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New snowmobile trail connects Alcona, Iosco counties

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Snowmobilers riding between Alcona and Iosco counties will have a shorter, more direct route this season now that two trails have been connected via M-65.

It's taken almost eight years to connect five miles of snowmobile trail between the two counties, but the project was officially finished and the trail opened on Friday, Dec. 16 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

According to Jeff Matthews, chairman of the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Board, the new trail connects Trail 6 on the south side of the AuSable River by River Road and M-65 to Trail 96 (by the Oasis plaza) which runs through Alcona County north to McKinley.

"This has been going on for approximately seven and a half years with 10 different agencies involved," Matthews said. "I've waited a long time for (the ribbon cutting). It took the cooperation of a lot of people and many different agencies to make it happen.

It's a great asset to our snowmobile trails for both counties."

Numerous federal agencies were involved due to the trail's proximity to the hydroelectric dam owned by Consumers Energy, because the bridge was on the national historic register and also because the trail crosses U.S. Forest Service property. Several state agencies were also involved including the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) because wetlands were involved and the Michigan Department of Transportation. The Iosco County Road Commission, Consumers Energy and CenteryLink (a telecommunications tower is in the proximity of the trail) were also involved. There was even an endangered species impact study required.

Matthews explained the trail utilizes two forest service roads and a Consumers Energy service road between two dams. "We did have to clear and build a trail through a forest wetland and swamp - about 1,200 feet and we built a trail around the Consumers Energy administration building at Five Channels Dam - about 1,200 feet," he said.

"I want to give special thanks to Roger MacNeill of the DNR (Lincoln field office) for his help and cooperation in getting this completed," Matthews said. The project was also supported by the Michigan Snowmobile Association, the AuSable Valley Trail Riders and the Hale Area Trailblazers.

"This is a good place to cross the river," Matthews said. "It's a good place to get food and gas."

In addition to the ribbon cutting on the M-65 bridge Friday, there was also a ribbon cutting ceremony at the



Jeff Matthews (center) cuts the ribbon to officially open the new five mile snowmobile trail that connects Alcona and Iosco counties via the old M-65 bridge. Kari Vanderheuel (left), U.S. Forest Service recreation planner and Roger MacNeill, Michigan Department of Natural Resources forest fire officer, also participate in the ceremony. *Courtesy photo.*

Tigers defeat Hurons on the road

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

By the end of the first quarter, with the score tied at 11 for the fourth tie of the period, it appeared that the Alcona varsity boys basketball team had a battle on its hands.

It has always been difficult for the Tigers to win at Rogers City and it looked like this time was going to be no different.

Tiger Brock LaVergne started the game strong scoring six of Alcona's 11 points. Bryan Layton picked up two quick fouls and had to sit out the rest of the quarter. After

the Hurons went ahead 13-11 to start the second quarter, Layton evidently resolved to make up for his early mistakes. He did not draw another foul and scored 13 points as Alcona went on a 17-0 run. After Andrew Chamberlain scored a basket, Alcona had a 30-16 lead. Rogers City responded with a 7-0 run of their own, but still trailed 30-23 at halftime.

With the score 32-25 early in the third quarter, the Tigers went on another 7-0 run to increase their lead to 39-25. Rogers City broke that streak with a field goal before Alcona finished the quarter

with an 8-0 run; the game was pretty much over with the score at 49-27. Layton again led the attack with eight points.

With Coach Seth Coffing substituting freely, the Tigers were still able to play the Hurons evenly only losing the quarter 16-14.

The 63-43 victory was the largest margin of victory of the short season for the Tigers and put their record at 2-1.

"We adjusted well defensively in the second half and held them to four points. Our defense is improving," Coffing

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Correction

The Lincoln Lions Thank You ad on page 5 of the December 14 issue should have read Northern Oaks Taxidermy instead of Deepwoods Taxidermy. This unintentional omission was not the fault of this publication.

Obituary

Mary L. Dearing

Mary Lee Dearing, 78, of Glennie died on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at home.

She was born October 19, 1933 to Ernest and Athleen (Burgess) Schwerin in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was raised in Royal Oak, Mich. where she was a longtime resident. Later she moved to Hazel Park, Mich. and to Glennie in 2007.

She married John "Jack" Dearing in 1954.

She was employed by Beaumont Hospital as a housekeeper for 18 years.

She enjoyed going to casinos and playing bingo.

Mrs. Dearing is survived by three sons, John (Tammy) Dearing of Houghton Lake, Mich., Ernie (Pam) Dearing of Hazel Park, Mich. and Tom (Kelly) Dearing of South Carolina; two daughters, Anna (David) Ward of Warren, Mich. and Pam Jo (Steven) Birchmier of Oxford, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Clarence Schwerin and Jack Dale (Simone) Schwerin, both of St. Helen, Mich. and David (Monica) Schwerin of Florida; and one sister, Mona Rae (Truman) Thornton of Glennie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in March 2007; three brothers; and one grandson.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Ashes will be interred in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

Police Report

Deputies from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department and members of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) were called to a residence in Alcona Township on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at about 6:30 p.m. to handle an incident involving an elderly man who was threatening to shoot people.

According to Alcona County Sheriff Sgt. Scott Stephenson, the incident was defused and the man was taken to Alpena Regional Medical Center for treatment by 8 p.m. He explained that while the incident had been reported as a "barricaded gunman," the situation was not the case.

"A barricaded gunman is someone who refuses to come out - it is a voluntary situation. In this case, it was more of a mental health issue. This was an elderly man in his 80s with a specific diagnosis," Stephenson said.

Stephenson explained the man's name will not be released and no charges are pending because of the man's diagnosis and need for treatment. The man was armed, however, no shots were fired and no one else was in the home at the time of the incident.

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new warming shack at Trail 96/963 (Barton City trail - north side of the river). The AuSable Valley Trail Riders put up a three-sided 16 foot

by 16 foot metal "shack" with a metal fire pit in the center to be used by snowmobilers.

Matthews said the trail riders took donations to pur-

chase the materials and volunteers put up the structure. "A lot of people use the Barton City trail...this should be a popular spot."



AuSable Valley Trail Riders members (from left) John McBain, Bob Tate and Dave Hanson and Iosco County Parks and Recreation Board member Tom Ferguson cut the ribbon to the new warming shack on the Barton City trail located north of the AuSable River. *Courtesy photo.*

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said. "We now have to reduce our turnovers."

The Tigers had a total of 26 turnovers.

Coffing praised the play of Andy Cammack coming off the bench and thinks he can be another scoring threat as the season progresses. Alcona's bench contributed 20 points with Cammack scoring seven points and Nick

Garner adding six.

Layton led Alcona with 23 points, LaVergne hit for 12, Chamberlain had four points. Brandon Gibson and Austin Cole each hit a three-pointer. Chamberlain pulled down 11 rebounds, Cammack had 10, LaVergne had eight and Layton grabbed seven. Jared Steiner contributed six as-

The junior varsity soundly defeating the Rogers City JV team 65-35 to go 3-0 for the season. Trenton LaVergne scored 18 points and Carson Jameison added 10.

Alcona played a home game with Posen on Monday, Dec. 19 before the holiday break.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Dec. 11	44	23	0.00	5.8	27	SW
Dec. 12	41	28	0.00	3.1	18	SW
Dec. 13	44	35	0.00	0.2	9	WSW
Dec. 14	41	32	0.18	3.4	20	SSW
Dec. 15	53	32	0.06	4.6	28	SW
Dec. 16	33	24	0.00	2.3	23	N
Dec. 17	28	22	0.01	1.8	16	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2011-2012

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.25	0.04	0.42
December to Date	0.41	0.04	1.02
Year/Season to Date	33.01	0.04	27.59

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

Calendar of Events

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, "bingo," "garage sales" or "raffle ticket sales" information is also not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Spruce Lutheran Church will offer an emergency food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. No qualifying ID required. Volunteers needed at the pantry, call Donna at (989) 727-2521.

Sewing with Jennie Anderson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Rd. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

E-book setup and download class from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call, (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

Holiday drop-in craft for children, preschool to elementary, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is a free program, all materials provided. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 S. Church St., Lincoln. For more information, call (800) 733-2767.

All residents are invited to display their Christmas outdoor decorations for judging at 6 p.m. by the Barton City Improvement Association. Decorations and displays will be judged for best house, yard and theme.

Barton City Improvement Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Barton City VFW Hall on Trask Lake Rd. For more information, call (989) 736-3160.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m., meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. Call, (989) 739-4483 or (989) 278-9674 for more information.

Bible study at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, on the corner of US-23 and Medor Rd. north of Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 335-4054.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30

a.m. the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Video exercising at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Popcorn and a movie at 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

There will be a Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, on the corner of US-23 and Medor Rd., Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 335-4054.

Christmas Eve worship service at 8 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., three miles west of F-41 and US-23. All are welcome.

There will be a candlelight service at 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2100 Trask Lake Rd., Barton City. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day service at 9 a.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., three miles west of F-41 and US-23. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

New laptop set up class from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call, (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Spruce Lutheran Church will offer an emergency food

pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. No qualifying ID required. Volunteers needed at the pantry, call Donna at (989) 727-2521.

The third annual and 112th Audubon Christmas bird count will be held in the Sturgeon Point and Harrisville circle at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville State Park Contact Station in the circle parking lot. For more information, call Frank (989) 724-3056.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Foot clinic with Connie Cosbett R.N. at the Lincoln Senior Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$25. Call for an appointment at (989) 736-8879.

Come inside where it's warm and walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No charge. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Two computers available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for seniors over age 60 to use at the Lincoln Senior Center. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Friends and Family of Lucille Adair MacDermaid are invited to celebrate her 90th birthday reception/luncheon on December 27 from 2-5 p.m. at Lincoln First Baptist Church Activity Center, 114 E. Alger St., Lincoln. No gifts, but memories and photos are most welcome.
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Donations of these slightly used items are appreciated. The equipment may be dropped off at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call, (989) 736-8879 with any questions. All items must be in good, slightly used condition.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked

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to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 or (989) 735-5191 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, Dec. 26—All sites closed, no services.
- Tuesday, Dec. 27—Chicken Parmesan with spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad and peach crisp.
- Wednesday, Dec. 28—Breaded pork chop, cheese mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, Jell-O with fruit, fruit and cookies.
- Thursday, Dec. 29—Stuffed peppers, buttered noodles, wax beans, tropical fruit salad, an apple and brownie.
- Friday, Dec. 30—All sites closed, no services.

Volunteers Needed

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is seeking volunteers in Alcona County - walkers, cancer survivors, caregivers, community leaders, anyone wanting to make a difference - to organize and recruit fundraising teams, garner community support, coordinate logistics, obtain refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment and lend a hand to ensure the success of the 2012 event.

An Information Night will be held at 6 p.m. on January 12, 2012 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The meeting will provide information concerning the 2012 Relay For Life of Alcona County. Volunteers are needed to assist in planning of is event. The Relay For Life of Alcona County, which supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back

against the disease. Relay For Life is an event which brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups - all aimed at celebrating the lives of those who have had cancer, remembering those lost, and fighting back against the disease. The event is held overnight as individuals and teams camp at the Alcona High School Track, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track at all times throughout the event, signifying that cancer never sleeps. Teams do most fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during event.

Anyone who would like to join the Relay For Life of Alcona County as a volunteer or team participant, is encouraged call the American Cancer Society at (989) 895-1731, or visit www.RelayForLife.org/Alcona-CountyMI.

Recreation Grant Workshops

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold eight recreation grant workshops across the state for communities that are interested in learning about how to apply for grants to acquire, develop, or improve park facilities. Participants will learn about how to apply for grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund program, the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, and the Recreation Passport Grant program.

Grant workshops will be held in January and February 2012. The workshops are free, open to the public, and reservations are not necessary. Visit www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants for specific information on the grant workshops including dates, times and locations. Eligible applicants for these grants are local units of government, including cities, villages, townships, counties or any combination of these entities which authority is legally constituted to provide public recreation. Applications for these programs are due on April 2, 2012. Detailed information on these grants programs is also available at the website listed above or by calling Grants Management at (517) 373-9125, or by writing to: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925.

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Letters must address the editor -- not government, the community, organizations or the authors of previously published letters.

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We proudly served over 5,869 adult customers from April 23 through December 10 an average of 178 visitors every week!

Your continued business is responsible for our expansion to over 24 vendors, and we are planning an even bigger and better market in 2012. As always, our produce, plants, eggs, meat, cottage foods and craft items are exclusively Alcona grown and/or made.

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Organization Notes

Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 recently completed its local judging in the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship competition.

The following are local winners:

- Rebekah Pauly, AuGres-Sims High School, \$1,000
- Stuart Richardson, Alpena High School, \$1,000

- Alexis Cook, Alcona High School, \$500
- Jordan VanderVeen, Tawas Area High School, \$500
- Amanda Swinson, Alcona High School, \$250
- Tyler Samuels, Tawas Area High School, \$250

These students have also advanced to the district level where their applications will be judged with the scholarship winners from the other

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The Garden Bug

Frankincense



The fragrant, milky resin tapped from the Boswellia tree is known as *olibanum* in Arabic countries. It has been used in incense and perfumes since ancient times.

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Come All Ye Faithful

"For a child is born to us, a son is given. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**"

Isiah 9:6

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Sunday, December 25th

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Communion celebrated

Greenbush Community Baptist Church

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Christmas Day Service
11 a.m.

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Sunday, Dec. 25 at 9 a.m.
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Christmas Day Worship Service
Sunday, Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.
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Saturday, December 24th
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Christmas Day, December 25th



PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Region 9 Rural Task Force at 10 a.m. Friday, January 13, 2012 at the Montmorency County Road Commission, located at 11445 M-32, Atlanta, Michigan.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review the proposed Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) transportation projects utilizing federal-aid funding from the Rural Surface Transportation Program (STP-R) and Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) for the fiscal years 2012 to 2015. The Region 9 Rural Task Force covers Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties, and is comprised of 25 members: one MDOT member, and three members from each county representing the road commission, cities and villages under 5,000 population, and the area transit provider. Interested persons are invited to attend to give public comment.



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Grade	Openings
K	No Availability
1	No Availability
2	No Availability
3	No Availability
4	No Availability
5	No Availability
6	No Availability
7	No Availability
8	No Availability
9	No Availability
10	No Availability
11	No Availability
12	No Availability

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of Alcona Community Schools in partnership with our community, is to educate and empower each student to become a caring, responsible, competent world citizen.

There are no available seats for the 2011-2012 2nd semester at Alcona Community Schools. No applications will be available until later summer of 2012 when Fall Schools of Choice window will open. If you have any questions, please refer them to the District offices of Alcona Community Schools during normal hours at 989-736-6212.

Bowling

Early Bloomers

December 13

Mariogolds	211	149
Tigerlilys	190	170
Bluebells	190	170
Buttercups	188.5	171.5
Rosebuds	188	172
Mums	173	187
Daffodils	159.5	200.5
Violets	156	204
High game: Becky Kwilinski,	180.	
High series: Tammy Mendyka,	513.	
High team game: Bluebells,	470.	
High team series: Tigerlilys,	1,279.	

Huron

December 13

Rob's Repair	19	135.5
Gary Oil	28	133.5
Mancino's	5	113
Hart Tire	11	111
Back Alley	25	104
Big Joe's	6.5	82.5
B & D	23.5	80.5
Carpet One	2	80
High game: Ron Ellsworth,	277.	
High series: Ray Covey,	682.	
High handicap game: Jerry Blaszak,	282.	
High handicap series: Ray Covey,	766.	

Sportsman

December 15

Morgan Elec.	25.5	117.5
Balls On Ya	20	107
L.L.W. Club	10	97.5
Baymoor	4.5	97
Phil's Barber	21	84
Top O' Mich.	18	81
Cole's Appl.	12	73
Ghost Busters	9	63
High game and series: Jimmy Armstrong,	279 and 772.	
High handicap game: Jerry Blaszak,	281.	
High handicap series: Jimmy Armstrong,	772.	

Wednesday Nite Women's

December 14

Other Team	118	92
Back Alley	112	98
Stoney Acres	107.5	102.5
Ark Plumbing	105.5	104.5
Cole's Appl.	105	105
Alcona Tool	103.5	106.5
Alcona Abstract	94.5	115.5
JB's Auto	94	116
High game: Mary Jackson,	222.	
High series: Patty Cook,	578.	
High handicap game: Linda Hudgins,	248.	
High handicap series: Patty Cook,	671.	

Majors

December 17

Hunters	122	88
Trappers	118.5	91.5
Than You	114	96
Umph	107.5	102.5
Kingpins	92.5	117.5
Swag	75.5	134.5
Boy's high game and series: Leigh Gibson,	244 and 548.	
Boy's high handicap game: Robert Levesque,	287.	
Boy's high handicap series: Stephen Turpen,	694.	
Girl's high game and series: Megan Griffith,	207 and 575.	
Girl's high handicap game: Karly Ciesielski,	267.	
Girl's high handicap series: Megan Griffith,	695.	

Minors

December 17

Princesses	27	8
Busters	22.5	12.5
Deers	21.5	13.5
Team 3	17.5	17.5
Crushers	16	19
Breakers	14.5	20.5
Dew Drops	12	23
Vacant	9	26
Boy's high game: Avory Lee,	153.	
Boy's high series: Jay Nordstrom,	274	
Boy's high handicap game and series: Jay Nordstrom,	248 and 480.	
Girl's high game and series: Taylor Sobock,	140 and 246,	
Girl's high handicap game and series: Olivia Baird,	243 and 470.	



Local bowler Jimmy Armstrong has been on a scoring spree over the past three weeks at Village Lanes in Harrisville. On November 30 he had games of 279, 277, and 268 for a series total of 824, one pin shy of his personal best. This was the fourth 800 series of his career, and the first one without a perfect 300 game. The following week he started slowly with a 210 game but then went on a string of 17 straight strikes, resulting in his 11th 300 game and a 279 game for a total of 789. A four pin in the fifth frame of game three prevented back-to-back 300 games. On December 14 he started with a 256 and followed with 279, finishing the first game with eight strikes and starting the second with nine strikes, the second 17 strike streak in two weeks. He finished with a 237 game and 772 series. By averaging 265 per game the past three weeks, Armstrong has raised his average to 236. *Courtesy photo.*

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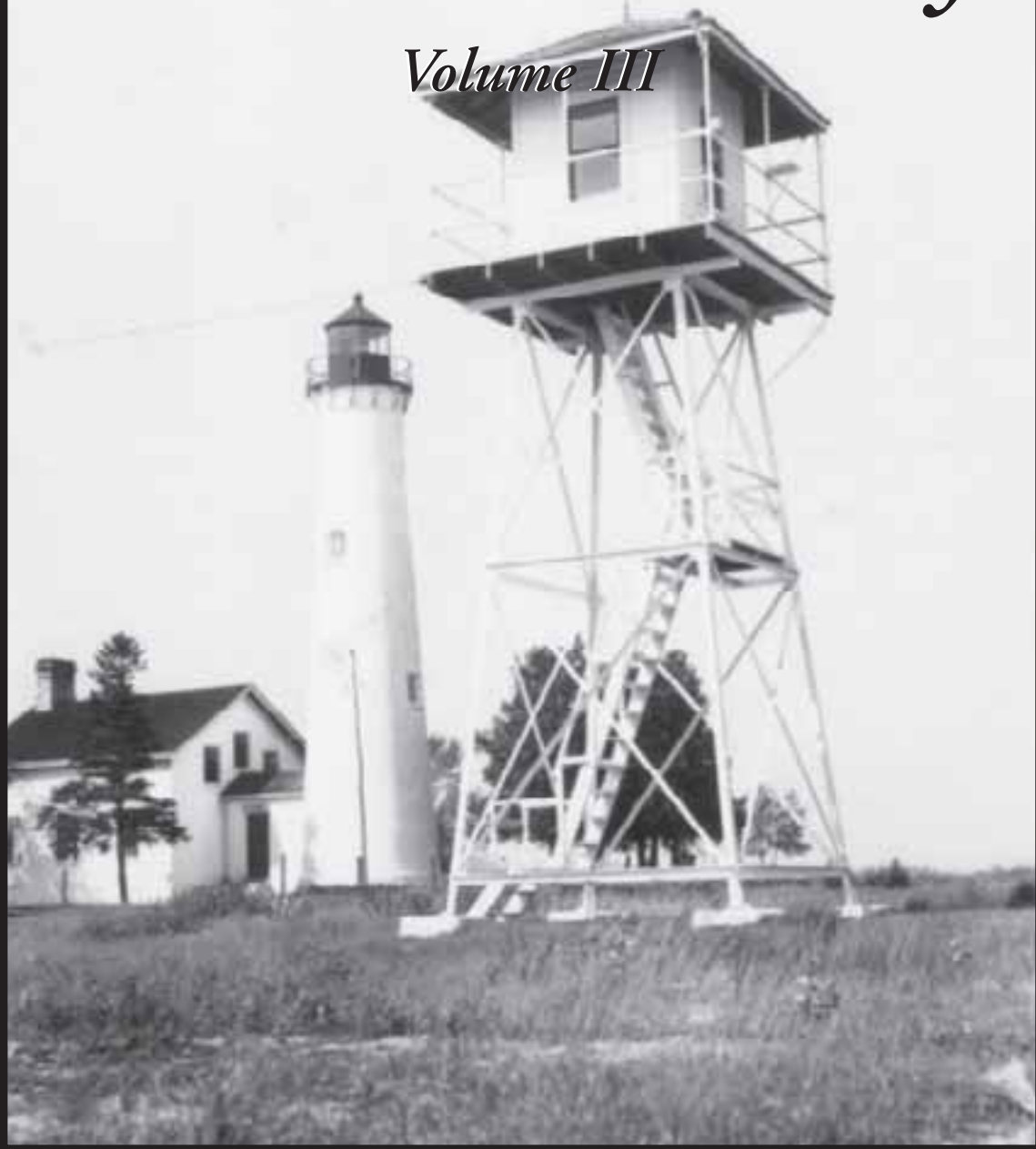
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Bob Alger of Casco, Mich. shot a 10 point in the Lincoln area on December 10. *Courtesy photo.*

Pool League

Alcona Women's
December 15

Mikado Legion	74
Mikado Tavern	57
Oasis	48
Back Alley	47
Glennie Tavern	44

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE OFFICIAL CLOSEOUT HEARING OF THE BLIGHT ELIMINATION (DOWNTOWN DEMOLITION) PROJECT OF THE VILLAGE OF LINCOLN TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012, 6:00 P.M. LINCOLN VILLAGE HALL, 117 W. FISKE STREET LINCOLN, MICHIGAN 48742

This is an official notice to the public of the closing out and completion of the downtown blight elimination project of the Village of Lincoln and its Downtown Development Authority (DDA). This project resulted in the purchase and demolition of two buildings in the Lincoln downtown and cleanup and seeding of those sites. These buildings that were demolished are described as follows

BUILDING ONE - 222 S. Second Street, commonly known as the Miller Hardware or the Stephenson Building, previously owned by S & S Real Properties, aka Alan Stephenson.

