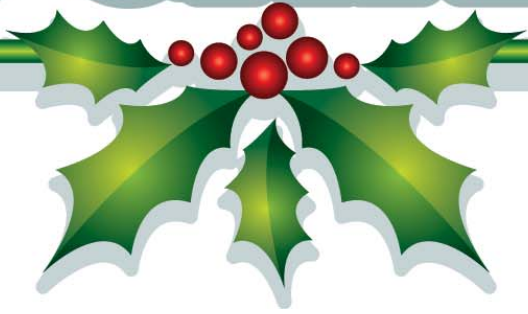


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Alcona's Jordan Steiner flies in for two points during last week's win at Mio. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Alcona boys grind out win against Thunderbolts

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Alcona didn't put up many points in its North Star League game at Mio on Monday, Dec. 12. Fortunately, for the Tigers, the Thunderbolts put up even fewer, allowing Alcona to claim a hard-fought 36-22 victory.

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team opened the scoring with an easy lay-in by Antavius Mikazes, with Jack Hutchinson following that with an and-one play for a quick 5-0 Alcona lead.

The Bolts sank a three-pointer midway through the

quarter, but Jordan Steiner had a pair of drives through the lane for baskets, giving the Tigers a 9-3 advantage after one.

Steiner kicked off the second quarter with an and-one play of his own for a 12-3 lead, and Alex Stephenson put it to 14-3 on two free throws.

The lead swelled to 16-3 on another drive by Steiner, but the Tigers could only manage one basket each by Stephenson and Devon Mills the rest of the half as they

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Alcona County veterans have new service counselor/director

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona County veterans will soon be in the capable hands of a new director/service counselor.

Art Winter, who has had the job since 2005, will be retiring and Tony Atkinson will be taking his position as of January 1. Winter, who is 72, said it was time to slow down a bit. He has been working with Atkinson for the last few months to get him up to speed on all the job entails.

Winter explained the role of veteran director/service counselor can be varied but, he always treated the position as a veteran advocate, making sure to be on the veterans' side to get them any necessary services they may qualify for.

"We will point (the veteran) in the right direction or help them out as much as possible. Some don't understand the content of paperwork so we are here to help. If the veteran just needs someone to talk to, they can do that here. If they don't know where to turn or are having a hard time in their life, we can try and help find services they need," Atkinson said.

A large part of the role Atkinson will perform is filling out complicated forms and helping to file claims to change a veteran's rating if their medical condition has gotten worse. Atkinson explained Winter had a veteran come in who recently lost his ability to walk, so they were trying to find motorized wheel chairs for him and other veterans like him.

Atkinson explained many veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) feel ashamed to get the help they need. "Asking for help is hard. These big strong men and women have done great things for our country and then come home and must ask for help. That's very hard to do. They may feel like people don't appreciate what they did. The public doesn't understand what they went through. We do and we can help," Atkinson said.

Additionally, Atkinson explained sometimes it's not the veteran who needs the assistance, it's a spouse. "Just because a veteran dies their spouse is not forgotten. There are a lot of spouses who qualify for support including death benefit assistance with burial costs and other benefits available, especially if the vet was 100 percent disabled," Atkinson said.

Atkinson plans to run the office in much the same way Winter performed his duties, such as always making sure flags are placed on grave sites on Memorial Day.

The one thing Atkinson would like to change, however, is the hours the office is available to veterans. Currently the veteran office is open on Tuesday only between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. with an hour for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Atkinson would like to see the office hours expanded and is currently working on a one-year grant to have the office open three days a week.



Tony Atkinson is the new veteran director/service counselor in Alcona County beginning January 1.

"I love the job. I just wish I had more time to do it. I'd like to start an outreach program to get out and go to the vets that can't come in to us," Atkinson said. He explained it's difficult because the county is so spread out but there are a lot of older and housebound veterans who could benefit from an outreach program.

He would very much like to meet every single veteran in Alcona County and hopes that veterans who can make it into Harrisville on Tuesday

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The first written record of a decorated Christmas tree dates from 1510 in Riga, Latvia. Local merchants' guild members placed a tree in the marketplace and decorated it. They danced around it while feasting and drinking and then set fire to it. The city still holds traditional winter celebrations in its Dome Square.

- Brenda Weaver

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

I love the small town I live in, so I shop local to support our companies. Recently, I purchased tires from a local garage in Lincoln. While on a trip downstate with my granddaughters, three tires blew out in one day. I went back to the garage to have this problem fixed, all I got was the run around.

These tires were only four months old. After many phone calls and four months later I recovered some of my loss. These were the most expensive tires I ever purchased. I ran a company and I took care of my customers. I am now very hesitant to buy local, this has put a heavy mistrust in my heart. So, local buyers beware, not all companies want your repeat purchases just your money.

Karen Bishop
Harrisville

To the Editor,

Russia has been caught by our CIA tampering with our election to help Donald Trump win. It is important to know how this was possible and to prevent it from happening again. But it is also extremely important to know if Donald Trump knew about or helped with Russia's interference. If Trump did know or helped, it would be treason.

During the campaign, Trump had advisors with Russian connections and ridiculed the idea that Russia could be the ones hacking us. He is now taking actions that show he is currying Russia's favor. This is one glaring example. Trump's appointment for secretary of state is Rex Tillerson of Exxon

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Obituaries

 Edward Janusz

Edward Janusz, 83, of Greenbush died on Sunday, Dec. 18 2016.

He was born on May 18, 1933 in Cleveland, Ohio to Joe and Bertha (Szudy) Janusz. He graduated from Harrisville High School in 1951.

He received a Bachelor of Art degree from Eastern Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Army for three years.

Mr. Janusz worked for General Motors for 28 years and retired in 1987.

He was married to Ilene "Cookie" (Kowalski) Janusz for 60 years.

He enjoyed being with his family, and had a great interest in playing golf. His retirement years were full of fix it jobs and enjoying family and friends.

Mr. Janusz is survived by his wife, Ilene; two daughters, Audrey Mangold of San Antonio, Texas and Judy Sattmann of Rochester, Mich.; one son, Danny Janusz of Auburn Hills, Mich.; five grandchildren, Mallory Mangold, Jeffery Mangold, Amanda Sattmann, Jessie Sattmann, and Samantha Sattmann; and one brother, Joe Janusz.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Wesley Janusz.

No services are planned. Mr. Janusz donated his body to the University of Michigan medical school.

Margaret "Peggy" Dorr

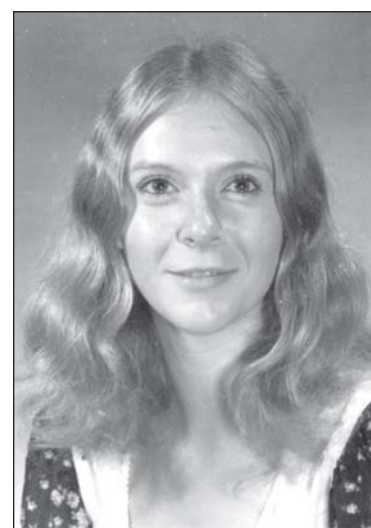
Margaret "Peggy" Dorr, 59, of Lincoln died on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016.

She was born on July 1, 1957 to Robert O. and Patricia A. (Devlin) Reames in Alpena. She attended Oscoda Area Schools through most of her school years and graduated in 1975 from Oscoda High School.

She married Richard "Rick" Dorr on June 16, 2001.

Mrs. Dorr was employed by the Shell gas station in Harrisville. She enjoyed doing crafts and loved giving them as gifts. She adored her loyal, loving dogs, Harley and Bailey.

Mrs. Dorr is survived by her husband, Rick; one daughter, Christie (Gary) Frisk of Beaver Creek, Ohio; three stepchildren, Laura (Bill) LaForge of Harrisville, Matt (Laura) Dorr of Lincoln and Lance (Britney) Dorr of Lincoln; her mother, Patricia Brown of Oscoda; two sisters, Debra (Vernell) Drechsel



of Fergus Falls, Minn. and Pamila (Steve) Laursen of Oscoda; one brother, James (Laurie) Reames of Oolitic, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father; one sister; and two brothers.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the American Legion Hall in Mikado.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 11	30	15	0.17	4.2	25	W
Dec. 12	32	25	0.02	1.4	15	W
Dec. 13	27	9	0.00	3.9	18	W
Dec. 14	22	6	0.01	5.3	28	W
Dec. 15	20	4	0.00	4.0	24	W
Dec. 16	21	5	0.07	4.2	17	SW
Dec. 17	26	18	0.35	2.4	21	W

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2016/2017 Season			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.62	12.2	0.42
December to Date	0.94	13.3	1.02
Year/Season to Date	26.78	13.4	27.59

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 21

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, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:30 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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

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. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions program, will meet at 7 p.m. at

the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, contact Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

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). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

The Alcona County Republicans will meet at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 South Poor Farm Road. Call (989) 724-5728 for details.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

The Alcona County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. at the EMS building located at 2600 M-72 west of Harrisville.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Alumni games starting at 5 p.m. at the Alcona Community High School new gym. Legends of the past try to relive their glory years to help raise funds for the boys and girls basketball programs. Cost is \$25, \$2 for alumni. Concessions will be available. Contact Coach Failla at (586) 354-3600 or e-mail nickfailla1@gmail.com for details.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing, winter coats and boats will be available for residents of Alcona County with newborns to age five. Layettees available for the soon to be born.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Zumba class at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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.

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Christmas Contest Winners

The finals of the Barton City Christmas Decoration contest are: First place, Keith Myers, 885 O'Donnell Road; second place, Frank and Frances Giglio, 1615 West M-72; third place, Jeff and Karen Sutton, 910 Millen Road. There were several others that also put up decorations and the committee appreciates their efforts in making the area more beautiful.

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will come and meet him, even if it's just to say hello, that way he can have a connection with them besides just a piece of paper.

"This service is for them. That's why we are here. If they don't use this service,

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. 26—All centers closed.
- Tuesday, Dec. 27—Pork tips in gravy over noodles, peas, tossed salad, and apple and a cookie.
- Wednesday, Dec. 28—Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, a pear and a cookie.
- Thursday, Dec. 29—Beef pot roast with red potato, baby carrots, an orange and a cookie.
- Friday, Dec. 30—All centers closed.

Free Nutrition Classes

Start the New Year on a healthy note. The Northeast Michigan Prescription for Health Program welcomes anyone interested in improving their health to participate in a free six week nutrition workshop. Classes meet once

a week for an hour and participants receive a \$10 voucher for every class attended to purchase fruits and vegetables at farmers markets and local grocery stores. Participants learn healthy cooking and exercise tips, and the best ways to select and save money when buying fresh seasonal produce.

Participating counties include Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Presque Isle. Alcona and Iosco county residents can register by calling the MSU Extension Office at (989) 362-3449.


Northeast Michigan Prescriptions for Health is funded through a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Partners include the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, Alcona Health Center, Thunder Bay Community Health Services, Inc., District Health Departments No. 2, 4 and 10, and Michigan State University Extension. For more information about this program, contact Sarah Rautio, MSU Extension Educator at 989-362-3449.

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3. Ari
4. Bo
5. Ivy
6. Liv
7. Mae
8. Max or Dax
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9. Rex and Rey
9. Sam

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then it's just a waste. If they have any questions, maybe about a benefit they might be qualified for or if a new vet wants to apply for their GI bill or get an education, come and see me. We are here to assist in any way," Atkinson said.

There are some recent changes and veterans can now get financial assistance for on-the-job training, which may really help younger veterans who would rather learn that way than to go back to school.

Winters handpicked Atkinson, a retired staff sergeant who served in the Army between 2006 and 2014 and had been deployed as a paratrooper to both Iraq and Afghanistan, for the position and he feels good about leaving the helm in his hands.

"I enjoyed the job. I got a token pay, but I would have done it for free — I enjoyed

helping the veterans that much. I couldn't answer all their questions, but I would try to find the right answer and get back to them. It's a very fulfilling job. If you can help someone and feel good about yourself, it makes a big difference.

"I think Tony is doing a good job. He had the luxury of going to school before getting started and went to Illinois for a week of (veteran assistance) schooling to get his accreditation and he did well there," Winter said.

For more information about available veteran benefits, contact Winter or Atkinson at the Alcona County Veterans office by calling (989) 724-9510, visit the Alcona County website at www.alconacountymi.com or stop in on Tuesdays. The veteran office is in the lower level of the Alcona County Courthouse.

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had to settle for a 20-13 edge at the intermission.

In the beginning of the third quarter, Damion Stewart and Steiner chipped in a lay-up each to put the lead back to double digits at 24-13. Another hoop by Stephenson put it to 26-15 and a Steiner bucket made it 28-15, with the Tigers still leading 28-18 after three quarters.

Alcona scored a quick fast-break bucket thanks to Matthew Krisan to start the fourth quarter with a 30-18 lead, and though Mio followed that with a hoop of its own to close it to 30-20, scoring for both teams came to a screeching halt for the next six minutes.

Krisan finally ended the

scoring drought with a bucket with 40 seconds left to play for a 32-20 lead. Krisan added another hoop at 34-22 and Steiner netted the final points of the night on a fast break, created by his own steal to close the game at 36-22.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Steiner with 17 points, Krisan had six, Stephenson netted four, Hutchinson had three and with two apiece was Mills, Stewart and Mikazes.

Alcona (3-0 overall, 3-0 NSL) hosted Tawas on Tuesday, plays at the Palace of Auburn Hills against Oscoda Wednesday and returns to action January 3, 2017 at Fairview.

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A message from:  AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Alcona Lady Tigers earn big win over Mio

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

The Lady Tigers shook off their losing streak by trouncing the Thunderbolts last week.

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team played host to Mio-AuSable on Dec. 13 and picked up a convincing 48-28 win. This was a nice victory after coming off a two-game losing streak against Alpena and AuGres Sims.

The Lady Tigers quickly went to work at both end of the floor in the first quarter while Mio tried to keep the game within their reach. Alcona maintained control to end the period with the 12-8 advantage.

In the second quarter, senior post player Brittany Decker dominated down low and collected nine points for the Lady Tigers with buckets in the paint and at the char-

ity stripe. Kendra LaFave went three for three and Rachel Warner added two for two from the line to help increase Alcona's lead to 28-16 by halftime.

The Lady Tigers dug in defensively during the second half of the game to fight off Mio who continued to rally. The Thunderbolts struggled under the pressure and Lady Tigers Brooke Shultz, LaFave, Taylor Livingston and Decker put some much needed distance on the scoreboard. Alcona went on to secure the 35-21 lead heading into the final period.

Decker, Warner, Abby Lobaugh and Livingston continued to pounce on Mio, which caused the Thunderbolts to get into foul trouble and miss shots. The Lady Tigers outscored Mio 12-7 in the final eight minutes of the game to earn the 48-28 victory.

Decker led Alcona with 15 points and rebounds. Shultz added nine points and LaFave delivered eight points and two steals. Livingston added eight points and pulled down three rebounds. Faith Wallenmair and Warner had four points each

"It was great to get a much-needed win. Our offensive execution was much better tonight and we were able to make some shots from all areas. We wanted to establish the inside game and play tough defense and were pretty successful at both. We had scoring from a lot of players," said coach Mark Feldhiser.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Fairview on Monday to for their last game and North Star League match up before the holiday break. Alcona will host Tawas on January 3, 2017 for more girls basketball action.

Tips for managing backyard chickens in winter

By Dorothy Munn
MSUE Educator

With a thick layer of snow on the ground, it seems as though winter is sure to be long and cold. As an owner of backyard chickens there are a number of simple strategies to keep your birds safe and productive. Below are some tips by Michigan State University Extension to follow this winter.

- Keep your birds well fed. Consider allowing your birds free-choice access to feed during the winter months. The chickens will adjust their consumption rate depending on the temperature.

- Another option is to offer the birds additional high energy feed such as corn or sunflower seeds to help meet their increased caloric needs in the cold weather. A good tactic is to provide this additional feed in the evening to help birds manage the overnight drop in temperatures more efficiently.

- If you normally feed the birds outside, avoid attracting vermin by bringing the food inside in the evening.

- Access to water is critical. All animals must have a consistent source of water to survive. Keeping the water from freezing during the cold winter months can be a real chore. A number of water heaters are available on the retail market and there are even plans for designing your own on the web.

- Another option for those who do not have electricity in their coop is to utilize aluminum or rubber buckets, which do not split like plastic when the water freezes. By purchasing at least two buckets you are sure to have one available for watering your birds when you bring the second one in to thaw out.

- A well lighted coop maintains egg production. Consider adding plastic insets into windows. Windows must be closed; no screens or drafty windows. Keeping as much light as possible in coops will maximize egg production during the long winter months.

- By incorporating supplemental lighting, with ideally

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16 hours of light per 24 hours, hens will lay the maximum number of eggs. The light should be on a timer to turn on in the middle of the night and off at day break. This will ensure that the hens get on their roost as the sun is setting in the evening.

- Ventilation is important. Adequate ventilation, but no drafts, is necessary in the chicken coop to minimize excess moisture which can lead to mold and respiratory issues.

- Bedding provides insulation. By keeping a thick layer of bedding, up to a foot in depth, the coop will provide your birds a comfortable environment. Turn your bedding weekly with a pitchfork, adding more as needed.

- Active birds are happy birds. Allowing birds to keep themselves busy by foraging will keep them from activities like pecking each other. Scattering corn or sunflower seeds in your coop at your evening feeding will allow

birds the opportunity to scratch for these treats. Consider suspending a head of cabbage in your coop to keep birds entertained. Toss loose straw or add corn stalks, wood chips or brush to your run area; your birds will forage for any bugs that may find a home in the degrading surface.

Chicken ownership can be an enjoyable experience any time of year. Michigan 4-H Youth Development has numerous resources to help youth gain valuable knowledge and skills in order to successfully raise poultry. Contact your local MSU Extension office to learn what clubs are available in your area or to start your own 4-H poultry club.

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Alcona County's youngest, neediest receive Christmas gifts

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Santa Claus arrived a week earlier than usual to help an Alcona County organization whose main objective is to raise happy, healthy children in some of the county's neediest of homes.

The Alcona County Day One program, part of Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan, provides services to at-risk pregnant mothers and families with children five years of age and younger, welcomed Santa's gifts not once but twice last week. First came a grant which will secure operation of the program through the next three and a half years, and then came individual presents for all of the children in the program.

Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan development director, Meg Nisbet, said she learned about receiving the grant, given by the Children's Trust Fund, just last week and the news couldn't have been more timely with the season.

Michigan Episcopal Dioceses in the amount of \$16,000.

Other grants and donations followed from local churches and organizations. A Go-Fund-Me page brought in additional funds and neighboring residents got together to hold a yard sale with all profits benefitting the Day One program. The funds collected saw continued service of the program until last April when Day One received a \$90,000 grant for one year from the Michigan Health Endowment fund which secured the program operation until April of 2017.

With the addition of the Health Endowment fund, the program was able to expand from helping children three years and younger to helping children five years and younger.

"This (new) grant begins the day after the Michigan Health Endowment fund ends. This means there will be no lapse in service. It will be seamless, and we won't have to reduce the program," Nisbet said.

Rademacher from Purple Martin made the four-hour drive from their homes in Canton, Mich., to deliver large individual gift bags filled with new toys, blankets and pajamas for each of the children in the Alcona County Day One program.

The organization originally teamed up with Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan to help take foster children to camp and heard about the Day One program. Although members and volunteers of the organization live in several areas throughout the state, the organization was happy to help the children of Alcona County Day One when they heard about their need.

"We wanted to do something for these families to hopefully keep these kids out of the foster program. We hope to do even more next year. Every gift bag was customized for each child in the program. Maybe next year we can help more. If we find out their shoe sizes, maybe we can get them boots or shoes



Alcona County Day One program received two gifts last week in time for Christmas, first a grant which will secure its operation for the next three and a half years and gifts from the Purple Martin organization for each of the 43 children in the Day One program. (Left to right): Sue Lovelace, Day One registered nurse; Brenda Forsythe, family support worker; Shirley Randall and Lynne Rademacher, Purple Martin volunteers; and Meg Nisbet, Child and Family Services development director. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

"This is truly such a blessing. The grant is for \$50,000 per year. It is a matching fund grant, but we have the monies in place to match it thanks to a grant we've been getting for many years from the Besser Foundation. It's fully funded. This is very exciting. It really all boils down to the help people of this county gave us when we needed it the most," Nisbet said.

The Day One program, a program which many young parents in poverty depend on, was once in jeopardy of closing its doors when the Kellogg Foundation, which supplied grant monies in 2014/2015 for many Day One programs throughout Michigan, decided not to fund it anymore.

