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Generosity abounds for families in need of food

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A simple act of charity has opened the door for a few new volunteers who raised some much-needed funding for the Food Bank of Lincoln.

Leisa and Phil Sutton of Mikado recently raised nearly \$16,000 in less than a week to help the Food Bank of Lincoln. The funds are enough to bring food trucks monthly to Alcona County for a year, an amount neither they nor the food bank coordinator, Karen Hughes, ever thought possible.

Their act of charity began with a simple gesture, offering an elderly woman a pumpkin so she could give it to her chickens.

"It was a few days after Halloween and Phil saw a woman at a local market who wanted to give a pumpkin to her chickens. She was trying to figure out if she had the pennies to buy it. He saw she was trying to do the math and didn't have a lot of money. Phil had some pumpkins in the back of his truck and offered to let her pick out what she wanted. The woman



Food Bank of Lincoln coordinator Karen Hughes, (left) accepts close to \$16,000 donated by Mikado residents and YouTube platformers, Leisa and Phil Sutton. Photo by Mary Weber.

was elated," Leisa said.

When he returned home, he told his wife about the elderly woman. Leisa was concerned the woman probably didn't have enough food to feed herself. She wanted to reach out and help.

Leisa, who is the Mikado

Township Clerk, recalled talking to the Mikado Fire Chief and how the fire crew helped the Food Bank of Lincoln hand out food boxes to the needy during COVID-19.

The Suttons thought about how the need for food didn't just go away after the pandemic shutdowns and wanted

to volunteer. They contacted Hughes and began volunteering.

"I was surprised the work was so physical. We got our butts handed to us. It was exhausting work but very rewarding," Leisa said.

Hughes explained a lot of people don't realize how much

physical labor goes into filling food boxes because the freezers are on the upper level in the senior center and they must carry many bags of frozen chicken and other frozen foods to the lower level and pack boxes, then each box is carried back upstairs to the middle entry level where it is carried outside and placed into people's vehicles.

Hughes explained the Food Bank of Lincoln operates through the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) under the guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture and is part of the Feeding America program.

The bank began operating during the early months of the pandemic in 2020 and has grown steadily since. Currently, 300 to 400 households are served every month through two different giveaways. One is called the appointment pantry where Hughes has a list of households, mostly senior citizens, whom she calls on and lets them know an appointed day and time they can pick up a box of food.

"We also do a monthly pop-up pantry where I order a truck of food from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The truck comes here to ACCOA, we unload it, box it and then people drive up to get it. Generally, a box of food is enough to feed a family of four for a week. If they tell me they have 10 people in their household, then we put in extra to feed the whole family," Hughes said.

In addition, the Food Bank of Lincoln will help people in desperate need who call and say they are out of food and, in some cases, will deliver food to shut ins.

Hughes said the need in the community has been consistent since the food bank began, but she has seen a recent upturn in the number of non-seniors.

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Seasonal influenza cases are rising

Cases of seasonal influenza activity are on the rise both locally and across the nation. This follows a severe season in Australia during our summer. And, while headlines for the last few years have focused mostly on COVID-19, the flu remains the most common infectious disease in the United States.

In fact, the CDC is estimating 13 million flu illnesses from numbers already being reported.

"Cold and flu season has most definitely arrived, a 'triple-demic' as many like to call it with flu, RSV and COVID-19," said Dr. Paul Berg, chief medical officer,

MyMichigan Health. "We monitor our numbers at each of our medical center locations, as well as our testing sites including urgent care. Although our locations are busy, we're absolutely here to help our communities in any way that we can."

Symptoms of the flu may include fever/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue, and vomiting/diarrhea.

"If you test positive for the flu, we recommend staying at home to reduce the spread," said Dr. Berg. "We also encourage you get plenty of rest, stay hydrated, apply heating

pads to alleviate aches, use a humidifier to reduce coughing and nasal congestion, wash your hands regularly, and consider using a mask if you are around others," Dr. Berg said.

Over the counter medicines can also assist in managing flu symptoms.

"Acetaminophen and NSAIDs will certainly help reduce a fever and can also help with headaches or body aches. You may also find nasal sprays, cough suppressants and oral decongestants helpful, as well," Dr. Berg said.

While the flu can typically be taken care of at home, it's

important to monitor symptoms and avoid contact with others. Those with the flu can be contagious for a day before symptoms start to up to a week after.

"If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call your doctor," said Dr. Berg. "And, please don't forget - it's never too late to get a flu shot. The majority of influenza viruses tested is similar to the influenza viruses included in this season's influenza vaccine."

Those interested in more information on the flu may visit www.mymichigan.org/flu.



God Bless America



Obituaries

Deborah L. Walsh

Deborah Louise Walsh, 63 of Lost Lake Woods Club, Lincoln, died on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022.

She was born in Detroit, Mich. on September 21, 1959, to Kenneth and Mary (Floer) Calvin.

She spent her childhood in Troy, Mich. and graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School.

On May 5, 1979, she married Edward Walsh at the Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Mrs. Walsh was a stay-at-home mother until her children were in elementary school, at which time she became a school bus driver for Rochester schools. After 13 years as a bus driver, she attended night classes at Baker College for four years and graduated in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in computer science.

She held various positions at Henry Ford Hospital, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Guardian Alarm. However, her favorite job was her final posi-

tion with Reader's Digest of New York City, N.Y. as a business analyst.

Mrs. Walsh also taught classes at Baker College and taught adult education computer classes at Rochester Community Schools, all while continuing to work full time.

In 2019, the couple moved to Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln. She loved life at the club. Her passion in life was gardening and she was learning how to play golf.

Mrs. Walsh was a very spiritual person. She served on the bishop's committee at St. Phillips Church in Rochester, Mich.

Mrs. Walsh is survived by her husband, Edward Walsh; one daughter, Lauren (Michael) Pietersen; one son, Andrew (Marina) Walsh; three grandchildren, Anja Schoenstein, Ethan Walsh and Abigail Walsh and three siblings, Patricia (Vikki Maks) Calvin, Jeffery (Annette) Calvin; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Tammy S. Gibbs

Tammy Sue Gibbs, 47, of Ossineke, died on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, at home.

She was born July 9, 1975, to Gerald and Sherry (Crevier) Gibbs Sr., in Tawas City, Mich.

She lived in the area most of her life. Raised Catholic, she enjoyed studying her religion, reading prayers, and praying the rosary.

Ms. Gibbs worked as a registered medical assistant. She enjoyed fishing, kayaking and riding four wheelers.

She loved fast cars. Her granddaughters meant the world to her.

Ms. Gibbs is survived by two daughters, Megan (Chris Utley) LaBonte and Melissa (Ashton Spencer) LaBonte; one son, Brandon LaBonte; two granddaughters, Miyah Maelynn Spencer and Layla Lynn Utley; one sister, Kristy (Wayne Weeks) Gibbs; two brothers, Gerald (Kristin Lucaroni) Gibbs Jr. and Randy (Shelly) Gibbs; several nieces and nephews, including Angel Gibbs and Anthony



She was preceded in death by two brothers, Steven Calvin and William Calvin.

Visitation is Thursday, Dec. 22 from 11 a.m. until the memorial service at 1 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. A memorial service will be held at Coats Funeral Home, 3141 Sashabaw Road, Waterford Township, Mich. 48329 in early January.

Memorial contributions may be made to the MALS Foundation in lieu of flowers at: <https://www.malsfoundation.net/>.



Gibbs; fiancé, Larry Smith; the father of her children, George LaBonte; and dear cousin, Lisa Gibbs.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Laura Gibbs.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church in Alpena. The Rev. Tyler Bischoff will officiate. Burial is in Mt. Joy Cemetery.

Ernest G. Sanborn

Ernest G. Sanborn, 88, of Lincoln, died on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, at home.

He was born February 20, 1934, to Austin Middleton and Loretta Sanborn in Barton City. He was a lifelong resident of the area.

On May 8, 1954, he married Norma Huffman.

In 1963 he purchased a farm in Lincoln where he enjoyed growing apples and a variety of vegetables. He worked at Wurtsmith Air Force Base until 1969, when he went to work for the Alcona County Road Commission.

Mr. Sanborn retired from the road commission in 1996.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma, on May 3, 1994.

He married Joann Parent on May 7, 1999, in Harrisville. He enjoyed gardening and playing cards, especially solitaire.

Mr. Sanborn is survived by his wife Joann; three sons, Glenn (Lisa) Sanborn, Roy (Denise) Sanborn and Walter (Vicki) Sanborn; five step children, Ronald Frasher, Brenda Busch, Kathy Inman, Cindy Lawrence, and Roger (Joan) Frasher; 54 grandchildren; 76 great-grandchildren; 43 great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Jim Middleton.

He was preceded in death by one step son, Rodney Frasher and one brother, Richard Middleton.

The funeral was held Monday, Dec. 19 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Tim Steiner officiated. Burial was in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorial donations are suggested to Hospice Compassus.

Dawn M. Lyons

Dawn Mary Lyons, 88, of Lincoln, died on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, where she had resided since 2021.

She was born June 16, 1934, to Theodore and Mildred (Farrend) Stone in Flushing, Mich.

She married James J. Lyons in 1949. They resided on the farm for over 50 years, where she was often found in the barn yard or in her gardens.

Mrs. Lyons was a stay-at-home mother until 1973 when she pursued a nursing career. She loved caring for people.

Mrs. Lyons is survived by one son, Jesse J. Lyons of Owosso, Mich.; one daughter, Candice I. (Alex) Mulholland of Lincoln; seven grandchildren, Michael Lyons, Sabrina Lyons, Jeremy Lyons, Joshua Lyons, Jeffrey Lyons, Shannon Ahearn, and Brandon Adams; and 10 great



grandchildren; and one sister, Nancy Randall of Flint, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Lyons; one son, Charles Jay Lyons; and three brothers, George Stone, Ken Stone and Dar Stone.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich. A memorial service will be held in June.

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 **Correspondence** 

To the Editor,
The drama around the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) has been taken to a new low by its board of directors at their last meeting. Certain members of the board seem intent on killing ACCOA Director Lenny Avery's successful multimillion dollar state grant which would address long-neglected needs in Alcona County. Their contrived arguments

against the projects are weak at best. The board's excuses for delayed decision-making are otherwise groundless and threaten the time-sensitive grant. For years we've sent tax money to Lansing only to watch it get redirected to other parts of Michigan. Now, Avery has opened the door to reinvestment in our community. His success toward the full funding of a new and efficient community/senior

center and affordable low-income housing should be applauded. Unlike those obstructionist directors who seem locked in the past, Avery's visionary role at the ACCOA has been a needed breath of fresh air for Alcona County. I support him and his efforts and look forward to participating in events at a new community center.
Joe Lukaszewicz
Greenbush

To the Editor,
The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) is for the welfare of Alcona residents 60 and older. Their 503(c) tax-free status and bylaws explicitly state this. Now ACCOA wants to build a Community Center and multifamily dwellings with government money. This is not their focus. I attended the ACCOA meeting and some very surprising statements were made. I thought my property ACCOA assessment was for county seniors, but it is clear that is being used for other endeavors. Mr. Avery made a lot of claims in your article

that are simply untrue. Mr. Avery thinks there are only 15 people in the county that oppose this plan - not so. Talking to various residents I find them strongly opposed, or at best lukewarm -- not knowing what is going on. The following facts came up in the meeting:
• The grant proposal had nothing to do with seniors or senior housing.
• The architecture company (who will make a lot of money) created the grant proposal.
• Seniors only get to use the community center - no permanent senior building.
• The survey that is touted

by Mr. Avery and supposedly tells what Alcona residents want was distributed to high school students and their families. It was not given to the people (seniors) who use ACCOA services. Did you get a survey?
• The survey had no questions about housing. None. So, why were we told that housing was the number one priority?
• Most disturbing is that this project is not fully funded! Build estimates are \$22 million dollars for the community center and the housing. That's \$9.5 million shortfall. I think much of the building and maintenance costs will be the burden of county residents. This is a county wide decision, not one that ACCOA should make.

Richard Kacel
Lincoln

 **Calendar of Events**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
Children of all ages are invited to Homeschoolers at the Library for a fun and educational activity at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
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.

A youth craft activity will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. The project is a Cabochon pendant for ages eight and up. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Teenagers are invited to a movie with munchies at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 5 p.m. A holiday movie for youth ages 13 and up will be shown and popcorn will be available. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

A special Christmas dinner will be served at the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) senior center at 4 p.m. The menu is baked ham, au gratin potatoes, squash, dinner roll and cinnamon apple sauce. Reservations are required. Call Robin at (989) 334-3466, ext. 0 before 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction program, will meet at 7 p.m. at

Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more information, contact Pastor Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
Westminster and Spruce Presbyterian Churches will perform the cantata, "Adore Him" at Spruce Presbyterian Church on Gillard Road at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
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 29
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.


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The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold two public hearings on January 9th at the Township hall beginning at 6:30pm.

A request for a conditional re-zone from Tom and Cyndi Apsey has been made. They are requesting to rezone property from Industrial to Agricultural.. The property is located at 6109 N. Hubbard Lake rd., Spruce, MI
This hearing will begin at 6:30pm.

A request to rezone by Rachel Savage has been made. She is requesting to rezone from Residential to Commercial. The property is located at 1565 Hubert Rd., Hubbard Lake, MI, Lot 111
This hearing will begin at 6:45 pm.

Written comments will be accepted by Caledonia Planning Commission secretary, Ken Hubbard, 837 Jennison Grove Road, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747

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Property Damage Accident	4	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assist	5	Animal/Dog	2
Fraud	2	Miscellaneous	1
Well Being Check	5	Suspicious Event	7
Civil	4	Larceny	1
Animal Bite	1	Trespass	2
Threats	1	Domestic	1
Unlawfully Drive Away Auto	1	Suicidal Subject	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	10	Caledonia	2	Curtis	7
Greenbush	10	Gustin	6	Harrisville	6
Hawes	2	Haynes	1	Mikado	6
Millen	7	Mitchell	5		
Harrisville City	2	Village of Lincoln	4		

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"Younger families in the county are struggling to get food on their tables. They are struggling with the cost of gas to get to work and the cost of heating. Everything has gone up. Food is the only adjustable expense they have," Hughes said.

After seeing what the pantry provides to the needy in the community, the faces of the people the food bank was helping and how grateful those people were to receive food, Leisa was in awe.

She immediately began thinking about the hungry in the community and how much it costs to bring a truck of food to Alcona County. She began formulating an idea for a fund-raiser and perhaps the 78,000 subscribers to her YouTube channel, Suttons-Daze, could help.

"SuttonsDaze is a YouTube platform where I teach pantry preparedness. I have listeners from all over the world, there are quite a few in Australia and England, and one, Sven, in Norway. I teach how to preserve and can food. My demographic is people aged

40 to 85. I thought maybe if I reached out to them, we could raise two months' worth of food for the food pantry which is \$2,400.

"I saw the need. I thought this could help especially with the cost of living what it is. The cost of food has gone up exponentially and the food bank operates on a wing and a prayer every month.

"The food bank is extremely needed for our area. We have the oldest demographic in the State of Michigan out of 83 counties and we are the second poorest county in the entire state. That equates to a bunch of seniors under the poverty line. The dumpster fire that we are living in right now needs some help," Leisa said.

She began her fund-raiser on a Monday during a live YouTube broadcast explaining the need in the community. "Towards the end of my live show on Monday, another YouTube platformer, Rudy, known on YouTube as the Alaskan Prepper, joined in. He saw what we were doing and donated \$1,200. I was in tears and my listeners know I don't cry during my live show," Leisa said.

By Wednesday the Suttons had raised almost enough for four truckloads. Rudy ran it on his YouTube channel too with a link. By Friday, when they closed the fund-raiser, they raised enough for a year's worth of food trucks, \$15,701 in five days.

"I couldn't have done this without my listeners and Rudy helping. I've been crying all week at the generosity of everyone who has donated. Some gave thousands, others gave five dollars, whatever they could. One listener who lives in Michigan sent a card with some cash in it," Leisa said as she handed an envelope to Hughes, who was awestruck at the donation and filled with grateful emotion.

Through tears, Hughes said, "I've always believed in the goodness of the average American person. I've been blessed to see it in action in my own life and the lives of my friends here in Michigan. I was ecstatic on Wednesday when Leisa said there was \$4,000. There are just no words for this. To have raised \$15,701 in just five days is beyond my expectations and thoughts."

The Food Bank of Lincoln is still in need of donations and volunteers. For more information, contact Hughes at (989) 334-FOOD (3663) or visit the ACCOA website at alconaseniors.org.

Follow SuttonsDaze at [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), [Instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com) or [Facebook.com/suttonsdaze](https://www.facebook.com/suttonsdaze).

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Vikings prevail over Lady Tigers

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team faced off against a solid team from Posen on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The Lady Tigers were unable to overcome the visiting Lady Vikings though, dropping the North Star League crossover game 43-34.

