

Beautification members are Lincoln Citizens of the Year

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Not one, not two, but 11 residents, including a very surprised village president, were named Citizens of the Year in Lincoln.

For the past four years individual residents of the Village of Lincoln have been recognized by a nominating panel for their kindness and caring of their community. Words such as generous, kindhearted, observant and hard working describe these individuals who go above and beyond as a good neighbor.

This year was no exception; only instead of an individual, a group of individuals known as the beautification committee first came to the mind of Phil Jordan, president of the Village of Lincoln.

Little did Jordan know a secret committee to name him Citizen of the Year had already been convened and unanimously agreed upon. "It came as a total surprise to me, I'm on the panel that picks the citizen and had no idea," Jordan said.

According to Jordan, the beautification committee deserves the accolade. "They are a hard working group which has stuck together through thick and thin. Each one cares immensely for this community, making them very worthy."

The beautification committee consists of 10 members: Eric J. Monnier, Sharon Walker, Kathy and Bill Putsky, Joan Toombs, Deb Shaneour, Edna Byce, Jessy and Patricia Scott and Evelyn Good.

The committee formed about a decade ago when a few would go around and plant flowers along the main roads in town. A few of the members would also walk the streets daily and pick up litter.

Joan Toombs and Kathy Putsky recalled the early days of their committee, "We were called bag ladies because we carried grocery bags with us to pick up trash as we walked," Putsky said as she showed off her pink Lincoln beautification committee



Members of the Village of Lincoln Beautification Committee (front row, from left) Joan Toombs, Kathy Putsky, Sharon Walker, (back row) Deb Shaneour, Eric Monnier, Bill Putsky and village president Phil Jordan. Beautification committee members not pictured: Edna Byce, Jessy and Patricia Scott and Evelyn Good. Photo by Mary Weber.

sweatshirt that has a picture of a trash can with a flower growing out of it.

The beautification committee also puts up many of the village's Christmas decorations, waters flowers during the summer, plants trees and shrubs and keeps an eye on the village's appearance.

"It's not just a few days a year; it's every week of the

year with hours and hours of work each week. Anything they see needing to get done gets done because of the beautification committee. They are amazing people and more than deserve to be Citizens of the Year for all they do," Jordan said. He added that the group has some of the best volunteers he's ever known who were fun people to be with.

Jordan was surprised with his own plaque for Citizen of the Year. He said that he was honored and humbled by the award. And he didn't make the town what it was by himself, he had a great team of people to work with. He also thought the nominating panel was pretty darn sneaky.

Jordan moved to Lincoln from Davison, Mich. in 2001

after visiting the area quite a bit with a friend. He said the more he looked at the town the more he liked it. He took office as the Village of Lincoln President in 2006.

According to Bonny Gauthier, a village trustee, the nominating panel chose Jordan secretly over the phone. "We wanted Phil to be recognized as well as the beautification committee. A lot of people don't comprehend the hours he works traveling at his own expense looking at other towns and cities to help make Lincoln the best village it possibly could be," Gauthier said.

She explained a great deal of Jordan's time is consumed by working with grant writers. He is working on a sewer grant application which would fix the aging system in place with no funds necessary coming from village pockets.

"He hasn't lived here all that long, but he could see the possibility of it the moment he arrived. He saw the potential and the village has become his vision. It's because of him we have momentum to continue to improve," Gauthier said.

Goodfellows' Christmas tradition continues

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Christmas is a time of traditions handed down from generation to generation and a time of giving to others. Not many groups understand this sense of generational giving more than the Goodfellows of Alcona County.

The Harrisville Goodfellows and Mikado Goodfellows have been busy this season, as they have for decades past, carrying on their long standing cause of "No child with-

out a Christmas." Mikado's group celebrated its tradition with a gift giving Christmas party complete with a visit from Santa at the township hall. Harrisville's group is still gathering goodies for its tradition of sending Santa to children's homes with bags of candy on Christmas Eve and delivering fruit to senior citizens.

Each group has its own stories of how they began and territory they cover, but their common goal never changes - bringing the joy of the season

to families. Neither belongs to a national organization nor do they pay annual dues, but each knows their assignments well and delivers year after year.

Their name depicts who they are -- good fellows -- and while not all may be fellows in the gender sense, they all are fellows of goodness to their community.

Mikado's Goodfellows first began during World War II when a group of businessmen wanted to do something spe-

cial for the children during war time. When their effort first began, each child got an orange and a bag of peanuts. Through the years the group gradually faded, but was reorganized in the 1970s and has been going ever since.

Kay Lovelace has been a Mikado Goodfellow for 20 years and said it's always been very rewarding. This group of about 27 active members meets monthly throughout the year to help in their community.

"We give every year to the three churches in Mikado as well as My Brother's Hope, St. Vincent DePaul, Salvation Army and the Red Cross. We give four scholarships every year to Alcona and Oscoda High School graduates and we prepare funeral dinners at the township hall or the American Legion in Mikado at no cost to the family," Lovelace said.

She explained they also help members of the community who are hospitalized or going through cancer treatments. "It's not a lot, just a little cash to help with traveling expenses to get back and forth and to help with lodging if the family needs it," she said.

Mikado Goodfellows territory covers from M-72 to King's Corner Road, east to Poor Farm Road and west to the county line. The bulk of the funds come from bingo which is held every Monday

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Harrisville Goodfellows (from left) Scott French, Manny Pompa and Ron Skiba stand beside a few of the buck cards Pompa has collected at The Flour Garden Restaurant. Buck cards that pledge donations to the Harrisville Goodfellows can be found at local businesses throughout Harrisville. Photo by Mary Weber.

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Memorials

Emery Monroe

There will be a memorial service for Emery Monroe on Saturday, Dec. 21 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln at 10 a.m. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. The Rev. Lawrence Boks will officiate. Mr. Monroe died August 29, 2013.

Obituaries

Daniel O. Cheatum

Daniel Olais Cheatum, died on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 at St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City.

He is survived by his parents, Jessica and Rickie Cheatum Jr. of Harrisville; one brother, Rickie Cheatum III; two sisters, Evelyn Cheatum and Alli Cheatum; grandparents, Deborah and Rickie Cheatum Sr., Glenda Wilson and David Moss; one aunt, Tashina Cheatum; and five uncles, David Cheatum, Nathan Moss, Corey Nordstrom, Christopher Jackson and Dan Cordes.

Visitation was held at the Buresh Funeral Home in Oscoda on Monday, Dec. 16.

Mabel A. Beck

Mabel Aleta Beck, 98, of Hampton, Va. died on Friday, Dec. 13, 2013.

She was born July 2, 1915 in Glennie to Floyd and Rita (Schoolcraft) Dafoe.

She graduated from Oscoda High School in 1933, Iosco County Normal in 1934 and Wayne State University in 1958. She was an elementary school teacher for 27 years.

She married Charles E. Beck on March 29, 1935.

Mrs. Beck is survived by three sons, Charles M. Beck Sr. of Hampton, Va., Jerry E. (Dorothy) Beck of Grand Blanc, Mich. and James L. (Norma) Beck of Eubank, Ky.; one daughter, Rae Anne Beckius of Taylor, Mich.; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Bruce (Wilma) Dafoe; and one sister, Arvena (Dale) Emerson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; one daughter, Velda Beck; two grandsons, Charles M. Beck Jr. and William J. Beck; one great-grandson, Clark A. Guye; and one daughter-in-law, Sharlene R. Beck.

A graveside service will take place at Glennie Cemetery in the spring of 2014. Arrangements were handled by the Hale Chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

Special thanks to the men who rescued me from my rolled Suburban on F-41 on December 3.

Also, thanks to every person who helped me from

Deputy Rob Clink to the ambulance gals to the Alcona health clinic folks and to our dear friends who kept an eye on me that night to make sure I was okay.

Our Suburban is totaled

but it was solid enough to keep us safe; I'm okay and so is my dog, Dusty. God bless you all.

Kathy Duby
Lincoln

To the Editor,

I am writing to encourage all northeast Michigan residents to watch, or record for later viewing, the broadcast on WCMU television of the Yellow Jug For Old Drugs documentary. The show will be on our local PBS stations on December 19 at 7:30 p.m. and rebroadcast on December 21 at 5 p.m.

The Yellow Jug program is a wonderful example of what citizens can do to protect our health and environment. The old practice of flushing pharmaceuticals down the toilet and into the water system

has been determined to be dangerous for all living things that need pure water to survive. The non profit group was started by local Alcona County citizens and is called, the Great Lakes Clean Water Organization. It is now also operating in Illinois and Wisconsin and to date have collected and disposed of 42 million gallons of unused and unwanted drugs.

Please tune in to see our local people who have filmed this important documentary. It includes footage with the Cedarbrook Trout farm owners and local, retired educa-

tor, Robert Kennedy teaching a couple of young boys to fish. The interviews with the Barton City organizers of the Yellow Jug program describe how the collection of pharmaceuticals works.

We cannot survive without pure water and everyone needs to help keep the Great Lakes water free of pharmaceuticals. We should be very proud of the efforts of the Great Lakes Clean Water Organization to raise public awareness of this important program which will help keep our state, Pure Michigan.

Patty Thomas
Harrisville

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2013

Weekly Report

Miles Per Hour

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Dec. 8	30	8	0.01	4.1	23	NW
Dec. 9	32	14	0.04	7.6	27	SW
Dec. 10	18	3	0.00	3.7	22	W
Dec. 11	20	3	0.00	2.5	21	W
Dec. 12	20	1	0.00	4.0	20	WSW
Dec. 13	20	10	0.01	3.8	18	NNE
Dec. 14	24	12	0.08	12.4	24	E

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2013-2014

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.14	6.5	0.42
December to Date	0.93	7.6	0.84
Year/Season to Date	30.04	9.5	27.41

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Street.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

Advent service will be held at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3639 M-65, Glennie (just south of the golf course).

Donations will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at My Brother's Hope, 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Support group for grandparents and caregivers raising children will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Alcona Elementary School media center, 181 North Barlow Road. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Kristin at (989) 736-8716.

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North, Alpena. Reservations and payment in advance. For more information, contact Chuck Griffin at (989) 727-3350, Frank Baranski at (989) 595-2789 or Don Cantleberry at (989) 354-5504.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Explore the story of the birth of Jesus and retrace the steps of those involved in the Holy Land by using the book "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton at 3 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, corner of US-23 and Medor Road, Harrisville. You do not need to purchase a book, but it is helpful. Cost is \$12.

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

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

Final sign-up for the 2014 Alcona Basketball Association season for boys and girls in grades first through eighth at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School Auditorium lobby. Home school and out-of-district players welcome. For more information, call (989) 464-6903.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

Popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Christmas concert at 7 p.m. at Alpena High School auditorium. No tickets sales but donations are welcomed. Presented by Thunder Bay Arts Council chorus.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

The Alcona County Republican Party will meet at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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Local Notes

Blood Drive Cancelled

The American Red Cross blood drive scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Lincoln Senior Center has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled in the spring.

Christmas Decorations

All residents of Barton City are invited to display their outdoor Christmas decorations for judging on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. The judging will be done by the Barton City Improvement Association. Displays will be judged for best house, yard and theme. Anyone who would like to help judge the decorations should be at the VFW hall by 6 p.m. For more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294

Farewell Miss Sonia

Join the library staff in wishing farewell to Sonia Smith, children's specialist, after storytime and craft on Friday, Dec. 20 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Storytime begins at 10:15 a.m. Cookies and punch will be served from 10:45 a.m. until noon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Make and Take Craft

Special holiday craft packages for children will be available at all branches of the

Alcona County Library from Friday, Dec. 20 through Monday, Dec. 23. Make a decoration or a gift for Christmas and the holidays. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Family Movie

Enjoy the newly released sequel about "super villains and minion madness" on Thursday, Dec. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There will be free theater-style popcorn at the only big screen with surround sound in Alcona County. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, Dec. 23—Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, coleslaw, fruit crisp and garlic bread.
- Tuesday, Dec. 24—All sites and services are closed.
- Wednesday, Dec. 25—All sites and services are closed.
- Thursday, Dec. 26—Chicken and gravy over mashed potatoes, green beans, pea salad, fruit and pudding.

• Friday, Dec. 27—Beef stew with stew vegetables, tossed salad and fruit pie. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

Elks Scholarships

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 recently completed its local judging in the 2014 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship competition and announced the following local winners: Rebekah Palmer, Tawas Area High School, \$1,000; Rudy Simpson, Tawas Area High School, \$1,000; Emily Wright, Augres-Sims High School, \$750; Jacob Wright, Standish-Sterling High School, \$750; Josie Short, Tawas Area High School, \$500; Walker Kelly, Alcona High School, \$500.

These students have also advanced to the district level where their applications will be judged with the scholarship winners from the other Elks lodges in northeast Michigan to determine the state finalists for the northeast district. At the state level, these students could win \$1,000 scholarships from the Michigan Elks Association. If their applications score high enough at the state level, they will advance to the national level where they could win a scholarship of \$4,000 to \$50,000.

Special Scholarship

The Northeast Sunrise Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is funding a special scholarship through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund (SBMEF). The field of study is not specified and the scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000. In order to be eligible for scholarship consideration, candidates must be women who: Are citizens of the United States and Michigan residents of AuSable, East Tawas, Glennie, Greenbush, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Mikado, National City, Oscoda or Tawas City; will be college freshman, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate level in August 2014; are attending or have been accepted at an accredited college or university authorized to confer degrees at least at the baccalaureate level or higher; and have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

To receive an application, interested parties should send an e-mail with valid return e-mail address to: BelleFlora@charter.net; Belle Flora, development chairperson, Northeast Sunrise Charter Chapter ABWA. Trustees of SBMEF serve as the selection board for this scholarship. Applications and all supporting documents are

handled online and must be completed by March 31, 2014. The winner will be notified in May. Each one-time scholarship is not renewable. A check will be issued jointly to the educational institution and the recipient. Funds are limited to tuition, books and fees.

Snowmobile trail use advisory for Alcona and Iosco counties

Four snowmobile trail segments in Alcona and Iosco counties will have increased travel times because of construction equipment traffic during weekdays, starting Dec. 16 and continuing through March, because of utility work. While the trails will not be closed, visitors will need to travel with caution on the segments affected during this timeframe.

As of December 16 the Michigan Electric Transmission Company (METC) will be rebuilding a transmission line that will affect approximately 3.5 miles of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) snowmobile trail No. 96/Forest Road 4771 in Alcona County, and about two miles of DNR snowmobile trail No. 665/Five Channels Dam to Loud Dam Service Road in Iosco County.

Also starting December 16 a timber cutting company will be utilizing Forest roads 2068, 4422 and 4103 between Esmond and Monument Roads as part of a timber hauling route. A .75 mile portion of DNR snowmobile trail No. 645 is located on these roads.

Starting January 6, 2014, the Great Lakes Comnet, Inc. will be installing fiber optic cable, which will affect approximately .75 miles of DNR snowmobile trail No. 665 between M-65 and the Consumers Energy Offices at Five Channels Dam in Iosco County.

Be aware that large construction equipment will be used on these locations to haul materials and equipment during daylight hours Monday through Friday. No work would occur during weekends. Extra trail grooming will be conducted for weekend use to maintain access through these areas, and there will be signage in place to advise users about the construction.

For updates, maps of snowmobile segments affected, or more information on any of these projects contact the Huron Shores Ranger Station in Oscoda at (989) 739-0728 or visit the website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf>.



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Admissions Policy: Alpena Community College grants admission to all persons who have earned a high school diploma or GED, or who are 18 years of age or older, and who demonstrate the ability to benefit from a particular program of study.

Ability to benefit may be demonstrated by those who:

1. Have satisfactory skills as measured by institutional placement testing for reading, language and numerical skills or
2. Enroll in specialized training programs not leading to a degree or certificate
3. Can produce Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test score results of 500 or better when coming from a non-English speaking country.

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1. Is a dually enrolled high school student* as provided for by the State School Aid Act, as amended, or
2. Is certified as having attained junior status toward graduation as determined by the high school or the home schooling association issuing the diploma. College course enrollment will be determined in accordance with the Alpena Community College COMPASS placement test results for reading, language and numerical skills.

* Interested high school students should contact their high school principal or guidance counselor for further information.

This admissions policy applies to admission to the College only and is intended to assure students of both opportunity and quality in programs. Admission to a specific curriculum or course is based on student interest, achievement, and test scores necessary for preparation to enter a specific program or course.

For more information contact the Title IX, Section 504, the Age Discrimination Act and Title II coordinator: Carolyn Thomas, VLH 104, 665 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707, (989) 358-7211.

Goodfellows Continued from page 1A

evening in Mikado and from donations. Lovelace said that while they do not charge families for the funeral dinners, most families will give a donation, if they can.

She also explained some years it's difficult to find the monies needed but they manage what they can. "Bingo helps but it is up and down constantly," Lovelace said.

This year Mikado Goodfellows gave out 160 bags of candy and every child attending the Christmas party received a new toy. Lovelace said it is the kids at Christmas that really touches her heart and keeps her involved in the group every year.

The Harrisville Goodfellows continue its 70 year tradition of meeting at the fire hall from October to Christmas Eve to ensure every child one to 10 years of age in Harrisville, Harrisville Township and the southern half of Haynes Township receives a visit from Santa Claus with a bag of candy for each child in the family.

They also try hard to make sure every senior citizen is honored and acknowledged by a Goodfellow delivering a fruit package or, in some cases, a meal.

"You can't join the Goodfellows and you can't quit the Goodfellows. We have no formal meetings, no officers, no bylaws, no dues and no speeches. If you want to help you just show up at the fire hall. We are a do-good organization where work is shared by everyone and we have a good time helping out," said Ron Skiba, a Harrisville Goodfellow for about 10 years.

Hazen "KiKi" Cuyler, Harrisville's most famous son, along with other notable community members such as Muskrat Elmer, Bub Chappelle, Doc Marshall, Red Foster, George Killmaster and many other kindhearted gentlemen started the Harrisville Goodfellows in the 1930s. In those days baskets of food were delivered to people who had fallen on hard times and Santa hung out on the corner of US-23 and M-72 passing out bags of candy to any car containing a child.

Today the group, in addition to Santa's candy visits and honoring senior citizens, helps with unexpected crisis or disasters throughout the year. The group also puts up, takes down and cares for the nativity crèche located on the north side of M-72 and US-23 as well as the Christmas tree lights on a large evergreen located on the south side of M-72 and US-23.

"We got the lights looking good on the tree this year. We don't use a ladder, just a long pole. That's a big tree to string with lights like that," Skiba said.

The Harrisville group is funded pretty much the same way it was 70 years ago -- by donation. "As I understand it, when the group formed KiKi would go up to everyone and say, 'Give me a buck.' That's why the donation pledges are still called buck cards which you can find at local merchants to help the cause," said Harrisville Goodfellow Scott French.

French knew he had to be a part of this group when he first moved to the area and was quite surprised when Santa showed up at his home, unannounced to greet his two young boys with candy.

The fellow's reminisced about dozens of stories of Santa greeting the children. Most of whom gave Santa cookies, but one young boy gave Santa some wrapped wood thinking Santa's house must get cold too.

They talked about children who run outside without shoes or coats to hug Santa as he comes up their walk; or witnessing a senior cry when fruit was delivered because no one else had given her a gift that year.

Both Goodfellows agreed the hardest part of the job is figuring out what homes to go to. "Not all seniors understand what the fruit is for, they think it is charity, but it isn't... it's just our way of saying we appreciate them and we're glad they are here in our community. It's not charity, it's tradition," French said.

Skiba explained in the past they would get lists of where children lived from the school

but now they ask adults to call them to let them know where Santa should visit. The fellows said they are prepared to deliver about 270 bags of candy this year.

Skiba said it is a lot of territory to cover, too much for just one Santa so they enlist four to do all the candy giving. However, it is a lot of getting in and out of the car, about 70 to 80 times per Santa. The Harrisville Goodfellows ask that parents leave the porch light on for Santa and to make sure dogs are fully restrained.

Both the Mikado Goodfellows and the Harrisville Goodfellows are looking for new members to join in their efforts, especially younger members and both could always use additional help with donations.

To donate to the Mikado Goodfellows or for further information, call Kay Lovelace at (989) 464-7103 or send a check payable to the Mikado Goodfellows in care of: Kay Lovelace, 2515 Armstrong, Mikado, Mich. 48745.

The Mikado Goodfellows meet once a month, every third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Township Hall throughout the year. Another way to support the Mikado Goodfellows is to attend bingo held at the Mikado Township hall every Monday at 6:30 p.m. or attend Super Bingo which is held annually on New Year's Day.

Donations to the Harrisville Goodfellows can be mailed to P.O. Box 1, Harrisville, Mich., 48740. Anyone wishing to be a Goodfellow can show up at the Harrisville Fire Hall every Wednesday at 7 p.m. from October through Christmas Eve. A special get-together to bag fruit for senior citizens will be Sunday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. at the fire hall.

Anyone who knows a senior or a child to add to the Harrisville Goodfellows list, may call (989) 724-5258, (989) 724-9910 or (989) 724-5420.

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— Brenda Weaver

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Festival of Lights

The Festival of Lights committee would like to thank everyone who joined in to make the Festival of Lights such a successful event. We would especially like to thank that jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus. A special thank you to the Alcona Boys Varsity Basketball Team. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Winners of the residential light contest were:

- 1st place- Chuck & Peggy Allen
- 2nd place- Teresa Moore
- 3rd place- Glenn & Janice MacNeill
- 4th place- Bill & Kathy Putsky

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Thank you to everyone who participated.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby provided that the Village of Lincoln is requesting bids for the resurfacing of Main Street between Second Street and Barlow Road including the pulverizing of existing blacktop, re-grading, compacting and paving of existing blacktop with three inches of asphalt completed in two 1 1/2 inch lifts, and white striping on both sides of the roadway and yellow striping down the center of said street. All material used must be approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Village Clerk at P.O. Box 337, Lincoln MI 48742 no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 1, 2014. Work will commence on or after May 1, 2014 and shall be completed no later than May 31, 2014. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Village of Lincoln. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Dated this 5th day of December, 2013
Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

12/11 & 12/18

Boys basketball has rocky start

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

Graduation of key players, a new coach, blending incoming juniors and beginning the basketball season with three road games in one week are all ingredients for a difficult beginning. That is what the Alcona varsity boys basketball team faced last week as they lost two of three games to begin the season.