Nisbet knew how important the program was to so many in Alcona County and she couldn't let them down. She got busy grant writing and networking to find the necessary funds. She first got a grant from the Northeast

Brenda Forsythe, Day One family support worker and Sue Lovelace, registered nurse for the program agreed with Nisbet. "This would never have been possible if all the caring people, organizations and programs hadn't donated when there wasn't any money. With this grant, we will be able to enroll new families along with continuing to service families already enrolled and meet any extra needs which may arise," Forsythe said.

There was extra joy among the Day One staff when Santa came through with something for the children through the Purple Martin organization. The organization, which was founded in 2011, wants to transform lives of foster children and at-risk youth through social change. Through Purple Martin programs, children are allowed a chance to learn, have fun, and make happy future memories in a safe environment.

Shirley Randall and Lynne

and possibly a gift certificate for Pizza Hut for each family to enjoy," Randall said. The gifts were purchased with monies from fundraising events, raffles and some grants.

An elated Forsyth said, "The gifts will really help Day One families. They don't have the money to pay bills, get food and buy gifts. Just a little something like this can go a long way in helping a family in a very tight and frustrating situation. It makes the children so happy. Every child should have a gift to open on Christmas. This group did an amazing thing by helping these families out."

Forsythe and Lovelace have 20 Alcona County families currently enrolled in the program with a total of 43 children combined.

The families are served on a tier scale with level one families receiving visits from Forsythe four times a month, level two families receive two visits per month, level three

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VFW Post 6754 Auxiliary

The December meeting opened with 13 members present. It was noted the Veterans Day assembly held at Sanborn School was well attended by many veterans from the community. Students participated in reading the poem, "What is a Veteran" as well as reading their "Veterans Day writings." Guest speaker, Ben Eberle, reported on his military service. Students presented the veterans, as well as the VFW Auxiliary, members with gifts they made. Auxiliary president Kathy Vichunas presented an American flag to the school from Post No. 6754 and the auxiliary.

Harrisville Business Association

The Harrisville Business Association met November 10. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Attendees: Marlana MacNeill, Sherry Werda, Pat Bushey, Doug Cheek, Mark Kovachevich, Ginger Campbell, Louis Campbell, Tony Haight, Steve Arens, Ed Foster, Paul Labadie and Judie Labadie.

A broadband presentation was made by Marlana MacNeill; a lot of work went into the event to connect the community. There was only one attendee. This group is committed for this project and will be looking at other ways to get Alcona connected.

Steve Arens gave a report from the organizational com-

Activity books received from Senator Jim Stamas were left with the Sanborn School principal for distribution to the appropriate classes. A thank you note was received by president Vichunas from Mrs. Kalisch's kindergarten class which was signed by the students. They were appreciative of the flags and activity books they received from the veterans and auxiliary members. Another thank you note was received by Frances Ziesman from Mrs. Cordes' class.

President Vichunas thanked auxiliary members for filling the following vacancies: Kathy Carriveau,

secretary; Carol Hansen, conductress and trustee No. 3; Norma Alstrom, Americanism/patriotic instructor. President Vichunas will take the chairmanships of cancer and research, hospital, legislative and veterans and family support.

Norma Alstrom provided copies of the naturalization questions and answers that her mother studied before she became a citizen in 1952. For the good of the order, Norma Alstrom also advised that no object can be placed on the American flag. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Sanborn Township Hall.

mittee meeting held October 22 with Cheryl Peterson, Ann Eddinger and himself. Attendees of the HBA meeting would like to see additional information, rough draft of bylaws and, attendees agree, that a dues structure is important.

Treasury report: Ed Foster presented account balance information to group. Events and decorations: Judie Labadie provided information about adding a new event in May around Memorial Day weekend. Additional information to follow.

The importance of having newspaper, Facebook, et cetera coverage of HBA events is a must. In 2017 all area newspapers will be invited to the

events so HBA gets more exposure. Reminder of upcoming events in Harrisville: Christmas in the Village on December 3 and Small Business Saturday on November 26.

There was a discussion on joining Alcona County Chamber and will be addressed at December 8 meeting. Great exposure advertising on the website. There was a discussion about having a master calendar of events that are timed to make sure all elements are completed in advance. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: December 8 at 6 p.m. at Harrisville branch Alcona County Library.

Alcona County Chamber of Commerce

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce held its general membership meeting on November 9 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Present: Rich Gillies, president; Christy Holmes, treasurer; Karen Sanderson, secretary; Ed Toombs, Ben Dietrich and Doug Travis, trustees; Ann Ashford of Loggers Trace/Springport; Ed Foster of Harrisville Lions; Eric Monnier of Lincoln DDA; Barbara Pierce of ARA Farm Market; Jeanne Meskus of FOACL, HFHNEMI and St. Andrews Episcopal Church; and Judie Labadie of Coming Attractions; and guest, Ron Rademacher, webmaster.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rich and the pledge was said. A motion was made by Christy, with support by Ed Toombs, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Christy, support by Judie, to approve November 2 executive board meeting minutes. Motion carried. Christy provided the treasurer's report. Motion by Karen, support by Ben, to approve. Motion carried.

Reports: Antique Show - no report. Fireworks - no report. Wine and Food Festival will meet November 16 at library. George Byelich Fall Bus Tour: Great tour as reported by attendees. Alcona Leadership - no report.

Christmas in the Village: 25 tables paid for (of 35 available). Christy and Judie coordinated set up and take

down, volunteers, greeting table volunteers, times, et cetera. All covered.

Election of officers: Motion by Jeanne, support Christy, to approve the ballot by acclamation. Motion carried. Congratulations to Rich Gillies, president; Karen Sanderson, secretary and Ben Dietrich, trustee. We still need a vice president. If interested, contact Rich Gillies. Ron Rademacher will be at

the January 11, 2017 general membership meeting to talk about the chamber website and answer members questions about individual pages. Reminder: No general membership meeting in December.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. The next general membership meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

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The Christmas I saw Santa Claus

By **Jim Gagnier**
Guest Columnist

The little boy stood at the frosted window staring out onto the deserted city street. The snow swirled around the porch as he gazed at the black and white landscape punctuated with twinkling, colored lights barely visible from the living rooms of the bleak houses.

His little sister asked him softly, in a trembling voice, "Do you think he's coming?" The little boy shrugged and replied, "I think Santa Claus forgot about us this year."

They lived in one of the less prosperous neighborhoods in a midwestern industrial city. The time was 1935 in the absolute heart of what we now call "the great depression."

It had been a particularly bad year for this family. Only hours before, their father gave them the bad news. "No presents, this year," he told them with his voice cracking, ever so slightly. With the early lay-off from General Motors and the high heating bills... he was sorry but they just couldn't make it. His mother dabbed her eyes and left the room saying something about "having to do something in the kitchen."

"We have a great tree... and, besides, there'll be other Christmases and we do have each other," his father said, trying to make the best out of a difficult time.

The little boy looked again at the skimpy tree with the sparse collection of ornaments and garlands that had somehow been accumulated by his mother. His father never told them that this "great tree" was one the man at the tree lot on the corner had given to him out of the pile of rejects, because he felt sorry for them.

As he gazed once more onto the ghostlike wintry scene below him, he noticed that a few big, white flakes had started to fall out of the night sky. "Christmas snow," he thought, "how beautiful it was." But it looked like Christmas would not be so beautiful for them.

Suddenly, he thought he saw something way down at the end of the street. It was movement of some kind. He wiped the frost off the window pane and saw that it was, indeed, some kind of

object slowly moving up the street barely visible in the shadows cast by the swinging streetlight.

And from that object, he could see a figure moving, in a regular cadence, from the object in the street up to the front porches of each house.

Then, it all registered in his little brain. "It's Santa Claus," he shouted. "He's come...he really has!"

In an instant, his brother and three sisters were at the other window. They could see the whole scene now and their shouting and laughter reverberated through the old house. His dad stared in amazement, not quite willing to believe what his eyes told him.

"Carrie," he called. "Come on in here... you've got to see this." What she saw, through her misty eyes, was an incredible sight.

Out on the street before them, was the figure of a little man with a snowy white beard, dressed from head to foot in the most striking red suit imaginable. He was driv-

Guest Columnist

ing a sleigh pulled, not by reindeer, but by the most magnificent black horse the little boy had ever seen. As he made his way up the street, he would pause at each house and carry boxes and brightly wrapped packages to each front door.

"Can you beat that?" his dad exclaimed as he put his strong arm around her waist. His mother started to cry again but the boy noticed that, this time, it was very strange for she was smiling.

They all watched, with anticipation, as the sleigh drew nearer. Then they heard the footsteps on their front porch. With shouts and squeals, the children flew to the front door. With mounting excitement they dragged the boxes and packages inside.

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a gaily-wrapped present for each one of the children. A popgun for his brother, dolls for the girls and for the little boy -- a beautiful red airplane, with silver pontoons - - the most beautiful toy airplane he had ever seen.

After all of the din and clamor had subsided, they sat around the skimpy tree with the sparse ornaments and sang Christmas carols.

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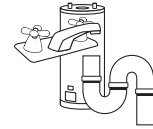
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Staying Put

Dear Staying,

Many retirees, like you and your husband, want to stay living in their own house for as long as possible. But being able to do so will depend on how easy it is to maneuver your home as you get older. Here are some helpful resources you can turn to, to get an idea of the different types of features and improvements you can make that will make your house safer and more convenient as you grow older.

A good first step in making your home more age-friendly is to do an assessment. Go

through your house, room-by-room, looking for problem areas like potential tripping or slipping hazards, as well as areas that are hard to access and difficult to maintain. To help with this, there are several organizations that have aging-in-place checklists that point out potential problems in each area of the home, along with modification and solutions.

Rebuild Together, for example, has a two-page “Safe at Home Checklist” that’s created in partnership with the Administration on Aging and the American Occupational Therapy Association. Go to AOTA.org and search for “Rebuilding Together Safe at Home Checklist.”

The National Association of Home Builders also has an “Aging-in-Place Remodeling Checklist” that offers more than 100 suggestions to can help homeowners age 50-plus live safely, independently and comfortably. Go

to NAHB.org and search for “Aging in Place Remodeling Checklist.”

Also check out AARP’s excellent resource called the “HomeFit Guide” that’s filled with 28-pages of tips and diagrams to make your entire home safe and easier to live in as you age. You can access it at AARP.org – search for “HomeFit,” or call (888) 687-2277 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

If you want more personalized help, consider getting a professional in-home assessment with an occupational therapist.

An occupational therapist (OT) can evaluate the challenges and shortcomings of your home for aging in place, recommend design and modification solutions, and introduce you to products and services to help you make improvements.

To find an OT in your area, check with your physician, health insurance provider or



Savvy Senior

local hospital, or seek recommendations from family and friends. Many health insurance providers, including Medicare, will pay for a home assessment by an OT if prescribed by your doctor. However, they will not cover the physical upgrades to the home.

Another option is to contact a builder who’s a Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS). CAPS are home remodelers and design-build professionals that are knowledgeable about aging in place home modifications, and can suggest ways to modify or

remodel your home that will fit your needs and budget. CAPS are generally paid by the hour or receive a flat fee per visit or project.

To find a CAPS in your area visit the National Association of Home Builders website at NAHB.org/capsdirectory where you can search by state and city.

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The Sons of American Legion (SAL) Post 254 in Mikado recently gave donations to community organizations. (From left) Kay Loveless accepted \$300 for Mikado Goodfellows; Leo Marciniak accepted \$500 for St. Vincent DePaul in Mikado; Tamara Quick accepted \$300 for the Alcona County Baby Pantry and \$100 for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention of Alcona County (CANPAC). SAL finance officer Carl Pierce and commander Bill Miller presented the checks. *Courtesy photo.*

Gifts

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are visited every third week and level four families, often families who are about to be aged out of the program when the child turns five, receive phone calls.

There is also a special services level which supports young families in crisis. A crisis can be anything threatening daily life for a small child or infant such as no food, no heat, a parent in crisis or anything that isn't ordinary life, Forsythe explained.

She said the families they see are some of the most vulnerable and Day One assists by providing vital up-to-date information, nurse visits, finding needed resources and programs for financial help, education, driver's license funds/training, finding doctors, transportation, addressing special needs, cooking instructions, formula/food, clothing, safe cribs or whatever they can, to help these young parents raise healthy, happy children.

For more information on the Alcona County Day One program, call (989) 305-5440 or Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan at (989) 356-4567. For information about Purple Martin contact them at (989) 272-8111 or visit the website at www.thepurplemartin.org.

Letter

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Mobile. Tillerson and Russia's dictator, Putin, are business partners, having negotiated an oil deal. It will make them both very, very rich men. But this deal is on hold because of current U.S. sanctions against Russia.

As secretary of state, Tillerson would easily solve the sanction problem for himself and Putin. What are the prospects that Trump will also be enriched by his buddies? And how compromised will our allies be if Russia has influence over our secretary of state?

Senators from both parties are asking for an investigation of Russia's interference in our election. Please call your senators and those below to support that a bipartisan investigation be completed and about the possibility that the electoral college be briefed on its progress.

These Senators head the committee: John McCain, Lindsey Graham, Chuck Schumer, and Jack Reed. Also outspoken on this issue are: Senators Rand Paul, James Lankford, and Claire McCaskill. These senators are generally critical of Trump: Jeff Flake, Susan Collins, and Ben Sasse.

Please contact them. Our Democracy needs your voice.
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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Xmas shoppers busy buying

All Stores Have Attractive Stocks— Most Anything You Want at Most Any Price

December 21, 1916 - Our stores are presenting an unusually attractive appearance for the holiday season, and Christmas shoppers have an opportunity to purchase anything and everything the heart can desire.

At the Yockey hardware they find many useful articles appropriate for gifts, and displayed attractively for their inspection. The bright, new store attracts many who come to see and remain to buy.

Fuqua's Rexall Store is so full of holiday goods that the only trouble the buyers have is to make a selection from the many desirable articles that meet their gaze. It is a

superb stock and there is so much of it that between waiting on customers, unpacking new goods and putting up prescriptions, the genial proprietor is kept on the hustle from early morning until late at night.

At Green Bros.' market, always a busy place, they are showing an elegant line of Christmas goods with fine candies and nuts in the lead.

They are receiving a liberal patronage and are on the jump all the time.

At Kahn & Co.'s big store, the place for practical Christmas shoppers, the clerks are on the bound and Mr. Pizer, the manager, is doing two men's work. "I find people are buying useful, practical articles, rather than the straight Christmas goods," he says.

Alex Ferguson is making

no great pretense of showing strictly Christmas goods, but he has a line of fine candies and nuts and the extra things that people always want in holiday groceries, and those nice extras such as oysters, celery, fruits and such like, that go with the Christmas dinner.

If there is anything you want that you cannot find in some of these business

places, then it must be something very unusual, indeed.

Over at Glennie, the people find J. Solomon's store a veritable paradise from which to supply their Christmas wants, and they are making the most of it. It is doubtful if this store ever enjoyed a better patronage than it has this year.

A Christmas message

It Reached the Blind of Sight and Should Touch the "Blind of Heart."

December 21, 1916 - One Christmas eve a lady was walking in the city of Berlin enjoying the pretty sights. She stopped to look at a large window where was laid out the lowly stable in Bethlehem. Before the window stood two little girls, their faces beaming with pleasure, while they talked to another little girl behind them, around whom they had their arms. This dear child was quite blind and to her poor sightless eyes the pretty window told no story.

But the loving little friends told the blind child of the rude stable, the hay, the cows and the sheep, the sweet mother beside the manger in which the Christ child was sleeping, the open door through which the wondering shepherds were coming, and the bright star above which shed a soft, silvery light over all. and the wise men with rich gifts for the little sleeping babe, who was the Son of God. our Saviour.

The little blind girl listened till her face grew happy, and she clasped her hands together, saying again and again, "Ah. that is beautiful!"

There are those who have blind hearts. Instead of blind eyes, because they do not know the blessed story, says S. E. Bull.

Veteran killed in Chicago

December 21, 1916 - Alvin J. Smith was killed on the 6th while attempting to cross a street in Chicago. Mr. Smith was a veteran of the Civil war and spent the greater part of his time at the Solider's Home in Grand Rapids. He expected to spend the balance of the winter in Tennessee, and was on his way there when he was killed.

The deceased formerly lived in Mikado and is survived by two sons and a daughter.

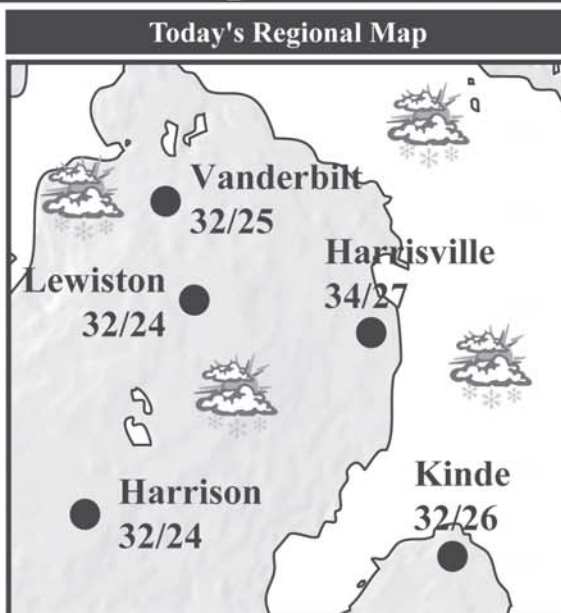
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	THURSDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 25
	FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 37 Low: 29
	SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 36 Low: 24
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 21
	MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 19
	TUESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 38 Low: 22

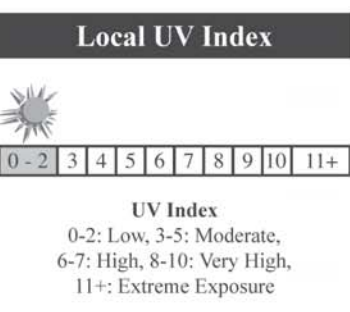


In-Depth Local Forecast
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of snow, high temperature of 34°, humidity of 86%. Southwest wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 58° set in 1967. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of snow, overnight low of 27°. The record low for tonight is -11° set in 1989.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	32	23	32/18	0.06"
Tuesday	28	11	32/18	0.00"
Wednesday	18	8	31/17	0.10"
Thursday	19	6	31/17	0.01"
Friday	21	12	31/17	0.07"
Saturday	25	14	31/16	0.28"
Sunday	16	6	30/16	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week					
	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 12/29	Wednesday	8:07 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	12:36 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
	Thursday	8:08 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	1:36 a.m.	1:27 p.m.
	Friday	8:08 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	2:35 a.m.	1:55 p.m.
First 1/5	Saturday	8:08 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	3:33 a.m.	2:24 p.m.
	Sunday	8:09 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	4:31 a.m.	2:56 p.m.
	Monday	8:09 a.m.	4:59 p.m.	5:27 a.m.	3:31 p.m.
	Tuesday	8:09 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	6:23 a.m.	4:12 p.m.



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see isolated snow today, scattered rain and snow Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 52° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Opa Locka, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today, scattered rain and snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 56° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today, scattered showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 81° in Miramar, Calif.

Tonight's Planets		
	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:07 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Venus	10:58 a.m.	n/a
Mars	11:31 a.m.	10:03 p.m.
Jupiter	2:10 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Saturn	7:18 a.m.	4:18 p.m.
Uranus	1:14 p.m.	2:22 a.m.

Weather History
Dec. 21, 1929 - A tremendous storm produced snow from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas to southern Arkansas. The storm produced 26 inches of snow at Hillsboro, Texas, 18 inches at El Dorado, Ark. and 14 inches at Bossier, La.