"It was a game where we struggled to make shots," head coach Mark Feldhiser said. "We also had a dismal

free throw shooting night. In spite of that, we played a real good third quarter to pull within two, but turnovers got the best of us in the fourth."

Posen led the contest 11-10 after the first quarter and pushed that to 19-14 at the half and led 27-25 after three.

"Inconsistent performances have been a big issue for our team," Feldhiser said. "The good news is that when we play as we are able to, we are a good team. Any

problems we are having are fixable and we still haven't played a Big Dipper game yet. I am confident that we will get it figured out and have a great season."

Kelsey Hansen led the team with 12 points in the setback. Posen's Ella Szatkowski led all scorers with 18 points.

Alcona (2-3 overall) was at home against Tawas on Tuesday, Dec. 20 and returned to action on January 6 at home against Whittemore-Prescott.

BOARD VACANCY

Harrisville Harbor Commission is looking to fill three vacancies on the commission. Letters of interest must be received by noon January 3, 2023. Letters may be submitted to Harrisville Harbor Commission, P.O. Box 331, Harrisville, MI 48740 or Email: harbormaster@harrisville-harbor.com. Please direct questions to Steve Alexander, Harbormaster: (989) 335-3436.

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Tigers dominate AuGres, drop heartbreaker to Posen

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona boys' varsity basketball team entered last Thursday's home North Star League crossover game against AuGres on a mini two-game losing streak. The Tigers busted out of that in a big way, dominating the entire night to the tune of a 64-28 victory.

"We were able to turn things around against a young AuGres team," head coach Alex Cole said. "We were able to take advantage of their youth and convert turnovers into easy offense."

Everyone was able to play big minutes, including sophomore Evan Borsvold who had 18 points and six rebounds off the bench. Overall, it was a good bounce back game."

In the first quarter, David Sharboneau scored seven points, including a three-pointer. Cayden Hebert also hit an early three as the Tigers stormed to a 20-4 lead after the first quarter.

In the second, Ryken Wallenmeir, Borsvold and DJ Howe all scored two points

each, as Alcona led 36-6 at the half.

Eight more points by Borsvold in the third quarter helped turn Alcona's lead into 56-17 entering the final frame.

Borsvold finished with 18 points. Howe put in 13. Sharboneau put in seven. Wallenmeir and Hebert each finished with five. With four apiece was Nathan Nardi and Garrett Somers, and Owen Borsvold and Jacob Renchenski had two points apiece.

On Monday, Dec. 12 the Tigers lost a close NSL crossover game in Posen, 44-43.

"It was a disappointing game in Posen," Cole said. "We followed up a tight battle with Hillman with another very close game. Posen played a tough full court press which caused us problems from the start. We did not value the basketball and had way too many turnovers. We had been shooting the ball at a high percentage this season but the outside shots were just not falling in this game."

Howe poured in six first quarter points, helping Al-

cona to a 12-6 lead after one. Sharboneau hit a three and had five points in the second, but Posen inched ahead 26-25 entering the half.

Another five points by Sharboneau and field-goals by Howe and Wallenmeir helped Alcona surge back ahead 34-31 entering the fourth quarter.

Alcona clung to a one point lead with 10 seconds left, but the Vikings hit the game winner in the closing moments.

"Cole Krajniak, who was our main focus defensively, hit a tough fadeaway shot to win the game," Cole said. "It was a disappointing ending to the second game in a row but, hopefully, these close games will help us in the long run."

Leading the way for the Tigers was Howe with 18 points. Sharboneau poured in 12. Hayden Johnston and E. Borsvold each scored four. Somers netted three and Wallenmeir finished with two.

Alcona (2-2 overall) hosted Tawas on Monday, Dec. 19 and returns to action after the new year on January 6 at home against Whittemore-Prescott.

Education grants allow for more after-school programs

By Janelle James
Capital News Service

Michigan will see an increase in after-school programs early next year.

That's when the Michigan Department of Education will begin distributing \$24 million from federal COVID relief funds to create more out-of-school programs for K-12 students across the state. The money will also be used to help reopen programs operating before the pandemic.

"We know that kids are only in school for about 20 percent of their life, and (during) the rest of that 80 percent, they're still learning," said Lorraine Thoreson, the manager of the state's 21st Century Community Learning Center. "We just want to make sure that when they have supported programs out of school time, that they're learning positive behaviors."

Between 2014 and 2020, 44 states and Washington, D.C., lost after-school programs, according to America After 3 p.m., an after-school advocacy alliance, based in Washington, D.C.

According to Thoreson, in

many urban areas, where marginalized communities tend to live, there is an increased demand for after-school programs compared to rural or suburban areas. Alpena and cities surrounding it in the northeast part of the state are "deserts for after-school programs," Thoreson said.

In Detroit, the ratio of students to after-school programs is one for every 300 students. Thoreson said she hopes that by distributing these grants, cities can meet the national average of one program per every 200 students.

"Unfortunately, Detroit, as many of us know, is an underserved region, so it's imperative that we give young people options and things to be able to be engaged and be involved in," said Winston Coffee, the college liaison for the Midnight Golf Program. The program was founded by Renee Fluker to provide metro Detroit students with life skills through mentorship while learning to play golf.

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Christmas trees, past and present

By Eric Paul Roorda

Author & Artist

The ritual of cutting down a tree and decorating it around the time of the Winter Solstice is one of the strongest links between Pagan and Christian celebrations of Yuletide. It is still the epicenter of the holiday we call Christmas.

For many families, the moment the tree goes up, the countdown to Christmas begins. And what is Christmas without a tree? To me, Christmas means bringing an aromatic, evergreen tree into the house.

Some of my fondest memories of Noels past are of choosing and sawing through the perfect tree, either from a tree farm, or better, from public land, which was more adventurous, and free!

Christmas hasn't been a big deal for that long in this country. In the 1800s, there was no potlatch of gift-giving among families, and few professions even got the day off—Bob Cratchett was typical! Sailors and lumbermen knew no Christmas, other than perhaps a special dessert, such as plum duff or spotted dick. (That's its real name.) It's still a thing in the UK. The contestants on "The Great British Baking Show" had to prepare Spotted Dicks during Season 4.

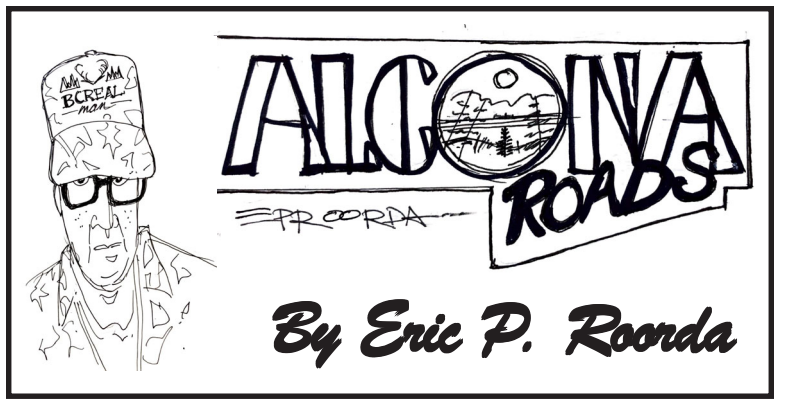
Grants

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"We're able to serve 250 seniors a year in our program, (but) we'd love to be able to serve more," Coffee said. "We have to turn way more students away than we'd like to." The program relies heavily on donors and alumni donations.

Thoreson explained school districts, community-based organizations, community education programs, public libraries, local governments and intermediate school districts can apply for the grants. The department said it wants to distribute grants by mid-December so that programs can start at the end of the year.

Eligible applicants can receive a minimum of \$7,080 and a maximum of \$238,100. More information can be found by visiting www.Michigan.gov.



By Eric P. Roorda

With the formation of a middle class, a by-product of the Second Industrial Revolution at the end of the 19th century, the ritual of Christmas proliferated, especially the decorated tree part. As an urban development, the middle class lacked access to the sorts of places where we used to purchase—or poach—our Tannenbaums back in The Day in Alcona County. They had to ship them from places like this, entire cargoes of them.

No one would remember the seasonal trade in Christmas trees on the Great Lakes, which brought thousands of little evergreens from Up North to cities like Detroit, if not for the loss of a schooner full of them in 1912. You prob-

planter, and hauled it into the house to decorate. I named it "Arbolito Navidad," Spanish for "Lil' Xmas Tree." It lived there until spring. I adorned it for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's, and Easter, then re-planted it as an addition to my rustic landscaping.

This year I went all-out. I acquired the tallest and most expensive Christmas tree ever. It was 80 feet tall and cost \$300!

My 2022 Christmas tree is the crown of an Eastern Hemlock that was leaning over my driveway after a gale uprooted it. It had to come down before it took out the power line and blocked access to the house.

So, after it fell, I lopped off the tippy-top and put it in a tub of water, and it is still



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ably know about it from Gorman Heavyhand's ballad "The Wreck of the Rouse Simmons," which begins like this:

"The tale is told of 'The Christmas Tree Wreck,'

En route from Up North to Chicago..."

I continue to get a kick out of Alcona County Christmas tree acquisition, in all its forms.

Last year, I dug up a 5-foot tall Balsam Fir, put it in a big

fresh, ready for lights, tinsel, and our favorite ornaments.

Plus, it fits snugly against the wall. Being the top of a tall conifer, subject to the prevailing western wind, it has no branches on its eastern side. And the very apex of the tree bends like a hockey stick, after decades of bending with the breeze.

I see myself in that tree—tall, buffeted by the elements, one-sided, bent out of shape...

Whatever your tree may be—or perhaps you have no tree (a recent readers' poll in The Alpena News showed 68 percent of respondents don't decorate at all for the holidays)—I hope you and your loved ones enjoy health and happiness this Christmas, and throughout 2023!

(Eric lives in Springport, where his parents put down roots 50 years ago. He was a college history professor for three decades. His books include, "The Ocean Reader" (Duke, 2020), "Twain At Sea" (Chicago, 2018), and "The White Tail Family: A Coloring Book" (R/DC Press, 2021), which is available for \$10 at eproorda@gmail.com.)

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December escapes

December is a month of transition. As we move from autumn to winter there's always the last-minute stuff to button up around the house before the snow covers the landscape.

For some there's Christmas lights and decorations to put up outside. This time of year is especially tough as we try to get accustomed to the gray, dreary overcast days and the colder weather.

Sportsmen often find themselves in a bit of a conundrum. Some hunters are fortunate to be done deer hunting. They've filled the freezer with prime venison cuts and are content to move on to new adventures. Some have turned their attention to small game hunting or are busying themselves preparing to go ice fishing.

Many are still devoting time in December trying to bag that trophy buck or trying to harvest a doe. Whether you're using the venison for steak, burger, brats, or salami sticks, it's pretty hard not to get some last-minute venison to enjoy throughout the year.

Outdoorsmen like to do it all, but there's only so much time; especially factoring in having to work. Every December, I say next year I'll shoot my doe(s) in October during the archery season so come December I can get ready for ice fishing. Every year come December I'm trying find the time and hope a doe steps out in front of me.

For the sportsmen who turn to ice fishing come December, when conditions allow it, there's some tremendous opportunities for some spectacular fishing. With first ice the fish are voracious. This time is one of the two best opportunities to catch big fish in large numbers.

In years past, come December, our family would head to the woods in pursuit of rabbits or partridge. Both pursuits bring back incredible memories. It was hard to beat a fresh snow. To hear the beagles in pursuit is music to your ears. It's hard to beat the excitement of beagles chasing bunnies. It's been years since we've owned beagles and enjoyed the spirited chase. There was a lot more shooting than success. We used .22 rifles and pistols to ensure the chase would go on.

Hunting snowshoes started with the hunters and dogs moving through the swamp, spreading out in a line until a dog would get on the trail of a freshly booted snowshoe. At that time hunters would spread out and post to allow them to see and safely shoot at any passing bunnies.

Back when dad took us hunting rabbits, the snowshoes we're so plentiful their trails were beaten down and resembled a network of highways. Often times the beagles chasing a rabbit would be booting other snowshoes that provided additional opportunities for posted hunters.

Another tradition was the Christmas day partridge hunt. There were always a few hours after lunch that the guys could safely sneak



Exploring the Outdoors

By Gregg Schefferly

away for some time in the woods. Nothing was more exciting than the anticipation of a partridge flushing.

Partridge have the uncanny ability to know the perfect time to take flight. Again, we'd string out and slowly move through the woods trying to get a shot at a partridge after it flushed. The only one I recall we got flushed and broke its neck when it hit a page-wire fence.

Speaking of partridge, from reports I'm hearing this year,

or gauge they own. Twenty-two or shotgun shells will always be a hit for the hunter. Hand-warmers or gloves make good stocking stuffers. Maglites, whether they're a small AA light with a belt holster, or the bigger ones that take C or D batteries, they are built to last and come in handy year-round.

If the sportsman in your life loves ice fishing, all you need to know is what kind of fish they like fishing and ask the guys at the bait or sport-



Nice catch of early season yellow bellies.

they're very plentiful. Heard from a number of deer hunters who reported seeing lots of partridge.


As I write this article Christmas is two weeks away and for many of us trying to figure out what to buy those special people in our lives can be very difficult.

For that woman in your life, unless she's an avid outdoorsman, good luck. Buying a gift for the outdoorsman is pretty simple, all you need to know is what caliber

ing goods shop for advice and they should be able to help you out.

So, as December winds down, take advantage of the outdoor opportunities before it's too late and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

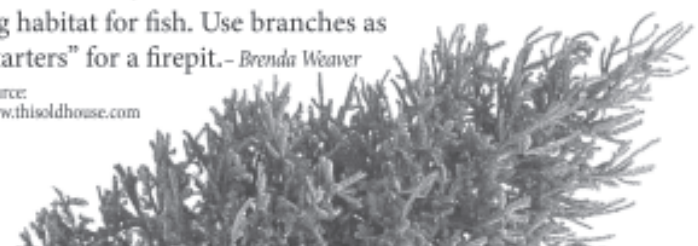
(Gregg Schefferly grew up and spent the majority of his life in northeastern Michigan. With the lakes and forests as his playground, he has spent more than 40 years hunting, fishing, and trapping.)



Recycling Christmas trees

Pine needles dry quickly but decompose slowly, making excellent groundcover around foliage, especially creeping plants such as strawberries. If you live near a lake or pond and your tree is chemical-free, toss branches into the water to make sheltering habitat for fish. Use branches as "starters" for a firepit. — Brenda Weaver