BUILDING TWO - 120 S. Second Street, commonly known as the Alcona Auto Parts Building, previously owned by Delbert W, Apsey, Revocable Living Trust.

GRANT FUNDS This blight elimination project has been funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) with a grant designation MSC 209118-ESB. The total cost of the project was \$181,390, with state grant funds if \$126,668 and Village and DDA funds if \$54,722. All of these funds have been expended and a final grant review was made by and MEDC official on May 4, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT An official public hearing concerning this blight elimination project will be conducted prior to the grant closeout by the Village of Lincoln Council on Tuesday January 3, 2012 at 6 P.M. at the Lincoln Village Hall at 117 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln Michigan 48742. Any and all of the public is invited to attend this hearing and make comment. Official minutes of this hearing will be recorded and sent to the MEDC for review.

NOTICE OF BID

The Village of Lincoln is accepting bids for snow removal along sidewalks within the Village. The removal process will encompass a total of five blocks and run from January 3, 2012 to April 15, 2012. Sidewalks included will be: East and west sides of Second Street from Main Street to Traverse Bay State Road and the north and south side of Traverse Bay State Road from Second Street to Church Street.

Requirements include: Coordinating with the Village Maintenance Department for removal of snow to the Village streets. Said coordination may include removing snow at specific times in conjunction with the removal of snow from the Village Streets. The snow on the sidewalks shall be removed only after there has been an accumulation of three or more inches of snow. If a blade or blower is used, it must have a plastic runner on the bottom. References must be shown upon request and bidder must present insurance/bond information. Sealed bids will be accepted through January 2nd, 2012 and will be opened at the regular meeting of the Village Council on Tuesday January 3rd, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 117 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln,. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason.

Bids should be sent to:
Village Clerk
P.O. Box 337
Lincoln, MI 48742
Snow Removal Bid

Questions may be directed to:
Phillip S. Jordan, Village President
989-736-7583

12/21 & 12/28

Seasonal Cycles
Winter was filled with migrating sparrows, catbirds, goldfinches and robins. Spring was filled with cowbirds, wrens, titmice and woodpeckers. Babies, babies were everywhere during the summer. Fall has red-winged blackbirds, crows and blue jays. My yard is always filled, and so is my heart.
Happy New Year, everyone!

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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3	7	2	1	4	8	6	5	9
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The nightmare before Christmas

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

If you're looking for a sure-fire wake-up call, try having a poodle insistently lick your elbow. That's Bastie's system for waking me and believe me, it's an effective one.

Wiping off my elbow while opening one eye, I determine that it's still full dark outside. I stare blearily at the clock on the bedside table. Five a.m. A small but sincere groan escapes me.

"I am sorry to wake you, Grandmuzzer," Bastie the grand-poodle whispers, "But zat cat, he is in ze tree again. I would not disturb you, but zat tree, she is really rock-ing..."

As I descend the stairs, I find it's true - zat tree, she is really rocking. As Bastie would put it, "she is rockin' like a 'urricane." I stand before the quivering Christmas tree. Yes, there - from the middle, about halfway up - a pair of golden eyes peer back at me.

"Down," I command, slapping my hands together and stomping my right foot. "Get down! Right now!" Like that perennial Christmas favorite, the Clapper, the tree stops shaking and stands still again. A small, black kitten slinks out from beneath the branches and scampers up the stairs.

So far, despite Braveheart's repeated attempts to make it to the angel on the top, we haven't lost a single ornament.

That's because, except for the angel on the top, the tree stands in our living room tall, straight and totally naked. Actually, I kind of like it that way, but I don't suppose it will do. Art put the tree up Friday. But then I wanted to at least tidy the halls before we decked them, and on Saturday we had to do the last minute shopping, and on Sunday we had a holiday party to attend. Maybe, I think, snapping on the coffee pot, we can get some ornaments on it tonight.

That's the way this particular Christmas season has gone. In the kitchen, the ingredients for the cookies we traditionally bake and present to friends are piled on the counter, all ready to go in case anyone should happen to get going. Upstairs in the den, a pile of gifts sit, waiting to be wrapped. It is very possible that some of them will be presented in festive holiday bags this year - brown paper ones, printed with such joyous Christmas phrases as "Mr. Ed's IGA."

This particular week before Christmas, I seem to have gotten just a little behind.

It's not that Christmas snuck up on me, or even that the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas was shorter this year. It's not even that the days go by at such a fantastic clip.

Part of it can be blamed on my increasing commitment to crafting some of my own gifts each year. Right now, three of the more important cards sit half-completed on the desk, while a lovely wine bag and a couple of its unattached parts are piled near

the sewing machine. Three paper-sculpted angels are finished, if not boxed and wrapped, but the fabric for the second wine bag isn't even cut out and the wreath base, rather than gracing our front door, is still in the bag from the store.

From time to time, surveying the chaos of el Casa de Kniep con Christmas, I remind myself of the Grinch's holiday. You remember. It came without ribbons, it came without tags, it came without packages, boxes or bags. It's very possible that this particular Christmas, ours will, too.

It's equally possible that won't happen. One of these nights (very possibly tonight) we will haul out the holly and get the tree properly dressed. I will march myself into the kitchen and get the cookies put together and while they're baking (with a timer dutifully at hand) I will gather and wrap the gifts.

The recipient of the second wine bag isn't due till a few days after the big event, actually, so while she may receive it with un-ironed seams and un-snipped threads a-hanging, she will receive it. The two most important cards I will most likely finish up after midnight on Christmas Eve. And maybe Santa himself will fill the stockings with the stuffers I still have to go out and acquire.

It's not that I don't feel the Christmas spirit, as happens some years. It's not even that I'm a whole lot busier than usual, although I'm busy, as usual. It's just that somehow, somewhere, despite spirited attempts at my part to get it all done, I got a little behind this year.

It would be overwhelming, if - like the little lamb in the song - I didn't know what I know. Age doesn't bring a great many positives, but one of them is the knowledge that truly, in the great scheme of things, none of those things matter.

If the cookies remain unbaked some friends might be disappointed (or maybe, it occurs to me, relieved) but it's highly unlikely they'd cross me off their friend's list. If the gifts weren't beautifully wrapped and bowed, the family would still like the things I've selected (or not, as the case may be). If the wine bags aren't presented until March, well, who goes picnicking in February anyway?

I suppose if the tree remains tall, dark and naked through the holiday, adorned with only an angel and a small, black kitten, the neighbors may find it eccentric. But then, they've put up with our other eccentricities all these years.

What matters, I've come to realize, isn't what's on our tree or beneath it - it's who is around it. What matters isn't what's in the presents, or what the presents are in - it's the thought and love, and sometimes the humor, with which they were selected. If the roast is done to a turn and the potatoes are fluffy, no one will have room for cookies, anyway.

I wanted to offer that reas-

Puttin' On The Fritz

urance to all those out there (most of them women) who in this final week of this particular Christmas season, find themselves just a little behind. Christmas isn't about perfection. It isn't about having. It's about hearts.

That said, since Bastie got me up early, I'd better follow the example of the Christmas tree and get to rockin'. If I didn't mind plugging in the noisy mixer down in the basement to keep from waking the rest of the house, I could probably get those cookies done before breakfast.

Like I said, ultimately, it doesn't matter. What matters is that in el Casa de Kniep on Christmas Eve and Christmas morn - and hopefully right on into the new year, we will have love, laughter and warmth. There will be food and family and joy to share. Those gifts, even unwrapped beneath a naked tree, would be enough.

And that's what we wish for you this holiday, dear readers. Laughter and warmth and joy to share. With a cat in the middle and an angel on the top.

Merry Christmas.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 27 years.)

A TIME TO GIVE

Alcona County Economic Development Commission and Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce have partnered together with three agencies in the community to assist with their donation and fundraising needs.

THE AGENCIES ARE:

• Shelter, Inc. • My Brother's Hope • Alcona Food Pantry

A complete list of everyday and holiday needs is available by agency at the drop off location which is 410 E. Main Street, Harrisville. Donations are accepted Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This project will run from November 25 to December 23.

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Oscoda school district and sports boosters promote Owl pride

In a combined effort the Oscoda Area Schools and Oscoda Sports Boosters have been hard at work this year rebuilding Owl pride with the help of some remodeling and new purchases by the boosters.

During the fall sports season, many "Welcome to Owl Country" banners were placed around the playing fields. In addition, the back entrance to the school has a new look welcoming Owl fans and visitors with a new painted wall, a huge Owl logo, and an "Owl Country" sign.

"This is just the start," said Yvonne Mallak, Oscoda Sports Boosters treasurer. "We have several other purchases in the works, including two team letter flags that will proudly be waved at both indoor and outdoor games, a new run-through banner that will welcome Owl teams at home games, and finally, a brand new Owl mascot that will help rally the crowds at Oscoda Area School and community events.

Superintendent Scott Moore explained the importance of instilling a sense of celebration in the Owl that has represented Oscoda for many years. "To me, the Owl has always represented knowledge, courage and,

most importantly, wisdom. I am very grateful that the boosters have a renewed interest in promoting our values to all those who enter our community. I was blessed that I have been able to work with the boosters recently and I can assure you that they are a group of dedicated individuals who are trying very hard to instill Owl pride in our kids and community."

"We aren't done yet," said booster president Jaque Lamrock. "We are going to continue to support our teams in every way possible. We are so grateful that the Oscoda community continues to support our organization every time we have an event and need donations.

"We know it isn't easy in this economy, but when we need help for things like our upcoming reverse raffle dinner, the Oscoda and surrounding area businesses are always there for us. In turn, we hope that once our new mascot arrives, local events and businesses will want the Owl to make an appearance."

Anyone who is interested in becoming involved with the boosters or in making a donation as a sponsor of the new Owl may contact Yvonne Mallak at (989) 739-8401.



The back entrance to Oscoda High School has been given a new look with a focus on promoting school pride and spirit. *Courtesy photo.*

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The creativity creature is on the loose

By Mary Weber
Columnist

What is it about this special time of year that brings out the creative beast in me? I normally never have the slightest desire to be artsy. In fact, with the exception of gardening and writing, my creative gene lies dormant for most of the year.

Suddenly it's Christmas and this crazed creative lobe in my brain -- which I'm sure is filled with nothing but old tinsel and tangled twinkle lights that will never, ever, work -- goes into overdrive.

I'm always so confident in my creative lobe that common sense is, unfortunately, hurled out the window. I usually find it sometime around the spring thaw just laying there, crumpled and beaten underneath a day lily. Why my common sense is laying outside under a day lily I simply have no clue, but I'm always glad to find it again.

Until then this artsy creative beast is in full control. I become super woman, able

I even got an early start, making the cookies three weeks before they would be needed, only to find a few days before the event that I hadn't baked the cookies long enough and most went moldy in the jars. Of course, by this time I was heavily invested in making giant paper mache snowballs for the pet picture set that were literally blowing up in my face.

I'm glad that there are others that must "create" during the holidays and that I'm not the only one that has mishaps.

This year the garden club had decided to make the centerpieces for its holiday luncheon and a whole group of us gathered together weeks before the event to make centerpieces from fresh birch logs and candles, decorated with raffia ribbon and moss. We had a wonderful time appeasing our creativity and each centerpiece looked lovely when we left that day.

Unfortunately, they too were discovered -- just a few

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and decorative chewy candies.

It sounds easier than it actually is...the icing kept getting too warm and the decorations slid off the green ice cream cones. Still, all in all, some actually made it to the lunch and they looked adorable.

I couldn't wait for my special luncheon guest to arrive and see all that we had created. She arrived just a little late and I'm not sure if she even noticed how nice the room looked. She sat down quickly looking just a little unraveled, "I backed out of the garage today and didn't notice the garage door wasn't open all the way" she whispered to me, "no one was hurt but my pride and the garage door."

Luckily the garden ladies comforted her by telling her of their accounts of "lack of common sense moments" and there were plenty of stories to tell...apparently drying out cattails in your microwave will cause a fire, as will pine cones in paper bags in electric ovens. So, really, backing out into your garage door isn't all that bad.

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Christmas tree cupcakes are one of the creative projects tackled this holiday season. Photo by Mary Weber.

to bake cookies, order gifts online, design personal Christmas card poetry, make a scrapbook covering 100 years of relatives' pictures, design the pet picture with Santa set, help with making centerpieces for the garden club luncheon -- all while I plan the perfect baby shower for my daughter for 70 of her closest friends and relatives downstate.

I was so relieved to find out recently though, that the creativity beast runs rampant at this time of year and no matter how hard some of us try to squelch this monster...it appears.

The beast first showed its fangs this year when I thought I could make some dog cookies and place them in cute mason jars for the Alcona Humane Society to sell at Christmas in the Village (the giant craft bazaar that's held yearly in Harrisville the first weekend in December). It sounded easy enough. How difficult could it possibly be to make dog treats?

days before the event -- covered in mold. Apparently you need to dry out the birch, or seal it, before attaching decorations to it.

Luckily, I had just enough time to bake new dog cookies and one of our more talented garden club members was able to bleach and sand off the moldy birch logs, seal them and redecorate them before the luncheon. They were gorgeous.

With these creative tasks out of the way, it was time to tackle something new. One of the garden club members wanted to make cute Christmas tree cupcakes for the lunch. I know if I had had my common sense, I would have had a great excuse to not help her, but my creative lobe said, "sure, I can help."

The night before the luncheon we were carefully attaching sugar ice cream cones on top of cupcakes and decorating them with green icing and a table full of colored sugar granules, cute little candy cane shaped sprinkles

Merry Christmas

We would like to express how grateful we are to be a part of this wonderful community. Our hearts are touched when we see the community as a whole pull together to make a difference in so many lives and setting an example of goodwill for future generations.

As we celebrate this Christmas season, please keep in your hearts and prayers the men and women who cannot be with their families. Be safe and return home soon.

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For the Week of December 12-18, 2011

59 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 3 Arrests, 2 Operating While Intoxicated and 1 Warrant.

Complaint Statistics

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Car/Deer Accidents	9	Property Damage	3
General Assistance	3	False Alarm	5
Burglary	1	Domestic	2
Dog/Animal	1	Operate While Intoxicated	2
911 Hang Up	2	Larceny	6
Well Being Check	2	Miscellaneous	5
Suspicious Events	1	Patrol Check	3
Trespassing	2	Threats/Harrasment	1
Warrants	1	Assault & Battery	3
Civil Assist	3	Open Door	1

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Greenbush	3	Gustin	6	Harrisville	4
Hawes	8	Haynes	8	Mikado	4
Millen	3	Mitchell	2		
Harrisville City	8	Village of Lincoln	2		

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It is Christmas time in the north woods, a time when we all seem to be preoccupied with creative crafty notions that our good old common sense just flies away. Just be safe and take a deep breath. I'm sure, like me, you'll find your common sense again sometime in May.

(Mary Weber, born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband, Willy, when he retired. Life in the north woods, away from city life, presents new experiences with nature on a daily

basis...and they love every minute of it.)

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Looking For Care

Dear Looking,
Depending on where you live, finding a new primary care doctor or specialist that accepts Medicare patients can be challenging. Because of low reimbursement rates and greater paperwork hassles, many doctors today have opted out of Medicare or they're not accepting new patients with Medicare coverage.

With that said, Medicare is now offering a service that makes finding Medicare-approved doctors a little easier. And, there are a number of good resources available today that can help you check up on prospective doctors for free.

The government's new online "Physician Compare" tool is one of the easiest ways to locate doctors in your area that accept traditional Medicare. Just go to www.medicare.gov/find-a-doctor where you can do a search by physician's name, medical specialty or by geographic location. Or, if you don't have Internet access you can also

get this information by calling (800) 633-4227.

Keep in mind, though, that locating a Medicare-approved doctor doesn't guarantee you'll be accepted as a patient. Many doctors limit the number of Medicare patients they accept while others have a full patient roster don't accept any new patients. You'll need to call the individual doctor's office to find out.

Another option you may want to consider is to join a Medicare Advantage plan. These are government approved, private health plans (usually HMOs and PPOs) sold by insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare. These plans may have more doctors available than original Medicare does. See www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to research this option.

After you've found a few Medicare-approved doctors that are accepting new patients, there are plenty of resources available today that can help you research them. Some of the best include HealthGrades, Vitals and RateMDs. These are free doctor-rating websites that provide important background information as well as consumer comments and ratings from past patients.

Here's a breakdown of what each site offers:

- Healthgrades.com provides in-depth profiles on around 750,000 U.S. physicians including their education and training, hospital affiliations, board certifica-

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tion, awards and recognitions, professional misconduct, disciplinary action and malpractice records. It also offers a five-star ratings scale from past patients on a number of issues like communication and listening skills, wait time, time spent with the patient, office friendliness and more.

- Vitals.com provides some basic background information on around 720,000 U.S. doctors along with unedited comments from past patients and ratings on things like promptness, bedside manner, accurate diagnosis and more.

- RateMDs.com primarily offers ratings and anonymous comments from past patients.

It's a good idea to check out all three doctor-rating sites so you can get a bigger sampling and a better feel of how previous patients are rating a particular doctor.

Another good resource to help you gather information is at angieslist.com (888 888-5478). This is a fee-based membership service that also offers doctors ratings and reviews from other members in your area for \$7.60 for one

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That "free" lunch could cost plenty

Senior News Line
By Matilda Charles

Those free-lunch seminar scams are still going on. That's because it's lucrative for scammers. They want to separate you from your money, and too often they succeed.

The American Association of Retired Persons has released a study on victims of scam seminars and other financial risks to seniors.

The study showed that people who are more likely than the general population to fall for investment scams have the following behaviors: They will listen to sales pitches on the phone, attend promotions where a free night's stay or a meal is given, provide personal information to salespeople, allow people to come into their home for a sales pitch, read junk mail, not hang up on telemarketers, and call 1-800 numbers to send for free information.

In other words, they're opening themselves up to being scammed.

Even if one of these financial seminars is hosted by your local senior center or another trusted local organization, do your homework in advance. Call the center to ask who checked

it out, and how. Go online and do a search for the company's name. What are their true qualifications? Are they local? See if there are any complaints at the Better Business Bureau.