On Monday, Dec. 9 the Tigers made a trip to Atlanta for opening night. The Huskies are not a great team but they have been together for a couple of years, are physical and know how to execute the pick-and-roll to perfection. They beat the Tigers 56-47.

The first half was close with Alcona holding a 12-11 lead after one quarter. Trent LaVergne and Carson Jamieson accounted for all the points, each hitting for six. Alcona committed eight turnovers and allowed Atlanta to score on layups time after time.

The second period was more of the same with the Huskies scoring all their points on lay-ups or free throws. LaVergne kept Alcona in the game scoring nine of their 12 points. The game was tied 24-24 at halftime.

The Huskies took a 34-28 lead heading into the final period as Alcona could only muster four points in the third

quarter. Both teams came alive offensively in the final period. Alcona scored 19 points but had no defense and allowed 22 points by Atlanta. At one point the Tigers were behind 50-34. A rally at the end made the final score a little closer but the it was too little too late.

LaVergne led Alcona with 23 points and eight rebounds. Jamieson added 12 points and seven rebounds.

The junior varsity team fared much better, easily winning 62-19. Isaac Dubuque had 14 points. Nate Swinson had 10 and Alec Link scored 11.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11 the Tigers travelled to AuGres for a game against the Wolverines and came home with a hard fought 50-38 victory. They led after one period 14-7 with balanced scoring from four players. They continued to put pressure on AuGres and led 27-13 at halftime.

It appeared an easy victory was in the bag, but the Wolverines had other ideas. They scored 17 consecutive points to start the third quarter and actually took a 30-27 lead over Alcona. The Tigers couldn't hit a bucket while AuGres hit everything in sight.

The game was tied three times to finish the period and, after a field goal by Brandon Smigelski, Alcona had a 34-32 lead heading into the final period. They poured it on in the final quarter to win 50-38.

LaVergne led Alcona with 21 points and nine rebounds. Jamieson added 17 and pulled down nine rebounds. Smigelski helped with six points.

The junior varsity team dominated AuGres by a score of 48-17. Link led with 12 points and Hunter Sullivan adding 11.



Tiger Jesse Schram shoots in a game against the Atlanta Huskies. Photo courtesy of Bill Pinson of the Montmorency County Tribune.

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11	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
12	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

The above-identified Iosco Public Schools will now accept applications for enrollment from non-resident pupils for the Second Semester of the 2013-14 school year. Applications are now available.

Completed applications for unlimited student enrollment in Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools will be accepted until January 24, 2014. Completed applications for unlimited student enrollment in Hale Area Schools, Oscoda Area Schools and Tawas Area Schools will be accepted until January 31, 2014.

To obtain an application, contact the superintendent's office in the Schools of Choice district.

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The final trip of the week saw Alcona travelling to Tawas to face the Braves, and the results were not pretty. Tawas thumped Alcona 63-37.

Tawas was not big but executed very patiently on offense and were aggressive on defense. Alcona fell behind quickly in the first quarter, managing only four points and trailed 14-4. The offense warmed up in the second period scoring 15 points but the defense gave up 18 and Tawas was ahead 32-19 at halftime.

Again the Tigers could not get their offense going in the third quarter and were outscored 16-5, trailing 48-24 heading into the fourth. Even though they hit for 20 points in the final period they allowed 28.

LaVergne led Alcona with 11 points. Jason Steiner added seven, Dustin Yokom scored six points and Smigelski added five.

Alcona starts the season 1-2 with two more home games before the holiday break.

The junior varsity team won a close, hard-fought and exciting game 51-48. Sullivan led with 17 points. The JV team starts the season 3-0.

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How Medicare covers Alzheimer's disease

Dear Savvy Senior,
What all does Medicare cover when it comes to Alzheimer's disease? My wife was recently diagnosed with early stage Alzheimer's and I would like to find out what's covered and what's not.

Researching Spouse

Dear Spouse,
Most medical costs to treat beneficiaries with Alzheimer's disease are covered by Medicare, but unfortunately long-term custodial care costs that most patients eventually need are not. Here's a breakdown of what Medicare does and doesn't cover when it comes to Alzheimer's disease, along with some tips that can help you plan ahead.

• **Medical care:** For the most part, ongoing medical care to diagnose and treat Alzheimer's disease is covered by Medicare Part B, including visits to primary care doctors and specialists, lab tests, speech and occupational therapy, home health

care and outpatient counseling services. Medicare pays 80 percent of these costs, and you will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent after you've met your annual \$147 Part B deductible.

Inpatient hospital care is also covered under Medicare Part A with a \$1,216 deductible and coinsurance. And, as part of health care reform, Medicare is also covering 100 percent of annual wellness visits, which includes testing for cognitive impairment.

• **Medications:** Most Alzheimer's medications are covered under Medicare's Part D prescription drug plans, but plans vary on copayments. If you have a Part D plan, use the Medicare Plan Finder tool at medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare your plan's total drug costs against other plans to be sure you're getting the best coverage.

The Alzheimer's Association offers a chart on coverage for common Alzheimer's drugs - go to alz.org and type "drug chart" in the search

field to find it.

• **Long-term custodial care:** Many seniors are surprised to learn that Medicare does not cover long-term custodial care. This includes nursing home care, the costs of assisted living facilities and adult day care. Medicare does, however, pay for some shorter-term nursing home care, but only up to 100 days following a three-day inpatient hospital stay.

Hiring home help for bathing, toileting and dressing (this is known as custodial care) is not covered by Medicare either unless your wife is also receiving skilled-nursing care or physical or occupational therapy to help with the recovery from an illness or injury.

To help with these costs, you may want to consider a long-term care insurance policy. Or if your income and assets are very limited, you may qualify for Medicaid. See longtermcare.gov for a breakdown of long-term care planning options.

• **Hospice:** In the final stages of the disease, Medicare Part A covers nearly all aspects of hospice care, including doctor services, nursing care, drugs, medical equipment and supplies, physical and occupational therapy, homemaker services, counseling and respite care. To qualify, a doctor must certify that a patient has six months or less to live.

If you don't have a Medigap (Medicare supplemental insurance) policy, you should consider getting one. A Medigap plan will help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles.

To search for plans in your area, visit medicare.gov and click on "Supplements & Other Insurance" or call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Choosing a Medigap Policy" publication 02110.

Or, if you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan (like an HMO or PPO), your plan

Savvy Senior

must give you at least the same coverage as original Medicare does, but make sure your doctors are in your insurer's network to avoid excess costs. Also find out whether you need a referral or prior authorization before getting care.

If you can't afford your Medicare out-of-pocket costs, or need help with medication expenses, there are government programs that can help. Go to benefitscheckup.org to search, or contact your Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116) who can refer you to local services to assist you.

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Harbortown Marketplace, 410 E. Main St, Harrisville.
Donations are accepted Mon. thru Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
This project will run from Nov. 27th to Dec. 31st.

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- Follow up on status of paper applications
- The online Marketplace website (HealthCare.gov) has been improved – use this method to apply in order to get coverage by January

Free Marketplace assistance is provided to the community through **Alcona Health Center** for questions or in-person assistance, call **(989) 739-2550, ext. 1480**



NOTICE

The Village of Lincoln is accepting sealed bids for used lawn mowing equipment. There are 3 lawn mowers for consideration. None of the mowers have been used in the past 4 years.

#1. 2008 Scag – Turf Tiger Model # STT61A-27CH, Serial # A6000598. This mower has a Kohler Pro 27 Engine with a total of 617 hours.

2. 1998 Scag – Turf Tiger Model # STT61-25CH, Serial # 4311855. This mower has a Kohler Command Pro 25 engine with 1414 hours.

#3. Troy Bilt 21" cut push mower. 6.75 HP. Model, serial, year unknown.

Bids will be considered either separately or for all. Questions regarding the above equipment should be directed to Richard Somers at 989-335-4060 or 989-736-8565. The bids must be submitted to the Village Clerk at P.O. Box 337, Lincoln MI. 48742 no later than 4:00 p.m. January 1, 2014. The Village of Lincoln reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

12/11 & 12/18

Lady Tigers pick up two wins at home

By Hope Smith
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team picked up two wins to add to their scorecard last week.

On December 13, the Lady Tigers played host to AuGres-Sims High School for the third North Star League (NSL) game this season. In the first quarter, Alcona started out slow offensively allowing AuGres to pull ahead with a 8-9 lead.

The Lady Tigers worked hard defensively to secure rebounds under the basket and push the ball up the floor. Alcona went on a 21-9 run in the second quarter with spot-on shooting delivered by Karina Cole and Megan Quick which extended Alcona's lead to 29-18 at the half.

Both teams experienced a scoring drought in the third quarter and found themselves working overtime to open up scoring possibilities. The Lady Tigers battled point for point with AuGres to maintain a 35-23 lead to end the quarter.

In the final period, Alcona controlled the ball by quickly moving it around the perimeter searching for open shooters and picked up the 49-34 win over AuGres-Sims. "We had a very well rounded game tonight. We played very well against their height and our defense contributed to our offense," said coach Brad Cole.

Leading scorers for Alcona were Karina Cole with 28 points, nine rebounds, four assists and five steals. Quick put up 10 points, grabbed six rebounds, six assists and seven steals. Nicole Walen added four points. Kendra Cole contributed two points and four rebounds. Turner Somers and Alissa Terpstra each made two points and Cassie Carpenter put in one free throw.

The junior varsity team picked up a 51-7 win over AuGres-Sims.

On December 10 the Lady Tigers played host to the Atlanta Huskies for a NSL game. The Lady Tigers took an early 25-2 lead over the Huskies and never slowed down. Atlanta struggled under Alcona's constant defensive pressure which caused multiple turnovers and missed shot opportunities.

Alcona dominated the floor with multiple layups, mid-range jumpers and outside shots which extended Alcona's lead to 47-4 at half-time.

With a running clock Alcona kept Atlanta scoreless with 61-4 in the third quarter and 73-4 to end the game. Periodically, coach Cole cleared the bench giving everyone a chance to contribute. Alcona's bench players contributed 26 points toward

the win. "I am glad we are back to 500. We have some big games coming up in the next five days," Coach Cole said.

Karina Cole scored 25 points, and grabbed three rebounds. Kendra Cole had a double-double night with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Alissa Terpstra put in six points and pulled down nine rebounds. Samantha Schopfer made four points and six rebounds. Quick had four points; Carpenter had four and four rebounds; Somers scored four points and grabbed eight rebounds; Nicole Walen scored four points; and Maddie Feldhiser, Hannah Terpstra, Lilly Manning and Torie Harmon each scored two points.

There was no junior varsity game against Atlanta. Alcona hosted the Tawas Braves Monday and traveled to Mio Tuesday.

Bowling

Early Bloomers December 10

Buttercups	206.5	153.5
Violets	199	161
Marigolds	180	180
Daffodils	177.5	182.5
Rosebuds	159	201
Mums	158	202
High game and series:	Carla Travis, 213 and 527.	
High team game:	Marigolds, 447.	
High team series:	Mums, 1,257.	

He's & She's December 6

Wine or Busts	143.5	66.5
Bowler Up	121	89
3 Chix/Stud	119.5	90.5
Wild Ones	106.5	103.5
Up Your Alley	103	107
Part Timers	99	111
Family Affair	79.5	130.5
Men's high game and series:	Bill Cordes, 246 and 582.	
Men's high handicap game:	Stephen Weichel, 256.	
Men's high handicap series:	John Bernard, 666.	
Women's high game and series:	Gale Buchner, 178 and 522.	
Women's high handicap game:	Carley Cooper, 235.	
Women's high handicap series:	Gale Buchner, 654.	

Wednesday Nite Women's December 11

Lake Huron Inn	133.5	76.5
Back Alley Bar	125	85
Ark Plumbing	121	89
Stoney Acres	119.5	90.5
Alcona Dredge	107.5	102.5
Alcona Abstract	100	110
Alcona Tool	89.5	120.5
JB's Auto	86.5	123.5
Lincoln Prec.	84.5	125.5
Cole's Appl.	83	127
High game:	Carla James, 204.	
High series:	Flora Yingling, 532.	
High handicap game and series:	Becky Kwilinski, 252 and 677.	

Minors

December 14

Harrisvil.Tigers	60	24
Scorpions	49	35
Pin Busters	30	54
Tigers	29	55
Boy's high game and series:	Dalton Torsch, 106 and 180	
Boy's high handicap game and series:	Triston Robinson, 193 and 374.	
Girl's high game and series:	Sammy Nordstrom, 53 and 100.	

Majors

December 14

Broken Lane	129.5	80.5
Kingpins	113.5	96.5
Destroyers	106.5	103.5
Team 2	70.5	139.5
Boy's high game and series:	Leigh Gibson, 174 and 502.	
Boy's high handicap game and series:	Alex Harmon, 233 and 663.	
Girl's high game and series:	Brittnay Foster, 131 and 336.	
Girl's high handicap game and series:	Brittnay Foster, 212 and 579.	

Sportsman December 12

M & M Mon.	106	74
LLW Club	99	81
Morgan Electric	95	85
Phil's Barber	94	86
Cole's Appl.	75	105
Village Lanes	71	109
High game and series:	Ray Medore, 259 and 718.	
High handicap game and series:	Kiel Rice, 287 and 806.	

Huron

December 10

Back Alley Bar	123.5	86.5
Robert's Floor.	122.5	87.5
Rob's Repair	105	105
Shotmakers	99.5	110.5
B & D Sales	97	113
Gary Oil	82.5	127.5
High game:	Harley Robinson, 258.	
High series:	Roger Klukowski, 766.	
High handicap game:	Jamie Witek, 280.	
High handicap series:	Roger Klukowski, 823.	

Pool League

Alcona Women's December 12

Mikado Tavern	49
Mikado Legion	47
Glennie Tavern	45
Mikado Also	27

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Do you see what I see?

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

I put the nativity set out last week. It's a task I usually do early in the morning, on my own, since it requires a little more time and thought than just throwing some tinsel on the tree. It goes on top of the library cabinet, high enough to be visible but safe from little hands.

This year, given the presence of a CD player that takes up about half of that acreage, it's on two levels - the manger and its occupants atop said player, the crowd of shepherds, et cetera down below, gazing up adoringly.

The tableau doesn't require any special lighting - it's illuminated largely by the Christmas tree off to its right. That seems appropriate to me, the nativity being, after all, a nocturnal event. Once I'd moved the various pieces around to a point where they seemed right, I stood back and thought that - at least in the Kniep house - the manger scene features a fairly motley crew.

In part, that's because no matter how carefully I pack them away each January, by the time the holidays roll around again, the contents of the box have shifted. This year, for example, we seem to be missing a king, but we have two baby Jesus figures. I don't remember that ever being the case before. I opted to place the original holy infant in the manger and the second one on the sideboard in the dining room next to a candle. Who knows, maybe some higher power feels I need two Jesus's this year.

The other reason those assembled look a little motley is that over the years the collection has become somewhat... shall we say, eclectic. The holy family, one king, the donkey, one cow and a handful of the sheep are what remains of the original 1950s Fontanini set Mama ordered from Italy, along with one of my favorite figures - the man in the red cloak with a hatful of apples.

The boy with the bagpipes, two of the shepherds and several other sheep are less expensive resin Fontanini reproductions and the angel,

one shepherd, the other cow and the rest of the sheep were picked up at thrift shops and garage sales along the way. The scale varies a bit here and there, close, but not exactly uniform.

And that, it always seems to me, is probably how it was. Those who came through the night to welcome the newborn king were probably a pretty eclectic group themselves. Shepherds and local folks who wondered at the light issuing from the star above the manger and came to stare at the kings and the camels (missing entirely this year from our vignette, it occurs to me). It's okay though. The camels are there, in my mind at least, along with a couple other figures only I've ever been able to see.

The first of my apocryphal characters is the lady with the loaf of bread. I don't know if Mama told me about her or I just invented her on my own, but I've always envisioned her, holding her freshly baked crusty good-smelling gift wrapped in a length of cloth. She remains as real to me as any of the plaster or plastic folks.

The second is the innkeeper, who I always imagine as off to the side, watching from the shadows. As the only "kid" in a largely adult household, who tended to think about things, I spent a lot of time in my early years considering the innkeeper.

Did he just say "There's no room at the inn," as the Bible story suggested and shut the door in their faces? Did he look at the tired, pregnant Mary and say, "I'm sorry, there's no room but there's clean straw in the stable?" Did his wife say, "For heaven's sake, look at that poor girl - can't you find them something?"

As a child, I viewed the innkeeper as a kind of bad guy in the story but as I've gotten older, I think he was just playing out the role he was given, as many of us do. The baby was intended to be born in the most humble of circumstances, surrounded by the poor (and probably smelly) shepherds, the wealthy, educated kings, the multitude of heavenly hosts

Puttin' On The Fritz

strumming their harps of gold and the folks who just brought what treasures they had.

I've come to believe, too, that if we listen, everyone's nativity speaks to them in its own individual way. My manger scene speaks to me about those who were homeless, and maybe hungry. About a baby born to the whole darn motley assembled crew, not just to those who could buy their way into the warmth of the inn. Wrapped in rags and nestled into a pile of hay, attended by a gentle, loving mother and lifted by an earthly father with rough, carpenter's hands. Yours may say something entirely different to you.

My multitude of the heavenly host consists of one angel, this year. One angel who's wearing a particularly gaudy pink robe, at that. It's okay. Sometimes, one angel is all you need. I try to remind myself that she wore what she had on hand, as many of us do. I like to think that the other angels and the missing king took a look at the throng that had assembled to greet the new baby and went off to take their gifts of comfort and joy to someone who didn't have any, otherwise.

And I like to think that I have two baby Jesus figures this year to remind me of the simple abundance that fills my life every day - with love and happiness and memories and peace.

That's my Christmas wish for you this year, dear readers. That you have something in your life that reminds you of the many blessings you have. Or, if you feel you haven't many this year, that the lone king and the other angels are on their way to you. That somewhere, somehow, even in the darkest of years, you recognize that a star dances in the night. It will bring us goodness and light. Happy holidays.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville.)

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Christmas in Florida

By Jim Gagnier

Flickering lights dance on the shore across the moonlit bay
A warm breeze suddenly spans the sky making palm trees sway

And somewhere out there in the night a church bell starts to chime

And though it's eighty five degrees it still is Christmas time
Now through the windows I can see the Christmas trees aglow

All this is very pretty but I'm wondering "Where's the snow?"

For can there be a yule log where no Christmas fire glows
Or caroling without old Jack Frost nipping at your nose
And Santa with his kettle dressed up in bright red shorts
I'm thinking..... "All this makes me feel just slightly out of sorts"

And so I know on Christmas Eve when Santa sallies forth
I must confess that on that night my thoughts will be up north

So may your dreams be happy ones upon that blessed night

I know mine will because, you see, my Christmas dreams are white.

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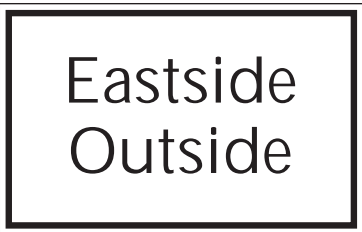
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By Warren MacNeill
Conservation Officer

As we come down from a very busy northern Michigan fall, we have time to take a little breath before Christmas. For the outdoor folks this time can be a letdown as most wish it could have been longer. For the game warden, there is a sigh of relief and a time for recovery. Sometimes I am just happy I survived. During this recovery time I reflect on what has changed over the years. I have some concerns about what the future of hunting and fishing will bring and the future of northeast Michigan and our state. It is human nature to place blame on all of the changes that are going on around us. It is a little more difficult to place credit.

I reflect on people who have made a difference, as I see it. One person that comes to mind and deserves credit is the late George Byelich, former Michigan State University Extension agent for Alcona County. He is one of the true heroes of Alcona County. George worked tirelessly to promote our area and its people. I have been to many functions where George led a program or gave amazing speeches. There is one thing he said that has stuck with me. It was not part of a meeting, but simply an off-the-cuff remark he made while leaving a breakfast meeting. He turned around, pointed at me and said, "Never pass up the opportunity to stop at a kid's lemonade stand."

That simple statement hit me like a punch and has made a profound mark on my very soul.

The future of everything we know lies in the hands of our youth. At times we choose to say some pretty harsh things about our future leaders, yet our youth is our creation, what they do is what we teach them. "We" means all of us. The child with the lemonade stand, given the right encouragement, could be our next successful business owner. This child ignored and discouraged may end up a societal burden. The child who makes the hard choice to do what is right instead of what looks popular could be our president someday. For me, the young person I contact in the field could be the next generation's wildlife or resource manager.

This deer season I had two contacts with youths that impacted me. One such contact started last year during deer season, when I was working with my lieutenant. At a blind, I ran into a grandfather and grandson deer hunting. The grandson didn't bring his hunter's orange with him; he knew it was his responsibility and was feeling pretty bad. Grandpa had let him wear his hunter's orange hat out to the blind, but after a short time he needed it back to keep his head warm. There were a couple of ways I could have handled this.

Just then I remembered the hunter's education program had given us a handful of youth-size orange vests to hand out if needed. I remember thinking, when they gave them to me, "another waste of money and my time." Like the two old guys in the theater from The Muppets, "grumble, grumble." My lieutenant had on one of these vests. He took it off and gave it to the youth, and we left them with a reminder to bring their safety equipment. This year I ran into the same hunters and I was reminded of the prior year's contact. I was told that the vest that we gave him is now an important part of his hunting gear. I was also told that this youth is now the hunter's orange enforcer.

The second youth contact came at a very inopportune time for me. It was the opening day of deer season and I was just leaving an "issue"

that was not very pleasant for all involved. I was there two hours longer than I planned and I had a lot to do before noon. I had the state wildlife epidemiologist, Dr. O'Brien, out of Lansing riding with me and we had plans for additional research and data collection. In our haste to leave the area we ran into a very proud father of a 14-year-old that just shot a very nice eight-point buck. The father asked us if we would do the honor of congratulating the boy. My chest fell as I let all of the air out of my lungs, thinking of all the things I had to do — taking the time to walk to the back side of a property was not one of them.

Then, in my head I heard George say, "Never pass up the opportunity to stop at a kid's lemonade stand." I regrouped and said to the dad, "I would be honored to." After our contact with the boy I apologized to Dr. O'Brien. He looked at me and said, "That was the most important thing we had to do at that moment." I found out later the 14-year-old boy and his dad thought that our contact was a pretty big deal. I also found out that the 14-year-old is the descendant of Alcona County's first game warden. For me, that was a very big deal. It would have been a shame to have missed that.