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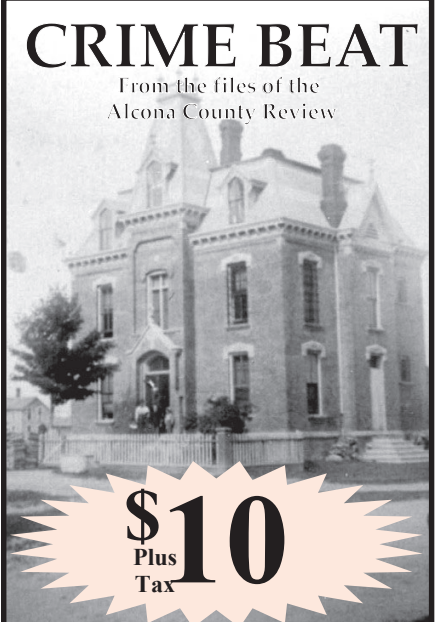
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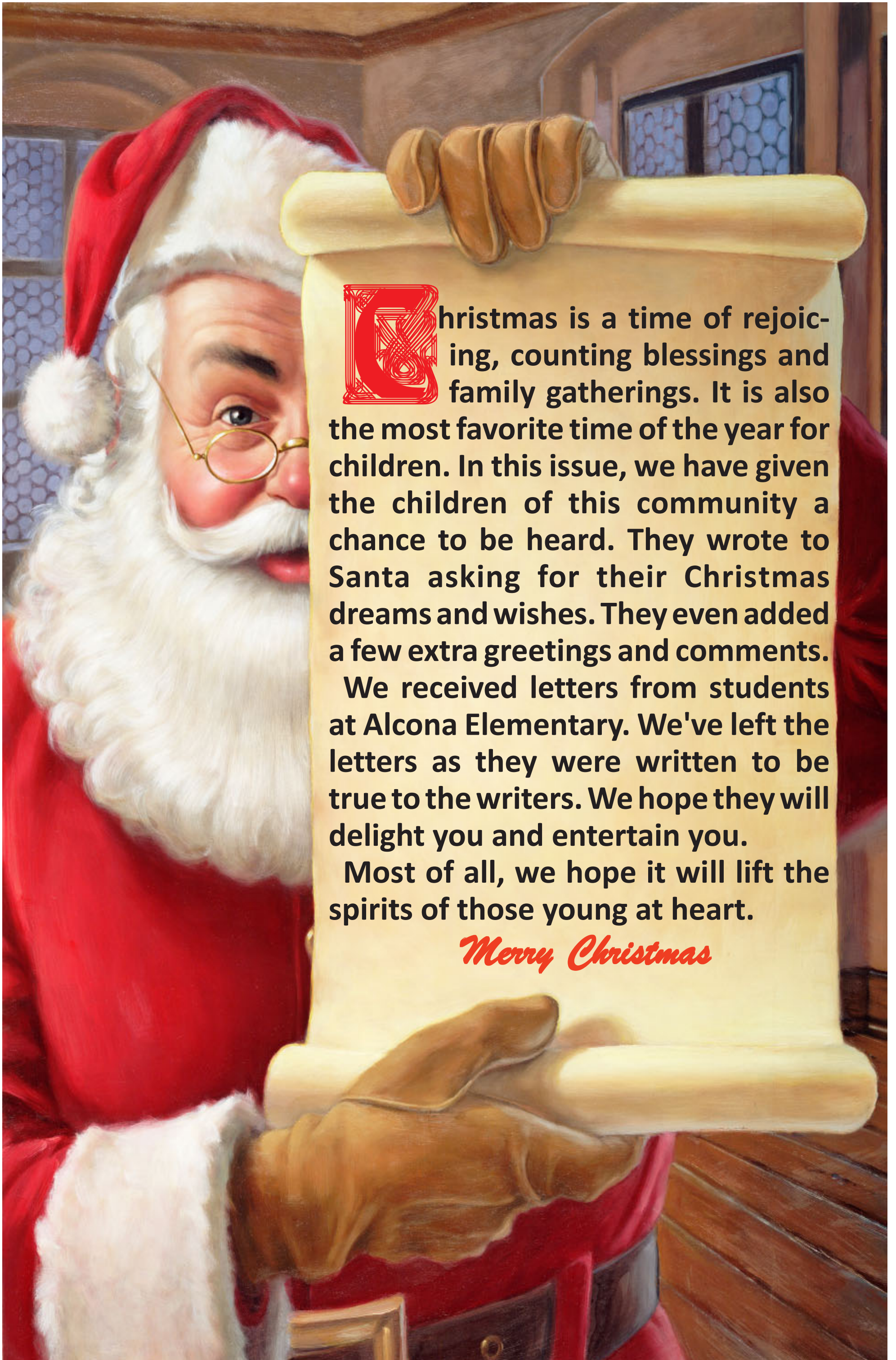


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Christmas is a time of rejoicing, counting blessings and family gatherings. It is also the most favorite time of the year for children. In this issue, we have given the children of this community a chance to be heard. They wrote to Santa asking for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

We received letters from students at Alcona Elementary. We've left the letters as they were written to be true to the writers. We hope they will delight you and entertain you.

Most of all, we hope it will lift the spirits of those young at heart.

Merry Christmas



May the spirit of the Holidays fill your home with love and peace.

Merry Christmas!

Alcona County Register of Deeds

Melissa A. Cordes, Nancy Somers, and Jaycie Gauthier



Warmest Wishes

Over the river and through the woods, we hope our best wishes reach you wherever you celebrate this season.

Wishing you safe travels and a very happy holiday!

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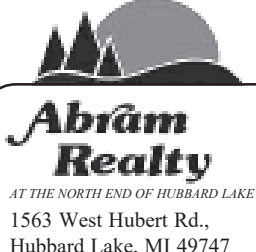
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**Mrs. Neuenfeldt
Fifth Grade**

Dear Santa,

It is almost Christmas. I am excited for Christmas. I will like to get real life Captain America costume.

I also will kick the game Name Noman Sky. Can you give my father plant seed. My mom boois. I have a brother and sister. I think they will like a Luigi Mansion, Minecraft for my brother. My sister will like my Acudemia t shirt.

Junnan Viera

Dear Santa,

My name is Gabriel and I would like a oarqius vr2 fortmite nerf gun sniper PS4 games Minecraft a gaming pc.

Gabriel

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want robux gift cards. Next, I want my family to be happy and safe. Next, I want a ozobot. Last, I want a lavalamp.

Megan Waligore

Dear Santa,

Hi Im JadyN What I wat for Chrismis is a drum set. Some hodies and pants. A new phone and shoes. A new bed a room change. Snickers and a gutare.

JadyN

Dear Santa,

I would love to have a happy family. I would like to have more book about math, art, science, English, geometry and reading.

Brianna Mauler, 11

Dear Santa,

Ijust wanted to say thanj you for everythingyou and your elves do. Every kid in the world appreciate's you and all you do for us. It is do kind and nice of you to make kds happy and full of joy, including me. I know you have a hard job, so I am telling you, you are doing great a it. I know you work very hard to make joy on Christmas day and you also have to take care of Mrs. Clause, the rian deer and the elves. Just know I really appreciate every thing you do for us. It is great what you do, and I will always believe in the magic in Christmas. It iis truly magical what you do. In conclusion I love and injoy Christmas.

Emma Hechlik , 10

PS. I do not need any presents this Christmas, Joy and happiness is enough for me.

Dear Santa,

I want air pod pro's and Iphone 14 pro mat red

buck. Black air forces. And witnre supreme air forces. And the ebest mak beak. I want a new tools set for my dady and new vacume for my mom and new snow macrine for my scamar and a caller for my dog.

Dylan Jackson, 10

Dear Santa,

This year I have been good. I want a Xbox with Nhl 23, Madden 23 and Nba 23. Lastly, I want 20 dollars worth of rolbuks.

Travis Anderson, 10

Dear Santa,

I know I haven't been good this year but all I want for Christmas is a drone and a bunch of toys and a necklace.

Slade

Dear Santa,

For Christmas

I would like....

1. anything corgi related
2. corgi bed sheet
3. silks or gymnastics bar
4. polaroide camara
5. pottery set
6. two wheeled scotter

Amelia

Dear Santa,

I think I was good but bad anyway. The things I would is a dog, a phone, slime, hav my potter books and legos. Pokeman cards and legos. A lavalamp, a million dollars. Press on nails, last squishmallows.

Sophia Rice, 10

Dear Santa,

I have been a bad boy this year so can I get coal and a four wheeler and a dirbike.

Zach Abee

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would Like

1. Beats head phoes
2. a I pad
3. art supplies
4. Harry Potter Stuff

Skyla

Dear Santa,

Xbox gift card up to 100 or lower for me

- a. Parnboucorn for my sister
- b. a new hunting hadt for my dad
- c. a new coat for my mom
- d. bucks for me and my sister
- e. v-r oculyghest 2 a nice new phone.

Tyler Suszek ,10

Dear Santa,

I've been good. I hope. I would be asking for the following karaoke Machine, my own computer. A proffesional art set. Fidget box, roller blades a

camera, air hockey, hammock ur head set. And for my dad, a pair of hard working gloves, a sweater that says "you're the best dad." For my mom a heart lamp that says, Fo the world you're a mom but in our family you're the world. my step mom a jam making kit. step dad a sign that says "Im the best step dad because I still wanted these crazy kids after I met them. Thank you

Harmmony Dunn

Dear Santa,

I have been good all year. I want a new cot hores stuff and some hobby horses stuff or the hore it self.

Brooklynn Matthews

Dear Santa,

I want a forweeler, hoverboard, mountain bikie, computer, I phoneXR, keyboard and mouse, dogs, hamster, snake, rat, lizard, xbox 1, tv, shelf, snowmobile, dirt bike, minibike, dog toys.

Thank you

Drew Bradley, 11

Dear Santa,

I have been vary good this year. I hope you and Mrs Clause have been well this year. What I would wanjt this year is a nice strong adventure camra, a stome rockit. a Wacom digital drawing tablet, Please. Have a safe Christmas night.

Noah



**Ms. Payne
Fourth Grade**

Dear Santa,

May I have black airpods. Im happy you are real. Some of my friends don't think you are reao but nots of my friends think you great. I love Christaaaamas. I got a elf on the shelf and today this morning she was on the top of the tree I giggled. Then I got retuy then I went on the bus.

Maddie

Dear Santa,

I wold like a really glamngeney that is one loooooo\$ and a drit bikie that is gas poverd.

Peyton Armstrong

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like a Tesla Model X.

Joseph Ranger

Dear Santa,
please I've been really good this year not so much last year but I would like something more titted Christmas time. I would like a predator toy would like a predator shirt and a sweatshirt Iris I would like a predator claw.

Leo M.

Dear Santa,

I ben a good boy for chrismest. I wold love a VR and wifipls it my dreme anhd a iphone 14 and iriieey wanted it and I want vr I phone 14 and everything I wish for pls and canunque 4 tei54 some cool toys lego some nintendo game and a ps5 and games for the ps5 and can I have toys and a ipad 2 and Ia gigmrole freed and roxan robot that don't die like the batry and carinave and limbotrx.

Jiden,10

P.S. I love you

Dear Santa,

I've beny a vere good girl and I wolde like a I phone and omg dolls and mimne brens and a ppksher of you and a stuft aniamol or a rainz dear and a tablit and pokeman crds and a lapetop and a hachamols and evrz thinz you can thik of

Harlee Flerchinger, 10

Dear Santa,

I would like a stone chisel. and have a good Christmas

John Mann

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a wwe mattridle toy. A wwe brock leasner toy. A wwe rogado tag team toy. A wwe xpactoy, a wwe alexa bliss toy. A natlya toy. A wwe tag team new oay. A edge toy.

Leo Fowler, 10

Dear Santa,

I've been a wiley good boy this yayh, I wood wiley like a toy fiyg and 2 r2tig set. Love you santa. Love William Crevier,10

Dear Santa,

I hope everyone believes in you. What I really really want for chustmas is a vr head set.

Alias

Dear Santa,

I do not expect anything these year. Just in case I want those thing.

PS5 colt of duty Moclern warfare, 2 digital please my friend and family to be

happy jw homlnien and nerf gun and a lightsaher toy a new tablit

Brayden Potts, 10

P.S. I was not very good

Dear Santa,

My family is doing good. I have 18 parakeets. The parakeets are so loud. I also have 2 fish I named them Mr. fishes and Bubles. I would like a blue orbeez spa, box of pencil topping eraser's, a bag of Needo's, and sum slime cups.

Lily Schroeder, 9

Dear Santa,

This year I want a tan rc car. And I want a prime football and a Justin Jefferson football jerse. And I want a laptop.

Brayden Dellar

Dear Santa,

I am 11 and what I would like is Ranbow slime, clear slime, lego set, 64 figet set. All of I survived comic book, and pink and lime green joycan for my game. A new headset, paint peb. fit bit.

Julia Alderman

Dear Santa,

I've been a good kid this year. Hear are some things I want for Christmas,

1. scwush melo
2. charger
3. close
4. miny brard

That is all I wand not asking much this year

Winery

Dear Santa,

I have been a really good girl. Do you think tar Christmas I could bet a phone, five dollars, a soft blanket, a pokemon cards, tigets, elf on a shelf and a book. This morning so far is AWESOME! My family is SO awesome!

Haley Jessmer, 9,

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a panda blanket, pokemon snowglobe, art set.

Love, Nevaeh, 9

Dear Santa,

May I have airpod's - blak, new makeup and make up brushes please. Can I also have a panda stuft animale. I beleave in you. You'r the best.

Mia Newland, 10

Dear Santa,

I would really like a toy kitchen with fake food and would like fake plats and butter knives and forks and spon and I would like my friend Aubree will live with me with her dad and he brother.

Athena Pindergrass, 11

Dear Santa,

This year I want a Tyreek hill jersey. Next I want a ceedee lamb jersey. Next I want a xbox one. Next I want a tv for my room Next I won't a Stefan Diggs jersey.

Braxton Goddard

Dear Santa,

I've been a really good girl this year these are some things I woud like this year.. Slime, putty, squshmelows, nentio switch oleo model. Diary of a wimpy kid books.

Love, Karlee Colorite, 9

Dear Santa,

My name is Kayden Dorr and I have ban good. And am 9 yrs. my flalie hes ben good we had thagivin and I upreseatmy my mom and dad and school has been the best. it is one thar I made just for Christmas.

Kayden

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want #1 A Nintendo switch, #2. a big size baby yoda

#3 a big suze yoda blanket, #4 A big size cat blanket, #5 ps5, #6 figetd, #7 pokemon cards #8 lots #9 sqwishmellows, #10 legos, #11 the hole collection of badguys #12 the whole collection of dark diar'y books #13 the whole collection of diary of a wimpy kid #14 the hole collection of bad kitty books. my elf's name is Sparks you probubley know her. I am in the 4th gradel Hope you have a good Cristmas!

Autumn Cristina Kimberlin, 9

Dear Santa,

This year I what Justlin Jeffersn jersey. Next I want a nick chah jersey also., Then

Bentley Boyd, 9



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**Ms. Samp
Second Grade**

Dear Santa,
I wood like a rat an a nice elf please santa. Santa where do you put the evl elfts. who do you fit down the chimney. Some baby toy's for my 5 month old brothe. I wood like a new motene bike. a big big boan. a big dog bed and a mint boan
Avigall R.

Dear Santa,
I have a question, how old are you? I sit: possible if I can have a stitch hand, artic for playtime, hover board for playtime.
Brady L

Dear Santa,
I was good this year. And I what to met Mr. Beats because I like his youtude videos and I what cat simucsleter and a doard game and hotline
Zachary

Dear Santa,
Do you actually have elves? I think you would say yes. I haven't been naughty I even helped some one get thief money back. I want a waterbed. and air Jordan. black blazers, lava lamp. I want to sleep in my waterbed and jordans for basketball. I want a lava lamp so it can explode and I want black blazers so my white blazers don't get dirty and they are drip
Cash
Dear Santa,
Do you really have magic? I think you would say yes because you are to fat to go down a chimne. I've been naughty and good. I pushed someone but I cleared the floor at the end of the day. I want warrior action figures and airjordans and stuffed animals. I like fighting with dogs and shoes for basketball.
Jay

Dear Santa,
I on't a Nintendo switch and 6 elves my and my sisters and brothers, and watermelon flavored gum. Cash and I also get another white car? Another a pesi sharpfer. I have been pretty good this year. Aminy treet for the elves to. a plushe 6 for slibling. A money gun, jewelry no earrings.
Zoey Brewer

Dear Santa,
Can I have a tneev? I want I want a RC Car. and an x box. Please bring my dad a ninetendo. My Mom is a big fan of snakes and unicorns. not real snakes I love Santa
Daniel

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph I wot a elf on a shlf I wudr is a elf fuftlisiin to mom I pony I wat a lot of vutres pies. Buhe.
Savanna

Dear Santa,
Ma I ples hav a bobflat.for micklechen and a tent to plae with in the jrbe and sumore hotwheels terac and a nutner nat and 4 stiks and a trde 4 the homeless people.
Tanner

Dear Santa,
I want a camera that prints out pictures. I've been nice to my sister. Is rodoph reale? This year I want books a music box a clock because my mom wakes me up. Please bring my mom a mug. a cocing set. a crochet set. Some necles, stuf kitten. Litse. a book shelf.
Brooke

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Carter I do the dishes and clect the eggs because I did thes things I think I want a lava lamp set on my dresr. I also wont a snowglobe I so whont a kitin. Merry Christmas
Carter

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Paige. I been good this year I played games with my older brother and for Christmas I would like a kids smart watch wthy cat headphones because my mom has one it is important because it helps me stay safe. Thank you for all my presents . I hope you have a safe trip.
Paige

Dear Santa,
How many horns do your reinbeers hav? I think they have 12 horns. I wouldb like a skatedoord. I would also like a nerf gun to play with my brother. I hope you have a safe tirtp.
From Carson.

Santa,
I wonder how yor sleighfiys? Spirt. I think I have behaved really good. I would really oiie a tadlet for Christmas. If I get a tablet I would play games. I would really enjoy hot wheels. I would play with hot wheels ulti mgte-g crush. For Christmas I will make homemade cookies. I hope you make a safe trip.
Jackson French

Dear Santa,
I wont a electric scooter for Christmas and I wont to asc you a cweshtiuon how dus your rindeer fly Can you ples send me a oetr to and I want a houj dolhoshos and I want a Hunj presens and I wont a lavalamp and I wont a uvr efif and I wont a electric bike.
Cassidy

Dear Santa,
How old are you? Have I been good this year? I really wany slime and roller skates because I love both of them. I want to see Brooke for Christmas because she is nice. I also really want some more crop tops. Can you also get me some kinetic sand? Thanks Santa for the presents last year. Tell all the elves and Mrs. Claus I sad hello!
Sophia!