Weather Trivia
What type of lightning occurs most frequently?
Answer: Cloud to cloud lightning.
www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Anticipating Summer Starts This Week

Completing the transition from cool to cold, Old Man Winter has already shown us his more vicious side. Now it's "batten down the hatches" until the first signs of spring start to blossom, usually by mid to late February, when on a sunny, windless, day you can feel the trapped radiant heat that your car has been able to capture, allowing you to feel warm upon entering. However, the mechanism towards balmer times will begin this week after the winter solstice on December 21 at 5:44 a.m. EST. The word "solstice" comes from the Latin for "sun still," when the sun reaches its lowest noontime position in the sky for the year. Thereafter, Sol begins to move upward, very slowly at first, then gains speed during February, maxing its northerly climbing rate on the vernal equinox, Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:29 a.m. EDT. Still, everyone knows the cold weather doesn't cease when the sun begins its upward trek. The Northern Hemisphere is still giving up more energy than it is receiving from the sun, so daily average temperatures will continue to be lower for about another month, bottoming in late January about a month after the winter solstice. All of this cold weather results from Earth's axial tilt. We "lean back" during the winter months causing the sun to be lower in the sky and its warming energy to be dissipated, similar to watching the size of a flashlight beam broaden on the ground as its angle is changed from the vertical to the horizontal. Another winter fact about the sun is that it rises south of east and sets south of west, making its daily trek across the sky shorter and Sol's time above the horizon less. The remarkable part about all of this winter talk is that Earth reaches its closest position to the sun, perihelion, on January 4, 2017 at noon EST. The seasons have nothing to do with Earth's orbital distance from the sun. Our closest position to Sol means that Earth is traveling fastest in its orbit around the sun. This translates into a shorter duration of time between fall and spring, giving us just a little more time in the warmer sun. Happy Winter Solstice to all! Can't wait for summer... www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

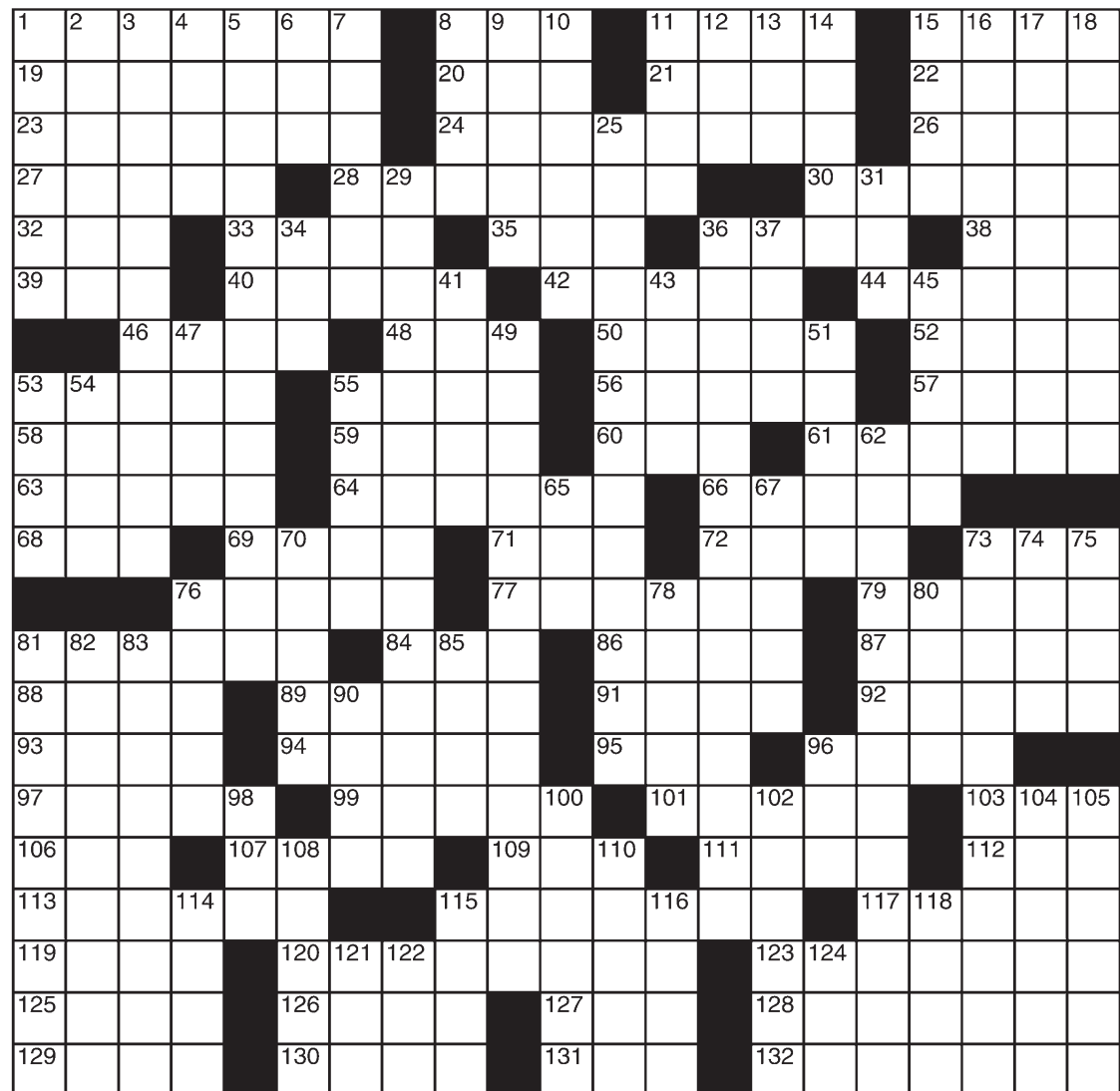
By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **HISTORY:** What was the name of the spacecraft in which John Glenn orbited the Earth as the first American in space?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What are runes?
3. **MOVIES:** Which film won best picture at the 1994 Oscars?
4. **LANGUAGE:** What is the more common name for an affidavit?
5. **LITERATURE:** Which Russian author wrote the novel "War and Peace"?
6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What species of fish goes by the name "steelhead" and "rainbow"?
7. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was the shortest in stature?
8. **EXPLORERS:** Which Portuguese explorer discovered the sea route to India?
9. **COMEDY:** What was the name of the third baseman in Abbott and Costello's comedy routine "Who's on First"?
10. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the process of aging cheese called?

Answers: 1. Friendship 7; 2. A mark or letter of magical significance; 3. "Forrest Gump"; 4. Sworn statement; 5. Leo Tolstoy; 6. Trout; 7. James Madison, 5 foot 4 inches tall; 8. Vasco da Gama; 9. I Don't Know; 10. Affinage (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword FALLING RAIN

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Runs in</p> <p>8 Swiss skyline sight</p> <p>11 Open a tad</p> <p>15 Since</p> <p>19 Pork in a pastry case, perhaps</p> <p>20 Copa's city</p> <p>21 McEntire of Nashville</p> <p>22 Sorvino of "WiseGirls"</p> <p>23 Rod used by a bartender</p> <p>24 Meted out</p> <p>26 Apple line</p> <p>27 Itchy skin problem</p> <p>28 Ski resort near L.A.</p> <p>30 Set fire to</p> <p>32 Suffix with Mideast</p> <p>33 Horror-film lab assistant</p> <p>35 Runner-turned-lord Sebastian</p> <p>36 Swab brand</p> <p>38 Hack off</p> <p>39 Treasury secretary Jack</p> <p>40 Pops' moms</p> <p>42 Give credit where credit —</p> <p>44 Growl like a mad dog</p> | <p>46 Unlucky day for Caesar</p> <p>48 "Mass — Minor" (Bach work)</p> <p>50 Dirties</p> <p>52 Opera piece</p> <p>53 Did very little</p> <p>55 Growl like a mad dog</p> <p>56 "Speed up," in mus.</p> <p>57 Oceans</p> <p>58 Puccini title role</p> <p>59 San José, Costa —</p> <p>60 Show people to seats, informally</p> <p>61 Approach boldly</p> <p>63 Sing softly</p> <p>64 Straighten, as a twisted hose</p> <p>66 Prevent, in court</p> <p>68 — Solo (sci-fi role)</p> <p>69 Simian "King"</p> <p>71 Oslo loc.</p> <p>72 — guilt trip on</p> <p>73 — -cone (cold treat)</p> <p>76 Heelless shoes</p> | <p>77 12-step support group</p> <p>79 Detox center</p> <p>81 Skier's hut</p> <p>84 C times III</p> <p>86 Modest response to praise</p> <p>87 Skier's locale</p> <p>88 "Whatever — Wants"</p> <p>89 Cymbal pair in a drum kit</p> <p>91 Cruel Roman emperor</p> <p>92 Broncos great John</p> <p>93 Tell- (exposés)</p> <p>94 Vodka brand, briefly</p> <p>95 That, to Juanita</p> <p>96 "A Death in the Family" novelist James</p> <p>97 Hunts for</p> <p>99 Decode</p> <p>101 East — (country of Asia)</p> <p>103 LP letters</p> <p>106 "Dear" man</p> <p>107 Girasol, e.g.</p> <p>109 Lyricist Gershwin</p> <p>111 "The Lion King" lioness</p> <p>112 Female hare</p> | <p>113 Metal bars</p> <p>115 More hammy</p> <p>117 Actor Elba</p> <p>119 Like both-sex colleges</p> <p>120 Examination</p> <p>123 Early Greeks</p> <p>125 Writer Brontë</p> <p>126 Sultry singer Horne</p> <p>127 Actor Wallach</p> <p>128 Recluse</p> <p>129 Not including</p> <p>130 Castle trench</p> <p>131 Notes before mis</p> <p>132 Placed a burden on</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Lager brand</p> <p>2 Go to sleep</p> <p>3 "The Office" actor</p> <p>4 To be, to Brigitte</p> <p>5 Often-iced injury</p> <p>6 Rail holder</p> <p>7 Message from a pulpit</p> <p>8 Meccan, e.g.</p> <p>9 Spring bloom</p> <p>10 Hoi —</p> <p>11 Chichi</p> <p>12 767, e.g.</p> <p>13 '60s prez</p> <p>14 Pizza cut edges, e.g.</p> <p>15 Exiled Idi</p> | <p>16 Much like</p> <p>17 Many Handel works</p> <p>18 Fall right onto one's mug</p> <p>25 Port on the Black Sea</p> <p>29 Vocational college</p> <p>31 Driver's rte. displayer</p> <p>34 Propane, e.g.</p> <p>36 Pielike cheese-and-bacon dish</p> <p>37 Prefix with conference</p> <p>41 Light meal</p> <p>43 Scrip writers</p> <p>45 Racial equality org.</p> <p>47 1920s-'30s art style</p> <p>49 An EEG records it</p> <p>51 Bluish gray</p> <p>53 Craving</p> <p>54 "Explorer" of kiddie TV</p> <p>55 Hog's sound</p> <p>62 Rough in texture</p> <p>65 Old Cambodian leader Lon —</p> <p>67 Zenith rival</p> <p>70 Swearwords</p> | <p>73 Bathroom stall outlet</p> <p>74 California wine area</p> <p>75 Do as bid</p> <p>76 Cruet cousin</p> <p>78 A-bomb trial</p> <p>80 Fashion mag since 1945</p> <p>81 Like Mozart music</p> <p>82 Golfer's ace</p> <p>83 Dander and dust, often</p> <p>85 Dial up</p> <p>90 "— shame"</p> <p>96 ISP choice</p> <p>98 Bar fixture?</p> <p>100 Pencil topper</p> <p>102 Actress Hemingway</p> <p>104 Grosse —, Michigan</p> <p>105 Bollixed (up)</p> <p>108 Chapel song</p> <p>110 Like acrobats</p> <p>114 Extolling poems</p> <p>115 Louver strip</p> <p>116 Osiris' wife</p> <p>118 Light coin</p> <p>121 Prefix with 81-Down</p> <p>122 California's Santa — River</p> <p>124 "... good witch — bad witch?"</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 8, 1877, Crazy Horse and his warriors lose their final battle against the U.S. Cavalry in Montana. The Indians were resisting the U.S. government's efforts to force them back to their reservations.
 - On Jan. 6, 1925, auto industry maverick John DeLorean is born. The DeLorean Motor Company produced just one model, a sports car with gull-wing doors that opened upward, in the early 1980s. Some 9,000 DMC-12s were produced before the company went bankrupt.
 - On Jan. 5, 1949, President Harry Truman announces in his State of the Union address that every American has a right to expect from our government a "fair deal," including national health insurance, public housing, civil-rights legislation and federal aid to education. To some, the Fair Deal smacked of socialism.
 - On Jan. 7, 1959, just six days after the fall of the Batista dictatorship in Cuba, U.S. officials recognize Fidel Castro's new provisional government. Relations between Cuba and the U.S. deteriorated almost immediately.
 - On Jan. 4, 1965, in his State of the Union address to Congress, President Lyndon Johnson lays out legislation needed to achieve his plan for a Great Society. The address heralded the creation of Medicare/Medicaid, Head Start, the Voting Rights Act, Civil Rights Act, Department of Housing and Urban Development and Economic Opportunity Act.
 - On Jan. 2, 1971, 66 soccer fans are killed in a stampede at a stadium in Scotland as they attempt to leave a game. The crush of spectators on the stairways led to tragedy.
 - On Jan. 3, 1999, after three days of high winds and heavy snow that killed more than 100 people, the Great Lakes region begins digging out from one of the worst blizzards on record. Chicago's O'Hare Airport had to shut down, stranding 200,000 people for as much as four days.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American cartoonist Bill Watterson who, in his much-loved comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," made the following sage observation: "It's hard to be religious when certain people are never incinerated by bolts of lightning."
- 'Tis the season for resolutions -- have you made yours yet? If not, here are some of the most common ones you can choose from: lose weight, eat healthier, get more exercise, stop smoking, create (and stick to!) a budget, save money, get organized, find a better job, and even just be a better person. Sounds great, right? I have some bad news, though: According to statisticians, only about half of Americans make any resolutions at all for the new year -- and of those who do, a quarter of them give up within two weeks.
- In 14th-century Europe, not many people kept cats as house pets; they were too much associated with witches.
- There is a dispute among literary historians concerning the last words of beloved American poet Emily Dickenson. Some claim that the last thing she said was, "I must go in, the fog is rising." Others claim her last words were rather less poetic: "Oh, is that all it is?"
- You're probably aware that many high-rise buildings in the United States don't include a 13th floor, skipping straight from 12 to 14, just because the superstitious among us consider the number 13 to be unlucky. You might be surprised to learn, though, that China has its own version of the practice: There, buildings skip from the third to the fifth floor. The word for the number four is pronounced almost the same way as the word for death, so the number is considered to be unlucky.

Thought for the Day: "History is a vast early-warning system." -- Norman Cousins
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LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee Assignee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, Mich. 48072
(248) 236-1765
11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Alcona
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
File No. 16-5598 DE
Estate of Margaret Z. Synk
Date of birth: June 10, 1934
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Notice to creditors: The decedent, Margaret Z. Synk died March 10, 2015.
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Date: December 5, 2016
Polly Synk P63473
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East Lansing, Mich. 48823
(517) 231-5328
Bernard J. Synk
4231 Porcupine
Lincoln, Mich. 48742
(989) 736-6155

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County of Alcona
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Decedent's Estate
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Notice to creditors: The decedent, Ronald Andrew Nagy, died September 13, 2016.
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Date: December 14, 2016
Donald J. Dowling Jr. P34580
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Alcona Health Center, Alpena clinic currently has an opening for a full time medical support staff, CMA, LPN or RN. Excellent fringe benefits with health, dental and vision insurance. Retirement savings plan and paid vacations and holidays. If interested, go to <http://www.alconahealthcenters.org> select job posting tab. You can also send your letter of interest and resume to: AHC, Clinical Site Manager, P.O. Box 857, Alpena, Mich. 49707. Deadline to apply is December 23, 2016. Equal opportunity employer.

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 12 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce, council members Crick, Kaiser, Sanderson, Thomas, and Baird, city attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Luenberger.

Motion by Crick, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of November 14. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Thomas, support by Baird, to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,153.92. Motion carried 5-0.

In old business, Mayor Dobis advised council about winterizing the unused, second floor of the VFW building. The mayor informed council that Gauthier Heating and Cooling finalized the project in October. The cost of the shutdown of the second floor was \$1,395. The job is complete. In new business, Mayor Dobis informed council of the Waterways Grant Agreement to the City of Harrisville for the phase one construction of north and south dock replacement and related repairs at the Harrisville Harbor between the city and the Department of Natural Resources. Upon a motion made by Crick, seconded by Sanderson, Resolution No. 2016-06 was adopted: Resolved, that the City of Harrisville, Michigan, accepts the terms of the agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the city agrees to comply with all terms of the agreement, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this resolution. Ayes: Five - Crick, Kaiser, Baird, Thomas, and Sanderson. Nays: Zero. Absent: Luenberger.

Mayor Dobis discussed with council the proposal presented by Lonnie Crampton for restoration of the Mill Pond. The planning commission has reappointed, with their consent, Julie Kruttlin and Mary Peterson to a three-year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion by Sanderson, support by Crick, to accept the appointment of Julie Kruttlin and Mary Peterson to a three-year term on the planning commission, term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis opened the Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for 2017 at 7:30 p.m. with a public comment period. Public comments were made. Budget meeting closed at 7:35 p.m. Finance committee members Kaiser and Crick and treasurer Keerl presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rates will continue with 1.5 mils for the water debt and 2.6 mils for the bond improvement rate.

Motion by Sanderson, support by Baird, to approve the Water/Sewer Budget for 2017. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Baird, support by Crick, to approve the clerk to pay the end of year water/sewer bills for 2016. Motion carried: 5-0. Reports: Alderman Sanderson reported on the signage proposals with no new information at this time. Sanderson suggested the NEMCOG information could be posted on the city's website.

Clerk Pierce informed council of the county-wide recount which was scheduled for this past Sunday in Hale. The recount was cancelled state wide. Attorney Cook reported the private property owner that has trees which are interfering with the landing approach to the airport has been in contact with his office and is very

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's December board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Bouchard, and Mead. Motions to approve minutes, financial report, and bills as presented. All motions passed. Budget workshop will be January 10, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk
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willing to take the needed steps to improve the situation.

Harbor commissioner Baird reported the Harbor Commission is requesting temporary support funding from the city for up to \$5,000 through the winter months to be repaid to the city by August 2017. Motion by Kaiser, support by Thomas, to loan the Harbor Commission up to \$5,000 for the winter months operations and to be repaid, in full, during the month of August 2017. Motion carried: 5-0. Planning commissioner Baird: The next meeting of the planning commission will be Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Election of officers will be on the agenda. There is still one vacancy available on the commission.

Fire department chief Goodman reported the department welcomes two new volunteer members to the department. The fire department will meet on Monday, Dec. 19.

County commissioner Johnston reported on county business. Comment cards: Guest Patti Thomas asked about update on cell service. Mayor Dobis reported that the city is waiting for a contract to review from Verizon. The antenna will be placed on the water tower.

Council members last comments: Alderman Sanderson attended the Harrisville Business Association meeting this month. Christmas in the Village was very successful this year. Motion to adjourn by Dobis. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN DDA

Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority
Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2016
Balance as of October 31, 2016

	\$283,391.91
Revenue	45.35
	\$283,437.26

Disbursements:	
DDA Consultant	\$ 2,000.00
Administrative	\$ 100.00
Beautification	\$ 231.09
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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board met December 14. Members present Hubbard, Scott, Thornton and Kerry. Absent: Swinson and Beck, zoning administrator. Motions to approve the agenda, November minutes and pay bills and place treasurer's report on file, per audit, were made. Correspondence: Caledonia library thanking the board for getting the furnace fixed.

Planning commission met November 7 and is working on the master plan; met December 5 and is working on the Tri-Township Master Plan. Zoning administrator had four liquor inspections, one land use and one land split, and sent letter to an individual for a nonconforming lot.

Board of Review met December 13: Three landowners – one poverty. Board of Review training is February 23, 2017. New Business: Board discussed expansion of the public area at the North End Park. Hubbard and Kerry signed contract with Consumer Energy for intersec-

tions lights. Motion: To reappointment Nick Williams for a three year term on the planning commission.

Ordinance numbering: Presque Isle and Park ordinance numbers are confusion – planning commission will give the park a new number. Motion to update bank(s) signature cards.

Meeting dates for 2017: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.

MTA Training scheduled for January 26, 2017 in Alpena. Discussion to put cemetery lots on a grid with findagrave.com. Motion to retain Timm as sexton. Motion to purchase a new computer for the clerk not to exceed \$500. Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

All motions passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next regular meeting January 11, 2017. Planning commission meets January 9, 2017.

Kerry Scott, Clerk

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held December 13 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. All members of the township board, committees and departments have taken the oath of office. The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The full board and five guests were present.

The meeting was turned over to the public hearing for the input on the draft of the Harrisville Township Recreation Plan as presented to the township board by the planning commission. No discussion. Jamieson/Healy: By Resolution No. 121316, to adopt the Harrisville Township Recreation Plan as recommended by the planning commission. Roll call vote: Five ayes, zero nays, zero absent. Motion carried.

Harrisville City/Township Fire Department Chief Randall Goodman gave an update, saying we have three new mem-

bers, which now will total 15 volunteers. "Thanks guys," we appreciate your service.

Clerk's last month minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report accepted and reconciled with clerk's office. Zoning administrator reported problem with night light shining on neighbor, taken care of. Ordinance: Your night lights should not be a nuisance to your neighbor. Discussed with commissioner Johnston the county BS&A Program and its affect on the townships. Also talked again about the counties charge to the township's fro tax processing.

