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# Field study provides details for county-wide broadband access

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

The Alcona County Economic Development Committee (A-EDC) is one step closer in the process of bringing high-speed broadband access countywide.

Committee chairman, Doug Cheek, said the A-EDC has been working hard and is on track with recently receiving a completed technical field study. The study, conducted by Connected Nation/Engineering and Technical Services Team, is a comprehensive understanding of what broadband infrastructure currently exists in Alcona County.

"The study is a highly technical mapping process and an invaluable tool. It will allow us to make informed decisions on how to proceed and which providers we might

consider. It will help in determining our initial goal of making Alcona County a 'Gigabit' county," Cheek explained in a detailed outline delivered Alcona County Commissioners last month.

The study was made possible by an \$80,000 non-construction grant secured by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the federal government and a

\$16,000 (20 percent) matching grant through the Northeast Michigan Council of Government (NEMCOG) working together with the A-EDC at no cost to the county.

According to Cheek, mapping for the study was completed in the middle of last September. "That was the physical part with the company driving down every road and looking down rabbit holes

to find every piece of infrastructure that relates to broadband in the county. That's a lot of data," Cheek said.

Last month the A-EDC received the first executive summary which Cheek explained was the flyover view of the study. "They began putting the information on a GIS data map which we are now in possession of. It shows what is where in the county, if it is active, dark or fiber. They have inventoried the entire county. We now know what we have and what we don't have. It's a very empirical study. The map is active and it is very good.

"We are probably one of the only counties around here who has this. Michigan decided recently that they were going to map the entire state with Connected Nations as well. The good news is we already have it done so we don't have to wait for the state to finish that project, which is huge," Cheek said.

He explained with this study the A-EDC no longer needs to rely on the truthfulness of providers which has not proven to be accurate.

Cheek expected the final executive summary to come in this week which will not only tell the A-EDC what it found but give a road map of recommendations on where the county might want to go and what types of technology may work here.

"Then we will go to work on the next step. In the first

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# Ecologist ponders thoughts of Isle Royal moose

By Rachel Duckett

Capital News Service

Over 20 years ago, John Vucetich watched a moose on Isle Royale and thought, "I wonder what that moose is thinking?"

He had absolutely no idea. Vucetich, a professor of wildlife ecology at Michigan Tech University, began his work on Isle Royale as a freshman at the same university. Now 50, the Michigan native has studied wolves and moose for over 20 years on the pristine, isolated island in Lake Superior.



A bull moose in its element. *Photo courtesy of Great Lakes Echo.* 

He now leads the island National Park's wolf-moose project. "It's probably fair to say that wolves found me rather than me having found them" he said

them," he said.

While tracking technology and wolf politics have changed during his career, the nature of the work hasn't. "It's a story that just unfolds one year at a time, and there's only one way to turn the page in the story," he said. "And that's to just wait and see how many wolves and moose there'll be and then to try to figure out why."

Vucetich shares that story in a recent book, "Restoring the Balance: What Wolves Tell Us about Our Relationship with Nature," (Johns Hopkins University Press, \$49.95).

"I don't think I know the right way for humans in nature to relate to one another," Vucetich said. "But I do enjoy thinking about it broadly and openly and as deeply as I can. And I like sharing those thoughts with others."

The book combines natural history and memoir, much of it from his field notes and observations. "A lot of memories and reflections build up over that kind of time. And they were starting to beat against the inside of the walls of my head," he said. "And they needed to be let loose. And so I let them loose into this book."

He details the behavior of wolves and moose and the larger lessons drawn from those observations. "Towards the end of the book, I start to explore in a rather rich sort of way, the whole cause of wolves not doing well," he said.

#### Lone wolves and the National Park Service

Vucetich saw Isle Royale's gray wolf population dwindle from as many as 50 in 1980 to near-extinction. About five years ago, only two remained.

The wolf decline caused the moose population to expand. "Normally, the wolf popu-Continued on page 27





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# Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Just when it seemed we were experiencing some positive things in Harrisville and there was hope on the horizon, we learn that The Flour Garden is closing at the end of the year. Now that may not seem like a big deal to some but not only will we have gained another empty building in the city but lost the familiar energy of Manny and Kim Pompa.

Manny and Kim have poured heart and soul into their business over the years which has truly benefited this community. They quietly supported it in ways of which many may not even be aware; always ready and willing to contribute food items and baskets for raffles and fundraising events or to help support a family in need -- a contribution that cannot be quantified.

Harrisville is a wonderful little town. It's beginning to feel like there's little time left to turn things around without the infusion of younger and dedicated people willing to invest in and commit to our community. All of us need to make a serious commitment to shop small and support those who own businesses in and around Harrisville.

Art and Kathy Laatz Harrisville



### **Obituary**



### Jodie M. Collver

Jodie Marie Collver, 46, of Harrisville died on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2021 at Spectrum Heart Health Care Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

She was born June 2, 1975 at Edwards Air Force Base in California to Richard and Dianna (O'Berski) Nelson-Adrianse.

She graduated from Santa Rita High School in Tucson, Ariz. in 1993. She attended Northern Arizona University for teaching. She changed her career focus and graduated from Signature Beauty College in Clare, Mich. During her career as a hair artist, Ms. Collver took courses to keep up on the latest products and techniques.

She also worked at Ronee's Flowers and Nursery in Greenbush. She enjoyed working with everyone and loved creating flower arrangements. She loved to interact with people.

Ms. Collver is survived by her parents, Ronald W. and Diana M. Adrianse of Oscoda; fiancée, Jim DalPizzol; one brother, Richard (Missy) Nelson of Oscoda; three nephews, Nelken Nelson of Stanley,



Va., Liam Peach of Oscoda and Michael Peace of Oscoda; one niece, Daisy Peace of Oscoda; her fiancee's daughter, Paige DalPizzol of Harrisville; two aunts, Kathy Kelly of Bad Axe, Mich. and Debra (Ted) Westover of Saranac, Mich.; one uncle, Kenneth (Christine) O'Berski of Ubly, Mich.; many cousins; and her beloved dogs, Murphy and Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her father, Sgt. Richard A. Nelson.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Ms. Collver's life will be held at a later date.

# Proof positive of the existence of Santa Claus

By Terry Roorda

Santa Claus Believer

It was in 1959 that I wrote a letter to Santa Claus, which my mother dutifully posted.

In it I was asking – pleading, really – for my heart's desire. It was a sophisticated piece of military hardware called a Remco Pom Pom Gun. I had scant hope of receiving something so splendid and unobtainable, and ruefully prepared myself for the inevitable disappointment that awaited.

But come Christmas morning that year, as the orgy of grip-and-rip took place around the tree, I tore into a package and discovered, to my dumbstruck joy, a Remco Pom Pom Gun! My life was pretty much complete. It was the best Christmas ever or, at least, of the three I could recall at the age of six.

Flash forward two weeks to when Miss Dickie's first grade class reconvened with our bright faces still basking in the afterglow of a bounteous holiday. And it was then that Miss Dickie mischievously brought up the thorny issue. I don't remember her exact words, but it was to the

Read what the Students of Alcona Elementary wrote to Santa on pages 7-26



Exhibit A: The 1959 Remco Pom Pom Gun. (Batteries not included.)

effect of Santa isn't real. Agree or disagree. Discuss.

A lively debate ensued, and I was appalled to discover that a goodly number of my classmates were non-believers. I sat and listened to their cynical, benighted remarks, snorting audibly and rolling my eyes until, at last, all eyes were trained derisively on me, the obvious holdout in this lynching.

I rose to state my position, and to defend the honor of my beloved and embattled Santa. I paused for effect, met the gaze of my stupid classmates, and stated simply, eloquently, and devastatingly: "My par-

ents could never afford a Remco Pom Pom Gun!"

Confronted with this irrefutable proof, a hush befell my adversaries, and the brighter among them were sent reeling into an existential reconsideration of their position on the matter, and a twinkle entered Miss Dickie's eyes, and a wry smile spread across her countenance.

Check. And mate. Case settled.

Yes, children, there is a Santa Claus.

(Terry Roorda is a retired writer and magazine editor who lives in Harrisville.)



### Calendar of Events



#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Children of all ages are invited to Homeschoolers at the Library for a fun and educational activity at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

TOPS 1502 Mikado will begin with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. First visit is free. Handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

All branches of the Alcona County Library will be closed for New Year's Eve. The Curtis Township Library will also be closed.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

All branches of the Alcona County Library will be closed for New Year's Eve. The Curtis Township Library will also be closed.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Euchre is played at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

The craft activity for youth ages 12 to 18 will be a T-shirt yarn project at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for this free program.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

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### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

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### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 1**

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#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

Ladies of any denomination are invited to attend the Bible study hosted by Solid Rock Church of God featuring "Women of the Bible" at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 160 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln – across from Alcona Health Center. For more information, contact Darlene Ramey at (734) 718-7760.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

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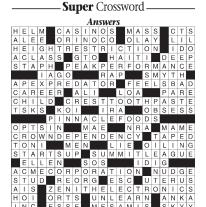
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located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.



The ancient Aztecs called this brilliant plant cuetlaxochitl, or "the flower that perishes like all that is pure." It was very highly esteemed, and used medicinally and in worship to their gods. Later, during the Spanish colonial period, the plant continued to be used during the religious feasts and holy days in southern Mexico, and was called Flor de Nochebuena (the

Christmas Eve flower) by the monks. American diplomat Joel
Poinsett brought samples of it from southern Mexico to his home
in South Carolina, and it became popular as the "poinsettia" plant.

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The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the FY 2022 Non-General Fund Budget on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building in Harrisville. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Alcona County Clerk's Office.



### Old cell phones may not work in 2022, Social Security calculators help decide when to claim

Dear Savvy Senior,

My 80-year-old father has an old flip phone he carries around with him for emergency purposes, but I've heard that these devices will soon be phased out. Is this true? If so, how can we know if his phone will be affected, and where can I find him a simple new one that he can operate. Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,

Yes, it's true! If your dad's mobile phone is more than a few years old, he will probably need to upgrade it in the very near future.

Why?

Because all of the major cell phone carriers - AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile – are shutting down their older 3G networks in 2022 to free up airwaves for 5G and other advanced services. So, if your dad is using an old 3G phone, like millions of other older Americans, he'll need to get a new device if he wants to make calls, text or reach 911.

But you should also know that it's not just older cell phones that will be obsolete. Older home security systems, medical devices and personal emergency response systems that still harness 3G will also

Adding to the confusion, older 4G phones that don't support modern cellular voice technologies, such as Voice Over LTE or HD Voice, are



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ers may need a software upgrade or a new phone.

Here are the timelines for the 3G shutdowns: AT&T: February 2022; T-Mobile: July 1, 2022; Verizon: December 31, 2022; Sprint (which is owned by T-Mobile): March 31, 2022; and Sprint LTE: June 30, 2022.

Other smaller carriers like Tracfone, Cricket, Boost and Straight Talk, will also be affected, because they rely on airwaves from the big three.

#### Is Your Phone Affected?

Cell phone carriers say they have been alerting customers who use older phones that services are ending, sending a combination of texts, letters, phone calls and emails. If you're not sure about your dad's phone, contact his carrier or check their website for a list of affected devices.

Another way to see if your dad's phone is 3G is to look up his international mobile equipment identity number which can be found by pressing \*#06# on his keypad. Once you have it, go to www.imei.info and type it in the search bar to get the phone's details. If his phone has a frequency of 900 megahertz (MHz) or 2100 MHz, it's 3G. You can also look for a "3G" icon at the top corner of his phone, but not all 3G phones have that icon.

### **How to Upgrade**

If you find that you do need to upgrade your dad's cell phone, carriers are offering discounts and special promotions on replacement devices. If you're worried about your dad having to learn your way around a new device, you'll be happy to know that there are plenty of modern new flip phones available that work on the next-generation networks.

Or, if your dad decides that he would rather forge ahead without a phone than upgrade, then he will need to cancel the service. Most carriers will let you cancel your plan without any penalty. However, if he forgets to cancel his phone plan and doesn't upgrade to a working device, the company won't automatically stop charging him just because he isn't able to access their network.

### How to Recycle

If your dad does have to replace his old cell phone, the best way to dispose of it is to recycle it. Large retailers, such as Best Buy, offer recycling programs for old electronics. Or you can search for local recycling programs on websites like Call2Recycle.org and Earth911.com.

**Claiming Social Security** Dear Savvy Senior, Can you recommend some

good resources that can help my wife and me determine the best claiming ages for maximizing our Social Security retirement benefits?

Just Turned 62

Dear Just,

Deciding when to start collecting your Social Security benefits is one of the most complicated and consequential decisions in retirement. The difference between a good decision and a poor one could cost you and your wife tens of thousands of dollars over your retirement, so doing your due diligence now is a very smart move.

### **Factors to Consider**

As you may already know, vou can claim Social Security any time between the ages of 62 and 70, but each year you wait increases your benefits between five and eight percent. However, there are other factors you need to take into account to help you make a good decision, like your health and family longevity, whether you plan to work in retirement, along with spousal and survivor benefits.

To help you weigh your claiming strategies, you need to know that Social Security Administration claims specialists are not trained or authorized to give you personal advice on when you should start drawing your benefits. They can only provide you information on how the system works under different circumstances. To get advice you'll need to turn to other sources.

### **Online Tools**

Your first step in getting Social Security claiming strategy advice is to go to SSA.gov/ myaccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at ages 62 through 70. These estimates are based on your yearly earnings that are also listed on your report.

Once you get your estimates for both you and your wife, there are a number online Social Security strategy calculators you can turn to that can compare your options so you can make an informed decision.

The best one that's completely free to use is Open Social Security (OpenSocial-Security.com), which runs the math for each possible claiming age (or, if you're married, each possible combination of claiming ages) and reports back, telling you which strategy is expected to provide the most total spendable dollars over your lifetime.

But if you want a more thorough analysis consider fee-based calculators like

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Maximize My Social Security (MaximizeMySocialSecurity.com) or Social Security Solutions (SocialSecuritySolutions.com). Both of these tools, which are particularly helpful to married couples as well as divorced or widowed persons, will run what-if scenarios based on your circumstances and show how different filing

## Study

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quarter of 2022, we will have a series of meetings with the technology people from Connected Nation and begin discussing what potential providers the county would like to chat with.

"We will go into the discovery stage of what providers we may consider, not only providers who are legacy in the county but those who are headed this way. Some electrical companies are doing co-ops because they have the infrastructure. They have a pole inventory so they don't have to dig, they can string wire.

"We have the data in hand so whatever provider we sit and talk to will have to answer some tough questions. I'm not sure where this will shake out, it's just the next step in the process. We may need one provider for the whole county, or we may need multiple providers to reach all four corners. It will be a very long process requiring a lot of patience and time," Cheek said.

He emphasized the important role the EDA and NEMCOG played in making the study for the county a reality. He is hopeful the EDA may be able to supply construction grants in the future and, about possibly using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds the townships have received from the federal government which must be used by 2026.

The A-EDC Communication Committee has recently completed a multipronged strategy to reach every taxpayer in the county via the United States Postal Service or electronically. It includes the ability for all county residents to reach out to the A-EDC either by voicemail (989) 724-9555; by email alconaedc@gmail.com, or by regular mail; Alcona County, P.O. Box 308, Harrisville, Mich., 48740 with attention to A-EDC. A postcard with this information has recently been sent to all taxpayers in the county.

Cheek explained the voicemail, which is through the county, will not only receive messages from people but will convey information about what the A-EDC is working on.

"The community needs to understand what we are doing and why we are doing it. It also gives people information on where to search for the Federal Emergency Broadband Program. We are trying to communicate and engage the entire community in this process, not just those who have Internet capability," Cheek said.

strategies affect the total payout over the same time frame.

Maximize My Social Security's web-based service costs \$40 per year for a household, while Social Security Solutions offers several levels of web-based and personalized phone advice ranging from \$20 to \$250.

#### **In-Person Advice**

You may also be able to get help through a financial planner. Look for someone who is a fee-only certified financial planner (CFP) that charges on an hourly basis and has experience in Social Security analysis.

To find someone, use the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors online directory at NAPFA.org, or try the Garrett Planning Network (GarrettPlanning-Network.com), which is a network of fee-only advisers that charge between \$150 and \$300 per hour.

(Send senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

### Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of December 13-19, 2021

65 complaints were handled that resulted in: No Arrests and No Citations.

### **Complaint Statistics**

Car/Deer Accidents	10	Traffic/Traffic Stop	9
Property Damage Accident	5	Assist	12
Animal/Dog	3	Miscellaneous	3
Well Being Check	7	911 Hang Up	1
Suspicious Event	2	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Alarm	3	Larceny	1
Fire/Power Lines Down	5	Domestic	2
Assault	1		

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Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Coffee 10 a.m.
Patch the Pirate children's ministry on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

**New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)** Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Hubbard Lake Rd.,

" Church 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

### **Our Savior Lutheran Church**

3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan Sunday Morning 9 a.m. Worship Service Everyone Welcome



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

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Pastor David Putz~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

Hope Lutheran Church NALC

### 5462 Nickelson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake,

Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Pastor Herb Kitzman • **989-727-3206** 



### Catholic Parishes of the Resurrection

St. Raphael, Mikado Saturday 4:30 p.m. St. Anne, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m. St.Gabriel, Black River, Saturday 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine, Ossineke Sunday 9 a.m. Pastor John William • (989)471-5121 • (989) 724-6713

### GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross

- Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
- Wednesday Prayer
- Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Meeting 6 p.m.

### Hav- es Commu- ity Church

4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. • 989-724-6665 Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org



### First Baptist Church of Lincoln

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.

Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

### **Spruce Presbyterian Church** Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids

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Rev. Ken Krause - Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD

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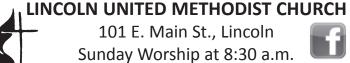
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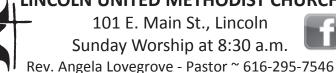
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# Tigers go 1-2 in opening week

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer Two days after opening the season with a win, the Alcona boys varsity basketball team

had hoped to make it two in a row on Wednesday, Dec. 15

The Tigers put up a good fight early on, but faded as the game went on, falling 71-45 in the non-conference

The Tigers had a pair of first quarter threes by Garrett Somers and a three by DJ Howe, but Tawas still led 21-15 after the first

In the second quarter, Hayden Johnston netted six points and Howe hit a three and had five points total, but Tawas kept its hot offensive night going, leading 39-28 at the half. The Braves found some more distance in the third, taking a 57-41 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Howe hit three treys on the night and finished with 15 points in all, Johnston netted 12 points. Somers finished with six. Michael Basner scored four points. With two points apiece was Hunter Rigby, Collin Walker and Logan Zuchowski.

On Monday, Dec. 13 Alcona opened the season with a 49-36 home win over Posen in a North Star League crossover battle.

Johnston had a big opening quarter. He scored seven points and helped Alcona to an 11-5 lead after one. Walker netted six points in the second, as the Tigers pulled ahead to 24-12 at the half.

In the third quarter, Basner and Somers each hit a threepointer and Howe grabbed five points. It was a 35-19 Alcona lead entering the fourth. Howe hit for eight points, including hitting fourof-four from the free throw line in the final frame to help finish off the win.



Alcona's DJ Howe sets up for a jumper during last week's loss at Tawas. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Howe finished with 15 Further game information points. Johnston netted 11. C. Walker scored eight. Gavin Walker added seven. Somers finished with five and Basner added three.

Alcona lost a NSL crossover game in Hillman, 65-31.

was not provided.

Alcona (1-2 overall) hosted Hale on Monday and returns to action on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 at Whittemore-Pres-

# Lady Tigers end skid, tame visiting Hillman

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team entered last Friday's North Star League crossover game with visiting Hillman on a three-game losing streak. Alcona's Lady Tigers put an end to that skid in emphatic fashion by dominating Hillman to the tune of a 52-25 victory.

"This was a much needed win after three tough losses," said head coach Mark Feldhiser said. "Our girls played outstanding basketball against a pretty good team. We played well on the floor and for three quarters and we had very balanced scoring."

Kelsey Hansen led the offensive output with 12 points. Sage Gauthier and Emma Travis each netted 11 points. Carmen Dellar netted eight,

Jenna Wambold scored six and Sierra West put in four.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14 Alcona lost a NSL crossover game in Posen, 38-34.

"It was a close game throughout, but we came up a little short," Feldhiser said. "We were playing shorthanded and we were unable to overcome some foul trouble. This was tough, the third loss in a row. However, we really competed hard and I cannot fault the effort in this one. We are learning and getting better each game."

Hansen led the way with 11 points. Dellar put in nine and Travis added seven

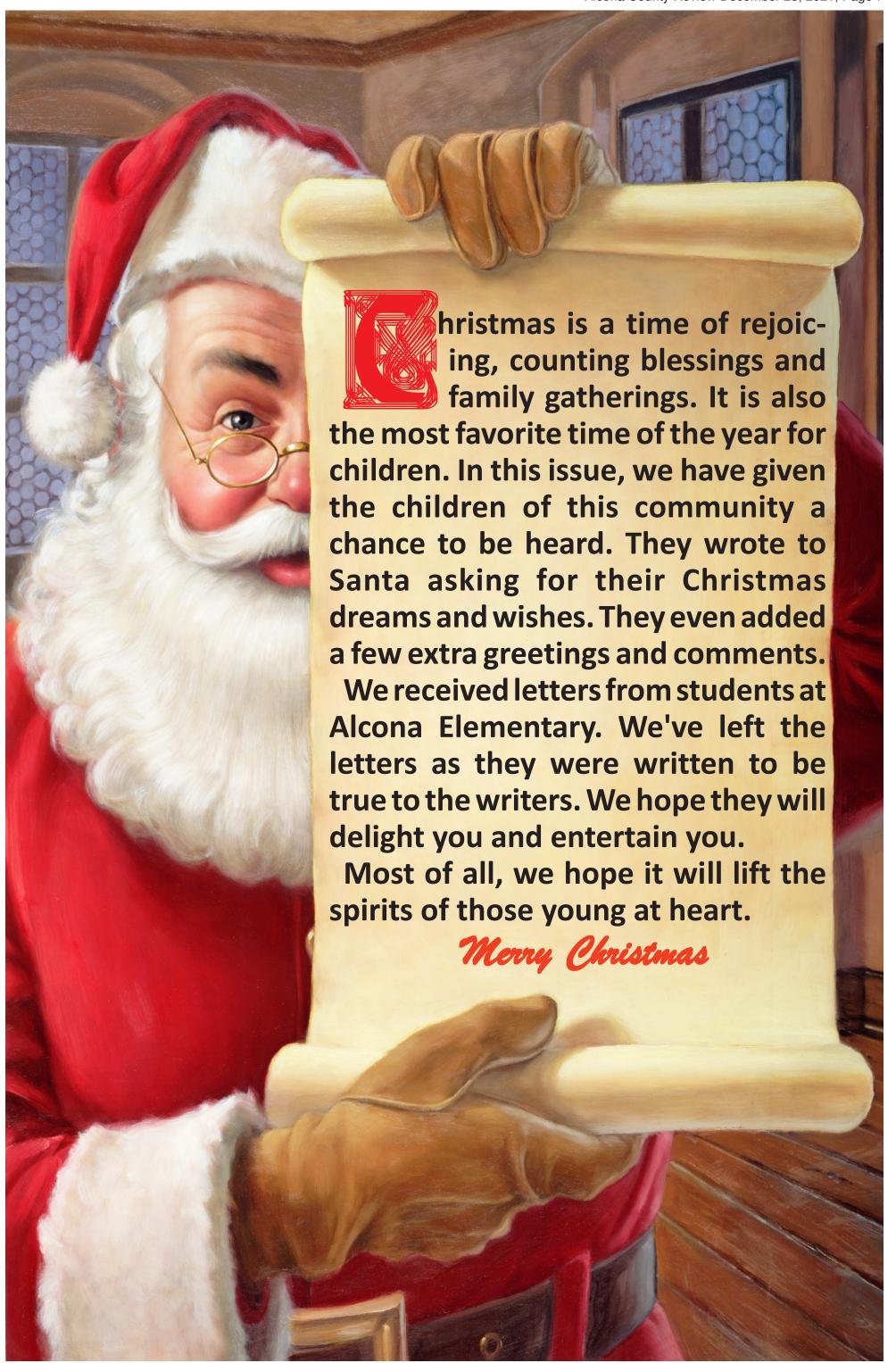
Alcona (2-3 overall) was at Hale on Tuesday and returns to action on Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at home against Whittemore-Prescott.

# Americanisms



"Life gets very precious when there's less of it to waste." — Bonnie Raitt

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### Keturah Dellar – Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want 2 thousand Barbies. Why do you eat always cookies and milk? From,

Cash

Dear Santa,

I want some markers and some crayons. I want a fat dog and a fat cat.

I want me and Evie to have donuts to share. I want Dad to have 2 donuts and 3 donuts for Mom.

Love, Zoey Baughn

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want Golden Optimus prime and bumble, ghostbusters, Megatron, and all the Deception, legos, all the Autobots, Autobots unite, a Jurassic Park toy, a golden Megatron, a golden Starscream, a golden bumblebee toy, Minecraft toys, golden steve.

Sincerely, Logan Beam

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good day. Hoe many carrots do feed your reindeer? How many reindeer d u have? What I want for Christmas is dolls, baby dolls, candy, books, puppy, play tent, yeti cup, LED stip lights, doll clothes for the dolls, mini hats, snowflakes, a bakers kit. Ornaments for the tree, for on wall, a toy elf, magical toy fairy, baby doll car, queen doll, Superhero doll, candy Kane for Christmas tree, toy mailbox, Mrs. Clause toy, snow glob, baby doll food,

I got another question, how many elves do you have at the north pole I bet it's pretty cold! I think I have been very nice this year.

Love, Taylor Belding

Dear Santa.

Would I be able to go see the North Pole sometime? I lie to adventure and think it'd be fun. This year I would love to have a new kitchen playset. I think I've been very good this year and made the nice list. Another item on my wish list is a computer for Christmas. I love to type and would like to learn more about typing. The best kind of computer for would be Chromebook, preferably the kind the school has.

Also thank you for the elf on the shelf for a family last year and all my presents last year. We will have milk and cookies for when you get here.

Love, Gunner Cantrell

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? What is the North Pole like and how cold is it? This year I want a toy truck. I would like a reindeer sleigh and reindeer antlers. I want chocolate and green apple candy canes. I would like a Santa Claus toy and a motorcycle.

From,

Bentley Chlarson

Dear Santa,

Why do you live in the North Pole? I think you live there that way no one can see what their presents are! How many elves do you have to help? I think you have like 100 elves! How many carrots do you have to feed the reindeers? I think 20 carrots sounds perfect. How d you not drop any presents during your trip? I believe that there's a magic fox that helps the elves put the presents in the sleigh! For Christmas, I would Like a Nintendo Switch. I would like a new one because mine is broken. I would also like a huge kitchen and food toy set! I enjoy helping my parents in the kitchen and I want to be able to play on my own too. Can I also get an elf on the shelf? I saw one in a store and thought it was cool! Can you get my dad a new phone and phone case? Can you also get my mom new pts and pans for our kitchen? I hope you are working well Santa!

Love, Mariyah Dellar



Dear Santa,

How many elfs do you have? I think you probably have 158 elfs. This year Santa I've been very good, cleaning up after others and doing my schoolwork. This year I would like a computer. I would also like a squishy and a bucket of candy canes. This year I could watch Christmas movies on my computer. I would also like a Nintendo switch so I can play games with my older sister. I would like a jojo siwa pillow With sequins on it. And a watch with jojo siwa on it. Eat lots of cookies and have a safe trip and sing a lot of Christmas Songs.

Love, Brooklyn Evanish

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? I think Santa uses just plain old magic to get his reindeer to fly. I have been good this year. This year I would like trucks. I would like Robux. I hope my brother Leo gets robot toys. I hope dad gets a game. I hope Grandma Grandpa get a computer. How do elves make presents? Santa, do you like suckers? Do you like to fly with reindeer and use magic. I love you, Santa.

Love, Aden Mahalak

Dear Santa,

I have a question for you Santa. What do you feed your reindeer? I'd like a big red. I've been good at it this year. I'd like a blue bike with sparkles out the handles and a bell on the bike. I also want a green scooter. I will like a doll with red hair and a red dress. I think I've been good with helping my mom a lot!

I would like a baking playset that is blue. I want a toy elf. I'll even name him bud! I want bud to be green, since that's my favorite color. Santa, can you give me a big stuffed brown dog? I'd really like one please. I'd like a y little pony coloring book. I really like that cartoon. I'd also like a new backpack for school! I'd like it to be orange.

Sincerely, Bella Miller

Dear Santa,

I want you to get me a car, truck and a driveway. I want for Christmas a tree, a cake, house, pancake, cupcake, kitchen, lights. I want coloring books, crayons, shotgun, BB gun, a house, Christmas stuff. That's it. Stuff to play outside, football, swing house, playhouse. That's it

Love, Dominc Myszynski



A whole new year is around the bend. So we'd like to take a moment and send, our best wishes for joy and good fortune too, with a note of deep gratitude to all of you!



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What kinds cookies to you want? Is there only one Santa? I want lots of Mario toys and magnatiles.

From, Maxwell Odom

Dear Santa,

How many elves do I milk and cookies. have? I think I'm on the nice list this year because my teacher said to be nice to everyone. For Christmas, I want a blue remotecontrol car. They go fast and I like cars. I'm going to drive it through mud and snow. I also want a popup car book. Car books are cool and good. I like cars because they're cool and go fast. I'm going to read about all the cool cars and have fun with the pop-I want candy for Christmas too. I want KitKats and chocolate. Chocolate is really good and good for you and it melts. My mom had chocolate and she ate all of it. I want legos too. I want legos so I can build a car or a truck. I want black, green, yellow, and blue legos. I want to make houses too.

I want a green truck sweater for Christmas and a red race car one. I like race cars and cars and trucks because they're cool. I want black and blue jeans to.

Love, Declan Owens

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I have lots of presents to ask for, so they need to be ready! I want a new camera to take pictures and a bean bag chair for my bedroom with Mickey Mouse o i9t. I want a new shirt with Paw Patrol on it. And if it's not too hard I want an LOL Surprise and Cutie Cars to play with. I love puzzles and books too! Thank you so much Santa!

Love, Alivia Raley

Dear Santa,

How's it at the North Pole? How do your elves make toys so quickly? I want a remote-control bucket wheel excavator for Christmas. I also need a remote-control tank that shoots please and thank you. And one more thing I'd like a real live excavator that's a little bigger than the one I have.

Thanks, Legend Schlehr

Dear Santa,

I have a question for you. How many elves do you have? I think you have at least 150, but maybe more with all the work you have to do. I've been really good this year. The one think I really want this year is a microscope, and I want it because I really like science. I would like to use it

things. I also would love to have a globe. I want to use the globe to look around the world. That is all I want for Christmas this year. I would also lie my cats Jack and Sally to get fun toys to play with.

I plan on leaving you

Hunter Sommer

Dear Santa,

My name is Emma Truman, how are you doing today? How cold is it in North the Pole? Also how many carrots should I leave out on Christmas Eve for the reindeer?

Could you give Rudolf a hug for me? I think I have been really good this year. For Christmas this year

A big Barbie treehouse. I would like a barbie doll mermaid inside the pool also an elf on the shelf.

And then please could I have a barbie book with tons of pictures. I would also love a BIG box of candy especially Oreos! Another thing I would really like is a big picture of my Mom and me. As well as a snow globe that has a pretty kitten playing in the snow. It would be awesome to get a white fluffy kitten as well. Lastly, I would like to get my mom some roses and my dad a toolbox for Christmas this year. My sister a cat toy for her cat toy. My dog gunner I would like to get a bone for being a good boy and my cat Opal a Christmas tree. Thank you for reading my letter. Have a safe trip and enjoy the cookies I set out for you.

Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. What is your favorite color? I guessed Red, White and brown. Was I right? I would love some presents for Christmas. A new tablet. My old one broke from getting wet. A bucket thing with fog and a stuffed animal inside. (like the one on tv). And play dough set the kitchen one. My brother Travis would like a new iphone. My mom a new family picture. And new tires for Daddy's truck. Our dog penny wants 10 tennis balls. She is reallllly good! She might bark at you. We will make some cookies for you and leave carrots out for the reindeer. Thank you

Love, Camille Walker

Dear Santa,

My name is Arianna. What I would like for Christmas is a Nintendo Switch and I would also like Omg Dolls. I would like for my sister to get me something too. I would to look at really small like to get Lol dolls and

some Barbie dolls. I would like a camper to go with it. And can I get some new clothes too. I would like to get my brother something he would like some Nerf Guns, Can you get those for him santa. I would also like to get my grandma something. She wants a new purse, a red one and I would like to get my grandpa some boots too and a bible. And I have some questions for you too. How you get your slay to fly in the sky. Thant's all I want for Christmas.

Your friend, Arianna Warren

Dear Santa,

How many reindeer does Santa have? Probably eight reindeer and I've been really good this year. This year's toy excavator would be perfect for me. Santa would you please bring me a tablet also like a toy monster truck. I want the biggest Christmas tree I the world also squishy. And a whole box of candy. I would also like a baby sister also like connect four. A controller for my video games because my dog ate it. I want another dog as long as the dog doesn't eat my controller. Thank you for the monster truck last year it was very

Love, Jack Wolfrom

### Mrs. Haneckow -Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Where is Santa's headquarters? Well in the North pole I think it's made from bricks. I have been very good and nice to my sister this year. This year I want a monster truck. I want the black gravedigger version. I want to build a big track and play with it outside. I also want a hot wheels dicast pack with the blue, yellow, green, red, and black cars with a track to go with it. I especially want the yellow one. I wanna race on the track with all my friends. I am thankful for my Minecraft action figure last year. Have a safe trip and tell all the reindeer hi for me. Don't drink a lot of milk.

Paul Ashford, Age 5





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

~ Matthew 2:10-11

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



Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Clause? I hope you are doing well. I wanted to know how you get around the whole world in one night? That's a long way to go in a single night! I have been very good this year. This year for Christmas, I would like a new Mickey Mouse Clubhouse to play with. I like to play Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse. I also would enjoy a SpongeBob game for my tablet. I would like to get my sister Peyton a game called DC world. As well as new toys for my dog, Thank you very much for my presents last year, I hope you have a merry Christmas and a safe journey.

Love,

Jaxsin Baughan, Age 6

Dear Santa,

How do Santa's reindeer fly? I think they use magic powers. I think I'm good this year. I want s Spiderman web shooter. I want it to shoot my sister with the spider webs. I also want a spiderman suit to go with my web shooter. I also want an iron suit so I can fly around. A Captain America shield so I can put it on and fight bad guys. I want to see Santa and his reindeer so I can give his reindeer carrots and give Santa cookies and milk.

Love, Cortex Blasdell, Age 5

Dear Santa,

How will you know if I have been good or bad? What I want for Christmas is a big airport city and a police station for my hot wheels. I also want more hot wheels so I can have more race time. I was very good thus year because I slept in my room by myself. Lastly my favorite part about Christmas is decorating!