Dear Santa,
I wode like 2 moku chrol groll. I wade like the gron to play wolf it. Dear Santa, I wodi penni wise slime. How does yor r2inde or 2 shiey sopr srog I have been rely stog my family need boteywosh.
Blake Sharp

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Dear Santa,
I wonder if Rudolph is real. I wish for a lava lamp squishmallow, new soccer ball, slime (purple), fidgets, bradlet (friendship) lego set, huverd brd, electric crockish, brush, reinder horns and ive been very good ths time.
Lucy

Dear Santa,
How bib you meet your elves? I think you meet them pzfter you put poys in pheir shoes. good I've been good to mi sitrs. Bal-lerina this year. Ii swit ches warriors I want to bapltit with my sisters. I wat rise osteenage mutant mica turtles His name is leonardo. This year I will leave out cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.
Jimmy



**Ms. Renz
GSRP**

Dear Santa,
A truck that can be damaged and fix with a remote control. And construction vehicles.
Gunner Davis,5

Dear Santa,
I want a toy named unicorn. I love you.
Brook Vansickle, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a zombie spider, and a red pandatory. That's it. Also, something else. A bird that says, caw caw, and a tiger.
Nicholas Dewar, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a magnifying glass. I want binoculars, some books, more cups. Barbie stuff.
Emilia Wambold, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Spider Man T Rex, and a venom and a lava monster. I want a puppy. I want Robot Stark.
Kaleb Klukowski, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a yo-yo, and a choo-choo train, and a Christmas tree with a star with lights and shiny bulbs. I want a pink yo-yo and a blue one.
Colton Poulk, 4

Dear Santa,
Monster truck, hot wheels car with hot wheel car. A lot of playdough, water paint, markers and a waterplay set. Police car
Noah Klukowski, 4

Dear Santa,
I want Star Bunny Dream Lites, a Christmas star.
Alice Hart, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a pet baby buffalo toy. Toy deer, and toy elk.
Norman Junior Apsey, 4
Dear Santa,
I want baby stuff, Barbie stuff, JoJo Siwa stuff, pacies for my babies, and bubba's. Diapers for my babies and baby wipes. Triple baby stroller for Kaydens' and mine. rainbow dye for my hair. Tiktok toys, Rainbow friend guys. Books, Drawers for baby stuff aloth and bunch. Coloring stuff and play dough or mrl potato head. Spinning had for Isiah my cousin, and a flashlight.
Taleigha Howay, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a donut machine and an ovenl A microwave, a fire ovenl
Ryker Cote-Martineau, 4

Dear Santa,
I want Dino and monster truck, more sharks and more toys/
Carter Dwyer, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a race truck with one of the bikes with a motorcycle. That's what I want for Christmas
Justin Ferguson, 5

Dear Santa,
I want to get presents and get toys. I like play with toys A pool with water in it. A pool with water in it. Get some presents with glasss in them, and make it snow. All of the guys from the Sonic movie.
Landen Runyan, 4

Dear Santa,
I want cars because I reallylove those. I want link logs
Bentley Fowler, 4

Dear Santa,
I want LOL surprise dolls. A LOL house.
Cali Fox, 5

Dear Santa,
I wot a LOL doll. I also wsnt a phone hook.
Brooklyn Liske

Dear Santa,
I wont a necklace for Christmas. I pad and a 99 cent 99 cents water bottld Mkeup
Grace

Dear Santa,
I wont necklaces and book of Ctrm. I also like some jewelry. and an Ipad and 99 cent water and makeup and perfume.
Marion



**Mrs. Dellar
Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like slime, PS5, a big toy monster truck and a RC car.
Remington Rice

Dear Santa,
I would like a Connect 4 game. I love my snacks. Magnetic blocks are fun. I do like to play with super heros and their castle. Thank you, Merry Christmas,
Ayden



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Dear Santa,
Hi How are you? and your reindeer I know bike a; around sishrpo woolol dog salol Ha slol dog fish 2 tak ksl fish tank vacuum.

Emma Truman

Dear Santa,

I would like a bakrboard. I would also like a big monster truck, pretty please with a cherry onh top. I would really really like little toy lomberginies/ race cars and a new hot wheels track. A monster truck book would also be nice, I really really want a real life puppy. I would also like a remote control cars. I would like if you got my brdter a remote control car. I would make like iit if you got my mom a new bed. Could you also get my sister a rainbow unicorn. It would be re-ally rad if you got my dad \$10,000.00 and I would also like \$20,000.00 I would also like a Sydney Crosby jersey.

Silvano Marcon

Dear Santa,

My name is Ava, I was nice this year. I would like a barbie. I would also like a barbie house, barbie cars, anew elsa doll. Also, I will leave some milk and cookies.

Ava Cordes

Dear Santa,

I like your reindeer! This year I want a rainbow unicorn. I would also like picture books. Princess bookis and unicorn books. I want a special unicorn ordiment. I plan to read all my books with my unicorn. I have been very good this year. Thank you Santa!

Dakota Cummings

Dear Santa,

I was wondering how many cookies you eat a day. I guess you eat atleast 52! This year

I want a horse. A baby preferably and white with polka dots. I want a horse to play with and braid her hair. I've been very nice this year. I tried to kiss my brother, I listen to my mom and dad and I share with

the other kds. I wlsowant a ONG doll, I love to play with then. I only have onhe right now.

Iwould really appreciate a lamborgina. I really wanna race it. and beat my brother. I'd be very grateful for \$100.00, I would by more LOL dolls! Quick question, have you ever been sick?

Jazlyn Dameworth

Dear Santa,

How do you have a big beard? Garyson thinks you're beard is fake! Grayson thinks he is on the good list . This year Grayson wants a toy for his dog Milly. Milly is a chocolate lab. Milly is on the good list also! He wants a toy mat she can chase around. Grayson wants a VR set he can use all the time. Grayson wants to know how you get so many reindeer?

Grayson Clink

Dear Santa,

I was wondering how do you get here? I think it's by you sleigh but I just want to make sure. I want a fluffy elf, like the one we had in gym class! And a light up snowman! And also I want a light up Christmas tree! I also want two rabbits, one for me and my sister,! I want a little blowup snowman.

And I want rat traps and poison. I also want five garden reindeer antler head-bands. Then I want an Etse doll, but a real one/

Zoey Baughan

Dear Santa,

How many cookies do you eat? I like to build ginger bread houses and paint. So for Christmas I would like paint, a nice Christmas dress and a p-ano because my brother dropped our old one. I also want to watch elf. My favofitr time of the year is Christmas because I get to see Santa and open present. I would alo like a rainbow doll and an Ipad because my brother broke that too.

Lillian Miller

Dear Santa,

What do the elves do at the north pole? I think I've been super good but also a li9ttle bad this year. I would like a toy Icecream truck so I can give people ice cream. I would also lie a lego set so

I can build with them.And for my mom I want her to have a new coffee mug that says "Worlds best mom ever" and for my grandparents, my grandpa a stitch shirt and my grandma a "world's best Grandma" sweater. And for my dad, some new underwear and for my uncle a new coffemaker. Have a Merry Christmas Santa. Love,

Nova Vansickle

Dear Santa,

I would likw to know how many reindeers fly. I am good at home and school. I want fast racing cars. In fortnite I save fortnite. I want a remote truck that goes really fast. A big one too. I want to play with it and drift with my truck. Santa I would really like you to get me these things for Christmas and I hope too see you someday.

Karson LaBeau

Dear Santa,

What do you do for fun when you are not working on Christmas? I've been nice thius year. I help my family with cleaning at ho,me! I would like a toy tractor, 9 books about tractors and a tracks tractor. I like tractors! Thank you for reading my letters and bringing me gifts every year. I really appreciate it.! Oops I forgot to add that I want a tractor farm and a Christmas tree. I don't have a Christmas tree at home so I would like it very much. Thank you!

Bryce Dellar

Dear Santa,

What do you do on your free times. I think that he goes bowling and spies on us all year. This past year I h elped people when they were hurt which sould put me on the nice list. I wouldlike a elf hat, a chocolate lab puppy and a barbie doll.l also a animal coloring book . It would be awesome if you could get my mom a pair of hey dudes. My friend, Brynnie wowuld like a necklace! Last thing, if you could make a amarent for my family and leave a baby Christmas tree that would be perfect. Thank you, Santa, for reading my letter! Can't wait for you to come

Oliva French

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Dear Santa,
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Kaylynn Otsby

Dear Santa,
I was wondering now you feed your reindeer! I was very nice this year. I cleaned up all my toys and I was very good. I want a toy unicorn for Christmas and a toy dog. I would also like a toy turtle to swim in the water. Thank you Santa,
Hailey Page

Dear Santa,
How many cookies do you want? I would like some earrings, a Christmas tail, a camera with a stand and a real kitty cat. And also, I want you to good Christmas. I think I'm on the nice list. Please bring my mom gifts, my animals gifts and my dad (Mark) too. I want a big ginormous dog. I'd name him "puppers, I love you" I hope to see you on Christmas. P.S. I want a puppy dalmation
Emmarose Hall

Dear Santa,
How does your sleigh fly? I think that you use magic hay to make it fly. I have been very nice this year. I want a toy train and a VR headset. Because I have never had one and it seem like fun. I also want a iron man action figure, pink pearl.
Bentley Chlarson

Dear Santa,
How many cookies do you eat? I think you ate 20. You probably had to go to the elf doctor who would think you're too big. I have been good this year.
Please bring an LOL doll this year to me to play with. I also want an OMG doll. I want Santa to bring me stuff, not my family.
My elf's name is Marvin Twinkle. I think you know each other. The elves help you make presents. Also, I would like a tablet to play games on. I don't know what games.
Reese Thompson

Dear Santa,
Santa where do you live? How do your deer fly? And what's your favorite reindeer? who feeds the reindeer? And for the bike May 1st be a peddle bike with the main color being blue.

And Santa, I will leave out a glass of milk with cookies and some carrots for the deer.
Mason Rifembark

Dear Santa,
Who feeds the reindeer? I would like lego's to play and build with. I would like hot wheels cars to drive around. I would like Mom to receive nail polish. I would also like to get a book about tractors for dad. Santa how do you fly? I also think my mom should get some coffee and grandpa should get a shift of buzzlightyear from your friend Milo.
Milo Neuenfeldt



Mrs. Haneckows Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How many lights do you have on your house? I think he has thousands. I would like a Go-Koo toy that flies, punches, and goes super sane up in the sky. I even would a Venom toy. Venom is my favorite. A spiderman too. He tries to beat Venom. And then the last thing I want is a Santa toy with elves and even has his own Santa House.
I've been nice this year because I give my sister hugs. Love and Merry Christmas
Jaxon Anderson

Dear Santa,
Can I have Spiderman pajamas for Christmas? How do your reindeer fly? Is it magic? I've been kinda band and kinda good... I've played with my friends and others. people. But I have fought with my brother. I really want a Nintendo Switch! and maybe some Spiderman legos. On a switch, I'd like to play games like

Minecraft. I think Gabe would like some Minecraft legos. He would like Neon. I hope I've been good enough this year,
Atticus

Dear Santa,
My name is Caleb and I want to get a Minecraft game and a blue tractor that looks real and is real. For my mom a red lipstick. For my date a blue hunting knife. For my big brother Liam a big tiger toy. I would to see Rudolph the reindeer and ask if he like chocolate.
Caleb Charpie

Dear Santa,
How can your elves work so fast? I think it is because they get faster everyday until Christmas. For Christmas this year, I want a lego Princess Peach. I want Princess Peach because I already have a lego Marin. I want Mario and Peach to get married. I would also like a Spider Woman doll. I would also like a bow and arrow because my sister has one. Also, how many kids do you bring gifts to every year? How do you tell who is naughty or nice?
Love,
Ingrid Fritz-Wilson

Dear Santa,
We don't have a chimney. how do you get into our house? I think you just come through the door.
This year, I would like a gaming computer. I want a computer to play Roblox and other games on.
I would also like a Barbie Dream House. I already have the Malibu house. I want a Dream House to put all my Barbies in. Also, do you think I could ride the sleigh with you? Love,
Abigail Griffith

Dear Santa,
How many lights do you have on your house? I think he has thousands. I would like a Go-Koo toy that flies, punches, and goes super sane up in the sky. I even would a Venom toy. Venom is my favorite. A spiderman too. He tries to beat Venom. And then the last thing I want is a Santa toy with elves and even has his own Santa House.
I've been nice this year because I give my sister hugs. Love and Merry Christmas
Jaxon Anderson

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Dear Santa,
I want to know if magic is real, is it? I believe magic is real but only from magic people. I would love a phone for Christmas!

I want to text people and play a bunch of games. A barbie dream house would be awesome. I want to play with my Barbies in it after school. I also want a dog and I want to name him Charlie. I want him to play with toys and eat tons of treats. Charlie would need a dog house of course! I also want some figits, they are super fun to play with. Lastly some make up! I hope you get filled up with cookies. I know I'm on the nice list. Until next time. I want to give Santa a gift! A big giant book sp je can write his nice and naughty list. I also want to get him milk and cookies. Merry Christmas!

Gemma Rice

Dear Santa,
Why do you use a sleigh? I think so kids don't hear you. Why can't you put magic op your sleigh net the reindeer? How can you get through the chimney being so fat? This year I want a semi-flat bed with a trailer and my favorite character optimus prime . Which reindeer is the softest? I want a new stuffy that's super duper soft. For Christmas can you bring my dog a new chew toy, my brother Ryker a new red dino and my mom's favorite color make up? I don't know but I hope I'm on the nice list. I've been good and bad one . One last thing, can we have 4 elves for everyone in my family.

Colton Warren

Dear Santa,
I want monster truck's for Christmas. I love them because they are scary. I like Santa because of his reindeer. My favorite reindeer is Rouldph. I would like to give you new black collars for your reindeers. Santa, I would like to get monster toys for Christmas. Santa I also want to know if I can get a reindeer for my family. Finally I want a reindeer hat. Thank you for the gifts from the past years.

Aden Mahalak

Dear Santa,
I want a spiderman toy. with the spiderman toy. I want a spiderman car. I would also like to have a purple reindeer. Another toy I would like to have is Monster trucks. I also want you to bring sheets for my parents. I just want

Santa to come to my house. I want books at my house. I hope to eee you soon.

Matthew McDonald

Dear Santa,
I don't have my questions for you this year. But I have been a good girl this year. What I want for Christmas is a cooking doll. What I plane to do with this is play with and the last thing I want is a horses I can ride and that's all I want for Christmas. Please give me what I asked for.

Ilena Turpin

Dear Santa,
I don't have any questions for you but I have been a good girl this year. What I want for Christmas is a phone holder what I phone to do with that is make videos. Also a cookie maker. What I will do with this is make cookies and make every onetry them. And brasoets for my family and couches for chairs and a toy horses and the last thing is golden glittery shoes along with a tent and a headband and I also want a doll house.

Kaylin Schram

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a little minecraft toy that was on the commercial I saw? It has Steve and Zombies. Did you know I know all your reindeers names? I know reindeer eat carrots. I also want a car that has a remote. I think I'm going to be on the nice list. I know this because the elves sent me a note. I also want blue lights for Christmas. Why do you live in the North Pole? I bet my friend Hunter is on the naughty list.

Huxley Chabot

Dear Santa,
How do reindeer fly? I saw on Paw Patrol that you use a magic star on your sleigh to fly. I have been very good this year. This year I would like a Mario action figure and a switch so I can play with my mom. I think it would be cool to have a Rudolph light that turns on and off.

Alex Dellar

Dear Santa,
I want two Nintendo Switches! One for my brother and one for me. I want a green piggy bank. I would like one because I do't have onhe and I'm broke! I've been nice this year! I listen to my mom anjd dad, doing whatever they say for me and my brother, I want us to be able to play Minecraft to-

gether on our switches. I hope Christmas goes well this year! I can't wait for the snow! Excidedly yours,
Benson Leeseberg

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a picture of my dad and I camping? Because my dad is awesome. I want a game that has a snake that you catch. you put the golden medals in it and it pops up to get more. I would also like remote-controlled Monster Trucks. I would like a Mermaid Book with mermaids in it. Also, an Elwell house, it looks big. I'll get Elwell's and play with it. I've been good this year because. Could you bring a new bed and some more toys for my dog, and a little bow. Finally, I would a race car set because race cards are fast. I've wanted that for so long. I would like to get my mom a Santa sweatshirt and pants, Merry Christmas
Paisley Wright

Dear Santa,
What are the names of the elves? I want a build-able toy braddog. I'm going to play with it and build it. I also want a barbie, with nails to change color by water along with eyelids and lips. I plan to play and use the water changing colors, I also want a plushie elf, and Santa plushie. Along with a raindeer plushie use then. I also want to keep. I also want to know how Christmas trees are made. I also like you Santa very much. I also have one of the elf's early. I also need to know do the elf's iike you?

Karmin White



Ms. Kolnowski Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
How do reindeer's fly? How can your reindeer fly but our's can't? I've been really good to get a squishy. I will use it to squish when Im stressed. I would also like a unicorn I can feed. I will feed it when I want to play with it. I would like a new Christmas tree for Christmas. Thank you Santa!