Harvey/Young: Appoint Chad Spitznagel as a member of the planning commission. Motion carried. Young/Healy: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson, Clerk
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enough guy," his dad had remarked once.

He had never come to their house before so the little boy watched him intently. He tried to hear what they were saying but a lot of the conversation was in whispers. "Well, I've got to go," Mr. Corbett finally said. "Have a great holiday." His father shook his hand, warmly and then, to his surprise, the little boy saw his mother do something very strange, and completely out of character for her. She kissed Mr. Corbett, right on the cheek. Mr. Corbett's face got very red and then he stam-

mered out something about a "Merry Christmas" and was down the walk and gone.

Many years have flown since that Christmas so long ago and the little boy is now an old man, his hair tinged gray with the sands of time. But he never forgot that night.

I should know because, you see, I was that little boy.

And was that merry little man I saw on that snowy Christmas Eve so many years ago really Santa Claus?

I believe it was. I see the smiles and smirks on the faces of doubters, but let me ask you a simple question. If

all that happened on that night, that supreme act of kindness and charity, is not the personification and very essence of the spirit of everything we know about good, old St. Nick, then, what is?

And, if skeptics do not believe in Santa Claus because you cannot see him, then, maybe, you're simply looking in the wrong places.

Think of all the Mr. Corbetts in the world today -- The Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul, the Lions, the Goodfellow, the various church groups and, the good-hearted people on this planet... Take my word for it, the spirit of this kindly, old gentleman is with us today just as surely as it was 80 years ago. And, it will be with us 80 years from today or for as long as there is goodwill in our hearts for our less fortunate fellow men.

Eighty Christmases have come and gone since that memorable night so many years ago. As I sit here looking out at the snow swirling around the deck, I can't help think how strange it is that what we spend on Christmas gifts for our kids and grandkids today, would have fed, sheltered and clothed our entire family of seven for a whole year during those dark depression days. It's a beautiful time of the year and I've loved everyone of those joyous Yuletide celebrations.

However, if you asked me to recall the best Christmas, the most exciting Christmas during all that time, there would not be a moment's hesitation. It was the Christmas that I got the beautiful red airplane with the silver pontoons.

Because, you see, you have to understand -- that was a different Christmas.

That was a special Christmas -- a magical Christmas... because that was the Christmas I saw Santa Claus.

(Jim Gagnier and his wife, Charmaine, are retired and have been living in Harrisville for over 25 years. He was a manufacturing engineer for General Motors and has always enjoyed writing as a hobby.)

Christmas in the North Woods

By Jim Gagnier

Down from the cedars sifting snow
Falls on the path we walk below
Hardly a breath of wind we hear
From out of the forest as we draw near

And up on high the full moon shines
Skipping along the tops of the pines
And then through the trees the strangest of sights
It's somebody's distant Christmas lights

We come to a clearing and see a star
Like the one that led wisemen from afar
In the western sky so full and bright
Reminds us again of that blessed night

And off in the night we hear a howl
And the haunting sound of a hooting owl
Then all is still save for the knell
Of a lonely distant steeple bell

Soon we are back by the fireside bright
Out of the dark and frosty night
And telling our tales of Christmas past
And reliving memories we hold fast

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With Christmas in the place that you love best

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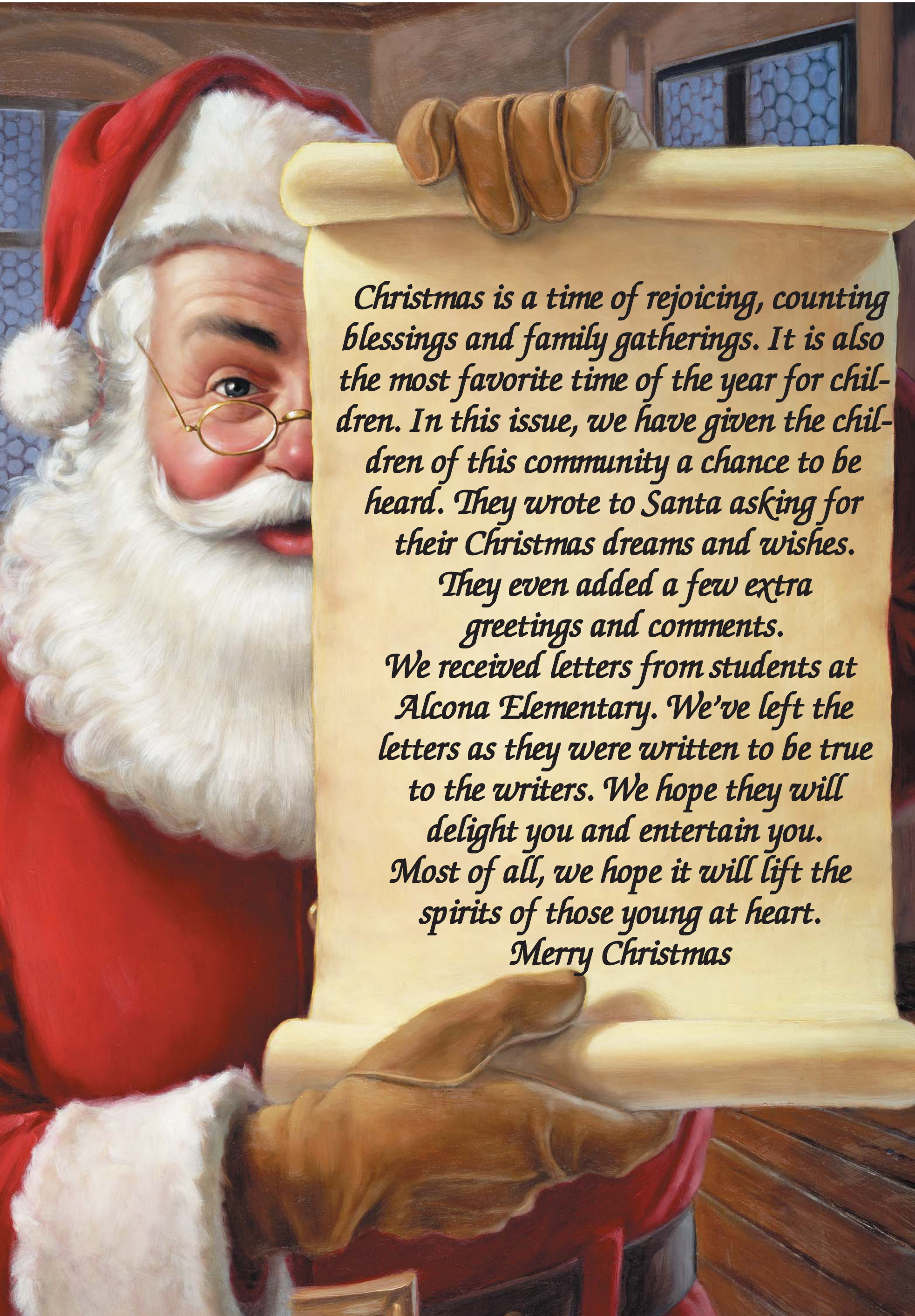
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Christmas is a time of rejoicing, counting blessings and family gatherings. It is also the most favorite time of the year for children. In this issue, we have given the children of this community a chance to be heard. They wrote to Santa asking for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

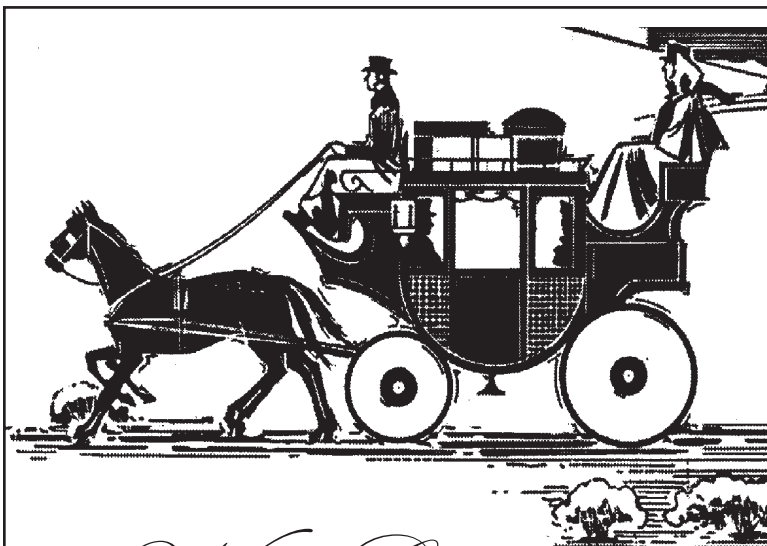


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Letters to Santa 2016 GSRP

Mrs. Ostrander's Class

Dear Santa,
 I want a dog, and a balloon, and a playhouse, and a tent, and also a new bike.
 Love, Jacob W.

Dear Santa,
 I would like sanitizer, a play dough set and that's it.
 Love, Taylor L.

Dear Santa,
 I want some food, and a baby doll.
 Love, Trinity G.

Dear Santa,
 I want Lego's and more food for my baking set, like fake food. An ABC chart, a horse, and a kitty cat surprise, oh and a baby.
 Love, Avarie G.

Dear Santa,
 I want an excavator and some building blocks.
 Love, Nelson P.

Dear Santa,
 I want a monkey.
 Love, John M.

Dear Santa,
 I want a real phone and big ninja turtle toy.
 Love, Mason B.

Dear Santa,
 I want Legos and a stinky truck.
 Love, Ethan F.

Dear Santa,
 I want a Ghostbuster slimer and Legos and ninja turtle stuff.
 Love, Paxton Z.

Dear Santa,
 I want a troll remote control car, girl Legos, aqua beads and also I would like a pet elephant.
 Love, Alexandria G.

Dear Santa,
 I want a bow and arrow, a gun, and a microphone, a diamond ring and necklace and also aqua beads.
 Love, Sophia R.

Dear Santa,
 I want a bulldozer, a crane, and a hot wheels race track.
 Love, Emmett O.

Dear Santa,
 I want ninja turtles.
 Love, Cooper M.

Dear Santa,
 I want Ninjago in the red.
 Love, Travis A.

Dear Santa,
 I want a jet pack because I'm going to fly.
 Love, Colten P.

Dear Santa,
 I want kid make-up and a dress.
 Love, Addison K.

Dear Santa,
 I want a dress that is purple and I want new books.
 Love, Victoria V.

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Mongeau's Class

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like a Captain America set. I don't know really what Tabetha wants, but she does like Barbie dolls. I wonder what your reindeer are doing. Probably hunting for carrots. We will leave milk and cookies out for you this year like we always do.

Your Friend,
 Nicholas Adolphi

Dear Santa,
 I really like Batman. I would like a soccer ball. What color are your reindeer? What do they like to eat so we can leave them a snack? I will leave you some Oreo Cookies this year.

See you soon! Christian Altman

Dear Santa,
 Hi! I would like Legos for Christmas, and a guitar. My mom will make you chocolate chip cookies this year.

Merry Christmas, Ryan Bartz

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like roller skates, Elsa, a necklace, a bracelet, and food. We will leave you cookies and carrots.

See you soon!
 Allie Cheatum

Dear Santa,
 I want toys for Christmas. I want you to bring my dad a deer knife. My mom would like a nice, big pillow. Hunter wants a big bed. Dustin wants a pillow too. I like you Santa. I like your reindeer and your sled. I like Christmas because you bring me toys.

Your Friend, Aidan Conklin

Dear Santa,
 I want one of those big nerf guns that rests on our shoulder and has lots of bullets and a big circle thing that holds the bullets. I want some Hot Wheels. I would like a power wheels truck to drive around on my farm. Could you bring Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer to my house this year?

See you soon! Will Dellar

Dear Santa,
 We have snow! For Christmas I would like a puppy and a small kitten. I would also like a new, purple and pink backpack. We will leave you cookies on a plate and a cup of milk. We will cover them up so they don't get rotten.

Your Friend,
 Addison Elder

Dear Santa,
 I want one of those horses that changes colors in the water for Christmas. It is pink and black. I would also like a little toy black horse, I have a mom horse, but I don't have a baby horse. I would also like a dancing Barbie horse.

See you soon! Adriana Grove

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want toys. I like Legos. I want a real dirt bike that I can ride. Please bring Braxton some dinosaurs. Baylee likes Michigan shirts. My dad needs a long sleeved shirt and my mom likes to cook so bring her something like that. Bring my dog a bone.

Your Friend,
 Grady Goddard

Dear Santa,
 I love you. I want my dad to send you a 4-wheeler. I want you to bring me a 4-wheeler, too.

See you soon! Logan Lyke

Dear Santa,
 I love you. Does Rudolph really have a red nose? I would like more Shopkins. That's all. Will you bring some Ninja Turtles for my brother? I will make you some santa cookies, and I will pour you some milk.

See you soon!
 Jadylin Lincoln

Dear Santa,
 Can you please bring me snap tracks for Christmas? My brother wants headphones and I don't know what my sister wants. My mom will make you some chocolate chip cookies. Have a safe trip!

Your friend, Brooklynn Matthews

Dear Santa,
 I want a zoomer kitty for Christmas. I want some spy gear and I want a hatchimal. A brightling is something when you press it, it will talk, and if you press its ear, it will copy you. Can I have one of those too? I would also like aquabeads. Is Rudolph one of your reindeer? I'm going to make you santa cookies and rudolph cookies with some milk. For the reindeer, I will make some sugar carrots for them to share.

Love, Zoey O'Connor

Dear Santa,
 Thanks for all the presents. I hope my sister likes them. I love you Santa. I would like the Hoth Lego set. We will make you chocolate chip cookies and milk, and we will leave carrots out for your reindeer.

Fly safe and see you soon!
 Reid Schroeder

Dear Santa,
 I want a net gun, it shoots out nets at animals. I would also like a Nerf gun. I want a Batman and Spiderman game to play on my TV. I want some fishing stuff so I can fish with my family. I want a big pool. I will leave you some cookies.

Your friend, Christin Snyder

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like Shopkins and Barbies. I would also like a purple phone. Can you tell me where the elves live? I will leave your milk and cookies on the table. Are you going to eat the cookies first or will you put the presents under the Christmas tree first?

Your friend,
 Jordyn Somers

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Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. I would like a truck.
See you soon! James Storey

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Shopkins. Can I also have an American Doll camper and an American Girl Doll to go with it? I have a doll but it's not an American Doll. I would also like a Troll pillow. My mom will make you some cookies and leave them out.
See you soon! Gracie Travis

Dear Santa,
This year I want a cupcake bunk bed. What are all the reindeer names? I will help my mom make you some chocolate chip cookies.
Your friend, Jasmine VonFintel

Dear Santa,
I really want a bedtime Jurassic Park blanket and a stuffed dinosaur toy to go with it. I also really want a real live unicorn. Can I also have a cup holder for my car? I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and carrots for the reindeer. I like Santa, he's the best!
Sincerely, Tayler Wilburn

Mrs. Mullen's Class - Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor with a cow manure spreader on it. I want toy handcuffs and a toy gun. I want a fake giraffe. I want a combine with a corn head. I love you.
Love, Brayden Morrison

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I hope that I get a new dolly. I want a new ball. I hope that I get a new book.
Love, Emma Griggs

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar and violin. I want a ballerina and stuff. My sister wants Minnie Mouse stuff.
Love, Addison Griffin.

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego volcano. I want an Ice-Shooting Dinosaur. I want a DS for Christmas.
Love, Abel Birk

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I clean up when I'm supposed to. I was doing my homework. I would like a teddy bear that turns on. I want a T-Board.
Love,
Angelina Warrens-Skeans

Dear Santa,
I want presents. I want a Batman Castle and a Dinosaur Ice with person in it that controls it. All of the guys have holes. I'd like a toy kitty-cat, and I'd like a Spider-Man who has webs shooting out of his hands. I would like a toy lizard who stays in his fish pond, and the Spider-Man on a rhino.
Love, Bradley McCracken

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. I want a Fungus Bungus. It's a slimy thing. It's a commercial on T.V. I would like a pet dog.
Love, Brenton Merillat

Dear Santa,
I want makeup, and I want a toy cat. I want a stuffed cat. I like Santa. Santa brings us toys.
Love, Lila Somers

Dear Santa,
Have a good Christmas. I want some toys. I want Five Nights at Freddie's toys. I want a Rainbow Dash hat. I want a baby kitten which is a robot.
Love, Harper Coleman

Dear Santa,
I want toys. I would like a Leonardo turtle jacket and a Thomas the Tank Engine. I want a pizza toy and a book that I can read that has the word wall words in it. I would like balloons that don't pop.
Love, Dylan Garton

Dear Santa,
I want a Nerf gun, and Batman set, and Legos. I want a pirate ship.
Love, Grant Good

Dear Santa,
I want a horse that sings and a saddle for the horse, and food and water for the horse. I want a Barbie. I like you.
Love, Addison Paavo

Dear Santa,
I wish that I could have a new dolly, and that you have a happy Christmas. You bring the best presents ever! You are working very hard.
Love, Adriana Grimshaw

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a tablet and a new guitar. I want a new X-Box and I want a new toy pistol and a new toy shotgun. Thank you Santa. I miss you and I've never seen you.
Love, Allan Preston

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor. I want a vehicle that has a bucket and a cab and wheels.
Love, Blayne Dellar

Dear Santa,
I want a doggy and Play-Doh. I also want a stuffed cat and a stuffed pony. I also want a stuffed bunny and a stuffed penguin. I also want a stuffed bird and chicken. I love you, Santa.
Love, Bella Baughan

Dear Santa,
I would like a Robin doll. I would also like some markers and a marker book.
Love, Aiden Geddert

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a picture of our family and a toy skeleton dinosaur. I want a new tablet. Thank you for presents.
Love, Holden Mahalak

Dear Santa,
I want a ball and a Mickey Mouse bike. I want a Mickey Mouse toy. I want a Papa Troll toy.
Love, Logan Riso

Dear Santa,
I want a toy SpongeBob and the Crusty Crab and all the other characters. I want a Barbie doll and another car and a camper that hook onto each other. I want a new Barbie doll that's called Monster High. I like the toys that I'm getting on my list.
Love, Gracie Barkley

**FIRST GRADE
Ms. Green's Class - 1st Grade**

Dear Santa,
I want some blue under were and a big blue tool set. And every thing has to be blue. And a work table. the work table has to be blue. How to build cool art's and craft's book's with a yellow cover. And I want my mom and dad to stop fighting and a ring.
Love, Chistopher Kroon

Dear Santa,
I want a computer to play games on and I need ear muffs please. And could I get a bracelet. I would like Dr. Seuss books. Thank you for all the stuff you have got me the past years. I might leave some milk and cookies.
Juliet Min

Dear Santa,
I would really like a pack of loot \$ a Christmas and nom noms.
Love
Madelain Huebshman

Dear Santa,
I want a silver penny. I want to wear a volcano shirt. I want too read a shark book. I want one hundred dollars. I want one thousand lego sets. I want every skylanders Santa.
Asher Pagels

Dear Santa,
Can I pleas Have a phone, can I please get Snow pants. Can I please get frozen shoes. Can I please get some books about dragon and princes. Thank you.
Love, Twyla Barton

Dear Santa,
I would Like a Phone turbo and a tablet. I would like a a like snake books.
Love, Jacob Smith

Dear Santa,
I would love a computer and sky shot it a car and it terns in to a playn max to 200 Pounds, a Laptop, tablet, tv and animal toetic and harey potr book. Mare crismis Santa.
Love Spencer Vantine

Dear Santa,
May I please have a phone and a computer and a stuff hours and mintten. Marry Christmass.
Love, Evelyn Cheatum

Dear Santa,
I want a snowsute. I want a hat. I want snowboots. I want some snow. I want some snow.
Love, Paige Fraser

Dear Santa,
I want a canputter. i need mittins. I wear snowpants. I read cloks books. Why do kids be on the good list. Because tear good. haveing prezints because tear havein fun with. because they just do it Because they want to. Boots, Snow Pants, Coat Mittins.
Alexandra Laird



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Santa how do you get a round the world? For Christmas I would like toys. Also a lot of playdo would be nice. My playdo dried out. I want all the colors for playdo. I would like some paw patrol pups. I would also like Minecraft games figures. I will give you cookies and mik i will give your raindeer carrots.
love your Friend
Tommy McKenzie

Dear Santa,
I love you! I love Christmas! Merry Christmas Santa. I would like a bike and a dall and two barbies. I would like a kid car for me. I would like a shirt and pants. i would like a book cald Frozen.
Love, Paityn Elder