Sincerely, Peter Dzuris, Age 6

Dear Santa,

My name is Liam. I have been keeping my grades up. I would like hot wheels and a bunch of trac for the cars to drive on and an Iphone 13 pro. Also I would like a rc snow plow truck so I can plow little snow piles and a green tablet so

it can play video games and a Nintendo switch so I can play all the mario games and I'd like some dark green mud trucks also a monster truck with a snowplow and I'd like some nike Velcro shoes. I also don't have any questiins for you santa

Sincerely, Liam Charpie, Age 6

Dear Santa,

How is my elf doing? I think he's sad because he misses me. I've been very good this year. I want a Ninetendo switch for Christmas so I can play animal crossing and Pokémon Shield and so I can play with my dad. I also want some Monster trucks so I can race with them. I want a map because my compass s broke and so I can know where my family lives. I want some batman cars can play with them. I hope you come soon.

From, Jason Eldridge, Age 6

Dear Santa,

Hi, this is Reagan. I'm happy that Christmas is coming up. I want you to be happy. I would like to have new toys like barbies with clothes and a doll house, and stuffed animals like a dog, a cat chinchilla, and a guinea pig. I want you to be safe while you travel on Christmas eve.

Reagan Flerchinger, Age 6

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? I think reindeer can fly because you give them powers. I think I've been pretty good this year. I've been nice to my little brother. One thing I want for Christmas this year is a pink cat, that's a girl. I want to play games with my cat like fetch. I also would like my cat and I do have matching reindeer horns. I would like a doll house for my cat that's as tall as the sky. I can also play barbies in it. One more thing I'd like for Christmas this year really, really, cool tent with an could stay in the tent and play with my doll house all day. My little brother Bentley would also really like some monster trucks and a track for them.

Love, MacKenzie Fowler, Age 5

Dear Santa,

I want an AOL doll house. A Barbie dream house. A Christmas lamp and JoJo shoes with beads. If I could, I'd also like coloring pages and JoJo coloring pages, too. How are your reindeer doing? How are You doing?

Merry Christmas, Arianna Fox, Age 5 Dear Santa,

This is Ayden and I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well in the North Pole. I started kindergarten this year and have been learning a lot of new things. I am learning to share and play well with others. I have a class full of new friends. This year I want to share some of my favorite things with you. Perhaps I'll get one for Christmas. I like the small stuffed zebra, the veterinarian kit for stuffed animals. I really like building magnetic blocks and I like to pretend to eat the plastic salmon Mrs. Haneckow lets us use for free time. Please be safe and feed the reinbdeer a lot before they fly around the world. I know my mom will leave you special treats on Christmas Eve.

Love, Ayden Franklin, Age 6

Dear Santa,

I like how you give presents to other children and I want to know how you drive through the night before morning to all the houses. How are you still alive after all these years? I am happy you are. For Christmas this year I want an LOL doll house, and a tall shelf and stool to put my LOL onto so that my little s9ister can't get the small toys to put in her mouth. I really you and want to ride your sled one day. It looks fun and hope one day can ride in your sleigh.

Love,

Temperance Fry, Age 6

Dear Santa,

This is Dana, Merry Christmas! This year for Christmas I would like a pooping pink flaminmgo. A tablet and a rainbow toilet. Hopefully you're too cold and the reindeer are all doing fine. Merry Christmas Ho Ho Ho

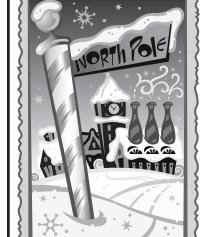
Love,

Dana Green, Age 5

Dear Santa,

How do the reindeer fly? I think Santa uses magic dust to make them fly. For Christmas I want a pink LOL doll house in it. I Barbie camper to go with my big Barbie Dollhouse. I also want some pink ballerina slippers, like the ones the girl has on Barbie and the pink shoes. I think her shoes are so pretty. The one item Santa must not forget is JoJo Siwa clothes, makeup and bows, he also must not forget my own Christmas tree pillow. How do you make presents in time?

Love, Annabelle Hendricks, Age 5endricks, A



# Happy Holidays

All signs point to a great season - and your kind friendship is the reason! Thanks Everyone



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How do reindeer fly? I think thatmthey would use Santa's magic. I think all year I've been really good! This y6ear I would really like asquishy because they are very squishy! I would squish it all the timtime! I also would really like a barbie doll for Chyristmas! Idon't exactly know why Iwant a barbie doll but they are really6 cool. Also for Christmas, I really want a barbie dollhouse and a barbie camper so I would play with them all day and night!How are the reindeer in the north pole? I thinjk right now they are gett9ng toys for all the I think Santa's kids! magic is a really cool part of the north pole!

Love,

Alexandria Hux, Age 5

Dear Santa,

I think I was good this year. I want a new phone and headphones. I would want to play with my new phone. A spiderman toy played with my brothers. \*I think it's important to get the phone so I can play with my brothers. And the spiderman toy6 so I can play with my sister. That's my letter to Santa and say hi to the reindeer for me.

Love, Dash Prusac, Age 6

Dear Santa,

I want a stuffed toy6 dolphin. I Love Christmas eve. I do love getting resents.?

Merry Christmas Jo9rdan Rich, Age 5

Dear Santa,

I have been a good child this year. I would like some good presents. A tiger twister remoite control vehicle, a remote controlled snake. I would also like a tablet to play games on. Hope all are wello.

Love,

Levi Szymanski, Age 6

Dear Santa,

How do the reindeer fly? I think they use magic to make them fly I think I nave been very good this year. This year I want a baby alive. I would like a boy and a girl one. I want some more baby alive dolls because Iwant to have a whole collection. I would also like a fre LOL dolls and a LOL house. I want LOL dolls because thyey are fun to play with and you can change their outfit. I would like the Frozen movies. I want the Frozen movies because they are cool and I also think Olaf is cool. Thank you for all the presents last year. I hope you have a safe trip and get all the presents to the other kids on time.

Sincerely, Andi Thompson, Age 6 Dear Santa,

How's the reindeers doing? I think they're doing pretty good. I think they're pretty cool! I've been good so I think I would be on the nice list. I want an Elsa castle. He Elsa castle is about a castle with

The characters fron Frozen. I love the movie Frozen. I'm excited for Christmas. I'm gonna p0lay with the Elsa castle and my cat5s might get in there and scratch itup. That's the onmly thing I want for Christmasd. I hoe you don't get stuck in the chimney that wouldn't be good. Thank you for all the presents last year! I hope you have a safe trip.

Sincerely, Taylor Yono, Age 5

### Mrs. Kolonowski-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

How do cats eat? They must eat because they need the energy ito run away fr from the dogs. I have been good this year One of fhingdeI would like is this year is a rubber snake. I would share with my broyher and we cou;lde place on the table. Another thinki Ι want for Chhristmas this year is a toy stuffed animal like a cat. I want the canr the Christmas this year is a toy stuffed animal that's a cat. I want the cat vto be smaqll enough to fit on my b8unk bed. Another thing that I would liketodo is carry the same the cat to places. I also let my would brotherplay with it because he loves cats. One more thini I want for Chriwtmas . My bro9thrt loves a lump of coal. I would 00000say Thanks You for teverything that you are doing.

'Dominic Achtabowski

Dear Santa,

I think abouy Sants presents. Also, My Dad has the same glasses as you. I think I've been really good this year because I've been kind to my mom and and I've helped clean my room and helped clean my room. And Remi, my dog. I want LOL dolls, and chicken toys. I have chickens at my house. I just need to find them. I plan to share the toys with my suster Zoey. Are elves real? Ithink they are real. I don't have any at my house though. I want to thank Santa for all the presents last Love,

Everleigh Baughan,

Dear Santa. I am wondering how does Rudolph guide Santa's Sleigh? For Christmas I would like a Tv, radio, and new curtains. Love,

Ainsley Boyat

Dear Santa.

How do you fly? For Christmas I would like Dinosaurs, Mario Kart, and a

Jack in the box.

Love, James Brockwell

Dear Santa,

I would like to figure out more about dolls. I am very interested in LOL dolls and she would like a L OL doll for Christmas. I will openh the LOL dolls and get to see surprises from it! I will have fun withit and enjoy playing with all the surprises. I will play with them all day! I would also like to ask vou about hatchimals. I want you to know I have My pet rat ben good. named Guss would like more treats that he can chew on.. My dog Dinkle and my cat would also like some treats. I would like to receive all these gifts so I can have a happy Christ-

Piper Chabot

Dear Santa,

How do you get to my house? For CHristmas i would like new slippers, a tv, and a clock.

Alexia Codling

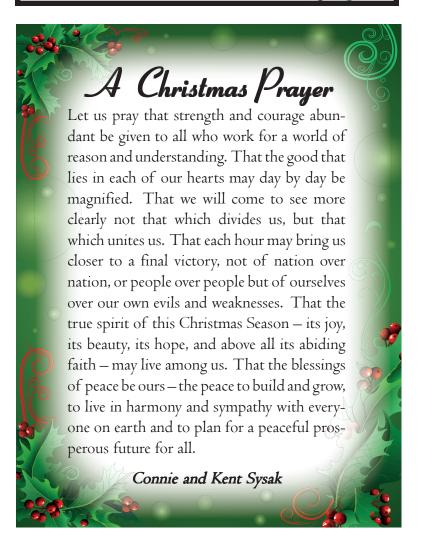
How do reindeer fly? Can reindeer walk on 5 legs? Santa pushes the button and reindeer magic aind god is helping reindeers fly? I love music I have one Christmas tree and it broke our roof. I made red, yellow, purple, green, dark green. I also want a Lol Doll, a mermaid costume, Christmas books, decorations and a tiny little flower for my hair. I also want a telescope, a pink slarkly guiater. and a baby shark coloring book. My favorite animal is a reindeer. I want a big catfor my little cat so it can be it mommeat I want it to be named — flower. I also a lolI also want a square/ circi;ehalf and half night light horse, mand unicorn knives

Love, Gabrella Evanish



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Dear Santa,

I want Barbie dolls and clothes with them. So I can change them. I also want a doll house and a dairy I also want a doll house and a dairy with a pen. I want fluffystuffed animals. I think the elf on a shelf would be ausome to have too.I think I want a caterpillar that turn it9 butterfly/ How do reindeer? I that it is because they have mafica feet. I:1I've been very good this year. If I could get my my mommy and mommy's boyfriend a gift I would give them money. My favorite reindeer is Rudolph, I will leave you cookies with milk and treats for the reindeer.

Love, Alyssa Smith

Dear Santa,

Do you fly in the air? I think you fly by using your magical slay. I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a sonic hedgehog toy and a big big dump truck. I plan to drive down a big hill with it. I also plan to run really fast with my hedgehog. I also need my dump truck to be able to drive up very big hills.

One of the things I want to get is my mom a stuffed penguin and an apple open holder. I want to get my dad some tools for his vehicle. I want to get my siblings some ABC letters, a stuffed caterpillar, and I would like a reindeer hat for myself.

Thank you Santa, for all the presents you have brought me over the past years of my life and all the years yet to come. Thank you very much for everything.

Love, Jenson Geiersbach

Dear Santa,

I would like hotwheels and a remote control car. I would also like a rubber spider to prank my family and scare them. My reason that I would like a remote control car is because I would like to play with it in my room. I would like to get my mom a pink box with her name on it that can hold money. I would like a hot wheels track that goes in a loop. I will put my hot wheels

play with it all the time. I would like a stuffed cat that I can put on my bunk bed. I would like some stick together toys that will stick to my table and home and walls. I would also love a toy jeep that I can ride in and drive around outside with. I would like to get my cat some cool cat toys and also something he can climb on.

I have a question for you, my question is how can Santa see my home when it's dark outside? And another question, how do reindeer land on my roof when it is really slippery?

I think that I have been very good this year and I feel that I deserve these items on my list. I will leave Santa a lot of cookies and milk, and also carrots for the reindeer. Thank you santa for all your hard wok that you do on christmas eve, delivering presents to all the kids around the world.

With much love, Brentley Harrison

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? Because of Santa Claus, and they fly around and go to people's houses.

How have I been this year? I think I've been good. Is there anything you want to tell or want to give Santa? I want to meet Santa. I'd be really happy if I could meet

For Christmas I would like a Barbie dream house, playdough, and a puppy. I will play with the toys and let the puppy sleep on my bed. I want to give my mom earrings, rings, dresses, pink, rainbow, bracelet, and red shoes. I want to give my dad boots. I want to share with my sister, and we play together all the time. I would like barbies, rainbow shirts, and reindeer ears.

Love, Lillian Miller

Dear Santa,

If I could talk to you day I would like to know how have been kinda naughty, good. I would like a tablet for Christmas, because my brother and sister have one. I plan on watching a movie and playing games. Sometimes the TV doesn't work because I fell on it and broke the charger for it, so that's why I want a tablet.

I would also like some earmuffs because they make my ears warm. I plan on wearing them to play in the snow. I would also like some gloves to build a snowman at my grandma's house. I would also want some puzzles because I like doing them with my grandma. I have lots of fun doing them with her. Some other gifts I would like are a charger for my tablet that

track on the floor so I can is all I would like for christmas. My favorite thing about Christmas is the presents because they are fun to play with. If I could do anything at Santa's workshop I would make toys and help him with a lot of stuff. I also want to tell him I love him and thank you for all the presents I will receive this year.

> Love, Amelia Martineau

Dear Santa.

How does your Rudolph light his nose up for all the nice kids? I would like a toy aircraft kids carrier, a helicopter, and a plan.

Christopher Minior

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa! How do you break into my house, if I don't have a chimney? I would like many supers rares, preferably a silver Charizard and a non-silver Pikachu. A Humpty Dumpty crack, it's Humpty Dumpty after a fall. A Laser Pointer for my cat Mittens. So bye Santa and please give me the stuff.

Lucas Payne

Dear Santa,

Can I go to the north pole? We could play with some toy trains and cars. Maybe some toy reindeer. I would like to see the reindeer and elves too. I have decent behavior. I would Like a Boy reindeer Rudolph stuffed animal for christmas. I want to sleep, snuggle and play with it. I would like to give candy canes to everyone but my family and teacher the most. I would also like a Big race care remote control. A remote control monster truck I would play with them both. Thank you merry christmas and have a good year.

Merry Christmas, Skylar Reed

Dear Santa,

How do you think reindeer fly? With magic!! I old you are? I think Santa definitely working on it. I is 28. I have been behaving would like a cat for christmas. I would like to play with the cat and name her Bella. An additional special toy would be the LOL surprise Doll. I love to play in the snow and build snowmen. My favorite thing about Christmas is Santa. I love Santa because I get good gifts. I have done very well this year, and love to go sledding at my house. I hope you have a great christmas.

Mckinley Hart



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I want an LOL doll for Christmas, another think I want for Christmas is Roudolf the red-nosed reindeer stuffed animal, and a pair of sparkly rainbow shoes. One thing I would like to know is, do you ever go on vacation or do you work all year?

I also would really like to ride on your sleigh and visit the north pole. Another question I have for you is, do you have a Dog? I think you have a big fluffy golden retriever. Also, I would like you to know that I have been very good this year. I would also like to give some candy cans to my mom, dad, brother, and my sister. One more thing I want for Christmas is a Llama, the things I would do with the llama are, I would ride him, and play dress up and have a tea party with him and all the other toys I get for Christmas.

Thank you and Merry Christmas,

Kinze Kennedy

Dear Santa,

I want Barbie dolls and clothes with them so I can change them. I also want a doll house and a diary with a pen. I want fluffy stuffed animals. I think an elf on the shelf would be awesome to have too. I want a caterpillar that will turn into a butterfly.

How do reindeer fly? I think it's because they have magical feet. I have been very good this year. If I could get my mommy and mommy's boyfriend a gift I would give them money. My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. I will leave you cookies with milk and treats for the reindeer.

Love, Alyssa Smith

Dear Santa,

How do the Reindeer fly? For Christmas I would like barbie dolls, toy unicorns and a stuffed animal.

Charlie Suszek

Dear Santa,

How did you find Rudolph? For Christmas I would like a game cube box, a toy robot and another dog.

Eivin Travis

Dear Santa,

How does Rudolph's nose glow and how did Santa get the reindeer? I don't have any ideas about what the answers would be. I think I had good behavior this year. I want a toy that has two houses and it has a puppy car and has some dogs and cats. Put them on the puppy houses, and play with them in the car. I want to play with it the next day after Christmas. I also want a LOL doll. You open it, and open the bags and get her dress to play with her. I would also play with it the day after Christmas. I want some more treats for my dog! My dod doesn't play with toys though. I also want some more LOL's, one to ride her, and Lucky's mom and dad. I really want a bunch of fidgets, pop-its, and squishies. And some ticwith some tac-toys plushies with it. I love you and hope you and your reindeer enjoy the treats we leave out for you every year! I wish you have a good day!

Love, Madison Waligore

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? I think they fly with magical powers. I have been very good this year. This year, I want LEGOs. Not just any LEGOs though, I want Batman LEGOs. I would also like Sonic the Hedgehog LEGOs for Christmas. I want to give my aunt a picture that I colored. I would also like to give my Grandma ABCs. For my grandpa, I would like to give him another dog. I would love to make my mom and dad dinner for Christmas. Thank you for all the presents you gave me last year! Have a safe trip and don't eat too many cookies on the way!

Love, Casey Warren

### Mrs. Jirasek -1st Grade

Dear Santa,

How do you see every boy and girl in the world? I was a good girl this year so I hope I get what I want for Christmas. I hope you get me a hoverboard. I want a hoverboard because it's cool and fun. I would also like 3 dog puzzles because I like cute cuddly dogs. I have a dog that is crazy and wild. Santa please don't give my 3 sisters any presents. I want them all to myself. My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. My favorite think about Christmas is playing in the snow. My favorite thing to eat is chicken. I hope you like my cookies and milk.

