, nerf gun, skate stuff, football helmet, rush zone, race cars that a phone controls...and a lot more that I don't remember. Good luck! Fly safe!

Sincerely, Elijah Piirala, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How many cookies does Mrs. Claus make a year? I make about 10-15 in a year. Something special about me is, I'm a good writer. Mrs. Miller thinks I'm smart. I hope Rocky, my dog, feels better. He needs an operation and he chewed up his back. I feel bad for him. What I want for Christmas is more Pokemon cards. I would like to tell you something before your journey. Good luck and safe travels!

Your buddy, Evan Woods, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How many presents do you make in a day? I can make 20 in a day. I'm a good child, I'm a good listener. Are you good? I think Mrs. Miller thinks you are good. Mrs. Miller thinks I am a good child. I want a book, a Jack and Annie, Night of the Ninja. They are on a mission to turn Morgan Lefay back into a human. Have a good journey. Keep warm and spread holiday cheer around the world!

Merry Christmas, Rylee Manning, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have? I am special because I am a good student in the classroom. Mrs. Miller thinks I am awesome. I would like a writing desk, it has a lamp on it. I want a computer. It has a

key board, screen and a mouse. Also, a iPhone. It has a screen you can play games on and Pokemon cards. I'd like you to bring my cousin, Gary, a Chromebook.

Merry Christmas, Jacob June, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Is it true you get caught stalking in neighborhoods? I play Pokemon, Mrs. Miller thinks I am cute and funny. I always say "I'm peeking-at-chew." I would like you to bring Mrs. Miller a stuffed animal Kikachu. I want the Pokemon battling set. It's cute, cool, yellow, brown, black and red. The name is Pikachu and he comes with ash. I hope you ride your Mercedes BenGmen more.

Merry Christmas, Markis Lowry, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How do you get to deliver presents to all the kids in one night? I am special because I was named after the Aurora Borealis. Mrs. Miller thinks I am good. My wish for my friend Ryan Lee is an Xbox 360. I want a DS with two games in it please; a new footy pjs with Olaf on the front of it, an inside out reading book, a new pair of winter boots, a practice bow and arrow, and a fake hunting set. Santa-Have a safe trip!

Love, Aurora Boland, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Are you having a good Christmas in the North Pole? I like to play games. My teacher thinks I am awesome. I would like a iPhone 6 and Halo Mega Bloks glow in the dark set and Gunship from Halo 5 Mega Bloks and the Mammoth. I hope my family has a good Christmas! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Your buddy, Travis Fowler, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I hope you will have a good Crismis! I am special because I am good at playing video games. Mrs. Miller thinks that we are very smart. The wish I have for me and my sisters is to stop growing up. I want a new game called Gtav. Merry Crismis Santa.

Your pal, Danyl LaLonde, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How many reindeer do you have? I think you have

twenty. I am special because I am a caring person and I am a nice person. My teacher thinks I am special because I do my work. Thank you for all you have done for me. Merry Christmas!

Love, Katie Fasel, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Have you ever gotten a present for Xmas? If you have what is it? The thing I would like for Xmas is Espodding kittens. I have wanted the game for a long time. I think the cards are funny. Ms. Miller thinks I am smart. My wish is for Ms. Miller to get better. Safe travels!

Sincerely, Nick Ratz, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How do the reindeer fly? I can do a handstand, can the reindeer do tricks? Mrs. Miller thinks of me as a great person. Does your family think of you as a great person? I do. Will you make sure everybody has a great Christmas with their family? For Christmas what I really want is a zoomer kitty. It is a toy cat that has wheels. Be safe! Get rested before your journey. Merry Christmas

From Julia Gail Deornellas

Dear Santa,

How long does it take to fly around the world? How old is Mrs. Claus? I'm really good at football and soccer. My teacher thinks that I'm smart, awesome and handsome. My brother wants a phone, my sister wants a tea set. I want a tablet, a Atlanta Falcon's sweater number 17 (Devin Hester), a math book, a pitcher of Rudolph the reindeer, can I get a medium size football that is black with purple stripes and Xbox remote collar black with red stripes, mostly I want a tablet, Falcon's sweater 17. Santa you're the best. Your wife is pretty and your girl elves. Your boy elves are handsome, and awesome. You're really really awesome, cool, handsome. Mrs. Claus you're extremely pretty!