Dear Santa,
I would like 2 fish for chrismis also I would like obeez and also I would skinny jenas. How is miss.
Love Alexis Schmidt

Dear Santa,
I want a smait phone for cristmast. I want Harry Potter and the titanic book's for cristmast. I also want a kittin and a new stuff animal. Mae Crimis Santa
Senserly Madison Hall

Dear Santa,
I want a numchucks. I want computer and sems. I want a phone I want a iPad I want a bownatlor I want a peretnecat books. I want back pack. I want a bath robe.
Love Joshua Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like a phone. I would like a Big lego x-wing. I would like a Big first oder tie Fighter. I would like a Big lego troop transport. I would like snow.
Love, Henrik Healy

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. I want a tablet. I want a cart. I want a stuffed animal. Bye Santa
Love, Abby

Dear Santa,
I want a walketalke and a story book and a litter car that I can drive and a little monster truck and a new pair of showes.
Love, Jack Rhodes

Dear Santa,
Would you please give me PS4 lost ravers, a basketball, a football and minecraft story mode.
Dayton Businger

Dear Santa,
I need jeans for Christmas. I would really like an Amarcian girl doll and cloths for it. I would also like Amarcian girl doll shoes. I would like legging's to wear with dresses. I would also like frozen books and dirtbike books. Also a new trampulean mine broke in the summer. I will leave milk and cookies for you and carrits for the reindeer. Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.
love, Monica Welsh

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the hot wheels you gave me last year. But I realy whont lego's and some book's I will also make sure to leave warm cookies and milk. And I will also Believe in you for ever.
Love, Jimi Rudicil

Dear Santa,
I want some color chalkstick. I want saddle for a real horse I knt when to go. Mere Krismis I luv yoo
Taelyn MacNeill

Dear Santa,
I want cinpyotr so I can play gams. I need a par uv pink gloves. I want to wear. read Rainbow bright books.
Love Kisela Mecsecs

Dear Santa,
I want some Shopkins for christmas. And I Also need gloves. Also I do want Pink and Purple skirts. And one more thing Bubbl bee books. mare chistmas
Love, Amie Colosky

Dear Santa,
I would like a iPhone, a Dress and Highheel's and a pretend dacter's bag and a Math Book. Also my mom want's Mike to feel Better for christmas.
Love, Myra Armstrong

Mrs. Gombos' Class - 1st Grade
Dear Santa,
I need a Christmas dress I want boots. I also want a American Girl Doll and I want a Hatchimal and I want Bella to come over to my house on Christmas. I also want makeup and I want a Barbie doll house. I also would like a troll blanket. I want my little ponies that are sparkly. Can Bella come over to my house? I also want to know what I am getting for Christmas?
Love, Brilee Travis

Dear Santa,
I have been good in school can you bring me two Nerf gun's, a watch and a remote

control Nerf toy? I would also like a remote control car it has two cars and two remote controls the track is shaped like an eight and Michigan sweatshirt please. Also I would like a cat toy for my cat.
Sincerely, Brett Travis

Dear Santa,
I really really want a xbox 360, a carhartt coat, nerf gun and some legos. I have been kind this year. I will make a picture for you. What are your favorite cookies?
Sincerely, Locklin

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby alive, cowgirl boots also some Skippyjon Jones books. I have been really good in school and I have been great at work. The biggest thing I want is a horse too. Me and my family will leave you some cookies and milk out for you on Christmas eve. I hope I see you there!
Love, Abby Wortley

Dear Santa,
How are you doing I really want a Hatchimal and a Baby Alive. I've been good this year. For Christmas I like to go to my grandma's and papa's. I like to eat cookies on Christmas. On Christmas Santa eats half of my cookies.
Sincerely, Amelia Sommer

Dear Santa,
My name is Annilene Stoley. For Christmas I want a water bottle and on the outside of the water bottle I want horses on it. I also want a book about horses. I need some new snow pants for winter and I want some building blocks and that's all I want for Christmas. I have been very good this year. Also I have a question, how are the reindeer doing? My family tradition is that we all have christmas together. When I wake up we open our presents on Christmas morning. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Sincerely, Annilene Stoley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas Santa I want a teacher desk because I like to play teacher and school. I also want a Shopkin book because I like them and it would go perfect with my Shopkins at home. Also I want some jeans and leggings because I have holes in them so I need new ones. My hobbie is putting on lipstick so I want some new ones like pink lipstick and purple lipstick. I want some pink, red and purple nail polish. I also want a new water bottle. Santa how old are the raindeer? And how many cookies do you eat every year And how old are you? Hope you have a GREAT year and keep safe. HO HO HO HO HO HO!!!
Sincerely, Alexis Peterson

Dear Santa,
how have you been this year? I want a flat ball, new shoes, a nerf gun, speed splitter cars, a tablet, an xbox 360, a Batman book, a RC car, an Osmo. I also could use some t-shirts and blue jeans and sweatshirts. I am being good this year.
Sincerely, Scotty Burns

Dear Santa,
I will like to get rainbow ponies, a toy dog that can walk, talk and plays. Also Santa, how have you been? I also like to play with barbies and I have one. I have been really good my teacher is nice to me and my favorite thing to do in class is to color in coloring books. I will like a flower dress, a new ornament for the tree.

Sincerely,
Bayley Houghmaster

Dear Santa,
I was really good this year. So can I get a remote control car that is a mustang. And I want a big stuffed animal monkey. I also want a RC helicopter and an Xbox 1. Then I want the 4th book of the 39 clues series. I also want from santa two remote controllers for an Xbox 1.

Sincerely, Jack Hebsman

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie dream house for my dolls and I want Shop Kins. I have been good at home and at school. Do you want me to make you some cookies. I want a hatchimal for Christmas and baby alive. When you get a Baby alive can you get me cloths and diapers with it Santa? Can you please get me a pair of boots? How are your reindeer doing? I want a pony for Christmas please. Can you please get me Little pet shops. Can you get me some cloths for Christmas and some slime? Can you please get me a puppy? What kinda cookies do you want me to make with my mom?

Sincerely, Alyssa Hale

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Shailegh W. I would like to say I WILL leave cookies on my Kitchen table and also milk. I will leave you a note saying that, Have a Happy Holiday and I love you Santa. I have been really good and I would like to receive these things an iPhone 6, Four Wheeler, Nerf Gun and also a Trio Tablet. Thank you Santa I love you.

Sincerely, Shailagh Warren-Skeans

Dear Santa,
I want a telescope for Christmas. I need socks to wear. I need boots for Christmas. I want a book for Christmas. I have been nice at Alcona schools. How are the reindeer doing? Two more things I want for Christmas I want a baby reindeer and a trophy for Christmas, a big golden trophy.

Sincerely, Cole Meese

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a nerf gun and nerf pistol. I would also like a new sweatshirt and a rc car and a brand new Playstation 4 and some money to spend. The things I need for this Christmas are jeans and some crayons for school. What I wear during the winter period are some warm boots, gloves, a hat and a coat. My favorite books to read are Star Wars books. And for my mom I would like to get her a new pair of keys and I would like to have my dad receive more money for his job.

Sincerely, Xander Cruz

Dear Santa,
How have you been, Santa? I've been good all year. I want Shopkins for Christmas. Also Hatchimals and new crayons. I need new boots and a new jacket, too. I want a little live pet turtle toy. And jarms for a bracelet. And last, littlest pet shops, too. What kind of cookies do you want? Have a happy Christmas! Tell the elves I want coloring books to go with the crayons and markers. Give the reindeer a extra carrot for me.

Sincerely, Bella

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a big toy truck, and some new computer games. I need some new boots for winter. I would also like some new socks to wear. I would like some new books to read. I really enjoy reading "This is a Moose" by Richard T. Morris Tom Lichtenheld maybe if he has other books because he is funny.

Merry Christmas Santa
Alex Altman

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop, a X-box, a puppy, tennis shoes (any color), Dr. seuss books, and dirt bike. I would like to know how the reindeer fly. I will also leave you milk and cookies.

Your friend, Ethan Levlene

Dear Santa,
How are you? I need a comfy bed so I can sleep. I would like high heels, I also want a black and pink dress. Another thing I would like a OSMO tablet with letters, shapes and games. I also want Chloe to get a present. I also want to know how Mrs. Claus and your reindeer have been. I would like to see you too. I want a present for my mom and dad and my grandma. Because she is going to see her after Christmas. I also want my own computer, and a hatchimal. Also I think I have been good at school. I also want ten lunchables, two candies, ham, and cheese, crackers, and a lot of salomi.

Love,
Cia Marie Sunshine Cox

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a fire station, another pair of snow boots, and a police station. I also want the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See, and a stuffed animal reindeer. I've been good today. Can my dog have a squeaky head? And a squeaky brain? I also want 100 toy cars and boy glasses. But they can't be the kind where you have to look down to see.

Love, Josh Abee

Dear Santa Claus,
How many elves do you have? I think I have been good this year. Do you think I have been good this year? This year for Christmas could you please give me a elf on a shelf and a reindeer to go with it. I also want a baby doll. Will you please give my brother a tonka truck? Lastly, will you give my mom a new purse.

Love, Adele Boyat

Dear Santa,
I want some food for my Baby Alive. I also want a stroller for her, a new tank

top and shorts and a pop out Barbie book. Also I would like to get my sixth grade helper Alisha some sunglasses. Oh and I've been doing good and I'm working hard in school. Oh I also want a Hatchimal for Christmas. I want ten lunchables. I want two candies and a juice.

Sincerely, Breanna Link

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a phone to play pokemon go. I also want football armor so I can play football, and my last thing I want is a crossbow that is real, and have Merry Christmas Santa.

Sincerely, Adalai
P.S. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.

Dear Santa,
I want to see you. I want presents. I saw my elf at home on the shelf. I also want a RC car and an Xbox 1. I also want a ipad. Which reindeer is your favorite?

Sincerely, Reid Travis

Dear Santa,
My name is Annilene Stoley. So I would like ask, What do your reindeer look like? I'm going to leave you cookies and if they're not there My sister probably ate them. I would like a Barbie Dream House, Barbie Cash Register, Hot Wheels Unlimited Garage, LED Plush Night Light, Wooden Kitchen Set, Stem Toys, Toy House, Fuzzy Scooter with Seat, Furby, Hatchimals, Giga Ball, Orbeez Spa, Easy Bake, Wowe Chip Toy Dog, Play Doh Factory Machine, Play Doh Cook Out Creations, and Finally Play Doh Cake and Ice Cream Set.

Love, Annilene Stoley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like a new tablet, an ex box and new race track for my cars. I would also like a night light and 1 new car. Santa I hope you have a good Christmas and give all the good kids a present.

Sincerely, Evan Gehring

**SECOND GRADE
Mrs. Samp's Class -
2nd Grade**

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is there snow in the North Pole yet? I think there is mountains of snow there. This year I have been a good girl, mostly. I am doing good in my new school. There are a couple things I want for Christmas. The first thing is a bracelet making set. I want to make pretty bracelets with beads for me, my mom and my friends. I would also like a karaoke machine. I want to use the microphone to sing all my favorite songs. Oh, and Santa please don't drop off my presents in Gold bar, Washington. We have a new house in Harrisville, Michigan. Im very excited fro Christmas. My cousin is getting on a plane and coming to my house for Christmas.

From Kaylee Belanger



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Dear Santa,

How do you and the presents fit down the chimney? I think you have magic dust to make you shrink. I have been very good this year. This year I would like a tablet. So I can play on it if I'm bored. I would also like a soft blanket with a baby puppy on it and a paly tent. Thank you for last years gifts I really liked them. I hope you have a fun trip this year. Share lots of cookies with your riendeer.

Your friend,
Olivia Gauthier

Dear Santa,

Do you like Ghostbusters? I think that your reindeer do. I have been kind of good this year. I would like you to bring me my own phone. I would like it to be dark green. I want my own phone so I that I can play games on it. I would also like the Ghost Busters Logo Patch. I want to put it on my Ghost Busters costume. I also need two more Ghost Busters so that I can complete the GhostBusters Logo stand that glows in the dark. I hope you have a fun time Delivering all the Presents. Watch out for my dog Shiloh when you stop at my house.

love, Zachary Hall

Dear Santa,

Can your reindeer rely fly how dus all the presents fit in your big red bag. How does your elves have pointy ears. What I want for Christmas a big teddy bear.

Everly Gordy

Dear Santa,

How come we cant see you on caristanm night I hope that you are not cold at night and I want a kitty and a pupy and a lego set a girl one.

Ariana Hussain

Dear Santa,

I wonder how you got across the world in just one night for Christmas. I want a hatchimal and there is a thing where you put your feet in with water and beads. p.s. don't eat to many cookies.

Danica Gauthier

Dear Santa,

how do you no wen to come. i wish i could have a lickit so then i could put a picher of my sister Alli cause she is so faraway from me and i rily miss her. and thank you for the last presens and i have bin very good.

from Elliyana grimshaw

Dear Santa,

how meny elfs do you have. you must have 1000. I think I was very good this year. santa ples bring me a Barby dancing horse and earings. I gust got my ears perst. the elfs make nice toys. I Love you santa.

Love, Alexis Grove

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? I think you have magic powers. how do you not get burned coming down the chimney. I would like a phone with the internet. I would like a puppy that stays in my house and a bed for my puppy. I have been good this year. Thank you for my presents last year.

Love, Braedon Scott

Dear Santa,

The ears go up and down when you walk. I would also like a new coloring Book. I hope you have a safe Trip. How do your raindeers fly do you put dust on your raindeers. I love you.

Love, Mary Gould

Dear Santa,

I hope you have good ride on Christmas eve. How is Ms. Clas doing? Your Beard is cool. Do your raindeers have necklaces on there necks? I really want slippers for christmas. Ples can I have minne and daisy the frist and the second books Because I have the theerd Book. have a good Christmas Santa.

Love, Sawyer Somers

Dear Santa,

How does youre sleigh stay up with so many toys and stuff in it? I think because the reindeer are so strong. I have been very good this year. This year I would like match box trucks because I dont have that many good trucks. I would like a couple of derby trucks please! And a would like a diesel pick up truck coloring book. Because I like coloring trucks and because I dont have that many good coloring books. thank you for all the toys I love them.

love, Ben Michael Myers

Dear Santa,

Do you have bell's on your sled? I Know because I watched the Polar Express back to the story I would like tow box's of bracelet's. The first kind would be the Jewel. the second kind would be the sparkle kind please. The second thing I would like would be a flip-a-zoo it is a type of animal.

Love your friend,
Bailey Dellar

Dear Santa,

How many Elves do you have? I think you have 101. Am I on the naughty list? I think no. For Christmas I want a T-rex dinosaur toy. They are my favorite. I would also like Pokemon cards this year. If I had cards I could play battle. I will leve out cookies and milk for you. The carrots are for the reindeer. Have a safe trip and thank you.

Love, Ryan Windsor

Dear Santa,

Why do you like cookies so much? I think it is because you love them. I think I have been good this year. For christmas I would like a big t.v. for my room to play my games on. so me and my cousins can play together. I would also realy lik the new far cry game primal to play on my ne T.v. please and thank you santa. Dont eat so many cookies this year!

Love,
Trenton L. Obuchowski.
thanke you.



Dear Santa,

How old are you? I think you are 320 years old. I have been very good this year. I would like an Xbox1s for Christmas. An Xbox1s is a game console you can play games on. I want to play Minecraft on it. I would also like a Nintendo 3DS, Kit Kat candy bars, Twix candy bars, 3 Musketeers candy bars and Whoppers, all king size please. Santa, make sure you eat lots of cookies and carrots.

Love, Harry Gehring

Dear Santa,

How is it going? I bet you are getting ready for Christmas and very buzy. Below is a list of the gifts I would like for Christmas. Yummy Namy's, Toy Stuff, Shopkin's, Hatchimals Pow Wow. Also if you can, bring me an American Girl doll and the outfits. Can It look like me? I do believe I have been a good girl. I have listened, behaved for the most part and did pretty good in school. Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas.

Love and hugs,
Kylanjo Wilhelm

Dear Santa,

My name is Tyler Warren. I was a good boy this year. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want two R.C. cars or trucks. I also want some plywood and 2x4's for my hunting blind and a new coat for school and if u can find one I want a big survival kit. That is all I want for Christmas.

Love, Tyler Warren

Ms. Misiak's - 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

hi how are you how are yore raindeer doen. I always wonderd how you fligh yore raindeer. I thought you Put dust on them to fligh them. So I have to get on this story Santa for chrimas I want a Lego Set to Play with over the time for when I get bord.

Love, Cooper B.

Dear Santa,

How are you I hope You are doing Good there are Some things I would like to ask you for this christmas like a new skateboard a nerf gun and a basketball I hope you have a great Christmas and cant wait to hear from you.

Love, Landin Good

Dear Santa,

What does the north pole look like. I think the north pole look like elf working. I have been bad but I am sorry this year. How do the reindeer fly? I think that there is a magical dust that you sprinkle on them to make them fly. I thank you for all of my presents last year. I hope you have a safe trip dont eat too meny cookies.

Love, Isabella Harp

Dear Santa,

I whant a five nights at freddys block set and Lego Star wars and a real baby puppy the tipe of it a Clearins puppy and a real kitty i mean too kittys the names sleepy Elsa Jr. and a teacup pig for mom and a wolf dog. And Lego Dumenchens. I hope I donte get any coal.

Love Tristan Hussain

Dear Santa,
How do you get all around the world in one night to deliver Presents? I think it is because your reindeer are super duper fast. how do you fit all of the gifts in your sleigh? I think you have a huge trunk to put them all in. I think I have been so-so this year. for cristmas I would like a Pocahontas doll because my sister accidentally broke the head off my Bella doll I would also like the game Pie face show-down. I think it would be a fund game to play with my family. Thank you for all of the gifts that you have given me the past 7 years. Please give the reindeer & mrs. clause a hug for me also save some cookies for the elves.
yours truly, sierra wright

Dear Santa,
How cold is it in the North Pole? I think it's probably ten degrees. I have been Kind of good this year. This year I would like a super wubble ball. That is a big bubble that is reelly hard to pop. I think it's cool. I would also like have an Mp3 player. I want it to listen to music. I like music. Thank you for always bringing my sister and I presents. We will leave cookies and milk with carrots for the reindeer on the counter. I also really like your beard.
Love, Allie

Dear Santa,
Do the reindeer eat only carrots? I leave carrots and cookies out for the reindeer and Santa. This year I would like new games for my Xbox and a new remote. Also I would like hunting and camo things, and maybe new army guys and trucks too. Thank you for my presents last year I'm still playing with them. Hope you like the cookies we set out with a glass of milk.
Love, Nathan Geddert

Dear Santa,
Do you really fly all the way round the world delivering presents in one day? I think you probably have help from the elves. I had a bad start to the year with my behavior but I am doing so much better now. One thing I would like this year is a Hatchimal. A Hatchimal is a toy that actually hatches out of it's egg! When it is done hatching you can teach it tricks. I want the Dragimal type. Another thing I would like is a stuffed Sword Kirby from the Kirby games. He's a cute pink round guy who fights in the games. I want top play with him with my sister. Thank you for all of the cool Sonic characters I didn't even ask for last year. I hope you have a safe trip! Don't drink too much milk.
Love, Robert Eby

Dear Santa,
Who makes all the toys? I think the elves make them. This year I would like Friends Lego sets. One is a horse farm and the other one is a traveling vet. I love to put them together. I would also like anything Shopkins and Barbie Dancin Fun Horse and Doll, and a Barbie starlight Adventure Flying

Hover board. Thank you Santa, and I hope you stay warm.
Love, Syerra Clissold

Dear Santa,
how are you doing? I'm fine. any way ow do you live so long? I think you have been Living Longer then 1000 years? Now to behavior. I have been good all this year! I want a real Kitten, because the are so cute and fluffy. next a guitar because I like to sing with it. I hope you like the cookies we leave on christmas Eve, maybe after christmas we could go sledding?
Love, Addison Birk

Dear Santa,
how are your reindeer doing? I bet they are good. I would like a Monster High high school. I like Monster High, it's really cool. I want a new ornament that is the Troll Poppy from the movie. Her dress is blue and her hair and body are pink. Finally I want a poster of Trolls with all the girls. I'll leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.
Your friend, Tori Dellar

Dear Santa,
how do your reindeer fly? Is it magical? how do you know I like barbie dolls? and I hope I am on the good list and I hope you have a safe trip.
Thank you, love Claire G.