From, Lucy Rice

Dear Santa,

How do you get into houses that do not have chimneys? I think it must be magic, but magic is not real. I am good at school but sometimes bad at home. Could I have dressup clothes for Christmas? I would like all the Disney princess characters outfits. I will use them to play dress up with my sister.

I would also like an

American Girl Doll that does not sit on the shelf. I don't want it to be glass so it has to stay on the shelf. I want it to be like a regular doll. And could I get some of the stuff that goes with it like dressers, books, boxes and clothes. I also would like headphones, a pen with flowers, a cup, a bed, pillows, a blanket, a cat and a desk for the doll. I want all these things for a doll so I can change her and play with her. Me and my sister really like playing dress up and right now we use blankets for dresses. It would make it more fun to have real dress up clothes. I will try harder to get on the nice list. I hope you come to my house on Christmas eve.

Love, Zoey Brewer

Dear Santa,

What is your favorite cookie? I think your favorite cookie is chocolate chip. This year I have been good. I think I'll get presents. For Christmas I want fidgets. There's lots of little things you pop and fun to play with and I can't wait to pop it. I also want beanie babies. They have really cute eyes, and I really want the lemur to snuggle. Have you been reading any books? We've been reading Because of Winn-Dixie at our house.

Love, Brooke Boyd

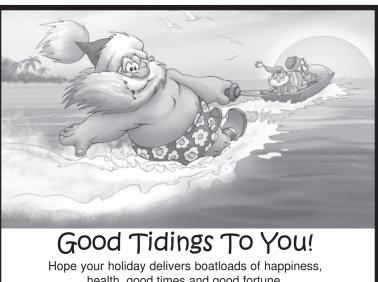
Dear Santa,

How do you fit down the chimneys? I think you slither down them. Also, I think I've been good this year. This year I would like a double Nerf Blaster for me and my sister. I have one at my papas and I want one for myself. My other Nerf blaster is old and dirty, so it is hard to play with. I would also like a Nerf Crossbow. I had one last year but it broke, so I would like a new one. If I get one, I would have a Nerf fight with my Papa because he has lots of Nerf guns at his house. I also lost some of my other Nerf guns, so I need some new ones to replace them.

Thank you for all the awesome gifts you got me last year, especially Rexy the bad T-res from Jurassic Park. I hope you have a safe trip from the North Pole. Don't get stuck in a Chimney!

Love, Jayson Smith





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How do you get in my house? I have been very good this year. This year I would like a new PS4. So I can play some video games. I would like an RC Lamborghini. I like to do some jumps with it. I would also like a trampoline. So I can do some backflips. I also would like a dirt bike to pop some wheelies with. Can I please have a better face mask? I would also like a blue dirt bike helmet. I would like some blue hair dye. I would also like a slipknot mask. I would like Michael Jackson clothes. I would like a Michael Myers mask. Thank you for a happy Christmas, I will leave you milk and cookies. (p.s please leave some double stuffed Oreos left over for me)

Sincerely, Kaleb Dumont

Dear Santa,

How do you get down the chimneys? Do the elves help you climb down the chimney? Or do you go different ways like through a window? This year I am excited about basketball which is after Christmas, so for Christmas I would like a basketball hoop because my brother has a basketball hoop but it's too tine for me so I would like to practice to get better. Also, I would like a hot

wheels care like the one reindeer. that could change the colors of the car that has an octopus so I could race the cars and see which one is the fastest.

I would like more action figures to save my other ones from my elf on the shelf... Buddy my elf on the shelf. Could you also get toys for my dogs Presley, Maggie, and Bugsly. Thank you for my presents last year. I hope you have a safe trip, I'll leave out m&m cookies and Oreos just for you plus some blueberries and carrots for your Reindeers

Love, Carson Spears

Dear Santa,

How long does it take to deliver presents on Christcontrol snake because I have been good this year. I would want the snake so I could scare people.

Next, I would like an avocado and I would like to eat it. I would also like a bow and arrow. Next, I would like a nerf minigun, a Christmas hat and a One Wheel. Can you give both of my brothers a Christmas hat? Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.

Zachary Kimball

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa, why do you have a red suit? I think because Mrs. Claus gave it to you. I think I've been decently good this year but I don't know. And can I have a batman cave with a gate so I can play with it and have lots of fun and I don't care what type it is. Also may I have the gator golf game for Christmas please and thank you. It's like golfing and when you get the ball in it shoots back at you. Oh and a Nintendo switch please and hex up jump up. It is a car that has foam wheels hat won't break windows. I would also like to get my sister Taylor all the action figures of the trolls from Trolls World Tour. Why did the whole wide world go to their mailbox? Because to take a short cut!

Love, Tanner Belding

Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly? Maybe by magic! I've been good and bad Santa, in between! Reindeers are my favorite animals. For Christmas Santa, I want a tov snake with remote control, so I can prank mom! If I could get anything in the whole world, it would be a computer so I can play games on itl In return, I will leave you m&m cookies and chocolate chip cookies and chocolate milk and eggnog and regular milk and carrots for your

Sincerely, Robby Clink

Dear Santa,

Santa, why is your favorite color red? I have been very good this year. This year I would really like some books, to be specific I would like animal books. My favorite animal is a dog. I would also like a toy phone, pink and purple. I would love to have a bue biikel That's all I would like for Christmas. I'm going to leave carrots, chocolate chip cookies and milk. Don't eat too many cookies.

Thank you, Addison Peterson

Dear Santa,

Why do the reindeer mas? I would like a remote have magic? I think it is so the reindeer can fly. Also, I have been VERY nice. I want a trampoline for Christmas. I also want to play with my dog on the trampoline for Christmas. I also want a toy dog to prank my sister and dog with the toy. I want a fake reindeer to put in the yard and a little toy for my elf on the shelf, whose name is snowflake. If I get all of the things I wish for, you will get tons of cookies, brownies and milk! Thanks, Santa!

Sophia Patterson

Dear Santa,

I want a hoverboard so I can speed the halls, and a dirt bike to rip up the trails. I almost broke my food and my mom's foot jumping hills. I want a swimming pool with a diving board to do a 360 into. I want a fishing pole to catch monster cartfish and I'm tired of using my sister's Barbie pole. I want I want a Honda Pioneer 100. I want a full hockey setup, a new xbox, a light up hat, a semi truck because my grandpa has one. I also want lights for my roof basketball hoop. I want a hot wheels bike with a go pedal. I also want a horse for Christmas. I want my mom to have a globe. Why can the elf not come That's all, thank you Santa into my room? I'm thank-Claus and Merry Christ- ful for the reindeer because they give me presents. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies.

Love, Easton Desonia



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May your holiday season and the coming year be rich in happiness, health and good fortune. **Merry Christmas to** you and yours!

come? Maybe the elf is in the north pole and it is cold so he is frozen. I have been good this year. I would like a Barbie Dream House. One with a couch bunk bed, a kitchen and bedrooms. I will like a fake kitchen set, real makeup, hair stufflike clips, baby stuff, lots of clothes and a tov pony. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer. Thank you and love you for the toys.

Love, Emilee Beam

Dear Santa,

I have always wondered; how do you make your toys? Another thing I wonder is why do you put Elves in your pouch? This year I have been a good child and I believe I deserve to get presents this year. This year I would like to have a hoverboard.

hoverboard is like a skateboard but instead of using your feet to push it, you lean in the direction you want to go and it goes there. I plan to stand on the hoverboard and try to do tricks on it. I've always wanted a hoverboard. Also, I would like to have legos as well. Legos are little pieces of plastic put into shapes and you can build some awesome things. I want to have legos to build anything my imagination can think

I would like to give my Mom a massage chair. Her back pain is horrible and I would feed better if she wasn't in pain after work every day. She would use it after a long day of work to relieve her pain. I would like to get my Dad a new iphone. My Dad dropped his phone and it broke so bad it won't even work if it doesn't sit in the right place. He would be happy if he had a new phone and he could use it whenever he wanted I hope I get everything I wished ior this year. It would really help my family. Have a safe trip, don't forget to save some cookies for the Reindeer.

Love. Gavin Neggie

Dear Santa,

Why can't the elves move when people see them? I think that if we saw them move, they would go back to the North Pole. Also, why do we get presents every year? I think we get presents every year because Santa wants to reward the good kids and punish the bad ones. I would like to have a hoverboard this year because my sister does not like to share. journey around the world!

I would like to have a LOL Why hasn't my elf Surprise Big Sister doll, too. Is it ok if you get my sister a Nintendo Switch please and also can you put my name on it please so she know it's from me, please? Can you get my mom a vase, please? Can you get my brother some Xbox games? He already has Call of Duty and Minecraft. I hope you deliver all the presents safely this year.

Sincerely, Tatum Howay

Dear Santa,

Why do you use magic? I think that it's so you can get into our houses easier. I have been really good. This year I would like a VR headset, hoverboard, a cat, and a dog. I promise to take real good care of them, I think I will do really well at taking care of them. I would like an iphone and RC car. I'd love to make the car go Zoom-Zoom all around the house and the yard. Thank you for the presents last year, have a fun and safe trip.

Love, **Brady Lauwers** 

Dear Santa,

How do you get down the chimney? I think you use your magic to get into the houses faster to deliver presents. I have been a good girl this year. I would like a scooter, a Rapunzel princess dress, a barbie house, and a puppy. I promise I will take really good care of them. I would also like a baby doll carrier, baby doll stroller baby doll high chair and Reindeer antlers. I would like a reindeer stuffed animal, LOL doll, books and princess books. Thank you for the presents last year, have a fun and safe trip!

Love, Noelle Wagner

Dear Santa,

How do you fit into small chimneys? I think you fit in them using magic. This year I have been both naughty and nice. I was nice to my sisters and a little naughty when I didn't want to go tomy room. For Christmas I want a Chasemobile. It shoots out a motorcycle and flat yellow darts. There is a shield over Chase's head that shoots out the darts. I really want to see what things the motorcycle can do. Also, I would like a Marshall fire truck. It has a canon that can shoot water balls, a tall ladder, and a small trampoline. Marshall and the fire truck rescue cats and chickens from the fire. Finally, I want to hang out with my family on Christmas Eve. I want to show everyone my cool new room. I also can't wait to see my newborn cousin because I don't get to see him very much. Thank you forf aa the presents last year! Marry Christmas and have a safe

From, Jimmy Hart IV

> Mrs. Dellar – 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Dear Santa,

I wat a pue, I wa ta rskr, I wat a girl fends,I wot a Xbox 5, I want a Pasta Sh, I ot a trd, I wot a B\*\*\*, I won a Xoiwit, I wat subxe to pop in that toes, I wat a box

Cash Schmidt

Dear Santa,

I luv you and yor evfs. Ples giv me a gren and red utendo swich and a g=huge wuge stuft anuml

Luv, **Brady Dafoe** 

Dear Santa,

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Paige Hall

Dear Santa, I have good boy nintinnsto. Bryden Majeski

Dear Santa,

I lov you! I wut a bluy tube an on blu tolet! An rarcan

Love, Jay Sargent

Dear Santa,

I wat a art set. A mow bopre frare. I wat a prbox. I wot a kpeudr, nwl molmalset. I wot a bow mal set, I wot a donus,I wota blakpapn, I wota cadeoan,

Brynlee Faber

Dear Santa,

I wont you to bren me a BrBe Drem hoos, noogne you loeh Santa

Luv, Carter Cecil

Dear Santa.

Hav or you buen? I am ayoyen and I will like you to git me a unicorn at has a mokoho at it. Is chektit to it and it havs an you maj the horn hav gors

Lov, Evelyn Levshunov

Dear Santa, 100girltis, a girepitosh, ramuk, 100 preses, hope teclr or seeecor.

Tyler Crippps

Dear Santa, I haf bin gururu houbin I ru I wut axses, a jon adidpisfif, adlaggene,

Blake Sharp

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Dear Santa,

Haow are you doing? Can I hav a yonucon for crismis, a little trey, sunpenk cheiic sand, blow sliprs, a barbe doll that has blond, a red arese car.

Abigail Reames

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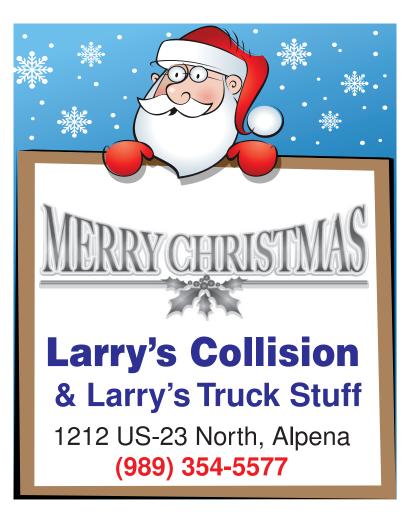
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Dear Santa,

I hae bend good zesnu erd I wont a sacha nomrl nond beus it sesbld at me so haod. You are doen I hop you are good!

Aria Webb

Dear Santa,

I wod like a barbea. I would like the hanto hebla. I wod like on sdrchra coearsa creansahtave, edgk I did wot like ar sedisedal. Dad

Eli Riddell

Dear Santa, Bowiw, Mbmulcr, Bowihw, banlmuch.

Matthew Sobeck Dear Santa,

Dad sept, I wis I can have iooone 9 bess vs sanuel hoos vasam

Samual Hoops

# Miss Samp – Second Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. Have Molly and Bastien been naughty or nice this year? Is Rudolph's red nose real? If possible because I have been soooo good, could you bring me a Hoverboard, a giant mermaid pillow, and a giant dog pillow. Could you please bring my mom a shiny, new car and bring



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

> -Clement Clarke Moore, A Visit From St. Nicholas



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

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and Staff

my dad a snowmobile? Molly and Bastien would like a large ball so they do not lose it and also many bags of hip treats. If you have extra time could you please my Grandma TT a vacation package to he beach and Grandma Normy a mansion to live in!

Love, Lilly Annabeth Harper

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. How do you fit in the chimney? Also, how did you find the north pole? For Christmas can I please have you visit me. I would also like a zoom zoom. It's a cool little animal toy. I also want 1000 dollars! I really dollars. Also I want the money so I can buy all the things I want because they are really expensive like a car. I also hope you can get me a toy robot. I have been really nice this year. I also want you to get my dad a breai from his work. He works hard every day and deserves onel I also want my mom

To get a vacation from the house.

Love, Clark Moore

Dear Santa,

I have been good over the years other than that one time that I broke the net on the tramplain it wasn't very nice for me to do that to my siblings, also one time that I touched Max with clean socks. So even though I have been somewhat bad this year, I would like a Ps5, toilet paper shooter, Vr headset, LG stylo 7 phone, Projector so I can connect my pc that I also want for Christmas. I will be moving soon so I want some new toys for my new puppy that I will be getting later on. Hope you have a wonderful night and hope you bring all the kids in the world Christmas cheer on Christmas day.

Abyle Fowler

Dear Santa,

Does Santa receive gifts back from kids? I feel that he does. I want give him a present myself. I have been a little bit good. I do however get into little fights with my brother Brendan. This year I would like a skateboard. I would like

an A for Addley skateboard. I plan to ride it a lot on the road, It would be very fun for me to have. I would also a big barbie dream house. I would like to be big and big and pink and blue one from A for Addley. I plan to play with this all the time. This year I would like to get a skateboard. I would like an A for Addlkey skate board. I would also like have a new phone. I would want the iphone 12 the color light blue. Also get a phone case that has flowers all over it. I plan to use my phone to call Aunt Jackie and Gavin. I also would want to play cool games on there. Something important that I would like to receive from Santa would be getting something for my brother, I would like him to receive a PS5. I would also like to give to my cousin get me and her a matching bestfriend necklace. The one that has the broken heart and when you put them together they make a whole heart. I hope you have safe travels on Christmas eve! Don't eat to many cookies and drink a bunch of milk.

Love, Larissa Potts

Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? I think that flying magic is how they fly, I think the reindeer have that magic all the time. I have been really good this year. I want a Vr headset. I would play a lot of horror games and roller coaster games on my headset cause they make you scared. I would also like more pokemon cds. I have a rare trainer card already that is \$400 dollars and I would like to sell it for more one day. I like to have battles with my pokemon cards. I have 357 cards, I've counted them. I might have even more. I want 1000 more pokemon packs because that would give me a lot of good cards. I like puzzles so I would want baby yoda puzzles because I really like baby yoda. I want a new phone too because I left mine in the rain on accident, it was some type of blue phone. I want a Hoverboard and give it to someone else. I would give it to my dad or my baby sister when she grow up, she is 10 months old. I would get my brother a bluey stuffed animal because he like that show. He likes weird things. I wish for my cat's leg to get better too. Thank you for all my toys that I've gotten. Merry Christmas, Santa,

Love, Kayden Peak









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This year for Christmas I would lie a legendary GX pokemon pack. I would like this gift because I can really great cards out of this pack and I can trade them with my friends if they would like to. Another gift I am pumped to put on my list is some new Bakugan. I am especially looking forward to possibly getting the new golden Drago figure because it is very rare and powerful I would also like some new Nerf Guns. Specificially, the Halothemed Nerf Guns along with the Helmet.