Love, Dalton Huebshman, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How many flights do you make in one night? I make about two. I'm super awesome, cause I'm different. Mrs. Miller thinks I'm smart, and

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I'm going to graguate. My wish to you and everyone on earth.....merry christmas!!! I want for christmas, a pogo stick, short stilts (so I feel comftorble using them.) and snow for pete sake!!! (And any other gift required.) And Santa, have a safe flight.

Sincerely, Lily Kozlow, 3rd grade

Dear Santa, Reindeer, are you having a good time with Santa dlivering prsnts? I am special because I help alot of peopl do stuff. Mrs. Miller thinks I am awesome. I wish my cat can get toy's to play with. I want a toy deer it has 4 legs and it eat's carits, grass, and it has antlurs and it has brown fur? Have a vary safe flight.

Sincerely, William Liebler, 3rd grade

Dear Santa, What does ho ho ho mean? I think it means Merry Christmas. I am awesome because I am talented and I love Christmas. I think Mrs. Miller thinks that I am a hard worker. I wish to get Mrs. Miller a sparten hat and t-shirt. I whant a tablet for Christmas. you can play games and play music on it. I whant the tablet to be hot pink. Have a safe Christmas. P.S. Hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas, wile its here!

Love, August LaFave, 3rd grade

Dear Santa, How meny cookies do you eat in one Christmas? Oh-ya, elves, How meny presits do you make at Christmas? How did I forget reindeer, do you love Santa like a fothr? Ow Mrs. Claus, Is Santa a wundrfl husbin? I am special becus I am amasingat takeing care of pets. I'm alsome becus I have the best techr. My techr thiks Im smrt, awsome, and amasing. I have the best techr ever. I wish all my frends

would go to Englind with Mrs. Miller. I wold like a phon as big as a tablit. have a safe trip santa.

Sincerely and Love your friend, Kylie Keyser, 3rd grade

Dear Santa, Santa how do you fit all those presents in your sack? Rudolph how dose your nose glow? Elves how small are you? I think I am awsome because I am good at basket-ball. And that I have lots of freinds. My teacher Mrs. Miller thinks that I am good, hard working, Respectful, kind, awsome, special, on task, Responsible, and safe. My Dads Christmas list is a signed football by Barry Sanders, Pistal three inch barrel, and almond Joy candy bar. Santa this year for christmas I would like a crayola crayon carver, Mr. Skech sented markers, captin amarica back pack, Crayola play dou marker, crayola cling maker. Have a nice trip to my house. Make sure you feed the reindeer before you go. Have a safe trip and merry christmas.

Your pal, Baylee Goddard, 3rd grade

Dear Santa, How many elves do you have? How old is Rudolph? What is your real name? Am I on the nauthgy list? Mrs. Miller my teacher thinks that I am really really smart. I wish for my kitty that she will get for christmas: A Kitty play-house, A cat tree, and lots and lots of treats. For John, I would like him to have: A big pretend dog house and a tree house. I would like for Christmas: A cat. It can do what it likes to. I would like the cat to be a siamese cat with green eyes. Also, I would Love it to be a girl cat. I would like it to have on the tip of its tail brown fur. Also, brown ears and brown paws. I would like her to have brown fur around her left eye. All the rest of her tannish. That is what I would like. I hope you have a won-

derful time delivering presents to kids. Good Luck!

Sincerely, Isabella Laird, 3rd grade

FOURTH GRADE Mrs. Franklin's Class

Dear Santa, Thanks for the doll house last christmas. I loved it. This christmas I would like lego friend. I have the bakery and the salon one. I love helping to decortrate the christmas tree and also decortrating outside. When it's almost christmas I love to bake cookies or make apple pie with my mom. I love christmas.

love, Mikayla Antuma

Dear Santa, Hi santa I never had an elf I will love to have one. I will love 100 littlest pet shop's ok? ok. I probably of over work can we make it 90 please? ok? And a sweat shirt please. And the orphan kid's please give somthing for them too and a laptop. Mary chrismnts to mis. claus and the reinder. p. 1 more thing news shows. Love you to the moon and back.