We go through our everyday lives thinking that the big things we do are so important. We go through our lives with so much noise in our heads that we fail to hear and see what is important to those who are going to run our world someday. I think back when I was a child and the defining moments and imprinted memories. Very few of them involve something big. I remember bobber fishing from the end of a dock. I remember back yard camping. I remember my first rabbit hunt where I could carry the BB gun. I remember when the local game warden shook my hand and called me by my name — simple, easy and free.

I think back about people like George. He understood that it's the simple interactions we have that can make the biggest impact. He knew that an hour spent ice fishing with a child can be huge in that child's life and a real memory maker. Time spent with them snowshoeing or sledding down a hill, or sitting around a simple backyard winter campfire can create years of fond reminiscing. Nothing big, nothing fancy, just time spent with our future leaders. Thank you, George, for pointing out "the lemonade stand" to me.

(A native of Alcona County, Warren MacNeill has been a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for more than 20 years. He lives in Harrisville.)

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How to target popular fish species in winter

Getting anxious for thick enough ice to head out fishing? Consider using the following tips when targeting four species popular with anglers in the winter.

Walleye

Early-ice walleyes are known to be active and aggressive. Use tip-ups at varying depths around the lake (anywhere from 15 to 35 feet deep) to appeal to this species. Regardless of the depth, always set the live minnow under the tip-up to swim 12 to 15 inches off the bottom.

Crappie

Consider using plastic bait, rather than live bait, when fishing for crappie. Focus on weed lines to find them. A lot of times crappie will hang out in the middle of the water column, halfway between the ice and bottom.

Northern Pike

You'll find these aggressive fish near offshore structures and weed lines, so try

these types of spots on your favorite pike lakes first.

Yellow Perch

Attract bigger perch by using tip-ups with minnows, that's what they're primarily eating this time of year. Sticking a minnow on an ice fishing rod is also very productive.

For more information on fishing during Michigan's winter, visit www.michigan.gov/fishing.

(This tip was adapted from Michigan Outdoor News.)

Northeast Lower Peninsula December 13

Ice conditions are slowly improving especially on the smaller lakes. Those starting to fish have caught a fair number of walleye, pike and panfish.

Be sure to check the ice before venturing out as ice thickness will vary.

- AuSable River: Steelhead



are still moving into the river in good numbers. Catch rates were good between the mouth and Foote Dam. Spawn, body baits, and wax worms seem to be the most popular. Fish the deeper holes along the river bends.

This fishery seems to be getting better and better, so look for an increase in fish numbers throughout the winter. As water flow goes up and down, new snags are emerging throughout the river.

- Higgins Lake: Ice is trying to form but windy conditions keep blowing the ice out.

- Houghton Lake: Is making ice however, there are no shanties on the lake yet. Anglers are starting to fish off the north end of the East Bay.

- Lake Margrethe: Has ice and rumors of anglers out fishing.

- Rifle River: Is iced over but no safe ice yet.

(This report has been provided by the DNR Fisheries Division; (517) 284-5830; located in Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Mich. 48933.)

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Preliminary reports show firearm season had its challenges

Michigan's 2013 firearm deer season has wrapped up and challenging conditions and lower deer numbers in some areas have likely led to fewer deer being taken this year, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Firearm season deer check-station activity declined in all regions of the state compared to 2012.

Each year the DNR generates preliminary estimates of the firearm deer harvest shortly after the season closes on November 30. Those estimates are replaced by a rigorous assessment of harvest and participation over all deer seasons using an annual hunter mail survey.

The 2013 firearm deer season harvest appears to have decreased in all regions this year, but particularly in the Upper Peninsula and southern Lower Peninsula. Experiences can differ widely within regions; DNR biologists estimate the harvest (compared to 2012) was down perhaps 15 to 20 percent across the Upper Peninsula, decreased only slightly in the northern Lower Peninsula, and declined perhaps 10 percent in the southern Lower Peninsula.

"Deer populations in the Upper Peninsula are feeling the effects of late and heavy snowfall last winter, and in some areas of southern Michigan are still recovering from an extensive outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease two summers ago," said Brent Rudolph, DNR Wildlife Division Deer and Elk Program leader.

"A new antler point restriction in 12 counties of the northern Lower Peninsula has added protection for young bucks," said Ashley Autenrieth, Wildlife Division deer biologist for the northern regions, "so we expected buck harvest in that region to be lower for at least a year."

Severe weather conditions, warmer-than-average temperatures and concentrations of standing corn that provide secure cover for deer also

contributed to adverse hunting conditions in some locations. A recent national survey highlighted that persistence pays off, particularly when conditions are not ideal.

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

Hunters that do not receive a survey in the mail but wish to provide their hunting and harvest information may visit www.michigan.gov/deer and select the Deer Harvest Reporting Form link. Hunters should only provide this information once they have completed all of their 2013 hunting activities, including seasons open through as late as January 1, 2014.

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

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Tuesday, December 24

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St. Raphael Catholic Church, Mikado-6 p.m.
St. Catherine Catholic Church, Ossineke-8 p.m.



CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

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this day a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.'

Luke 2:11



Michigan motorcycle helmet use drops to 73 percent

Nearly three-quarters of motorcycle riders in Michigan wear helmets, down from 99.4 percent in 2006 when the last statewide observation survey was conducted.

The most recent survey was conducted throughout the summer by the Wayne State University Transportation Research Group.

This rate closely mirrors the 74.7 percent helmet use rate among crash-involved motorcyclists.

"While Michigan's helmet law has been modified, riders are strongly encouraged to always wear safety gear and be seen by wearing high-visibility gear or clothing," said Michael L. Prince, director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Helmet use was highest for those riding sport bikes at 94.5 percent. It was lowest for riders of choppers and custom bikes at 33.3 percent. Women were more likely to wear a helmet at 59.6 percent, compared to men at 55.2 percent. Riders 60 and older had the highest helmet use rate at 70 percent, while riders 30 to 59 years old had the lowest use rate at 50.8 percent.

Michigan's mandatory helmet law was modified in the spring of 2012. To legally ride without a helmet, a motorcycle operator must meet all the following criteria:

- Be at least 21 years old.
- Have at least \$20,000 in first-party medical benefits.
- Have held a motorcycle endorsement for at least two years or have passed an approved motorcycle safety course.

The law also allows motorcycle passengers to ride without a helmet as long as they meet all the following criteria:

- Are at least 21 years old.
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Trusted Financial Guidance

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

A few weeks ago, while spending several hours shopping in the largest mall in America, I watched a group of four women, heavily laden with shopping bags, settle into a booth in a restaurant. They were chatting happily as they arranged their packages around their table. They seemed to be talking all at once and laughing as they scanned the menu and sipped water from the glasses on the table as they waited for the waitress to return so they could order.

Even though the mall was immense, I had seen them periodically here and there, happily participating in the pre-holiday shopping experience. It was difficult not to overhear bits and pieces of their conversation as they talked about the various bargains they got, items they purchased for people on their lists and establishing a strategy for the rest of the afternoon.

I remember that feeling. I remember reveling in the excitement of purchasing gifts and keeping secrets to be revealed on Christmas day. I remember the enjoyment of decorating, planning special meals and looking forward to writing personal messages in Christmas cards. I remember the pleasure of celebrating Christmas and looking forward to a New Year filled with hope and a thrill of the unknown.

That was before.

Advancing through life we experience defining moments that mark passage onto the next phase of our lives - some are positive events like graduating from high school, getting married, becoming a parent, buying a house. Some of these moments aren't as positive and, as a result, we are forced to look at life in a completely different capacity.

The death of someone you are extremely close to - a child, a spouse, a parent, a sibling, even a dear friend - has a way of plunging you into a murky, all-encompassing feeling of emptiness. Anyone who has experienced this type of loss and resulting grief knows it is like being sucked

underwater where you can hear and see what is going on, yet you are suspended in a muted state where it is all you can do to keep kicking to get back to the surface. This painfully slow process is punctuated with moments where you wonder what it would be like to give up and let the emptiness take over because it's easy - easier than going back to a life without that person.

When your head does break the surface of the grief-filled void and a sliver of light pierces the bleakness, you slowly start to come back into your life. It's a precarious feeling much like walking on thin ice where you can fall through again without warning. Tentative steps made with the love and support of friends and family, the familiarity of daily routine and, after some time, bits of pleasure found in isolated moments - the laughter of a child, the caress of a cool breeze, the aroma of baking bread or the squeak of warm sand between your toes - restores the confidence lost when your world was turned upside down.

It's a long journey across that thin, precarious ice. It can be longer for some than for others. The numbness of going through life on automatic pilot begins to fade and the moments when you do break through the ice again become fewer and shorter. But they never go away. Eventually, the pain of breaking through ebbs and is overshadowed by memories - some so strong they take your breath away; some are bittersweet that make you smile through tears.

I have not found that time heals. But, as time passes, the acute feeling of loss, sadness and loneliness does fade into a dull ache. Because of this experience, I have realized that my view of life - in all of its many facets - is forever changed. It is difficult to reclaim some things - feelings primarily - and finding joy and peace during the holidays is very difficult. Every once in a while I'll feel a familiar spark, but even though I try, I can't seem to fan it enough to ignite more than a wisp of smoke reminiscent of something wonderful.

As I watched the ladies finish their lunch and happily traipse back into the crush of commercialism on steroids, I couldn't help but

Over the Dune

feel envious of their enjoyment and, at the same time, sorrow for what may lay ahead in their path through life.

At some point in our lives, we become members of a club that no one wants to be in - a club that only someone who has experienced the kind of loss that comes from losing a child, spouse, parent, sibling or dear friend knows what it's like. Members of these clubs manage to get through the holidays and other meaningful calendar dates that used to be special and cause for celebration.

For those who are fortunate not to be members of these clubs, please be patient and understanding and, as much as possible, empathic to anyone who isn't joining in the celebration of the season. If you look closely, you'll see the sadness that floats in and around the joy and exuberance. Be kind, thoughtful and gently try to make new traditions that will help fill the void felt by someone you love and care about.

As a new member to this club, I am attempting to make my way to firmer ground by trying to focus on the positive aspects of my life - the love and unwavering support of my husband and close friends, the goofiness and unwavering loyalty of our canine crew, the stability and challenge of a job I enjoy, and the comfort and enjoyment of living close to the ever changing wildness in northern Michigan.

I am praying for peace within and peace for the many family members, friends and people I know who are members of a club they don't want to be in.

"Peace is not an absence of war. It is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice."

- Author Unknown

(Cheryl Peterson is a native of Oscoda and a graduate of Northern Michigan University. She was the editor of two daily newspapers before moving to Harrisville in 1995 when she and her husband, John Boufford, purchased the Review.)

The Garden Bug

Parsley is native to Southern Europe. Cultivated for more than 2,000 years, it was used medicinally and also as food. The ancient Greeks held it to be sacred, using it to adorn athletic champions and to decorate the tombs of the dead. Ancient Romans used it in cooking, and Charlemagne grew it on his estates. Fool's parsley, a poisonous weed, is sometimes mistaken for the edible flat-leaf parsley.



Flat-leaf parsley Fool's parsley

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.whfoods.com

The buckless you

**By Andrew Beebe
Forester**

In Michigan, deer hunting is more than a sport, it's an age-old tradition. Thousands of hunters hit the woods every fall with the hopes of harvesting the buck of their dreams, or a nice doe for the freezer.

While Michigan is one of the most deer populated states in the union, not everyone ends up seeing their dreams come true. We all know the tale of the buckless Yooper, but nobody wants to be in his shoes.

I cannot comment as to whether native American rituals will improve your hunt, but proper forest management is sure to better your odds.

What exactly is proper forest management and how can it translate into putting more deer in your freezer? Proper forest management begins with assessing your woods and your goals. In this case, while timber types may be different from landowner to landowner, your goal is to provide better habitat for deer on your land. The formula for what makes good wildlife habitat can be rather complex. For deer, however, the most important factors are food and cover. These habitat factors can play very conveniently to your hunt as well.

First, let's discuss the food factor. Deer are notorious generalists -- they eat all kinds of plant material, but it has to be accessible; and the more plentiful the better. This is where forest management comes into play.

Let's say you have a stand of oak trees. Oak trees produce acorns and deer love acorns so it's all good right? Truthfully, your oaks are attracting deer, but they could be attracting more deer. A forester can help design a timber harvest that will diversify the types of acorns on your property as well as increase the overall supply of acorns.

By observing your trees from year to year and noting which are your best produc-

ers, you can then choose to provide more growing space for these productive oaks by harvesting less productive oaks. In turn, the productive oaks will seed in young oaks with the same productive genes. Furthermore, harvesting nearly any hardwood trees species results in stump sprouting. These stump sprouts provide excellent food for deer.

You are probably thinking what about food plots? Food plots are great ways to attract deer, but they're expensive and time consuming. The way I see it, nature has been feeding deer long before humans planted rye and clover. Sure, you can plant traditional plots if you'd like, but there is another option.

Imagine a food plot that maintained itself. It is possible if you go native. Some of Michigan's most common native shrubs are also preferred deer browse. As a bonus most of these shrubs are also great for game birds and other wildlife -- talk about an all around property improvement.

Aside from food, deer need dense cover for bedding and to escape predators. Providing areas of dense cover is a great way to get deer out in the open on the edge of this cover as well. Deer are much more comfortable feeding in the open when the safety of cover is near by.

Harvesting aspen timber types is a great way to create a dense thicket of trees since thousands of new stems pop right back out of the roots following a timber harvest. Just think of that big buck feeding along the edge of that dense timber line... aren't you glad you called a forester and made it all possible?

Using a method of felling trees known as a hinge cut, low value trees can be converted into great cover seemingly over night. The best part about this method is that the trees cut will actually grow into multiple new trees over the next few years. If you can't believe that, I guess



you really do need to call a forester to find out how the heck such a thing can be true.

The most important thing a forester can do for you, when it comes to improving your hunting, is help you design a diverse array of habitats on your property. You would be surprised at how much you can do with a little land and some motivation.

Here's to you my buckless friend, may your next hunt be more successful. Call your local conservation district to get completely free forest management advice and on site consultations.

(Andrew Beebe is the district forester for Alcona and Iosco counties. Contact Andrew by calling (989) 724-5272 or via e-mail at andrew.beebe@macd.org.)

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

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of December 9-15, 2013

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Complaint Statistics

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Miscellaneous	4	Agency Assist	1
Dog/Animal	1	Traffic	5
Alarm	1	Identity Theft	1
Domestic	3	Threat/Harassment/Stalking	3
Patrol Check	1	Warrant Arrest	1
Breaking and Entering	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assault and Battery	3	Suicide	1
Larceny	1	Fraud	1
Child Neglect/Abuse	1	Fire	1
Suspicious Events	1	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Conservation Violation	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

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Consumers Energy receives recertification for Wildlife at Work Program

Consumers Energy has been recognized for protecting endangered species and other wildlife at its 11 hydro generating facilities on the AuSable, Manistee and Muskegon rivers.

Tippy Dam on the Manistee River and other Consumers Energy hydro facilities, received recertification by the Michigan Wildlife Council. The Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) awarded the maximum three-year Wildlife at Work recertification to the company for its wildlife enhancement projects.

Consumers Energy's Tippy Dam, which serves as the only-known bat hibernacu-

lum in the Lower Peninsula and one of the largest in Michigan, received runner-up honors for the WHC Bat Conservation Award. The national award recognizes projects that actively manage bat habitat through restoration or protection projects that include public outreach and educational opportunities.

During the recertification process, WHC biologists rated Consumers Energy's facilities and employee efforts as exceptional. "There are more than 12,000 acres associated with our hydro dams, so we have significant potential to enhance natural resources

along major Michigan rivers. Consumers Energy takes pride in being responsible environmental stewards as part of our promise to Michigan," said Rich Castle, Consumers Energy's natural resource administrator for hydro operations. "We're very appreciative of the recognition provided by the WHC recertification of our wildlife management efforts."

Federally-endangered wildlife species benefitting from the Consumers Energy projects are the Karner Blue butterfly, being managed on Muskegon River hydro properties, and the Indiana bat, which finds ideal hibernation

habitat in a spillway chamber at Tippy Dam on the Manistee River.

Other wildlife being helped by the projects recognized by the Wildlife at Work program include bluebirds, waterfowl, monarch butterflies, raptors and the eastern pipistelle, a bat species of special interest in Michigan.

Oscoda Boy Scout Troop 913 constructed 12 bluebird nest boxes to replace damaged boxes at Consumers Energy's Mio, Alcona, Loud, Five Channels, Cooke and Foote dams.

"We work cooperatively with others interested in conservation to achieve a com-

mon goal of implementing projects that enhance wildlife populations. These groups include Boy Scouts, resource agencies and conservation advocates," Castle said. "We recognize and thank these organizations for their vital role in helping wildlife thrive near our hydro generating properties."

Specific Consumers Energy projects that contributed to the WHC recertification:

- Bluebird Nest Box Construction project on the AuSable River Hydroelectric properties. Oscoda Boy Scouts built 12 nest boxes to

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Americans have concerns about outliving their money

(BPT) - What concerns Americans the most as they look ahead toward the retirement years? One of their biggest worries is outliving their money, according to a recent survey by Prudential Retirement.

A substantial 71 percent of survey respondents fear they may not have enough retirement income to last a lifetime. Only one in five are highly confident they will have sufficient retirement income.

Putting money aside for retirement while individuals are still working is important, but it's only part of the solution. Equally important is to have a plan on how to manage a retirement nest egg so it will continue to generate income throughout a lifetime.

A few suggestions on how to help make that happen include:

- Develop a plan on how to use savings

People nearing retirement should begin shifting their focus from accumulating savings to considering how best to distribute those savings during retirement.

One avenue to explore is to check with an employer to see if there is a guaranteed income option available in the company's retirement plan. Two out of three participants in the Prudential

Retirement survey said investing in this type of option made them more confident about their retirement security.

Continuing to work part-time may be a necessity in order to generate needed income for a retirement budget. According to the Prudential survey, nearly three in four middle-class Americans believe they will have to find some work in retirement. Check out possibilities now for part-time employment. Don't wait until after retirement.

- Cut costs before retirement.

Once a plan is in place to generate lifetime income, look at how to cut expenses after retirement. One of the best ways to stretch retirement savings may be to reduce housing costs, which are a major expense for most Americans.

If kids are out of the house and the mortgage is paid off, think about downsizing now before retirement. Add any profits from the sale of a house to retirement savings and move to a less costly situation - such as a smaller house or a condo.

In addition, do an assessment

of all the ways money is being spent and economize wherever possible. Careful planning now, while an individual is still working, will help achieve a goal of a secure and fulfilling retirement and making it last a lifetime.

Prudential has done ex-

tensive research about how people can create better outcomes by modifying their behaviors. For a copy of this white paper, "Better Participant Outcomes Through In-Plan Guaranteed Retirement Income," visit www.prudential.com.

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 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 ¾ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

 Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
 Pastor Jacob Schwartz ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

 6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.
 Pastor Robert L. Mikkelsen • (989) 727-2496

Our Savior Lutheran Church

 3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
 Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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 ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.
 ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.
 ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.
 Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

 201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville
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 Thursday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor ~ 724-6734

Spruce Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.
1246 E. Spruce Road, Spruce • 471-5013
 (3 miles west of F-41 & US-23) • Handicap Assessible

GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
 2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Haynes Community Church

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

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2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345
 Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond
 Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & Youth Programs (Grades K-6*)
 *Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.cbcmikado.com



Spruce Presbyterian Church

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 6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
 Worship 9 a.m.

Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor Wednesday office hours 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Rev. Linda Jo Powers • (989) 724-3033 (h) • E-mail: pastorlindajo@charter.net

LOTT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. **4257 State Rd. Glennie**
 Sunday morning service 11 a.m. **(989)735-3771.**
 Sunday evening service 6 p.m. **Pastor Elmer Ash.**
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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"A New Era Church"

Service: Sunday 11 a.m. ~ Reverend Paul Grabstanowicz
 4545 Alcona St., South Branch, MI 48761 • **Phone: (989) 735-2059**
 Website: www.ChapelInThePinesFellowshipChurch.com
 E-mail: Pastor@ChapelInThePinesFellowshipChurch.com

Consumers

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replace damaged boxes at Mio, Alcona, Loud, Five Channels, Cooke and Foote dams. AuSable Hydro employees maintain and monitor 68 bluebird boxes, 95 wood duck boxes and six American kestrel boxes.

- Bat Box Construction project on AuSable River Hydroelectric properties. Hale Cub Scouts constructed 38 bat boxes for Mio, Hardy and Hodenpyl dams.

- Garlic Mustard Management project near Foote Dam. Consumers Energy teamed with the U.S. Forest Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to continue the implementation of a four to six year plan with a goal to eliminate the invasive species from an infested area found adjacent to Huron National Forest through targeted herbicide applications and hand removal, so native plant species may provide valuable wildlife habitat.

- "River Care Kids" program, developed in conjunction with Conservation Resource Alliance. Elementary students learned about the wildlife benefits associated with the Manistee River Hydro projects with an emphasis on the bat hibernaculum in the Tippy Dam spillway. The students also participated in a river cleanup, removing fishing line and other items that could be detrimental to waterfowl, bald eagles and osprey, which are all active in the habitat.

- Wood Duck Nest Box Construction project on Manistee River Hydroelectric properties.

Calendar of Events

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Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6 p.m. at Grace Community Presbyterian Church, 6012 North Skeel,

Oscoda. This event is free and open to the public. The service will feature musical offerings.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Storytime and craft for

children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

The Audubon Society will be conducting their annual Christmas bird count begin-

ning at 10 a.m. Meet at the pavilion in the parking lot of the Harrisville State Park to get an assignment for one of four sections of Alcona County. For more information, call Frank Apsey at (989) 724-3056.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville.

Blood pressure clinic at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Se-

nior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass.