And if you go to a free lunch seminar (don't go, but if you do): Don't fill out any forms that give your personal information. Even giving your telephone number could be a step toward being harassed. They'll want to visit you at your home, where you're more vulnerable and have all your financial information handy so they can determine how much you're worth and decide how to fine tune their approach.

And leave your checkbook at home.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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River Aux Sables Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Willow Tree Restaurant in West Branch, Mich. for the last meeting of the year. Guest Speaker was Donnie Boursaw, director of the LDS Family History Center in West Branch, Mich.

Boursaw has been director for 22 years, beginning before much was known about genealogical tracing. Her early tracing was mostly by trial and error experience as was that of most of us who began our genealogical efforts before "Roots" stirred up the interest in tracing your family tree in the 1970s.

Boursaw related the Church Latter Day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah is the largest repository of genealogical records and information in the world. The five story genealogical library with two sub basements and Granite Mountain Repository in Utah has more than a billion genealogical records, and is in the process of being digitalized for further safety and security. The climate controlled tunnels of Granite Mountain are capable of keeping the records they hold on film and actual loose leaf records and books, safe and intact for the next 200 years. There are over 5000 LDS genealogical research sites in the United States most housed in designated LDS churches, but a few, like the Gladwin site, are in public

buildings. Each site is connected to Salt Lake City by computer. All records are accessible by computer, microfilm or microfiche, or books free or by minimal cost to rent for a month at a time, or on the free website, FamilySearch.org. Each research site has a particular regional specialty depending on the population or historic interest of the area.

Each site is manned by volunteers who are happy to help with family tree research,

so Boursaw recommended that anyone interested in utilizing the sites should call ahead and check on the times when the closest site will be open.

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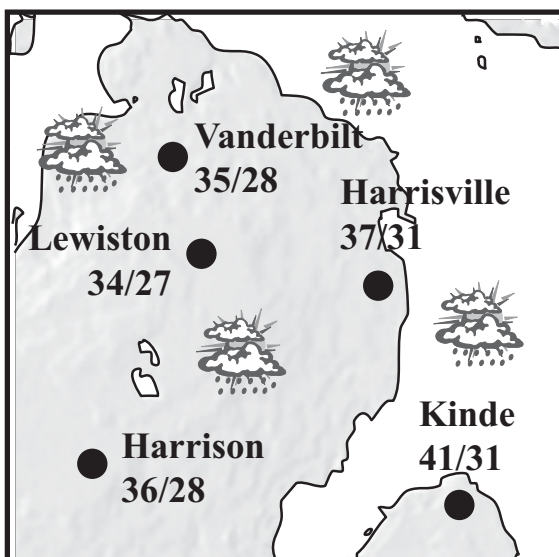
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Dec. 21, 2011

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High: 36 Low: 27
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Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of rain, high temperature of 37°, humidity of 75%. West wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 58° set in 1967. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 31°. West wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -11° set in 1989.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	47	28	32/18	0.03"
Tuesday	43	31	32/18	0.00"
Wednesday	43	24	31/17	0.23"
Thursday	51	31	31/17	0.08"
Friday	31	22	31/17	0.00"
Saturday	27	14	31/16	0.02"
Sunday	35	25	30/16	0.01"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

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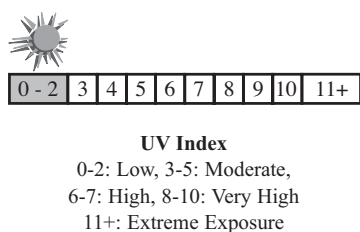
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Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 12/24	Wednesday 8:06 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	4:35 a.m.	2:16 p.m.	Full 1/9
Thursday 8:07 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	5:49 a.m.	3:06 p.m.		
Friday 8:07 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	6:57 a.m.	4:04 p.m.	Last 1/16	
Saturday 8:08 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	7:55 a.m.	5:10 p.m.		
Sunday 8:08 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	8:44 a.m.	6:20 p.m.		
Monday 8:09 a.m.	4:59 p.m.	9:23 a.m.	7:31 p.m.		
Tuesday 8:09 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	9:56 a.m.	8:40 p.m.		

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered rain today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 65° in Stockton, Md. The Southeast will see scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 82° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered snow today, mostly clear skies Thursday, partly cloudy to cloudy skies with a few showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Colville, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 66° in Imperial, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:17 a.m.	3:41 p.m.
Venus	10:18 a.m.	7:21 p.m.
Mars	11:16 p.m.	12:24 p.m.
Jupiter	1:43 p.m.	3:15 a.m.
Saturn	2:51 a.m.	1:49 p.m.
Uranus	12:35 p.m.	12:41 a.m.

Weather History

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

Weather Trivia

Do lightning strike survivors have difficulty with short-term memory?

Answer: Yes.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Low Sun, High Hopes

This has been a strange autumn, at least for those living along the Eastern Seaboard. After coasting along under mild conditions during most of October, we were lashed by a crippling nor'easter on the 29th, the earliest major snowfall in recorded history. Within a week the ice was gone and so was the cold snap. Through November, most outdoor activities happening during the afternoon hours could still be conducted with just a light jacket. Now that we are approaching the Holidays, more seasonal conditions have become apparent, but the air still does not have the bitter bite of December. The National Weather Service's long range forecast through mid-January predicted a much colder than normal autumn with higher amounts of precipitation and multiple major winter events before the New Year. Autumn seems to have pounced early, and then rolled over to play dead. Even if the meteorological chronometers are having trouble ticking to the calendrical dates, the clockwork universe "tocks" to a precision that cannot be denied. The sun's southward motion has slowed to an almost imperceptible rate and will halt completely on the morning of December 22 at 12:30 a.m. EST, to be precise. Old Sol will be at its winter standstill position, or as astronomers call it, the winter solstice. Fall will be gone, and winter will be upon us. At that moment I plan to be outside listening very intently to the first telltale sounds of "creaking" as the sun reverses itself and begins that barely noticeable rise against the celestial vault. It will take a month before people start to perceive the slight increase in the length of daylight, and another month before cars parked in the afternoon sun begin to feel cozy upon entering; but gradually the changes will occur as the sun continues to climb ever higher into the sky, melting winter into a budding spring. I guess you could simply call it high expectations for a low sun. www.astronomy.org

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LANGUAGE:** From what language are all the modern Romance languages derived?
2. **SCIENCE:** What term describes the lowest point in a satellite orbiting the Earth?
3. **HISTORY:** When did Labor Day become a federal holiday in the United States?
4. **INVENTIONS:** What was Eli Whitney's most famous invention?
5. **GOVERNMENT:** In what year was the U.S. Constitution ratified?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** What nation calls itself Espana in its native tongue?
7. **ANCIENT WORLD:** Where did the Minoan culture flourish?
8. **POETRY:** Who wrote the poem called "The Waste Land"?
9. **MUSIC:** What Beatles' album features the songs "Rocky Raccoon" and "Helter Skelter"?
10. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many pints are in a quart?

Answers: 1. Latin; 2. Perigee; 3. 1894; 4. Cotton gin; 5. 1789; 6. Spain; 7. Crete; 8. T.S. Eliot; 9. "The Beatles" (The White Album); 10. Two. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Forum wear</p> <p>5 Wolf gang?</p> <p>9 Drive the getaway car</p> <p>13 Positive thinker</p> <p>18 Lipinski leap</p> <p>19 Deejay Freed</p> <p>20 Interoffice communique</p> <p>21 Hickman or Strawberry</p> <p>22 Canadian coin</p> <p>23 Ordinary</p> <p>24 "Trinity" author</p> <p>25 Kind of paint</p> <p>26 Start of a remark by Don Marquis</p> <p>30 Narcs' org.</p> <p>31 "Agnus —"</p> <p>32 Cinema sled</p> <p>36 Lineman's tool</p> <p>40 Seville shout</p> <p>42 Renown</p> <p>45 Debut recording</p> <p>46 Atmosphere</p> <p>47 Discontinue</p> <p>49 Sharpens a skill</p> | <p>51 Choose, with "for"</p> <p>52 Part 2 of remark</p> <p>57 Cartoon canine</p> <p>58 Part 3 of remark</p> <p>59 Delany and Wynter</p> <p>60 Time of your life</p> <p>63 Head line?</p> <p>65 Susann or Shake-speare</p> <p>69 Entreaty</p> <p>70 Mrs. Eddie Cantor</p> <p>73 Prom date</p> <p>76 Gulliver's first name</p> <p>78 Portly</p> <p>79 Wattle's partner</p> <p>81 Speculation</p> <p>83 Conductor Klemperer</p> <p>84 Gold brick?</p> <p>86 Pageant prop</p> <p>89 Part 4 of remark</p> <p>90 Sixth sense</p> <p>93 Part 5 of remark</p> <p>99 Mellow</p> <p>101 Studio sign</p> <p>102 "— Breath You Take"</p> <p>103 Computer image</p> | <p>104 Man the bar</p> <p>106 Belarusian city</p> <p>108 Cote cutie</p> <p>109 Bantered</p> <p>111 November 11th</p> <p>113 Stirrup site</p> <p>115 Create a chemise</p> <p>116 End of remark</p> <p>125 Monastery bigwigs</p> <p>128 Tivoli's Villa d'—</p> <p>129 Neighbor of Can.</p> <p>130 Concept</p> <p>131 He had things done by Friday</p> <p>132 — breve</p> <p>133 Unusual</p> <p>134 It's nothing</p> <p>135 Off the plate</p> <p>136 Basketball's Willis</p> <p>137 Black</p> <p>138 Seth's son</p> | <p>6 Maui greeting</p> <p>7 Poirot's concern</p> <p>8 Handle</p> <p>9 Tickle</p> <p>10 Wodehouse's</p> <p>11 Send out</p> <p>12 Peter of reggae</p> <p>13 Dieter's discomfort</p> <p>14 Cleared the slate</p> <p>15 Cardigan part</p> <p>16 Pipe cleaner?</p> <p>17 Building wing</p> <p>21 Signifies</p> <p>27 HST's predecessor</p> <p>28 Crusader kingdom</p> <p>29 Persian, presently</p> <p>33 Early epic</p> <p>34 Ref</p> <p>35 Speck</p> <p>36 Talk-show pioneer</p> <p>37 Mechanic's offering</p> <p>38 Pressing need</p> <p>39 — de Cologne</p> <p>40 Above, to Arnold</p> <p>41 Installed tile</p> | <p>43 Unsullied</p> <p>44 — Gatos, CA</p> <p>47 Basilica</p> <p>48 Italian rumbler</p> <p>50 Diffident</p> <p>53 Kind</p> <p>54 Use a toboggan</p> <p>55 Handle harshly</p> <p>56 "Alley —"</p> <p>61 Indian export</p> <p>62 Toque or topee</p> <p>64 Piggy</p> <p>66 Medical grp.</p> <p>67 Uproar</p> <p>68 Price twice</p> <p>70 Infamous Amin</p> <p>71 Singer Seals</p> <p>72 Enhance</p> <p>74 Generator parts</p> <p>75 Stumble</p> <p>77 Isolated</p> <p>80 Tropical snake</p> <p>82 Connecticut campus</p> <p>85 Spinks stat</p> <p>87 Go back</p> <p>88 "— Good Men" ('92 film)</p> <p>90 Decorate glass</p> <p>91 Oxford, e.g.</p> | <p>92 Await judgment</p> <p>94 As a group</p> <p>95 Canvas cover?</p> <p>96 Nuremberg numeral</p> <p>97 Cinnabar, for instance</p> <p>98 "— the season . . ."</p> <p>99 Wilderness trans.</p> <p>100 "Holy smoke!"</p> <p>105 Unseat</p> <p>107 Pot</p> <p>109 Dairy cow</p> <p>110 Be obligated</p> <p>112 Boca —, FL</p> <p>114 Winning</p> <p>115 Burning bit</p> <p>117 Have on</p> <p>118 Presque —, ME</p> <p>119 Mata —</p> <p>120 Dash</p> <p>121 — up (evaluate)</p> <p>122 Actress Barbara</p> <p>123 Sleuth Wolfe</p> <p>124 New Mexico resort</p> <p>125 Parker of football</p> <p>126 It may be padded</p> <p>127 Except</p> |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE
by Samantha Weaver

- It was American journalist and satirist Ambrose Bierce who made the following sage observation: "There is nothing new under the sun but there are lots of old things we don't know."
- Those who study such things say that when a ladybug is frightened, it squirts a foul-smelling goo from its knees.
- You might be surprised to learn that approximately 40 percent of the oxygen in the world's atmosphere is provided by the verdant plant growth of South America's Amazon River basin.
- Mayan artwork dating back as far as 700 A.D. shows people preparing chocolate beverages. Chocolate was so valued by the natives of the Americas, the Maya even used cacao beans as currency.

MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

- On Jan. 5, 1643, in the first record of a legal divorce in the American colonies, Anne Clarke of the Massachusetts Bay Colony is granted a divorce from her absent and adulterous husband, Denis Clarke, by the Quarter Court of Boston.
- On Jan. 7, 1785, Frenchman Jean-Pierre Blanchard and American John Jeffries travel from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in a gas balloon, making the first crossing of the English Channel by air. After almost crashing, the two men were forced to throw nearly everything out of the balloon to lighten the ship.

- Samuel Colt rescues the future of his faltering gun company by winning a contract to provide the U.S. government with 1,000 of his .44 caliber revolvers. Though never cheap, by the early 1850s, Colt revolvers were inexpensive enough to be a favorite with Americans headed westward during the California Gold Rush.
- On Jan. 8, 1877, Crazy Horse and his warriors — outnumbered, low on ammunition and forced to use outdated weapons — fight their final losing battle against the U.S. Cavalry in Montana. On May 6, Crazy Horse led approximately 1,100 Indians to the Red Cloud reservation near Nebraska's Fort Robinson and surrendered.
- On Jan. 6, 1925, in Madison Square Garden, Finnish long-distance runner Paavo Nurmi sets a new indoor world record, running a mile in 4:13.5. In the 5,000-meter race, the "Flying Finn" broke another indoor world record in 14:44.6. Nurmi often ran holding a stopwatch to pace himself, an innovation he developed.
- On Jan. 3, 1961, President Dwight Eisenhower closes the American embassy in Havana and severs diplomatic relations between the United States and Fidel Castro's government in Cuba. The action signaled that the United States was prepared to take extreme measures to oppose Castro's regime.
- On Jan. 2, 1971, 66 football (soccer) fans are killed in a stampede at a stadium in Glasgow, Scotland, as they attempt to leave a game. The tragedy was caused by the crush of spectators all leaving at the same time on the same stairway.

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Thought for the Day: "A bore is a man who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company." — Gian Vincenzo Gravina

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by Linda Thistle

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held December 12 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, clerk Karsen, treasurer Keerl council members, Pierce, Tartaglia, Dwyer, Crick and Lemere and city attorney David Cook. Absent Kaiser.

Motion by Dwyer, supported by Lemere, to accept the minutes of November 14. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Lemere, supported by Crick, to pay the bills in the amount of \$20,971.78. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Lemere, supported by Pierce, to accept and contract with MichiganWebs.net for a city web site. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on the possible storm drain issues. Mayor Dobis has contacted Wilcox and we will have an estimate in approximately 90 days. Motion by Lemere, supported by Tartaglia, to table the request from Sunrise Coast Pure Michigan until we have a better

idea of where we stand financially in the general fund budget. Council to review this request in the February/March 2012 time frame. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion centered around recent well house issues. Maintenance department and Wayne Gauthier from Larry's Electric contributed to this discussion and issues centering on a fix. Issues are still not resolved. Continuing ongoing communications with all parties involved to resolve this issue.

Mayor Dobis declared the budget hearing for water/sewer/water debt/water bond and interest open at 7:40 p.m. A discussion on raising the water rates followed. Motion by Dwyer, supported by Tartaglia, to form a committee to discuss possible new water rates. Committee includes Lemere, Kaiser and Crick. Treasurer Keerl will assist the committee. Motion carried 5-0. Budget hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Lemere, supported by

Crick, to approve water, sewer, sewer bond and interest and water debt cash budgets for 2012 as presented with the exception that the water fund will have an additional line item of \$8,402 from prior year fund balance to balance the water fund budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the recent harbor diesel spill and the follow-up letter from Northern A-1 Service Inc. This matter will be handled by attorney Cook. Motion by Tartaglia, supported by Dwyer, to reappoint Daniel Bruske to Harbor commission, term ending December 2014. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Dwyer, supported by Lemere, to give the harbor a short reprieve on its loan to the City of Harrisville. It will be required to pay \$500 per month instead of the original amount of \$1,000 thru November 2012. City council will review the harbor's financial status at the December 2012 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

The 2012 Summer Concert Series will continue again this year. Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

MITCHELL TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Mitchell Township Board meeting was called to order on December 12 at 7:13 p.m. by Supervisor Murnock. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Warren Cross, treasurer Kevin Small, trustees Linda Lay and Vito Soranno. Others present: Fire chief Mike Lay and Wilbur Wildfong. Regular meeting minutes of November 14 approved as presented. September financial reports approved as presented.

Cross/Murnock: To transfer funds in the amount of \$8,000 from the road fund to the general fund for the purposes of general operation with said \$8,000 to be repaid to the road fund by fiscal year end. Motion carried.

No public comments. The board of review met today. Cross/Murnock: To purchase assessing software from BS&A in the amount of \$2,800 to be paid over

the next two fiscal years in addition to an annual support and maintenance fees of \$560 Motion carried. Lay/Soranno: To authorize Randy and Kathy Thompson to attend board of review training in East Tawas on February 7, 2012 at a cost of \$79 each with Mrs. Thompson's registration fee to be reimbursed to the township. Motion carried.

Fire chief Lay reported five medical runs one fire run for November. The equipment lockers have been installed and Allband Communications Cooperative is finalizing phone and Internet installation at the fire hall. The next planning commission meeting will be December 14. The zoning administrator's report was accepted as filed.

Supervisor Murnock shared a communication from the Alcona County Road Commission re-

garding seasonal road designation in the township. Both building thermostats required replacing. The fire extinguishers need to be certified. Cross/Soranno: To expend up to \$235 for the tabulator maintenance with Election Source. Motion carried.