Love, mercedes

Dear Santa, Thank you for the book you got me for Christmas last year. For Christmas I would like a I-Phone if are real give a sign please. I am going to be waiting for you. PS. you Rock Santa.

Love, Corey

Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for all the gifts you got me. but I only want one gift this year. it is a iPhone. I promise to take good care of it and try to not break it. Also I can't wait to see you at grandma's house. See you there. Merry christmas.

Love, Arean

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is the whole senus of American chillers and a plastation 3, I want a bulldog or a cat and a E box 35ixh and minecraft

for the E-box 35ixh, a WiiU and Wii Superman galaxy 2 and Super mario broes and a DSixl Super mario 2 for D.S. ixl a laptop and a Tablet and free internet on the tablet and the laptop and when I get on it there is Dragon City and Zombie invasion.

Love, Dawson Bigby

Dear Santa, Hi I would like to know how the reindeer are you and the elfs im thankful for all the presents that you gave me my brothers my baby sister to. All I want is a iPod the reason why I want a iPod is because my mom gave me a sweater with built in head phones and I love listing to music that why I want a iPod. thats all for me. For my brothers I would like it if you gave them both hot weel cars for x-mas. For my baby sister I would like it fi you gave her a couple stuffed bears. Please and thank you. Don't forget to let me know how the reindeer you and the elfs are.

Jasmine Ortiz

Dear Santa, This is a letter that will make you pop! One simple thing I would love with all my heart is a new flower bed set and some flower stikers for my room! I would love some new amarican Eagle Jeans with holes. Darton would love a ladder stand for hunting. My 4 dog

s would love Bones Bandet would love a camo collar Brittny would love a pink collar with her name on it. I would love a apple mac book pro! and fuzzy nort face in teal and gloves in fuzzy and a fuzzy hat All in teal.

Love your friend, Alayna

Dear St. Nick, Hello, my name is marshal and I am a future techmedia developer. Thanks for Minecraft-PS3 edition. It is a great pleasure playing the very iconic game today! Here

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"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

-Clement Clarke Moore, A Visit From St. Nicholas

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

David H. Cook
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is my 2015 Christmas Wish List: 1. TV, 2. new PS3 controller, 3. Personal Contact, 4. Drawing Kit, 5. 10pk Disc Cases, 6. 10pk Discs CD-R, I hope its not too greedy, and any other presents will come from my family. Thank You!
Sincerely, Marshal Hancock

Dear Santa,
My name is haily and I would like some little pet shops please and at least one good day please. I would love that. I would like some DS game's and elf on the shelf not for me but for my little baby brother Brady. So...how are the elf's and reindeer? I now you love cookies, so do I. I would Like some dog toys and trets for my dog's. I would like some pokemon cards. By the way wat do you do in the summer, spring, and fall besides making toys? By the way I really want is some books, some little Pet Shop's and some pokemon cards.
Love Haily
PS if I could only have thing it would be a good day.

Dear Santa,
It would be appreciated if you gave a Phone. I want a Phone because....It's kinda better than my kindle that I have. Plus I always wanted a phone. Every since I was six, and now im nine! Ok, santa I mighta over reacted. But I still want a Phone. My mom and dad are giving me a \$250 xbox card, So all you have to do is give me a phone. Sorry! again im so demanding! listen santa, if I was bad, you don't have to give me a Phone. You can just give me coal. There, thank you for the time reading this. PS tell your reindeer that I said Hi. Also the elf's Thank you.
Jacob Bencherski, Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
All I want is a Dunham's card. I also would like sport cards for Christmas. So I was thinking could I met you face to face it would be awsome. I would also like some legos. Could you pleas give me a nerf gun.
love, David t. Sharboneau

Dear Santa claus,
Thank you for my ipod you got me last Christmas. I know that you know that I have been wanting it for three years. Oh Yah on Christmas night I would love to see you. I want a owl or minnion ipad case. Oh and sorry if I sounded rude up there LOL. (Laugh out Loud). I really want an elf on the shelf. Soon I nee to wrap this up like a presant get it LOL. Anyway I am sure have alot of kids to get presents for. This is the part where I wrap it up LOL.
Love, Ellimae