One thing I am especially hoping Santa brings me this year is some new custom Lamborghini hot wheel cars. Playstation games I am looking forward to getting this year are Halo, new racing games, and survival games. Another think I want for Christmas is a shark tooth pack and a crystal pack, so I can make a shark tooth and crystal necklaces. Toy ninja throwing stars and swords are also something I hope to get for Christmas this year. I would like a new pop-it and fidget spinner as well. Another thing I want to play games on with this year is a new Nintendo switch and a charger for my DS. I also want some new books for learning about animals and some books to read for fun, so I can increase my reading level. Something I want you to bring my dog for Christmas this year Santa is a dog launcher gun that shoots tennis balls into the air for my puppy (^\_ ^). I would also like a chessboard game to play with my family. A question I have for Santa is, how are your reindeer and elves doing this year? I hope they're doing okay!

Kyler James Wyant

Dear Santa,

Love,

How are you? I have been good this year. Has Fred been good this year? Is my cooking elf being good this year? I will be good the whole year. And all the other years, I pinkie promise in my life. When is my elf coming?

Today they had a crash landing but Fred was upside down but my mom fixed him with tongs. And was careful with him. Today on the 7th of December they were on the ps3 and ere playing with the controller.

I want a light green Halo light up helmet and all the other Halo sets. I also want a KTM dirt bike, I want it so I can ride on my dirt bike track. I also want a Dual shock Nerf gun. Arcados little fighting guys. And I want a gam-

ing apple laptop and a gaming desk. I also want a 75inch tv and a Forza edition controller stand and a controller. And 24 ps5s so all of my friends can play Forza together and fight each other. I also want 4 Nintendo Switches and 2 iPhones13s. And an electric surfboard, also a hover board. I want a bunk bed too and a Lamborghini and an Mc Laren. And I want an expensive pair of Nike shoes. Pennywise and Georgi animatronics. And I want a whole entire dirt bike suit. Lastly, I want every single game console there will ever be.

Love, Bayden Stevens

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Love, Kayden Peak

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been a really good kid this year. Some people don't believe in you but I do. Is Rudolph real and does his nose actually glow? For Christmas I would really like to get a flute. I want a flute because I like music. I would like to play music with a brand new flute.

I would also like to get a Nintendo switch. I want a Nintendo switch to be able to play video games on the bus and for something to do for fun. A few more items I would like to get for Christmas are a pack of geogans, a toy flip phone with games on it, an electric dirt bike, a megalodon lab, a toy elf on the shelf, a baby reindeer,

pranks so I can prank my sister, and my sister would like to get a maze so could I please get all of those too.

Thank you so much for all of the presents I have got in the last few years. I hope you have a fun, safe trip with all the cookies you could imagine.

Love, Elijah Adams

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I have been good this year. My mom would like a new coffee cup. My dogs would also like new toys. Another thing is my grandpa would like a rocking chair. My sister would really like a new blanket and my cats would like a cat scratcher also.

Another thing Santa, how are your elves doing? Is Rudolph real? How can your slay hold that many presents? How can you deliver that many presents in one night? And Santa, how can you fly? Now for me I would like a bigfoot monster truck. Also I would like a big Nerf gun. A remote control Megadom that is a monster truck. Santa I want to give you a present because everyone else gets presents on Christmas, but you. So I would like to give you a giant candy cane and a card for your hard work. I also think the elves deserve something for all of their hard work too. Which is candy cane shaped elfs. I am grateful for my mom because she keeps the house clean, also cooks, and she helps with spelling words. I am also grateful for my little brother being safe.

Love, Gauge Geddert





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Dear Santa,

How are you magic? How are you doing this year? Did you get covid and get sick? I sure hope you didn't. I have been very good this year Sana. This year for Christmas, the first thing on my list is a science kit. I want a science kit because I really like science and have fun doing it and learning about it. The next thing I would like is a crystal making kit. May I please have a crystal making kit Santa? I'm so interested in learning how crystals grow and so is my sister so when the crystals grow I can give it to her to study.

Another thing I would like to ask for this year is a butter slime kit where you can make your own slime. I really have fun playing and making slime so that would be a good gift. The last gift I would also like this year would be a piggy and Gerald book because I like reading those books. Thank you for all the gifts I've gotten before and I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Love, Willow Miller

Dear Santa,

How are you? I hope you're doing good. I promise I have been very good this year. How do you get across the world in one single night? This year I would like to have a Nintendo Switch, a new tablet, and a Playstation4, because I like videogames. I like Mario and Army games. A new tv would be really cool so I can play all my video games.

I would like a new baseball mitt and a baseball bat for when I play again next spring. Also, a new pair of roller skates, but make sure they are green, like Minecraft Creepers. I want a HUGE DIAMOND bakugon. I would like to pairs of hand cuffs, one small, one big. And a cook bb gun pistol to play with. A ne bb MINI GUN to shoot things faster. And a bow & arrow. And last but not least, I would like I ring for mom because I love IIIVher.

Sincerely, Delcan Scott Dear Santa,

I want to ask you if I can get a new I phone because I can get new games and so I can get a robot game so I can fight other robots that are in a movie. Then my favorite thing I really want is a dirt bike. I want to ask you if your first name is Santa or your job name, and I'm done asking questions so let's get to the longer stuff.

I want an elf if you want to give me one unless you don't want to, so you can get me a water lizard and a cage, water dish, heating rock. I really want a huge rock full of shark tooth crystals so I can chisel them out with a hammer so I can keep them. I want this fake plastic diamond thing so I can get a golden diamond. I want a 3D painting with crazy designs.

I want to get my mom a pink pig keychain. And I want to get my sister a fidget bit full of digits. And Santa I really really want a box of fidgets. And I want a new Xbox5. And the pest thing I want is a Rubix cube that can turn into a diamond and then back into a square. And I want a candy cane in my stocking with MnM's. And I want two nerf huge plasters. And I want a book full of shark teeth. And the last thing I wand is a fifteen-dollar whole box full of pokemon cards and one open-up GX. Thank you, Santa for reading my Christmas list.

Sincerely, Brayden Binkley

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. I wonder how you go from the North Pole to Michigan. I know you use reindeer and a harness to the back of the sleigh but how do you haul all those presents around?

First, can I have a robot? Specifically on that goes on a door and is called a spybot. It requires a code for entering and can also tell me if there's any cookies left. Then, I would also like green headphones since green is my favorite color. I want to use my chromebook to listen to my classwork. The green headphones are not wireless and it can be any brand. Finally, I would like a blue

and green hand sanitizer holder. It comes in handy anytime I have my backpack, especially when I need to clean my hands.

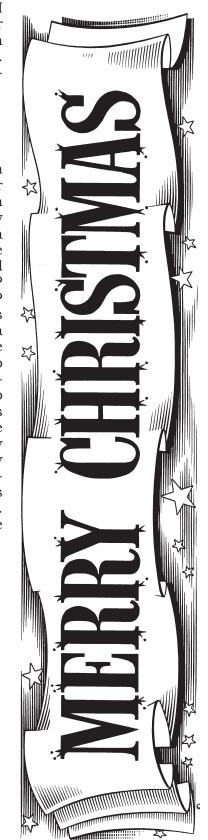
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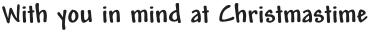
Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. How his Trip been? I know that you think I've been bad but it's because of my annoying older brother. I already asked you this, but I want Awesome Dog 5000, Three, and a hoverboard. I will try to ram into my brother with it for revenge.

I would like you to bring my brother a ginormous Lego cart. He spends most of the day pushing me away because he wants to play with his Legos. I already got my mom a gift, but you can bring her a pencil sharpener and pens for work. My dad likes hunting, so maybe give him some working shoes. Thank you for giving everybody Christmas gifts every year. Every summer I work in the pole barn with my dad and I vacuum the funeral home every week. I want you to know this because it's important that I help out.

Thank you, Ethan Healy





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Hi Santa, how are your elfs? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? My birthday is on Christmas day. I am excited. Can I have my elf on the shelf back, ever since I moved I haven't seen him. Is Rudolph's nose still glowing?

For Christmas can I have a Barbie and ticket to disney? I also want you to get my grandpa a new tractor. I would also like an elf costume to wear for Halloween next year. Can you talk to my grandpa and tell him hi? I'd like a snowflake ornament, and would like to wake up with an elf up on my shelf. Can my siblings and I get reindeer antlers so we can wear them on Christmas? I would also like some new toys for my cats and dogs. I'd like a picture of the elf on the shelf with me smiling next to it and some fairy wings with glitter on them. I also want some makeup sets and nail polish sets. I won't wear makeup until I am older though. I also hope you can get me a little Christmas tree with a star that glows. I want a phone because no one else will let me have a phone and I would also like it if you could get my sisters a fake phone. And also a yo-yo. I would also like some pink and purple wallpaper for my bedroom.

I want you to have a good Christmas and I want to wish all the people up in heaven in my family to have a good Christmas. I hope your reindeer are safe during the night. I want to make you cookies, what is your favorite kind? Can you please watch over my kitten to make sure she is safe from the dogs?

Love,

Alexia Evanish

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good. Do you have magical foxes? Is my cat Opal being good? Would you please give my Grandpa's dog Gunner a squeaky ball to play with? Maybe a new bed because he ripped it up last time and a puppy blanket? Can I please have a Squishy or two? I do not like the one made of foam though. Would you also get my sister and me a pair of angel and demon wings so we can play together? I love hot chocolate, cats and donuts. How about you? Would you be able to give my family and me a little more holiday luck so my parents can have their dream of getting married in Florida?

Happy Holidays, Araceli Truman

Dear Santa,

Is Bella being good while i'm gone? I think that I've been a good girl this year so i'm excited for christmas.

like to get a unicorn to ride for me and my american girl dolls. I would also like a big stuffed animal cat for my favorite teacher Mrs. Samp. I know how much she likes cats. For christmas I would also like another stuffed animal cat for myself because I really like cats too just like my teacher. I would also like an LOL set where you can get a bunch of different accessories for a doll. I was also thinking about asking for an art set because i'm really good at drawing and creating things. The last thing I want is a science set just like my friend so we can do science together.

Thank you for all my presents last year and I hope you have a safe flight!

Love,

Kailyn Mahalak

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would like a T-rex Nerf gun so I can have wars with my older brother. I would also like a velociraptor face mask that is able to cover my whole face So I can pretend that I'm a dinosaur. Finally for me I would like both black and red spray paint so that I can paint my dinosaur mask.

I would also like to get my older brother a trampoline so he and I can play. Also for Christmas I want to get my brother a big pool so that he and I can swim and play together. My brother would also like two snorkel masks so that we can both be able to breathe underwater.

Another thing my mom wanted a white keyboard that glowed, because her old one had keys that don't work anymore and she does a lot of typing. My little brother needs a Jeep toy car that he can ride in cause his old one doesn't work anymore. Lastly, I want to be able to spend Christmas with my family

Glenn Davenport

Dear Santa,

How do you go to every single house? I that that you fly pretty fast, and if you run out of time you have a boost to catch you up. I have been pretty good this year, not with my brother though. This year I would like a desk. The desk would be used for doing homework, coloring and making letters.

I would also like a play station. It's yellow and has a whole bunch of old school games. I want it because of a game it has and the turtles. Another thing that I would really like is a tablet. The tablet would be red and have a touchscreen. I used to have one when I was

This christmas, I would younger, though it got old like to get a unicorn to and it didn't work anyride for me and my more. Merry Christmas! american girl dolls. I would also like a big stuffed anihim when he is gone.

From, Elliot Dewar

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. Every year I help my mom with cleaning. When I go home I'm actually going to clean because I can't play my Xbox.

How do you not get hurt going down the chimney? I don't know how you do that since you are such a big guy. Chimneys are only 1 foot wide. You're like two foot wide. It must be magic.

I want a puppy game and Simms 5 for my Xbox, a PS4 and an ZBox1, and also I would live \$500 to buy toys. I would also like \$900 and then \$1,000,000 to buy everything in the store

For my dad, I would like to get a something for hunting and fishing. For hunting, I would like to get him ammo for his pistol for squirrels and ammo for a 22. Also something for ice fishing. For fishing I want my dad to get bait – a couple boxes of worms. For ice fishing, he needs an electric ice-fishing drill.

For my mom, a deer because she wants it because she want to go far to get deer meat at the store. For my stepdad, I want him to have a rifle for hunting. For my stepmom, I would like her to get stuff for crochet, fluffy crochet stuff and a DS.

I am going to leave out milk and cookies and carrots on special plates and glasses.

Love Kyle Kehring

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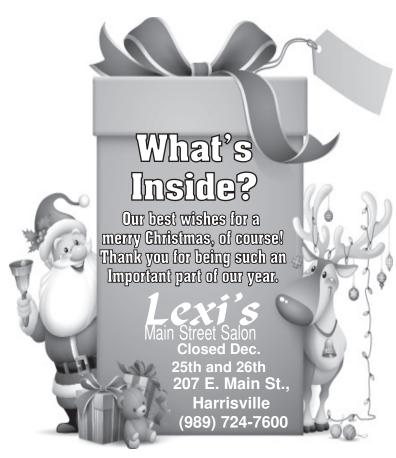
Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly? How can you get in our house if we don't have a Chimney?

I have been good. First, I help my mom clean the Haunted Trail. Next, I help my mom clean the house. Then I help my mom clean her bed. Last, I help my sister water her rabbit.

I would like a tablet that I can play games on. I want a black one with a red case. Next, I would like a Bluetooth speaker that is a circle. It's black and when you say what song you want the bottom turns blue. On the top and bottom there is black spots.

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Dear Santa,

How do you get to houses so fast? I have been really, really good. I clean my mom and dad's cars. I did the dishes last night. I would like an Xbox One. The battery can tell you what percent it is on if you only have 20% left. I can put any game in it for Xbox One. I would like the game Forza Horizon 5 and Forza Horizon 6. I would also like a blue Nintendo Switch Lite.

I would like a 42" TV Plus Crystal with a 65" stand that comes with a gaming equipment set.

From Nickali Brewer

Dear Santa,

How many reindeer are there? How many elves are there? How many homes do you go to e night? Do you like cats or dogs? Is Mrs. Claus a good cook? I've been very good. I've been good at home. I've been very good at school. I also help my mom clean up.

This year I would like a big Nerf Gun. It comes with a black mask and it is red gun. It shoots big bullets. It is the 800 Blaster and it has eight bullets.

I would also like a Lego Mario. It comes with some people, bowl and a flag. It comes with a mystery box. I would like a Wow Wee Mip Arcade. It can do my chores for me. I can tell it what to do. It has blue and white wheels. It's has black eyes and a stripe on the black.

I hope to see you on Christmas Eve.

From, Jazon Dameworth

Dear Santa,

Do you have 160 Elves? I have been very good. I shared toys with my sister. Next, I help my friends during recess. I also help my family do laundry at home.

This year I would like to have a toy dinosaur from the movie Jurassic Park. I want the Velociraptor named Blue. I would like Little Life Pets. I will have the ones that have little foods in their little hands. I would also like Mini Brands. They have toy foods inside them so you

can play with them. You can get a shop to put Mini Brands in the store.

I would like Rainbow Corns. They are in a rainbow cotton candy on top of them and they are rainbow. They come with little surprises inside the cotton candy egg.

I will see you next Christ-mas Santa! I hope you have safe travels around the world.

Thank You! Kennedy Dellar

Dear Santa

How bright is Rudolph's nose? I have been very good. I clean my room. I help my mom clean the table after dinner. I would like a Smithsonian Plasma Ball. I helps me see the bones in my hand and it is super colorful. Next, I would like a Revolt Night Hawk Stunt Drone. It has a camera that I can see at night with lights on the bottom and top. Then, I would like a Minecraft Ultimate Ender Dragon Battle toy. It does battle so I can get the Ender Eggs.

From, Bentley Emert

Dear santa,

How do you eat so many cookies? Why do you have a sled?

I Have been good this year. I unload the dishwasher sometimes. I also help my dad clean up the lawn mower. I also made my bed. This year I would like an Animal Adventure jumbo plush. It's a big stuffed animal. I would like the Pug. I would like a computer with a touch screen that is white, a blue cordless mouse, and a stand.

Also this year I would like a Power Ranger Dino Chomafury with a Saber. It scans and changes col-

From , Brooklynn Griffin

Dear Santa, How do you get down a chimney?

How does the bag fit down our chimney?

I have been very good. I have done all my grandma's chores. I clean part of my room. I helped my grandma when she was sick

I would like a Star Wars snack and goo. It is Baby Yoda and it tries to get your snacks. I would like Wavy the Narwhal, she has blue eyes and a

rainbow belly. Last, I would like My Pet Pig. It has floppy ears and a wiggly nose. It is pink and it has a leash to it and it loves its binky.

From, Naomi Hendricks Dear Santa

Do you buy the toys?

This year I would like a wooden kitchen and restaurant because I like to cook. I would like a Polar Express train set so I can put around our Christmas tree. I like to see it run.

From, Michael Hogan

Dear Santa,

How does your Elves make toys? I have been really good. First, I help my mom clean the kitchen. I help my Dab Make his bed. Last, I helped my mom and Dad clean up the yard before it snows. I would like a Nintendo Switch. I can play games on it. I would like the blue and red one.

I would like a blue Kids Zoom. It's like a camera that prints out pictures. It has a flip up lens.

Next, I would like a Crayola light up pad. It lights up with a picture to color. Last, I would like Alexa. I want a white one with a blue bar.

One last thing Santa, I would like a large and small multi colored Pop It.

From,

Tayler Howay

Dear Santa,

Why don't you wear glasses? What is your favorite soup? Do you have a dog? Do you like hats?

I have been good because I try not to fight with my brother. I also try not to lie.

I would like a Nerf Bow and Arrow. Next, I would like a Hot Wheels Mega City Garage. Then, I would like a Power Ranger Dino Fury. It has a sword that changes colors. Lastly, I would like Jurassic World Stompin Escape T-Rex.