The 4-H Archery group of Alcona will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior, 207 Church Street.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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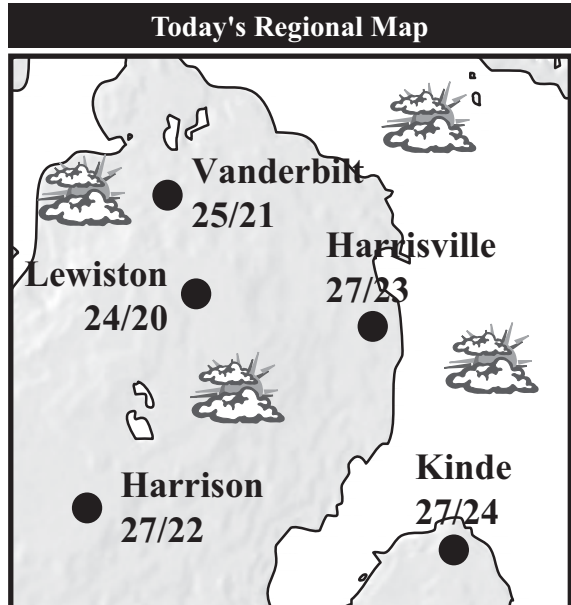
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Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 18, 2013

Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 27 Low: 23
-  **THURSDAY**
Snow Possible
High: 31 Low: 27
-  **FRIDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 18
-  **SATURDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 27 Low: 22
-  **SUNDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 13
-  **MONDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 21 Low: 12
-  **TUESDAY**
Snow Possible
High: 24 Low: 15



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow, high temperature of 27°, humidity of 80%. West wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 45° set in 1997. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 23°. South wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is -9° set in 1973.


*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	30	13	33/19	0.09"
Tuesday	17	5	33/19	0.01"
Wednesday	15	4	32/18	0.04"
Thursday	19	4	32/18	0.00"
Friday	18	4	32/18	0.00"
Saturday	20	6	31/17	0.27"
Sunday	21	11	31/17	0.15"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week


	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Last 12/25	Wednesday	8:05 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	6:29 p.m.	8:42 a.m.	First 1/7
	Thursday	8:06 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	9:20 a.m.	
	Friday	8:07 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	8:22 p.m.	9:54 a.m.	
	Saturday	8:07 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	9:21 p.m.	10:25 a.m.	
New 1/1	Sunday	8:07 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	10:20 p.m.	10:53 a.m.	Full 1/15
	Monday	8:08 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	11:20 p.m.	11:20 a.m.	
	Tuesday	8:08 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	No Rise	11:47 a.m.	

Local UV Index



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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated snow today and Thursday, scattered rain and snow Friday, with the highest temperature of 60° in Baltimore, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, isolated showers and thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 79° in Naples, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 47° in Seattle, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today, isolated showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 78° in Yuma, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:43 a.m.	4:24 p.m.
Venus	10:13 a.m.	7:22 p.m.
Mars	1:05 a.m.	1:08 p.m.
Jupiter	6:20 p.m.	9:41 a.m.
Saturn	4:53 a.m.	2:52 p.m.
Uranus	1:02 p.m.	1:32 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 18, 1984 - A storm over Southern California left up to 16 inches of snow in the mountains and upper deserts, with 13 inches reported at Lancaster. Edwards Air Force Base was closed and Interstate 5 was closed from Castaic to the Tehachapis Mountains.

Weather Trivia

What year was the costliest drought in U.S. history?

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Answer: The drought of 1988, with losses greater than 40 billion dollars.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Finger Angles: A "Handy" Device

The day or night sky that we see above our heads is called the celestial sphere, and as such, measurements made against it must be realized as angles—degrees, minutes, and seconds of arc. The sky at your local horizon is a circle which contains 360 degrees. The angular measure of an arc extended upward from the horizon and passing through the zenith to the opposite horizon equals 180 degrees. You can't say with any accuracy that the bright meteor which you have just seen was about "two feet in length" because there is no conversion between feet and degrees. Besides, who carries a ruler and flashlight with them in their hip pockets? However, with angular measurements, you are always carrying a "handy" pocket device which will allow for relatively accurate results. It is your fingers and fist held at arm's length that can do the trick. As an example, if you make your hand into a loose fist with your thumb on top, the angular distance that your fist will subtend at arm's length is about 10 degrees. Nine fists should make it from the horizon, the horizontal, to the zenith, the point directly over your head. You can stack one fist on top of the other, but just make sure that the fist that is being stacked upon does not "hammer down" the fist on the bottom. The lower fist must remain stationary, while the other fist is being put on top of it. In addition, you can spread your thumb and pinky finger into a wide "V" or rabbit ears with the three middle fingers folded down to obtain an angular measurement of 20 degrees, as wide as the hand can be stretched. Again, your fingers would be at arm's length. Hold your three middle fingers side by side to obtain an angular measurement of just five degrees. Finally, the pinky held at arm's length represents an angle of just one degree. Try measuring the angular size of that great big full moon in the sky with just your pinky finger, and I guarantee you'll be amazed by the result. www.astronomy.org

top ten

Elf names

1. Buddy
2. Elfie
3. Charlie
4. Jingle
5. Fred
6. Jack
7. Snowflake
8. Max
9. Jolly
10. Bob

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

7	2	5	4	8	6	3	9	1
6	4	1	7	3	9	5	8	2
8	9	3	2	5	1	7	6	4
9	1	7	8	6	4	2	5	3
4	8	2	5	9	3	6	1	7
5	3	6	1	2	7	9	4	8
2	6	9	3	4	8	1	7	5
1	5	8	9	7	2	4	3	6
3	7	4	6	1	5	8	2	9

Super Crossword

Answers

LOCALE	PRELOADS	INPEN
INAFIX	COLOMBIA	NAIVE
ZINCTH	EBISMAHOK	STEAM
ATFTARS	ANAT	PFARCF
BLUR	MONICA	ZEA LOUS
HIFLES	SOD	ITS
UNRFST	TRFFFARM	OKIFS
LIUTENANT	ZULU	ONNA
EYE	DEY	SEMINAR
ISAN	CUDREFS	RF COLOR
ZAPSUCKERS	DOCTOR	ZEUS
ATIPTOE	YON	NOL
GENE	ORIOLES	AAH
CDS	QUARTER	BACKZAC
BASTE	USTROOPS	LUCENT
INCFAN	ROE	FEASTS
ZOOFORD	DAMAGES	USSR
ATTIRE	LOLA	ATIT
RHINE	ACAPPELLA	ZINGER
READS	MOTHER	DECARTE
FRNST	PASADENA	SKFTS

Safeguarding your documents

Dollars And Sense
By David Uffington

What would happen to your family's photo memories if your home was damaged by tornado, hurricane, fire or flood? Answer: They could be gone forever, unless you've taken steps to safeguard the information.

Photos aren't the only thing that could be damaged. Marriage certificate, college diploma, mortgage loan documents and passports are among the household items most likely left in their paper form, for two reasons: We either want to see them frequently, or we want them nearby in case we need them.

If you have most of your important documents on paper, you're not alone. In a recent survey, 87 percent of participants say their documents are on paper. Damage or destruction isn't the only thing that can happen to paper documents; they can also

just disappear in the stacks of memorabilia of the average home, making them hard to find.

Our fascination with paper items comes from a desire to hold on to the past -- in its original form. While 50 percent of us see the benefits of converting our documents to digital forms, we don't believe that paper will completely disappear from our lives.

It takes a bit of work, but there are ways to ensure that favorite keepsakes and necessary documents don't vanish:

- Make color copies of documents and keep the original in a bank box. With tax records, store the originals in the bank box. (Sign up a trusted friend or family member who will keep the second key to the box.) Include a list of credit-card numbers and 800-numbers in case you have a loss. Don't

put the original of your will in a bank box, as the account may be frozen at your death.

- Scan your documents onto CD and store that in a bank box.

- Fireproof safe -- Look for one with at least an hour rating. Ideally it can be bolted to the floor in a closet.

- Cloud storage -- You scan and upload your documents to the "ether," somewhere out there on the Internet across multiple servers and locations. Consider whether you really want your Social Security number and other important information "out there." Better bet: Use cloud storage for photos only.

While you're sorting documents, consider whether it's time to invest in a shredder (confetti, not strip type) and get rid of old documents such as mortgage papers to homes you no longer own and very old tax documents.

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Operation gratitude reaches milestone

Veterans Post
By Freddy Groves

On Dec. 7, Operation Gratitude reached a significant milestone: It sent the one-millionth care package to service members around the globe. That meant sending more than 100,000 individually addressed care packages each year, accomplished with the aid of hundreds of volunteers in Van Nuys, Calif.

The lucky recipient of the one-millionth package didn't just get a box full of high-value gifts, entertainment items and hand-written letters of appreciation -- the service member will come home to a new Ford F-150 pickup truck.

During the past 10 years, OpGrat has grown as more and more volunteers have stepped forward to help, and the reach of the packages has expanded. It now includes veterans, first responders and Wounded Warriors, as well as active-duty personnel in hostile areas.

How can you help? It costs \$15 to mail each package. Consider making a \$15 tax-deductible donation four times a year to OpGrat, to coincide with their quarterly mailings. You can donate online at its website -- www.OperationGratitude.com -- or you can send a check to:

Operation Gratitude
16444 Refugio Road
Encino, CA 91436

You also can keep an eye on its activities www.twitter.com/OpGratitude; and www.facebook.com/OperationGratitude.

If you're crafty, check the website for instructions on how to make handmade scarves, paracord bracelets (sent to first responders) and bandana cool-ties for the packages. If you're part of a group, look for fundraising ideas or assemble Care Kits to go in the individual packages. Write letters of appreciation to go in each package. Check the website for the list of most-needed items, as these change from time to time. Contact OpGrat at (262) 674-7281 for shipping instructions, as the address above isn't for shipments.

It took from 2003 until now to ship 1 million packages. Let's help OpGrat cut that time in half for the next million.

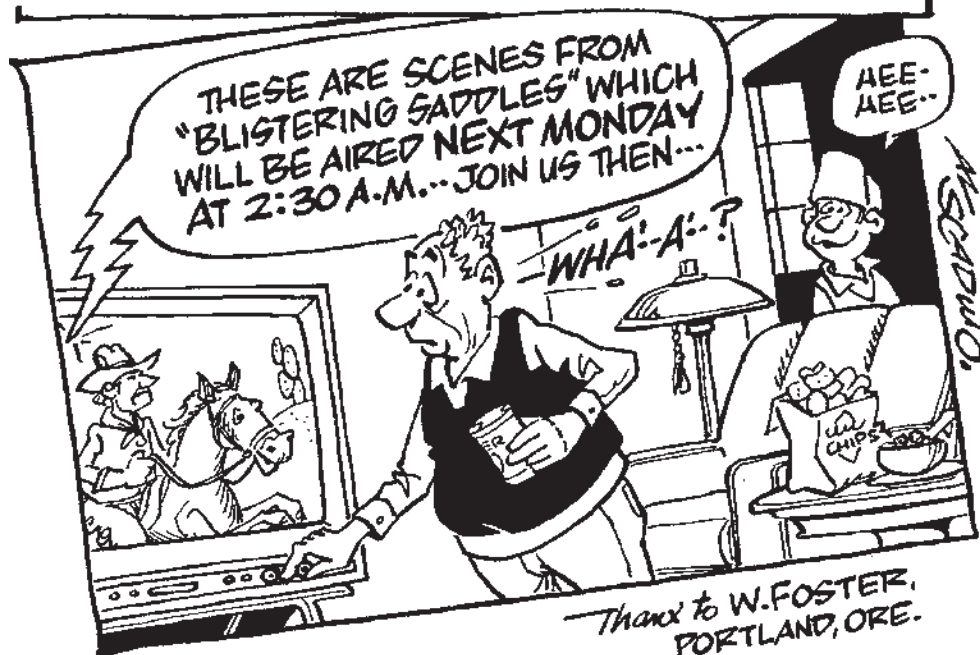
(Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com.)

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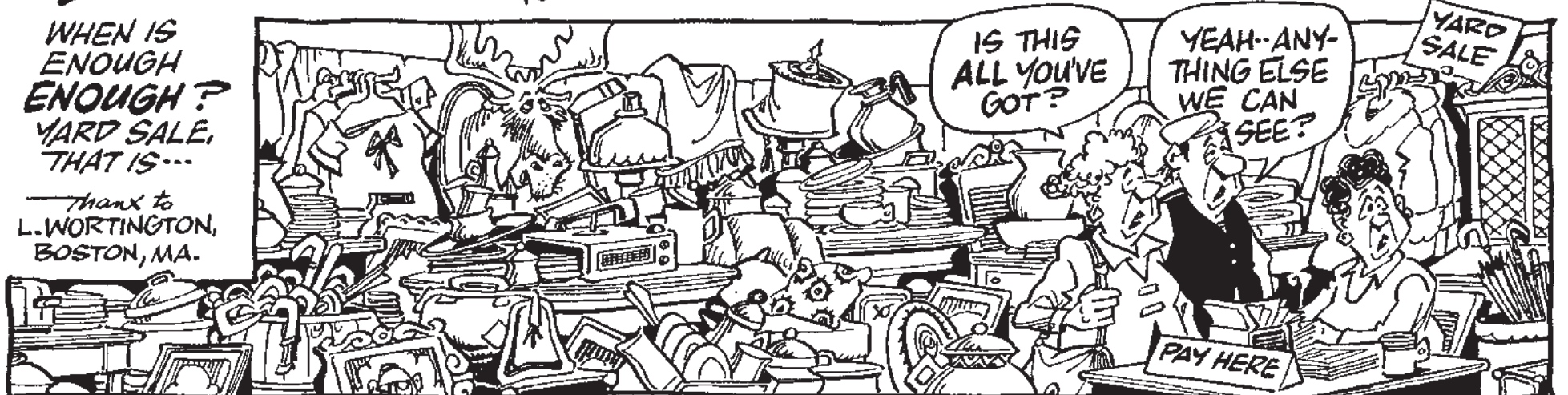
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TIMBER FOR SALE

Sealed bids will be received up until 6 p.m. on January 6, 2014 for the D. & S. Bilbey 2013 Timber Sale, located in E ½ SE ¼ of Section 5, NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 8 and NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 9, T25N R7E, Alcona County. Estimated volumes include: 55.6 MBF red maple sawlogs, 30.0 MBF of aspen sawlogs, 7.7 MBF of mixed hardwood sawlogs, 38.9 MBF of mixed oak sawlogs and 3.2 MBF of mixed conifer sawlogs, 637 cords aspen pulpwood, 195 cords red maple pulpwood, 88 cords of mixed hardwood pulpwood, 130 cord mixed oak pulpwood, 28 cord of mixed conifer pulpwood. The access for this timber sale is from Adams and Rearing Pond roads. Interested bidders should contact Don Krejcarek, Sunrise Forestry Consultants, at (989) 726-6165.

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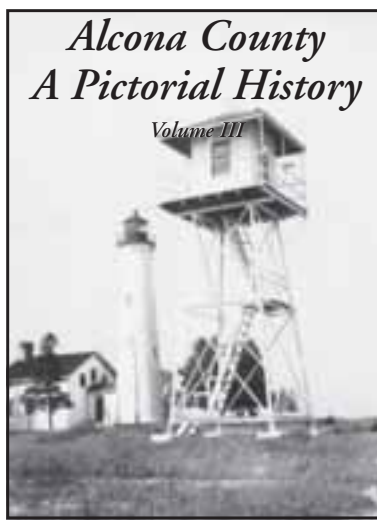
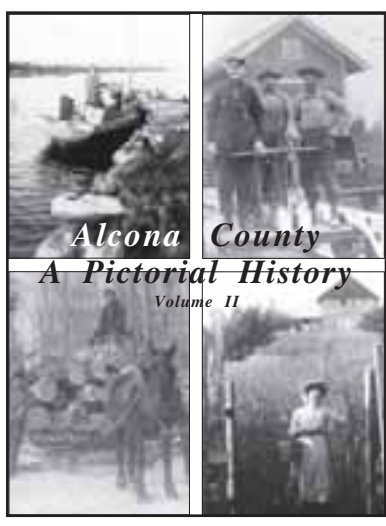
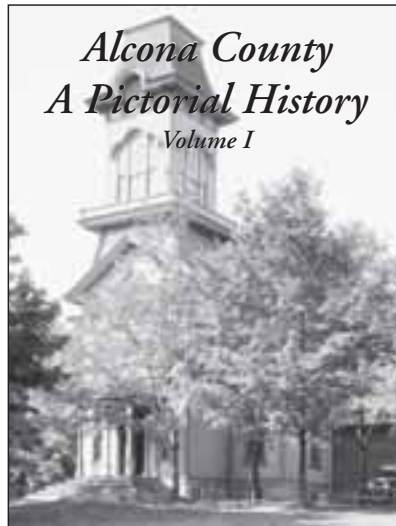
Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner take all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

Bingo - Every Wednesday in Mikado Civic Center. Early bird at 6:30 p.m., air conditioned. Mikado Area Development.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Allen Bennett and Judith Bennett, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated July 19, 2005, and was recorded on July 21, 2005, in Liber 420, on page 974 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$210,575.68, including interest at 3.25 percent per year variable. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing. The mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The

sale will be held on January 15, 2014, at 10 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Alcona County Court Facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan, that being the place of holding circuit court for Alcona County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale. The property to be sold is located in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: T25N, R9E, Section 22, Lots 18, 19 and 20, McClatcheys Cedar Lake Estates Subdivision, as per plats page 145 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as 3639 W. Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush, Mich. Tax I.D. 041-195-000-018-00. If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be

held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period. The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C. Dated: December 2, 2013
By: Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Huron Community Bank, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave.,
P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574
12-4, 12-11, 12-18, 12-25

If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior one year, please contact our office at (248) 502-1400. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Buddy T. Sawyer, an unmarried man, to National City Mortgage Services Co., mortgagee, dated April 29, 1999 and recorded May 13, 1999 in Liber 331, page 68, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifteen thousand eight hundred four and 65/100 dollars (\$15,804.65) 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 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, Michigan at 10 a.m. on January 15, 2014. Said premises are located in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan. Commencing at the northeast corner of Government Lot 3, Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 9

East, Section 34, thence north 87 degrees west 1,637.5 feet, thence south 11 degrees 15 minutes west 195 feet to the point of beginning, thence south 87 degrees east 150 feet, thence south 11 degrees east 150 feet, thence north 87 degrees west 150 feet, thence north 11 degrees 15 minutes east 50 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. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: December 18, 2013
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-015310
12-18, 12-25, 1-1, 2014, 1-8, 2014

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 Walter Sarapinas and Eleanor Sarapinas as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated November 17, 2004, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on December 15, 2004, in Liber 410 at pages 984-1004, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$42,182.58, 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 29, 2014, 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 3.125 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 Curtis, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Lot 10 and 15 of the Supervisor's Plat of Oakdale Subdivision, according to the recorded plat therefore as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 190-A, Alcona County records. The above described premises may be located within

the vicinity of farmland or a farm operation. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easement, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any. Please be advised that you and any other person liable on the mortgage is liable to the purchaser at the sale, or the mortgagee, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagee, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of you or other person liable on the mortgage. 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 25, 2013
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511
12-11, 12-18, 12-25 & 1-1-14

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Gruel Mills Nims & Pylman, PLLC is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Barbara L. Wade, a single woman, of 31952 Charlevoix Court, Westland, Mich. 48186 and NPB Mortgage, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 3333 Deposit Drive, NE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49546, dated October 10, 2001 and recorded on October 15, 2001 in Liber 355, Page 1,006 of the Alcona County Register of Deeds, which mortgage was assigned to Northpointe Bank, a Michigan banking corporation by virtue of an assignment of mortgage dated September 23, 2013 and recorded on September 27, 2013 in Liber 502, page 19 of the Alcona County Register of Deeds, upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of forty-seven thousand five hundred five dollars and sixteen cents (\$47,505.16), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 10.95 percent, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof; Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on January 22, 2014 at 10 a.m.,

the undersigned will sell at the west entrance of the Alcona County courthouse, Harrisville, Mich., that being the place of holding the circuit court for the county of Alcona, at public vendue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in the mortgage located in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan and which are described as follows: West half (W-1/2) of the southwest quarter (SW-1/4) of the southeast quarter (SE-1/4) of Section 30, Township 27 North, Range 8 East. P.P. No. 071-030-400-035-00 which has an address of 271 Ritchie Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. Northpointe Bank
3333 Deposit Drive, NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Dated: December 13, 2013
Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
99 Monroe Avenue, NW
Suite 800
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 235-5500
12-18, 12-25, 1-1, 2014, 1-8, 2014

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgage holder. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. Mortgage Foreclosure Sale Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage executed by Elizabeth Kelly, Michael E. Stewart, Kaitlyn M. Kelly and Thomas Stewart, in favor of Paul D. Blanchard, as trustee of the Paul D. Blanchard Trust dated November 6, 1995, and recorded February 16, 2012 in Liber 485, page 654, Alcona County records, on which mortgage there is currently owing the sum of eighty-four thousand seven hundred seventy-three and 66/100 (\$84,773.66) dollars, and interest and costs of collection continue to accrue. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises subject to the mortgage at public auction to the highest bidder, at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, at the lobby of the Alcona County circuit court, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due. Said premises are located in Caledonia Township, Alcona County, Michigan and

described as: Parcel 1: T28N R7E Sec 10 com E 1/4 cor, N 88 deg W 1,320 ft to NW cor of N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and pob, S 88 deg E 440 ft alg 1/4 ln, S 5 deg W 636.90 ft to S ln of N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, N 88 deg W 440 ft, N 5 deg E 636.90 ft to POB; and, Parcel 2: T28N R7E Sec 10 com 1,320 ft W of E 1/4 cor, th W 1,273.8 ft th SWLY to int. of ln. ext. NELY of Ln. bet lots 13 & 14m dr. pt. sub, on NE row Oak St. Sd. Sub, Th SE 50 ft alg Oak St. th NELY 175 ft th SELY 58.4 ft th S 71 deg E 458.4 ft th SWLY 175 ft th SE 50 ft alg Oak St, th N 19 deg E 294.5 ft th S 58 deg E 425 ft th N 51 deg E 743.5 ft th W 300 ft alg S ln. N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 th N alg. 1/8 ln to POB. Parcels 1 and 2 are more fully described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 10, Township 28 North, Range 7 East; thence north 88°09' west 1,320 feet along the east-west 1/4 line to the northwest corner of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 to the point of beginning; thence south 88°09' east 440 feet along east-west 1/4 line; thence south 05°39' west 636.90 feet to the south line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4; thence north 88°09' west 440.00 feet along the south line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4; thence north 05°39' east 636.90 feet along west line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 to point of beginning. Being the west 1/3 of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 10,

Township 28 North, Range 7 East; and, Parcel 2: Commencing 1,320 feet west of the east 1/4 corner of Section 10, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, thence west 1,273.8 feet; thence southwesterly to intersection of line extending northeasterly of line between Lots 13 and 14 of Doctor's Point Subdivision on northeast right of way of Oak Street in said subdivision, thence east 50 feet along Oak Street; thence northeasterly 175 feet; thence southeasterly 58.4 feet; thence south 71° east 458.4 feet; thence southwesterly 175 feet; thence southeast 50 feet along Oak Street; thence north 19° east 294.5 feet; thence south 58° east 425 feet; thence north 51° east 743.5 feet; thence west 300 feet along said line of north 1/2 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4; thence north along 1/8 line to point of beginning. Being part of Government Lot 2. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: December 13, 2013
Paul D. Blanchard, Trustee, Mortgagee
By: Joel B. Moore (P35432)
Ramer, Moore, Schmol & Martin, PLLC
100 Spring Street, P.O. Box 5
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 526-6214
12-18, 12-25, 1-1-2014, 1-8, 2014

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting December 11 was called to order by Supervisor Ott with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Ott, Thornton, Timm, Scott and Hubbard. Also in attendance, Nancy Beck, zoning administrator (ZA) and two citizens. Motions to approve the agenda; approve the minutes of November 6; to pay the bills; and to place treasurer's report on file were made. Planning commission: Continue to work on Blight Ordinance. ZA report: Issued three land use permits. Unfinished business: Dennis Schultz with Timm Construction went over drawing for hall renovations. Motion to accept proposal from Timm Construction for barrier free access with canopy, new siding, wall insulation, exterior lighting upgrades, gutters and rear doors for \$107,000. Color chosen: Cinnamon with weathered cedar accent. Five ayes, zero nays. Ken Hubbard reviewed assessor's job description adding "at will employee," and semi annual

reports to board in person. Motion to purchase GIS computer and software for assessing department. New business: Motion to decline the offer of receiving the tax foreclosed property on US-23 and to let county know in writing by December 30. Motion to reappoint to the planning commission John Preston and Nick Williams for a three year term. Motion to sign contract with Brian Harger as township's attorney. Motion to allow the use of township hall to St. Catherine's Exceptional Friends, October 25, 2014, with non profit rates. Motion establishing meeting dates in 2014, see separate ad published in paper, also set budget workshop for Feb. 24, 2014 at 5 p.m. Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is January 8, 2014. Planning commission meets January 6, 2014. Website: Caledoniatwp.net. Helen Timm, Clerk

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BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS: Business Communications, Proofreading and Editing. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree required in Business with English minor/concentration. Office 2013 and web collaboration proficiency. MBA preferred.