Dear Santa,
Hay Santa how is Rudolph doing. I really want to meet Rudolph. How are the other reindeer. Like most kids I am making a list of the things I would like for me and other people. The first thing is I would like you to make aden and anthny johonston have a good xmis. They are my cousins. Give the kids in afrcastuff like clothes and water because most of the kids are poor there. One year I was

thinking of dressing up as you. I though it would be cool but when I though about it it was already night. What I wont is books and a ds with some games for it. The books i wont are capter books like Jack and Amy. Well that is all for now.
Max Ayers

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the PS3 I got last year. this year I wont some lego's and see you face to face. this is what I do at chrissmiss. I open my presents at my Dad's then I go my grandmas to open Presents. Then after two our three hour's then we open presents at our mom's. then we go to my outhter grandmas then we open presents there. Dear Santa I want a 30-6 heat vision and night vision glasses. Santa how are you and your reindeer how is Mrs. clause I wonder if evreyone is doing well especially ya and your reindeer so you can bring us presents and I wish pour people could have presents.
Love Ho Ho Ho Gage Travis

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Hope you are doing great. It must be hard knowing what every kid want's for Christmas. I know why we celebrate Christmas. We celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. Every year on Christmas Eve we go over to great grandpa and grandma Long's. We see family member's. Then we eat cookies and other food. Then we watch a movie and play checkers Then when Steve, Mom, Maddie and I want to go home we say by and go in the car. When i'm in the car. I look up at the sky and think of you. When we go home, we decorate our sugar cookies for you and 9 carrots for your reindeer. Last Christmas, Emma my cousin, came over and stayed the night on Christmas Eve. Oh...and thanks for the presents last year. By the way, I would like a Apple laptop cause I would

like to hook it up to my tv and watch videos. I would also like shopkins because I would like to start a collection. Every night when I go to bed on Christmas Eve, it's so hard to sleep. But I eventually I fall asleep.

The next day, a.k.a. Christmas, I think about you and how you help everyone. Last Christmas we had a party and lots of family members came over. My mom made my favorite punch. I got lots of presents from family members and thanked them a lot. By the way thank you for what you do to everyone in the world. You are a great person. Merry Christmas
Love, Lily Marie Pappas

Dear Santa,
Can the elf come to back and Can you bring the reindeer when you are done So can you put coal in Matts and Jameses stocking and Put candy in moms and Dads stocking. So can you get me a truck that can pull 200 Pounds and a flying toy that can spy on people when they are in their houses. So can the elf come back at December. So we can read a Book.
Your friend, Andrew

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all you have gave me. I know you have gave me a lot. Sorry I just cant remember. I would like a case for my kindle fire that is either a bright blue or green or a pink camo one. I have some questions for you if you don't mind?

How are all your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? And last but not least how are you St. Nick. Just 3 more thins...An elf on the shelf, pink camo stuff for hunting and a little desk with supplies.
Love, Onica Glomski

Dear St. Nicholas,
Thank you for the Lego set that you gave me Last year I play with the Knights Lego set all day the crossbow and

xbox 360 I had a very good Christmas and we all will be happy becaus Jesus birthday. What I really really want is a snowboard because if is really fun to ride. I did it Last year but it the snowboard broke. So that why I want a snowboard. So I wish that I could see your for a minute. I would love to see everyone happy.
Zacary

Dear Santa,
I am not asking for much this year. I would only like three things. Not much right? I want a girl scout cookie oven with packets. Also I want a project MC square doll and the kit. Last I want my life to get better. I have been going through some rough times. Please bring my cats some treats and bring my guinea pig treats too. Make my mom get the new job at the hospital. And bring my dad new sausage spices. how are the reindeer? Remeber when you ran through my back yard and I heard your bells over at my dads shop.
Thanks, Sage Gauthier

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I would like an Ipod please because I can travel with it and it is pocket size. I also would like a puppy! Please. I never had a dog befor and I love puppy's. Santa can I ask you some questions please. What other animals do you have? What do you want me to poot out for you on x-mas? Last x-mas did you let the reindeer in the house? Thanks for all the stuff last year! have a good x-mas! Oh one last thing, if reindeer can write on x-mas can you please write me a letter please. Thanks
Love, Emily Samp