From, Gabriel Hunter

Gabrier Trum

Dear Santa,

How long have you been alive? Are you old?

I have been good. First, I played with my cousin.

Next, I played nice with my friends.

This year I would like a GoPro EK7000 with a remote control. It is blue and has two screens. It needs a clear case so it does not break. Next, I would like a PS5. It is white and black and you plug it into a TV to play video games. I want Roblox and Fortnite with 2 controllers.

Lastly, I would like an iPhone 13 mini. It is pink with 2 cameras.

From,

Colton Kimball

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What is your favorite cookie? Do you always drink cocoa with your cookies?

I have been very good. First, I played with my younger brother. I also help my mom cook dinner everyday. I help my mom do the dishes after dinner. Plus, I make my bed everyday.

I would like a Positively Perfect Kiera Doll. The doll has eyes that open and I can brush her hair. She can also be fed. Next, I would like a Nerf Rival Curve Shot Sideswipe. Then, I would like a Crayola Creative Fun Double Easel. I like to paint and draw pictures.

From, Kimberly LaBeau

Dear Santa,

How do you deliver the presents in two nights? How are you so sneaky?

I have been very good because I help other children. I clean up around the house. I clean my hamster cage and feed my cat. This year I want Mini Disney backpacks. It has Disney characters on the outside. It also has school supplies that are Disney themed.

I would like Rainbow High Dolls. They have colorful and long hair. I would also like an extra set of clothes to go with the dolls.

I would also like a Rainbow Golden Egg. It has a golden bow on the egg on a unicorn horn. It has a mystery animal inside.

From, Savannah LeClair

Dear Santa,

How fast can you go on the sleigh? I have been very good. First, I have no strikes at school. Next, I help my mom with stuff. Last, I help dad with work at the garage. This year I would like some Speaks that are red for Christmas. The Speaks are a fidget and I plan to play with them everyday when I get home. If I get the Speaks I won't fight with my brother because he won't let me

Next, I would like a Shape-Shifting Box that is colorful and looks like a kaleidoscope. It's called spaced out. I will try to put it back into cube.

Last, this year I would like a Smithsonian Plasma Ball. It is electric and once I put my finger on it it makes my finger light a dot on it.

Thank you for the toys last year. My favorite toy last year was Bockogon.

Thank You, Creed Leeseberg Dear Santa,

How old are you? Also do you build the toys or do the elves build the toys?

This year I've been very very good.

First, I have helped clean up around the house. Next, I've got no strikes at school. I've also been taking care of Chief our new dog.

This year, I would like a camera. First, it is blue and it's a HD digital camera for kids. It has a bright light at the top and it has a button and flash to take pictures. It is shaped like a round Square. Next, there is a lens. After that, on the back there is a screen so you can see the pictures you took and on ing? the back there are buttons so you can go through pictures.

This year, I want a squishmallow. It is a unicorn and it is rainbow colored, it has a horn that is blue, pink and purple. It is squishy and it has one blue arm, one pink arm, one purple arm, and one red arm. Its body is two of my feet and my feet are 7 inches, sothe squishmallow is 14 Inches tall, and also has squishy blue wings. It also has two triangle ears that stand up in the air, and it has a long tail about 4 to 5 inches.

This year, I want a HD Hoverboard and it has blue lights that are over the wheels. It also has a star in the middle of the wheels. It is a normal size and the whole thing is blue except for the part where you step. In the front there are Blue oval lights.

Last, I want a giant octopus toy. It is gray around the whole body and there is pink under the tentacles. It is almost as big as me. And, I want a double sided flip octopus. On one side, it is pink and that's the happy side and the blue side is the angry side.

I hope you enjoy the cookies I will leave out for you and I hope you have safe travels!

Merry Christmas, Alexy Leprich

Dear Santa,

How are the Elves doplay on the XBox for a ing? I have been sort of good. First, me and Zoe play tag. Next, sometimes I forget to use my manners.

This year, I would love a sky blue Apple iPad 2021 mini because I lost my other one. I would also like Sharpie Markers. I really like to color. I would like the biggest pack available.

Lastly, I would love beautiful boy notebooks. I want to color in them with the Sharpie markers you give me.

From, Rhys O'Connor Dear Santa,

How bright is Rudolph's nose? How cold is the North Pole? How old are you?

I have been really good. I always tell the truth. I don't like to get my brothers in trouble.

This year, I would like a Nerf Gun. It is red. Next, I would like a Fortnite Scar.

Then, I would like a Lego Carnage set. I would also like a superman Lego set.

Lastly, I would like a Ninjago lego set for my older brother.

From. Deegan Prusac

Dear Santa,

How are the Elves do-

I have been very bad. First, I will stop lying. Next, I will start listening.

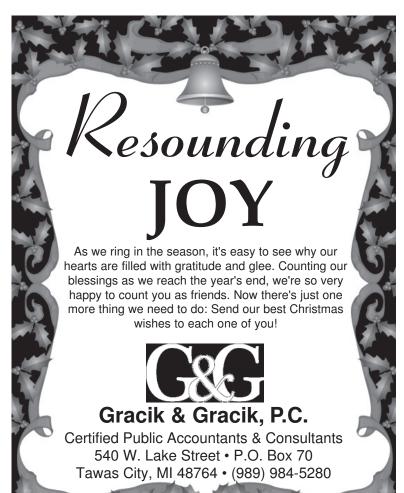
This year I would like a Tonka Steel Classics Mighty Crane. It is yellow, black, and red. It has a scoop crane. I would also like a Fortnite B-ar. It is red and white. It comes with a scope that shoots red and white bullets. It has a red bullet holder.

Next, I would like a Lego Creator 3 in 1 Fish tank. It is blue, yellow, black, orange, and purple. The fish tank is black and blue.

From.

Kaiden Runyan

Wishing you a Holiday Wrapped in Happiness



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Dear Santa,

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was helping my sisters clean their room.

Then, I let the dogs out to go to the bathroom. Next I have to clean my room if my mom says to do it. Last I was very good this year.

I love Christmas. This year I would like a PS4. It is white, yellow and blue. It comes with a remote controller. The remote control is white and black. I want to play video games with it. My favorite game is deer hunting.

I would also like a Nintendo Switch. On the side of the Nintendo Switch there is blue and on the other side it is yellow. On the screen it is black. I would like to play Mario on it. I want an Xbox 1. It black with a remote control too. I want to play car games with my sister

I love Christmas. See you soon Santa, Blake Somers

Dear Santa,

How old are you? Am I on the good or naughty list?

I have been very good. I cleaned the table when my mom was at work. I cleaned the dishes. I took care of my pets.

This year, I would like an Earth Science Crystal set. I want to make some crystals. Next, I would like a Hot Wheels Massive Loop Mayhem Track set. Then, I would like a Nintendo Switch. I would like it to be red and blue and I would like a Pokemon game to go with

Lastly, I would like a Minecraft Ender Dragon toy.

From,

Xavier Szymanski

Dear Santa,

When is your birthday? How fast are your Reindeer?

I have been good. I help my Aunt when she is having trouble with my cousin. This year, I would like a Fortnite Nerf Gun. It is orange and white. Next, I would like a Lego Spiderman set. It comes with a bad guy and Spiderman characters.

Then, I would like a Lightsaber. It is from Star Wars. Lastly, I would like a Nintendo Ninjago. It is a Lego set that has different colors suited to Ninjas and bad guys.

From, Bentley Thomson

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. First, I helped my grandma when she was sick. I help my papa dig graves and feed the cows. I like when I go hunting with my uncle.

I would like a blue battery powered bumper car because I have always I was very good. First, I wanted one. I would like the Xbox series game console and the Stonecold Steve Austin video game to go with it. I would also like Mario Car video game for Nintendo.

> From, Isaiah Warren-Skeans

Dear Santa

When did you start being Santa? I have been bad because I am not getting along with my sister. I also have been bad because I fight my mom when she is putting me to bed. The only good thing I have done is helping my mom when she is sick.

I would like a PS5 so I can play games. I want to play Minecraft. I would also like a One Wheel. It is like a skateboard and a hoverboard but it has one wheel in the center. I would like a Nintendo Switch because I think it would be fun. I would like to have a pair of Heelys so I can skate while I am walking.

From, Skyla Whitefield

#### Miss Wilkerson -3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Dear Santa,

My nane is Macy I Like to play with my friends. My favorite part of 2021 is going to my cousin's Wedding. This year for Christmas I would like a popit and some new rip jean.

Thank you for all your hard work cant wait.

Merry Chritmas Macy

Dear Santa,

My nane is Liam I am in 3 grade my favirit part of this year is the holidays. this crismis I wn a PS5 & a case fillt with popits and 10 nilpon dolors.

Thanks e for your psvis Bye,

Liam

Dear Santa,

I am Harlee and I am In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. My favorite part of this year is Christmas. and I wont a puppy. And a Iphon. I love all the thinz you do. and I will make you cookies! and I will get you a glas of milk.

Love, Harlee

Dear Santa,

My name is Audrey Miller I am in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. My favorite part of 2021 is going to a new school. I want 1m popts new chokers and I want 10m dollars 1,000 scushes. thank you for all your hard work I will bake you cookies and for the raindeeds carites.

Happy Holdays Love, Audrey Miller

Dear Santa,

My name is Nevaeh. I am a great reader my favorite part of 2021

Dear Santa,

My name is Chazz I like toycomares. My best thing abote 2021 is my bethbay. I wode like a baby hurky for my dad and a baby pup fo me

BFF

Chazz

Dear Santa,

My name is Karlee. I am 8 years old. My favorite part of 2021 was being in Ms. Wilkesons class. This year for Christmas I would like more Amarican girl stuff. Thank you for all your hard work I can't wait to deceratie cookies.

Merry Christmas.

Love

Karlee

Dear Santa,

My name is Joseph. I like to jump on wet trampolines. My favorite part of 2021 was eating dinner and playing on my playstation. This year for Christmas I'd like a Nintendo Switch, an expensive tablet, and a computer for my mom. We love you Santa very much. I will leave you 40 cookies and 3 milks. Have fun with Mrs. Claus!

Your friend Joseph Ranger

Dear Santa,

My name is Lilly I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student my favorite part of 2021 was going on a ariplan for Christmas I would like hairs stuff thank you for all yore hard work

Dear Santa,

My name is Madeline. Im 8 my favorite part of 2021 is school. This year for ckristmus I would like a computer and a hanstr and a Black and witch Blanket and 100 nfigis and 9 sone2ochokrs and the Bigis popit in the wold. Thank you for what you give to me and chigrende and your hard work.

Madeline Long

Dear Santa,

My name is Brayden. I am 8 years old. My Favorite Part of 2021 sleeping in on the weekens. I would like a puppy.

Dear Santa,

My name is Pexton I am a 8 yerold my favorite part of 2021 was being a Rednek on a Golf cart. This yere I want a Mt. ndosuich. I pra to you.

Dear Santa,

My name is Brody. I am 8 yeas old my favor part of 2021 was 4th of July. What I want for Christmas I

Love Jayden

Dear Santa,

My name is carter. I have a elf is kipper. This year for chhistmas I wold like a rscke car. Thank for youer hard work to day. Have a good christmas.

Love Carter Jamse

# Miss Harris – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Dear Santa,

Santa I want a Ps5 and nerf fortnight guns. And a new tv and a tablet. Forinite Battleass. A cat sceaching post And a cat climeng

Brayden Potts

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Do you think you can get me a iphone, I pad, and Lol dolls.

Haley Tessmer

Dear Santa,

I'd like A AnABeLL Doll. I mess my old one. So can you by me A now one PLYSE.

Lucas A.

Dear Santa,

I want for Chresnes. Want a husky. Next I want is a Xbox. Next I want a robot dog. Next I want is a train set. Next I want a game bored. I ward a soft blnket and a pillow. Last a new bored.

derin smith

Dear Santa,

Hope you have a marry Christmas and hope every on was good. I downt no what I want for chrismas.

Bentley Boyd

Dear Santa,

I want a ton of dance stuff, like a Dance stood, mats, the worl's bigest popits, figets, dimples, meroie to store my Kep boos, chapter books, popits, a secret room, stuf to put in the secret room, toy robot, baking stuff, poster's, cristals, stuffed anaimal's, a desk, tags, cheese, a pte, more pets, flower sueds, cots, reminders, art stuff, chairs, tabols.

Jaclyn Wener

Dear Santa,

I all rete gave you a letr but I gave my elf a cokie and he got more hiper then he was supost to mary ckishis.

Zoe throop

Dear Santa,

Hay santa how are you. I hop you have a good chrismis.

Kayden Lee

Dear Santa,

"Hi" Santa my name is Myairah and I am in 3 grade and ther is a grirl in my class she ceeps saing chistoms is cahsld. Her name is Avarie. But so far I have bin having a good day.

Myairah Palych

Dear Santa,

What I ont for christmis I wont some makup. I wont some close. I wont smalt woch. I wont some shoos. I hop I have a Merry

christmis. Wihrey Martno

Dear Santa, For cirstmes I want a Hoverbord. Nevaeh Lie

# Mrs. Goodrich – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year I helped my mom out to. I want a hover board for cristmas and a Pogo stick. I need a new coat. And I am thankful for my family.

Drew Bradley

Dear Santa,

What I want for Chrismis is one of those hover borad wher you can sit on. I thng I need is a punching bag to let my anger out on. What i'm thankful for is everything. And I was 100 % good this year. PS.

Your elf Sparkle has bad hand writing so cand you teach her how to writte from Zach and from miss goodriches class.

Zachary Abey

Dear Santa,

I've been really good this yeary I want a computer or vbucks for fornite. Please a VR me, my Dad and sister love VR and want one so bad I'm thankful for life I need a better year next year.

Tyler Suszek

Dear Santa,

I've been trying to be really good this year but my sister makes me mad every now and then but other than that I've been really good this year. The thing that I want for Christmas is a horse sattle even though I don't have a

horse. The thing I need this year is new snow boots because my feet grew bigger. I'm thankful for the elf who make sure we're on our best behavior because of we're not then we would get coal in our stocking. I don't want the coal in my stocking so thats why I'm on my best behavior this year. I don't get into much trouble at least I try not to get into trouble because if I do I will get grounded. I dont want that so I try to be on my best behavior every

Isabell Liebler

Dear Santa,

I have been doing good this year, but I don't think I have been as good as I should have been. I really want a great Dane for Christmas so my dog has a friend. I need a now bed that will fit in my room. I am thankful for my family and Sparkle, our classoon elf.

Elizabeth Jackson

Dear Santa,

I have been SOOOOO good! How have the elves Been Doing? How has Ms. Claus doing? I want a few cobox gift I need money for my family, unpcldtid pajamas and a 3D printer.

Chloe Vonfintel

Dear Santa,

Ive Been doing good this year. I want a 1,000\$ vr head set pls. I need my mom a lava lamp pls. I am thankful for life, my home, family and friends.

Malachi Wingard

Dear Santa,

I've been pritty good this year besides the Time when my Brother punched me and I punched him back. For Christmist I want a game called Lets Go Eve. I am thankful for living another day. I need to live another day.

Rocco Castahzo

Dear Santa,

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I been 50% good and 50% bad this year and hopefully next year too. I would like a vr headset (if you can). I need two cat collars one pink with cookie on it and the other blue with callie on it. I am thankful for friends and family.

Bella Baughan

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. This year for christmas I want legos and ha red 2011 answ, Apple waterh. I need ndw pants and a gru phone cast. Im thankful for my mom and my dad.

Slade Dowalter

Dear Santa,

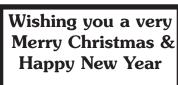
I have ben good this year. Can I have a VR head set and maybe a PS5 Plese and I whant games to go whit the PS% and call of Duty – vanguard for the Xbox one and a Elf on The Shelf and more games for my suicth Plese. I need new snow pants. I am thankful for all the presants and everything you do is so aswame you are so nice and sweet and Jolly.

Gabriel Williamson



Hope your Christmas
is decorated with all
of the happiness and
good fortune
you deserve!

Many Thanks, Manny, Kim, Simon, Nora and The Flour Garden Staff





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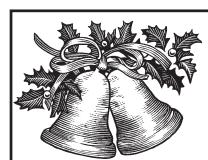


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It's the most wonderful time of the year, and we're so grateful to be celebrating it with all of you. Thanks for everything you do to make us feel welcome here. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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478 US-23, Harrisville, MI 48740 Harrisville (989) 724-3277 or Burton (810) 736-1667 Dear Santa,

I have been good but I have 1 thing I want 20 pokemon tin boxes and 1 thing I need is a walit and 1 thing I am thankful for is friends and famle.

Damien Glosky

Dear Santa,

I've been good all year. My brother gets me mad here and there but overall 100% nice. The thing I want is a lot of Calico Critters you probaly heard of it. I don't really need anything except a saddle for my horse. Some things im thankful for is family & friends, health, my teacher, my animals, close friends like my dads friend John, my home, im thankful tat im blessed with a good life and my elf on the shelf snowflack. (I think shes a mischief maker.)

Avarie Emert

Dear Santa,

Santa I chrit t keep my anger but my siplin do it my 1. can I have a vr seat? 2. Can I have a lot of pokemon cards 3. Can I have Dragen Baliz guys. New socs. What I am thankful for is Sparkle

Landon Miller

Dear Santa,

I have been good but not very nice to my sister but, I would like an elf on the shelf next year. I need tennis socs. I am thankfull for Christmas magic.

Brooklynn Mose

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want a skrean protecter. I need my famly to be hethy forevery. I am thankful for my famly, my friends and my life.

Megan Waligore

Dear Santa,

I think I've been good but I've been mean to Lucy and Gemma a little bit but nice. A couple of things I want is a puppy but when it's older I want it to be big like Hector and other kids to have a good Christmas. One thing I need is new snow boots. I'm thankful for having Christmas.