Dear Santa,
Does your sleigh have an exhaust pipe? I bet it don't. This year I would like a remote control big truck, so I can play with it drive it back and forth to the fire place. I would like a dirt bike I would ride it in the mud back by the deer blinds. I have a little sister please bring her a Teddy Bear. Hope we get lots of snow for you to drive your sleigh in.
Love, Levi Valley

Dear Santa,
How do you go around the world in one night? I think you have a teleporter. I was super awesome this year! I want an army suit and also equipment and a helmet. I want to play army in my yard. I also would like a lego zombie set. I already built a cage for the zombie. Also, lego frights at Freddy's. I want to build a pizzeria with it. one last thing, please bring my brothers good presents too.
Sincerely, Josh Ratz

Dear Santa,
How is rudolph doing is he well is he out playing reindeer games with the others I hope he is haveing fun there at the north pole. I have been realy good this year. this year I have been up out in around in the house. I want Jingles to please come to our class Ms. Misiaks class for a present and for christmas I would like a new phone please. I love you Santa.
Love, Willow

Dear Santa,
How may elves do you have? I think one thosand six teen elves am I right? now fro the presents. i would like a dirt bike number nine and a wind up Titanic and a John cena alarm clock and a Titanic game and a Personal Pool. How many cookies do you want? ok merry xmas thank you
Wyatt

Dear Santa,
How do you make all the presents? I think you sue tools and helpers. My behavior has been medium this year. I try to help my teacher and I try and help my friends too. This year I hope you bring me video games. I will play with it on my Xbox 360. I want a trampoline and plus do flips on it. Eat all your cookies!
Love, Joshua S.

Dear Santa,
How do you get the presents ready in time? I think after Christmas you start making more. I've been good this year. I want a phone that is hot pink with sparkles on the case. I want it so I can play games on it. I want jewelry because it is pretty. I want it to be hot pink earrings. Thank you for all of the presents last year. P.S. Am I on the bad list or good list?
Love, Katelyn

Dear Santa,
how do you fit all the presents in your sleigh? I think you have a magical Santa sack with them. This year I would like a dirt bike. I would love to ride it all around the yard and school. I would also like some lego sets. I love to build them. It would keep me busy on rainy days. Please don't forget to come to my new house. Love you Santa.
Love, Hans Sever

Dear Santa,
how do your elves work so fast? I think that you give your elves magic to mack them go fast. How do your reindeer fly? I watched a movie and a star in front of the sled macks them fly. my present from last year was a kitten. Her name is jingle. she is crazy and fun to. we love jingle. we are excited for jr He is the best. What does the elf work shop look like inside and outside? I am going to mack a bracet for you and one of your elves. I have been vary good I meen vary good, so has garrett. I would like more s hooks for my bandaloom. I enjoy macking bralets. And I wnat my font tooth in and the othr tooth out. where is your kitchen at in your house? I would like to go to the north pole with my famly. see you soon santa and jr. I will leave you cookies and milk. And carrots for the reindeer. good bye.
Love, Claire Somers

**THIRD GRADE
Mrs. Gross' Class -
3rd Grade**

Dear Santa,
How cold is it at the north pole, is it cold or is it hot. well can I Please have an Xbox 360 and Xbox gold and Xbox 1 or Xbox scuorpin and nintendo 3ds and security cameras and traps and a light and book and a libray and a tv and wii and game for xbox 360 and a dirt bike and a map and diary of a wimpy kid books and a chrome book and a new sled.
From your friend, Matt

Dear Santa,
It's your frend Dustin wut do you do at there? well i want a tablit a bunney and bunney food and bunney snaks. ps. how are the randers. pps. how is rudolf

ppps. how is misis close doing pppps. are there babs witt kind. ppppps. wut kind of berds
From your friend, Dustin

Dear Santa,
Hey Santa. How are the reindeer? Do you have pets that ride them? How is Mrs. claus? I'd really like to try her cookies one day. is Eli your head elf busy? Do you think comet would ever give me ride. I'm trying to be good, but I've had a few bad days. I'm trying though. If you cold I'd like a new tablet screen phone and a quad. Merry Christmas
From your friend,
Matthew Brown

Dear Santa,
I what for cristmis is a pone a 1 babe boy 2 bcby babys 1 baby girl, 2 babe kids, a babe food. How is it at north pole? how are you and mis. Santa? Plz write back to me.
From your friend, Destiny Sanders

Dear Santa,
how are you? i'm good. It turns out shool is great every year. Mrs. gross is nice and happy teacher. anyways I would like a 3ds and its games. Lots and lots of horse stuff a laptop, headphone, a fitbit yoga bar, indoor trاملen books, a bookshelf, a desk, a trut pillow and that's it. wait if improved since last year.
From your friend, Ella



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and fell down, and worshiped him...*

~ Matthew 2:10-11

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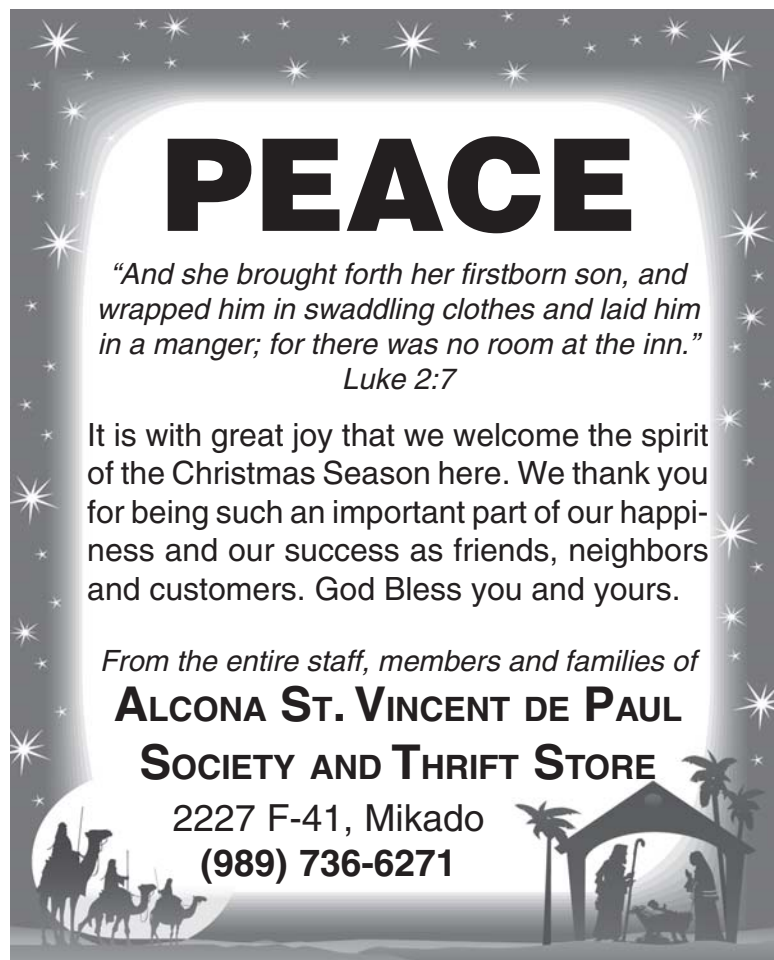
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Luke 2:7*

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Hapy Holidays, Jamie Hall

Dear Santa,
is rodoff giding the slea. (ps) how is it in the north pole (pps) Whut dus a snow fox loke like. (pps) What I whont for crismis can you giv me a x box 360 and ds and plea stashoh, pleas and thank you.!!

From your friend, Noah

Dear Santa,
it is your frand Addison Im in 3rd grade this year. hows rudolph doing in the noth pole. I did good at school and home I shared my toys with my frends. can I pleas have the movie the secret life of pets?

From your friend,
Addison Dumas

Dear Santa,
your friend brooklyn here. im in 3rd grade. now how is the wether at the north pole? one day we have snow and three days and no snow. is all the raindeer fine? im trying my best to folow xpectains i wold like wii and all the mp.

From your friend,
brooklyn webb

Dear santa,
hows the weather at the north pole. are your elves actually little. im trying to be as good as I can. im in hte thrird grade. my favorite foot ball team. I bet your fave team wold be the north pole if there was one. I love video games I cant find anything else to do. bye

sencirly Mason

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Nick. How is the North Pol. Well eny way what I wont for chismis is a game gers of war jugment ples. and how is rudof. I hope he is good.

From your friend,
Nicholas

Dear Santa,
how are the reenideer fly? I want Barbie Dolls, Ds games, pants size 1 or coloring set. I am in 3rd grade now at alcona school. how do the reenideer see at night? Merry chistmas Santa!

From your friend,
Madison Boland

Dear Santa,
It's Maddie here! I've been my best! Is Rudolph pulling the Sleigh this year? This is what I want for Christmas this year, I would like a hachimal.

From your friend,
Maddalyn Eby

Dear Santa,
It's your friend Myhia I am in 3rd grade this year I am 8 years old. Now I know that you bring our gifts buy how do you get to Michigan and all the other states and just an case you dont know what I wont for chirsmas I wont a competer a table a make up set a mix for my esay bake oven.

From your friend, Nyhia

Dear Santa,
this year I'm in 3rd grade. how can you get so many presents in a sack on a sleigh? it's was frezzing this morning it was so cold I could not feel my nose. it was also snowing this morning but just a little but I got a little snow in my hair. this year for christmas I would like for everyone to have a happy christmas. I would also like a huge turtle pillow. I would also like little live pets mouse full set please.

From your friend,
Addison Leeah Beatty

Dear Santa,
your friend Ben. I'm in 3rd grade. How's the weather at the north pole? We still have no snow. Is a riandeer sick? I want a dog plese.

From your friend,
Benjamin

Dear Santa,
how are you doing good. I've been good i help my parents and I clean my room. I want hot wheels sets and nerf guns.

From your friend,
Matt dellar

Dear Santa,
I hope you enjoy Christmas this year. I am 9 years old and my birthday is October 29th 2007. I only want one thing. I wish my cat got better he is very sick and are elf on the shelf has been very bad and he used are tolet paper for a snow man.

From your friend, Charley Petty

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good summer. How is Mrs. claus? I hope you and the elves are having fun toys for girls and boys. I dont just like christmas because of the presents I also like it because of the love. I also hope you had a good summer. How are the reindeer? I hope you have a good christmas. I'm wishing for a few presents. A robot dog named chip and the braslet that goes to it. monster high clawdeen doll, monster high doll house.

From your friend,
Elizabeth Geddert

Dear Santa,
it's your friend Cuyler. Did you have a good summer? How is Mrs. Claus? I really hope you and the elves are having fun making toys for nice boys and girls. How are the reindeer in the north pole? Anyways were do you get the supplies for making toys? A lot of people say youre a fake but I belive in you! I bet the reindeer are eager to fly on christmas eve! and right now I bet the elves are hard at work. Anyways here is one thing would like for Christmas, a cozmo robot.

From your friend, Cuyler

Mrs. Miller's Class - 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I love rudolph's nose, but how do they fly? Is it christmas spirit that helps them? I got to go on santa's lap and got a candy cane. I do good on math and I am a good student. I wish Mrs. miller could go to Hawaii. This is what I want for christmas. An xbox 1 s, 3 pokemon moon and sun, mrs. pargreens, and the home of peculiar chil-

dren, and suicide squad the movie. Have a merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Madalynn Maliniak

Dear Santa,
I have a question..do you really use magic? Santa I think you should know more about me, I am smart and handsome. Mrs. Miller thinks I am a hardworker. My Chistmas wish is for my family to stay together on Chistmas. santa you should know my chistmas present that I want is a box of legos, Minecraft. Before you go, have a safe journey.

Your buddy, Anthony Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? And what time do the elves start making presents? And how is Mrs. Claus doing too? I am awesome because I can do a backflip on the swings and do a flip on the ground. My teacher is amazing because she is so nice to us, so joyful. My wish for Emily is a remote control bb8. My wish for brandon is a xbox 1s. I hope mrs. miller gets a trip to hawaii. I hope gavin gets a chromebook, I also hope madalyn gets a xbox 1s. I want a dron, halo reach, call of duty advanced warfare day zero, and 40 inch 5.v. I hope you have a safe journey to the world.

Karsen Gonyea

Dear Santa,
Is Mrs. Claus still giving the elves milk and cookies? I am helpful and for christmas my grandma and uncle are going to spend Christmas with me and my brother. I think my teacher likes me because I am smart, helpful, kind and funny. I wish that my aunt gets a baby for christmas. I want the big aurora doll for my collection, a book of all of the beany babys, diary of a wimpy kid series and sharpies. Santa I hop you make it to every boy and girl that deserves it.

Your friend, Rylee Kroon

Dear Santa,
How do reindeer fly? I am cool because I run fast. I think my teacher thinks I am super. I want my brother to get a xbox360. I want a cd player that plays music. I also want a coltford cd you put it in a cd player. Have a safe trip all around the world!

Sincerely, Gunnar Levline

Dear Santa,
I want to know what time do you go to deliver presents? And how do the reindeer fly? Is roodoff real and what are your favorite cookies???? I'm good at sports, i'm good at games and im really fast. i think mrs. miller thinks i try my best. i wish for my family a good life. For Christmas i would like a xbox one s and army men. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Brandon Fogle

Dear Santa,
I have some questions for you and the reindeer, Mrs. Claws, and the elves. Rudolf, douse your light still glow bright as it used to? Mrs. Claws, douse Santa share his cookies you? Elves, do you take breaks from making toys? Last but not least, Santa, what is your and your raindeers favorite food? Here is something awesome about me...I love animals, even the ones that are ugly that can kill you. My spirit animal is a wolf. Mrs. Miller thinks I can be funny when I am not trying and that I am way to talkitiv. I have a Christmas wish for my friend Anya and that is is for her to see me again. For Christmas I want hatchamals. Santa, good luck on you journey. Hope you get to all of those houses! Merry Christmas!

Love, Madison Martin

Dear Santa,
how are your reindeer? Santa, how do you now if the kids want the stuff? How are you, reindeer? Elves, do you work hard? I love christmas and read good books. Mrs. Miller thinks I'm sweet. i wish for the people that died in my family to have good homes. I want a zoomer kitten, a zoomer dog, a hatchet, a girl goat, my own art and craft room, and a wooden play room. Have a holly golly christmas.

Love, Piper Flerchinger

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing at the workshop? I want to see what you and elves and the reindeer are doing at the North Pole because I want make toys for children and learn how to work like an elf. I'm a special person that is caring for friends and I help them up if they get hurt, that's pretty nice for me to do. Santa, I wish there were no people on the naughty list. Mrs. Miller thinks all students in the class are good workers, good behaved, good athletes, and active kids. My friend Karsen, was a good boy all year, so he deserves a good christmas. Oh and one more thing, Karsen wants a drone for christmas. Santa, I want a laptop because I can play Prodigy on it and play minecraft. Also, I'm not really allowed to play my moms so I think it's pretty cool to have a laptop because I can do my homework on it and do reading tests. That's why I want to have a laptop. I hop you have a good journey around the world and don't lose any reindeer. When you come to our state, which is called Michigan, there will be snow on the ground.

Your buddy, Gavin Dellar

Dear Santa,
how are you doing this year? How are the elves doing on the toys? Have they broke anything yet? How is Rudolph? Is his light broken? Is he sick and are the other reindeer sick to? Can you say hi to them, Please? Even say HI to the elves and Mrs. Claus too. I mite leve a presnt for you and for the elves and Mrs. Claus too. Anyway my dad will leve out some carrts in the yard. You are a good person. Some people say you are fat but I

don't say you are fat, my sister dos. She sings songs. Onetime she sang a song about people being fat and one time her bedroom she said the sh word accidently. That was when we didnt have an elf. Please get my class what they want please. I would like a xbox360 and a ds with Mariokart. Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Darrin Boyat

Dear Santa,
how do you deliver so much presents in one night? How do the elves make toys? Are all the reindeer practicing flying? I am special because I am none of the fastest people in school. Mrs. Miller thinks I am smart. I hope my family and friends get everything they want for christmas. For christmas, I want a new tablet, a drone with a camera, pokemon cards and legos. Have a merry christmas!

Sincerely, Cole Upper

Dear Santa,
What are all your reindeer's Names? i am always nice to people. Mrs. miller thinks that I'm smart. My christmas wish is for all my friends. I want them all to stay safe and helthy. This year for christmas i want a guitar, a new dress, light blue hair die, cowgirl boots, and jean's size 10. And i hope you have a safe journey to other house's and I hope you come to my house.

Sincerely, Lona Bartz

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you and your reindeer fly so high and elves, how do you make toys so fast and mrs. Claus, how do you make food so fast? I love fish so much and I'm so happy to be here today. i think Mrs. Miller likes me. Alex wants a 3ds, karsen wants a Dron, Emma wants minecraft Books, and Rylee wants earrings. I want a Dron, pet fish, a sheep, a laptop, remot centrl bb8, remot coat and a friend. Have a safe flight.

Love, Emily Atkinson

Dear Santa,
How high can you fly? How cold is it at the north pole? I am special because I can run fast. mrs. miller think's i'm one of the greatest students ever. I hope mrs. miller gets plane tickets 2 ways, to and from Hawaii. could I please get magick tracks. they are diffrent colered tracks, they also glow. have a safe flight and have a holly jolly christmas. Merry chrismas!

Love, Alex Smith

Dear Santa,
how do reindeer fly? I am special becuse I am nice. I think my teacher thinks I am good. My wish is for my family to have a merry christmas. Can I please have a fitbit? I know it keeps track of how many steps you take and when you reach 10 thousand steps, it dose some thing. The reason I want one is becuse my friend's have one. I hope you have a safe trip. I hope you have a merry christmas.

Your friend, Lauren Travis

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly? And how do the elves make enough toys for everyone in the world? How do they know what you want? If you want

me to tell you something special or awesome I will tell you. Christmas is my favorite time of the year. And I think that I'm special because usually when I don't get something my mom sometimes gives me it when someone says no. Mrs. Miller thinks that I will never steal, cheat or lie at school. But at least most of us students are reliable...most of the time. My christmas wish is for my family and teacher to have a wonderful Christmas this year! For christmas I would like two trains. If you want me to tell you how they work I will tell you. First you put some batteries in the train then you open the bag that has the track. Then there's a paper that has the directions, put the track together then turn on the train. There's a lever on top of it. Turn it on and put it on track and you are done! I hope you make it around the world in time to make it to my house. Merry Christmas Santa!

Keith Knott

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and the elves, reindeer and Mrs. Claus? Do you want me to get some reindeer food and put some out for the reindeer when you come buy? I live up North and Down State. I have 4 families. I have a box with my last name on it. Mrs. Miller loves me and she likes teaching me when I am there. She loves all of us. I wish that my teacher will get all new stuff for Christmas. I wish that my friends will get everything they want! What I want for Christmas is a hole bunch of School stuff. I want a hole bunch of Books. I want a computer. I want a tablet. I want some dolls. I want a stufft animal. I want a Frank doll. Good luck on your Journey. Hope you have a good fly. Merry Christmas!

Shaylynn May Baxter

Dear Santa,
Is mrs. claus still making you cookies? How is it at the north pole? I am helpful becuse i like to make dinner and help peple make freinds. Mrs. miller thinks i am helpful. This is what i want for mrs. miller...a spartens calender. I want a mini gumball machine that comes with extra gumballs, roller skates, ice skates, the magic tree house series, the hannah montana series, and a calender. I want to tell you something - have a safe trip! Merry Christmas!

Makayla Prince

Dear Santa,
how do you get all of the presents into your bag? How come mrs. claus doesn't ride with you in the sleigh? How do the elves make all the toys in time? How do the reindeer fly? I am special because I love to read. mrs. Miller thinks I am a great student. I hope my brother gets the lego set he wants! For christmas I would really enjoy some aqua beads, they are little balls that you make something with, then you squirt them with water and let them dry. Have a Merry Christmas!


Sincerely,
Emma Schroeder



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Peace be with each of you and yours this holiday season

Connie and Kent Sysak

Dear Santa,
 how many Reindeer do you have at the North Pole and how can they fly? Who is your favorite reindeer? What's your favorite cookie? What's your favorite holiday? Do you have a favorite elf? How do you fit so many presents in the sleigh? Is magic real? How many machines do you have? How many elves do you have? How many presents do you make each year? How do you fit in chimneys? Something special about me is that I like to read. Mrs. Miller thinks I am smart and a hard worker. I would like my cousins to come down for Christmas. May I please have a tablet for

Christmas? Have a safe trip around the world!