Dear Santa,
You are the best. Here are some things I want. A new tablet. One of your elf on the shelf a nerf gun, fishing pole

and an ipod. This is why. Because I really want one of this thing's. But I really want to see you persoanally.
Sinserle, Trent


Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toy's last year. Can you please try and get me the book set of Spirit Animals. Can you get my brother Raymond Star Wars lego's and for my Brother Gauge can you get him some trucks Do you have any white reindeer? I will Leave you some cookies and milk out. Merry Christmas thank you.
Love, Cassi Rifenbark

Dear Santa,
Hi! It's Allie I cannot wait until X-mas! I want to see your elf Bella Snowflake! I want a Ipod so I can play games on it. I want a Kitten so I can play with it. I want a American girl doll so I can dress her up. I want more stuff I just can't list it all. I hope you get all the toys done before x-mas!
Your friend, Allie

Dear Santa,
Thank for the ipod you got me for christmas last year and the legos. This year could you get me the lazer maze please and some new head phone and maybe an i phone 6's? Could you please give me a box niniago Lego.
Love, Ziggy

Dear Santa,
how have you been I am good. Now I have a story to tell. Last Christmas I stayed up past 12:00 waiting for Christmas to come that day. My mom had to come and shut my door so I would not see Santa. That morning I had a lot of presents. Now for the presents I want lego friends and Just Dance 2016. Thank you for all presents in the past. I will have mild and cookies for you.
from, Kiersten

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? This year I hope you can give presents to kids who don't have much money. I hope Christopher comes this year. Is it true, Christopher was the first elf on the shelf. Did you get any new reindeer? How are they doing? Remember the year you came and asked what Cole and I wanted for Christmas? I would be cool for you to see us again? This year for presents Mom has told everyone but what I really want is a hamster. Also Cole wants a DS. Thanks for the presents in the past. Have a safe trip.

Your buddy, Carter Upper

Dear Santa,
Iv been wondering how are your reindeer? By the way, I Like all the gifts you gave me last year. you know that tablet you got me Last year? Well my puppy grabbed it off the charger and cracked it. I got a new one for my Birthday. Can you please get me a new tablet case. the same size as the old one. It dsen't matter what color it is as Long as it's not all pink.

Love, Novalee Forsythe

Dear Santa,
Do you remember my mom was a elf She was one of your helpers. Santa my Brother and I would like some new Books. I want Rainbow magic Fairy please and my brother a lego star wars book with legos please. The Book I really would like is Rainbow Magic the Orange Fairy it comes with Fairy dust. Santa I wish I could just hug you right now. I wish ride in your sleigh and See your workshop I will leave cookies and carrots for your reindeer I leave a cookie for Mrs. claws to.

Tabetha Adolphi

FIFTH GRADE Mrs. Holmes' Class

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is fro everyone to be happy, some toys, legos, a fluffy blanket, a horse and American doll stuff. I hope you are ok. Have a safe trip.

Love, Carmen Dellar, age 10

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would please like to have anew monster high doll. Also may I please have Raven a ever after high doll. How are you doing? Are your reindeer ok? Santa can you please give me a polly pocket to? Can you get my sister a Elsa doll I know she would like it. Could Nelson have some new cars for Christmas? Also can you give the hungry at least one meal just for Christmas. Jus one more thing can you give my great grandpa a new fishing pole.

Savannah Wright, age 10

Dear Mrs. and Mr. Claus,
How are you doing santa? Are all the Reindeer healthy? Are you staying chubby? Well I hope everything is well. This year I hope you can bring me another breyer horse and maybe some lamo boots or cowboy boots. This Christmas I really wish that you could make my sister Elizabeth come down from

heaven and have Christmas dinner with us. I hope you can bring peace on earth to all. I hope you can make everybody's wishes come true.

Love, Emily Lobaugh, 5th grade

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Is Rudolph and your other Reindeer doing good? I hope they are doing good. This year would you please get me, who tooted, jenga quake, lay or break it, a flat ball, orbeez crush, googly eyes, snackeez, quick cups, pie face, just dance 2016 and a action cam.

sincerely, Chloe Bunton, age 10

Dear Santa,
I hope that all I recieve this year is that I get to spend time with my family or the game madden 16 and a tablet.