BUSINESS MATH: Qualifications: Bachelor's degree required in Business or Mathematics with Excel 2013 proficiency. MBA preferred.

CAREERS: Introduction to Careers and Job Search Strategies. Qualifications: Bachelor Degree in Business Administration or Management required. Experience in resume and cover letter trends, interviewing techniques and thorough understanding of soft skills and business etiquette. Master's degree in Business or Counseling preferred.

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CORRECTIONS: Teach Corrections courses. Qualifications: Associate Degree in Corrections or related field required. Bachelor degree preferred. Minimum of five years of applicable work experience with advance approval by Correctional Officer Training Council.

ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE: Courses in basic and advanced electrical theory, fiber optics, PLC's, telecommunications, residential wiring and electronics. Qualifications: Master Electrician's License.

MATHEMATICS: Applied Algebra and Trigonometry, College Algebra, Trigonometry or Analytical Geometry and Calculus. Qualifications: Master's degree in Mathematics or Engineering.

NURSING: Clinical Instructors. Qualifications: BSN or higher Nursing degree and relevant clinical experience required. MSN preferred.

NUTRITION: Nutrition course. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition or related area required. Master's Degree in Nutrition or related area preferred.

SPEECH: Speech courses, Interpersonal Communication, Public Speaking, and Oral Interpretation of Literature. Qualifications: Master's degree in Speech Communication or equivalent experience.

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HURON SHORES CAMPUS AND SATELLITE SITES IN OSCODA, ALCONA, AND IOSCO COUNTIES:

ACCOUNTING: Accounting Principles. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree required. CPA and Master's Degree preferred along with two years of applicable work experience using QuickBooks and/or Peachtree. Ability to manage coursework via Blackboard and/or publishers' online websites.

ART: Design, Basic Drawing, Painting, or Art for the Classroom Teacher. Qualifications: Master's degree in Art or related area.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: General Biology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, or Microbiology. Qualifications: Master's degree in Biological Science or related area.

BUSINESS MATH: Qualifications: Master's degree in Mathematics, Accounting or Business required, with Excel proficiency.

CHEMISTRY/PHYSICAL SCIENCE: General Chemistry, Biochemistry, Inorganic or Organic Chemistry or Physical Science. Qualifications: Master's degree in Chemistry or related area.

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS: Microsoft Office 2013, Windows 7. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree required in related area and/or content-specific industry certification(s) and two years of applicable work experience. Master's Degree in related area preferred.

ENGLISH: Basic English Composition. Qualifications: M.A. in English or M.F.A. in Writing preferred or 16 graduate level credit in English or Writing.

MATHEMATICS: Applied Algebra and Trigonometry, College Algebra, Trigonometry or Analytical Geometry and Calculus. Qualifications: Master's degree in Mathematics or Engineering.

MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS: Microsoft Office 2010, Windows 7. Qualifications: Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in related area and/or content-specific industry certification(s) and two years of applicable work experience. Master's Degree in related area preferred.

PHILOSOPHY: Introduction to Philosophy. Qualifications: Master's degree in Philosophy or 16 graduate credits in Philosophy required.

SOCIOLOGY: Sociology, Gender and Society, and Marriage and the Family courses. Qualifications: Master's degree in Sociology or related area.

SPANISH: Spanish coursework in listening to, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. Qualifications: Master's degree in Spanish or a related field preferred.

SPEECH: Speech courses, Interpersonal Communication, Public Speaking, and Oral Interpretation of Literature. Qualifications: Master's degree in Speech Communication or equivalent experience.

CITY OF HARRISVILLE

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 9 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said.

Present: Mayor Dobis, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce, council members: Tartaglia, Crick, Kaiser, Lemere and Sanderson, city Attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Baird.

Motion by Lemere, support by Sanderson, to approve the minutes of November 11 with corrections. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Lemere, support by Crick, to pay the bills in the amount of \$13,995.16. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Dobis advised council about the Huron Engineering Mapping contract which is now 100 percent complete with all requirements met and has been paid in full.

Mayor Dobis advised council of the new City of Harrisville Zoning Ordinance Fee Schedule which was reviewed and updated by the planning commission, the zoning administrator and the city attorney. Motion by Crick, support by Sanderson, to accept new Zoning Ordinance Fee Schedule effective December 9. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Dobis advised council of the renewal of the city assessor's contract for the year 2014-2015. Motion by Tartaglia, support by Sanderson, to accept city assessor Thompson's contract for 2014-2015. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis informed council of the bid by Sharboneau and Sons to address the water collection problem at the VFW/health department site. Motion by Lemere, support by Tartaglia, to accept bid of \$3,000 by Sharboneau and Sons to address water collection problem at the VFW/health department site with conformation by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as to proposed plan. Motion carried. Aye 4-0. Nay: 1. The city has received a request from Judy Seabase, representing Pure Michigan, to donate \$500 to maintain the city's presence on the Pure Michigan summer and fall media campaigns. Motion by Sanderson, support by Crick, to pledge \$500 to the Pure Michigan ad campaign. Motion failed: 3-2. Motion by Sanderson, support by Lemere, to pledge \$250 to

the Pure Michigan ad campaign. Motion carried: 5-0.

The Water/Sewer Budget hearing opened at 7:30 p.m. Budget for 2014 presented by treasurer Keerl and the finance committee, followed by public comment period. Budget hearing closed at 7:47 p.m. Motion by Lemere, support by Crick, to accept water/sewer and water debt budget for 2014. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Crick, support by Tartaglia, to pay end of year water/sewer bill. Motion carried: 5-0.

Reports: Mayor Dobis acknowledged the tenure of Ward III Alderman Noel Lemere as a member of the City of Harrisville City Council. Alderman Lemere chose not to run for another term for city council this past November. As a member of council, alderman Lemere has been the appointed mayor pro-tem, street and sidewalk administrator and a member of the city finance committee. Alderman Lemere's knowledge of the city financial structure and his valuable input into city affairs will be greatly missed. Council wishes him well.

Harbor commission meeting went well with a farewell and best wishes to retiring harbor commission treasurer Jeanette Schultz. The proposed dredging plan is reported to be on track.

Planning commission, mayor and city attorney will review current resolutions and ordinances the city has in place as an ongoing effort to update all resolutions and ordinances if needed.

Tree board chairman Crick reports that Michael Baird has been measuring and recording trees near the Craftmakers' Cabin in an effort to keep them trimmed and away from pedestrian traffic to a height of seven feet. Fire advisory committee member Crick reported the Fire Advisory Committee will meet in January 2014. Comment cards: None. Councils last comments: Several council members voiced concerns about the snow removal placement on the city sidewalk in front of the IGA. The contractor has been contacted. Motion to adjourn by Lemere. Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, Jan. 13, 2014 at 7 p.m.

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held December 10 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and three guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report accepted and reconciled with the clerk. Assessor informed the board that the township could have a significant loss in property tax revenue due to the new law concerning 100 percent disabled veterans. Ordinance enforcer still working with ordinance violator. No other committee reports. Pyne/Young: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson,
Township Clerk

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ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held December 11 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the November 27 meeting; authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$179,643.93; set a public hearing for input on projects eligible for federal funding for December 30 at 4:30 p.m.; to advertise for a hydraulic hoist system; to consult with legal counsel regarding a policy for pension rollovers; to approve a budget amendment to reflect fire-related expenditures and insurance reimbursements.

This synopsis of the minutes is published prior to board review and approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly-scheduled meeting is December 30, at 4 p.m.

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, MacNeill and Mead. Excused Gauthier. Motion to pay bills. A par-plan

check was received in the amount of \$2,500 for a grant to update the outside lighting at the township hall.

Dawn LaLonde,
Clerk

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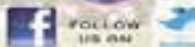
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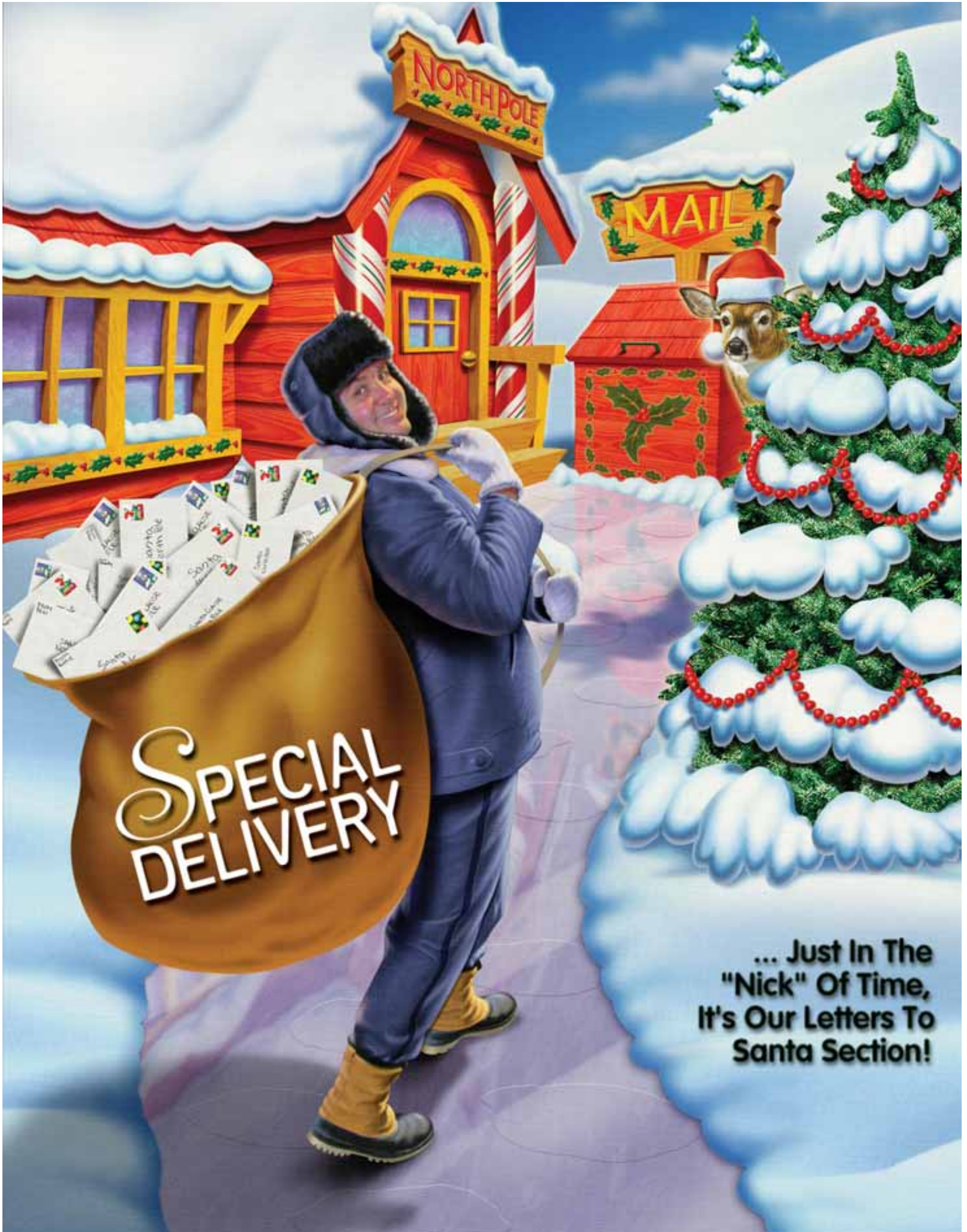


Christmas is a time of rejoicing, counting blessings and family gatherings. It is also the most favorite time of the year for children. In this issue, we have given the children of this community a chance to be heard. They wrote to Santa asking for their Christmas dreams and wishes. They even added a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

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**Kindergarten
Mr. Klinger's Class**

Dear Santa,
I want a Wii U, and a big racing car. I also want a remote controlled car.
Gavin Dellar, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want an X Box4 and Godzilla Set. I also want a Play Station 4.
Brandon Fogle, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie House. I also want a new Barbie car and I wanted a new toy for me to play with...and new shoes for my Barbie.
Ella Gehring, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. I wanted new Trinkle Toes shoes so you can spin around like a ballerina. And I want a new dress like a ballerina because my old one doesn't fit me. Santa, how do you work with your elves?
Madison Boland, age 5

Dear Santa,
I don't know...A Barbie. I also want a blanket and I want Tablet games.
Charlie Petty, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a yellow Yo Yo and an X Box 4. I also want a sweatshirt. He gives people presents and the elves make the toys.
Karsen Gonyea, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want Mario Brothers Galaxy, a coat, a TV and stuff? There is this transformer I think is Mega Tran and some Lincoln Logs and a toy monster. I was going to say its ok if you don't bring me these toys as long as they are for boys and not girl-ish.
Casey League, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a make-up case. I also want sandals and I want to know how Santa makes his magic?
Jadyn Schroeder, age 6

Dear Santa,
Askateboard...I think? I also want some DSI games.
Lauren Travis, age 5

Dear Santa,
I wants lots of stuff...like Barbies. I also want some makeup, a makeup case, and some high heels. Santa, are you coming to our house to

bring us a lot of presents?
Destiny Sanders, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a Cinderella guitar. I also want a princess dress, and a Hanna Montana booklet with hearts on it.
Lona Bartz, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want My Own TV! I also want a cart, Barbies, and a new backpack. I want to know if Santa is coming to my house to bring stuff?
Claire Griggs, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Princess Barbie.
Jamie Hall, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Pop Star Princess Barbie. I also want a dress.
Sophie Boyer, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want princess dress up clothes and a hang glider. I also want makeup and a Princess Barbie with princess shoes.
Alexis Hill, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. I also would really like a computer, an electronic cart for me to drive with some lipstick and makeup. Also some high heeled shoes and a dress down to my toes. Santa, where do you live?
Cassie Pittmann, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Ninja Pack. I also want a farm, and a Leap DS.
Ben Johnston, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want Super Heroes.
Cole Upper, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want to have Legos, a green and blue scarf.
Darren Boyat, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a John Deere tractor and a Case tractor.
Matthew Dellar, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a Innotab 3 so I can send pictures to my mommy's phone. I have projects for Santa! I have two, but will probably only send one for him to do.
Adonia Schott-Gonzales, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want some Hot Wheels and a Hot Wheel truck. I have been good.
Ryan Smith, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Boots Truck, Ipad, and I want a remote control airplane, but I changed my mind to a race car. I will make a longer list when I get home.
Barry Wascher, age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a Butterfly Fairy, a Furbie, a dolly, Scooby Doo toy from McDonald's, a chicken, Benny Bear toy, Hattie Horse Toy, a seal toy, a mouse, a rooster, a tiger, an apple, a spinning wheel, coloring book, a baby doll toy, a Princess

Sophia toy and dress with a crown, a butterfly net, a Scooby Doo Toy House, and roller skates.

Trinity Wilburn, age 5

Dear Santa,
A remote control airplane, remote control monster truck, and a remote control semi. Santa, how do you got magic to go up the chimney?

Noah Deornellas, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want furniture for my Barbies and clothes for my Barbies like dresses. I don't have that much Barbies, only two. I love Santa.

Brydi McGirr, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Belle bank with a slot like a bank. That is all. How does Santa get up the chimney?

Emma Schroeder, age 5

Mrs. Mullen's Class

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control helicopter and a toy plane and a dirt bike. I hope you have a safe ride.

Love, George Kirby

Dear Santa,
I would like a transformer and a fire truck.

Love, Brandon Stanley

Dear Santa,
I would like more Pollies and a lamp and a fruit basket with everything I like to play house with.

Love, Brooklyn Webb

Dear Santa,
I want a rocket ship. I also want an airplane and a robot for Christmas.

Love, Isaac Kiprotich

Dear Santa,
I like Barbie Life in the Dream House. Also a cuddly Ariel stuffed animal. I want a stuffed doll that's cuddly.

Love, Addison Beatty

Dear Santa,
I would like a real phone and makeup and a picture for my cousin.

Love, Nyhia Jackson

Dear Santa,
I want a Wii game for Christmas.

Love, Matt Petitti

Dear Santa,
I want a Ahtopah and a fishie snake and a race car. I want a toy that pops up with colors on it.

Love, Zachary Hall

Dear Santa,
I want a doll from the movie (the doll that freezes). I want a princess movie and also a fake movie.

Love, Makayla Price

Dear Santa,
I want to have lots of presents. I want a Barbie house and a play car and a stuffed bear and pencils and crayons.

Love, Piper Flerchinger

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Dear Santa,
I would like a new Hello Kitty puzzle and a Christmas Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. And a DSI with games.
Love, Addison Dumas

Dear Santa,
I would like a flower puzzle and a train and a ribbon.
Love, Anthony Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like a dump truck and a remote control car, and a big monster truck that's remote control.
Love, Gunnar Levline

Dear Santa,
I would like a 4 wheeler. Oh yeah a Transformer that I saw in the store. Also a dragon toy and a skateboard.
Love, Isaiah Kiprotich

Dear Santa,
I want a Sky Winda giant that changes bodies.
Love, Landin Good

Dear Santa,
I would like a Transformer and a bulldozer and a robot. My blue robot just got broken so I need a new one.
Love, Matt Abee

Dear Santa,
I would ask him if I could have a butterfly and one of those butterflies that can fly and they flutter. I would like some horsies.
Love, Alexis Hottenstein

Dear Santa,
I want a dollhouse and a princess house. I want a toy house for my dollies.
Love, Zoey Arcand

Dear Santa,
I want a doll named Sage. I also want footie pajamas.
Love, Rylee Kroon

Dear Santa,
I would like a makeup box and Legos and lipstick.
Love, Rayna Koch

Dear Santa,
I want a DS and a crystal heart with a crown and a wand. I love you.
Love, Savannah Misiak

Dear Santa,
I'm going to make star cookies and put sprinkles on them for you and give you milk. I would like a belt and a dump truck.
Love, Rickie Cheatum

Dear Santa,
I love you and I always will. I want a doll house. I would like to have a little pony.
Love, Allie Stewart

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll and a new Barbie doll and a Dora doll.
love, Ariana Riso

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike and a Nerf gun with a stand. I also want a snowball maker.
Love, Cuyler Smith

Dear Santa,
I really want a makeup kit.

Love, Emily Geddert

Dear Santa,
I want a video game and a Play-Doh set and a cuddly bear.
Love, Sierra Wright

**First Grade
Ms. Arnold's Class**

Dear Santa,
How have you ben? Have you ben flying today? My favorite Christmas tradition is putting up the crismis tree with my family. Can you bring my mom earrings? I want a Kindle Fire. Ms. Arnold thinks I am awesome. Have fun with the reindeer.
Your frend, Lily Kozlow

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I like bakin cookies at Christmas time. My want you to give Marisol a I Pood tuch. I want a password journal. Ms. Arnold thinks I hav ben very good. Hav a safe trip!
Your pal, Gracyn Tracy

Dear Santa,
How are the rander doing? Are they doing goo? My favorite Christmas tradtion is to open up presents when everyone comes to my house. I want to get Zoe a flutterbye fairy. I would like my dad to get a motrsikl and mom a flat screen tv and jr a tools and my bruther a car. I would like a 3ds. My teacher thinks I am smart. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a good Christmas.
Love, Kylie Keyser

Dear Santa,
What makes Rudolph's nose glow? My favorite tradition is making cookies and then we go to Grandma and Grandpas house to celebrate Christmas. I want Gracyn to get a password journal. I want a Pete the Cat toy, MP3 playr and a zike. Ms. Arnold thinks I am nice and funny and awesome and amazing. I hope you have a safe trip, Santa.
Your pal, Marisol Klinger

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? My favorite tradition is rapping presents. I want you to bring Kylie and me a massage marble for our feet. I want my mom to have new paints and a back massage pillow and my dad to have a bike. I want Geni to have the best sister ever and teacher. I want a DS and all ov the games. Ms. Arnold thinks we are the best kids in the class. Merry Christmas, Santa.
Love, Zoe Kirk

Dear Santa,
How do you randear fly? My favorite tradition is to help mom and dad deckorat the Christmust tree. I is fun. I wish I could give Emma and Mikayla a lollipop. I want a squinkie set, new zhuzhu pet, and innotab 3. Ms. Arnold thinks I am nice to people. I love you Santa.
Love, Isabella Laird

Dear Santa,
How is Miss Claus and how are you? My favorite part of Christmas is when my family

decorates the tree and bakes Christmas cookies. I would like to give Lily a design maker. I want one to. Ms. Arnold thinks I am a pretty good student. I love you!