Your friend,
 Damien Podbilski

Dear Santa,
 How are Comet and Rudolph doing? My meama boought me a stuffed dog when i was a baby and that is something special to me. My teacher thinks I am a hard worker, on task, always safe, and nice. Santa, I wish Ariana had a barbie pop up camper just like my Christmas wish and a tablet. I would like a barbie pop up camper for christmas and tablet too. have a safe journey and have a merry christmas.
 Love, Zoey Arcand

Dear Santa,
 I wonder how you get presents to me before morning? I think it is magic. I wonder how Santa gets magic and the elves? I think Santa gave some of his magic to the elves. Vixen is my favorite reindeer. My teacher always calls me amazing. I want a Frozen bike with training wheels and a Barbie dream house and a Barbie pop up camper and a trolls multi pack. I want a tablet for Christmas. I've wanted that for years. I'm just waiting for my Christmas tree and I can't wait for Christmas. It's going to be amazing. I hope I don't get sick on Christmas. Have a merry Christmas Santa!
 your friend, Ariana Riso

Dear Santa,
 How are the reindeer doing? Do you want me to leave cookies and milk for you and do you want me to leave the reindeer some treats? I am nice and kind. I like to read, play, dance and sing. Mrs. Miller thinks i am kind, nice, sweet, funny, hard working and smart. My wish is for my teacher. i want her to get more books. i want books, a phone, a real ford, and stuffed animals. have a good Christmas and a safe trip!

Merry Christmas,
 Miranda Roiter

Dear Santa,
 hello reindeer! I want to know how fast you are in one night? I'm good at snagging bases in baseball. My teacher thinks I am a talkative persun and smart! I hope Gunnar gets what he really wants for Christmas. I hop you can get me a dron that you cant tell it what to do and a Samsung galaxy chrombook, please and thank you, Santa Claus. I hope you have a good journey and a Merry Christmas!
 Merry Christmas, Daniel Mark June

**FOURTH GRADE
 Mrs. Franklin's Class -
 4th Grade**

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like an iPhone 6 and a pair of earbuds. I think it would be nice to get a set of cowboy boots. The next thing I'll love to get is a makeup kit. And the very last things are a few mandala coloring books and some more Taylor Swift CD's! Thank you! I love you Santa!
 With love,
 Emily M. Burgess

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for all the presents I got last year. I think it was a few years ago you got that beautiful necklace. But that was a few years ago. What I would really super like for this year is the Harry Potter book series and movie series, Shopkins, Lego Elves sets, Cat Statues, The Fantastic Beasts and where to find them movie, an Apple Tablet or phone, Pussy cat toys for my two favorite cats Ghost and Safari, and please, get something for yourself to. I promise I will leave some milk, cookies, and some carrots (for your reindeer) for you on the table. I don't want this letter to be to long, so I will finish it here. Merry Christmas!
 Love, from Isabella Laird

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the Nerf Gun last year. i really like it. I use it all the time and thank you for every thing else but for this year I will show you my list. 1. drown (with camera), 2. magic kit (criss ansel) 3. a new phone (iphone 6s Pluse) 4. again a few new nerf guns 5. and mabee a dirt bike and that is everything that I would like this year and Please fill my stocking to the tippy top and finnily I promise to set a few cookies and a large glass of milk so that is my stuff I want this year.

Sincerely Elija Piirala
 Have a safe trip and merry christmas.

Dear Santa,
 Thank you fro the power ranger toy that you got me last year. For this year I would like a Spiderman Suit, Bat Man suit, Spider Man hoodie, Bat Man hoodie and a trampoline. I would also like Spider man P.J.s May I also have a Pikachu hoodie and I would also like Pikachu P.J.s May I also like Nerf machine gun.
 Sincerely, your friend
 Ethan Gould


Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for what you brought me last year. This year I hope youbring me a pogo stick and a patterns coloring book. Also, I would like a snuggie tails blanket and a few books. For the books I would like Arf The Wolving Time, the Hellen Keller series and Foxcraft The Elders.
 Best Wishes, Lily Kozlow

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the iphone5 for Chrismas. and Madden NFL last year. I love to play my phone and madden. This year I want Madden NFL 17 on xbox 360. I would also like a computer. The reason I want a computer is that I want to play computer games with my cousin. And why I want madden NFL 17 for Xbox 360 is that I'm getting bored of college football on Xbox 360.
 Your friend,
 Vincent Mahalak

Dear Santa,
 last year you brought me a kitten. When we recieved her she was only 3 months old. It took a while but we ended up naming her Jingle. She was the best Christmas gift ever. I would like to ask you a question. How do you get around the world so fast? I think it's because some places have different times than us. This Christmas I would like 5 things. i would love a Play Station 4, Madden 17 for the PS4 and 3 PS4 controllers. I am planning on selling my PS3 and using the money to get more games. I hope to see you on the 25th.
 Sincerely, Garrett Somers

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the Amazon Fire Tablet last year. I like it for playing games on and looking stuff up. This year I would like my Papa to feal better he is in the nursing home. But also be sure to get me a Chromebook and Amazon Fire Tablet case. I want the Amazon Fire Tablet case for my tablet because my dog chewed mine up. I want a Chromebook for typing stories. How do you eat that many cookies in one night? I hope you have a safe flight to my house.
 Love your freind,
 Baylee Goddard

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the toys you got me last year my favorite thing was the school stuff, I play with it everyday. I would like to tell you somethings I want for Christmas this year. I would like a Under Armor hoodie, hoverboard, magic markers, Captain America movie, Samsung computer, hamster, school stuff, room decor and Anti Bacterial Hand gel. I would like to ask you a couple questions, how does the toys and you fit down the chimney? Also how many cookies do you eat on Christmas Eve night? Hope you and your reindeer have a safe flight!
 Love, Taylor LaFave



"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

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Dear Santa,
 I been very good this year. Thank you for the bow last year I like it alot untill the string snapped. I have a question how do your reindeer fly? and how do you fit down the chimney? This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a hatchimal you have to play with it every day for it to hatch. I been wanting it for years now. I also really want you to bring me a Chromebook so I can have my own lectronic Chromebook. I hope you bring both toys for me I'm hoping for you to bring me the toys I want. I want to ask you if I put carrots by the cookies will you eat them because I want to give them to the reindeer. So they can eat because there probably hungry when they fly all night. have a nice flight thew the hole United states I hope you give the reindeer the carrots I left by the yummy cookies made for you and make sure I counted all the reindeer.

Sincerely, Gralyn T.

Dear Santa,
 Do you rember the carrotes I brought you last year. Can you bring me a Golden State jersey for Christmas. Can you bring a potty chair for my sister. here are some X boxes 360 games I would like please. Little Big Planet 2 and Madden 17. thank you I will leave you more carrotes for the reindeer. P.S. Have a safe trip.

Love, Travis Walker

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the PS4 and video games last year. Do you know what I want this christmas. This year I want Call of duty intinite warfare, skylanders, amaginatons, a new PS4 remote, a Verizon tablet, A skylander called wreackingball, finally I want the light and dark traps to skylander trap team and the skylander called bash, finally I want the skylander called gost rodster and the skylander call slam bam.

Sincerely, your friend Avery Glore

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for last years gifts the airsoft was awsom and the bord games were too and the clows were vary nice to. this year I think Im going to play a prank on you thank you for the stuff that you got me last time by the way dont come down the chimney because we have a fire going. How do you fit through the chimney and last year I asked for a xBox 360 but please bring me one. the other thing I wanted was a hover ball that actual flies and a soft guns that all. Have a safe trip and be carful in the snow.

Sensearilly, Jansen Harte

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the Bow and Arrow that you gave me last year. I loved it so much. For this year I would like a BB gun becuse I like guns so much. I would like a hunting kit too. becuse I like to hunt. I would also like raindeer. and to feed your raindeer. I will leave carrots and for you I will leave chocolet chip cookies. I would like a trampoley. Please thank you.

Sincerely Aurora Boland

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the socks and all diffrent kind of toys. for this year I would like a new kitty. first of all there really nice and cute. i would love bracelets and all kind of stuff. I would like a tablet. and a would like a hoodie with hearts on it size 10-12 thanks Santa. or I would like hair ties. and head bands thanks Santa.

Love, Kayleigh Karas

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the monster high dolls. I loved them I play with them a lot. Just saying I got a lot more than my friends. plus I loved what I got in my stocking. For this year I want a puppy St. Bernard. The reason why is becuse my puppy is sad. Probably becuse he has know one to play with Please bring him a friend. With love and gratitude,

Kylie Keyser

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the paint set from last year. I used the paint set alot. This year I would like more paint for the paint set and a Galax6y JZ phone. To finish the letter I will leave some milk and cookies for you to eat. Also some carrots for the raindeer.

Love, Trinnity E. Shelley

Dear Santa,
 Thank you Santa for the legos and the Dinosaurs. But this year I want the Pokemon Sun game, Nerf Mastadon and the Nerf elite hyper fire...weight! and I also want a metal decter.

Love, Logan Brown

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the present you gave me last year but now lets talk about this year. For Christmas this year I would like just my family, my family means a lot to me. Finally I promise we will leave cookies for you and Carrots for the reindeer they need food to also it would mean alot to me if you would bring my family closer together. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Danica Manning

Dear Santa,
 All I want for xmas is a xmas miracle for my mom's girlfriend. She has a rare gene. The U of M don't even know about it. six of her sister's died of it.

Love, Evan E. Woods

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the gifts last year. I played all year with the remote control truck you gave me. My brothers, sister and I enjoy it very much. Thank you again I appreciate it. This year I have a few things on my list that I would like. First an Airhogs RC Tank would be pretty cool. Second, I would like a furby. Third I would a Sea Hawk's Jersey #3 for Russell Wilson. Fourth I would like Packers Jersey #52 for William Mathews. I hope you have a very merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
 Dalton Huebshman

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the MC2 toys. I really want is nom nom 2. Becuse I never collected stuff and I would like some bedoos and a scrap

book please and thank you I'm going to leave some carrot by the cookies and some water for the reindeer.

Love Hannah Renschenski

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for getting me a remot cunchrol robot and skylanders last year I realy like skylanders. For this year is a Xbox one, blakops III a ps2 God of woreland II, 10/12 pants, 10/12 shirts underaremer shoes God of ware 1 and 2 for ps3.

Sincerely, William Liebler

Dear Santa Claus
 I would like, ipod, 2 DS, Xbox 1, Xbox 1 minecraft, Samsung chrome, TV stan. please deliver to the children that don't have toys. thanks for delivering to the children that don't have toys. thanks santa!

from, Jacob June

Dear Santa,
 Thes crismes I would like a set of perier beads and a set of aqua beads. I would also like the iphone for chrismis and a guitar. I would like the foxcraft series for chrismes and tags for the frozen game last year and tags for the tablet last year. And one question how do the elvs make toys?

Sincerely, Grace Mercier

Dear Santa,
 For Xmas I would like hover board from razor (coller wight). I would also like a i Phone apple 6 with cozmo to robot and Xbox one with Call of duty Ghost 3 Call of duty infant Warfare. And if you can a Baby Bull dog that is real and has the stuff that you need to rais it. I would like a Xmas miracle for my mom, dad, grandpas, grandmas and my aunt. I would like some legos that are Lego Ninja that is not mega blocks. And new Galxy Samsun Labtop with touch screen and that is it the end. Merry Xmas everyone and to all a good night! ho ho ho!

Love, Jayson Lincoln

Dear Santa,
 thank you for every thing you brought me last year but this year what I really really want is a LG tablet. please what I really want is a under armer t-shirt or hoodie. And if you can please bring me a hamster because my hamster past and I really want another please. And thank you for every thing you give me every year.

Love, Julia Gail Deomellas

Dear Santa,
 Thanks for the toys last year. This year I want x-box 1sm titan full 1-2, LG TV, Percy Jackson movie and book series, Heros of olympus book and movie saries (if there is movies), a real cat, gas power RC, gas canister (filled please).

Synsyrily, Cody Polbilski

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Love, Jasmine Walker

Mrs. Neuenfeldt's Class
 - 4th Grade

Dear Santa,
 thank you for the markers and pencils last year. But I really like the corling book I got. For this year can I have a Hoverboard pleas. Next can I have a Zoomer Cat and Hedghog and Monster high Dolls, Glow in the Dark starts, and Lego's.

from Zoe Kirk

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the cars and candy you gave me last year. I really liked the sport's car. For this year i would like a fitbit the most. I would like to get a drone too. Finally i will leave some carrot's for the raindeer. I hope you have a nice flight santa dont forget about me.

Tucker McMaster

Dear Santa,
 Thanks for the toy's that you got me last year. This year I wont a phone and a cozzmawbat. thanks, nice flite.

from Danyl Lalonde

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the Transformer. I have a question how do your Reindeer fly. Can I please have a remote control Star wars BB-8 and a book called Art2-d2's guide to folding and doodling.

from Kelvin travis

Dear Santa,
 for Christmas I want a toy. I don't remember what it is called, but it is something you use inside and out. It has one weird arm sticking out in front of it. It uses an app from a phone. I think it is a mebo.

Love, Chris Alexander

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the nerf guns from last year. for this year I would like a Apple laptop, Remote control car, four wheeler, legos.

from tucker McMasters

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the star wars stickers. This year I want a tablet and a nerf gun, and a xbox one with Halo 5, also a Five Nights at Freddy's toy.

Love, Travis Fowler

Dear Santa,
 What I got last year was awesome but this year I want a hatchimal and I would like a tablet apple please and a boy doll please and thank

you. and if you can will you use your magic and make me better at math please. Merry Christmas Ho Ho Ho!

Love, Sarah Fall

Dear Santa,

Thanck you for bringing me a nerf gun crossbow last year. I realy like it. But I would like a Drone. The new Skylanders. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeers.

Sincerely, Marius Spears

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the winter coat, gloves and a hat last year. For this year I want magenecticts, because I like building thing with magnets. And just being creative with things. Finaly I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love, Tori Burns

Dear Santa,

Thak you for the bike and the tablet last year. For this year I would like a Zommer Puppy, and a sled and a race langand, Newtendo 3DS and a pair of fatty Minon's P.J.s. Finlly I will leve cookies for you and carrots for the raindeer.

Love, Emily Boland

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Tablet last year. I liked the way you start out with a colorful background. This year I will love to get tickets to New York to go see my sister. Hope you have a wonderful sleigh ride.

Love, August LaFave

Dear Santa,

I really want a few lago sets for x-mas (nexo knights, lago city, lago ninja) and a Drone with a camra, remote control car an helicotor. New alarm clock, car charger, army guys, mincraft sword and pick ax, alot of nerf guns, cand cane's choclet, snow mobeel, sled, beleve it or not books on world wreckords.

Love Ryan Lee

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the slippers, and Under Amour pant's. But My mom hate's washing them. This year I whant a grmen sheperd puppy, A Ford truk for my mom, electric toy car, a new Razer scooter, Apple Laptop and a New Nike Football.

Love, Richard Schott

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the bow and arrows last year. This year I want a Drone and Poke'mon cards socks and a bb gun. Can I have 3 D.S. a tank that can transform into a boat. I want some Nerf Zombie strike guns Some leagos Halo and star wars. I'd love for us top get a house.

Love Aiden Crevier

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the tablet and and clothes I loved the zebra shurit and for this year I would like a pet turtle and a tank too and a hint for his name too. And guess what I am going leave you a big surpris and a big bag of oreo's and a glass of milk.

Love, Lillian R. Vogt

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the presents you got me last year. So this year I would like a ipod

nano that only plays music. I would like one because I love listening to music. I will also be leaving out milk and cookies for you. Merry christmas to you!

Sincily, Rilee Tracy

Dear Santa,

Thanck you for the toy Soldier from last year. Now this year i want a Drone and a rozer boad with smull controller. And a laptop apple one. And a toy car for my brother and some candys for my brother too. A new car for my Dad a good one and the fast one for my dad. I want five night at Freddy's the hole set a five night of Freddy's toy and some nerf guns too. My best freind Preston wants some Call of duty's games and some PS4 and Xbox ones and some nerf guns for me Preston to shot to settle and some PS4's game for my dad Battlefield 1 and overwar too.

Love Ethan D.

Dear Santa,

Thanks for the presents I got last year. Ireally like them. For this year I would like Lego Elves and Magnetics for this years Christmas. I hope you have a safe trip around the world and I will leave milk and cookies for you and carrots for the raindeer. P.S. Please give my sister cole for Christmas.

Sincerely, Rylee Manning

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the remote control helecotor you gave me last year. This year I would like a afro wig, disco pants, george washinton wig, fake goatee, hats, v.r. headset, job simulator. I have a question: how did you get your elves? Finnaly I will leaves cookies for you carrots for the reindeer and cookies for the elves.

Sincerley, Nick Rats

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the car's and Candy it was delicious. I hope you do it again this year and can you brang a Drone and a Xbox 360 if you do I will leave you cookie's and a glass of milk.

Seanserlly,
 Tanner Leeseberg

Dear Santa,

thank you for the Nerf rebell and for the Barbies that I got last year. I want a pair of lengens and it has got to be under Armour and so does the tshirt.

Love, Emily Preston

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all of the presants you got me last year. For this year I would like a phone and I will like my mom to get better. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love, Brandi
 Rose Gritzmaker

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the bean bag you gave me last year I really liked it. This year I would really like a Hatchamal and a Zommer Kitty, and black spakaly boots that are short and size 3 and amirican Girl dolls.

Delylah Shelby

Dear Santa,
 thank you so much for the gifts from last year. I love them alot. And this year I want moccasins and a real tree camo hoodie.

Thank you, Jenna West

Dear Santa,
 Tahnk you for the PS2 and the digtatal tablet. This year I want a new foot ball and a new jersy and a PS 4 finally I will leave you cookies and milk.

Sincerely, Love
 John Greenlee

Dear Santa,
 I want for this year a new laptop windows 10, a yoga ball so I can sit on it. And I want a drone that has a camera on it, a brand new soccer ball that glows up in the dark, a large ipad, a brand new PS3 and 4 controllors that are wireless, and five new games for the PS3. Oh, and a dirt bike! I'm gonna leave you 4 peanut butter cookies with chocolate milk.

Love, Haysen Jack

Dear Santa,
 I would like a tablet to play on. And I like Legos set. I would like a Ninja Turtle action figure and a Ninja Turtle coloring book. I will leave cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.

Love, Bryan Riso

**FIFTH GRADE
 Mrs. Holmes' Class -
 5th Grade**

Dear Santa,
 I have been good this year so I would like some peace and quiet this year, and Xbox one, and battle Field one.

Your friend, James S. Good

Dear santa,
 Thank you for all of the great gifts from last year I always get the cool app santa tracker. It has a lot of cool games and we can see where you are. For this year can I get some new books I need to read more. And one more thing can I get NBA2k17 for xbox 360 thank you so much.

From: Joshua Coleman

Dear Santa,
 I hope you have a very nice Christmas. Can I get a new water bottle and some football stuff football pads and can get a new blanky a camo blanky and a flat screen t.v and some new toys and can I get a remote control drone that has a camera and a new fishing pole and some new hooks and a new sled for Christmas. I hope your reindeer get the carrots I am gonna get for your reindeer and a nerf gun...you're the best santa ever! But I will need some new tackle for fishing.

Your friend
 Andrew J. Good
 P.S. your so cool Santa

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the chromebook and other gifts last year. I loved it! I would like an ipod, art set, water-color paint set and brushes. Finally, I will leave out different cookie flavors and pop instead of milk.

Love, Emily Samp

Dear Santa,
 How is your Christmas going. I hope it is going good. For my Christmas I would

like nerf guns. Because I would like having nerf wars with my brother and friends. How is the riandeer doing. Because I hope they are doing well. So you can deliver presents to the hole world. I hope you have a great Christmas Santa. Christmas is my favorite holiday.

Sincerely, Gage Travis

Dear Santa,
 When you receive this letter I will laugh-ho ho ha. Hope you have a nice day riding your sleigh...Hey that ryhmes! Please bring me a couple dimes so I can buy a new ds that would be the best I must confess...I'm good at this!

From, Sam Johnston

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the board games and clothes you got me last year. I really like the camouflage hoodie. But this year I really would like a ipod or iphone. If you can't get me that my 2nd choice would be a art set and blank paper.

Love, Novalee Forsythe

Dear Santa,
 I would like To get an Xbox 1 s and Fitbit and a football and Madden 17 And finally I'd like to new Under Armour water bottle I know it's a lot kind of to ask for but can you try to sincerely.

Nathan Basner

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the airsoft last year. I really like that it shot a hundred yards. But I really want Fishing stuff and a arrows for my bow. But I really really really want is a baby pitbull for Christmas. Where to eat cookies and something for the reindeer Merry Christmas Santa. PS. I want Samurai sword.

Love, Trent Stanley

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the pillow and bed set you gave me last year I us them a lot. But this year I am not asking for a lot, I no surprising. All I want for christmas is so Chris and his family to have a little bit of money to buy a new house. And sorry for the reindeer snack we had last year.