Marc george Kirchner, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like an xbox one with Madden 16 and also a Play Station four. Also I wish I can spend time with my family.

Your friend, Brady Pagels, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
The only thing I want...is to see my family and friends. I really want a brand new 3ds. I feel so bad for the people in China. I want them to have a lot of food this Christmas. I wish that I can see my dad for Christmas. I miss him so much. I wish that I can only can talk to him.

Love your friend, Ashton, age 11

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing good. I wanted to ask, how many kids do you go to every Christmas? May I have an number please? I know it's funny asking, but do you have a Phone number? If you do, tell me please!

Your friend, John Alexander, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I wish for peace in Paris, new bedding, jeans, and a terrain twister RC (remote control) car. I hope everyone gets what they wished for Christmas.

Abby Kozlow, age 10

Dear Santa,
I hope you give all the kids that don't have a home, a home. I wish you will give them nice parents and siblings. For me I would like to see all my family. And I wish I can see your for my B-Day. And I wish my grandpa will come see me for the day.

Love, Ryan Stanley, age 11

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I wish for the new Just Dance 2016 for the Wii. Also I wish for Paris will have a safe recovery from their incident. Pray for Paris.

Your friend, Morgan Munsey, age 10

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is all of my family to have a good time and...maybe a NEW

basketball and a football, baking set, and new guitar. Also, I would like some useful school supplies. That's all I would like for Christmas.

Sincerely, Lanore, age 11

Dear Santa,
I would like a bell from your Sleigh and little live pet turtle and a guinea pig. I'd also like for a fun trip to Washington D.C.

Love, Kaitlin Nardi, age 10

SIXTH GRADE

Dear Santa,
What I would like for christmas are a horse, an ipod, an iphone6, a puppy, a kitten, a minibike, under armour shirts, a computer, posters, a goat, cloths, shoes, heels, diamonds, bracelets, a brother, blueberry pie, Ariana grande blankets and pillows, books, hats, a fathead, and rings, and makeup. Why I want all this stuff is because i'm in sixth grade and I am 12 years old and Im becoming a preteen. I need a lot of cute things. My most fav thing is an iphone6 because I never had one and i really want one. And if its not a problem get me some nail polish. I really want to go to the mall. My mom, dad and zi want to go down to Detroit to see family so if you can please give us a safe ride down. ohh can you get me a new iphone case. Thank you for the presnts that you gave me for the past few years. Ohh i forgot something I would like an American girl doll her name is maryellen.

Sincerely, Mary Elizabeth Diana fuller, 6th grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for christmas is...Batteries, were gonna need them. Books, you know how much I like em, get diary of a wimpy kid books and american/michigan chillers books. bookmark maker, for my books. Rock polisher, for my collection of rocks. Socks, bring as much as the song too much socks for Christmas. Real life camera to catch santa overnight. p.s. Have a safe trip

Your friend, Cayden Hendrix, 6th grade

Dear Santa,
Do you like cookies? How old are you? How much cookies do you eat in one night? Can I have a apple watch?

Love, Dover Shepard, 6th grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want video games. The video game I want is madden 16 for the xbox 360. I would play it a lot and have fun playing it. I think my behavior was good this year. I do things at home like mow the grass and shovel snow. Some of the things I do at home are play video games and play outside. I play sports all year. The sports I play are Baseball Football and Basketball. I like to all of those sports. I like to play sports the most. My favorite sport is Baseball. I will leave you cookies and milk. I will leave your reindeer carrots. I like school ok. The subject that I am best at is math. I hope you have a safe travel.

Sincerely: Brody Inglis, 6th grade

Dear Santa,
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want just dance 2014 and 2015 just dance. Why? so I can play a game, exercise, listen to music, and have fun all at once. Another thing I want is a 20\$ play store card for my tablet. I want it because I want some games that cost money and one of the games is Minecraft. Then I want the Mask, Pixels, Frozen, and finally the last movie I want is Hotel Transylvania 2. Then I want some more Aeropostale sweat pants. The colors I want them to be are black, gray and blue. Another thing I want is a fuzzy bloodhound blanket and some new slippers.