Supervisor Murnock shared various communications. No action taken. Soranno/Lay: To rescind the October 14 motion to direct the clerk to place two local millage questions on the February 28 Presidential Primary ballot. Motion carried. Murnock/Lay: To establish a budget workshop meeting on February 22, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. There is no January meeting. The next regular meeting is February 13, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Gregory C. Murnock Sr., Supervisor
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Notice is hereby given that the United States of America, acting through an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will sell the following real property: Legal description: That part of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 35, T25N, R6E, Cutis Township, Alcona County, Michigan described as: commencing at the SW corner of Lot 16 of Gray's Supervisor Plat, a recorded plat as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 178; thence south 200 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 595 feet; thence east 1,125.12 feet; thence north 595 feet; thence west 1,125.12 feet to point of beginning. This property is woodlands, and is land locked. The property will be offered for sale by sealed bid. Terms for the sale are contained in Form FSA-2592, Invitation, Bid and Acceptance Sale of Real Property by the United States. The successful bidder will be required to deposit 10 percent of their bid in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, postal or bank money order, or bank draft payable to Farm Service Agency, plus any other conditions relating to acceptance. Along with the general public this property is being offered for sale to all farmers or ranchers who are prevailing claimants in the civil action Pigford vs. Vilsack. Prevailing claimants may

exercise their right to priority consideration to purchase inventory property under the consent decree between the time of the advertisement and COB on the day the bids are due if they notify FSA, in writing, of their intent. A prevailing claimant can exercise priority consideration by writing or filing at the local FSA office. This property is sold in its "as-is" condition. FSA sells all inventory properties by quitclaim deed and recommends that any buyer obtain an owners title insurance policy. Please direct all inquiries to Betty Garrett, farm loan manager, at (989) 356-3596. All bids will be remitted on Form FSA-2592 Invitation, Bid, and Acceptance Sale of Real Property by the United States including a 10 percent deposit. All bids will be accepted at the Farm Service Agency, 1900 W. M-32, Alpena, MI 49707 until close of business on January 13, 2012. The government reserves the right to cancel the sale at any time during the sale process and also reserves the right to reject any or all application or bids. FSA credit assistance for financing the purchase of this property is currently not available. The USDA Farm Service Agency is an equal opportunity employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W. Washington D.C., 20250-9410, or call (800)795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). 12-21, 12-28

Foreclosure Notice

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. may be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alan B. Oles and Rebecca A. Oles, husband and wife to Metwest Mortgage Services, Inc., a Washington corporation, mortgagee, dated December 22, 1999, and recorded on December 29, 1999, in Liber 337, page 326, Alcona County records, said mortgage was assigned to the Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, pursuant to the terms of that certain Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of March 1, 2000, related to Metropolitan Mortgage Funding, Inc., mortgage pass-through certificates, series 2000-A by an assignment of mortgage dated January 28, 2000 and recorded July 21, 2000 in Liber 342, page 45, on which mortgage there is claimed

to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-seven thousand five hundred seventy-eight and 83/100 (\$57,578.83) including interest at the rate of 11.35000 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 12 p.m. on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Supervisor's Plat of Neville's North Lake Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page(s) 87 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 2810 North Lake Drive.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: November 30, 2011 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for the Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, pursuant to the terms of that certain Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of March 1, 2000, related to Metropolitan Mortgage Funding, Inc., mortgage pass-through certificates, Series 2000-A. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 110MI00708-1 11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for this purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Whiting, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, mortgagee, dated October 11, 2007, and recorded on November 8, 2007 in Liber 447 on page 1,202, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred fifty-seven thousand two hundred fifty-nine and 63/100 dollars (\$157,259.63), including interest at 7.375 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be fore-

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Town 28 North, Range 7 East, township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Government Lot 4; thence north 87 degrees 31 minutes west 33 feet along the county road; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east 383.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 87 degrees 31 minutes west 150 feet to the centerline of said channel; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east 75 feet along the centerline; thence south 87 degrees 31 minutes east 150.0 feet to the west 33 foot right of way line of county road; thence north 1 degree 46 minutes west 75.0 feet along said right of way to the point of beginning. Also, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Town 28 North, Range 7 East, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Government Lot 4;

thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east along the east line of said Government Lot 4; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east along the east line of said Government Lot 4, 283.0 feet; thence north 87 degrees 30 minutes west 33.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 87 degrees 30 minutes west 125 feet; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east 100 feet; thence south 87 degrees 30 minutes east 125 feet; thence north 1 degree 46 minutes west 100 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 30, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 387920F01 11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 11-5009 DE

Estate of Ethel Furister Date of birth: January 3, 1929 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Ethel Furister, who lived at 3676 E. Cedar Lake Drive, Greenbush, Mich. died October 29, 2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Diane L. Ruegsegger, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: December 15, 2011 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 Diane L. Ruegsegger 1955 E. Erickson Rd. Pinconning, Mich. 48650

HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held December 13 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and three guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." County commissioner Bill Thompson briefed the board of what's happening at the county level. Clerk's minutes read. Pyne/Young: Accept and approve as presented. Motion carried. Treasurer's report accepted and reconciled with the clerk's office. Board of review met today. Ordinance enforcer following up on violation. Zoning administration had two land use permits issued. Assessor gave a detailed report on a new upgraded program that will be needed for assessing. Jamieson/Johnston: To purchase the new program from BS&A Software for \$2,600. Motion carried. The board approved the planning commission's request for an all day workshop February 4, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fire commission reports the new city-township contract coming along and will be presented to the council and board for its review in the near future. Young/Pyne: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Roger D. Jamieson, Township Clerk Published prior to board approval.

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's December board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carlin at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: Carlin, LaLonde, Gauthier, MacNeill and Mead. Clerk's minutes and treasurer's report was filed. Motions to pay bills as presented and allow fire department to purchase a new copy machine. Fire chief Ralph Klotz reported that Lloyd Langmaid passed away in Florida. He was a former captain on the fire department and served the community for many years. All motions passed. Dawn LaLonde, Clerk This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Preforeclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. If mortgagor is in active military service please contact our office at the number at the bottom of this notice. Borrower/Mortgagor: Michael Rasche, a single man, (mortgagor). Property Address: 5591 N. Lake Shore Drive, Black River, Mich. 48721-9744 (property) Mortgagee: U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior / Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1994-1, by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents (mortgagee) Modification Agent: H. Douglas Shepherd IV (modification agent) Modification Agent's Contact Information: Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Pezzetti, P.C., 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817, Traverse City, Mich. 49696, (231) 941-9660, and e-mail address: dshepherd@bfarlaw.com. Default has occurred in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by mortgagor to mortgagee. Within the last seven days, a correspondence (the correspondence) was mailed to mortgagor, and by this publication further notice is hereby given of the following: Within 14 days of the date the correspondence was mailed, mortgagor has the right to contact the modification agent to request a meeting (the meeting). The purpose of the meeting will be to attempt to work out a loan modification. If mortgagor requests the meeting, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date the correspondence was mailed. If the meeting results in an agreement to modify the

loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if mortgagor abides by all of the terms of the agreement. Mortgagor may contact a housing counselor, who can attend the meeting with mortgagor. Information regarding housing counselors in mortgagor's area is available by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) at (517) 373-6840 or by visiting MSHDA online at www.michigan.gov/mshda. Mortgagor has the right to contact an attorney. The State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service can be reached at (800) 968-0738 and information is available online at www.michbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.cfm. Furthermore, information regarding legal aid can be found at www.michbar.org/public_resources/legalaid.cfm. The legal aid office serving the mortgagor's area is Legal Services of Northern Michigan and can be reached at (989) 356-9081 or (888) 356-9009. Dated: December 21, 2011 U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1994-1, by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents. By: Donald A. Brandt (P30183) Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Pezzetti, P.C. Attorneys for Mortgagee 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817 Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660 File No.: 6140.1047 Ad No. 18074 12-21

Notice of Borrower's Rights

This notice concerns Darrell A. LaRocque (borrower) regarding property located at 8320 Clouse Road, South Branch, MI 48761. The borrower has the right to request a meeting with Independent Bank and should contact Keturia T. at (616) 447-8634 to schedule a meeting if desired. This person has the authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c. The borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the MSHDA website (www.mshda.info/counseling_search/) or by calling the MSHDA (866) 946-7432. If the borrower requests a meeting with the person designated above within the statutory period, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date that notice was mailed to the borrower. If the borrower and the person designated above reach an agreement to modify the borrower's mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement. The borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The Michigan State Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service telephone number is (800) 968-0738. 12-21

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 4, 2012. Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, Block 9 and the north 132 feet of Block 16 of the village of Killmaster, a subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 13, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 7, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 385914F01 12-7, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy P. Lee, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated June 12, 2007, and recorded on June 27, 2007 in Liber 443 on page 463, and modified by agreement dated January 6, 2009, and recorded on November 15, 2010 in Liber 474 on page 979, and assigned by said mortgagee to Central Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred twenty-one and 87/100 dollars (\$127,521.87), including interest at four

percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 4, 2012. Said premises are situated in township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The south 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Township 25 North, Range 8 East. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 7, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 358231F02 12-7, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for this purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Clarice A. Hall, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated November 20, 2003, and recorded on November 21, 2003 in Liber 393 on page 1,102, and rerecorded on November 26, 2003 in Liber 393 on page 1,399, and assigned by said mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2004 HE2, mortgage pass-through certificates, series 2004-HE2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of three hundred six thousand three hundred sixty-nine and 28/100 dollars (\$306,369.28), including interest at 7.25

percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, of Block 1 of the City of Harrisville, formerly village, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 1, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 30, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 365970F01 11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sherri K. O'Dell, fka Sherri K. Cotey and William O'Dell, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated May 17, 2006, and recorded on May 25, 2006 in Liber 431 on page 374 in instrument 200600002017, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association successor by merger to LaSalle Bank NA as trustee for Washington Mutual mortgage pass-through certificates WMALT series 2006-6 trust as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records,

Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-eight thousand nine hundred twelve and 76/100 dollars (\$88,912.76), including interest at 6.875 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 4, 2012. Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the southeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 26 North, Range 8 East, lying southerly of Traverse Bay State Road (Trask Lake Road), described as follows: Parcel A - commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 2, Town 26 North, Range 8 East; thence north 02 degrees 31 minutes 51 seconds east along the east line of said section and a portion of the centerline of F-41 Highway, 453.00 feet; thence north 84 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds west along an existing

fence line 285.80 feet; thence south 87 degrees 57 minutes 25 seconds west 459.43 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 87 degrees 57 minutes 25 seconds west 617.38 feet; thence north 02 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds west along the east 1/8 line of said Section 926.00 feet; thence south 81 degrees 44 minutes 19 seconds east along the centerline of Trask Lake Road 627.73 feet; thence south 02 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds east 813.79 feet to the point of beginning; except county road. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 7, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 361323F01 12-7, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Steve L. Oliver and Marla J. Oliver as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated August 30, 2007, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on September 6, 2007, in Liber 445 at pages 896-915, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$115,099.26, 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 sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 5.99 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Par-

cel 1: That part of the northwest 1/4 of Section 31, T26N, R9E, described as commencing at the northwest corner of said northwest 1/4, thence south 8 rods, thence east 10 rods, thence north 8 rods, thence west 10 rods to the point of beginning. Parcel 2: Commencing at the northwest corner of the northwest 1/4 of Section 31, T26N, R9E, thence East 165 feet to point of beginning, thence east 55 feet; thence south 396 feet; thence west 220 feet; thence north 264 feet; thence east 165 feet; thence north 132 feet to point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 11, 2011 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511 11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

Foreclosure Notice (All counties)

As a debt collector we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty. Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Cynthia Bauer and Paul R. Bauer, wife and husband, of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to National City Mortgage Services Co. dated the 29th day of January, 2003, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 29th day of January, 2003, in Liber 376, page 605 of Alcona records; which said mortgage was assigned to PNC Bank, national association successor by merger to National City Bank doing business as National City Mortgage, thru mesne assignments. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for

principal of \$42,891.02 (forty-two thousand eight hundred ninety-one and 02/100) plus accrued interest at 3.50 percent (three point five zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 11th day of January, 2012, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Greenbush, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Situated in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Lot 608 of Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 5, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 155-7 Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 4651 S. Evergreen Drive. Tax Parcel No.: 041-148-000-608-00. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 14, 2011 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR No. 10086366 12-14, 12-21, 12-28, 1-4, 2012

Classified Ad Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Call 989-724-6384

DNR adds more than 500 acres to Pigeon River Country State Forest

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has completed a recent purchase of more than 500 acres of private land within the Pigeon River Country (PRC) State Forest in northern Michigan.

The acquisition of the property occurred through a partnership with the Little Traverse Conservancy, assistance from the Headwaters Land Conservancy, and with funds from the Natural Resource Trust Fund.

"This land acquisition simply makes sense," said Scott Whitcomb, DNR unit manager for the Pigeon River Country State Forest. "Given the size and location of the property and the natural resources that occur there - this is a perfect addition to the PRC."

The 517-acre tract of land, the second largest piece of private property within the PRC, is a natural fit for the state forest system. The land is bordered on two and a half sides by state-owned land

with a level to gently rolling topography. The property also contains a nearly one mile stretch of the Black River and approximately one-half mile of Saunders Creek. Both waterways are situated in the headwaters area of the Black River system, an area that is a highly regarded "blue ribbon" brook trout fishery.

"We are excited about this land acquisition. It nicely ties together the southern portions of the Pigeon River Country State Forest," said John Walters, chairman of the Pigeon River Advisory Council and president of the Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited. "The Pigeon River Country is a special place and the addition of the portions of Saunders Creek and the Black River make it all that much more special, especially for folks interested in quiet recreational opportunities."

The property will be managed as part of the Pigeon River Country State Forest in accordance with the Concept

of Management. This includes managing for timber and wildlife, specifically elk and other forest wildlife habitat, as well as for fisheries habitat. The property will also be open to the public at all times for hunting, fishing, trapping,

wildlife viewing and other resource-based recreation.

"Thanks to the Natural Resources Trust Fund, the purchasing of this land is an outstanding addition to the PRC and should provide to be a huge benefit to the citi-

zens of Michigan," Whitcomb said.

For more information on the Pigeon River Country State Forest and the Concept of Management, visit www.michigan.gov/dnrpigeonriver.



The newly acquired property within the Pigeon River Country State Forest contains a nearly one mile stretch of the Black River and approximately one-half mile of Saunders Creek. Both waterways are situated in the headwaters area of the Black River system, an area that is a highly regarded "blue ribbon" brook trout fishery. *Courtesy photo.*

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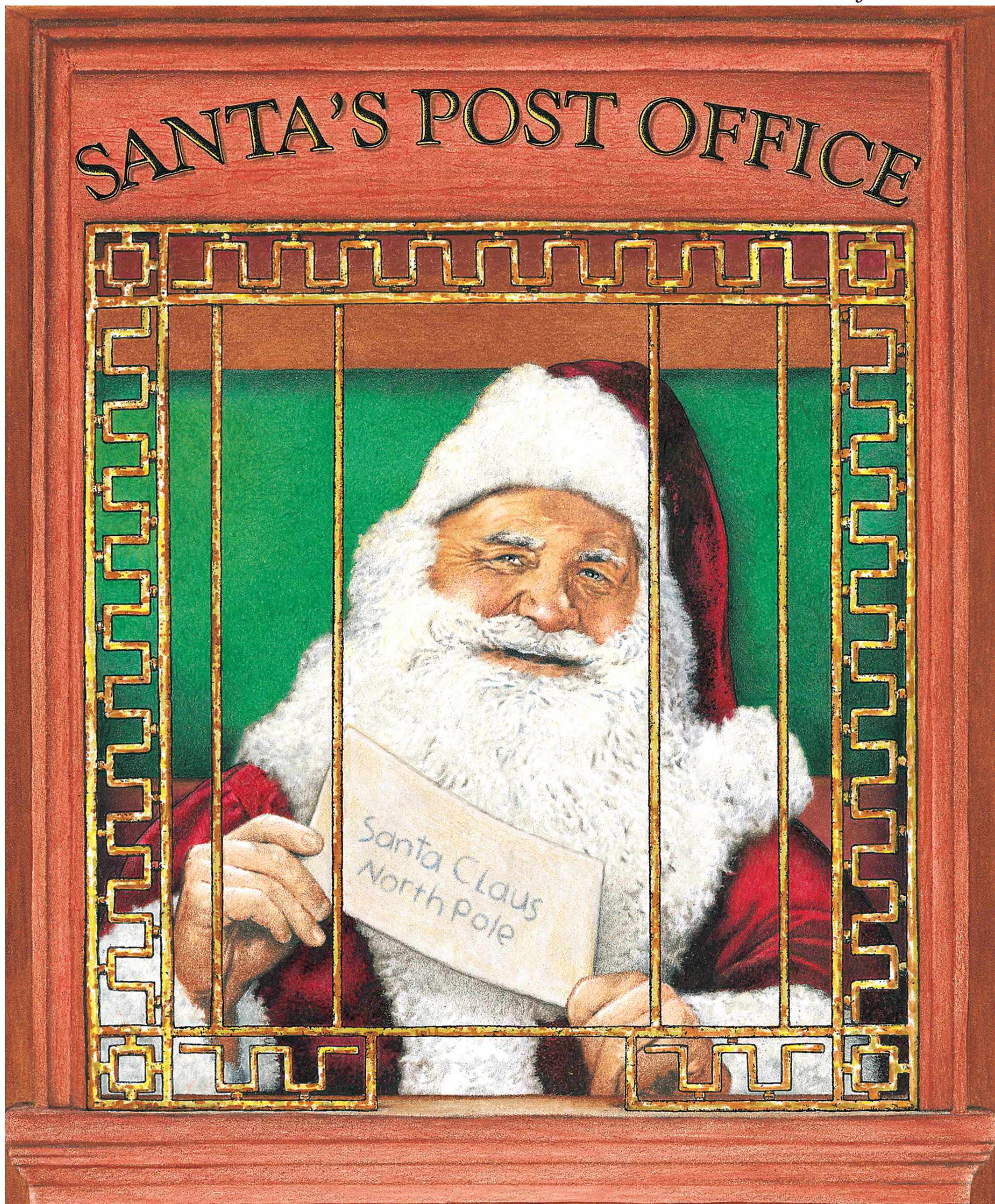
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Christmas is a time of rejoicing, counting blessings and family gatherings. It is also the most favorite time of the year for children. In this issue, we have given the children of this community a chance to be heard. They wrote to Santa asking for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

We received letters from students at Alcona Elementary. We've left the letters as they were written to be true to the writers. We hope they will delight you and entertain you. Most of all, we hope it will lift the spirits of those young at heart.

Merry Christmas



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Dear Santa,
My name is Preston. I am 4 years old. I have been a good boy and I'm very nice. I help my mommy and daddy. For Christmas, I would like cars, trains, building blocks, a barn and stuff to go in the barn. I would like wood to build a house to play with. Also a remote control car and monster truck. I will also be making cookies with mommy, so I'm going to leave some for you. And, I'm going to leave a snack for your reindeer. Merry Christmas
Preston Harmon



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Mrs. Glomski's Class

Dear Santa,
I would like a megatron transformer. I've been trying to be good I also would like a superman costume. Lots of snow for a snowman, and a happy napper.
From, Chase Kamschke

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB Gun, a hot wheels road, a trampoline, a new bike and a nerf gun. Bella wants a monster highdolls. I would also like a tool set.
From, Jacob Medina

Dear Santa,
I want toys that make noise, something for my Mom and Dad. I love my Mom, too. Eat lots of cookies. Eat the Food. Bring me more babies.
From Raelynn Hill

Dear Santa,
I would like a shark that floats in the air, also a clown fish, A dirt bike, and a teddy bear. A car for my Mommy and Daddy, that would be very special.
From, Ricky Schott

Dear Santa,
If I have a chalkboard, and some paper and some toys, and some flowers and a new guitar. For my Dad some new tools and I'll have some sponges for my mom. And some flowers for Mom's hair, and sticky notes. Some books for Mom and Dad
From, Jena Wambold

Dear Santa,
I would like a big teddy bear. That's all.
From, Jasmine Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I would like a slinky dog, whistles for my brother and me, Wrestling ring with Wrestlers.
From, Devin Shepard

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents. I would like stuffed animals, barbies, high heels, and coem books.
From, Erica Woodbury

Dear Santa,
I want a zombie lab, a monster high doll, a barbie doll and a kitten. Please bring my Mom a dog and my Dad a hunting dog. I love you Santa.
From, Aspen Wortley

Dear Santa,
W would like a police transformer with a bottom so it can fly. My little brother wants a wind-up dragon toy. My sister wants a doll house. My big brother would like video games. My Mom wants a flowerpot with flowers. My Dad wants a 4-wheeler.
From, Gage Travis

Dear Santa,
I would like a stand up microphone, a nintendo DS and DS games and also a charger too. A stuffed animal. A doll, a monster high doll. A high lighter. A diamond.
From, Elli Mae

Dear Santa,
I would like a chalk board and a piano and big pieces of papaer and paint and a dollhouse. Some lipstick and makeup for Mom. A new shirt and a new gun for Dad. new shirt for Brett. A bone for my dog and toy snowman for him too. And for my sister who wants a bear.
From, Kaylee Wambold

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB gun, and some robots. Tools for my Dad and my mom would like a new ornament about cars.
From, Ziggy Villalbos

Dear Santa,
I would like two stuffed animal horses. I would like some dog trainer stuff and a kitty one. A pretend vet set, peek-a-boo kittens and peek-a-boo puppies.
Love, Emily Samp

Dear Santa,
A new guitar, a woodie with a pull string. A real hampster. A guitar case. A thomas tent.
From, Sawyer Seminoff

Dear Santa,
I want a new rachett transformer. I want a mud slinger (Remote Control Jeep).
From, Max Ayers

Dear Santa,
I want the garbage dude, and a new bike, Ipod, and a new coat. A coffee cup for Mom and Dad. For Dustin a DSi.
Love, Corey Boboltz

Dear Santa,
I want a Wii game. I want to get my Dad a shot gun. I want a frisbee for my brother. My mom needs a shotgun too for when she goes hunting. I want

a bike that has a loud noise. You have a reindeer.
From, Hunter Conklin

Dear Santa,
My brother wants a kinda like a train, cars, candyland and a bear, and microphones. I don't know anything I want for me.
Love, Kylie Keyser

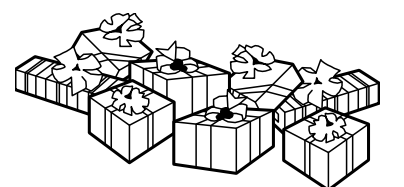
Dear Santa,
I want a horse that walks then I get on it. I want a swing set to go outside that spins. I want a horse barn with horses, and a doll. And that's if for now.
Love, Alayna Legstra

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun and play choo choo train and squirrel trap. I want a bicycle with trainwheels on it. I want a pretend dirtbike, a pretend car, and a bag of crackers. I want a play rhino, and play elephant. I want a new pretend Iron man. And for my sister, three dolls and for my brother, a dirtbike. I want a play cheetah for me and my brother.
From, David Sharboneau