Love, Mercedes Codling

Dear Santa,
 I would like for my dog to live through the winter. I would also like all the homeless people to get a home. I would like to thank you for the book and the drawing paper too. I used it alot. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love, Angelina Howe

Dear Santa,
 how is Mrs. Claus Thank you for everything you got me last year. My mom told me that Christmas is not about the presents it's about being with your family and friends. I have a few thing I would like to ask you. Is it cold in the north pole? How are the reindeer!! This year my mom and grandma would like a present to so if you could get them on that would be a great because they do great things for me all the time! I really appreciate you and all the thing you have got me!!! You're the best Santa ever and probably the only!!! I hope you get me great presents this year and

next but you always do!!! Thank you for the elf on the shelf this year she is way better then the last elf!!! She is really nice and her name is gumdrop!!! This year I will bring cookies and carrots for the reindeer! Gumdrop has done a lot of funny things I hope I have her next year!!! Thank you for gumdrop she is so sweet!!

Love, Liberty Kimball

Dear Santa,
 I forgot if you gave me the art bx with my name on it but thank you for it, it was pretty thanks. This year may I have some blank paper, and some books, games, and a coloring book with colored pencils please. Finally, I will put out some milk, cookies and some carrots for the reindeer I hop you have a very merry christmas.

Love, Hailyn Kammerer

Dear Santa,
 I really want to see my family. But I really want an ipod. But you know what I really want is my family to be nice and giving and sharing when we all get together. You know Santa I will put out cookies for you and milk. I can't wait for Christmas.! I hope that I get to see my family I know I said this two times I just really want to see my family. And I really want a puppy when are house get done. I hope that everyone has a good Christmas!

Sincerely, Erica Woodbury

Dear Santa,
 here is my Christmas list 1 Pokemon X, 2 Pokemon y, 3 Pokemon Sun, 4 Pokemon Moon, 5 Pokemon cards, 6 2 Pokemon plushies 7 new 3DS XL and I can give my old one to my sister. What is the North Pole like at this time of year? Is it snowing more or less. Thank you for the Marvel candy cane that you made me last year. I still have it.

Sincerely,
 Domanick Lawrence



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Dear Santa,
 Santa you are the jolliest person I have ever known and thank you for all the present you got me last year. This is a list of all the new things I want. A Hatchimal, a baby pig, a giant stuffed animal and a new bed. The thing I want most is for my dad to be safe while he is away. And maybe even him come home for Christmas. I would like more but, I will tell you about it later. Then when you come and visit I will have milk and very very good cookies for you and nine carrots because I never forget Rudolph. Talk to you later Santa.
 Love, Eliseia Stevens

Dear Santa,
 I like your beard. How do you make it to all the little kids in one night? Do you fly at the speed of light? Can you please get me a two in one laptop, Pokemon sun, pokemon sun and pokemon moon collector vault, samsung a seven tablet, One thousand dollars! Happy Christmas.
 Your friend,
 Waylon Nedwash Long

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the kayaks you got my sister and I last year. We loved them! Anyway, this year I would really like a new bike. When I try to use the brakes it does not

stop. Also, if possible I would really like a Hover Board. Lastly, be sure to check the table for milk and cookies and I will leave some carrots for the reindeer.

Sincerely,
 Ellimae Spalding

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the toy's last year. I really liked the frozen raping paper. Santa this year may I please have a bow and long arrows. Santa may Gage Please have a toy troll for christmas. Santa I have a new baby brother his name is Mason can you please get him a teddy bear. I hope you have a safe trip. Please write me back!

Love your friend,
 Cassi Rifenkark and little brothers.

Dear Santa,
 I hope you have an amazing Christmas! I hope you enjoy all of your cookies and milk I made you. Ok...let's start with presents. I will like 5 Iphone cases under armour shirts, and some football stuff. I know that's a lot to ask. I do have two little thing to ask you for...may you please get my sister three things 1.) A little baby 2.) An electrical toy car 3.) Toy cars please. She loves all of those things. Ok and here is the big part. Will you please get my mom one big present...A car! I know it's a lot to build but please she really likes the "Blue Ford".

Love, Riley Patterson
 P.S. Have a nice Christmas

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the really cool dog you got me last year. And this year I would like a drone with a camera. Also, I would love a Christmas miracle; you know what it is. I want everyone to have a Merry Christmas. Finally I will leave some milk and cookies for you and make sure the reindeer get the carrots.

Love, Brooklyn Storey

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for all of the nice and fantastic gifts you got me last year. I am so thankful to have you come to my house and deliver wonderful gifts. I appreciate your love and kindness. I hope all is well with you, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. I hope you give me awesome, fantastic and perfect gifts this year. I will leave milk and cookies for you and I will leave carrots for the reindeer. Thank you for making Christmas special to me and to the other kids in the world. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely, Nikki O'Dea

Dear Santa,
 I would like a guitar, a game called pokemon Sun and moon, and a 3dsXL.

Nathan Nardi

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the games you gave me last year. This year I want to go to disney land with my family. And I have one more thing I want a goat for christmas. Thank you for all the present you have gave me.

Sincerely, Zean Monnier

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the skateboard and the wii. Can I have a puppy for Christmas?

Love, Ervin Joslin

Dear Santa,
 I am very thankful for that art kit you got me. I really liked it. I played with it all the time. This is what I would like please it is a Hatchimal for Christmas, new bed set please, and this new game call pie face. That is all I would like and I will make sure to put out milk and cookies for you and some food for the reindeer.

Love, Janey Cronk

Dear Santa,
 Could you please make the weather nice but not to nice. I want to go ice fishing with my dad. He will not want to go if it is too cold and if the lake is not frozen, well you know. I wish all my friends and family and all their friends and family a Merry Christmas. PS. I will leave a couple carrots for the reindeer.

Sincerely, Max Ayers

Mrs. Yokom's Class - 5th Grade

Dear Santa,
 Here is what I want...1. 3DSXL game system. 2. The legend of Zelda case for 3DSXL game system. 3. Pokemon sun and moon for 3DSXL game system. 4. Super mario maker for 3DSXL game system. 5. All the legend of Zelda games ever made for 3DSXL game system. 6. A snowboard. And finally a dirt bike. Thank you Santa for all the presents you have gave me.

Your friend,
 William Brozowski

Dear Santa,
 I really enjoyed my battle-ship game last year but this year I'm gonna be extra and ask for a xbox one s. Merry Christmas and happy New Year. have a safe trip. P.S. I will leave your reindeer carrots and leave a treat for you. Merry Christmas.

Love, Hunter Conklin

Dear Santa,
 may I have a new kitten for Christmas? My kitten Lily ran away. So anyway how are your reindeer? I will leave out cookies and milk. Oh, and 2 carrots for Rudolph since he got through the fog that one special Christmas. What have you been doing? I bet you're looking at all the children of the world.

Love, Tabettha Adolphi

Dear Santa,
 I would love a new lego set. Maybe a few games for my playstation vita. May I please some long books to read. I would also like a water bottle as well and some new under armor clothes.

Sincerely, Sawyer Seminoff

Dear Santa,
 I would like White Van's please. I would like a booster board. And I would like for you to have a nice trip.

Love, Corey Boboltz

Dear Santa,
 I hope you had a safe trip around the whole world I will leave you cookies, milk and candy for you to get a sugar to stay awake. May I tell you

what I want for Christmas. 1st a scooter 2nd a pair of rollerblades that go on the back of your feet 3rd and some money please and thank you. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Tatum J. Donovan

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the presents that you got me last year. This year I will put out Cheerios for your elves, and carrots for your reindeer! I will also make cookies and Ovaltine milk. I will send a list off to the north pole, hope you get it. Thank you, have a nice flight!

Sincerely,
 Jacob Renschenski

Dear Santa,
 May I have for christmas a playstation 4. A hunting or white playstation 4 remote. A zoomer cat. I would love to have my whole family there for christmas even people that live far away. I also want my dad to paint me that chalk-board on the wall I have been waiting for for years. Thank you for giving me the best presents in the world. I also hope we have more snow this year, but I don't want it to be too cold.

Love, Maddison Daggett

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? I am doing good. I can't wait until christmas. What's your favorite cookies. If you can't decide I will put a batch of chocolate chip cookies. Thank you for the gifts last year. This year I would love to have a 7 inch tablet case. I want to wish you a merry christmas and a Happy new year.

Love, Mikayla Antuma

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the gifts last year. All I want is a computer and 2 I phone 6 cases. I also would like some stuff for my room. Merry Christmas.

Love, Alera Buehl

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the art set last year. This year I would like some shopkins and some lego friends. Say hi to the reindeer for me. Have a merry Christmas. Thank you.

Love, Kiersten Dellar

Dear Santa,
 You know Santa I have been getting older now. I would really enjoy a Samsung galaxy phone, if you could bring me one. I hope that you had a good year. Um....I would just like that for Christmas. I think that my mom and dad might like something too. The presents from last year I really enjoyed. We will have your cookies and milk ready for you. And carrots for the reindeer.

See you then,
 Sage Gauthier

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing and how is Mrs. Claus and reindeer, especially Rudolph. All I want for Christmas is a apple watch, call of duty ghost, lost planet 3, all those are xbox 360 games. That's all I would like to get for christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you.

Raymond Lee Geddert

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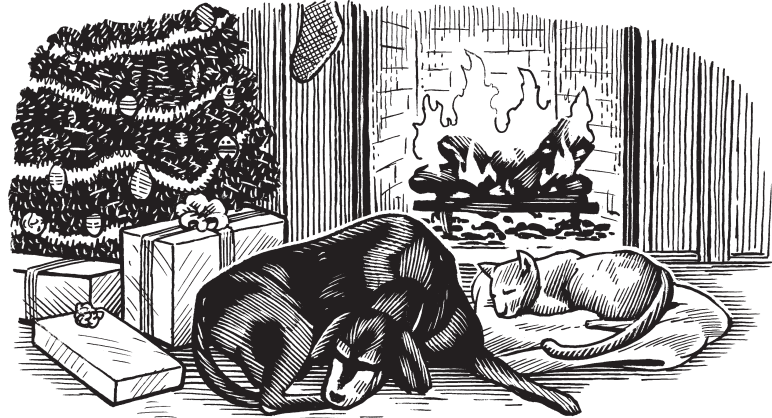
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Dear Santa,
Hi again I appreciate the Lego you gave me last year for Christmas it was great. Please gave my brother a baseball. We all are hope we get a PS4. We also would like to get lego dimensions ster pack and a fun pack.

Chase Kamchke

Dear Santa,
Its me again. I don't want you to yell at me, its only one more thing. I know last year's gift was lovely, but this one is just as lovely. I only need one more gift, well maybe more. I mean it's not important. I would love all my family to be home and spend time together, even friends if they want to. I would like them to come for Cristmas.

Dylan Karas

Dear Santa,
I am appreciating my gifts like my samsung tablet that you got me for my last christmas. But this year may I have a Ipod it is kinda like a Ipad but smaller. Also may I have a new dress that I have been dieing for and those new leather boots I have been wanting. May you get me a new pair of headphones for my Ipod. And if you don't get me an Ipod I will like a samsung phone with a front crama. This may be too much to ask for but if I don't get any of this stuff it is okay? There is really only one thing I want it is that everybody can have a christmas like I can. P.S i will leave you some milk and cookies for you, I will also leave some carrots for your reindeer. And an extra carrot for rudolph. Merry christma.
Love, Megan Knott

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the gifts from last year. First I would like a iphone 6. Secondly I want a arts and craft clay. Next I want a hot tub. Lastly I would like lots cooking stuff. Merry christmas.
Sincerely, Aream Monnier

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year. I loved my sports bag you got me. How are you doing? Hope you have a good Christmas. Anyway, may I have a Itunes card. I would love that. I'm sure my little sister Maddie would love some lego's and I would like some too. Also I would love some more sports equipment for basketball and volleyball, like sweatpants and shorts. I also want a plasma globe. Have a good Christmas and hope your reindeer have a good flight. Thanks for everything you've done.
Merry Christmas,
Lily Pappas

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts that you gave me last Christmas, I still have that Tablet (electronic) that you gave me. Thank you for the tablet. All; I really want is a phone, a Xbox or PS4, PS3 and a new tablet case or phone case and a Iphone 7 with a wifi card. And Minecraft and Call of Duty MW3.
Sincerly, Dawson Rigby

Dear Santa,
I would love to have a few unique pictures to hang on my bedroom wall. Also I would like if you could just make the

snow go on a little...vaycay. Also if you could tell my beloved sister to paint me a picture that I've been wanting since my birthday. So I hope Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixin, Connor, Cupid, Donner, Blixen and Rudolph are doing great give them a treat fro me. Thanks for the amazing presents last year.
Your friend, Miah Schopfer

Dear Santa,
Thanks for all the toys you gave me last year. I will put out oatmeal and sparkles for the reindeer. I would like science projects please. Some crafts too. I can not wait until your elf Bella comes back.
Your friend, Allie Travis

Dear Santa,
Can I get a nerf gun for christmas please. Next a huge lego set. last but not lest a rc car thank you.
from, David Sharboneau

Dear Santa,
Thank for all the presents last year. This year I would like a iphone, a Drone, Xbox games and a Terrain Twister.
Love, Devin Shepard

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for getting me that little wooden horse last year. It reminds me of real horses, and those are the animals I wish to have. This year for Christmas I would like an electric fence that would fit around my barn by the garden. May I please have the fence 5 feet tall and 100 yards long. Also for Christmas this year I would like a real filly, that I can raise into a beautiful horse. It would be a pleasure to make room for her in the barn. This has been my dream since I was 4 or 5 and now I'm 10. I absolutely love horses so much. Can you PLEASE make my dream come true for me Santa?
Sincerely, Emma L Travis

Dear Santa,
I would like to thank you for all my wonderful gifts last year! This year I would like a scrapbook for all my pictures and some glitter and markers. Also some paint to please! I would like to ask you to give my mom and dad a very special gift! A new bed for there bedroom. Thank you so much. drive safe.
Your friend Avi Turpen

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year's gifts. I always like your stocking suffers. Also, thanks for delivering Grandma and Papa's presents for us! This year mom want us to ask for not as much things and more experiences. So I decided I would like a trip to Chicago, please. It would be really fun to go there. I would also get to see my cousins who live there. I would also like a pocket knife please. It was on my list since I started it. Not to sharp though, or I might cut myself. Last but not least I would like a plasma globe. It is super cool. It looks like there is electricity flowing into your had. I know you'll got in touch with my mom and figure out more things. You don't have to get me too much because my birthday comes up very soon after and Maddie need some

presents too. Merry Christmas! Happy Holiday! And safe travels!

Your friend, Carter Upper

Dear Santa,
All I want is some gifts. Like an iphone and loge (A big lego set.) and maybe a gopro. I will give some carrot to your reindeer. And some cookies and some milk. I still play with my ipod and tablet.
Love, Ziggy

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like a booster board. I would like a vr. I hope I get those things. I hope you have a nice tripe. And everyone gets what they want. hope you like the Cookies and carrots I will live you and I hope your reindeer fly safe.
from, Collin Walker

Dear Santa,
All I want for christmas is my two front teeth my two front teeth. I'm just kidding all I really want is a Amazon card. A new pillow and allso what do you want for christmas. Send a letter. merry Christmas
From Colton Whitten

Dear Santa,
I really like what you got me last year. Everything was very fun to play with. I really like the microscope you got me. This year I would like an iPad, roller blades, pogo stick, and a camera for Christmas. Have a very good Christmas!
Love, Aspen Wortley

SIXTH GRADE Mr. Somers' Class - 6th Grade

Dear Santa,
I hope you are warm and jolly because Christmas is almost here. All I want for christmas is my mom. I hope you help her change her ways. Well bye Santa and Merry Christmas.
Sam

Dear Santa,
My name is Alli Brandon. I am a sixth grade student at Alcona Elementary School. For Christmas, I would not like much because there are thousands of people who aren't as lucky as me. But, for Christmas I would like some new clothes, preferably Harry Potter, Percy Jackson or NERDS merchandise. It would be nice to have some more books. It doesn't matter what genres. I've got my eyes on a couple toys, but if I want them that bad I can buy them myself. I would rather have your elves spend their time making toys for the less fortunate, who will appreciate them more. I hope you enjoy your Christmas and get lots of milk cookies (not coke. The commercials are wrong.).
Sincerly, Alli B.

Dear Santa Claus,
As you probably know by now my name is Morgan Munsey, I am 11 years old toing to be 12 and my favorite color is green. There is honestly not a lot I want for Christmas. Maybe just some common things like candy or some sort of poster(s) from (a) video game(s) that I am quite fond of. But I guess I pretty much just wish that you are able to deliver presents without too much hassle. Make sure the reindeer are dressed

warmly! Oh and you too! Also make sure to tell all the elves my sincerest thank you for working so very hard this year, past years, and the years to come!

Your friend and fellow believer, Morgan Munsey

Dear Santa,
For cristmas I want a new phone, another cat, world peace and fro you to have a nice and safe trip.
Sencirly Julia

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a nice Christmas. Be safe and I wish for peace in the world.
Sincerly, Carmen Dellar

Dear Santa,
I hope you give many people joy this year. I would like for you to bring peace to the world and many children happy merry Christmas.
Love your friend, Krystal Belanger

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring Good will towards men.
Sincerly,
Hayden Johnston

Dear Santa,
I hope you deliver all the presents on time. Well I just thought I would say Merry Christmas and have a happy New Year to you and all your elfs and Mrs. Claus.
Love, Leah Braden

Dear Santa,
I hope you can give me a present that I would love. I love Christmas and a happy new year.
Sincerly, Ryan Stanley

Dear Santa,
Please bring joy and peace to the world. And Doritos! That is all I want for Christmas.
Sincerly, Brian Burgess

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great and joyful Christmas! Make sure you eat lots of cookies and milk! Merry Christmas Santa!
Kayla Harvey

Dear Santa,
Please spread happiness across the United States. Bring them joy, peace, and faithfulness.
Sincerly, Kelsey Hansen

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a football shirt with pads and a xbox one s and madden 17.
Sincerly, Owen Dellar

Dear Santa,
I would like it if you would get my whole family new bikes because of our fire we lost everything, thank you. P.S. may I please get an iphone 7
Sincerly, Anastasia Preston



Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is for everyone to travel safely and for my Aunt, Uncle and cousins to come up from down state. It would also be nice to get some snow soon. Thank you for reading my letter. Ps. If you can tell my Grandma to make a pot of catfish soup that would be great - thank you!
Sincerely, Rebecca Kearns

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a laptop, some new boots or muck boots. I hope you have good Christmas and eat lots of cookies.
Love, Emily Lobaugh

Ms. Stewart's Class - 6th Grade

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are your reindeer doing good? I hope they are ready for Christmas! Your elfs are probably working hard. This year for Christmas will you please get me a I-Phone 6, a easy bake oven, a wubble X (the ones with the helium cans). Bunchems, a 2-in-1 ice cream maker, a orbeez foot spa, a action cam, speak out, who tooted, and snackeez. And also a flat ball (a flat ball is a ball that folds down into a frisbee and then when you throw it it turns into a ball). Thank you! I hope you have a good Christmas. P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies, and carrots or apples for your reindeer!
Your friend, Chloe Bunton

Dear Santa,
Hi Santy! How are you this year? Do you think I've been good? I think I've been good this year. I really want some new markers and crayons. Also some coloring books to go with the coloring utensils. I want a iPod touch for Christmas as well. Lastly, I want ice cream! I don't care what kind, it is I just want ice cream!
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Sincerly, Kaitlin Nardi

Dear Santa,
I'm not asking for much, just one very special thing. Can you send a prayer for my grandma? or even better, for her to come stay the night on Christmas even. She always spends the night but shes eighty seven and very ill. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I am looking forward to it.
Sincerly, Sydney Petty

Dear Santa,
How are you, Mrs. Clause, the elves and the reindeer doing? I am doing well. I think I have been very well behaved this year. Now let me take this time to tell you what I hope to get for Christmas this year. This year for Christmas I would like a crayola art kit because I want to be a artist. I would also like to get some new dork diary books. Lastly, could you get my stepdad some chocolate candy and my grandpa Dennis safe travels when he comes back from Arizona. Thank you for all the presents you gave me last year. I hope that you have safe travels. We will have cookies waiting for you. P.S. Don't eat too many cookies!
Love, Savannah Wright

Santa's On His Way

We couldn't be more excited about spending the Christmas season here at home with all of you. We hope your holiday delivers an abundance of happiness, health, friendship, love and good fortune!

Thanks for everything you've done to make our year special. Friends and customers like you mean the world to us, and we're grateful for your loyal support. Merry Christmas to your and yours!

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