Nora Pompa

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Dear Santa,
Where do you keep your reindeer? I think you keep them in a cage. I have been really good this year. This year I would like a transformer. I also would like cds and a transformer book and a dragon costume. I plan to make a town. I would also like a tank and a dragon toy. Hope you have a safe trip. Love,

Henry Dietrich

Dear Santa,
I was wondering how many elves you have? I think you have a lot, more than 10,000? I was wondering if I could have a skiateboard so I can do cool tricks. I was also wondering if you could get my mom reese's pieces chapstick and my family a new drill. Could I also have a imagine - X

I think I'm as good as a 5 this year. Thank you for my gifts last year.

Cash Alderman

Dear Santa,
I was wondering if you have Arctic Faces in the north pole. I think there is because I see them in a lot of movies and books. I was wondering if I could have a jack in the box, another Artic fox and a barbie and a barbie tree house. Could you get my sister a stuffy raccoon. And finally, could I get a barbie dream house. I hope everyone has a happy Christmas ever.

Brynn Boyd

Dear Santa,
How do you get the gifts made so fast? I think its because you have magic to make them so fast.

I would like a remote control transformer cav. I plan to chase my brother with it. I also want a four wheeler to race with my dads a car I can drive. Thank you for the presents,

Emmit Travis

Dear Santa,
I would like to know if the elves fly? and Can you Santa teleport? I would like two of those things with big muscle and they grow when you squeeze the belly. I would a big dinosaur that is as big as a shark. A shark would also be nice. Mario cart toy would be nice to play with.

Seamus Martineau

Dear Santa,
Do you have 100 reinder. I have been VERY good this year. A coyote ate my dog so I

think I deserve a big present this year/ I want a megalodon RC truck I want it because it's not free. I also really want a grave digger RC truck because it looks cool, if possible I would also love an elf. I would take great care of the elf.

Tanner Huston

Dear Santa,
Do your reindeer stay in a barn when they are not being used. I have been very good this year so I think I deserve a tablet for Christmas. I intend to play games on this tablet. I would like a pool of crayons that are inflatable so I can jump into them. I would also like a bounce house.

Nevaeh Dwyer

Dear Santa,
Where do the reindeer go when they go back to the North Pole? Maybe they go in a cage, which is good because they won't run out.

If they runaway, you couldn't give out presents. I've been good this year because I say please and thank you. This year I want a baby squishmallow. I will sleep with it. Please bring my mom hearts because like her. Maybe also how did you get made? How did you get born by God? Maybe

I would want a Christmas book about Santa because I like to know what you do. I also want my dad to have a dirt bike badge that is red. That is all. Thank you for the toys I'm going to get. Merry Christmas,

Jenna Sommers

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have. The one you sent to my house has been very crazy this year. She put something grass on the tree. I would like for Christmas a toy set with a mini you! Also I would like a new baby doll to take care of. My parents need lots of coffee for putting up with me. How old are you my friends think your 100. So how old are you really. Love,

Gianna Subastian

Dear Santa,
How does your reindeer fly? I think it flies because of magic! I think I was very nice this year. I wasn't bad at all! I would like a stuffed toy and also a real toy. I want them because they are fun. I really want to play with them. I want to tell Santa that I want something real magical. And I want to tell the reindeer that they fly.

Dominic Bosley

Dear Santa,
I want 3 things. 1. A stuffed animal that a baby

bear. 2. A race track with a bunch of care. 3. a gutair. I think about Sonia coming to my house! I was very good this year, but I was bad at times when not Christmas! I plan on playing with all my toys, I am going to race all my cars and make them go very fast. How does a reinder and elf fly? I think an elf can have magic because they are magical.

Leon Worley

Dear Santa,
How many reindeers do you have? I think you have 13. Thank you for the presents last year and I would like a new computer to play games. My brother Jaxon would like race cars.

Julian Laidlaw

Dear Santa,
How do you bring the presents so fast? I want a new tablet because my tablet is broke. I have a Christmas tree with the lights on and they are orange. I would like a skateboard because I do not have one. I want a Barbie too. Thank you for my presents last year,

Carmen Warren

Dear Santa,
Do you go to houses and take presents? I want robots because I like the suits they wear. I want two robots. Robots that wear black and blue suits. Thank you for the red, blue and green robots last year.

Alex Miller

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how you get your reindeer to fly? I would like you to bring me a princess. I have been good this year. I would like you to bring my brother Jackson a fun sonic toy. Could you please bring my sister Bella some sticky slime. I would like to say goodbye to you and your reindeer.

Peyton Baughan

Dear Santa,
I wonder how a reindeer come alive? I have been good this year. I would like a Four in A Row game to play with my brother. Please keep Rudolph's nose bright.

Hailie Mathes

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I think you have 17. I was good this year. I would like a scorpion toy, a transformers toy, a coloring book because I don't any of those. Another transformer toy and book and finally a dragon toy. And I want another trans



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former toy. How many reindeer do you have! I think you have 12.
Logan Beam

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? I think you have four. I have been great this year. This year I would like a new pair of glasses. I would like if they are sunglasses' I will use them when it is raining bright outside. I would also like some sticky slime. I am going to play with it lots and lots. Have a good trip!
Daegan Wade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and I wonder how your reindeer foy? For Christmas I want a elsa head and for learning how to brade hair and some mini toys to play with. Also I would like to get some building blocks for my brother. I would like to ask if you can get my mom some jewelry for her to wars, my dad might want some more tools for working and to help fix things around the house. Also how do you make the toys so fast for all the kids in the world. Love,
Kaylee Griffith

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a stuffed raindeer animal. How do rap all your presents so fast, I think you have your elves do it. I have been really good this year. Love,
Cortez Blasdell

Dear Santa,
I want a metal scorpini, because they are really cool. I want to know how many elves you have. I think you have been good this good you.
Legend Schlehr



**Mrs. L. Dellar
First Grade**

Dear Santa,
My fayfrit halvda is Christmas and I fil Lic I am on the nis list so can you git a schoshmalo a pine pie cat a fontolure and thank you Love,
Andi

Dear Santa,
I luv Christmas. It is the best yon uf the yer oamse craeb for Christmas and I am som thafq for toys I wat a dikas snoplow onvey toys and duse uf hazz cd
Liam

Dear Santa,
Iou have a good day. For Cresmes I wot a ntebow swchaamth is spiderman game. And a remote cnjrad robot and a robxcub.ff um
Elvin

Dear Santa,
Where's my elg on the shelf Santa. I would name it Sparkles. I think im on the nice list this year. This year I want a horse I would train it to do jumping jacks. A green horse. Santa I want to tell you my name.
Gunner
p.s. Aptlo 2

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a gud Christmas. I wot a new clo mushen and a jlon and a fon
Hunter

Dear Santa,
How old are you Santa? I am 7 years old. My behavior has been a little bit bad but good. I was crying a little bit. I want a barbie and squid games a toy horse and a real horse. I am gonna play with my barbie sledding in the snow. My sister wants slime. My other sister want playdough. Another question is how do raindeers fly. Maybe magic dust that helps them fly. I also want a magic headband that lights up. Thank you! for the gifts last year and this year.

Annalisia

Dear Santa,
Are you nice? I think you are because you give us presents. I've been really good. I want an Iphone14. I would download a lot of games and play on it. I want a robot that talks and does whatever I say. I want it to be cute and green. It would be my friend, jump in my bed with me and we'd have sleepovers. I also want a lucky drone for Christmas. I'd fly it up in the air with me on it. The last thing I want hover shoes. I would fly in the air with them. They can teleport me too.
Peyton Ellis

Dear Santa,
I h ave been good this year. And I want decorations for the tree. I also want a picture. For one of my cats. I want them to have kitten's toys. And for my dog, I would like her to have a bone to chew on. I want my brother to have a skateboard.
Camille

Dear Santa,
I don't have any questions Santa. I would like a robot for Christmas so I can play with it with my cats and dogs. I would also like a tablet so I can play the games I like and message my friends and family. I would like a laptop so I can play uno and zombie games. I wish you Santa a very very good Christmas and a very very good New Year.
Skylar

Dear Santa,
I want a toy turkey and a toy rat because my dad can't get one because he gets sick around them. I also want a toy rat, princess books and I want llama coloring books. I also want a new blanket because I got putty on it and I want some new putty because it went all over my blanket, I also want a really nice princess bike.
Alyssa Smith

Dear Santa,
How do you deliver all the presents in one night? I think I have been good this year. I helped my mom clean the house. I would like some new shoes and new barbies. I would like new shoes because I'm growing. Santa can't forget a robot dinosaur for my little brother that he can control. He also can't forget a lot of pig chew toys. I love you Santa!
Dana

Dear Santa,
Is roudolf real? I think he is because I saw him on tv. I think I was good this year because I sorted and organized my books and I sat and pet my dog. Also this year I want a pink drone and I will play with it all the time. I also want Kinetic sand so I can make cookies with it. This year I would also want pink high heels, I would wear them all over the house. Don't forget the Kinetic sand cutters so I can cut out shapes in the Kinetic sand! I really want kittens as well! I would name them Snowflake and Mary and I would play with them all the time!
Gabby

Dear Santa,
I would like to know what my elf does every time he welcomes himself in to my house. For Christmas I want a LEGO town house for myself to have fun. For another gift I want a race car to play with it. I've been

good over the years and think I deserve these gifts. Finally the gift I would like is a stuffed animal dog. My name is Matthew and I hope you have a nice Christmas.
Matthew

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa I have been good this year\ . This year UI would like a blanket. I would like a unicorn blanket. I would also like pillows. I would like black pillows. I would like cleaning supplies for my family. I want cleaning supplies for my family because they like cleaning. Thank you for all my presents.
Adalynn



**Ms. Weaver
First grade**

Dear Santa,
How are you doing for Christmas. I want slime and a make up set. Please no books! Thank you for everything.
Taylor

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause doing? The thing I wish for Christmas is a Blooey lights and sound playhouse, books, squishmallows and Magic Mixies.
Ainsley

Dear Santa,
How is the North pole? For Christmas I need a new blanket. I need some learning books and clothes. I want some LOL dolls and Barbies. Thank you Santa,
Noelle

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer feling? For Christmas I want rodot dog and Rainbow high dolls and Shadow high dolls. I also want Boo Boo corn and Barbie Doll and avet Barbie set. I would like the Dick and Jane book. Please bring me Squishmallows.
Madison

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is fake nails and sum pude and rabow nolha andiy and a gabod and sqashmeseslo and a pet cat and a fon and a slid and the sam cat and sum slim and sum lrhiy box and a cnrapdey.
Charlotte

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want a new pair of shoes and a trampoline.
Declan

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me baby bats, Gabby's dollhouse and a Pandys for Christmas? A sonic the Hedgehog would be cool too. Thank you!
Lena

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Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing? I want a scodet and rainbow corns. I want pokemon cards and coloring books. Also learning books. Slime would be awesome too. I hope I get it all!

Charlie

Dear Santa,
I hope you get a break. I whant a game boy.

Levi

Dear Santa,
I want a robot spider to scare people. I also want hotwheels monster trucks. I would like a dirt bike to go fast. I think I'm on the nice list. I'm being good. Can you get my sister barbies? She's also on the nice list. She's really likes LOL's. My mom wants something to cook, and dad. How are the reindeer's?

Brentler H.

Dear Santa,
I would like superhero action figures: Ironman, Spiderman and the Mandaloniann. I would make them all fight each other. Also I would like Spiderman plushes to fight the action figures and kick them in the face. They would say "Oh, that hurts!" Could you bring my mom some chocolates?

My dad would like a pink pony because he's weird. I have been trying to be good this year by doing good at school and being nice to friends. I know why it snows a lot there because it's close to the North Pole. Santa have a nice time in the North Pole.

Harlan

Dear Santa,
For Christmas what I want is some fake nails and roblax money. A water bottle would be nice. Could I also have ear muffs?

Charlotte

Dear Santa,
I want to know how old you are in good. I would

like to have makeup for Christmas. I would like to put the makeup on my face. I would also love to have slime for my puppy I would like a chew bone.

Kinze

Dear Santa,
I want a iphone 14. RC car, hedgehog, xbox, fortnite, call duty monster truck. Santa hat and sunglasses.

Jensen

Dear Santa,
How cold is the North Pole? I want a makeup set and slime and a new Baby Alive doll.

Alexandria

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I think they fly with magic that you give them. I have been very good. I have listend to mom and eaten all my dinner. For Christmas this year I want a big dinosaur playset. I don't mind the color as long as its not black or whte. I plan to play with it all day. I also want a army figure that's brown and grey anjd has from United States and I might play with it more then the dino set! Santa can you make summer come faster? I'm supposed to my dad this summer. I'm excited that you, Merry Christmas,

Jason

Dear Santa,
Hi, My name is Everleigh and this Christmas I would like butterfly toys. How is Mrs. Cloaus. I've been very good this year. I would like some teatcher toys because I want to be a teacher when I grow up. I want haggard book with letters. mThank you Santa and how are your reindeers this year? And how good are your elves? Bye Santa and I hope to see your presents under my Christmas tree.

Everleigh

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I wish I could have a dirtbike that goes super fast. I would also like soc-

cer ball and some car coloring books and truck coloring books. I would also love a monster truck coloring book.

Paul

Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing? I want books and legos aand some Barbies. Also slime and a new phone.

Alivia



Ms. Vincent
First grade

Dear Santa,
How do reindeer fly? How old are you this year Santa? Today the 8th of December is my birthday!

I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. I do not think I'm do not think I am on the naughty list. For Christmas this year I would really love to receive a hoverboard or a watch! My Grandpa and Grandma have been really hard working. This year so I want them to get a shirt that says "You can do it!" Thaank you for the gifts last year!

Brooklynn Evanish

Dear Santa,
How old are you? I think you are 103 years old. This year for Christmas I would like makeup and friendship necklaces for my friend Kenzie and I would I. I would also like a hoverboard because they are really fun. For my brother, can you get him a black and red controller please? I also wish for my sister have a new chair. Finally, I would like a phone and a manniequin doll and Barbie Doll. For my parents, I want my mom to have a braceet and pokeman cards for my dad/ Thank you and I

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hope you have aa Merry Christmas!
Amelia

Dear Santa,
I wonder how reindeer fly. I was naughty and nice. I want a blanket for Christmas. I want a starwares blanket with Dark Vador on it. I want lots for Christmas too. I want to light the local fire dept. Also I want metal for Christmas so I can weld with it. I also want a scary zombe mask to scare my brother. Finally I want a Nintendo switch. Go to bed Santa!

Dominic Michael
Achtabowski

Dear Santa,
I have been nice and I never hit. I want a red drone. I want the red drone because I can find bears. I also wan a red light up Santa hat. I want the red Santa Hat because I can pretend to be Santa. Why do the elfs come to my school? I think they come to the school because they are nhaughtly. I want to get my mom a frying pan, blue iphone, a lizard and rainbow sheets. T want to get my uncle Bentley a sonic headgehog toy, a spiderman toy and a toy monkey. Santa Claus hat. I want to get my sister, Carmen, a toy unicorn and unicorn onsie and a toy elf. I want to get my little brother a toy car, a toy basketball hoop a Santa and Mrs. Claus toy.

Casey
Dear Santa,
How tall is your tallest elf? I think it is 7 feet tall. I think I have been super good. I would like Mickey Mouse Club house. I would have a lot of fun playing with it. I would also like a Sonic Room toy. Another thing I want an Encanto House. A couple other things I would like are

Sonic bouncy ball and hot wheels. I think my sister Bella would like wants a dragon that spits fire. One more thing I want is Soni9c the Hedgehog. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Jaxsin
Dear Santa,
I want a lego set. I won a Minitrampoline.
Jordan Richta

Dear Santa,
May I have plants and zombies
Peter Dzuis

Dear Santa,
I want a squishmallow for Christopher. My name is: Piper.
Piper Chabot

Dear Santa
I wot blake and pelo and kras and mrc. I wot as and a woodbal bat
Reagon Flerchinger

Dear Santa,
First I want a dollhouse. Next I want a cup please. Another want is an awesome
Taylor
Dear Santa,
Can you gift me a hufrbord and a large bare bjem hals and one more often a alexa.
Alexis Cobing

Dear Santa,
How doo you gat is my house? Hal doo you do ? Do you giv presents to rap?
Fran Lucas

Dear Santa,
Please have plants watter along with your zombies.
Peter Dzuris

Dear Santa,
I hop I can see you and I hop I get wat I wont. Ples rap the preseists in the best reping.
Jack Wlfum

Dear Santa,
I wont neklis lik a crismis oun and a I for anda a Ipad and a gge wtr and makup.
Arianna

Dear Santa,
Santa kood vo & ples give me some ganes you got.
James Brockwell

Dear Santa,
Please give me presins on Christmas. Also a lego set.
Edward Becto

Dear Santa,
I like you for me hor life and far ever and I luv you fome.
Temperance

Dear Santa.
I hop you are hav g a good time. Wut I rieally wot is a oethrid, scoodr
McKinley
Dear Santa,
how old are are u at the North Pole? what I relay wot os American girl dolls. And

LOL dolls for crimes. I was a good grl. You are in the movies. I like to watch your presents you give us
Mariyas



**Ms. Compost
-Friedman
Third Grade**

Dear Santa,
I have been this year. I made myself hot chocolate this year. At wresaling I'm responsibale for my stuf. But sum times I get a little rawt if cartrnk, but if I make up for what I have done, can I have a



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Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding. That the good that lies in each of our hearts may day by day be magnified. That we will come to see more clearly not that which divides us, but that which unites us. That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, or people over people but of ourselves over our own evils and weaknesses. That the true spirit of this Christmas Season – its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith – may live among us. That the blessings of peace be ours – the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with everyone on earth and to plan for a peaceful prosperous future for all.