Your pal, Virginia Rose Barnes

Dear Santa,
how do the randeers fly? I like to bake cookis and pies at Christmas. Can you bring Virginia a design maker. I want a doll house and a doll and a snowtime and a car and make up. My teacher thinks I am sweet. I love Santa.
Love, Courtney Milwrick

Dear Santa,
how are your randear? My favorite tradition is going to my grandmas and opening presins. I want Gracyn to get a dol. I want a DS and make up. Ms. Arnold thinks I am good. Have a happy new year and crismas.
Love, Julia Deornellas

Dear Santa,
Who goes in the front of the rander? My favorite tradition is...I like to play a game. I would like you to give my dad new mats for this truck and my mom new clothes. I would like a scooter. Ms. Arnold thinks I am happy. Have a Merry Christmas!
Your pal, Gage Woodward

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? My favorite Christmas tradition is going to my friends house and when I go put up my tree. Can you bring Ms Arnold a Michigan State tablet? I want an iPod. My teacher thinks I am sweet and awesome. I love you Santa.
Your friend, Kayleigh Karas

Dear Santa,
How is Roudolf and all the other randers? I like to stay with my family at my house to put up my Christmas tree. I would like Savannah to have a new back pack. I want an ipod. My teacher thinks I am sweet. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love, August LaFave




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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? My favorite tradition is leaving carrots for the reindeer and making a snowman with mom, cousins and dad. I would like you to give Garrett a Lions mascot. I want skylanders swat force and some batman legos. Ms. Arnold thinks I am good. Happy Christmas, Santa.
Your pal, Travis Walker

Dear Santa,
How do the randeer fly? My favorite Christmas tradition is putting up the Christmas tree. I want Dylan to get a tablet. Will you please bring me a b b gun and 3 lego sets and a flying spider man. Ms. Arnold thinks I am a sweet kid. have a safe trip around the world.
your pal, Tanner Leeseberg

Dear Santa,
How is Roudoof? my favorite tradition is giving Santa cookies. My Christmas wish is to give Santa a cookie. I would like a touch screen fone and a tablet and a happe Christmas. have a safe trip. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a good time for Christmas and I wonder how Rudolph flies. I love you Santa and Mrs. Claus.
Love, Savannah Sauve

Dear Santa,
How is it going? Is it going good or bad? I like to play outside for Christmas. My favorite tradition is to make puppy chow for Santa and leave it for him with warm milk. I want 30 pizzas for my class. My friend is everyone. I want skylanders swat force and a big toy night fairy. Ms. Arnold thinks I am fun! Merry Christmas Santa!
Your pal, Marius Spears

Dear Santa,
Why dont you let your elfs help you bring the presents to kids houses? My favorite Crismis tradition is...when I bake cookies and put up the crismis tree. I would like you to get my dad a football and a basketball! I want to get a furby and smurf stuffed toys. My teacher thinks I am a good kid. I hope you have a very fun Christmas.
Love your friend, Brooklynne May Patterson
P.S. how dos rudolphs nose glow?

Dear Santa,
What does the fox say? My favorite tradition is giving Santa pie. I wish Marius could have a remote control motor cycle. I would like all swap force skylanders and skylanders swap force for the wii. Ms. Arnold thinks I am a funny kid. I am going to spy on you Santa. Merry Christmas!
Cool dude, Nicholas Ratz

Dear Santa,
If there was no rander, how could you get house to house? My favorite Christmas tradition is baking cookies with my mom. I would like to give Kylie a skunk. I want a jewelry box and a car and a bow and a arrow. My teacher is proud of me. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, Rylee Manning

Dear Santa,
How will you ride the deer? My favorite tradition is leaving candy canes out for santa. I wish that Avery would get skylanders swat force so I can go over and play with him. I want skylanders swat force and a fake shooting gun. Ms. Arnold thinks I am cute. I hope the reindeer are healthy.
Your friend, Logan Brown

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? I look forward to putting up the Christmas tree every Christmas. Can you give Marius a Ferrari? I would like a stuffed animal Curious George and Christmas tree. Ms. Arnold thinks I am nice and good. Have a safe flight around the world and don't crash into any houses.
Your pal, Daniel June

Dear Santa,
I want to know wich ranideer is in the front of the slae. My favorite Christmas tradition is having a Christmas party with mom, dad, and Claire at Uncle Chris's house. I would like to give Preston a big blue and green car. I want beyblades, a ds, snowbord and lions helmet. Ms. Arnold thinks I'm a good passer in football. Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Garrett Somers

Dear Santa,
Did you have a good summer? I like to make cookies at Christmas time. I want to give Gage a iPod. I want skylanders swat force and call of dute ghost and new skylanders. Ms. Arnold thinks I am nice. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Your pal, Avery Glore

Dear Santa,
How are the randeer? My favorite tradition is putting up the Christmas tree. I would like you to give Garrett a Tiger hat. I want a new scooter that is like a bike, a zike. I want the bottoms and tops of cars for the maker mashine. Ms. Arnold thinks I am smart and nice. Have a merry Christmas.
Your friend, Preston Sharp

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? My favorite tradition is to put up my christmas three. Will you give kylie a horse shoe crab and Ellie sum presits? I want to have a tede bare and a make up set. Ms. Arnold thinks I am sweet. Happy Chrimis.
Love, Mikayla Lynn Morrison

Dear Santa,
What are all of the reindeers names? My favorite Christmas tradition is putting up the Christmas tree. I wish for all of the animals at the shelter to have food and a family for Christmas. I want a race car with yellow stripes and a remot control. Ms Arnold thinks I am special. I love you, Santa.
Your pal, Emily Boland

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly? My favorite Christmas tradition is opening presents and playing with them. I wish to give Isabella a book that is called Best

Friends Forever. I want a new Barbie and make up to go with it. Ms. Arnold thinks I should be good and get a full chart and get rewards from grandma. I like Rudolph.
Love, Ellie Bellanger

Dear Santa,
Are the elves making toys yet? My favorite Christmas tradition is putting up my Christmas tree. My Christmas wish is a football and popcorn maker for Garrett, football and popcorn maker for Travis and a football for Gage. I want skylander swat force. Ms. Arnold thinks I am a nice and funny kid. Have a merry Christmas.
Your pal, Kyle Duncan

Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeer don't get sick. I like to bake cookies at Christmas. I want Isabella to get a blanket and a new pool. I want a iphone and a blanket to. Ms. Arnold thinks I do very good. I love you Mr. Claus and Mrs. Claus.
Love, Emma Morrison

Dear Santa,
What does your reindeer look like? My favorite Christmas tradition is going to Aunt Jesse's to open presents in the middle of the night. I would like Rylee to get a remote control car. I want a red ninja turtle and avenger legos. Ms. Arnold thinks I am respectful and responsible and I do my work. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a nice Christmas.
Your pal, Kelvin Travis

Mrs. Haneckow's Class

Dear Santa,
How are Doing. I want a rob I want a monster truck I want a car I want toy dwmp trck.
Love, Christopher Alexander

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite cookie? Do you like venison? Santa pes can I have a 3Ds a remote conhrl car. cooking set, doc mcstuffns doll, doector kit.
Love, Aurora Boland

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I hope they are alright. I hope that none of them are sick. I want them to have a good Christmas. Make sure to put on collar sleigh-bells. put lots of toys in those dear old stockings.
Love, Emily Burgess

Dear Santa,
I want to seapet, a marker maker, a marble run game and a flashlight friend. a 4 wheeler, motor scooter, DXC and a XBOX 360.
Love, David Dixon II

Dear Santa,
How are you Doing Today. Santa can I have a EZ Bake oven make a cookies and a cupcake. I Love you a lot thank you for everyg I love you a lot, vare much.
Love, Sarah Fall

Dear Santa,
I would Like a Lions helmet
And A Michigan helmet And A
Spartan helmet.
Love, Travis Fowler

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Can I Have
a Puppy for Christmas? Can
Grady Have a Blanket with his
Name on it? I Don't know what
Braxton wants for Christmas.
Love, Baylee Goddard

Dear Santa,
A Princess Shoe, A neck-
lace, A Christmas tree. I love
Christmas!
Love, Raelynn Hill

Dear Santa,
I wont a train set. I wont a
Train Track. I wont a big Tab-
let. How are your reindeer.
Love, Jacob June

Dear Santa,
A ds, unusor push santa.
Love Dustin Keyser

Dear Santa,
How are you doing santa a?
whoat is Rudolph doing would
you want any thing santa for
Christmas. whats going on
santa Have a hape Christmas.
EZ Bake oven, glitz globe,
sparkly sweater and shower
cap.
Love, Leah Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa,
How are your elves and rein-
deer? How are you ? I am fine I
am so so so happy for Christ-
mas are you happy so happy
for Christmas.
Love, Taylor LaFave

Dear Santa,
How is the reindeer? I want
a rremote control robot I want

remote control robot want a
dart gun.
Love, Ryan Lee

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a 3 DS,
A2DS, AXBOX II.
Love, Jayson Lincoln

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Is
your suit red? can I Please see
the reindeer.
Love, Vincent Mahalak

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I want a
nobez. PS Is there monkeys?
PPS How are the reindeer?
Love, Grace Mercier

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Good
or Bad? Do you have To time to
write me Back? I hop you Do
because you are the Best holi-
day. I hope I Hope you Like it.
Love, Hailey Morrison

Dear Santa,
I would LILE and talking
robot.
Love, Bryan Riso

Dear Santa,
I would A xBox PLAystation
motorcycle remote control lion.
Love, Triston Robinson

Dear Santa,
can I please get a little elf
and a reindeer and a laptop?
Love, Richard Schott

Dear Santa,
Give me a remote contrel
Jacob.
Love, Alex Smith

Dear Santa,
How are your elyesn I think
your elves are Doing good So
good. I mad a elf. can I have a
dirt bike and I want the brand
new sky-Lander.
Love, Ashton Smith

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer to Day?
Do You Know what I want for
Christmas? I want a kittin for
Christmas and that is not all I
want a Puppy for Christmas
and I also want a DS for Christ-
mas one more thing I want a
Barbie for Christmas.
Love, Sofia Smith

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing
santa Take care of them. How
Was your Day.
Love, Rilee Tracy

Dear Santa,
I want a sofia doll. I want a
princess castle.
Love, Jasmine Walker

Dear Santa,
Can I have a parrot can I
have a fish can I have a um-
brella can I have a Kite can I
have A hat Can I have A ourk
can I have a yo-yo can I have a
xyi dphone can I have a raquilt
can I have a wagon can I have
a bear
Love, Jenna West

Dear Santa,
I don't know what I want for
chrismas you can bring me
whatevr you want. I'll leave
cookies for you
Love, Evan Woods I love you
santa

Dear Santa,
how Are yor reindeer What
is your Favret cookie I will put
it owt for you.
Love, Elijah Piirala

Dear Santa,
I want you to come. I want a
puppy dog that is like a baby
dog. I want a parrot, too. Like
when you say something he
copies you. And a bird, I think.
One that will never fly away.
Love, Riley Clark

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Bling House,

the Diamond Castle movie, and
a kitten in my stocking. Is there
any elves what is available? If
you don't want to give out an
elf, then I would want one of
your reindeer.
Love, Delylah Shelby

**Second Grade
Ms. Misiak Class**

Dear Santa,
How do you be quiet? Why
does Rudolf have a red nose? I
think that you tip-toe around
the house and I think Rudolf
was born with the red nose. I
like the castle you brought me
last year. I like the Barbies you
got me also. For Christmas I
would like a mini iPad and I
would like a sofa carriage. I
want a mini iPad because I am
bored in my room. When my
brother is loud and I want to be
quiet I can read something on
the iPad. I would like a rainbow
sweater for Christmas. It will
keep me warm and my mom
could call me rainbow girl. My
mom will cuddle up with me. I
will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Tabettha Adolphi

Dear Santa,
How do you eat all the cook-
ies? I think that you give them
to the reindeer and the elves.
Thank you Santa for my toy
horses and barn last year. I
like it. It was my favorite toy. I
did not get bored playing with
it. I would like an iPad please.
I can read a book and I can do
Accelerated Reader quizzes and
play games on long trips. I
would like a red nose reindeer.
I have a collection of reindeer
and my other one will have a
friend. On Christmas, I can go
to sleep with him. I would leave
you cookies and milk.
Thank You, Mikayla Antuma

Dear Santa,
I want to know how you
don't get tired in a whole night.

I think you are really old, really
really old. I am thankful for the
car and mouse you go me last
time. I lost it and you got me
another one and I play with it
and I had lots of fun with it and
I love it. I would like an Ameri-
can Girl Doll so I could play
with it and I can dress it up like
me. I could also brush her hair.
I will play with it all the time if
you get me an American Girl
Doll. I will leave you some milk
and cookies.
Janey Cronk

Dear Santa,
How do you get around the
world in one night? I think you
have a secret power. I loved
that claw machine that you
gave me. I put candy in it and
I ate the candy. I made a lot of
money from the claw machine.
Now I usually put my gerbils in
it. I want a tablet to keep my
games together. It will also keep
me occupied. I would also play
on the tablet on the bus with
my friends so I don't get bored.
I want a toy monkey also. My
little dog can play with it and so
can my big cat. They can sleep
with it too. Please leave me an
elf for Christmas. PS. You are a
great man to me and all the
people in the entire world.
Love, Tatum Donovan

Dear Santa,
How do you know if we are
good or bad? I think you have
a machine that watches us. I
am thankful for the sled you
got me last year. I liked the BB
gun you got me and the action
figures. I want a pop gun. I
want a 3DS a wall and a triple
barrel shot gun. It has two
barrels. Drive Safely.
Sincerely, James Good



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Dear Santa,
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Love, John Greenlee

Dear Santa,
 Why do you fly the sleigh and not Mrs. Claus? I think it is because Mrs. Claus does not know how to drive. Thank you for the gun you brought me last year. The gun keeps me occupied. It is really cool. I love that gun. This year I want a tablet please. I can watch movies and play games. I also want one because my sister has one. I want a candy and I can have a computer it will occupy me. Your rock Santa.

Love, Jansen Harte

Dear Santa,
 How many elves do you have? I think you have 100 elves. Thank you for the Mic I got last year Santa. I can talk to people on my PS3 game. I can talk to my friends. This year I would like a TV. I can watch my own shows and I can play my PS3 game system on it. I would like an iPod so I can listen to music and play games on it. It will keep me occupied. You Rock Santa.

Cayden Hebert

Dear Santa,
 How do you fly your sleigh? I think you have magic powers that make it fly. Thank you for the knife you gave me last year. I like it very much to carve things with using the saw on my knife. I like the nail cleaner the best on the knife. I like that you got me the red one. I would like an iPhone this year.

Love, Dalton Huebshman

Dear Santa,
 Why do you deliver presents at night? I think that you are shy. I would like a horse this year. I want to ride on it and brush its fur. I want to feed it carrots too. I want a Kindle Fire. I can play games, watch videos and learn on it. I will leave you some milk and cookies and some carrots for the reindeer.

Love, Arian Rose Monnier

Dear Santa,
 How do elves make toys? I think the elves make them in one day. Maybe it takes weeks and weeks or years and years. Thank you for my tea cup. I could drink hot cocoa or hot chocolate. I could go to tea parties and I could go outside and put sugar water in it. I would like Monster High Dolls so I can play doll house with them and dress them up. I could take them outside and play with them. I would like a DSI so I can play games with it and bring it where I am going. I would like to play Super Mario on it. Have a safe trip Santa Clause.

Love, Faith Richards

Dear Santa,
 How do you make your reindeer fly? I think you sprinkle dust on the reindeer. Thank you for the Fur Real Friend House. She is my favorite fur real friend. She is very fun. When I am bored Buttercup entertains me. I would like a 3DS and some games for my 3DS I need some games to play on the 3DS. I need something to keep me occupied for a long time. I could also take pictures of things. I would like a bracelet maker. I will make bracelets for my friends, for Clarice and Rudolph. I will make a bracelet for you Santa. Please tell Rudolph I said "Hi"

Love, Emily Samp

Dear Santa,
 How many elves do you have? I think you have 125 elves. Thank you for the Buzz Light Year. It had lasers and buttons and a flip helmet. I would like a 3 DS Santa. You can play games on it and download games on it. I would like a phone please. I would like one with games, movies and videos on it.

Your Friend, Sawyer Seminoff

Dear Santa,
 How do you fit all your presents in the sleigh? I think you got a secret hiding place in your sleigh or you to back to the North Pole to get more presents. Thank you for the Nerf Gun last year. I didn't have to play with trains all day long. I can have wars with my brother too. I would like a 3DS so I can play games and entertain me when my mom goes shopping. I can let my brother play games on it. I want an iPad Mini so I watch shows and listen to music. You Rock Santa

David Sharboneau

Dear Santa,
 How are you so quiet at the house? I think you have magic stuff on your boots that make you so quiet. I really like my stuffed elephant that you gave me last year. It is soft and fluffy and I can use it for a pillow. This Christmas I want a guitar. I want a red and blue one with a bald eagle on the back. I like taking music lessons and I like entertaining my family. I like to make music. I would like an iPod. I can read stories on it and I can watch TV shows when I am on long trips. My grandma can do stuff on it too. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.

Love, Brooklyn Storey

Dear Santa,
 How do you know everything? I think you learn from Jesus. I think you eat very unhealthy because you eat so many cookies. Why does your wife cook everything? I think that you can't cook because you are delivering presents. Thank you for the play horses you gave me. When I got the horse it turned into a big horse, I mean an adult horse. I thank you for the other things you gave me. I don't remember the other things you gave me but I loved them a lot. I want a new dress for Christmas. I want it to be blue/greenish color be-

cause I love that color a lot. I want it to have long sleeves to keep me warm. I like to be warm. I would like a toy turkey and a pair of earrings. The turkey will keep me preoccupied at home. I want the turkey to be medium size. The earrings will look pretty for Christmas. I want the earrings to be blue and green please to match the dress. I will leave you some unhealthy cookies and some milk. I will leave carrots for the reindeer.

Love, Emma Travis

Dear Santa,
 Why do you feed all your reindeer carrots? I think that they are healthy for the reindeer to eat. Thank you Santa for my Teddy Bear. I play with it. I love it when me and my teddy bear watch TV together. I love it when me and my friends play with my Teddy Bear. I would like and iPad Mini this year. I can play on it. I can play on it when my mom hogs the Kindle Fire. I can listen to music too. My favorite music is the Monster Mash. I would like ear muffs with the iPad.

Love, Zygmund Villalobos

Dear Santa,
 How do you eat all the cookies and drink all the milk in one night. I think you save the cookies in your beard and eat them later. Thank you for the 3DSXL last year. I like it because I could play games on it and take pictures on it. I can also download games on it and play games with other people. I really want a dart gun so I can have dart wars and shoot cans. I also want to show the dart gun to other people. Could you please leave me an elf?

Thanks, Nathan Basner

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? I think that you are doing pretty good so far. My favorite present last year was the talking mirror. It is so pretty with all of the pretty princesses on it. It had all my favorite princesses on it. I like it because it says I am as pretty as a princess. I would like a Kindle Fire please. I would like it because I can play games on it. I also can watch movies on it. I can download books on it and read them. I would like a mini DVD player. I can watch Teen Beach Movie on it. I can watch movies on my DVD player so my mom and dad can watch on the big screen TV. Don't worry I will leave you cookies and milk. and I won't forget to leave your reindeer some carrots too.

Love, Onica Glomski

Dear Santa,
 How do you go in the chimney? I think you have magic dust to get down the chimney. Thank you for the skeleton jacket. My house gets cold and I can wear it to stay warm. I like it just in case it gets cold. This Christmas I would like a 3DS so I can play games. I can download games on it. I can also go online and play games from the Nintendo Shop.