Sophia Rice

Miss Crevier -4th Grade

Dear Santa,

My name is noah I was a good kid this year. I was gratfull this year for my parints. I want for chrismes is a rc plane. X shot, vr, Lego set.

I was a good kid this year and I think I desirve a little bit of toys this year. Please Santa.

Thank you, Noah

Dear Santa,

I have been good but not paying aticion in class. I'm thankful for my famly, freinds, and my dog. I want the new I phone 13 max pro. Also a PS\$ and a Xbox Serise X. I want a lrdnman galet Lego sets and other Big Lego sets. I want a new dog for my dad. I want other tnigs for my mom and dad. I want a toy Doge charger and a Paul Walker Car ornge theme.

Dylan Jackson

Dear Santa,

My name is Travis I have been good but I was bad some times. I need new Hey Dude shoes. I would like a xbox with NHL 20. Can I have some candy kanes and a small Lego set for my stalking, and Basketball hoop for my bedroom door with a mini Basketball. Thank you I Appileriate.

Travis Anderson

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. My parants say im helpful. I sometimes am rude But I fix my aditude. I am realy greatful for my parants. I want gemant but I need a fuzzy blanket because my dog chewed one of mine up. I also want a Baking Playdough set. But I need a new book. I also want baking tools. I also want a cookbook.

Have a Merry Christmas a hppy hooday's.

Taylor Laube

Dery Santa!

What I nede is sox. A now sweder for my Dog's it hast to be Big for my dog's cus I have Big Dog's. What I am thank for is my fammly ferens and my ever thing. What I won't is a now dert bik and stuff like that.

Brooklynn

Dear Santa,

My name is Nelson. My behior was mostly good this year. I am very grateful for my family. I also need fore sock's and jean's. I want all of the diary of the wimpy kid books and Roaldhal books.

Nelson

Dear Santa,

I think I have been good but I can get of track sometimes. I am grateful for my friends and family. I would

like it if I could have close for winter and socks. I would like slime stuff and a mini backpack. Candy is

My parents don't want to let me have a phone till I am 11 but a phone please. A love ring, make up, a basketball and a soccer ball. I do not need this but can I have an elexa, a tablet, and a apple watch. I want some pool flotes and a santa stuffed animal.

Thank you hope you have a good Chistmas.

Emma Hechlik

Dear Santa,

I have been 75/25 75 good 25 bad. im thankful for my family and school and techer for putting her time into teaching us. I would like a X-Box one sires X and a 3 Big Lego sets and some X-Box Games. And a new pair of Jordorns. And a cool bike to ride to school and down my dads trails and to race my little brother's on thir bike's. and some Baseball cards. I would like for you to leave me some candy. Well that's all.

Dan

PS. Please eat the cook-

Dear Santa,

I have been OK. but at the same time I did prity bad. I want a bogoty, laborgny, aex box series ex, didg charger and a labersin volcano. I need a new pear of shos, pants, long sleve shert. I am gratefull for my frends, mom, dad, coches.

William

Dear Santa,

My name is Geni Kirk and I have been really good and did all my chores and I listen to my parents. I am grateful for family, food, shelter, school and freinds. I want a Ooh LaLa surprise, a phone, switch games, Happy home, Nintendo paridise, toe socks and makup and mini marshmallow mans. I need a desk, Raina Telgiener books, a new water bottle, scissors and lots of pencils. And for my familys gifts, a huge pillow for my dog's. and my techer and Mom, a huge blanket for my Dad, a hockey game ticket for Bradley and books for Zoe.

Thank you Santa and please.

Sincerly, Geni Kirk





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Sinserly, Brianna

Dear Santa,

I have been a Sorta good boy. I am thankful for my family and frend. I need boot, glove, sock I ont a X box series x, PS4 phone and another Nentendo Swich.

Junnan

Dear Santa,

It's Sophia. I was better then last year. This year I need Tshirts and socks and swet pance and swet shirts please. I would also would like candy canes please and a basketball and a soccer ball please. Also a ring and a stuff animal santa. Also a spongbob stuff animal and a elf stuff animal. Please could I also have pool flotie and a Figet pack please. Also a mini back pack and slime please. And fudofs fake nose and a engery watch please and last eos lip bum please.

Thank you Santa. Merry Chrismas.

Sophia Bruning

Dear Santa,

I have been a good kid this year. One thing I am greatful for is school, friends & family. I would opppreshat if u could give me a new pair of Nike shoes & I want a new I pad and I phone. Plus with a cool case. Have a great Christmas Santa

Skyla Ouesenberry

Dear Santa,

My name is Angela, and I have been good this year I can be turd sometimes. I am really gratful for my m om and the roof she puts over my head. Also, for the food she puts in my stomice. Something I need this year is new shoes mine are still good but the botten broke but I wish for a new pair. Something I want this year is on chrismas morning for my family to be happy just for that one day. I also want some books perhaps some dork diarys. Last, I want some candy.

Sincerely, Angela

Iaan

Dear Santa,

Iv been a good boy. And Iv bot in trouble a couple times. I need basketball stuff and want good ball stuff and what im thankful for is my family and I want an xbox seares x and a bounch of pokemon cards and a note 22 phone.

Mrs. Smith – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope you are doing fine! I was wondering if you could give me some diary of a Wimy Kid and maybe some throw blankets? I know that the newest Iphone costs a lot, so can I just get a tablet? I'm sorry if that's to much. How are your reindeer doing? I'll leave carrots for your reindeer! Also, take care and don't fun into the Miser Brothers!

Jasmine VonFintel

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I wish for some crystals and an a iphone II pls. I have been wanting these for a while and most of all led light pls Santa.

Brooklynn Sharp

Dear Santa,

Can I please have a phone and a PS5 with a computer.

Steven Comstock

Dear Santa,

how has your year been? I don't really want anything specific for Christmas. I do have one question. How do you get down the chimney? Some people block their chimneys and some are really small. Anyway, have a merry Christmas.

Reid Schroeder

Dear Santa,

How are you? I've been good. I would please have: Lego's, book's movie's some pant's and a Merry Christmas.

Jonathan Tessmer

Dear Santa,

A new phone. A pare of cow Boy Boot's.

Candy

Please and thank you. Margarett

Dear Santa,

What I want for cristmas is an iphone II, a Dj set, a kitten gray blue Eyes.

Addison R. Griffin

Dear Santa,

how are the reindeer Doing and what is Mrs. claus up to. Also im wandering if I cold get a Nintendo switch and a few blankets and stuff for a gaming set up.

Maisy White

Dear Santa,

it's me Ryleigh I hope you remember! I just wanted to check in on you and the elves. So how do you travel around the world in one night?! Also how old are you! Are you the very first santa? How do you an your elf's make presants and get them? What does your coco taste like. All I what is a white Christmas! Bye!

Ryleigh Jo Desonia

Dear Santa,

I want a Nitpnao switch and some other things please. How are you doing Santa How is Ms claus doing and reindeer doing.

Brenton Merillat

Dear Santa,

I dont want any thing for Christmas All I want is yea you cont do that well how are you going I guess lagh out loud.

Savanna Skiera

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling. Santa this is my Christmas list. I won't a PS4 and a rc car and a dirt bike to and a Hot weel set and a side by side and a Lego set and a Pokgo stick and a coloring book and a tablit.

Blayne Dellar

Dear Santa,

I think that I have been good this year for Christmas I wold like American girl doll stuff, Barbie stuff and art stuff that's all I would like.

Breanna Link

Dear Santa,

I notice that you sent Jolly. How are you and the elfs doing. So have your elfs been working hard? Also, how is miss claus doing. The only things I want is a very good PC gaming set, a trip to live with my father.

Noah James

Dear Santa,

How's your day good or bad in between Well I hope's it's going good. Any way this chrismas (I've been utterly awesome) I vant Leggos and a PS4 game and a movie basic is'nt it that's all I what this year have a good Christmas.

Bradley McCkraecken

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope you are having a good day. What I would like for Christmas is some X-Box 360 video games and a Red Ryder BB gun. I would also like some pellets for my pellet gun.

Aidan Conklin

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We ho, ho, hope you enjoy a season illuminated with much love and laughter.



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Dear Santa,

how you doweg is Mrs. Clas doweg well eneway I cind of want a good micop & cumpter and that's molsy it this ye rim thring to de good for the faly it hard thak you

Cole Meese

Dear Santa,

What I want for cristmas is an Xbox series xs controller black. The next thing I want is robox gift cards and xbox live gold ultimeat Xbox game and a submautica xbox game. Lastly, toys for exs amlle popits, simple dimple, sqish balls and kike chains.

Abel Birk

## Mrs. Neuenseldt – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dear Santa,

My elf hand't came last year and feels like it on't come this year I Don't know everthing about elfs I Don't know that they only come for two years or its Because elfs only watch bad kids.

Thomas McKenzie

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is basketball shoes My sister wants a cat for Christmas and my Brother wants the person that is number one on Michigan

Grady Goddard

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a few harry potter books and new clothes. I also wanted to know how your elfs and raindeers are doing when I was little I used to stay up all night well I tired but I fell asleep. I thought that was but I stoped because my mom catched me one but year.

Ken Nardie Gresham

Dear Santa,

What I want on Christmas is ocleas quest 2 deric henry jersey

Ryan Bartz

Dear Santa,

How is Comet? That is great!! For Christmas I would like some robut gift cards purple outfits and a Alexa light switch. The reason I deserve these gifts is because my grades are good, and I do my chores. Thank you!

Zoey

Dear Santa,

I have being good In school thay siand im a star clasmate. I know I don't ask for much but for Christmas I wan't to know how is hanna I don't get to see her that much cuz we go to didfrint schools' dut she my BFF and I miss her that all Im asking for thank you Santa.

Clarissa Loyer

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a pair of shoes with heelies, a hover board, a skate board, some fidget's, a cap hat, a phone, a fitbit, some more sweatshirt's and a new waterbottle. I know I want a lot but I was a very good child this year.

Mikayla Prater

Dear Santa,

I sure haven't been the best this year but I still would request some of these things, a small horse dictionary, an egg chair, faux fur blanket, fidget putty, horse ornament, a bunny, horse camp, free horse trail rides (in ticket form), horse books, English riding boots, and a hint of good luck for a year. Thanks if you can!

Lila Somers

Dear Santa,
I would like a RED
RIDER BB gun.
James Storey

Dear Santa,

For chistmas I whant a x box series x and a bucket full of gxorex pokemon cards and all the naryto action figers.

Owen Martinea

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a iPhone bigger than a iPhone 8. Can I also please get Air Jordan shoes (yellow) that's what I Mostly want. How are the raindeers and Mrs clause. I hope you like my cookies that I bring you this year and also the milk ill leave carrots for the raindeers.

Jordyn Somers

Dear Santa,

This year I only want a few things. I want a Wacky Trak, a popit, lol surprise, omg Dolls, new electric scooter, infinity cube. that is all I want for chrismas. By the way how is Frosty?

Nevden Lawson

Dear Santa,

I Love cristmas I Love family and I'd always presents and some of the things I want is a electric bike aka a ebike thats all I dont wanna be to greedy

Ayden Wilson

Dear Santa,

I dont care if I get some thing It dosent matter I probably have too much stuff.

Liam

Dear Santa,

this is what I want for Christmas. 55 inch tv/40\$ mystery box/and turtle beach headset.

Jacob Smith

Dear Santa,

This is a list of things i want. V-bucks, electric scooter, rubix cube, Naruto funko pops, that's my list and how is Rudolf.

Holden Mahlak

Dear Santa,

So santa I hope you don't have Covid cuz I really don't want Covid. Ho and see ya. Monich Welsh

Dear Santa,

I don't know what I should get if you could bring something random. So heres a few questions do you like warm or cold milk? Do you really give carrots to the reindeer or do you eat them

Cody Kimball

Dear Santa,

A dirt bike Legos it is not much

Christopher

Dear Santa,

Hi. I have a question for you. So, I haven't been seeing my elf, Frosty. Is there a reason behind that? I hope so. Anyway, how have you and the elves and the reindeer been doing? I hope you're doing well Also, I like penguins.

Rainey Miller

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year and I hope everything is going well at the North Pole. One thing I want this year is for everyone to have a good Christmas. One thing I need this year is for all the kids who can't afford Christmas to get a gift from our school toy drive. I am very thankful for my family and home.

Mason Beatty





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lation would have kept moose numbers lower," he said. "But when the moose numbers got very high, they started to have adverse impacts on the vegetation."

He also saw the controversial decision by the National Park Service to bring Canadian wolves to the island in 2019 to restore the ecosystem. It was a difficult decision as the Park Service's philosophy is to preserve wilderness without human interference.

"Wolves are important to ecosystem health, and they belong in ecosystems like Isle Royale," he said. "Their ecological function had been lost, and so the Park Service was restoring that."

The wolves on Isle Royale weren't doing well because they were inbred and suffered from the impacts of climate change. The warming climate reduced how often ice formed between the island and the mainland. "For much of the time that wolves have been on Isle Royale, occasionally what would happen is a wolf would cross an ice bridge, and kind of rejuvenate the genetics of the population," Vucetich said.

In the 1960s, ice bridges formed about three of every four years. In recent years, it's been about once every decade. "The reason, of course, that ice bridges are less frequent is because of climate warming," he said. "So it's not so much that they were meddling with nature, it's that they were mitigating something that humans had caused."

To maintain the wolf population on Isle Royale, wildlife managers will likely have to



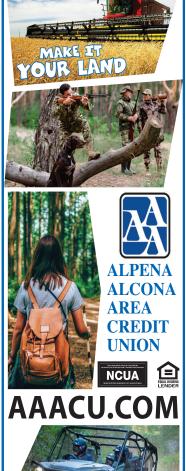
Ecologist and author John Vucetich. Courtesy photo.

several reasons, including potential harm to humans and livestock.

"My view on wolf hunting has been that you shouldn't hunt wolves until a good reason has been presented for wanting to do so," Vucetich said. "And the reasons that I've seen up until now are not good reasons to hunt wolves."

Some people are pushing to restore federal protection. But while hunting in some states may exacerbate the endangered status of wolves, the Endangered Species Act wasn't designed to manage hunting. It was designed to prevent species from going extinct, Vucetich said.

Nonetheless, the gray wolf shouldn't have been removed from the list to begin with, he said. "The Endangered Species Act really clearly indicates that a species should be widely distributed throughout its former range before it can be delisted. Wolves in the Lower 48 occupy only about 15 percent of their former range."





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A cow and bull moose aerial view during a moose count. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.* 

bring one or two wolves from the mainland every 20 years, Vucetich said. "In truth, what happened on Isle Royale is a concern for all of our national parks, really, because most or all of our national parks are threatened by climate change."

### Federal protection for the gray wolf

But the biggest threat to wolves in the Lower 48 states is hunting, Vucetich said. "I think that we have learned in the last couple of years that there are powerful forces afoot that represent really nothing less than plain old hatred for wolves," he said.

Gray wolves were removed from the federal list of endangered species in 2020 after almost 45 years. Wolf hunting is now regulated by states. Wolves have been hunted for

### Restoring the balance

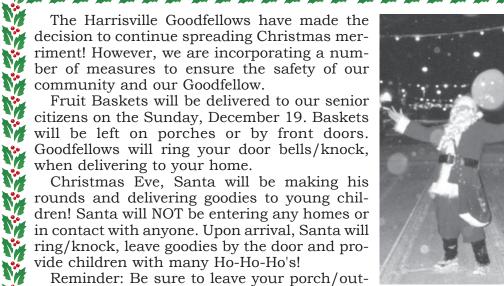
Vucetich, a first-time author, explores the evolution of gray wolves on Isle Royale and the ways that humans relate to them.

"I live my life with nature, interacting with nature, in some ways, just like everyone else does, just through the things that I use to sustain myself," he said. "For humannature relationships, I think the most common way to think of it is, "Will it work?"

However, the author said his work on Isle Royale—in particular, his experience early in his research career—changed how he relates to nature. "The thing that I enjoyed writing about the most in the book is a very particular event that led me to those thoughts," he said.

"And yeah, they changed

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side lights on Christmas Eve. Santa begins making his rounds at approximately 5:30 p.m. and done by 8 p.m.

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# Buggy Rides



# High school boys building house

December 23, 1971 ~ Through the cooperation of several state and area agencies, a house is being built for a poor family in Alcona County, according to Larry Mann, Alpena Area Vocational Center Director.

The carpenters, plumbers, roofers and electricians are high school boys, working two and one half hours per day with high school credit and a learning opportunity that will help them enter a trade or build their own house in later years. The young men work under the direction of vocationally certified instructor John Grzcskowiak. All phases of construction are being explored under his tutelage. "Grassy" has experience as a vocational teacher and an independent contractor and is completing his own home on Lake Huron near the "Ghost Town" of Alcona. Students in the program are termed "Special Needs" students. In ability to profit from a normal curriculum due to personal, family or other problems qualified them for this career education experience. In this first pilot project, all students are also attending Alcona Community High School although the project was open to all special needs students in the area.

The lot and construction materials are being provided by the Northeast Michigan Nonprofit Housing Corporation, an independent agency dedicated to promoting better housing for the poor, ac-

# Seasons greetings

December 23, 1971 ~ Best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Evelyn and Dick Forsythe

Happy holiday greetings to all our friends, neighbors, and relatives. Lula Lange and Mrs. Fred Forsythe Sr.

The best of season's greetings to all our friends. Commissioner and Mrs. Gerson Kahn. Mikado.

Greetings—To our friends. May Peace and Joy be yours at Christmas time and always. The Pete Effricks and Family.