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 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.

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PS5, 2 x2 rabbit cage and a iphone 12 and marry Christmas
 Ethan Healy

Dear Santa,
 I would like a hover bord after that a plasite, a big monster truck and a rc car. love, oh yeah and how are the randeer and how are the rander dowlh Gauge

Dear Santa,
 I have been good this year. I wont a ps4 controler, pokeman binder and pokeman cards, Godzilla and meen Godzilla.
 Xavier

Dear Santa,
 I ben good thes year, I help may I have a iphone, and a motgentcu car that you can drive and a ples!!! And a ops5 and xbox and a netodo aacar set for a ved epo gums.
 Mason

Dear Santa,
 I have been good this year. For Christmas to play want aoo paintball gun, intend, snow pants, winer pj's, rachit set,bb gun,I am a hunting set.
 Andrew

Dear Santa,
 I hope you are doing good. How is th rander and mis clas wht I whood like for Christmas is rainboe high, showdown high, and sum bord games for the family have a good Christmas.
 Savannah

Dear Santa,
 I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a drone, gameing chair, gaming head set, Nintendo switch lite.
 Bentley Thompson

Dear Santa,
 I was goodish but if I make up fpr it csn I please have Squishmellow,gell pens, rainbow video kit, snowlepord craf kit, bunny, kittens, cornes, vrhed set, lolstuff and dolles to hid jk shoes on my you tube channel, ball pit, and ball pit ball,

netendoe, polly postits, polly point correcta's and kitten. Can you say hi to Rudolph. Thankk you,
 Araceli Truman

Dear Santa,
 I have been good can I have... a bar of gold, lego nerf gun, golden elf on a shelf, VR head set, \$1000,000,000,000,000, remote control robot, drone, lambergeney, phone, jet, helecopeter.
 Jayzon. D

Dear Santa,
 One thing I want is vr set, Juine B. Jones books, and new sorry steal & slide am very happy about Christmas my elf is naughty.
 Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
 Iv been pretty good this year. I want a Super Spy kit, Nintendo switch games. Love,
 Gabriel H.

Dear Santa,
 I've been doing good. Today I have requests computer, legos, minecoins, robot, \$1,000,000,000, vr, lamborgini, prangers for leo, please and thank you.
 Clark

Dear Santa,
 I've been OK. I help. I would like a goo git zoo hero, ryan spy kit, and mony.
 Creed

Dear Santa,
 I have been good. Can I please an intodoswich and hot wheels cars.
 Daemon

Dear Santa,
 Iv den gud this year. I've hav a hovr bord pleys in hav a mmdf elf on the shelf that is a gray. Can I hav a colg jackets pleys. Can I hav a iphn it pleys. Can I have a new Brbe drem hous and a barbe camper and a new barbe car, snm heles, sd4 ningu gug its and clows love,
 Larrissa Kay Pott

Dear Santa,
 Can you get me this plz roblox gods set, and this plz roblox campsite, and roblox kingdom set, and roblox modern set, and roblox sword tycan set, Thank you Santa,
 Glenn

Dear Santa,
 I have been good all year. Can you get me a soldering gun, moter cardbouard, servo board and ordersl
 Colton

Dear Santa,
 I've been good and bad. Can I have a phone and a phone case and some crop to plunde crop tops.
 Alexia

Dear Santa,
 I was very good this year. I would like a vr headset and a car headset and a psb and a football and a dron Gx bottr
 Blake

Dear Santa,
 I hope you are having a good day. You must be busy making all the toys. Can I get a action figure, a triple strike from dragon riders? I would like a wind up toy for my kitty so she has something to play with when I am not home. I also would like a mech suit to help me do my chores. I would like a leopard getcko. I also wold like a dron with a claw that has a wire. I also would like a pool sized hot tub. I would like 25 kittens and 20 cat bowls and I want them to love me. I would also like a few yoshi eggs that are not blue or pink. Last, I want a gift from my mom and dad. I want my dad to have a Detroit Lions plush and my mom would love a coffee machine that warms up milk.
 Levi

Dear Santa,
 I have been pretty good this year. Please can I have the game Hello neighboy on Minecyft. I would be really cool if I can have infinitev and have all the skins.
 Chase

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**Ms. Misiak
Second grade**

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Emilee and I've wanted to know how the elves step is working and how santo ed ees. I also wanted you to know I've been really good. My brother oikes cars so I thought maybe he could get a toy car and a dino. He also wants a ghitup hocl because I'm one remote books and teas. The last thing to want to tell you is a rode you and Merry Christmas and ho! ho! ho!
Emilee

Dear Santa,

How do you go down chimneys? I think that you have a candy cane that is like a tool that stretches down and up the chimneys.. I have been super good this year at my dad's house doing chorse like sweeping. I would really like a vacuum this year. I want to clean the floors in the bedroom and livingroom of my house. I really want a blue vacuum because it's my mom's favorite color. I would have a love a lego set. A barbie and a batman lego set wold be awesome to get. I like shaping with my sisters and playing with them. Harmmony really likes to sit next to me everytime on the bus. Other things I would like are a super cool batman car that opins. a real deal iphone, a big bole box with a bunch of slimes and glue and how do you make slime?

Serenity Dunn

Dear Santa,

How do the reindeer fly? I think they fly by a shooting star. I have been really good this year. I want an avtar toy for Christmas, its from a movie and it has a bragon with it. I also would like a avtar legos the one with a black cat with no fur. I plan that on keeping it safe so my sister can't rech it. It's going to be a little creature last. I want a magic mixie ball. I have one other question how does the sleigh fly's with the reideer? I think it flies with magic. I love you,
Brynlee Faber

Dear Santa,

How did you get the . I have been doing kind of good kind of bad. A elf told me to help my sister and to start cleaning up. I am going to start doing it for you Santa and the two elfs. I would like a bunch of forthit v bucks 13500 would like a new mouse for my computer. My sister would like a pink unicorn because she like pink

and unicorns.
Wilbur

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaleb, and this year for Christmas I want frontier. I also want all of the danchfest and the furious key moves because I sincerely been winning them list for u log them lies and lehjay them most. I also want arc be on the A suproir would because nies louso I nie, I thek that this word lies like u sproaruman yen costmw I think That deeve thee presents
Kaleb

Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly? I think that reindeer can fly because they have a magic star on the front fo their sleigh. I think that I have een in the middle of good and bad because I get frustrated and sometimes I can't seem to calm myself down. I really want a present fr my baby sister such as a baby book for her. I would sqecifially like go dog go by Dr. Suess. I would also like an Xbox with a headset because I want to play games for you. I will leave cookies ready. I hope you have a great trl and never giving up on Christmas. All the kids in the world that you for giving qresents to with my family like a Minecraft. Love,
Easton Desonia

Dear Santa,

How do you make your feindeer fly? I have been a good girl this year. I promise what I want for Christmas is A Barbie Dream House please, I would also like a hoverboard please, and a pair of cat slippers please. I will ride my hover-board up and down my driveway. Thank you Santa, have a good Christmas.
Rhiley Fernandes.

Rhiley Fernandes.

Dear Santa,
I want a are soft distel. Next I want bebes. Last I woht flowers for my mom.
Ayden

Dear Santa,

I want a vr headset. because I wanna be in the universe. Do you make electronics? How do your elfs have big ears. I hlpe my mom with my little sister. I also want a playstation so I can play games with my brother in my room. I also want a punching bag so I can beat it up. Good Luck.
Robby Clink

Dear Santa,

How do you fit through the chimney. I was good girl this year I promise. I deserve all the presents. All I want for Christmas is squishmallows please and I hover-board please. I am going to ride my hoverboard everywhere in my moms house. I also want 2 pairs of beanie baby slippers because they are so comfy, Have a wonderful Christmas.
Tatum Howay

Dear Santa,

How does your reindeer fly. I have some problems with my big sister but we leave each other. I want a lot of stuffed animals and roblox for my tablet and my big sister wants a new necklace.
Aria

Dear Santa,

How do you fit down the chimney? I think you wiggle your bo down the chmney. Santa I want a bettery powered Ferrari. I want to drive it around my nana's house decuse my old battery powered car stops small. The next item I want is a battery construction carpow.
Jayson Smith

Jayson Smith

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I hope your year has been a perfect year. Where do the elves work and are there different jobs for different elves? I think they work in a factory and there's a;sp different jobs for different elves. I have been really good this year. I want a magic mixie because I like pretending I'm a magic witch. It comes with a magical glob and wand. I'm going to cast spells with my magic mixie. I also want a Chinese cosum I want that because china is my favorite country. I plan on playing Chinese with my sister, Do the elves make you hot chocolate? I don't know if they do.

Freyja Fritz Wilson

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Jaxon. I've always been curious how do your reindeer fly? I love your big white beard I also love how you give out Christmas gifts every year to all the other kids. My number one thing i want for Christmas is a drone because how high it can fly in to the sks My second thing is a Big RC boat.

Jaxon Laidlaw

Dear Santa Nick,
How does your reindeer fly? I believe that they can fly by to what they eat. I think that I have been nice this year because I helped my mom decorate and put star on the tree. This year I would like a big candy cane pillow. That way I can have it to sleep with. I an actually a pretty good singer! so if I could ask for one more thing it would be a microphone so that way I can sing to my hearts content. Something I believe my mom would like to have a vacuum. that way she can clean the foors in our house. I hope this letter finds you well and I also hope you agree that I have been nice this year. I wish for you have ease with all of the Christmas presents and wishes this year! Have a merry Christmas santa!

Brady Dafoe

Dear Santa,
How do you get in the house? I think you use magik. I have been good this year. I snuggle with grandma evry night. I helped grandma with the tree. I would lik a little live pet gunea pig. I wold allsow like a polaroid camera. The last thing I wold lik is a new white pet hamster for cassie because hers died and my cousin a t-rex toy that when you twist it's tail it goes crazy.

Any my littlest cousin a green toy car. Hope my elf has a good time after Christmas, Thank you
Naomi

Dear Santa,

Where do you get your magic dust? I think you get your magic dust fun the stars. I have been really good this year. I would like money \$100,000. I want to give the money to my mom and dad. so they can get a good job. I would also like a pet lizard because when I get sad I can go talk to it. I want to play with him, feed him and clean his enclosure.

Gus

Dear Santa,
First how do you fit down the chimney? I think you squeez down it. I was also wondering if I could get over the head headphones. I love Christmas music my favorite song is jingle bells I have been a very good girl. I would also like a big comfy blanket. I would love to have it be light blue because that's my favorite color. My favorite part about Christmas is opening my presents and having fun. I also oove having pumpkin pie at Christmas dinnerer thank you for reading my letter.

Addison Peterson



**Ms. Harris
Third grade**

Dear Santa,
I want candy. I want Nintendo games. LOL dolls

Kimmy LaBeau

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like Pokemon Buster by. I want some toys for Rey - Rey. Last I would oike slime card sleeves.

Rhys O Connor

Dear Santa,
May I please have a PS5 and a Fortnite game for a 360.00 I need a headset for the PF5. I want a dirt bike and may I get a pet snake.

Kyle

Dear Santa,
I would like some stuff so I would like asquishmellows and a

xbox please thank you. I have been good this year.
Taylor

Dear Santa,

This year I have been good. Jan you please git a vr thank you . you git a and Janyou git a memory chip. Thank you for last year.

Bentley

Dear Santa,
I do want a couple of thing's so please get me these please tho so these are: the things a drone and a body billow please,
Nickall

Dear Santa,

Thankk you Santa cen bring my dad tools is for my dad and company you bring ps 5 and other my braqther electric for where it and my n0n swetr and my mom sweater after pictruese of my family.

Zach

Dear Santa,
I would like a pr 5 and go 5 discs for the ps5 and a Nintendo switch and a gameing pc. avourks for thit car card and a robacks card

Declan

Dear Santa,
I've been a reley good boy this year. Santa pritey please can I plees want a rv head sate.

Bayden

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year.I get my work bone in school. I would like some polypeckrts. a rock tumbler and barbies. Magic mixes and I know it's a lot to ask but can you mack me a phone pls and toys for my bag and some omg ball and lol balls and a barbie ball house and I really love rocks. Cany you give me some cool onesSanta and 2 robux cards and \$20.00 pls and I dimon ring and julrey. Tank you Santa

Kennedy Dellar

Dear Santa,
I wood like a vr hedset and coludoodle and thank you for the presents for school.

Lilly H

Dear Santa,
I been a good kid this year and I want a VR Headset and A few Minecraft lego sets and fortnite action figures and my mom wants camping stuff and my brother wants a switch and my Dad a mug? yeah a mug?

Elliot Dewar

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is perfume for my mom. I want a baby puppy and a bunny. I want a family game.
Promise

been good I was hoping for the iPhone 11 and squishmallows oh and thank you for my presents last year and I would like money.
Willow Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a handcontrolled drone for Christmas. Thank you Santa from,
Rhys.spigomir and anoted.

Dear Santa,
ps5 and qaiten doswitch and 4 race cars with any gunsoin top and a dog and a new hobby.
Mike

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Can I have a ps5 and a iPhone14 please. From
Liam Matheny

Dear Santa,
Can I please have 3 things? Can I have a tea set with chairs and a tablet.
Kadence

Dear Santa,
I've been pretty good so far and I just wanted to ask for a couple things and something for somebody else si I would like a gold chain necklace,ps5 with Minecraft disk for Colton can I get 400 bucks for him pls.
Kaiden



**Mrs. Smith
Fifth Grade**

Dear Santa,
Tcan his year I have been good. I was hoping for air pods, squishmellows, I pphone 12 case. Thank you
Alexy

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing this year. I have been doing good this year. Also how is Miss Clause doing? I hope she is nitting my clothes. And how are the

Dear Santa,
I hope you have had a good year. I think I have

elves and the raindeer doing? Tell the elves that they are doing a good job. I hope the reindeer get carrots. I have een pretty good this year ad I really want a new phone. I would be really happy with a new phone. Well I will see you on Christmas day merry,
Sophia Bruning

Dear Santa,
I wanted to be how you where doing ok. How is the elves and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? How are all of you. I have a question to ask "Is it all want for Christmas is a new soccer ball.
Kaiden Allen

Dear Santa
Hi, How is it going in the North Pole? Getting ready for Christmas. Could I please get a new pair of wrestling shoes because I need a new pair. Also how are the elves doing?
Nelson Phinney

Dear Santa,
Before I start I want to wish you a merry Christmas but and my wants and needs. I need for my mom to feel better. I need for my family to be happy and joyful all the time. I wish for my mom to always have a thinkable mind. I want to always be able to complete my school

work on time/ I want for my family to stay health.
Malachi Wingard

Dear Santa,
How are the raederr still got lot of magik. What I would love for Chissmiss is my Grat Granny back. Ok what I will want is a ps5 please. I've wanted one for a long time and can I pls get a computer pls cuz I sometimes have to use my great grandma's computer. Can I also plz get Xbox game and PS5 games and switch games that's it.
Landon Miller

Dear Santa,
This is Isaiah Long. How are you , Mrs. Claus and your rindeer. I bet there good if they are good. I hope I'm on the nice list. I've been doing good and get good grades in school.Stuff I would like for Christmas is toolbox, full of tools. Can I please have awood wild life carving set. I like to carve wood. Can I please a survival kit. I like [laying really like survival.
Isaiah Long

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I hope you your having a good day and night. Santa, I would like an Iphone 14



As we get revved up for another holiday season, we're hoping yours runs smoothly all the way. It's been a pleasure serving you this past year. Thanks, everyone!

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A Visit From St. Nicholas



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**David H. Cook
Attorney at Law
and Staff**

pro max and afforces. that's all Santa. I would get Isabell friendship braclet. Thankyou Santa,
Leana Beaf

Dear Santa,
How is it going up North? For Christmas call I please haved an Anthon Davis jersey, a Stefon Diggs jersey, a basketball, a blanket, socks, and some clothes. Also, I would like Mason to be able to see his Dad. Thank you,
Mason Beatty

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus doing?