Thanks, Nathan Nardi

Dear Santa,
 How can elves make all the toys for the girls and boys? I think the elves buy the toys or the elves find the stuff and make the toys with it for the boys and girls. Thank you Santa for the Wii you gave me last year. I wanted to discover Wii games. I wanted my friends to play the Wii with me and I wanted it because I had nothing to do. I would like a WiiU this year. I want a Mario game for the WiiU. When my friends come over they can play with me on it. I like the WiiU because it has a TV on it. It is a remote and a TV mixed. I would like an iPad. My baby sister likes to watch bright thinks and I will let her look at it. The iPad will give me something to do and I can play games on the iPad. Merry Christmas. I hope you had a good year. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
 Love, Lily Marie Pappas

Dear Santa,
 How do you make magic? I think you make magic by fairies helping you. I am thankful for my toy motorcycle that you got me for Christmas last year. It was red with black stripes on it. I can do tricks on it with a ramp in front of it. I like it so much that I kept it. It is my favorite toy. This Christmas I want a Pogo stick. I want I to be read and at least five feet long so I can jump. I need knee pad and a helmet and gloves so I don't get blisters. I want a dirt bike so I can fly around the house and when I get bored I can ride it. I would have so much fun. Be careful Santa.
 Love, Raymond Geddert

Dear Santa,
 How did you get reindeer? I think Mrs. Clause got them for you for Christmas. Thank you for Jingle the Husky Pup. I wanted it to hear him sing. I like to sleep with him every night. I also like the story book that came with him. I can learn all about him from the book. I want a big book with empty pages in it. I want to draw pictures in the book and when I am done I would like to look at all my pictures in the book.
 Love, Danica Manning

Dear Santa,
 How do reindeer fly? I think that you sprinkle dust on the reindeer when you take off from the North Pole. Thank you for the TV. I can watch shows on it and I can hook up my Xbox and play games on it. I also can watch movies on it. I would like an iPod this year because my dad takes my Xbox and plays games and I have nothing to do. I would like the iPod because I could take it anywhere so I can play games or watch movies. You can only play the Xbox at home. I will leave you cookies and milk.
 Love, Collin Walker

Dear Santa,
 How do you never run out of wrapping paper? Do you steal wrapping paper from people? Thank you for the Nerf Gun you gave me last year. I played battle with them. I slept with them all night. It was awe-

some. I want a DS for Christmas. I am bored in the car and I am bored when there is not TV. You Rock Santa!
 Sam Johnston

Mrs. Samp's Class

Dear Santa,
 How Do reinder fly? you put magic dust on them. My toy Dolly I love to Play with it is fun to Play it was so so much fun this Year I want Dsi thar fun so so much fun I Love them have a merry crismis, sqingis thay are fun thay are much fun so so much fun.
 Love, Jasmine Ortiz

Dear Santa,
 How do you git the right present to the right houses. I think you see the note We left you and put the right present under the tree. thankful for Just Dance 4 you gave us last year. Dancing is a Sport you now. we all git to play to getr. 3 That was the best gift I got. Asking for stuffed animal. I'm collecting thim. I can make a move 3. I can put thin on my bed. Asking for Nabi it's a learning tablet. 2 I can learn 3 I can play games. Merry Christmas!
 Love, Kiersten Dellar

Dear Santa,
 how do you git kids pet dogs? I think the Pet Shop gives you some. Alearn sqecheas I skar my bruthr with them. I will hide them frum a robr weh thay rob the hose. I thore them that my bruthr. I want a stuffed randear. So I have in bed if I dided have one I wud be, so I have good sleep. Stuffed grteald so I can rest well so I am not tired in the mroing So I am reada for sharing Please put coal in my dads stocking
 Love yoer Dear frend,
 Warren Leeseberg

Dear Santa,
 How do you make Ruddlph fly? I think you sprinkle magic dust on him. thank you for the night light you gave me last year. it lit up my hole room I slept with it. And it makes me go to slep. This year I wont a ipod. To tack piches. To play games win my dad is driving and to put videos on it. After cristmas, may Ruddlph come and stay with me! merry cristmas santa
 Love, Angelina Howe

Dear Santa,
 Santa how can you have so much money? To by all of the presents. I think that you Sneak the money out of moms'es perses. thank you for the Ipod that you gave me last year I relly like it I let my baby play it at my dad's house and then She broke it on the cement floor So I relly won't a nuther one and please have it work thank you vary much. I won't a I pod So I can play games on it. I won't a I pod so I can get on face book to text my frends I won't a I pod so when I am bord I have some thing to Do! I won't a I pod So I have some thing to Do on long trips. I won't a I pod So I can play subway serfers. I am not tring to be mean Just put my Brother some cole.
 Love, Dylan Karas

Dear Santa,
 Do you sprinkle magic dust on reindeer. An air plane and teddy bear. Big most wanted pop the pig.
 Love, Devin Shepard

Dear Santa,
 How Do you get Down The chimney I think you Suk your bawn The chimney Thankful...for Thank you for The toy car last year because I Shard it with my cousin. and I like to race thum. ther Awe-some to. asking for...a new game for my DS. because I Ned Something to intrast me. I will let my causin play on it. I hade sumThing to play with. concluan I hope you vacatian in a warm place after Christms!!
 Love, Colton Whitten

Dear Santa,
 How do you make T9ys I Think I will get a PS4 I got a green machine last year I Love My green machine It was awesome. But do you waire red and witte dear santa I would Like to Have a PSU so much because thay are awesome Thay are the Best I woate a PSU thurst. The Best this I wat For last Christmas But thay did come out Last crrrist. Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!
 Love, Gage Travis

Dear Santa,
 What does your reindeer get? I think thay eat carrots thank you for the 3DS I can take lots of Pictures of My Famley. I love it. I can play lots of games. so my famly can look up thins and my Mom can read if My Moms is broke. I want Ipod case it will make it look really cool, it will be your favorite color and a picture of you on it. Please Put coal in my dads stocking.
 Love, Zean Monnier

Dear Santa,
 Why do you come on Christmas? I think because its my birthday. Thank you for the princess castle. Now I can Keep all my barbies in it. My friends can play in it. It makes lots of noise. This year I would like the nabi please. I can learn. I can bring it on the bus. If it is dark I can see. I would like I phone five. so I can call my mom or dad. I can see my cousin on snapchat. If Aspen is not on I can do something. please put coal in my moms stocking!!! Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha!!!
 Love, Sage Gauthier

Dear Santa,
 How do reindeer fly? I think you Sprinkle magic dust on the reindeer. I'm not braging but I did not get any thing frum you last year. I do not want anything. Leav my Brother a sack of coal.
 Love, Max Ayers



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How do you go down chimneys? I think you shrink. Thankful for Mario kraft because it has all my favret character. my favret is racing. I like to go on multi player. Asking for this year I want a play stain. I will let my family play. I need to lern the buttins I will shar with my cousins. cunclusin. pleas put a playstayin in my stoking.

Love, Waylon Nedwash Long

Dear Santa,
How Do You sheak passed all of the animals in the house witout waking theam up. I think sprinkle magic pobr on the animays up. I really need the my borther really help my moms phone charge. gave it to my brother. he had fun. this year I wot a phone. I would like to Learn. I would like to play. and Look constellations on nigt sky two. Please put coal in my mom and dad stocking!!! Please put girl toys in my brothers stocking!! Merry Christmas.

Love, Corey Boboltz

Dear Santa,
How do you mack your reindeer fly? I tink you were you aer like you sode drink watr. I am Thankful for My rook stars because Thay sing thay have bodfol dresses. thay have bodfol niclleses, thay are so bodfol. I Want The Barbie life and the drem house. I want mkrphone please put coal in my dads stocking. cus it will be funny. it will be a trik. It will be so funny. I will laugh.

Love, Alayna Legstra

Dear Santa,
How do you make toys. I think you have ask yor wife hilp you. Thank you for the toys lost crsmis. I wot for crisms an captin amr shield and mask for crismis and 3DDS ples

Love, Ervin Joslin

Dear Santa,
How do you stay alive? I think when you feel weak you drink a potion. I like the globe I get a few years ago. I can learn facts about the werld.

We can listen to music. So I learn the names of the contrys. I would please like a book of contrys. So I can learn more about the world. So I can know where to go. So I can know how many contrys there are. Please put one piece of coal in my Dad's stocking because he is always gone!

Love, Carter Upper

Dear Santa,
How do you go down chimneys. I think you publy mogbust your sefl so that you shrenk and you drop the bag of toys. thank you for the toys lest year. that we gat. they wer difret. that wer the best toys ever. thes year I wood ples like a glow pet it wod preting my hose. I wod fol asleep fastr. Ples put grle toys in my bruthr stoking.

Love, Cassi Rifenbark

Dear Santa,
How do yor reindeer fly in the night? I think thet you sprinkle dust on the reindeer or you feed them special treet

you miut give them special food? I am tankful for a babie and cande and shyte bord I like it becace i woteid to get it. I want a Barbie for Christmas! I want a Barbie hose. I want a stuffy for Christmas. Please put coal in my dads stocking and put coal in my moms stocking.

Love, Maddison Daggett

Dear Santa,
How do you get coal? I think you bak it. thank you for the night vision goggleels now I can see in the dark. They have a bright liti They are esy to finde. I want a play stayshon three I never Had one befor. I raely want to play one. I raely want to get beter at mortl combat.

Love, Jaden Weichel

Dear Santa,
Think you for the sled. I rilly like it I will want a xbox and mariokart7 and wii and pokemon and poke-monx and skylander books.

Love, Andrew Good

Dear Santa,
How do you fit big prasints in yore littoll red bag. I think that a all srinks the toy than comes with you and grows the toy to it ariginol sise. Thank you for the sled Last year. I wan't 2 prinsas and qeen gowns. and a kindol fiyer H.D.

Love, Hailyn Kammerer

Dear Santa,
Why do you give coal why don't you give them nothing? i think you are jest to nice to give them nothing. i'm thankful for my polor bear last year. my polor bear kept me warm at night. i like that it was white. it was nice and fuzzy. i want a ipod five it will help me learn. Wene it is dark my ipod will help me. if I need to text my mom I have my ipod five and I want cases. it will mack my ipod look cool. my ipod wont look like jest a ipod it will have a cas. people will look at my cas and say hay cool cas. after crhstmas may Rudolph come and stay with me.

Love, Miah Schopfer

Dear Santa,
How do you git done a cimney if it lit? I thank you go in the dore not the cimney. last time for crismis I love the monsr high dolls you gave to me. I tack videos with om. I tock a bath with om. I evin selpt with om. Just dance so me and mom can exrsis. So we can play all dayon famly game nite. So mome and dad so I don't bother theme. a pupey so I can play animal and play hide and go seek. pleas put boy toys in my sistrs stockin.

Love Aspen Wortley

Dear Santa,
Why do you wear a red suit? I think so the brids do not bump in to you. I am thankful for the green machine that you got me. I like that it was my favrite color. it has a big weel. I can do scids. I want a I pad for Christmas. I have not played one. Thay sownd awesome. Thay are cool. I want a phone for Christmas. So I can ride it, so I can pet it the hole day long.

I will feed it. Tell Rudolph that I sed "Hi".

Love, Elliemae Spalding

Dear Santa,
How do reindeer fly? I think you sprinkle magic dust on the reindeer. thnk you for the dolls last year. They are fun to play with. I shard with my friends. I gave some of them away. I wulde like a 3DS for crismits This year because I culde shar with my friends. I culde give my old DSixl to my mom. I culd droeon the games. after christmas may rudolph come and stay with me?

Love, Novalee Forsythe

Third Grade Mrs. Glomski's Class

Dear Santa,
How many reighndeer do you have? I wish my sister has a good preschool when she goes. I want a dirt bike. How many elves do you have too? What do the elves and reighndeer eat? Do elves ever get to take a break from working? Why do they call you Santa? Why doesn't Mrs. Clause ever fly with you?

Sincerely Sean

Dear Santa,
I would like a magic wand and new shoes for basketball. by Miranda Phinney

Dear Santa,
I want WWei4. My brathr want's jjiaryo on Walt disny and my mom wants a ordmint. My ant want's despicable me 2.
From Jack Goldstrom

Dear Santa,
I wold lik a big bike for my Broter and a crismas wish Box for my Mom if it's real also for my Dad I wold like a new razer for his shaving kit and also for me a tuch screan computer and a tuch screan phone. And also how many reindeer do you have? Owh and I whached a movie are you real?
love: Kristyn Ann Apsey

Dear Santa,
May I have a 2DS in blue, a case in blue too, \$20, play stasion 4 with Crash bandicoot, Crash bandicoot 2 and Crash bandicoot for play stasion 2 prety please? How many reaindeer do you have? How many evelfs do you have? Do you have rudoff? Can I have sonic lost world please?
from Louise weeks

Dear Santa,
For x-mas for my dad I think he would love a screw driver set. And my mom hmmm she needs to rellax so like a (mas-sager). And me for Xmas I want a happy family thanks!
Love: Sierra west



Dear Santa,
I would like a DS helokpter and a new lap. How many deer do you have? How do you fit down the chemny? Why do you live in the north pole?
from: Hayden

Dear Santa,
How are these days? Have you having fun going down those chinmys? Any ways so what I want for christmas is a dog, kitten, a art set #2, and a pens/pencils/and coloring pencils, and a hat that's white/and red, and a ipod, and a barbye set that has three rooms in it. And that's that. Ow and ticket to Justins cansert.
love Caitlin

Dear Santa,
Can I ask a Few questoin Please? Ok can I have a Toyota moter For my Dad? and a Game For me? Pleash do Have any grand child? Can tell me ware you Live? How many elf's do you have? Ipad. Can I have a Lego crane plese? and a Lego Gold Mine? And a Lego scamie? Have you a red nose deer?
From Owen Dellar

Dear Santa,
Do you think your elves can build an MP3 player? and a tablet? and Phone please Santa?
Love Owen Sauve

Dear Santa,
All I would like for christmas is my sister to do good in school my brother to have a good christmas with his mom and I want my animals to be safe my rabbit, my cat and my dog. Have a good trip delivering gifts.
Sincerely, Rebecca

Dear Santa,
How've you been? I wish to you the best Christmas ever. I really have to know, when is your Birthday? Well, let's get down to bussness. What I want for Christmas is a Kindle, an artset, a puppy, a tramalien and my very own set of all the Dork Diary's and Dumb Diary's.
your's trauly, Abigail Kozlow

Dear Santa,
How many randeer do you have and what are there names? P.S can I have for chrismis present a D.S.i? I wont a D.S.i becus my regelr D.S is lost and I think a D.S.i is a litte bettr.
Love: Hailey Lincoln

Dear Santa,
this year I would like some lego Ninjago sets. I'd also like a Nintendo 3DS. How many elfs do you have in your workshop? Is it more than 100? I think my mome would like something red and my dad would like something that involves hockey.
coldly, Brian

Dear Santa,
how do you get around the whole world in 12 hours? How can you fit in a chimney? I want a drop ship from hero factory and a jet rock from hero factory.
from Ryken wallenmaier

Dear Santa,
I want more nerf bolets please. Also can I have more legos? I want a remot control helocopter please.
from, Brady

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy for my pet rabbit. I also would like a plant for my fishes and an Ipod also transformers dark of the moon autobats.
from Anthony

Dear Santa,
How many gears on the machinery do you have alto-gether? How do you wrap the presents on the machinery? I want a wheel for Christmas for my guinea pig, and a blanket to wrap the babies in. The guinea pigs wished they had wheels too. I want a drum set for Christmas. And a piano for Christmas too. The End
Love The Family and me, James P. Baldwin

Dear Santa,
How many elf's do you have? I want a ipod and a Big Doll-house to play with and some Doll's to go with it and I want a dog toy for my dog cuse She dose not have any. have a mery-Christmas.
love: Blaire Dellar

Dear Santa,
I want a I Phone. And a Kindle but before I till you every thing I want to know. What is you'r favrit coler? Can you give me all the Dork Direy's and dum direy. truly give my cat a fish toy. tall eric I love him let him be good.
truly love Julia

Dear Santa,
For my mom I won't to get her two glass horses. One that looks like sassy and one that looks like lucky. For my Dad I won't to get him a muzloder. For my sister I won't to get her a glass horse that looks like DoteSue
love, Emily

Dear Santa,
I want a toy monky that can talk. It is like a rell monky. Please pring me the monky Santa.
Love: Kaitlin Nardi

Dear Santa,
Can I pleas have a toy wheeler. Can you give my mom some money. My Dad a muzle loader. My dog a Big Bone. My turtle some Little Feeder fish. My sister a Barbie.
Sincerily Sam

Dear Santa,
I would like a robin lego set, batman lego set, superman lego set, genrol zod lego set, a iPod, a pupie A Tablit, a Phone 1,000 lego sets.
David Gauthier

Mrs. Shultz's Class

Dear Santa,
I hope you can make it for Christmas because it could be a snow storm. What I would like for Christmas is a TinkerBell Doll. I would also like a Wiiu. One more thing can you give me the one thing I've

always wanted and that is legofriends. I've always wanted it and I'm always forgetting to put it on my Christmas list. Finally I put it on my list and I think I'm getting it for Christ-mas. Cross your fingers and hope I get it please.
Merry Christmas
Alisha Reed

Dear Santa,
Can I please have more Skylanders. For my video games Skylander Giants. Also, can I have a new Spyro video game for my original Xbox. Can I also have the new Skylanders for Wii.
Love, Thane Colvin

Dear Santa,
I am going to give you Cook-ies and Milk. Plese Can I have a Puppy This year? I hope you and Mrs. Claus Have a Grt Cristmas.
Love, Juliane Richards

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are your elves and rein-deer? Can I please have a Phone and Wiuu?
Sincerely, Kelsey Hansen

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a sewing machine for kid called sew cool. I also want a zike. I know that I didn't put it on my list at home because I didn't have any more room. I also didn't have this on my list, I want a gun that I can handle. It can't be a 410 or bee bee gun because I already have one of each. I also have some cookies and milk for you and I will put a little more for the reindeer! The most importan thing I want is for you to travel safely!
Sincerely, Elise Klinger

Dear Santa,
How are you? Don't get sick on the way down. I hope Roudlphs nose stays bright for Christmas. I would like a re-mote control monster truck, a lizard of my own with food and cage, a nerf gun, The mark of Athena the house of Hades by Rick Rordan and the Lord of rings Lego set.
Love, DJ Howe

Dear Santa,
How many rain deer do you have? Can I ples have a i pad tuch 5th general pink phone case wiuu. Have a safe trip.
your friend sincerely,
Robby Earegood

Dear Santa,
How is mrs. claus and the reindeer doing? I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table for you. If you can I would rilly like a green ipod this year, please with a pig ipod case. I have been asking for a ipod because mine is busted, my dogs nocked it off the counter. If you can I would take very good care of it. I hope travle is rilly safe acrossst the country.
Love, your friend,
Sydney Petty

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Love, Chloe Bunton

Dear Santa,
I haope that you have a nice trip around the world. May I please have a train set, the movie Frozen with Anna and Elsa. I really like it. I am going to make a beatiful cookie for you and milk. Oh and a monster stompeez. Shoe size 8's. I will have carrats fro the reindeer.

Your Bff, Logan Bates

Dear Santa,
I wish for Christmas that you would please bring me Skylanders swapforce with the portal and the characters Wardaw, Washbuckler, Magma blast and King jet, vac. Also with SkyLanders giants with no portal and the character Spyro, Dark spyro, Hero Factory brain attack Evo and the guy he fights. We have cookies and milk for you. I hope you have a safe trip.

Your friend, Riku Duncan

Dear Santa,
I hope you have safe trip all around the world. How do your randers travel that long. I hope you a good sleep a week be for Christmas.

Love, Brooklyn Schlicker

Dear Santa,
How have you and your reindeer been? how many elves do you have? The only things I want for Christmas is to be with my family and friends and a 3dsxl, a 3ds or a two ds. That's all I want for Christmas. have a good new year and a awesome Christmas.

Sincerely, your true friend,
Marc Kirchner

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is to spend a lot of time with my family. But may I please have more new lego friend sets. Plus, not trying to be greedy but, can you please bring me some more nail polish for my mom and I. There are some cinnamon and surger cookies and strawberry milk on the table for you.

Love, your friend,
Morgan Munsey

Dear Santa,
I would like to know if your raindear like carrots so I can give you carrots with your milk and cookies. Remember the carrots are for the raindear. Heres a question I wanted ask, how many elves do you have? Santa I would like a wooden kitchen that is pink, some stuffed annimals and some blankets. Please send presents to my Grandma Bambi and Grandpa Brad. Grandma would like new decorachens. Grandpa would like new shoes. Most of all I would like it if my whole familly could be there. I hope you have a safe trip. I think I have been good most of the year.

Love your frend,
Carmen Dellar

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? May I please have a Nerf blaser, a ipad or a phone and a Wiiu.

Sincerely, Logan Zuchowski

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Can you please say Hi to Mrs. claus and your Rain deer? What I really want for Christmas is to see Rudolph, but its probably the Rate if I can't. Please bring me a picture of the real Rudolph. please bring me a bike without traning wheels, a lego set of the north pole, a bell that came from one of your rain deer and lots more!

Love, Krystal Belanger

Dear Santa,
I hope you have fun coming to my house. You Should have cookies and milk. May I please have a MP3 Player and a Phone. I want Jewelry, Preety Please. May I Please have Stumpies and the karioke Machine. My mom want's you to come. I want I Picture of You! I Love you Santa!

Your freind, Lanore Lunn

Dear Santa,
I hope your rain deer are ok and I hope Rudolph can lite your way. Santa, can I please have a karaoke machine. Please can it be the monster high one. Can I please also have the bunny stopeys that I asked for last year and the Rapunzel doll to. I would like to know how may elves do you have? Please write it on a peace of paper. Can I please have a Lego set that looks like you and every-one in the north pole.

Love, your friend,
Savannah Wright
P.S. I hope you have a safe trip.

Dear Santa,
Are all the elves all right and the reindeer ready for the long trip? May I please get a remote control car? It would be great if it is a fast car. Also can I get a bike that is a trick bike? May I please get a IPod and a basket-ball. I am going to be in my bedroom so you can come early.

Your friend,
Parker Leeseberg

Dear Santa,
I would like to tell you what I would like to have for christmas. may I please have some Justice clothes like pants and long sleeve shrirts plaease. May I please have some pink furry slippers plaease. So Santa, that is what I ould like to have please. There is one more thing I would like a trip to the North pole. So I can see Mrs. Clause and all the little elves Please!!!

Love, Gracie Schroeder

Dear Santa,
how many elves do you have? I've been good this year. Can I please have a batro boarg That's all.

Merry Christmas
Logan Patterson

Dear Santa,
This year bring me race stripes please. josh wants a big stuffed dolphin. Mommy wants to open a surprise. daddy wants a plane that flies. My dog Franklin would like a frisbee and a bone.

Happy New Year!
Jaydon Siebert

Fourth Grade
Mrs. Franklin's Class

Dear Santa,
I'm very thankful for mostly everything! I'm thankful for the things I get on Christmas, for the parties I go to, for my wonderful family, and mostly for the troops that have passed on and are still protecting the country. For this year, my Christmas is: a 2014 worlds record book and a 2013 globe. That's all I can think of. Please give hope to the troops! Oh! And I would also like a Blake Shelton CD too, please. Thank you! Merry Christmas! P.S. The rest of the gifts are up to you! Thank you!

Sincerely, Braylin Roe

Dear Santa,
I am very thankful of my family and my friends. I hope that I get lots of grat presents. Like the knife I wanted and the Quad Kopter. I also hope you are dowing ok and that my friends and family got good presents to.

Sencerly Noah Mercier



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Dear Santa,
How is the Mis and the elves and reindeer to. I want Saga the move and Doll and exesore's and my cusint Jake home safe and sownnd from the Army. Red dog Joller maker, hed banc at out. Creola macker and brush. Skylander Swop for and Vido game Proflifex, a real kitin, a desk and chair, blue ray move's book's a trip to the north poll, an hose monster, lily dolls, barby hows, vido games.

From Nicole

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents that you gave me all those years that you gave me them presents I love them. This year I would like a baybiayde set this year. I hope I get it. thank you Happy Holiday's.