Dear Santa,
I want a gun. I want a reace track and I want some cars. I want some building blocks. I want a dirt bike. I want a 4-wheeler. I want a motorcycle. I want some dressing up stuff, and some real cats. Cassi needs some dogs, real ones.
Love, Raymond Geddert

Dear Santa,
BB gun and Dsi and leg nijas. Dad wants a rifle. My mom probably want a gun. Probably matt wants another BB gun. I love you.
From, Andrew Good

Dear Santa,
Can I have some more legos and train tracks, wood ones. A toy house with boys with it. Toy blocks, star wars tank, and a ship, a cannon, a gun ship. Dad's medicine. Ear rings for my Mom. A kitchen for me. A mario game, a walking game. My brother, Seth, wants a skateboard game and weegie game.
From, Jacob June



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Dear Santa,
I want a chain saw, barbies, babies and that's it.
From, Maddi Daggett

Dear Santa,
I want a toy box. I want dress up stuff with gloves. I think Tori would like a Dora playset and some princesses too. My Mathew would like a blue tractor and a new hay bailer, because his broke. Now for Willy, he would like a new babay, but not too small. He like to play with tractors because hes walking but he drives them backwards.
From, Kierstan Dellar

Dear Santa,
I want some hunting clothes. I want moxie girl horses that move. I want a rainbow pony Ds game and Marion one. Umm let's thing...A real life bow and arrow. There's another thing that is a Ds game. Dad probably wants more bow and arrows. Mom wants a chair that moves and holds coffee.
From, Sage Gauthier

Mrs. Mullen's Class

Dear Santa,
I would like a pack of Pokemon cards. And Legos. And some Hot wheel cars, and a relaxing chair.
Love, Duane Fletcher

Dear Santa,
I want socks from you. And I want more underwear. I would like a new princess doll.
Love, Allie Travis

Dear Santa,
I saw you at Lincoln and Harrisville across from the fire house, then at the library. You are going to bring me presents in the thumb of Michigan. I would like a toy star, a journal, and colored pencils to share with my brother.
Love, Carter Upper

Dear Santa,
I would like a dog bone for my dog. And I would like a bow barrette. And a little play horse.
Love, Emma Travis

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby kitten that plays hide-and-go-seek with me. And I also want a baby puppy with no fleas. And I want a teddy bear that has a pink bow on it. Also I want a little bird that's blue.
Love, Cassi Rifembark

Dear Santa,
Does St. Rudolf talk? I will save some cookies for you. I would like a motorcycle and it pops up, and it does a wheelie.
Love, Ervin Joslin

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, a stuffed bunny and some squeekies.
Love, Kaytlyn Ouillette

Dear Santa,
I hope I get a lot of presents. Christmas is fun. I like you. I want a dirt bike. I want a snow machine. I want a BB gun.
Love, James Good

Dear Santa,
I would like a DS game and a DS with a screen on the top and a screen on the bottom. I want a Transformer.
Love, Jaden Weichel

Dear Santa,
I want a squirrel. I want a toy bird. I want a toy eel. I want a toy bear. Will you please come and bring me presents?
Love, Kati Thacker

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer bumblebee. I want a T-Rex, a monster truck, a spider toy, wooden blocks, a sonic game, a dinosaur mask, a stuffed pig and a tree stand for my dad.
Love, Avery Glore

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie house, a dollies, dresses and shoes for my dolls. A dress a high heels for me.
Love, Mia Hutchison

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck, a motor bike, a hot-wheel truck, a green motorcycle, a soldier and a stuffed tiger.
Love, Kaleb Bray

Dear Santa,
I want a real Kitten and real dog. I want a toy giraffe, tiger, zebra, lion for my zoo. I want stuffed lion, castle and a few books. A toy wallet.
Love, Miah Schopfer

Dear Santa,
I want ice cream, new Barbies, a toy dinosaur for my brother and a Princess Kitchen.
Love, Arian Monnier

Dear Santa,
I want a trash pack. It glows in the dark. I want a giant alligator. I want a giant trash can to play with.
Love, Warren Leeseberg

Dear Santa,
I would like the newest bike on earth, 100 legos and a new phone that only costs \$10.00.
Love, Waylon Nedwash-Long

Dear Santa,
I want a cart for 2 Doll babies, four horses and 2 new doll babies and a soft bunny. I want one sister and one brother.
Love, Sarah Fall

Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo train, a TV, a big monster truck, a skateboard, a tv chair, some blocks, a basket ball and a green bike.
Love, Travis Fowler

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo DS game, a transformer, a computer, a black and white car, an angry bird teddy, a book, computer game, a TV and a chair to watch TV.
Love, Nathan Nardi

Dear Santa,
I want a pink cat, a cat for Halloween, a play dog, an elephant and a Princess heart necklace.
Love, Kayleigh Karas

Dear Santa,
I would like a Unicorn chair, a new backpack, some new bows for my hair, a cool jacket, lots of books and picture of Santa and baby robot and a drive around car.
Love, Julia DeOrnellas

Dear Santa,
I want a Little Indian motorcycle, a semi truck, Mack truck play set, walki-talkies, Leapfrog and Leapster.
Love, John Greenlee

Dear Santa,
I only want girl toys, I want a big castle with all the princesses.
Love, Grace Mercier

Dear Santa,
I want Stompie Slippers that open their eyes, a big pony and two small ones, a strawberry horse and a butterfly horse, and a small one too.
Love, Danica Manning

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch kid. I saw Santa's reindeer last week at a store and got a picture with Santa.
Love, Brooklyn Storey

Dear Santa,
I love you. You are the best. Is Rudolph real? I love you. Will you give me a BB gun and an easy bake and a play kitchen and a real life camera and a stuffed animal maker? I want a Barbie cave and a white puppy with a leash with a remote control.
Love, Onica Glomski

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We would like to thank our friends, family and community for all of their support this year. We send our best wishes for the new year. Happy Holidays Everyone!

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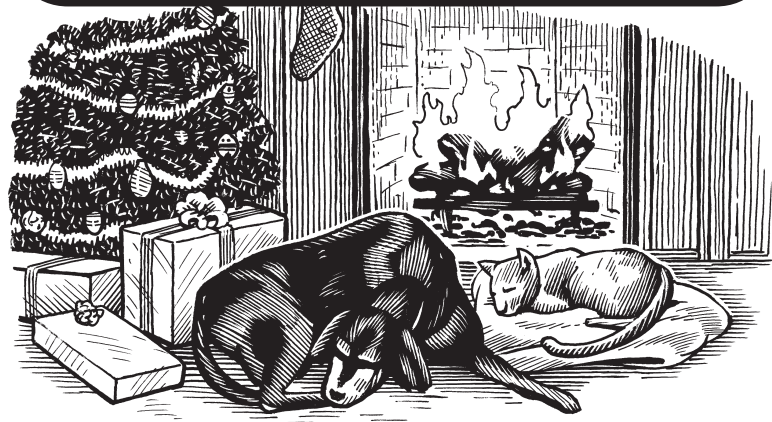
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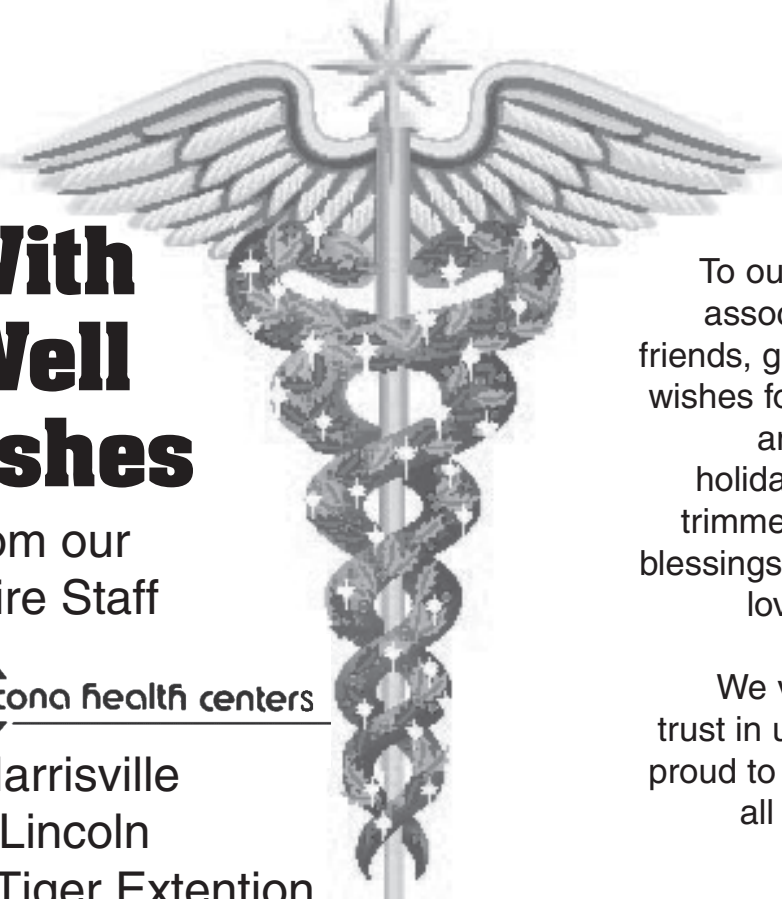
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First Grade Ms. Arnold's Class
 Dear Santa,
 Santa, do your randeer mean speshl. I am special with dancing and good with respect. I hop my brothers have a grat crismis. I want a wii moreo kart and bee bee gun. I hope you have a safe trip.
 Love, William Bushey

Dear Santa,
 Wot is yor favrit colr? I am spochel bkoz I love Spartinz. Mis Arnold thinks that I do good work. I hope my which coms tru and ms. Arnold gets a Spartin. I want a purple room. I love you and have a marre crismis.
 Love, Julia Bartz

Dear Santa,
 Santa, do you like kids? I am spetial bcus I clean my rum. In scool I keep my card green! My mom wants a book. I want a cat. I hop you have a very marry crismas.
 Love, Blaire Dellar

Dear Santa,
 How menea randeer do you have? I am differint. Ms. Arnold loves me. I wish that everybody has a good Crissmiss. I want a bee bee gun. I love you santa. Have a merry Christmas.
 Love, Carmen Dellar

Dear Santa,
 What is your favrit cooki? I am special. Ms. Arnold loves me bcus I do my best. I do good wrk. Merry Crismas Santa.
 Love, Nathan Basner

Dear Santa,
 Do you like kukies: I am cool. I do my homework good. My crismis wish for my mom is a book. I want a bionucl for crismis. I like Santa.
 Love, Ryken Wallenmaier

Dear Santa,
 Do you like cheese? I can make a star. I am special because I want a bb gun. Can you bring Gavin a bike? I hope you have a safe trip.
 Love, Collin Walker

Dear Santa,
 Do you like cookies? I like lisining to music! Ms. Arnold loves me becas I do my best. My mom likes flowers. I would like a dolphin that is a stuffed

animal. Happy holidays. HoHoHo!
 Love, Savannah Wright

Dear Santa,
 How are your deer? I am special for Santa. Ms. Arnold loves me because I do my best. My mom wishes for good kids. Wut I want for Christmas is a doll. I love you Santa. I hope you have a safe trip.
 Love, Sarah Thacker

Dear Santa,
 Wut is your favorite cooke? I am a artist. I get green cards in school. I hope everyone gits nise presents. I want a bebe gun. I hope you have a grate trip.
 Love, Kayla Suto

Dear Santa,
 How do you ride your randeer? I am something bekos I like snow. I do my home work good. My mom wants a dog for krismis. I want a kitin. I hope you have a very, very merry krismis.
 Love, Kaitlin Nardi

Dear Santa,
 Hay Santa! How menea elves do you have? I am speshl cuz I be nice to pepl. I do my home work good. My mom likes us to buy her speshl gift frum me and my bruthr and my dad. I want a bed tent. I hope you have a good time Santa.
 Love, Morgan Munsey

Dear Santa,
 How is your randeer? I klean my room. Ms. Arnold thinks I am good at reading. I wish maddie like me again. I want a hppy napper. Hav a Merry Christmas Santa.
 Love, Tatum Donovan

Dear Santa,
 how can you see at nite? I help my mom! I do my homework rely good! I hope you haf a good crismas mom. I want a princess castle. I hope you have a very merry Christmas!
 Love, Novalee Forsythe

Dear Santa,
 Can my dog be your elf? I like Santa. I do good in school. I want to love my mom furever. I want to git a dog. I hope you have a nis krismis.
 Love, Owen Dellar

Dear Santa,
 How do reindeer fli? I am speshl. I good bcus I help. I wish for a bus. I hope you have a safe trip.
 Love, David Gauthier

Dear Santa,
 What is your favrit kooke? I am nis. Ms. Arnold thinx I am gud at schul. I hope Alex gits the skylanders thing. I want a sonic anniversary for chrismis. Have a vary marry crismis!
 Love, Jack Goldstrom

Dear Santa,
 Do you love dogs? I am special becous I am kool. Are you? I am good at school. I hope my dad is home. I want a dog for Christmas. I love you. Have a good Christmas time! Your tux is kool. Ho Ho Ho Ho!
 Love, Caitlin Dettmer

Dear Santa,
 You are nise. I love Ricky. Santa is really nise. I hope you feel betr mom. I want a wii, px2 and xbox 360. I hope Santa ezent too heavy. Santa, I hope you have a nise time.
 Love, Ricky Sweet

Dear Santa,
 Are yor reindeer feeleng gud? I am gud tou pepl. I do gud at the school. I hope my dad is home every time. I want a t-rex toy. I hope you have a good time.
 Love, Riku Duncan

Dear Santa,
 Do you like horses? I am special beekuz I have a horse. Ms. Arnold thinks I am good beekuz I git greens at school. I wish my dad wud kare about my moms farm. I hope I get a horse for Christmas. Santa, I hope your randeer are retee fro the big chrip.
 Love, Emily Lobaugh

Dear Santa,
 how menea randeer do you have? I am speshul becus I am nice and I am fun. In school I am very good an math. My mom wonts a heating blankit. I wont a bebe gun and a black cat. I hope you have a good crismis.
 Love, Becca Kearns

Dear Santa,
 I love you. How do your randeer flie? I am special bkus I am. Yes or No. I do my homework good. I do my best tri. My krismis wish is that my mom and Ms. Arnold have a grat day. I want for krismis a dirt bike. I hope you hav a grat day.
 Love, Dylan Karas



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 Santa, do you like kandy cans? I am special because of my dog. Ms. Arnold loves me because I do my best. My grandpa wants a boat that can go on the road and the watr. I wont a IPod and ere plogs. I love you Santa and I hope you hav a merry Christmas.
 Love, Elise Klinger

Dear Santa,
 What is yore favrit cookey? I like Michigan State. go State! Ms. Arnold calls me Sparde. My sister wants a green xia xia frend. I wont a beebee gun. I hope you have a safe trip.
 Love, Brady Pagels

Dear Santa,
 Do you like gingerbread men? I am special bkos I like Michigan State. Ms. Arnold loves me because I do my best. I wish my mom a toy. My Christmas wish is a toy. I hope you have a good Christmas Santa.
 love, Thane Colvin

Dear Santa,
 How do you stay so cool? I am speshal bcus I have a cat. Ms. Arnold thinks I am a gud student. I want my brothr to get a skatbord. My krismis wish is a shot gun. I want you to have a good kresmis.
 Love, Sean Mauler

Dear Santa,
 What are your favorit cookies? I am spesul bcus I help my mom. Ms. Arnold thinks I do good wrk. My wish to evry one is to have a good krismis. I want a man eating plant. I hope you have a vary vary mary krismis.
 Love, Zean Monnier

Dear Santa,
 How can you make your randeer fly? My mom and dad make me special. Ms. Arnold thinks I am good. I wish you cud come ovr to my house. I hope you have a good good good krismis.
 Love, Sam Johnston

Dear Santa,
 Santa do you lik cucies and milc? I am special about you Santa. Ms. Arnold thinks I do good in school. I wish for my mom to get sumthing frum santa. My Christmas wish is to get a DS 3D and DS and DSI and a DSIXL. I hop u hav a marry crismis.
 Love, Marc Kirchner

Dear Santa,
 How many elves to you have? I like horses and zebras. I work very hard at school. I wish for

my brother Josh to get a jeep. I want to meet Santa. I like Santa.

Love, Jaydon Siebert

Mrs. Samp's Class

Dear Santa,
 How are you? i cant wat two see you how much I'm so usi did you i cant wat til christmas. I has soar much fings that I wood love two have. can i hav DSTX3D.

Sam Prince
 First grade

Dear santa. How are you? you are fun to play with. How is Rudolph. elve macke gud Toys oh santa can i see yor reindeer. May i please. Have a go go walking puppey and a I pod and a pishr of you anda Tea cup pig and a guiter and a mirror For My Room i Love you santa.

Paige Dalpizzel
 First grade

Dear Santa,
 how are you How is Mrs Claus? how is the Elves doing? how is Rudolph doing? Could I please Havea Ipod Could I please Sum pensls and sum Candy Canes and a tedd Bear And a guitar.

Kelsey Hansen
 First grade

Dear Santa
 How are you? How nice for the presents. thank you very much I like the presents I believe in you santa merry christmas. pleas bring me this presents vourtext Indiana Jones and kingdom of the Cryst skull 3ds I love you, Amp3 playr

Logan Zouchski
 First grade

Dear Santa,
 you are good I would like a wii. Also I would like a game to go with it. I miss you santa.

Love, Miranda Phinney
 First grade

Dear santa,
 How are you? How is rudolph? Happy New Years Eve. I Love yousanta. Can I please have a gogo Walking puppy, a Ipodtuchandpixsows, anda Trampulen; and a tent; anda soccerball?

Love, Chloe Bunton
 First grade

Dear Santa,
 How are you? Rudolph, how are you doing? I like your flying. I hope you're doing a good job. Santa and the elves are

you doing ok? I bet your good making toys. I Love Santa.

Love,
 Kayla Ramdabos
 First grade

Dear santa
 How are you? Is the Bag magical? yes or no i like the presents that you Owes Give us they Are col i love You santa the elves are varey Good Presents Makrs

From Sierra
 May I please havea GoGo walking puppy witalish Brats Mike and Stuft teddy Bear And DsixL cd Thankyou Santa! From sierra W Rose west I am in 1st Grade I am In Mrs Samp Class Love Sierra

Dear Santa,
 How are you? How nice for the presents last year. I lov you New Year elves I would please like Hot Wheels tracks. RackowGens that pop opin Thank you Santa

Love, Louis Weeks
 First grade

Dear Santa,
 how are you? I think you are specle your elvs are nise vary nice vary nice. How is mrs. Clos? Can I have ourn baby cat please? An a cat for my cat please.

Love, Abby kozlow
 First grade

Dear Santa
 How are you Santa? Are fileeing good? you are nice! are you in a good mood? I want a bakugon and a car
 Matthew

Dear Santa
 How. are you how. is rudoph the red nouws. raindeer marry chrimas santa. santa i wont the. game morreos legey game Santa i wont a DSi x el and a Xbox360 and i wont a Now papr/and/now/crans and pensols can i have now show pants and gluvns an how hats and now books and now coots.
 Michael B.

**Second Grade
 Mrs. Samp's Class**

Dear Santa,
 How are you? How nice for the presents last year. How was rudolph? I will leave carrots out for the reindeer. How is mrs claus doing? How is the elves? Please can I have a phone, computer and toys?

Love your friend, Michael Doidge Jr
 2nd grade

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Dear santa,
 How are you How nice for the presents last year. I belive in santa could I please have a Alice in the wounder land vido game. please can I have bells that are red please can I have a real frogs I want tow frogs please. can I have a tank for frogs please. and can I have a empthree player that is dlue.and can I have a dlue dress whith sparkls on it and no straps on it please my siesis ten or tlewve please. can I please have a bsi. Thank you Santa!

sincerly Jasmine magalski
 2nd grade

Dear santa
 How are you How is RodorPh I Love RodorPh Happy New year santa you are verey magi-cal may I Have a pad. agogo walking puppy a Tedy bare.

Mary Fuller
 2nd grade

Dear santa
 How are you? thank you for the presents last year. I love you you are so nice to caldrn even me I love you. may I pleases hava ds game and anythingelse pleases.