One thing I want for Christmas is a micro- phone stand. Another thing I want is a bop it and a new clothes. I also want a new bank and a light up blue tooth speaker alarm clock. Those are a few things for under the Christmas tree.

Taylor Laube

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Clause doing. Where did you find the raindeer the ssaigh.

Could you get my brother a race car track. Could I please get a head set or 3d printr with a computer or yoyo.

Anthony Patterson



**Mrs. Kwiatkowski
Fourth Grade**

Dear Santa,
First I would like a new pair of hey dudies. Next I would like matching pj's

for my family. Thered I would like a new iphone 14. Fourth I would like a new water bottle. Finally I would like my family to be happy on chrismis.

Myariah Paluch, 9

Dear Santa,
It's been a very long time. I got a list but please don't think im'greedy. My first thing I want is a Nintendo controller. My second thing is a smart watch. Another thing I want is the hole bad guys collection. The last thing I want is a VR headset. And that is all I want for crhismas.

William,10

Dear Santa,
My name is lilly. I have been bad this year but i'm trying to be good. here are some things I want for chrismas srcunchies, squishmellows, lip gloss, iphone cases, screen's protector's, new shoes. But there is one thing I want a puppy. I rely want to have a puppy. I know I haven't been the best but I will try harder. marry Chistmas.

Lilly Schmidt

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year I help people do work at school. I finally got my elf today. I would like posca pens and how is mrs. Clause. I would like Nike white shoes and some sweatshirts, some black boots, and please a heated blanket and a coloring kit. One more thing a phone case. Merry Christmas

Macy Somers

Dear Santa,
I would like a control car. Also I would like a drone. Also a lot of legos, boatus. Lastly I would like candey.

Jace, 11

Dear Santa,
My name is Liam. For Xmas I relly want army toys. I have good good thiss year. Im not going to get a lot of stuff this year.

Liam, 10

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year for Christmas. I wood want for is a gaming chair so I do not have to sit on the floor. I need a now elf for my brother so he can find his helf because I have a elf his name is kipper. I hope you have a vere good Christmas.

Carter

Dear Santa,
I would like a watch for Christmas. I would like a

computer please. Can I please have a boy American doll. My cats cat tree is broken so can you give him a new one for Christmas and some toys. I would also like some more l.e.d. lights for my room and some for my friend. Can I please have a Olivia Radrigo poster. I would like a moon light please and American girl doll locker

Kaylee McMasters

Dear Santa,
Hi my is Audrey. I have been really good this year. I Don't want to be selfish but this is all I want. I want glasses this year. I need jeans. I want air Jordans (the original). I need long tee-shirts. I want a iPhone 12 with a black case to go with it. I need a currying Iron. I want Squish Mellows that's all. Have a Merry Christmas

Audrey, 9

Dear Santa,
I would like a giant play house/ a manshon. Can u get me a golden holls squshmelo. More sikly shetts. Hart sunglasses. Dripping sun glasses. U brands organizer. Decorat- ing lsit. Butter slime. A dishwasher. A watch smart. Twering zone sign. A ton of Karen purses. Cactus ring holder. eye mouted meror. Sun flower braclets. Eletant ring holder fla- mingo ring holder. cloud neon light. queen outfit. Slay pink neon light. slushe maker.

Jaceyr, 9

Dear Santa,
Hi im Izzy Franklin. I am 9 years old. I have been good this year. I been want- ing is a mini frige. Another thing I have been wanting is a matnetic pen! There so cool. Two other things I would like are a galaxy cat hoodie and a cat oofie. I also want led lights, squishmellows and a phone. I am always greatfull for all presents.

Love Izzy

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year from heling my grandpa do his chores and get his work done and I ask niccl for things I help my granda get her phone I help her do her dishes I make my granpa teas all the time I feed and water my dog I be nice to my family.

Derin

Dear Santa,
hi This year I did lots but I like some things some new snow pants a phone with a case some posters and a paint roler and a sell table and some magnets

Resounding JOY

As we ring in the season, it's easy to see why our hearts are filled with gratitude and glee. Counting our blessings as we reach the year's end, we're so very happy to count you as friends. Now there's just one more thing we need to do: Send our best Christmas wishes to each one of you!



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Marley Neggie, 12

Dear Santa,

I hope my elf's did not tell you ennything bad because I trid to be good and I am gratfal for all of the gifts you give to people you do so much but what I wont for crismis is a nurther elf and a tug. More squish mallows. Room dicor. Strangr things stuf. Thank you santa.

Zoe

Dear Santa,

For crismast I would like a new ipoven. And a pc and a shrek blanket. And a foot Ball nick chub jersey.

Cooper

Dear Santa,

This is what I would like for crisma. First thing I would like is a rc car seconed thing I would like is a tipe riter last thing I would like a snow mibil and that is all I want for this chirstmast ples and thanke you

Chazz

Dear Santa,

I ben a bad and good but cen I pleas have a 1 welled huverbored and a I fone and a now nutedoew and a cunpeoter and a toblit a gameing cher and the game hallow nabep.

Jayden

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a chrome book: I would also like a magnetic hour glass. I would also like a plasma globe. Have a Mery Christmas Santa.

Brody, 9

Dear Santa,

I would like a lava lamp. Also a frier hores. Also a wacht. I also wath a colitter bah. Also a happy family. Love you miss you.

Annie

Dear Santa,

May I have a nerf gun and a Nintendo pay station 5 and a qu VR headset qugulus 4 fortnight game.

Rhett Spigelmyre

**Mrs. Smith
Fifth Grade**

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want to see my father for the first time in almost 3 years. Most kids want a playstation or an xbox or a video game but I want to see my dad. The thing about it is he lives in a different state. Everyone alwasys talks about how cool their dads are and I'm just there without one. And ost of the kids in my class doesn't even care that I'm not a happy person any more because my dad

Mason Malule

Dear Santa,

I would really like a chetal yo-yo made of alu-minum. This is the nonly gift I want in this etter. How mnay elves doo you have in your workshop and wree do they come from. Santa make sure when you break in my house give my cat 10 poounds of cathip his name is tippy.

Tanner MacNeil

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Clause and the reighndeer. I would like a fitbit for Christmas. I would get the reighndeer some candy canes for Christmas

Isabell

Dear Santa,

For chrismast may you get me an exbox weries X.madden 22 or 23. Black ops III, cal of duty modern warfare and money.

Jacob Windsor

Dear Santa,

How are you and the reindeer? May I please have a Lolo and Stich bedset, casset player, stickers, switch games, books, fingets, peace for my grammy. Peace and quiet from Mrs. Smith and a phone ase for my mom. Bsi games, Harry potter wand. Freddie Mercyrrie posters and mpe micro sd. Thank you Santa.

Geni Kirk

Dear Santa,

How are you and the raindeer, and the elves. I've been pretty good this year. What I would like for Christmas is a new pair of shoes please. I would also like some clothes. It would be nice to have a tumbletrack. Thank you.

Harper Whitefield

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? Most important how are you doihg can you maybe get avacodo stuted animal for me however can you get me a mini fridge and Brooklynn. And me can eat

huffla bread. Posably can you get brooklynn and lizzy a horse. Thak you.

Lizzy Jackson

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? For Christmas I would like a HUGE squishmallow. For Christmas my friend Bria wants a VR headset.

Cloe

Dear Santa,

I what to get my dad a tools set. And get my three sisters a present, mackup, a toy and a stuf amumil.

Cayden Simpson

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like roller skates! Robux cards, more clothing and maybe some ner perma - hair dye. That's all!

Aubrie Karas

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? What are the elrs doing? Can you please get a new phone to Avarie. May I have a stich suffy. Or maybe a stationary set.

Brooklynn



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'Best year' in long time boosts Michigan Christmas tree farms

By Liam Jackson
Capital News Service
 Christmas trees are in Levi Dutcher's blood.

His parents planted 2,000 while his mother was pregnant with him in 1988. Now, he is preparing for his first holiday season as the owner of a choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm.

"It takes a lot of work and a lot of money to make a little bit of money in the end," said Dutcher, of Old Grove Christmas Tree Farm in Caledonia, Mich. "But it's definitely a lot of fun."

Dutcher is one of nearly 500 Michigan Christmas tree farm owners benefiting this year from an exceptional growing season.

"It was pretty much the consensus of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association board that it was the best year they've had for growing in a long time," said Amy Start, the executive director of the group that promotes Christmas tree farms.

Dutchman Tree Farms near Cadillac, Mich. benefited from ideal weather conditions in northern Michigan.

"We had decent moisture throughout the summer and did not have any late-season frosts," said Scott Powell, the nursery manager of Dutchman in Manton and president of the association.

A good growing season is a good sign, but when it comes to actually selling the trees, other factors come into play.

"Usually what affects the selling season is good weather," Start said. "A little bit of snow for atmosphere is always lovely," she said. "But if not, we at least hope it's not raining. Because nobody



Levi Dutcher, with his family outside of Old Grove Christmas Tree Farm in Caledonia, will carry on a family tradition of selling trees. *Courtesy photo.*

wants to go to a farm when it's downpouring or muddy."

Michigan is third in the nation for Christmas tree production, according to the tree grower group. Each year the state supplies 2 million trees nationally.

Choose-and-cut farms appeal to younger families who want to "make a day of it," Start said.

"They feel as if it's the freshest way to get a tree," she said. "Because it is. You are cutting it down yourself."

That experience is the culmination of nearly a decade's worth of work for the farmer. It takes Christmas trees seven to 10 years before they are ready to cut.

Each growing season is critical and has lasting impacts for farmers beyond hat. Drought during one season can delay growth, Start said.

"It takes a lot of work and a lot of care to get them to the full size to sell so the growers are really, really diligent about those trees," she said

Some new choose-and-cut farms are set to open to the public this year, but an opening is the completion of a project started long before – sometimes several decades.

Dutcher is opening his choose-and-cut farm this year, seven years after the trees were planted.

The events that led to the grand opening began before Dutcher was born. The 2,000 trees his mother helped plant in 1988 were nearly all wiped out by a drought.

When Dutcher was 8 years old, his parents sold trees for one year. They never did it again.

"During that season I thought 'Wow this is a lot of fun,'" Dutcher said. "The whole family was hanging out. I didn't come from a lot of money, so anytime someone came up to buy a \$20 tree, it was really exciting."

About 20 years later, Dutcher bought property in Caledonia. His sister-in-law recommended planting Christmas trees so the family could gather each year and cut their own.

Dutcher took the idea one step further and planted 1,000 trees.

"It was a mixture of me remembering all the good times we had the one year my parents sold trees and my sister-in-law's suggestion," Dutcher said. "That's how we've arrived at this."

Dutcher's family will still bond over the farm, including his aunt, who will fly from Oregon to help out.

Christmas tree farmers find other ways to make ends meet while the trees grow. Photo ops with Santa and a firepit to roast marshmallows are ways that Creekside Christmas Trees in Port Austin attract local residents during the Christmas season.

Creekside owner Lisa Szymanski planted trees two years ago. She anticipates that the choose-and-cut portion of the farm will open in 2027.



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Funeral expenses and how to sell unwanted burial plots

Dear Savvy Senior,
How much does a typical funeral and body burial cost today? My wife and I are interested in prearranging our funerals but would like to have a cost idea before going in so we can plan and budget appropriately.

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,

It definitely pays to know what charges to expect when pre-planning a funeral. Most people don't have a clue and can often be upsold thousands of dollars' worth of extra services they may not want or need. Here's a breakdown of what you can expect.

Funeral Prices

The first thing you need to be aware of is that funeral costs will vary considerably depending on your geographic location, the funeral home you choose and the funeral choices you make. With that said, here's a breakdown of what an average funeral costs, nationwide, according to the most recent data from the National Funeral Directors Association.

- Professional services fee: This is a basic non-declinable fee that covers the funeral provider's time, expertise and overhead: \$2,300.

- Transfer of the remains: This is for picking up the body and taking it to the funeral home: \$350

- Embalming and body preparation: Embalming is usually mandatory for open-casket viewing, otherwise it's not required unless the body is going to be transported across state lines. Embalming costs \$775. Other body preparations, which includes hair-dressing and cosmetics runs \$275.

- Funeral viewing and ceremony: If the viewing and funeral ceremony is at the funeral home, you'll be charged for use of the chapel and any necessary staff. Costs: \$450 for viewing, and \$515 for funeral ceremony.

- Metal casket: This is a big money maker for funeral homes, with markups of up to 300 percent over the wholesale price: \$2,500.

- Funeral transportation: Use of hearse and driver; \$325 to transport the body to the cemetery. Use of a service car/van: \$150.

- Memorial printed package: This includes printed programs and memorial guest book: \$183.

In addition to these costs, there are also a number of cemetery costs like the plot or mausoleum fee, the vault or grave liner that most cemeteries require, and the opening and closing of the grave, all of which can run between \$2,000 and \$3,000; and the grave-stone, which typically runs between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

- You'll also need to budget for related expenses like flowers for the funeral (\$200 to \$400), the newspaper obituary fee (\$100 to \$800 or more), the clergy honorarium (\$200 to \$300) and extra copies of the death certificate (\$5 to \$35 per copy depending on the state).

All told, the average cost of a total U.S. funeral today with

viewing and cemetery burial is around \$12,000.

Ways to Save

If this is more than you're willing or able to pay, there are ways to save. For starters, you should know that prices can vary significantly by funeral provider, so it's wise to shop around. If you need some help, there are websites you can turn to like Parting.com that lets you easily compare prices online based on what you want.

When evaluating funeral providers, be sure you get an itemized price list of services and products so you can accurately compare and choose what you want.

The most significant way to save is to request a "direct burial" or "direct cremation." With these options you and your wife would be buried or cremated shortly after death, which skips the embalming and viewing. If you want a memorial service, you can have it at the graveside or at your place of worship without the body. These services usually run between \$1,000 and \$3,000, not counting cemetery charges.

Dear Savvy Senior,

How do I go about selling unwanted burial plots in my hometown cemetery? When my parents died about 25 years ago my husband (at the time)

and I bought two plots near them in the same cemetery. But we've gotten divorced since then and have both moved out of state. Besides that, I would like to be cremated instead of buried.

Looking to Sell

Dear Looking,

Life changes such as relocating, family disputes and divorce, along with the growing popularity of cremation in the U.S., is causing more and more people to sell previously purchased burial plots they don't intend to use any longer. But, depending on where you live and the location of the cemetery, selling a plot can be difficult. And, if you do sell it, you'll probably get less than what you initially paid for it. Here's are a few tips to get you started.

Contact the cemetery

Your first step in selling your unwanted burial plots is to contact the cemetery and find out if they would be interested in buying them back, or if you're allowed to sell them yourself to another person or family. And if so, what paperwork will you need to complete the sale and is there a transfer fee?

Some states require sellers to offer the plot back to the cemetery before selling it to others.



Savvy Senior

Selling Options

If you find that it's okay to sell your plots yourself, many people choose to use a broker. There are a number of companies, like PlotBrokers.com and GraveSolutions.com, that will list your plots for sale and handle the transaction for a fee and possibly a commission. If you go this route, you'll sign paperwork giving the broker permission to work on your behalf. Listings can last up to three years or until the plots sell.

Alternatively, or simultaneously, you can also list them yourself on sites like The Cemetery Exchange, GraveSales.com along with eBay and Craigslist, and handle the transaction yourself. In the ad, be sure to post pictures, describe the area where the cemetery is located and give the plot locations.

What to Ask

Appropriate pricing is key

to selling your plots. It's recommended that you find out what the cemetery is selling their plots for today and ask at least 20 percent less. If you're pricing too close to what the cemetery charges, there's no incentive for potential buyers.

Beware of Scammers

If you choose to sell your plots yourself, it's not unusual for scam artist to reach out and try to get your personal financial information. Phone calls tend to be more genuine than emails and text messages.

Donate Them

If you don't have any luck selling your plots, and if money isn't an issue, you can donate them to charity such as a religious congregation, a local veteran's group or an organization that aids the homeless. To get a tax deduction, you'll need an appraisal, which a cemetery or broker may supply for a fee.



Buggy Rides



Alcona fifth graders learn about giving

December 17, 1997 ~ By Cheryl Peterson

Fifth graders at Alcona Elementary School are working hard to make this Christmas a time of giving for a local family.

Instead of participating in a classroom gift exchange this year, students in Rene Holmes' class decided to put the money they would spend on a classmate toward buying gifts to a family in need.

"Personally, I don't like the idea of a \$2 gift exchange," said Holmes. "You can't buy much of anything for a child this age with \$2. The children decided they wanted to do this again this year. They decided that they wanted to give the money to someone who really needs it."

This is the fourth year Holmes' students have participated in the "adoption" of a local family. "They've always gone overboard (in donating money). This year is no exception.

We are also collecting canned food too," she said. One student did extra work

around the house and earned \$33 which he donated to the effort.

Holmes said she uses the money to purchase appropriate gifts for children in the family.