Seasons' greetings— We would like to wish all our friends, relatives and neighbors a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Gordon and Kay MacGregor and Family.

### **CryptoQuip** answer

Clothing ensembles so goofylooking that they make passersby crack up: apparel of laughs.

Richard Dubin, of Boyne City, has been encouraging school districts in the north to work with this program to provide F.H.A. approved housing for poor people. Mr. Dubin stated that the house maybe purchased for approximately \$15,000 with federal support by a poor family.

He indicated interested people should contact Arthur Rouse, Housing Director, at 275 Bagley in Alpena.

The funds for the teacher's salary and construction equipment are provided by the Michigan Department of Education Vocational Education Services. Coordinator Robert Kennon of the Disadvantaged & Handicapped di-

cording to Mann. President vision, was very helpful to the area center in program development and funding, according to Mann.

> Mann is looking forward to further development of like programs by the area vocational center. Experience so far indicates that the objectives of the program are being met through careful, joint planning with all agencies. He hopes the area vocational advisory committee will look favorably upon extension of the program to other communities next year. He suggests that community members might like to express their thoughts on this program by writing him, their local board of education or this newspa-

# Alcona C. of C. snowmobile show

**December 23, 1971** ~ The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce Snow mobile Show was a real success, in spite of the lack of snow. The event was held at the Circle B Ranch, south of Mikado.

People started coming in at 9 a. m. and kept coming throughout the day, looking over the wide array of various makes of snowmobiles and equipment, and other lines. Although there were no snow, it enabled people to come and look over the displays possibly more so than if we had had some snow.

There were four door prize winners: Mrs. P. Pamcica, Mikado, a pair of mittens; Olive Smith, Harrisville, a helmet; Mrs. Guy Richie, Glennie, a ham. Mrs. D. Armstrong, Lincoln, pair- of

The President. Mrs. Lou Kramer, and the general chairman Garson Kahn, thank those who helped to make this show a success.

### Barton City youth hits deer with snowmobile

December 23, 1971 ~ A snowmobile driven by Walter R. Unkovich, 20, of Barton City, struck and killed a doe deer Sunday evening in a ditch parallel to Almond Road, near Ritchie Road, in Alcona County

According to the Sheriff's Department, Unkovich said he was riding in the ditch when the deer ran in to his path. He was riding alone, and was not hurt, but the snowmobile was destroyed.

A ticket, was issued to Unkovich for not having a registration on his 1972 model snowmobile.

### Harrisville store entered by thieves

**December 23, 1971** ~ The Harrisville Plumbing and Heating Company of Harrisville was broken into and entered early last Thursday morning. A check for \$1,750 and \$117 in cash were taken from a cash register.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department entry was believed made by opening a bathroom window in the building sometime between 10 p. m. Wednesday and early Thursday morning.

The building is located on Main Street and is owned by Andy Kralik.

### Letters to Santa

December 23, 1971 ~

Dear Santa:

I want a garage like Vickie's and a tractor with a loader and a Jumping Ginger.

> Thank you. Jimmy Kelly

Dear Santa:

I want these things: a new camera, a ring, some jewerly, a clock, a few games, velvet doll, a new Bible, a maxie skirt, six pak jigsaw puzzle, typewriter of my own, Cinderella watch, candle making kit, Easy Bake, cotton candymaker, Kerry Crissy's friend, Dawn, a little organ.

from Anita Kinnee

Dear Santa:

I wish that I could have these things. I only asked for seven things.

A camera, new Bible, some jewelry, typewriter of my own. cowgirl suit (the whole outfit), candlemaking kit and cotton candy maker.

From Karen Kinnee

to Santa Claus Dear Santa:

I am seven years old and teacher is Mrs. Broadwood. I am a good boy I guess. I would like some games. I have nine nieces and nephews. They will be here Christmas eve. Hope to see you then.

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Weekly Report

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High	Low	Water <u>Content</u>	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant <u>Direction</u>
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59	34	0.00	10.4	42	SW
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	Water <u>Content</u>	Snow <u>Fall</u>	Normal Water Content	
Weekly Total	0.15	0.3	0.42	
December to Date	1.48	3.0	1.08	
Year to Date	24 65	6.3	27.65	

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.)



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# Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What percent of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere?
- 2. MOVIES: Which 1987 film contains the catchy line, "May the Schwartz be with you"?
- **3. LITERATURE:** Author John Steinbeck contends that his dog ate the first draft of which of his novels?
- 4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of parrots called?
- **5. MUSIC:** Who is considered the "Father of the Blues"?
- **6. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first sitting president to throw out the first pitch on baseball's opening day?
- 7. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit also is sometimes called a "love apple"?
- 8. TELEVISION: Where do the vampires live in "What We Do in the Shadows"?
- 9. HISTORY: In what year did East Germany start to build the Berlin Wall?
- 10. INVENTIONS: Which scientist invented the color wheel?

Answers: 1. 90%; 2. "Spaceballs"; 3. "Of Mice and Men"; 4. A pandemonium; 5. W.C. Handy; 6. William Howard Taft (1910); 7. Tomato; 8. Staten Island, New York; 9. 1961; 10. Sir Isaac Newton (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

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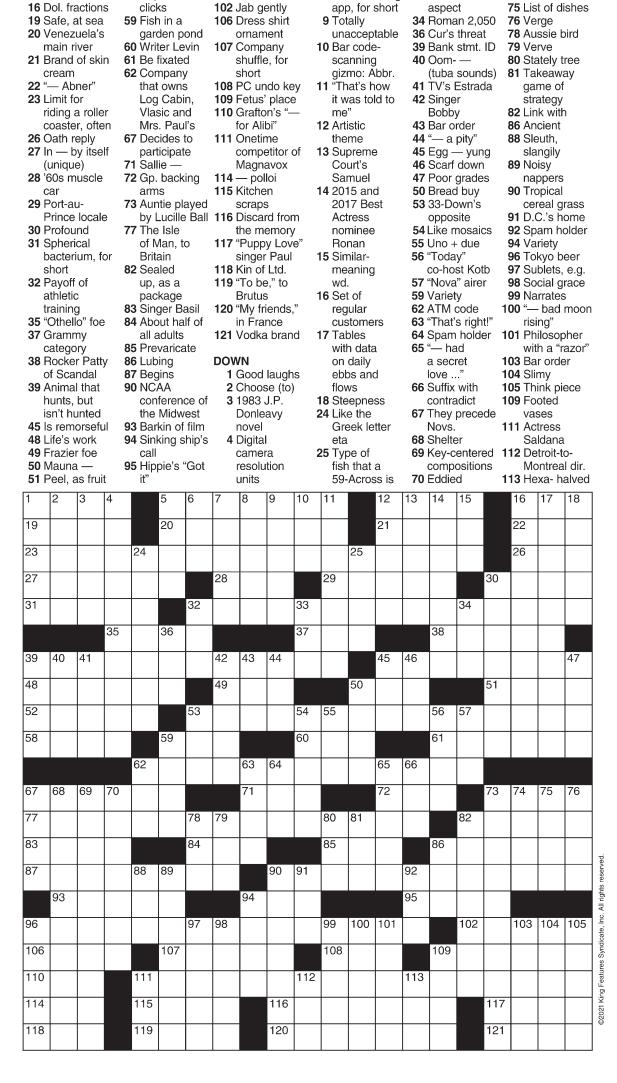
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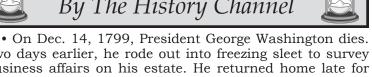
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- Two days earlier, he rode out into freezing sleet to survey business affairs on his estate. He returned home late for dinner and refused to change out of his wet clothes. The next day he developed a severe respiratory infection and died the following day.

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- On Dec. 16, 1811, the greatest series of earthquakes in U.S. history begins near New Madrid, Missouri, when an earthquake estimated at 8.6 magnitude slams the region. The quake raised and lowered parts of the Mississippi Valley by as much as 15 feet and changed the course of the Mississippi River.
- On Dec. 18, 1865, following its ratification by threequarters of the states, the 13th Amendment is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution, ensuring that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude ... shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."
- On Dec. 13, 1916, a powerful avalanche kills hundreds of Austrian soldiers in a barracks near Italy's Mount Marmolada. Over several days, avalanches killed an estimated 10,000 Austrian and Italian soldiers.
- On Dec. 17, 1961, a fire at a circus in Brazil kills more than 300 people and severely burns 500 more. The fire may have been caused by sparks from a train passing nearby. There were 2,500 people in attendance, and many were trampled.
- On Dec. 15, 1988, singer James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul," begins serving a six-year prison sentence in South Carolina. Already on probation, Brown's reckless spree on Sept. 24 resulted in numerous criminal charges, including assault and battery with intent to kill.
- On Dec. 19, 1998, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. Later, after being acquitted, Clinton said he was "sorry."

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# Strange But True By Lucie Winborne

• During the first Gulf War in 1991, every U.S. soldier was sent a frozen Snickers bar as a Thanksgiving treat.

• Mario Puzo, author of "The Godfather" books who also helped adapt them to film, had no formal training and had never written a screenplay before. After winning two Oscars for the first two movies, he bought a book to help himself learn how to be a screenwriter.

• Delaware and Colorado allow a marriage to be annulled if it was performed as a dare.

• At the center of every snowflake is a pollen or dust particle on which an extremely cold water droplet has frozen to form an ice crystal.

• "Passion purpura" is the medical term for a hickey.

- Saccharin, the first artificial sweetener, was discovered by accident when chemist Dr. Constantine Fahlberg forgot to wash his hands after work and tasted something "unspeakably sweet" during dinner. He interrupted the meal to sample every beaker in his lab, which fortunately contained nothing poisonous.
- The distress signal SOS does not actually stand for anything.
- "Buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo buffalo" is a grammatically correct sentence using buffalo as a proper noun, verb and noun. To put it more simply: "Buffalo bison that other Buffalo bison bully also bully Buffalo bison."
- Donald Trump was the first president in 168 years not to have a pet in the White House.
- It took Frank Lloyd Wright 15 years, 700 sketches and six sets of working drawings to create the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

Thought for the Day: "The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe, the less taste we shall have for destruction." -- Rachel Carson (c) 2021 King Features Synd.. Inc.

## **CryptoQuip**

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

Clue: M equals P

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MCPPIWPHV SWCSZ DM:
CMMCWIJ LU JCDXAP.

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Notice to creditors: The decedent, Jennifer Marie Arocha, died November 5, 2021.

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### **ALCONA TOWNSHIP 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, Mead and Bouchard. Motions to approve November 9 minutes; treasurer's report; to pay bills as presented; to amend budget. All motions passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk



### **CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 13. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor pro tem Schwanz and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor pro tem Schwanz, treasurer Luenberger, clerk Pierce, aldermen, Bauermeister, Mason, Bean, and Peterson, attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Mayor Gehring, alderman Kaiser.

Motion by Mason, support by Bean, to accept the minutes of November 8. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Bean, support by Mason, to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,989.09. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz informed council of the completion of the harbor playground installation and plan to have a formal grand opening in the spring of 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz recommended the appointment of Nancy McKenzie, the city, to fill a vacancy on the harbor commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Bean, to appoint Nancy McKenzie to fill a vacancy on the harbor commission, term ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz opened discussion with city council about the content and issues described within Resolution 2021-08 and a "declaration," brought to council by Dr. Bob Turek, concerning an individual's autonomous choices about their own health and that the city will not require or mandate any employee, or contractor to require proof of vaccination as a general condition of employment. Motion by Mason, for the city to adopt said Resolution 2021-08 and declaration as presented. Motion died due to lack of second.

City holiday office hours: Office Closed-Friday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 27. Office will open on Tuesday, Dec. 28. New Year closed: Thursday, Dec. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31, 2021. Office will open Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Schwanz opened the water/sewer budget hearing for 2022 at 7:30 p.m. with a public comment period. No public comments concerning the budget were made. Budget meeting closed at 7:34 p.m. Treasurer Luenberger presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rate will be 3.30 mils for the water debt.

Motion by Bauermeister, support by Peterson, to approve the water/sewer budget for 2022. Motion carried: 4-0.

Reports: Clerk Pierce discussed the upcoming 2022 election cycle for the coming year and reminded alderman Bean, Ward I, alderman Peterson, Ward II, and alderman Schwanz, Ward III, they are up for reelection and must file a petition of intent for the primary election in August, 2022. The offices of mayor, treasurer and clerk are also up for reelection in 2022. Treasurer Luenberger reminded residents that winter taxes will be due February 14, 2022. Discussion on water/sewer budget ad-

Motion by Bean, support by Peterson, to approve water/sewer adjustments to the 2021 budget. Motion carried: 4-0.

Attorney Cook informed council of a water leak from a hydrant on private property on School Drive. Alderman Mason reported that the problem has been fixed. Attorney Cook reported that the existing Barber Shop building on US-23 and Clark Road is being discussed by interested parties as to future use.

Harbor Commissioner Lukasiewicz introduced Richard Huneke to council as the new treasurer for the harbor commission and appreciates the council approval of Nancy McKenzie as a new member of the harbor commission. Joe will be resigning his chairmanship of the commission, effective December 31, 2021 and

Bruce Byer has been appointed the new chairman. Joe indicated he will continue as a commissioner on the harbor commission. The commission is working with the state and the Army Corps of Engineers to get work done on the break wall surrounding the harbor. The next meeting of the harbor commission is January 6, 2022 at

Planning commissioner Schwanz will post a public hearing for review of the updated master plan. Notice will be published in the local newspaper. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Place to be announced.

Fire Department Chief Klukowski informed council of the departments quest to purchase a new Jaws of Life. Attorney Cook reminded that any purchase over \$5,000 must be put out for bids and published in the local newspaper. The cost for this equipment can exceed \$22,000. Motion by Bean, support by Peterson, to publish for bids for this equipment. Motion carried: 4-0.

Sheriff Stephenson reported to council the use of a Hummer vehicle by the department received from Mackinac City. Alcona is utilizing losco County Jail as a unit to house county detainees. The Alcona Community School liaison officer will be back at school four days a week

County Commissioner Thompson discussed that things are going as planned with the county.

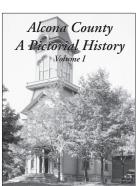
Comment cards: Dr. Bob Turek shared his interest in the resolution he brought before the council and reiterated that the city, even though council did not adopt the resolution, the city is doing most of what is recommended in the resolution without formal adoption. Councils last comments: None.

Motion to adjourn by Mason, support by Peterson. Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

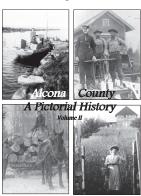
Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

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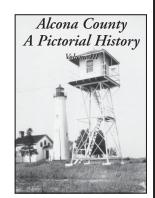


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my life in a way."

While watching that moose long ago, he began to wonder, "What's their experience?" That question became the primary way in which he viewed other animals. "I had no idea what was happening between the ears of this moose," he said. "How close can I come to figure that out a little bit as a scientist and a little bit as a person who joins that science with their imagination to try to better understand what their life is like?"

To Vucetich, the creatures on earth count as people, not humans, but still people. "They have interests," he said. "They have an interest in what happens tomorrow, they have

a memory of what happened yesterday. And they have an interest in being treated certain ways and not in other ways."

He ponders the obligations that come with relationships between people. "The one question that seems to frame the way I see it all is, "Is it fair?" he said.

It is a challenging question. "It's hard to answer what counts as a fair relationship between two human beings and then you start asking, Well, what looks like a fair relationship between humans and wolves?"

The book documents his "long inquiry" of fairness and his attempts to achieve it while providing a glimpse into the relatively untouched boreal forest of Isle Royale.

"The richest part is really, for me, just sharing it," he said. "It feels like such a privilege to be in a position to see so many things about nature, things that other people care about, and that I'm the fella that's fortunate enough to be able to share it with them."

His favorite Isle Royale view is of the sky where it meets Lake Superior. "It's different every time you see it. It changes with the seasons and the lighting of the sun and the clouds," he said.

"And I'm just endlessly fascinated by that view."



A cow moose fitted with a collar that transmits information to researchers. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

### Moose Facts

• The largest member of the deer family, the moose (Alces alces) occurs in Europe, Asia and North America.

• Moose can get to be 6.5 to 9 feet in length and weigh up to 725 to 1,100 pounds. The moose's coloration can vary from grayish or reddish-brown to the occasional all-black individual.

 Boreal forests with shrubby growth and immature trees along with cedar swamps, marshes and alder-willow thickets near waterways are popular places to find moose.

• Moose are excellent swimmers and can run close to 55 miles an hour.

• Keen hearing and a well-developed sense of smell help the moose make up for its poor vision.

• The moose forages mainly at dawn and dusk for tender young leaves from aspen, maple and birch trees. • In the summer the moose focuses on aquatic vegetation

that can be found in lakes and rivers. Some favorites include water lilies, rushes, arrowheads and horsetails.

• An adult moose needs to eat 44 pounds of food a day.

• Mating begins in September and continues into October, and one or two young are born in late May or early June.

 A moose calf has reddish-brown fur, without spots, and usually weighs around 25 to 35 pounds.

 Calves have a hard time standing for long periods of time when first born but are steady on their feet by day five and follow the cow after 15 to 20 days.

• Most females do not mate until their third year and males until their sixth.

• Wolves are the only predator in Michigan large enough to take down an adult moose, although mortality studies of moose in the Upper Peninsula show depredation by wolves is not a measurable factor in moose mortality. Calves are frequently attacked by bobcats and bears.

• A moose in the wild can reach, on average, 27 years of age. (Information courtesy of Michigan Department of Natural

### Best wishes and sincere thanks from our family to yours. Let us know what is happening

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