Sincerely, Avery Wrobel, 6th grade

Dear Santa,
I honestly don't care if I get anything for Christmas. Christmas is about giving not getting. Personally I would rather spend time with my family. Every year I get a bunch of stuff for Christmas. I don't like getting a bunch of stuff. This year My Dad, Val, Sawyer, and I are going to make people smile. Like I am going to give 3 of my best friends gifts. For Christmas I want everyone to be happy. I also want to spend time with my family. My family is more important to me than anything else. All I want for Christmas is to be with my family. That's all that's important to me. I love my family more than anything. My girl-friends FyLinda, Nicole, Leah, Erykah, Mary, Alannah, and my B.F.S.F (Best Friend Sister Forever) Kaidence Collvin. They are my world. I couldn't live with my BFF's. My friends mean alot to me! Oh! one last thing Santa, There will be cookies and milk for you on the table.

Sincerely, Makenna Jean Seminoff, 6th grade.

Dear Santa,
How are you, Mrs. Claus, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolph and your elves? I'm hoping you guys are just as excited for Christmas as I am. I can't wait for Jesus' birthday. he must be really old now! People think the whole purpose of Christmas is about the presents and you, but almost nobody thinks of it as Jesus' birthday. I know that he can see you and it probably makes him very upset. I read this thing on the internet and apparently, Jesus was talking to you. You asked him if he were excited for Christmas and he said no because all the kids think about is you and not Jesus. But it's his birthday!!! I can hardly believe it...it makes me sad. Anyone reading this right now, remember; Christmas is about Jesus' birthday!

Anyways, for Christmas, I would like boots with fringe on the sides and they go about halfway up your calf or over. Something that would look cute with those boots are dresses that go to my ankles or are longer in the back and shorter in the front. Those kinds of dresses/skirts are really cute. I hope your Christmas is as holly and jolly as in the songs. I hope my

cookies and carrots will make it even better.

Sincerely, Braylin Roe, 6th grade, Mrs. Neuenfeldt's class

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good and kind, so this is what I want for Christmas. I would like Batman Arkham knight, Lego dimensions with the Dr. who level pack, 11th doctors sonic screwdriver, portal level pack, Back to the future level pack, Scribblenauts unlimited, Star wars battlefront with the ps4, wolverine origins, Minecraft story mode, ps4, just cause 3, lap top windows 10, Tardis, Tardis night light, 12th doctors sonic screwdriver. People that don't have enough stuff, give them cloths, food, and house supplies they could use.

Matthew Turpen, 6th grade, Mrs. Neuenfeldt's class

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I don't want a lot. But here are some things that I do want for Christmas. Just dance for wii, one direction infinity necklace, one direction diamond bracelets, one direction bed spread, new posters of one directions, an i pod 5, one direction phone case, and some ear buds. That is all i have in mind right now. Hope you have a nice Christmas this year!

Love, Brooke Whitford, 6th grade, Mrs. Neuenfeldt's class

Dear Santa,
This year I want a nerf n strike it has parts to it that you can make into whatever I want its colors are green, white, orange, black and gray. My last one is a remote control plane I don't care what it looks like. I really want to see all my presents under the tree.

Sincerely, Ashton Tracy, 6th grade, Mrs. Gombos' class

Dear Santa,
How has it been at the north pole? By the way Mrs. Gombos told me to put that. I want pants (jeggings), state sweater, leggings, michigan sweatshirt, black cute boots, green machine, a better phone that's just mine that i don't have to share with my mom, I also want kids that don't have homes, food, clothes, and water to get some.

Sincerely, Dakota Stevenson, 6th grade, Mrs. Gombos's class

Dear Santa,
I want to know all your reindeer's names I can't remember them i only know 3. I want pants (jeggings), a michigan, detroit lions sweater, adidas sweater, michigan and detroit lions hat i want the beak of the hat to be straight please!!! there's more...but my parents will get that.

Sincerely, Jade DeOrnellas, 6th grade, Mrs. Gombos' class