Ashton Tracy

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I would like a knew computer and also a smart phone. Also a snowboard and snowpants. I really would like a knew bedspred. PS. I wish for safety for the troops and for my house to sell. And if I don't get this stuff I will still be grateful.

Love, Olivia Krentz

Dear Santa,
I love the toys you built for me all these years. I hope I didn't ask for too much. Hope you and your reindeer are doing fine especially Rudough. I hope the other reindeer are not picking on Rudough again. Is miss claus all right? I hope you can get something for chazz he is so tiny he is like a little baby doll.

Love: Samantha

Dear Santa,
Im very excited for Christmas this year. Though you are running out of believers I will always believe in you. Well people say you are always watching if that's true I would like the leather jacket I loved. Im sorry to just be asking for presents I don't know what to say I guess. If you are my mom I would not be as polite but im sorry if you are my mom. But I still think your santa. Only 3 more things I want what I think is Kalled a Nabi, DS charger and something for my horse.

By: Santa! From: Karlee

Dear St. Nick
Wuth I wont for Christmas. ipod, babe doll, candey, a computer, and last but not lest a fan.

Love, Jayda

Dear Santa,
May I have Xbox 360 with call of duty black ops and I git to see my grandpa that was in World Two and I hope I git a world recerd book and iPad with a foot ball and a football helmet and science stuff.

Sincerely, your friend
Dover Shepard

Dear Santa,
I really want a ipod for Crisimas. But if we get presents I think they army should get presents to. That is why I want to downat present to them and every poor kids that don't

get presents.
your truly, Mary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a lego casual. And some big lego bord.

From Brody

Dear Santa,
I like what you got me last year. This year I would like a xbox one. That is all. PS how is the renider and Mrs. Claws doing.

Sincerely, David

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Clause? And I'll be willing to leave free carrots for your reindeer. This year I would love to have a Twister Dance Rave and a Zoomer. And I would also love to have new clothes form Justice and areopostale. And if you have enough room for one more present in your big red sack I would love to have one more pet a puppy.

Sincerely, Cherish Green

Dear Santa
I do not like very many things for Christmas. I would like a few ever after high dolls, a hello kitty doll. And I would like you to help our troops and a big bag of candy. I hope your reindeer good.

truly yours Kaidence Colvin.
ps Maybe you can get me a Vincent van Gagh painting of stary night, the one with the mountain.

Truly yours, Kaidence Colvin

Dear Santa,
All I want is Kunexs and new super morio Brows 2 for Ds and more lagos please.

from Shamus

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a Real baby follup crib. If you get around to it it's the most of all thing that I wanted forever. I would always have a clean room I would always put it away when I was done playing with it and what ever my mom and dad told me I would do. I would do lots more house chores! Please Santa Sweet Sweet Santa.

Sunserly, Hannah Tanner

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is Just dance 2014 for the Wii. And new Dog not a stuff one a reall one. Please and thank you. P.S and a lot and lots of candy that is all thank you Santa

Cierra

Dear Santa,
How is every one? for Christmas I would like the lego chima liah castle, Rock polishing Kits, Lava Volcano, Super Mario galaxy 2, Ninja Dragon Battle, Lego Ninja Samurai mech, sea scope. I hope you can make everyones Christmas as wonderfull as mine! Mary Christmas!

Sincerely, Sean!

Dear Santa,
How are you doing I am well I hope Im not being Bad! How are the reindeer I hope you aqre getting them ready. Santa

may I have a game called grand tyheft auto five. Can I have a robot dog named zomer I know I have a real dog but she bite my socks. Can I have that toy gun in the magazen and these auther toy guns I saw. May I have a foot ball game that my borther and I liked. Santa can I have some more trucks and cars and bouts and trailers and lincone logs. Can I have more vido games I am running out. thank you

From Luke Byce

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Just to let you know I am going to put carrots out for your reindeer! But what I want for Christmas is an ipod 6, just dance 2014, clothes and a laptop. But what my mom, my dad, my sister and I want for Christmas is a white Christmas if you can make that happen.

Sincerely, Sara

Dear Santa,
I want a lego marvel for the xbox and lego Batman 1 for the Wii and frainke (Monster high) bed and a dracielora Doll bed and doll and deuse and Cleo and claud and the bed for clawdeen and howlen and with the dolls and the phones and pets.

Sinslerly, Alannah Reno

Dear Santa,
I whant a 32 inch flat screen tv and a hd micord for my Xbox and minecraft.

Sensearly Joe Rizzotto

Ms. Schick's Class

Dear Santa,
I want to hope everybody haves a jolly Christmas and hope pepole like they gives from Santa clause. Pluse I hope all of the pepole in the World come home from the army for...Christmas Christmas!

Sincerley,
Jasmine Ellsworth

Dear Santa,
I would like a battol borgs set, disheys infnity a Wiiu, Batman Arkham city, Bat man arkham asilam, a X box one, play station IPad, 2ds, lego marral super heros, Percy Jackson: sea of monsters, black ops, mini tank, 100 doller gift card, dirtbike, 3 weeler, kendal fire Hd, PS3 laptop. happy Holidays Santa you are nice.

Matthew Turpen

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Sincerely, Kaiden

Dear Santa,
For crimiss I just want to see my fhammy and my whel dad. And send time whith my fhammy and get good things for crmiss and I just want to spend with all of my fhammy and get love from my fhammy and I just want to have a good niet sleep , have a good time whith my fhammy ok that is itsanta and I just want a cat to bechus I have not had a cat in a whiul. Pleees Santa, ok.
Keelee

Dear Santa,
I would like every child to get every present they wanted and every veteran to come hom on christmas eve and let it snow too.
Sincerely,
Brendan Bustamante

Dear Santa,
This Chrismas I really want to have the best Christmas. This is What I really want for Christmas. An ipod. But I would rather have everybody in my family to be happy. I know that your elves are really busy and love working with you. I want you and your elves to be happy on christmas too. I want everybody on Christmas day to be very happy.
Happy Holidays
Love, Aaliya Patterson

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas santa! Do you have magic flying reindeer? how do you get around the world and stop at houses in one night? I think soldiers should be home with their familys. I love my grandma's and my grandpa's. I love my mom and dad. I love val and jon I love my whole family. The meaning of Christmas is to speand time with your family not speand time with gifts. I hope evry body has a merry christmas.
Happy Holidays
Sincerely,
Makenna Seminoff

Dear Santa,
I would give my mom a one direction cd of her own. How is the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are you doing Santa?
Love, Michael Doidge

Dear Santa,
I wode like you to get my dad a radow so he can lisien to it. are your randere magick? Can you get me a ATV. Are you real. Can you get my sister a ipod. do you go threw the cimney? will you get my mom a game.
Love, Mike

Dear Santa,
I don't want nothing really but I'll tell you anyway. I want white house down, the heat, grow up two and a football too. I wish my sister was here right now. She pass on of Brain caser. The real thing I want is to have the world in peace. All my family wants is my sister back.
Sincerely, Jasmine M

Dear Santa,
Basically how are the elves doing?: I think they are doing a good job on those toys, movies and books. Santa I want to tell you now Merry Christmas!! I am wanting to have in my hand an ipod with a money card and an mp4 player. Plus an xbox 360 with minecraft.
Love, Cayden Hendrix
P.S I have been good if you want to know ask my parents.

Dear Santa,
Sup Santa. Santa I hope you are feeling good this Christmas. Well I would like an xbox 360 and to go with the xbox 360 a mincraft game. A 2DS I relly what an I pod 4 touch. Glow in the dark football, from Nerf. Tap out hat. A tv with dishbox and a water bed. My family would like a Wiiu and games for WiiU. My Mom and Dad would love a hot tub and a queen size bed. Save the children. And Christmas
Sincery, Dustin Boboltz

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Good I hope! This year for christmas I would like y9ou to bring presents for my mom and dad and not just for me. And maybe a bone for Samson. I would also like you to keep an eye on the solders and my family plees. Next some of the things I would like are Goulies from Monster High, the D.S. game Super Mario, and hellow kitty ipad cover and more than that.
Happy holiday
Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,
Santa how are your reindeer doing? Is Rudolph's nose still Red anyways can I have a Xbox 360 and a ipod. Santa is Mrs. Claus filling you up for your big night? P.S Wake me up when you get to my house becuse I want to ride the reindeer and will you give my mom lots of money.
Sincerely, Michael Basner

Dear Santa,
Sup Santa. Were the reindeers born to fly or did you just give them magic? I would like you to get my dad a new couch because I have to fix it everyday. I would like you to get him a xbox too. He borrows my xbox a lot. I would like you to get my mom a cordless blender. I would like you to get my brother a camouflage xbox controller. I would like you to get my sister batteries fro her wii. Can you help the people in afghanistan? I would like a I Pod touch, Infinity game, Infinity charters, Infinity power Disc, Nerf gun, beats head set, beats Pill speaker, beats earbuds, water bed. Happy Holiday
Love, Gavin Walker

Dear Santa,
What I want for Chrismas is that I want every kid or family to be full of jolly. Some kids have Holiday traditions. I have a favorite thing to do it is decorating the tree with lights, glass balls and my favorite thing to do is put a angel on top of the Christmas tree!! The 3 things I went is Joy, Love and Happiness. Happy Holiday, Santa!
Love, Glory M

Dear Santa,
How are yar Jolly old elves doing? What I want for christmas is a laptop, Ipod5. Hopefully you have a Jolly old Christmas, Santa. you rock, Santa, the best I have ever in my life. A winning ticket for Ms. Proncunier and Ms. Schick. please get my Mom an Iphone5 and 1 dollers. get my granpa a very cumfey bed. I also want kitty stuf for my cat precious.
Love, Dakota Stevenson

Dear Santa,
I really really want a Zoomer dog and the Wii game Just dance 2013. I want a Wiiu and 1 Wiiu game. What about family? I'm not the only one in my family that needs presents. If they have one can you get them a plat that says Merry Christmas on it please. Also what about the world for the little girls giv them a doll that can sing, wet, close/open its eyes. and talks and also cries. for the boys give them plastic fake snake that looks like a real snake and theres one more thing I want, Being with my family.
Merry Cristmas,
Jesslyn Harris

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Can you please try to bring me a color touch tablet, an ipod, an iphone, pink camo cowboy boots, an intendo DS.XL, a big fuzzy snow hat, hevy gloves, leperd print skinny jeans, nike high tops and that is really all I want but for everyone to have a great Christmas and can you try to give people that don't have money stuff they need!

Love, Jade Deomellas

Dear Santa,
I would like an I pod, and a air soft be be gun, I would also like the new switching sky landers and a new conttroller for my ps3. I would like if I got money to give to the charity and for cancer, and diabites. I would love it if the war stopped!

Happy Holidays,
Johnathon Hebert

Dear Santa,
I would like some Christmas jolly and holly and the war to stop. For me I would love a 3ds with a charger. I never had a 3ds before and a remot controid car a lazer light with batteries.

Happy Hoiday, Fallon Hux

Dear Santa,
I would like a cotton candy maker and despicable me or grown ups 2 and some clothes and furry blanket if my dad approves of it a zebra bedding and pillow cases to and a black lab or golden. A fuzzy zebra blanket and some more yoga pants. Some fancy socks and some fuzzy dog and penguin pajamas.

Happy Holidays, Love Avery

Dear Santa,
Basically how are the elves doing? I think they are working hard and helping Santa put toys on his sleigh and how is rudolph. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Can you please get me a kitten, puppy, 3DS, laptop, Willu, flate screen Tv, gatway and a phone.

Sinerely, Zylinda

P.S I have been good everyday and I am doing what every my mom and dad tell me to do.

Dear Santa,
May I say there are some stuff for me and my family so here are some stuff that is for me and my family. Just to let you know I am going to put them in sentences. This what I want, I want a telescope to look at the stars at night and I will take an xbox 360 with two contrallers to go with it. Also I will have some more Pokemon

cards. I also take a math book with pages for me to do and I will also take a Science book filled with Science progects and water bed. My family will take a Hot tub, 30 in. flatscreen tv and a ford mustange.

Sincerely, Trenton Schrabel

Dear Santa,
This year I would like the best Christmas ever and some presents I wouldn't mind. But what I really want for Christmas is a baby black lab and an under armer sweat shirt. I heard that they were veary warm. I know that your elves are very busy making toys for other kids but will your elves please give me a laptop or a teddy bear. I dont care. But just one more thing I should reamind you, make every child happy on Chrismas day.

Happy Holidays, Love,
Jenna Dahn

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a phone, an ipad, xbox, foot ball, foot ball gear, a flatscreen tv, and last of all I would like a winning mega millions jackpot that wins a million dollars. I would like everyone to get along and no more wars to go on! By the way how is Rudolph and the reindeer doing?

Sincerely, Blayne Smith

**Fifth Grade
Mrs. Holmes' Class**

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all the stuff that you got me. They are amazing. So Santa maybe you can get me an iPhone 5s, infinity, people for the wii. Can you get me a fat head that says Michigan State?

Love, Kegan Gillmore

P.S. I will leave cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer been? How old are you now? I have been a very good boy this year. This year I would like a Nintendo 2ds, skylanders game, iPad, remote controlled helicopter, infinity for 2ds, Pokemon game for dsi, new Mario game, Super Mario, 3d Mario world, Mario cart, or Mario toys.

Sincerely,
Sammy Hendrickson

Dear Santa Claus,
Thanks for all the cool things you gave me last year. Can you please give me Taylor Swift things, monster high things, Dork Diary books, necklaces,

bracelets, dolphin things, high heels, posters of all types of pop stars and a new guitar? Can you please give Mrs. Holmes new glue bottles for the classroom and cookies for her because she is a nice teacher to me. She is special. She is kind and respectful to the classroom.

Love, Linda Braden

Dear Santa,
I would like you to give my sister a doll that cries, laughs, and giggles. Also I would love to meet all of your reindeer one day. Oh...forgot to tell you thank you for the great gifts. If you ever let me see your reindeer I will give them a treat every year. You are going to have a good cookie this year. I made it with love. I would love to go write a song for you. Here you go...the weather outside is frightful but the fire is so delightful and since we have no place to go—let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. It doesn't show signs of stopping and I brought some corn for popping, the lights are turned way down low let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. When we finally kiss goodnight how I hate going out in the storm. If you really hold me tight all the way home I'll be warm. Hope you like it!

Love, Kendal

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the things you got me last year. I really enjoyed the fooseball table and heating blanket. But this year I'm looking for something like a xbox 360 game called g ta 5 or a iPod touch with itunes if you could. I would really enjoy that! My big wish is a tablet or something like that so if you have time please get that stuff.

Nick Somers

Dear Santa,
I would like an ipad, a new pet dwarf hamster a remote control off roading jeep, some books, and anything else you think I'll like. Thank you for all that stuff that you got me last year.

Your friend, Dylan Leeseberg



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Dear Santa,
 Thank you for all my presents from last year. This year I would like a ipod touch and some more clothes. Lastly I would like some ds games.
 Thanks, Rachel Hayes

Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for all the presents last year. But this year I want something different. I would like you to enjoy all the cookies and milk you get. Also, I would like you to give other kids a good Christmas and a lot of presents. The main thing I want for Christmas is jus a good Christmas. P.S., make sure your reindeer get their carrots.

Sincerely, your friend,
 Lily Bilbey

Dear Santa,
 How have you been this year? Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me. I will give you guys extra cookies and carrots. I like the toys you got me last year. I would like for this year a remote control race car, a new basketball, I phone 5s, I pod 2, a snowmobile, Infinity for the 3ds with all the characters, some board games, a new computer, a Michigan State fathead, remote control truck, and that's all for Christmas. Merry Christmas. Hope you have a wonderful Christmas everybody and have a good Christmas Eve and Christmas break to everybody.
 Your bud, Jacob Sytek

Dear Santa,
 I wish the hungry people get food for Christmas and my grandma to get better and my pet weiner dog too. She is paralyzed in the back legs. P.S. Merry Christmas
 From, Dawson Martindale

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for all the wonderful gifts that you got for me for Christmas last year. I love

them all. The candy yum!! All I want for Christmas this year is an Art set, some colorful Duck tap, and puppy calendar. But most of all I wish that my family could have the best Christmas ever. That is the only thing that I wish for. First of all, I want to know how the reindeer are doing. Are they packed up and ready to fly? Oh and I almost forgot, how is Mrs. Claus? Is she doing well? How are the elves doing? Are they making a lot of toys? Tell them I said Hi. Anyways Merry Christmas Santa.

Love your dearest friend,
 Ashlyn Gordy

Dear Santa,
 I would like for Christmas is for my dad to never go back to the hospital. And what else I would like is for you to help people that need your help. And last but not least I would like if we had a good Christmas like last year.


Your friend,
 Hannah Burkhart
 P.S. thank you for all the gifts last year.

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I would like one thing for myself. It is to go see Katy Perry in concert and bring one friend along. The other thing is all I want is for all those kids around the world that don't get presents to get a few presents for a change. If they do I will be so happy that they had a good Christmas. Thank you for all the wonderful presents last year. Thank you for the wonderful Christmas last year. I loved all the family I had a fun time with too. Thank you so much for that. I hope this year you have a bunch of cookies to eat like always. I hope the elves have a fun time having a brake. I will put out a lot of carrots for your reindeer. Tell Mrs. Claus I say Hi.

Love your friend,
 Jenna Fowler




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- Clement Clarke Moore,
A Visit From St. Nicholas



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David H. Cook
 Attorney at Law
 and Staff

Dear Santa,
 I would like to thank you for all the gifts I've gotten in the last years. Just to let you know I will leave you and your reindeer plus elves some cookies, milk and some carrots. If you'd like to know what I want for Christmas I have a list. I would tell you but there's forty something and that's why. Something I will tell you is I want a iPad and Bedazzled iPad case. Please keep everyone safe on the roads and keep them healthy. Always be there for me Santa. Please.
 Love your best friend,
 Anna Loyer

Dear Santa,
 I hope you had a merry Christmas last year. Thank you for all the stuff you got me. I hope you are ready for the big night this year. This year I would like nothing more than every family to have the best Christmas ever!
 Your friend,
 Zachary Stephenson
 P.S. My brother wants the newest NCAA game, but he won't show it.

Dear Santa Claus,
 Tahnk you for all the wonderful things you gave me last year. This year, I have done my chores and helped my mom with my brother. The best thing for me to find on Christmas morning would be a gymnastics bar. There is quite a few reasons why. One is because my coach wants me to practice more. Two is because I want to be able to show my family and friends when I get a move. Three is so mama won't have to spend all that money on open-gyms. I could just practice at home! But I know that Christmas is not all about gifts, its more about sharing and caring. Thank you for everything.
 Your friend, Brielle Keyser

Season's Greetings



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Dear Santa Clause,
Thanks for the gifts last year. How is Mrs. Clause and how are you? This year I want a iPod or a pad. I even want a phone for Christmas. I will leave you one dozen cookies. Please let my dad make it home safe for Christmas.

Your friend,
Nicole Marie Gauthier

Dear Santa Claus,
I have a few questions for you. How old are you? How have you, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer been? I swear I have been a very good girl this year!! This year I would like...a bean-bag chair, dsi games like animal crossing new leaf, a tablet, the wii and some games, a couple books, and last but not least some new nail polish.

Thank you, yours truly,
Rachel Layton

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I really want to think about other people and their needs. So this Christmas I say I do want something but I will give more than I get. So I want families with out food to have enough food to fill their stomachs. Next I want everyone to have the best Christmas ever and a Happy New year. Finally I want: 1. X-box Kinect. 2. Lego Star Wars 3. WiiU.

Yours Truly,
Christopher Barnes

Mrs. Yokom's Class

Dear Santa,
All want for Christmas is to hope my family has enough food and movy to take care my family and I wish you a merry Christmas. plus to have enough food for my pets. Merry Christmas.

Sincerely, Cecelia Spears

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how

is the elves doing. I got to say maybe their tired? Thank you for the toy horse and diary. My brothers got into my diary. And the horse was really fun to play with but the only thing is that the horse took batteries but it still was fun to play with. What I want this year is an iPod touch or a 3ds. I have food for your reindeer outside. And one more thing for everybody to celebrate Christmas with their families.

Your friend,
Karen Sharboneau

Dear Santa,
Thank you for what you have given me. I think you are awesome! I don't want much this year. Some of the things I want are for families to be together for this holiday and all holidays in the future. I also want all of the poor, hungry and homeless people to get what they need. I will thank you more than you would ever want! Thank you santa. Let this be the best christmas ever.

Your friend, Hunter Winter

**Sixth Grade
Mrs. Gombos' Class**

Dear Santa,
I thank you for the many things you have gotten me over the years. But mostly thank you for my books. Also for my time to spend with my family. This year I'm not asking for much besides the usual. I hope you remember what that is I'll give you hint, I am a book-worm! Just besides books I want to have lots of time to spend with my family. Thank you.

Yours truly, Alyssa Deller, age 11

Dear Santa,
This year, I would like Fibber. Fibber is a game that you say "I see 3 aliens" and if a person says "Fibber" and there

are 3 aliens on that card than that that person gets a cuppie thing on their nose. Second of all, I would like a kindle. A kindle is a device that on certain one you can only read books (that's the one I want!) Third of all, I would like two or 3 more 3DS games. A 3DS is also a device that you Can play games on! It can make the screen normal or 3D—cool right! Fourth of all, I would like an old fashion bike (no affiance but...I hope I don't have to explain a bike to ya but) a bike is a 2 wheeled object that you have to peddle to go faster! No I Don't Think You Are Old Just Because I Explained A Bike To You! Last but Not least I would like to prevent world hunger only because I think there is a lot more food in this world not only for the people that have money but for the people that don't or don't have enough money for food so would you help the people that are in need of food?

Sadie Johnson, age 11

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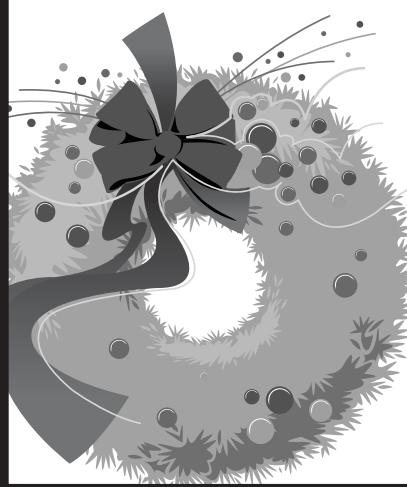
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