Fallan Hux Thank you santa
 2nd grade

Dear Santa
 How are you Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa how is Rudolph. Santa I am going to make you cookies and milk. May I please have a baby zhu zhu pet for Christmas. Can I please have a dS and a Ipod and a Justin Bieber poster and a GoGo walking puppy and a teddy bear and candycanes for me and Linda and my mom and my dad and a Monster High dolls for my sister because She likes Monster High a lot in her hole life and a stuffed elf for Christmas.

Sincerely,
 Leah
 2nd grade

Dea Santa
 How are you? I like you santa! Happy New year this year. I Lave you Santa and Mrs. clos...may I pleshe hav Princess makeup, thos fish thing and a DS and an i Pod?

Love cheyenne
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 how are you? how is rudolph the red vouvs reindeer doing. your reindeer are so guid fro you. I wish i was you Santa. And i olsow love you a lot. may i please have a dsixl3d and for

it a moriyowe 7 game. please can i have a labtop. Can i plaese have a phone. could i please have a paruv rowdof sliprs. I wowlde please have a picher of you and your rendiyr in a snow glob. can i please have a stuff santa that makes noys. can i please have a toy drtbike. Can i please have a toy car

Sincerely your frand david williams

Dear Santa
 How are you? How nice for the presents last year. I Love you

can I please have a I pod and doll house for little dolls and pony talles and chaptr book to read and a gun that is pink and cameol flog and a big Dolls and fake nalls and nall polich and a little pigs and a camru and pensils

Dakota stevenson
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 how are you Can I have a dsixl. Pok'emon for DSixl mroe for DSixl and a ipod and a wii. bakugan for wii and Harry Potter for wii and Spochbob for Wii and a Game boy. and a Game cuob mreo for Game cuob. And a crayons and marckrs. and a box and a car. and a tree house and a new folder. and a new backpack and a mx. and a bider to and a tv. And a ps2 and spochbob for ps2. and a blakit spochbob and prachrit. can I have a book Too. and a Hot Weels Thrak and a Xboxx360 black ops for it. and a luche box and bike. and a cup and a phone. and a gon a pistill gon.

trenton schnabel
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 How are you? How is Rudolph and Mrs. Clous? Thank you for the presents last year. I bet your elves are doing a grat job on the presents. can I please have a Ds and judie B jones books and the seres of the magic tree house books also more puppy place books and a gogo waling puppy and a zhu zhu also a my little pet shop. Thank you santa!

Sincerely, Cherish D Green
 2nd grade

Dear santa,
 How are you? How is Rudulph and the elves? Do your reindeer reley fly? I won't have cookies but i'll have milk. Could I please have a stuffed elf? Could I please have Hot wheels tracks? Could I please Have Hot wheels cars? Could I please have a Remote control car? could I please have candy? don't forget peper

mints. could I please have an M3p plaer? could I please have a cunputter? could I please have a phone? your a realy nice man santa!

Avery Dean Fairbanks
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 How is rudolph How nice for the presents last year! I Love you Santa. I believe in you. Cou I please have a GoGo walking puppy and a dsI and I podamp3 player?

Sincerely, Liberty Hobbs
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 How are you? How is rudolph? you are nice to children and happy new year's eve. How is Mrs. claus I love you so much you can not believe. May i please have a i pod 8 teddy bear's and my Family

Love Dover Shepard
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 how are you today how is Rudolph. please may I have a .D.S. a music player a trunk of dress up stuff. and some dolls some julry for 7 year olds. Can you please get me some new cloes for school. and some posters thank you Sant Clous and merry chrimas.

sincerely Jamie Fletcher
 2nd grade

Dear Santa.
 How nice for the presents last year. How is rudolph? How are elves how is mrs. clous please bring me these presnt's indiana jones and the kingdom of the crystal skull the movie and the glow dome that douse the mooving and all of the lego stikers and a stuffed elf and a dxtxl3d mario kart 3d for ds and mario kart7 and a medeom and small and smaller bear's

yor friend, Cayden
 2nd grade

Dear santa
 how are you? Your reindeer do a good job flying. I love the presents you bring me. how do the elves make toys? Can I please have an xbox ego and some horse pickshrs. Thank you santa

love kariee stewart
 2nd grade



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Dear Santa
I Love you How are you dowing. How is Rudof dowing. Happy Now year. I wod liek a monst hiy dall to. a 3-d-x playr to.

thank you santa! Rylee Fleitz
2nd grade

Ms. Misiak's Class

Dear Santa,
I wood Like a Play Station3. The game infamous trash. I will wash the wols. Can I get a kinect 360 and ipod touch ipod shuffle. And a Laptop.

Love, Tommy Sweet
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I wod like a go go Samri Toy the red Ranger pleas and Swordar my gun Dirt Bike Jump connect Launchers. Pellet gun and a pellet gun pistol. Dagedar Tow Lane BattleJump Raceway. Hot wheels all Tracks starter Set.

Love Ashton Tracy
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a microphone. iPod touch Fourniture pleace pleace because then I will by busy. all day. a I need some socks. a Vacuum thank you. I have ben Vary good this year. thank you

love Hannah Tanner
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Prins Charm School and a ipadtouch, Monster High doll, 4 wheeler, art and crafts, mario gams, sewing kit, xbox 36d, or mack car, santa Buddies, bounce hoase, tranpoline, water gun. What is your reindeer name I think your reindeer name is rudolph.

love Nicole Swalley
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
wiy do you ware red I think it is because it is a Christmas colers I ben good this Year I toock owt the trash I wont a Xbox360 PlayStashen3 and a I Pod tuch for vPoster toy gun Spy kit Michgan helmet wii 22 bullets wed shootr

Hunter Smith
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How do you get everywhere in one night. I think you make your reindeer to go realy fast. I was awesome this year. What I want for Christmas this year is a iPod, Camera, furniture for my room, curtains, a mini

trampoline, Bounce house, pink and blue lisenre for my camera, guitar, microphone, iPod touch, Just dance 3, laptop, posters of iCarly and Victories, bracelets, Cloths, boots, chair, nail polish, desk, bed room set, angry birds stuffed animal, Vtech, secret giant Mansion, a piano, board games, Monster high bag, Amarian girl dolls, Victorious singing doll, Mini DVD player. Movies. Just Dance. gps, princess house, 4 weeler, DSi, DSi games, picture frames, Mp3, Xbox 360. Water bottle, 10 crayon boxes. Thank you.

Love, Braylin Roe
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
can I please have lagos and can I please have a race track tomas toys set with the table and crane and a farm set with a dooley 5th wheel horse traler and a 5th wheel flat bed with fake hay nerf gun remote control helicopter with a camra and spy gear dvd player new tv xbox 360 phone camra glow Book basketball vacuum. from Blayne to santa how do you fly? I think you fly with magic. I asked a old wemen if she wanted help I was very good this year I want cars so I can pretend stuf.

from Blayne Smith to santa
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Why do you have to be so fat? I think know one has never seen a skinny Santa. I was pritty good this year. I got up mostly evry morning. I would like Bardie in a mermaid tale so I can be hether. Santa can I have a ladtopy so I can share with lily sporing. Santa can I pleas have the Ariel moive. my brother scached it.

love: Makenna Seminoff
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Who can you go down the chmininey I think the reindeer make it wide. I was good that I helped my sister clean her room. I wont a iPad set can Play in my car. Wen I am bord and also I wont a dragen set. I also wont a Spidermantoy. nerf and game for the xbox 360 a Pussin boots and transformer, a trampoline, spyto and a docter bones Dark Mansion, gamefish and mario galaxy.

Love Reggie Rambus
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
why do you war a hat? I thin you like the hat. I been good for You. I wood Like to have a

trampoline. it will get me xeshesihs and Pretend cook Set. i wat to Pates to cook. and a moShi monSter because i Like monSters. and a DSi with a game and a card with it. i wood Play with it and Kinect. it will get me xeshesihs and SuPer machine Galaxy2 game for the wii. I Love My wii.

Love Kaylynn Plush
2nd grade

Dear santa
why do you whar red. I think it is youer faveret coler. Dear santa i have ben so good can i pleas get me 11 plus 11 monster high dolles ana a NinetindoDs ana victorious sining doll ana Dark Mansion Grandma got ran over by arain deer move.

Love Samantha Nordstrom
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
how do you get all thos presens to chidrin in one night? I think you vary fast. I was grat this year. I wont lagos cos I wont to bild jiaint bilding with them.

Noah Mercier
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
how bo you get in the howes if you dont have a chimney. I think you are magic. What I wood like for christmas all spy stuf electric gum balls flying spy back pack electric wir's electric pencil electric pen electric food

Love Lynnzey Linton
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Santa how do you fly around the world in one night? I think you poot magic dust that makes you go rilly fast! I was good I promise! I wood like a ipod touch. I wood also like sum spy gear. I also wood like a purple snowmobile. I also wood like a trampoline I cood get exercise evry day. I wood also like a phone I cood be a web designer and be the best. I wood also like jest dance 3.

Love: Olivia Krentz
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would Like I a 6b dirtbike. I would Like some Jumps to. I would Like a suit and boots to. I would Like a helmet to. I would Like a phone to. I help Grandma and Grandpa with wood. I would Like new hiytopnikys.

Love Peyton O'Leary

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Dear Santa,
I would like spy gear four Christmas gas powered sled snodolmeshenpedssewing machine tv fout pupes bike bouce house, set sot pesm how do the randee fly ithik di christmas sperit
love Hayden Johnston

Dear Santa,
I wude like a smof move. an a wwe awing. for Crismis how do you get awond the world in one nit. do you use magk. I ben prit gud this year. an I help by seeing how mych if for my Mom. I wude go wont brne gym candy.
Brody Inglis
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
how do you get bach up the chimmney. I think you push against the chimmney wall. This year I was pretty good cause I help my mom and dad put the decerations up. I would like a guitar. I would like new boots. I would like a Taler swift poster. I would like some French braclets. I would like a snowmobile. I would like Just dance 3. I would like a control fish shark please.
Love Jesslyn Harris
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How do you fly ound the world in one nghit? I think you put boost on your sled. Dear Santa I was O.K. this year. I cleaned are play room with out beening told. Dear Santa I wold like spy gear and dragon set and star wars wii game and people remote control army set, army clothes, just Dance 2, DS and games. Drum set, x box super mario galaxy machine gun.
sincerely, Ande Fisher
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Santa how do your Deer fly to michigan. I thik you put magic on the Deer so they fly to michigan. santa I have been reel good this year so can I have a kid camera plece and a Leapfrog and a Dsi and a friendship bralit and a phone and a deved player and a Just Dance 3 plece and guiter plece.
Love Jade Deornellas
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Why do you where red? I think that red is your fravit color. I was pretty good this year. I had truble following rules. But I have been puting away clothes. I would like a i pad touch and a microphone and a laptop and a phone. a big chalk board and a trampoline and art and craft and a camra and a video camra and just Dance 3. can I pleas have candy in my stoKing.
Love Sara Decker
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I wood like a Moshi Moster Most r high just Dance 3 Netendo DS Borby Prinss barby haws Santa toy pupet and an airplane.
Love Kaidence Colvin
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good boy. How do you get past the movment Sensors. I think you drop them down the chibne. cood I have call of duty world at war. co2 cartridges pleas and coper head bbs 6000 cownt. can you get me a ipod touch. can you get me a lions jersey and lions pants and a lions hat.
Love Brendan Bustamante
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would Like a trosh Pak How is the elves are doing Hot Wellscers Play-Do CoFo Panda Kunekt Game Santa Doll PJs Pokemon CarDs BaseBall carDS Pockemon DSi Game Santa Suit Mirror Pensles Wy Dos Roodofs Nose Glow
From Kaiden Berryhill
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I went a spin sword and a samri morefer and fast lin and ipod and power rongers for Ds and a wii and 3-Ds and o-glow and x-box 360
Love Dustin Boboltz
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I wud licK a game called Call of Duty MW3 fro the Xbox And a bode game called DoggieDoo. And why do you wear red. And how do your Reindeer fly. Santa can i have a game calld Avitas. And Just dance2 . And a bode game called Stratego. And Air swimmers to. Santa how do you go down the chime. Santa christmas is my Favret year. Santa can i have Sonic.
Luke Byce
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I was asom i was wantiring if i cood hav a iPod touch. i was wandoing iF i cood hav A Play Station 3. i was wandring iF i cood hav a x box360 with controllers. i was wandring iF i cood hav a touck screen Phone. i wod wont a PS3 card And A PS3. i think i Now roodof the red nows reindeer. i wont a toy teddy Bear.
love Robby Earegood
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
how do you get down the chimy? I think you shrenk. Can I please have a ice skat barby, mataboo drem house, Rupunso house, pet shop ds game, a comra, blue strtr erings, Cindarelo dresup dress and an ilind prinsas move
from Olivia Baird
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
What I realy Want For christmas is a Hammer and a toolBox and a Big Semi and a jhoNDear anteack tractor. and a Big harley DavesoN Motecantrole Motercycle Plese and thank You.
Love Mike Skuse
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How do you get down the chimney? I think you use your magic. Iv been pretty good this year. may I have a ipode tooch. a bowcy houes, a glow book, a pink a out side tent, crowd game, Art set, Figit frends.
Love Lily Sporing
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
All i wat For crismis is a Letter From My Mom From Cierra Kramer
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How does the rader flie. I Would like a video ckamru and a dSiXL. and a lago set, coll up Duty 321 with a DS with it tuch screen wor wor 321 with the ds nerf guns SPY Gear Spider man Webes tranSformer xbox 360 call up Duty MW3 BattLefiell 3 verizon Phone BakugAns Lego Ninjag as set
love Joe Rizzotto
2nd grade

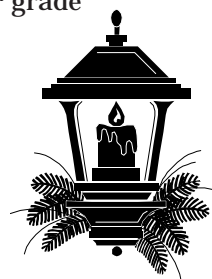
Third Grade Mrs. Williams' Class

Dear Santa,
these are the things I want for chrimcis! I would like a under-armour hat sweat shirt shoes gloves pants and a matmada bag. I would like to have more toys to play with. I would like a Apple I pod touch too. I would like a Mp three your friend, Brendan Roe
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I won't a IPod Tuch and a IPod So Let Me have it and I Won't a radyowe To So I can lisiin To it in My rooMe to and I Won't a scoter and I won't a Xbox 360 and I Won't a DS iXL To and I Won't a Desk in My RooMe To and I Won't a Bag of Dise To
Your Freind, Makala Mendyka
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like a pencil Sharpiner. I Would like egg nog please. I would like Mareo vs donkykong pokemon black and white 2 packs of candycane's your Friend Matt Good
3rd grade

Dear Santa
My Parents and family mebrs say I'm a very polite boy. And I think of others. Here are some reason why. In School I raise my hand. I don't Play in my desk, and at home I feed My dog's and I clen my room. Hear is a list of stuf I wan't A 22 fro hunting, a wite PSe, a football, and hunting stuf. I Promie to Lave some cookies and milk and carrots.
your frind, Nick Rasmussen
3rd grade



Dear Santa,
I have ben wary good theses yere I warden iF I cudld have a puppe I thank that wand Be whuh I up and I well Bly me a papping Plese Bring me a puppe. And madde vien I would like a pone

your frand, Jordan travis
3rd grade

Dear Santa

I am a good prsin this year I did some StuF that needs to Be Done And I wood Like For crismes Fijht Fijht Friends a cow girl Hat cow girl Boots a Hores Set that comes With a Bron And axsasres a Horse Game a comepeetr a make up Set that comes with LiPglos And Hear Stuf the mve Berley Hills Chroww 2 a FoDer that I can Put my Spachil nots in And thos are the thigs I what For crismis And I woudr iF the eIFs are ok there pople tirD to And you are tirD to And you will no my aychll List mery chrismas

your: Friend Ashlyn Gordy
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

This year I helped a Kinder gardener on the Play ground. First I want a DSi and DSi games. I really wnat a easy Bake oven. Next I want a new mountien Bike. can I have a hourn on it Please. I really really want a Kitten can I Please have a Kitten. I want a cotten candy maker. can I have a Doll hose Please. May I have a Baby gody Doll Please thanks Santa clas.

your friend, Rachel Hayes
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

how are you? I have been veary good. Can I Please have these things. Someone kick another person I said No, No, No, No. Let's have a new Amican dall. And A new little Black chair cause it alway Brakes. Can I also have a zozo pet. And a DiS and a Pone and iPod and lisener Player. And a Moxi aril that comes with a house. Also a new chlk bord. And a toy puppy and a real Puppy. Pretty Please can I have a compter. Those are the Stuff I want.

from your friend, Karen rosa sharboneau
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I want for chrismis is a transfomar a bigger bike nerf gun a litte husky Lego-battle game ice cream moshen a snakle and math mashen a mord sikl track Box of sports cards. thes are the things I want for chrismis.

your friend, Gavin walker
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I been very good this year. I claen my room and we put up a christmas tree in are room. So I thank I could get a doll house With a ellavater and a pool that you can put water in. and a puppy a real puppy please and thankyou

your friend, Victoria Skuse
3rd grade

Dear santa,

How are you? I am good. I have been really good this year. This year for christmas i wold like some Ds games, K'nex super cyclone coaster, easy-Bake oven, a real cell Phone, the michael jackson Wii game, and a fijit friend toy.

thank you, Miranda Clark
3rd grade

Dear Santa

I had Been a good boy this year. might be the Best because i will be nice So Please bring me toys, thanks! Santa you are nice these are the things i want for christmas Please hurry a iPad/a Wii game/Top Shot Arcade/a SPy net vidio watch/some squinkies Boys/ wii game mario cart/ a camra. thank you Santa

your Friend, Keegan Payne
3rd grade

Dear santa

I have been so good this year. good enough to get a present! I love the haladays! can you get me a dsi. A remotecontrol Shomavele and A new toy box

farwell your buddy, Ethan long
3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I have ben very good this year. I have done chores at home and I help grandma and granpa with their cats and Stuff at their home that they need done. I also try my best at stuff I am not good at. So here are some things I want for chrismas. I would like a giant stuffed golden Retriver puppy. so i can snuggle up with it on christmas night and sleep with it all nice and cozy. I also relly want a guitar for Chrismtas So I can make songs I sing sound better. I relly wnat a Kit of angy birds take down for Christmas. Where you set up boards and put these little green pigs in them then you set upd sling shot and shoot birds at the pigs and boards and try to nock them over.

Merry Christmas your friend, Brielle Keyser
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I tried to Be a good Boy this year. I have Done my chores around the hose. I think I need a target for my Bow. Some wrestling figures, a DcMx, a Deer rifle, a new Smack-Down vs raw for wii, A new DSi Charger, some new Base Balls, a new Bike, Some New Wrestling Movies, a new Dog, and a XBox360, anbd a basket Ball hoop that is what I would kike for christmas. thank you!

your friend, Jake tanner
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. One of the things I have done good this year are I helped Anna spell her words right. Now what I would like for crismas is one ipod touch, Veanas fly trap seeds, ten mystry gifts and one 32 inch stocking and a coputer.

your friend, Hunter Winter
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I have be good for a weak or more. Today I fond a guy litering so I said stop, stop! stop it. At home I help my mom and DAD. I help mom wene she is sick and to do dishes. my dad to do farm stuf. I try my best to be nice to luke. for christmas I want A guitar, A super woking computer, ripstik, fuzzy chair, the dog who save christmas, New York plane tickets to see the statue of liberty and most of all Katy perry tickets. There will be brownies at my house

waiting for you.

Love your best friend, Anna marie Loyer
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I'm doing kindof good do you need help deleivering the toys. These are the things I'm asking for. One thing I wand is a computer. Can I have a DS and a Phone. Please can you get My mom a subarban and my dad a KuHn Mixer cowfeed, Me a Xbox 360

your freind, Blake Dellar
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I guess you are really busy getting ready for Christmas. I decided to send my List to you early. XBox 360 3ds with gams new gun with scope new coat-Blue or red tv for Bedroom

thank you Brenden Hudgins
3rd grade

Dear santa,

I have been a little bad but I Would like some toys for chrismas. I Know I have been bad but everyone deserves a second chance I am needing a second chance. please get me toys for chrismas. I Would like books and stuffed animals. I Will try harder next year.

your friend, cara Dzuris
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

I have ben a good girl that my parents are inoresd can I have these thigs, tap shoes, a toto, a croun, a wand, a ball, a stuff hors, and a stuff cheeda.