Her 27 students wrap the gifts and then the school counselor makes sure the gifts are delivered to the family. This year it is a family with two children.

Teaching charity, community involvement and good will isn't always easy, but Holmes said this is a start. "I'm trying to teach them at an early age that it's the right thing to do."

The family will also receive an extra bonus this year. "Money came in after I purchased the gifts, so I'm going to get a gift certificate to a local grocery store because the kids thought they might like a ham or turkey for Christmas dinner," Holmes said.

Holmes, of Ossineke, has been teaching at Alcona for 15 years - nine years in special education and six as an elementary teacher.

Tigers drop season opener

December 17, 1997 ~ By Rich Mills

Although they lost their season opener, it was still a pretty impressive performance.

An experienced Tawas Brave squad held off a second half Alcona rally to spoil the Tiger's season debut, 61-55.

Trailing by as many as 16 points early in the third quarter, the Tigers stepped up their defense to get within one point (53-52) with three minutes left in the game. But at the end, the visiting Braves held on for their first win of the season.

Seniors Dale Saranen and Zack Sedgwick led the second half charge. Saranen hit numerous jumpers from the freethrow line while Sedgwick was scoring under the basket.

Sedgwick led all scorers with 18 points. Saranen finished with 14. Seniors Keith VanHurk and Andy Budreau added nine and seven points, respectively.

The two teams traded baskets in the first quarter. A line drive half-court rocket by sophomore Paul Somers kept Alcona within three

points after the first quarter.

But the Braves took control in the second quarter. They went on a 17-2 run that gave them what looked like a comfortable 41-27 half-time lead.

Although Coach Wayne VanDyke was disappointed in his team's execution, he was pleased with their effort. Alcona was hurt when senior Aaron Healy went out with foul troubles in the first half.

Alcona's lack of depth in the front court was obvious, but that problem should be helped when 6 ft. 3 in. Sean Stewart joins the lineup in the fifth game of the season.

Alcona's Junior Varsity also lost their season opener, 70-55. Jeff Munro led the JV's with a 15-point, 13-rebound performance. Yance MacNeill chipped in with nine points, while Eric Weichel chipped in with eight points, including a couple of long three-pointers.

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By Fifi Rodriguez

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 3. LITERATURE: What is the subject of Walt Whitman's poem "O Captain! My Captain!"?
 4. LANGUAGE: What is the third letter of the Greek alphabet?
 5. HISTORY: When was the last time the Liberty Bell rang in Philadelphia?
 6. MOVIES: What was Henry Fonda's jury number in "12 Angry Men"?
 7. MATH: What is a heptahedron?
 8. BUSINESS: In what year did McDonald's introduce the Big Mac to all of its customers?
 9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president tried to ban Christmas trees from the White House?
 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do bees collect from flowers and use to make honey?
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 5, 1914, Henry Ford introduced a revolutionary pay deal of \$5 per day wages for all of his employees. When asked about it, he told reporters that he wanted his workers to earn enough to be able to afford to buy a Ford motor car.
- On Jan. 3, 1938, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who contracted polio at age 39, founded the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, later renamed the March of Dimes Foundation. The moniker came courtesy of comedian Eddie Cantor, who said in a donations appeal: "Nearly everyone can send in a dime, or several dimes. However, it takes only 10 dimes to make a dollar, and if a million people send only one dime, the total will be \$100,000."
- On Jan. 2, 1941, The Andrews Sisters recorded "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" for Decca Records, about a Chicago trumpeter drafted into the Army in World War II who shakes up "Reveille" with his masterful licks. Originally intended for Lou Costello to perform in the comedy "Buck Privates," it was reworked for The Andrews Sisters, who introduced it in the film.
- On Jan. 6, 1973, the 1939 Mercedes-Benz 770k sedan that Hitler was said to have used in a parade march was sold to Earl Clark at an auction for \$153,000. Clark planned to exhibit the vehicle at his Dutch Wonderland Amusement Park in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- On Jan. 7, 1981, truck driver Peter Sutcliffe admitted to being the "Yorkshire Ripper," who killed 13 women in northern England over five years. Sutcliffe was caught on Jan. 2 after being stopped by the police with Olivia Reivers, a prostitute, and was arrested for having fitted his car with fake license plates.
- On Jan. 4, 2012, Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah decreed that men could no longer sell female underwear in lingerie shops. The country previously allowed only men to work as shop keepers, but after female customers complained that they made the women uncomfortable, a new law allowed women to take their place.
- On Jan. 8, 2014, Mexican officials found two gray whale calves in a lagoon. The case was even more unusual because they were conjoined. Though found alive, the whales died soon after, and samples were taken for scientists to study their rarity.

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- When Ivan the Terrible's young son Dmitry died, a bell was rung to mark the occasion. The bell was later lashed, tried for treason, found guilty and exiled to Siberia. Why? Local legend had it that the bell rang of its own accord, which was considered an evil omen.
- * Each team must provide the referee with 24 footballs for each NFL game.
- * A neuroscientist suffered a series of strokes that left him with an irresistible urge to rhyme and rap. He made the most of this unusual side effect by going on to pursue freestyle rap and improvisation as a hobby.
- * Almost every New York City alley scene in the movies is shot at the same location.
- * Nigel Richards won a French Scrabble World Championship without actually knowing how to speak the language. He just memorized words from a French dictionary.
- * We hate to disillusion you, but pumpkin spice and pumpkin pie spice contain no pumpkin whatsoever.
- * There is an asteroid named after Kurt Vonnegut.
- * The world's oldest known rose bush, which grows up the side of Hildesheim Cathedral in Germany, was planted more than 1,000 years ago and even survived a World War II bombing.
- * In some cities, road crews use pickle juice or beet juice to combat winter's icy streets.
- * Got a mouse problem at your house? Your grocery store might provide a quick and easy answer in the form of bananas. Male mice are scared of their scent -- especially virgin male mice.
- * American radio broadcaster Art Bell stayed on air for a world-record-setting 116 hours and 15 minutes as part of a fundraiser to bring 130 Vietnamese orphans to the U.S. for adoption.

Thought for the Day: "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." -- Shirley Chisholm
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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Michael C. Simon as mortgagor, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated October 29, 2012, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on November 5, 2012, in Liber 492 at pages 1,334-1,348, and

upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$55,386.26, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; Now, Therefore, by virtue of a power of foreclosure sale by advertisement contained in said Mortgage, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County starting promptly at 10 a.m., on February 8, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

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ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's December board meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Present: LaLonde, MacNeill, Gauthier, Bouchard-excused Bolanowski. Motions to approve minutes from November meeting; accept treasurer report; to pay bills as presented; to reappoint all members of township subcommittees. All motions passed.

This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on Monday, Dec. 12. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring; treasurer Luenberger; clerk Pierce; aldermen, Schwanz, Bauermeister, Kaiser, Mason, Bean, and Peterson; attorney Cook and guests. Motion by Bean, support by Kaiser, to accept the minutes of November 14, 2022. Motion carried: 6-0. Motion by Mason, support by Peterson, to pay the bills in the amount of \$35,831.86. Motion carried: 6-0. The water/sewer budget meeting was opened at 7:20 p.m. Treasurer Luenberger presented the budget for the fiscal year 2023 which had been reviewed by the finance committee on December 7. There were no comments from the public. Schwanz moved the budget meeting to close at 7:25 p.m. Second by Peterson. Motion by Schwanz, support by Mason, to accept the water/sewer budget for 2023. Motion carried: 6-0. The city has met the criteria for the inclusion in the 2023 MDOT Surface Program Grant for restoration of the railroad crossing on Church Street at the railroad tracks. Discussion. MDOT TEDF-B grant award through Huron Engineering and Becky Rivard, to address resurfacing and repair of city streets. Discussion. Becky Bean addressed the tree survey plan in the city. State licensing of marijuana retailer Blooming Buds, LLC. Discussion. Mayor Gehring thanked attorney Dave Cook and Alderman Ward II, Mary Peterson, for their dedication and service to the city. Mayor Gehring thanked Harbormaster Steve Alexander for all the time and dedication he has put into bringing the harbor infrastructure up to date and the work involved in the overall maintenance of the harbor building. Clerk Pierce thanked attorney Dave Cook for his 50 years of service to the city, which he said, began with his father, Judge James Cook, bringing him along to the city meetings. Jim Cook attended as city attorney. To Mary Peterson for her five years on city council as Alderman Ward II. To Bill Thompson for his years as District 2 county commissioner. Your time and dedication have been sincerely appreciated. Request by clerk to increase Sum-

mer Concert Budget to \$3,500 for the 2023 season. Motion by Bauermeister, support by Schwanz, to table discussion to January 9, 2023 council meeting. Motion carried: 6-0. Harbor commission treasurer, Richard Huneke has agreed to be reappointed. Motion by Schwanz, support by Peterson, to approve reappointment of Richard Huneke to Harbor Commission as treasurer, term ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried: 6-0. Harbormaster Alexander brought to council the financial committee report for 2022. Discussion. Alexander shared his vision for the future of the harbor and informed council of the updates and infrastructure work that was completed in this transitional year. Fuel and dockage prices were up and brought in new revenues for the harbor, while slip rentals were down. He is working with state agencies and the local school district on several available grants and is pursuing outstanding monies owed to the harbor. An ad will be placed for three vacancies on the harbor commission. Planning commissioner Schwanz reported the Master Plan has been distributed to surrounding municipalities for a 63-day review and comment period. The planning commission will meet in January, 2023, for a formal review of any comments from the municipalities and recommend to city council, approval of the Master Plan. Once the Master Plan is approved, the commission will begin work to update the city Recreation Plan. Airport assistant manager Colleen Higgins reported the grant for tree removal was denied. Currently, getting estimates for tree services. Fire department assistant chief Keerl reported it has been a quiet month for the department. County commissioner Thompson discussed that the county commission has voted to change the veterans board from five to seven members. The Countywide cleanup will be the third Saturday in May, 2023. Guest Monica Spears shared with council the plans from the fireworks committee for New Year's Eve events at the pocket park for both children and adults, including a scavenger hunt from 3 to 5 p.m. Ball drops will be at 7 p.m. for children and midnight for adults. Becky Bean stated her pocket park committee is looking for more volunteers.

Alderman Schwanz shared the ongoing mural project for the building near the pocket park. There is grant money available for this and there will be a competition for submission of ideas for the murals. Alderman Bauermeister thanked the Planning commission for all its work in drafting an updated Master Plan. Alderman Bean questioned hunting geese at the harbor. It is legal on water or at the north wall during the hunting season. Motion to adjourn by Schwanz, support by Peterson. Adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township Board meeting was called to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance," at 7 p.m. on October 11 with members Healy, Landrum, Harvey, and Spitznagel present. The board was joined by Lisa Turek and Tony Atkinson. A motion was made to accept the clerk's minutes by Landrum, supported by Harvey; motion carried. The treasurer's report reconciled with the clerk's office. There was a motion to approve the Land Division Act Services Agreement as written by Healy, supported by Harvey; motion carried. Mr. Atkinson informed the board that Susan Calder and Randy Thompson were sworn in to office of the planning commission on October 5, prior to the planning commission meeting. The board discussed one applicant for the position of board of appeals secretary, it was decided to run an ad in the newspaper to allow for any interested applicants. The board will make a final decision at the next meeting. It was announced that there will be a short election commission meeting following the regular meeting. There was a final motion to pay the bills by Harvey, supported by Johnston; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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By Paul White
Columnist

In the book I've written that I'm attempting to have traditionally published, one of the stories is about a woman named Sheila whom everyone believes is successful in every area of her life.

Problem is, she's not feeling it. In fact, the more people tell her she's successful, the more she feels unworthy, unhappy and discouraged. She's about to seek help at a building that has a reputation for solving people's problems.

Several times each day she went through a pattern of frustration knowing she "had it all," and the only thing that having it all had resulted in was a feeling of emptiness.

Just as she reached for a tissue to dry her tears, she witnessed an elderly man trip and fall on the sidewalk right next to her car. She jumped out of her car, without noticing whether there were any cars coming, and rushed to his aid.

He had managed to catch his forward fall with his hands outstretched but had scraped the palms of his hands pretty severely, and they began to bleed. As Sheila began to attend to him and his injured hands, she remembered she had some unopened bottles of water in her car that she could utilize to help clean the wounds and that her fancy car came with a first aid kit. She had never used the

Thoughts to Ponder

By Paul White



first aid kit before, but suddenly she was grateful that it was there. The elderly gentleman was a little embarrassed that he had fallen but extremely grateful that Sheila was helping him. "I don't know how I can be so clumsy and lucky at the same time," he said.

"What do you mean?" Sheila responded.

"As I've gotten older, I have a diminished ability to do the things I used to do subconsciously. Now, I have to concentrate just to walk successfully. That's the clumsy part. But lo and behold, an angel was nearby to help me through the physical and mental pain that resulted from my clumsiness. I only wish I wasn't providing the big guy above with so many opportunities to dispense his army of angels. Are you an angel often?"

Sheila looked deep into the elderly gentleman's eyes as the emotions that had been interrupted by his fall returned, and she burst into tears. "Whoa now, hey there, it's okay," he said. "It isn't often that angels cry. Would it help if I fell again?"

"No, no, I'm so sorry, I ... I'm ... I've just had a lot on my mind, and I stopped because I was going to ... Well, I had heard that this building, or that this place here was somehow helping people in strange ways. And I think, well, I guess, I need help figuring life ... I mean my life ... well, actually, life in general ... out."

"Fascinating," the elderly gentleman replied, "An angel in need of an angel..."

Right this moment you know angels in need of an angel. You maybe haven't noticed or haven't paid close enough attention to realize it, but they are all around you.

I spent two full days in the emergency room of a hospital with my uncle. Whenever I left the room he was in I would pass by over 40 gurneys with patients waiting to be tended to in the hallway. If you know any health care workers, they're hanging on by a thread -- a very thin

thread.

They are all angels in need of an angel. One who will just acknowledge that they are giving their all every day, going home completely spent, and then showing up again the next day to be an angel all over again.

Be an angel to a health care worker. How? By simply asking them how they're doing and just listening to what they share. An angel doesn't want you to necessarily solve their dilemma, they mostly just want to vent. If you know someone who works in health-care, call them and just ask them how they're doing. That's being an angel to an Angel who's in need of someone like you.

Many Angels are working harder than ever with less support whether it's from lack of supplies, lack of co-workers, lack of product, or lack of support. They are all angels in need of an angel. People who work at restaurants, dealerships, grocery stores, franchises, small businesses, retail, schools and universities, daycare, media, landscapers, assisted living, nursing homes, and so many more.

Seems like everyone is running out of gas, yet they show up day after day to make the attempt to serve others again. They are purely and simply angels.

So, pause for a moment and think deeply about the angels you come in contact with each day. You'll realize you're surrounded by several. You don't necessarily have to know them well. Just be observant. Then think about all the things they have on their overflowing plate and yet there they are, ready to give their all again today in the role of being an angel to others.

They are the angel in need of an angel just like Sheila in the story above and you -- yes you -- could be the angel that their inner self is longing for. Will you be an angel to another angel today? It's really what matters most in life. Especially now.

Paul White is an entrepreneur, business owner, and a guest columnist from Midland, Mich. He can be reached at coach@theanswerdiscovery.com.

Harrisville Holiday Traditions

The Harrisville Goodfellows has rebuilt the manger that was destroyed last Christmas when a tree fell on it. The traditional nativity scene went on display Sunday, November 20, along with the lighting of the giant Christmas tree on the corner of US-23 and M-72.

The goal of the Harrisville Goodfellows is to make sure no one is forgotten about at Christmas time.

Fruit baskets were delivered to senior citizens in the community on Sunday, Dec 18 to wish them a Merry Christmas and a joyest Holiday Season.

Santa Claus also will be making an appearance to the homes of children ages 1 - 12 on Christmas Eve between 6:00 and 8:00 to say HO HO HO and Merry Christmas. We need the help of parents and grandparents to let us now if there will be children in the area on Christmas Eve so they can make it onto Santa's list. Leave the porch light on.

The geographic area for the Harrisville Goodfellows covers the City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township and the southern portion of Haynes Township.

Residents in our area can contact us with the address of children needing a visit from Santa at one of these phone numbers. 989-724-5077 or 989-724-9921.

We have placed donation envelopes around the community so donations can be mailed to the Harrisville Goodfellow to help in keeping up the Traditions.

Thank you for your help and support and enjoy a very Merry Christmas from the Harrisville Goodfellows.



Frankincense Boswellia trees exude a healing resin when their bark has been damaged. As this resin hardens, it is collected and sold as frankincense. In response to concerns about the conservation, legislation and trade developments affecting this industry, a Global Frankincense Alliance was formed in 2020 to address the long-term future of frankincense trees and the communities that harvest them.

Source: "The Future of Frankincense" by Davison-Bongers-Phillips

- Brenda Weaver