Love, sam Fletcher
3rd grade

Dear Santa

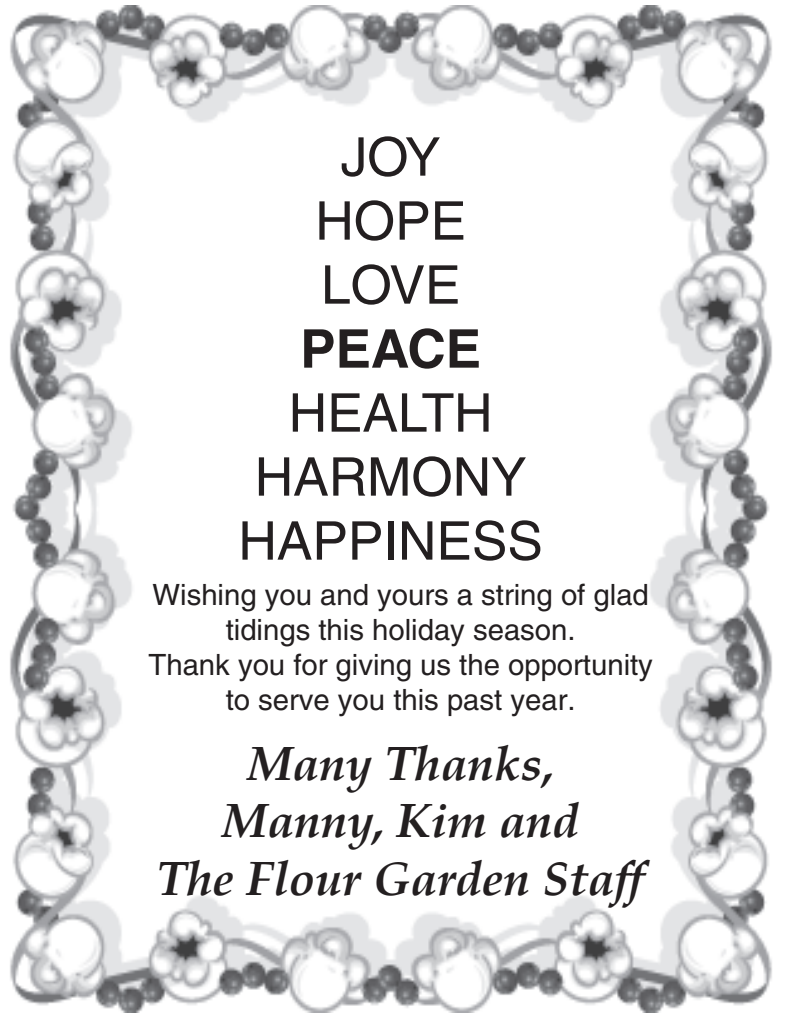
for Christmas I would Like a new Bike. I would also MP3 Player and clothes. Plus new Dsi games. and my own LapTop would Be nice. and my own Hunting Hat.

Love Your Buddy, Jenna Dahn
3rd grade

Mrs. Loyer's Class

Dear Santa Claus, how are and Mrs. Claus and all the reindeer doing? Are the reindeer ready to fly all around the world? This year I would like an IPod or iPad please. Also I would like a Blizzard Maker, DSI and DSI games, mirror, Bow and arrow or gun, Barbie dream house, hair coloring Barbie, and baby alive.

Sincerely your friend, Rachel Brianne Layton
P.S. Iv been a very good girl
3rd grade



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Dear Santa
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merry Chistmas from Caleb K
3rd grade

Dear Santa claus,
I have ben a good boy this year. I was wondering how Mrs. Claus is dowing is she dowing good or bad? How is the Reindeer dowing. When you wake up do you have mesey hair.

From Zachary Dettmer
3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Gabriel Froehner and I am eight years old. I attend Alcona Elementary School and I am in the third grade. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing okay, and Rudolph too. What I'd really want fro Christmas is a new bike, because my old one broke. Can you please bring me it, and Can you bring me a Trampoline. I always wanted one. I'd also want a Lucky Star Maker. I might give you one next Christmas. I hope you'll give every girl and boy a present.

Sincerely, Gabriel Froehner
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I was wondering how many reindeer you have counting the ones not on the sleigh? Do you get really cold in the North pole. What I really wanted to know is if Rudolph still leads the sleigh? As you may have noticed I have tried to do better and be good. Down in Michagin it is getting very cold. So I was hoping you could bring some snow clothes. If your elves get a chance, can you bring me a video game or two please. I mite need some sox because my other ones have holes in them. And please bring me some other supprises. Oh don't forget about my other family members too. I love them and will get them stuf too. Oh don't forget about the whole wide world too. have a Merry Christmas Santa Claus!

Zachary Stephenson
3rd grade



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Dear Santa Claus,
I have been an extremely good Boy. Thank you For every thing Santa. So how have Been Doing Santa, what I want is a spped racer and An Air hog Jet. Thats it because I'll have a lot of Fun with that and I'll be Doing stuFF with my DAD So thats why. So I hope the reinDeer can make it to every house in the wourd. well go Ahead and get some rest to Night let Rudolph lead the way for you

Sincerly Jake
3rd grade

Dear Santa claus,
I hope you give me all the thing's on my Christmas list and hope every buddy at the north Pole is very well. These are The things I want fro christmas A-PSP, and an electric gatar. I also hope you get Sleep before Christmas. I also hop you have a good Christmas Thanks for all the presents from last year.

Love Keedon
3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
How is the reindeer doing? Is mrs. claus MaKing you cookies? What I want for Christmas is a dog, a cat, phone, most important thing of all I want My dad home for Christmas.

love Nicole Gauthier
3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
How is the weather & how is Mrs. Claus & how are you? I was wondering how your reindeer are & how are all of your elves? I have been very good girl this year. I was wondering if I may please have minutes for my phone, a camera, a Diary, a Video camera, kitten, a Guitar, drums, lots of candy, tatoo's, earing's, necklace, Gingerbread house, Christmas tree Decerations, ring, rock star michkey, Dsi, walking Dog, Ipod touch, Clothes,

Love your friend Brynne Skye
Carpenter
3rd grade

Dear Santa claus,
Are you and Mrs. Claus been okay? Are the reindeer and your elves been okay to? I am worried about you for that storm. I hope you will have a Merry Chistmas. For Chistmas can I get a toy avatar, a pet fish, a pokemon silvergame, a pokemon black game, a Harry potter game worlds 5-10, Some puppy chow, a pet puppy, a big box of coco puffs, a toy dinisor, a toy ro bot, a Barbie, some Sticky frogs, Some sticky incepts, and Some



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frozon peas please.
love Cecelia Spears Unwin
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a very nice boy this year. I hope you can get to all the kids. how are your reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Do you like getting Christmas cookies? How are your elves doing? I would really like Aurther Critmas on blu ray, 2012 football for the ps2, A nitoedo 3ds, Sky landers, Madden football for the DS, a remote control Monster truck, goggles, helmet.

your friend Jacob Sytek
3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer and you and Mrs. Claus and your elves doing? Can I please have an electric guitar. And the Now 40 Cd. And a Nintendo 3ds please and thank you.

Love your friend, Ashlyn rose
Abend
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I have ben a really good boy this year. How is the weather up there? Is mrs. claus making you thoose good delicious cookies? I hope you get a good rest for the really big night? Are the elves exciting to make the presents? I know I am too get the present. And one more thing are the reindeer Strong enough to Pull the sleigh. That sleigh most be heavy. By the Way how are the reindeer doing? I hope nobody sick. Especially santa. I be the North Pull get cold up there. I don't think it is worm. Is Rudolph nose still red so he can lead the way?

Love, Mason Storms Merry
Christmas
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I have some questions for you. one is What are all your reindeers names? Heres another for you, Is Mrs. claus making cookies for you? I have five more questions for you. How tall are your elves? How many reindeer do you have? How are you and Mrs. claus? Do you have fun deliving presents? Do your elves have fun making presents? These are the presents I would like for Christmas. I would like a wii, wii games, Barbies, Barbie clothes, camera, a basket ball, a basket ball hoop, a bunkbed, some fish, hair bows, dresses, and new clothes. That's all I want for Christmas

Love, Jenna Fowler
3rd grade


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Love Vincent Mendyka
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. How is your reindeer doing? What I would like for Christmas is a nintendods. I would like a victorious doll. I would like a doodle bear. I would like a monster high for Christmas.

From: your friend Linda Braden P.S. Merry Christmas santa.
3rd grade

Dear santa
I have been a rely good Boy this year. How are your RainDeer? Will they be able to Pull the sleigh this year? can you tell all your elves I said hi! and I am gona leave you a Present this year For all your hard Work Year after year and how is Rudolph and how is mrs claws? are your elves woking hard this year. Santa can I Please have a 4 Wheler and Please have a toy skidder and can I Please have modern WarFar2 and thank you For the presents Last year.

Love your frend Nick Somers
3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for our wonderful Christmas at our old house. I only have a couple things I want. I would love to have the game headbanze because I love to play games. In my stocking I would like some silly string because I love to squirt my brother with it and my brother likes to squirt me with the Silly string. I have so tiny nails so I would like some fake nails. Thank you for all the hard work you do because it is probably hard to do. I hope the reindeer are okay.

Love Lily Bilbey
3rd grade

Deer Santa
How are your elfs Doing. Is Mrs claus making alot of cookies for you. I will give you alot of cookies for you. I hope you get me Super Mario brothers. Love you Santa. ps I have been a very good friend
from Kegan
3rd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a XBOX and I Pod Touch, and a game for the X BOX, and I would like MW3. Also how are you and your reindeer doing this Christmas? I will leave some cookies and I hope there won't be a blizzard. And for my brother a tshirt the one at WallMart and one more thing for me a Nerf gun it is small but shoots 10 Nerf darts. I will leave a brush because your hair mite be messy.

your friend Grant Botha
3rd grade

Dear santa
I Want are Mysteri Masa a John cena Belt The WWE Action Figure the Rock Amap lified Mic Talkin Pounders, and a GameBoy and A WWE Wrestling ring and a John cena shirt a WWe KAAP Babble head and a Hulk Hogan key chain for christmas Please ATV

Thanks, Sammy
3rd grade

**Fourth Grade
Mrs. Yokom's Class**

Dear Santa
Thank you Santa for The gifts last year I have a bunch of fun with Them. Santa I have been a good kid this year. I help out on the farm. I help my Dad. So do you think I have been a good kid this year. I would like a new DS game, Lego Battle becaues my other DS games are boring. I would also like Star war three the clone wars because my other wii games I have won. I would wish for NFL Madden 12 becaues It is a really fun game to play with friends. That is what I would like. I will leave a plate of cookies and milk for you

love, Aidan wrobel
4th grade

Dear Santa
All I want for cristmas is a lego camera and every lego box in the world. and I also would like a electric train track.

From Dalton torsch
4th grade

Dear santa,
I loved the gifts you gave me last year. you gave me alot last year. I would really like another DS game. (Poke'mon please. Ii hope you like oatmeal cookies! I'll ask my mom if I can. If She says no I'll leave a friendly little note on the table.

Your friend Lila Bishop
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank ou for the toys that

you brought me last year. I enjoy playing with them. this year I will put out more cookies then last year. this year I don't want much. I would like the L.P.S. magic motion tree house, an ipod chager, L.p.S Cafe, Pet jet, and thats about it.

Sincerly, Miranda Baker
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you go me last year. I loved the yo-be if your wandering if its a yo-yo or a boomerang it both of them mixed. This year all I want is a Ipod touch. Not an Ipod an I pod touch. the reason is so I can play games and listen to music. The games on it would be angry birds, ninjump, and btd4 (balloon tower defense 4). And the music is tonight tonight, and moves like jaggar. Have a happy ho-ho holiday

Merry Christmas Mason Clark
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Santa I just wanted to tell you thank you for all the gifts Igot last year, they were great. I igot a rescue pet that is a dog and her name is Mia. The gifts I want are on ipod touch and a dsi or ds. I also would like a camo jacket or camo gloves. Would you please Make sure that my family is happy and they get all the gifts they wished for too.

your Friend Annabelle Rowe
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you left us last year. I am enjoying the body packet you gave me last year. There are a few question s I would like to ask you. Number 1. Do you ever have to change the bulb in Rudolph's nose? Number 2. How cold does it get in the north pole? Number 3. How old are you. That's all.

Here are a few things I would like. I would like a amazon fire, the DS game littlest pet shops and the whole collection of skittles chap stick. here is one thing for every one in my family. For my sister Olivia one or two zuu zuu pet tunnels. For my brother Jack the movie Alvin and the chipmunks chipwrecked. For mom a new bible cover. And for Dad a new chess board. I also have on request. I would like to you give all the poor and orphans the best christmas ever.

Thank you. Have a merry christmas.

Sincerely, Emma Baird
4th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to say thank you for the awesome gifts you got me last year but I want something different this year. I want all the fighters fighting in Afgainistan to be safe. I also want all peace in the world. Please tell Mrs. Claus happy holidays. Take my wishes seriously. I believen you Santa. Just asking how do you get to every house in one night?

Merry Christmas, Madison Donovan
4th grade

Dear Santa,
One thing I'd like is for my aunts cancer to go away. She's had it for a long time. I dont want her to die. My cosion would be mostly alone and I love her. I would also like skylanders for Wii for the family. It would be realy fun to have. Merry Chrismus and happy New Year!

From, Colton Inglis
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Dear Santa,
 Thank you for giving us a Wii last year. Before we moved to our other house that's all I would do is sit on the Bed and Play the Wii. This year I would like is an X Box 360. If you can get it for me I would Be So happy that I would Play that all the time instead of the Wii. Although I still would play the Wii just not as much as I use to.

Sincerely Shane Mendyka
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 The street hockey goalie gear you gave me last year is awesome. I like it because on our hockey rink out side I put it on and play goalie. This year I want an xbox live. I'll play it all the time. So will you get me that this year please.

your friend Brett Nelson
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the gifts you brought last year. I enjoyed all of them. This year I would like some Neon-dry eraser markers, Glow book and a telescope. On Christmas eve we will have milk and cookies for you. For the reindeer we will have carrots set out. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. Oh by the way I am in 4th grade and 9 years old.

Merry Christmas,
 Brooklynn Pagels
 4th grade

Dear Mr. Claus,
 Thank you for the happiness you gave my family. Every year my Christmas day gets better and better. I enjoy waking up just waiting to rip open presents, but mainly the enjoyment with my family. They are there every year and I'm blessed to have them. This year I would enjoy the panda necklace I saw. its very pretty. I have been looking for a necklace to replace the necklace I always wear...And lost. Thats the only thing I want. Well thanks for the happiness you gave my family and I.

Sincerley, Rose Schopfer
 4th grade

Dear Mr. clause
 I want to thank you for the tatoos from last year and the games. Also, I would like to

thank you for coming last year This year I only am asking for an I pod touch and Hello Kitt doll. Also, for world peace please. I will be puting out coconut butter cookies and chocolate cookies with sprinkles. There will be two glasses of milk one Soi and one 2% So I hope you enjoy!

Love Serena Siddons
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 I would like a X box 360. Another thing I would like is a peddel bike ramp. I would also like a game calledabela's survivor for a X box 360. Another thing that I would be interested in is a RC truck. The last thing I would like is a stiga snowracer sled. Thank you Santa for all your hard work

your friend, Taylor Stewart
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the gum ball machine that I got Last year. The gum balls ran out so now I use skittles. With the gum balls one turn would get you one gum ball, but with the skittles you would get five a turn. This year my sister would like an i-pod. My dad would like a garage. My mom would like a family trip to Arizona. I would like a 007 Video game. Santa, do you ever go swimming? Has Mrs. clause ever knitted you a sweater?

Your friend Ben Thomas
 P.S. I will Leave you some cookies and milk for you
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for everything you gave me last year. They are fuzzy, soft and fun to play with. This year I would like a wii game. It's call just Dance 2. I also like just Dance 3. I will leave you cookies and milk. I will also leave the reindeer carrots.

Your friend Courtney Winter
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 All I want for Christmas is a ham sandwich. I also want a well done ham burger with a couple of grill marks. I'd also like a less annoying alarm clock. I don't want a more annoying brother or sister! So

don't throw that in. I'd also like faster internet.

From Billy Jones
 4th grade

Ms. Schick's Class

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for my football, my Sims in the City, my Call of Duty. I want a Star Wars Battle Front 2 fro PS2, a remote control car fro my brother, and two hundred war books for my dad. For my mom I want something for every believer in Christmas to have a Merry Christmas. One more thing, I want to see my best friend some more. His name is Josh West.

Yours, Christian Hux
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for what I got last year. How's your reindeer? How's Rudolph? I bet he's good. I wan an x box 360, Halo II, Halo Reach, MW3 for PS3, Nerf Longstrike, and a sky rim for PS3.

Your friend, Brody Potts
 4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for all the presents. I can't wait until 24 days ! Anyway, thank you for all the presents. I want a \$20 dollar x box cord, a new controller, and all the other stuff you want to give me. Hope you have a safe trip.

Love, Rodney Karas
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for all the things I wanted. It all meant a lot to me. Thank you. This year I would like a lot of things. By a lot of things I mean one thing that makes two things, a 3bs and Mario cart 7. It looks awesome.

Your friend, Sadie Johnson
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the dsi last year, I sure was surprised. Also thanks for getting my little brother one too. Now hes not bugging me as much, hes only playing his dsi instead. This year I hope you can get me a few new games, and also a new sled. I need one. Also I hope you can get my friend a dsi. He wants one, but doesn't have one.

Thanks, your friend, Patrick Payne
 4th grade



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.

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Dear Santa,
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sincerely, Robby Barbato
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the snuggy. The poke mon cards are great. The Lord of the ring movies I still have. Santa, please bring me a Dsixl screen protecters, The Poke mon hand book, The halo game for p.c.
from, Levi Kline
4th grade

Dear Santa
Thank you for all the presents you got me last year. The Best present you got me is Halo Legends. I watched it a hundred Times. It rocked!!! Thank you again for the presents.
Koedy Berryhill
4th grade

Dear Santa
Thank you for all the gifts last year. The best present I got was the MIAI Thompson. This year I hope to get a new airsoft gun. I hope Jacob gets a xbox 360 with Modern Warfare 2 and 3. He really deserves it. Santa please let Jacob get that wish I really care about him. When we are playing the xbox he will even cry for it. That's the wish I want for Christmas.
Love Conner Morgan
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you my teddy bear with a red ribbon, and my radio that is black. And thank you fro my new doll house. I would like a new stuffed animal, some more D.S. games, and a new warm coat. P.S. 15 stuffed animals
Your Friend Emma Grace
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things you get me every year. I use them and like them. This year I would like a New comforter for my bed. I would also like the crayola glow book. That is all I want this year from you. Thank you!
Sincerly, Megan Grove
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Can I have some hats. At least can I have a Monster hat!?!?! A Monster energy drink hat. Thank you for the pokit

rokit!!! I Love riding it! I really do not want too many things this year. My dad could use a 55 inch tv! thank you!

From: Ian Travis
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents that you got me last year. They were some of my favorite presents. This year I would like a trampoline, I want a trampoline because they are fun and they keep me busy.

From, Adam Gwizdak
4th grade

Dear Santa Claus
How are you doing? How are the reindeer? Can thay fly? I can't wait till Christmas. thank you for all the presents from last year. This year I would like all the monster high dolls, squikies, an xbox 360, air swim and a lot of other stuff

your friend, Isabella Medina
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the radio that you got me last year. Oh and the cd Now Thats What I Call Music. This year I would like something Special for mom and dad. For my little brother Owen some legos. For me, maybe monster high doll Cleo de Nile and a ds

Your friend, Alyssa Dellar
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the things I wanted. I all meal alot to me thank you. This year I would like alot of thing. By a lot of things I mean two thinbgs a 3bs and mario cart 7 I looks cool oh did I say Cool I ment Awesome I also want a zuentlats tuchscreen and an I pod.

you friend, Sadie Johnson
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Tahnk you for all the wonderful gifts. This year we got my grandmas tv. So This year I would like a Wii and I would like any games. I would also like zuzu pets and squinkies, too. Thank you

From: Lorenda Thomas
4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you santa claus? I can't wait till Christmas. how are the reindeer? is Rudolph's nose more red? merry Christmas! Thank you for all the presents last year. This year I would like an I pod touch with lime green case, littlest pet

shops, I pad 2 with a lime green case, a texting Phone with a lime green case, a lot of squikies, kachooos, justice clothes, a real Kitten, more games for the wii, more games for the xbox 360, a big stuffed animal a froggy and another purple mechanical pencil.

your friend, Isabella bates
4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Can Rudolph's nose get any redder? Thank you for the wii and everything else I recieved from you. Are you going on a diet? Whats your favorite snack? Thos most 3 things I want for Christmas is I pod touch, Muggly dog, and a Light brown guitar with dark brown outlining. Could you please bring my mom some candles. And maybe some clothes. I can't forget my mom loves perfume. And possibly maybe some dog treats or bones for my dogs Ivy and Zoey.

your friend, Chloe Schram
4th grade

Joshua Timothy West writing 12-7-11

I would like a psp for Christmas. It stands for playstation portdbl i would like one for christmas. I would like for my best best friend Christian Hux to live with me. He is the most caring friend that I have ever wished to have. I am so thankfull to have my friend Christian. That is my special wish for Christmas....

Joshua Timothy West
4th grade

Dear santa,
Thank you for the stuff I got last year. It was awesome. I got mostly every thing I wanted. This year I hope for mind flex also I would like super mario bros the D.s game. But what I really want is a ipod touch. I also want Monopoly the original bord game and I want crackle nail polish. Also bright green turquoise blue earrings and toys for my bird and othe animals. And that is what I want for christmas.

Haley Spalding
4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you so much for helping my mom and dad get me

that DSixl. And 2 years ago you got me a stuffed animal pony. Thank you so much for giving the hole world presents. And this year I wish you a Marry Christmas. This year I wold like cookie (the little toy pup) a playdoe set, Garfield toys and to meet my favorite stars Justin Beber, Taylar Swift, Bella, Jacob, Edward, Allasa and all the other people off of twilight

your Friend, Katy Eargood
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all The Presents. I can't wait until 24 days! any way thank you for all the present. I want a \$2 dollar xbox card, a new controller, and all other stuff you want to give me. Hope you have a safe trip.

Sincerely Rodney Karas
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the great presents you got me last year. I like the dolphin clock you me and all the great gifts you got me. Like the little candies in my stocking. Mostly I love the peanut butter cups. For this year I wish to get a huge painting of my dog. And maybe a new sleeping bag that has pawprints all over it. Sometimes I wish to have a pet turtle again. But most of all I just want a great Christmas with my family.

Sincerly Darien Panich
4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for my presents last year. I think its really nice that you give all those kids lots of toys. Make sure you rewared your elfs and reindeer and say hi to them for me please. Could you get me a Dsixl, a new bike for my parents, DSi games, some pet shops, and web kins. You don't have too get me all the presents I want but I would like some of them. Wait I would like a hex bug too thank you. I can't wait for Christmas So I can spend time with my family.

your friend Alexis Lask
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me a very big teddy bear horse. Me and my cousins love it! I also like the ds you gave me. I love it my ds so much! My cousins even play with it. Oh, I got a very heavy pink coat. And What I Want this year. I would like a phone, i pad 2, i pod touch, dsi and a new tv.

from your friend Sarah Wassmann
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. I like them a lot. This year the present I want isn't for me it's for my Mom. She wants belive it or not a baby cow. She also would like some new perfume. That would make her So happy. Thank you for reading My letter.

Sincerely, Amanda Phillips
4th grade

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Thank you for the the jeep you brought me last year. It has given me much happiness. Thank you also for the delicious Candy in my stocking. This year I would like a Dukes of Hazzard game for playstalion 2, I would also like my family to be happy I hope you have a safe journey on Christmas Eve.
Sincerely, Zach Richardson
4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all the presents last year. The gifts were awesome! Please come again. This year I would like a bee-bee gun with bee-bee bullets, can I have an orbeez spa kit, can my daddy have Michigan clothes, lots more squinkies, Super Mario Bros. video game for DS, a laptop, all the monster high dolls, a Justin Bieber doll, all the lalalopsy dolls, Skylanders for Wii, more DS games, an I pod touch, and a zuen.
Your Friend, Caitlyn Neff
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you fro getting me a wii and lots of candy last year. This year I would like a DSI from me, a DSI for my brother Ande, and lots of trucks, trac-

tors, and baby toys for my other brothers, Brent and Nick. I would like lots of hunting and fishing stuff for my dad and some candles for my mom.
Sincerely, Matthew Fisher
4th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for everything last year. How are the reindeer. say hi to Rudolph would you. This I just want a good family Christmas. I want a new Bike too.
your friend, Nelson Quintel
4th grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all thos presents Last year. I hope you have a good Christmas. For Cristmas I would Like the Zomby candy set, Dead Island video game and eyehok sky rater.
your frend, Connor Forbes
4th grade

**Fifth Grade
Mrs. Holmes' Class**

Dear Santa,
This year there are three main things that I would like for Christmas. Those things are a hair straightener, a blue Ipod touch, and a horse care kt for my horse Bettsy. Oh, and I hope you like peanut butter cookies those are my moms favorite cookie to make. This year my friend Emily Hoffman gave me two spotted little bunnies, so there wont be any carrots. Is there really a reindeer named Rudolph?
your beliver Gracie Gombos
5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to thank you for all the presents you gave me last year I will always thank you for the stuff you get me. I will leave you cookies and milk, and food for the reindeer. I will be so happ on Christmas morning. I would lik one thing for christmas. That is to have a great one!
From Hunter White
5th grade

Dear Santa,
How are you this Christmas? I hope that you're not working too hard. How do you get everyone's house in one night? Doesn't the milk ever get sour after a while? How many elves do you have helping you? Do you ever get a cold at the north pole? Do you know every elf by name? What's your favorite type of cookie. The only thing I would like for Christ-

mas is a dog.
from your friend, Malcolm Dix
5th grade

Dear Santa,
Last year you gave me the best Christmas ever by making me and my family closer together, And I thank you for that. In fact, how are you and your family? My Christmas wish is for my BFF Jerri and her family to have a Merry Christmas.
your friend, Lauren Torsch
5th grade

Dear Santa claus,
I wish I would not get into a big mess of trouble. And santa this is all I want for Christmas. I hope you have a great flight.
Love Konner
5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would just like to have a nerf football, a vortex gun, Packers fathead, some waterproof hunting boots, a bow, a new hunting coat, and a pair of gloves. Thank you for the presents last year. They were wonderful. I just have to ask you how many elvs do you have? Also do you have some backup reindeer. I hope you have a wonderful journey in the United States because I don't want to be a person on the naughty list.
your friend Hunter Clark
5th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you this Christmas? I am wonderful. I can't wait until it snows. I promise I will leave you the best cookies you've ever tasted. Doesn't the milk get sour after a little while? If it does then that must be gross. Have you ever had a cookie you didn't like? Oh yeah, so you can have the best cookies you've ever had, what's your favorite cookie? Mine's a sugar cookie with a melted hershey kiss on the top but i has to be warm. Every year I write you a mini Christmas Eve letter. I can't wait to write one this year. How many elves do you have? Tell them they're great workers. I've been good this year so please get me something special. Thanks for making every year special.
Love, Arieana Miltz
5th grade

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? I hope you still like cookies because I do. Is it still cold down there? I hope you bring hope, love, and peace to the world. Even to the homeless. All I want is a couple of things. A Ds, a phone, a cord for the xbox 360, clothes, boots, hats and a wii.
Love, Kelsey Karas
5th grade

Dear Santa,
I love the presents you have given to me. Thanks for the lovely magnificent gifs. You are the almsist. The only things I want is a big nerf gun, healeys, leggos, a apritiball DVD player, and a Dsi. I love all of the presents you have given to me.
Sincerely, Matthew Rizzotto
5th grade

Dear Santa,
how are you and Mrs. claus? How are the reindeer? I have been waiting for Christmas all year. I think it's the best day of the year. This year I dont want much. All I want is an Ipod touch or a I pad. What I really want is for my family to have a great Christmas. Honestly I dont need anything. I would rather give something to a family that needs it then I get something. Because Christmas is about giving. P.S. I really would like an Ipod touch.
Sincerly, your friend
Damion Stewart
5th grade

Dear Santa,
Last year for Christmas I had a blast but I went to my dads work, and I could have spent time with my family. But I had a great time with my mom and dad. We had dinner, cake, eggnog, and presents. I'm hoping that you and Santa pars are ok. All I want is me spending time with my family
Love, Hunter Cammack
5th grade

Dear Santa
How are the reindeer? I hope they are ready for a long journey to all of the houses. I can't wait for Christmas, can you? I bet you are getting all the reindeer ready. I have carrots all ready for the reindeer. When you come into the front door there will be cookies wating for you. Santa, can I have a new fish tank for my fish and a new golden retriever in puppy size? Thats what my family wants. I really don't want any thing. Maybe a xbox 360 game for Luke. Thank you very much.
Your friend Gage Byce
5th grade

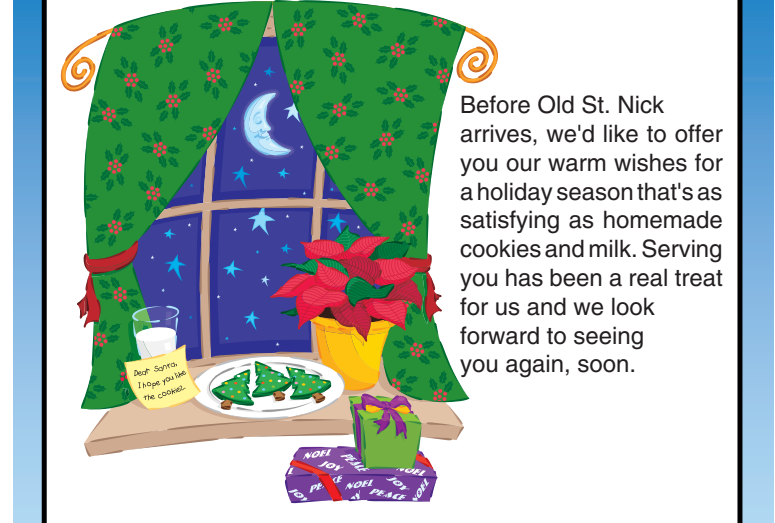


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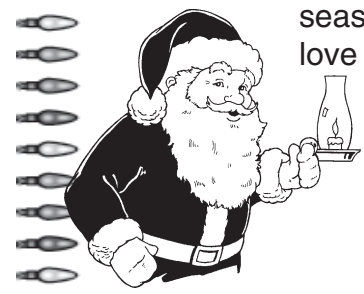
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Dear Santa,
It's winter again Santa, it's time for you Santa! It seemed so long since you have been to our house. So how is it in the North Pole? The elves right now must be working hard. Santa, what kind of cookies do you want? How about one of each. We only have one kind of milk...skim. Sorry. So about my presents and all. I don't need this stuff. but I ant it. So here we go. I would like Legend of Zelda: skyward sword, super mario 3D land, Mario Kard 7 3D, nerf big bad bow, Worlock alx, nerf Double sided sword, klaw hacthet mace three pointed ax, and that wraps it up.
Sincerly, Dylan Faszczewski
5th grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Is it extremely cold down in the north pole? On Christmas Eve I will give you cookies and milk. For Christmas I'd like a BB gun for my brother, a doll house for my sister, for my dad a pair of carhart bibs. For my mom more make up. For my grandma and apple tree. For my grandpa a new wheelchair. For myself some little transformers, some carhart bibs. some other things are nerf guns, clothes. Thanks for all the years you got me presents. I had some awesome years of Christmas. Thank you!

Love, John sharboneau
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the presents from last year. This year I don't really want any thing special just that all the animals at the Alcona Humane Society find permanent homes for the holidays. Also, I would like to know, how long does it take to make one toy and how many elves are in your workshop? Have a safe flight!

Sincerely, Trinity Keyser
5th grade

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? How is Mrs. Claus and Roudalph? All that I want for Christmas is my friends and family to be safe on Christmas. I also want just one more thing an iPod. Thanks for all of the presents last year. Christmas is my favorite time of year. I'm very thankful for my family and Christmas.

Your friend, Emily Hoffman
5th grade

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is motecontrol Jeep. Oh and a semi with a trailor. Please can you get me a DSi XI Please.

Love your freind William
5th grade

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is big game hunter 2012. I also want mini sticks. I would also like three golden coins. Oh, and I also would like if you could get my twenty-five year old brother some Michigan clothes.

Love, Joshua Kilbourn
5th grade

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for what I got last year. I don't know if you remember but I got a nerf gun, snow board, rip stick, twister, wii, wii games and a bunch of candy in my stocking like mnm's, reeces, and som gummy bears. I really hope Mrs. Claus is alright she's not sick or anything is she? All I want this year is a p.s.3, the game Infamous, and for my family to go on a wonderful vacation to Disney World in Orlando Florida thank you very much. Oh yeah, and don't eat the carrots and apples on your plate with your cookies they are for the reindeer.

Love your freind Jeffrey D. Wetherhult
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for all the hard work you give. It must be difficult to get around the world in one night. Do the reindeer have to work hard, too? Is Comet being good? My family and I are going to put out cookies and milk for you. I hope you enjoy them. This year I would like a telscope. i hope it isn't to big of a

trouble to bring a telescope from the North Pole to Harrisville, Michigan. if it is I will be okay without it.

Your friend, Matthew Warner
5th grade

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a pogo stick a trampoline 4 wheeler new carpet wii games video camrea dvd player cell phone and a soccer ball a bow the computer game Sims pets2 and that is want for Christmas

Love Dianna Vliet
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Are you doing ok? How are the reindeer? Thanks for my gifts in the years before. All I want for Cristmas is an X-box 360 with a game called Madden NFL 12. I will be sure to give you lots of cookies for it. Thank you.

Your friend, Danny Jones
5th grade

Dear Santa,

All I want for christmas is clothes and a new pair of shoes. I dont want any thing special nor any thing expensive. Santa needs to travel the whole world. So you aren't going to get me any thing expensive. I hope you stop by the Hospital and stop by all those people that don't have homes and get them something. Also, give them a happy year. Say Hi to Mrs. Claus for me.

Sincerely, McKayla LaFave
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my warm socks. I have been wearing them hunting and to clean stalls. For Christmas I would like a tablet and two Gerbils. The only thing that I hope best is if you give lots of presents to St. Jude Hospital. I also want them to have the best Christmas ever. Thank you Santa and Merry Christmas.

Love, Abigail Franklin
5th grade

Dear Santa,

How have you been doing? I have been all right. I not trying to be pushy about stuff. I would just like to let my family to be happy. Everyone to be happy. Thank you for that card I got from you. Thank you for all the things I got. How is Rudolph. Say Hi to Mrs Claus.

Love Jerri-Lynn Quin
5th grade

Dear Kris Kringle,

How are you doing? you are etraordinary. Thank you for all the great gifts last year. I don't know how you get to all the kids in the world, but however you do it it is awesome. How are the reindeer and Mrs. Clause? I'm going to put cookies out. I plan on putting sugar cookies out. May you bring me the game Tony Hawk Shred (with board), a toy for me and Crash (my puppy), a toy for me and Blacky (my cat), and an orange nine pound bowling ball. Did I say you're extraordinary?

Sincerely, Alex Thomas Harmon
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifts you have given me the past couple years. I would like you to get me an ipod please. I would like you to get me sims three pets for Christmas. You have given me some cool things over the years Santa. Christmas is the best

holiday of the year.

Love, Justin smigelski
5th grade

Dear Santa,

I am so happy that Cristmas is finally here! May I have a set of polly-pockets 2nd a new webkinz? I would like a dirt-bike, adsixl, an Ipodtouch, candy, a watch, a big box of split pei soup, also to get my ears pierced. I also want shapups, a cat and a pet chpkmunk.

Love: Jasmin Jade Heilig
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gits you gave as for Christmas last year. Will you please give me the ex-ploders gun and some ammo fro it too? I would also like a nerf stamede gun I hope you have a happy New Year.

love, Jason Sweet
5th grade

Dear Santa,

I wish you would visit the orphans and the sick children, thats only one of my seven wishes. My second wish is to have a Ipod touch, X box 360, my cat to have more toys, coloring sheets, more books, and my final wish is for my first grandma to feel better. I hope you make some of the wishes come true.

Sincerely, Shelby R. Swain
5th grade

Dear Santa

Thank you for a great Christmas last year. I recived every gift I asked for. I am very thankful for that. But I am mostly glad that I was able to spend time with all of my family. I also was able to do fun stuff like play in huge snow forts that my grandpa made with the tractor. I did those things with my cousins. This year all I want is to have a Christmas like last year.

your friend Pierce Bilbey
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. I think you really thought about what I wanted! I loved the presents. Thank you! I would like one thing though. I want to please spend this Christmas with my whole family. I know it isn't much to ask but it is to me. Having to spend our Christmas without my brother or sister or parent is awful if you ask me. It is also not Christmas spirit without all the pieces of believing! So, have a safe flight and Merry Christmas!

your believer, Hailee Gordy
5th grade

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? I only want three things for Christmas. All I want is my moms arm to recover, my grandma's hip to recover and a Droid cell phone. It must be cold in the North Pole. How do you get water for the reindeer? I hope you don't forget where the hospitals are because they could really use some holiday spirit. Also, thank you for the bike two years ago and the stuffed animal from last year. You are extraordinary!

Sincerely, Faith Wallenmaier
5th grade

Mrs. Yokom's Class

Dear Mr. Claus,
Thanks for everything last year. They were all magnificent! This year I would like an I-pod

touch because you can play games, listen to music and etc. I also have two wishes: my arm will be okay because it might have a tumor and that I will out grow my epilepsey.

Merry Christmas, Brianna Fogle
5th grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I love the gifts I received last year I was thankful. I hope everyone in the north pole is doing great. This year for Christmas I would like a real jewelry box and mostly any thing squinkies. For clothes I would like Sweatpants and fuzzy pj's. P.S I hope you have a safe trip here.

Your friend, Krista Breier
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifs Last year. I play my PSP when I am bored, Thanks. Santa thes year I would Like my dad to come safely. The reason why I want this is because so I can spend time with him. I do not get to see him alot because he is working all of the time.

Your friend, Austin Compton
5th grade

Dear Saint Nick

Thanks for your awesome gifts I love them. By the way how is Mrs. Claus? I also like you movies. Please can you let my cousin Jason, who's a marine come home Cou7ld I Please have a nook. It is awesome. Thanks

your friend, Luke Hutchison
5th grade

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like to thank you for the psp. My other one broke. So would you like chocolate chunk or chocolate chip cookies? This year I would like a with two games. The two games I would like are called Madden 2012 and Nascar 2012. Thank you.

Sincerly Cash Wortley
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Big Game Hunter 2011. I have beat all the levels and mini games. This year I would like a new set of throwing knives. Also a longer blow gun for better accuracy.

your friend, Antavius Mikazes
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the stuff last year and I hope that you and Mrs Claus are doing good. Are the elves and reindeer alright? This year I would like a new deer gun and that my uncle is safe when he goes to war again. That is all I want this year. I'm also in 5th grade and eleven.

your friend Cody Leeseberg
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifts that you got me last year. I love playing my XBOX 360. How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing? This year I would like a Longstrike CS-6 with extra darts, Lego Star wars, lego kingdoms and a nerf pistol please.

Your friend Patrick Bates
5th grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the presents I got last year. I liked all the presents you gave me. The

presents you left under the tree were awesome. This christmas what I would like is a new pair of slippers, a new bed set, a cell phone, a fuzzy blanket, and a bigger TV for my room, not a 19 inch TV. Oh and new belts. I know you will have a long trip so I will leave you my homemade cookies with dark and caramel chocolate.

Your friend, Cassady Clemens
5th grade

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope your doing mighty fine! I would like to thank you for all of the presents you gave me last year. I enjoyed them and still do. Whenever someone says Santa Claus it makes me think of Christmas. Who doesn't love Christmas? This year I would like an easel please. I would like an easel because I love to paint, draw and use pastels on them. Thank you again and tell the elfs I said hi.

Love, Raegen Eller
5th grade

Dear Santa,

I am glad you gave me a cotch rocket last year. This year all I want is a brand new bow. I think the red suit looks good on you. I will leave milk and cookies. for you this year. Merry Christmas your friend, Avory Lee
5th grade

Sixth Grade

Dear Santa,

I would like to say thank you for all the great gifts you have given me, but all I want this year is to be surrounded by family for Christmas. I would also like to say thank you to all the vets that have served for our country. But the true meaning of Christmas is to give not to receive.

Love, Taylor Livingston
6th Grade
Mrs. Shiffer's Class

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my wonderful presents last year. I played with them all day long. How are the reindeer? I have been hearing rumors that everyone of them are in tip top shape. Unlike last year rudolph had a tempeture of 102. I have some great news Santa I only want three things for Christmas and they are a giant giraffe, a DS game (Mario Karts), and my last thing is a RC micro speeder (Hot wheel radio remote control car and it is pocket size). Well thank you for reading my list. I hope I can get two of those things. And the best of true luck to you.

Love, Alicia Bishop
6th grade

Mrs. Gombos' class

ps. your sugar cookies are on the counter and Lila needs just coal gun (He, He, He)



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