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Christmas display spreads joy and spirit of the season

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Christmas spirit is shared in many forms. For some, a church service or a singing choir shows spirit, others cherish family and friends and spread the spirit through giving presents or sending Christmas cards. Others show their holiday happiness by decorating their homes, including the outside, with plenty of twinkling lights.

One couple in Spruce has an abundance of Christmas spirit and is sharing it through their outdoor display with all who pass by their house at 6946 N. US-23.

Wayne and Cindy Johnson are proud of their display's unique and creative style. They should be proud, as the majority of the massive display was made by their own hands.

Going out to see Christmas lights in Alcona County was an annual tradition in Wayne's family. His parents used the outing as a diversion, having one of them take the kids out for a drive, while the other remained home to get things ready for Santa's visit.

Wayne began his own light display about 30 years ago while living in Illinois and today has over 130 colorful, wooden cutouts displayed which he and his wife hand-crafted. "I have more, but I

couldn't get them all in the ground before it froze this year," Wayne said. He got most of them in right after Halloween so visiting grandchildren could see them at Thanksgiving.

The display appeals to children of all ages, and includes a 50 piece gingerbread village complete with post office, school house, school bus, flower shop, toy shop, candy shop, fire house, post office and much more. Santa and his reindeer, including Rudolph with his blinking red nose, are suspended from tree to tree to look over the village during a mid-air flight.

Across from the gingerbread houses is a penguin village which the couple just added last year. The cute flightless birds are happily building an igloo while Santa rides over them in a hot air balloon.

The Johnsons even have a few pieces which show off the couple's sense of humor, such as the Fudge Shop, which if looked at closely, is an outhouse.

The display is interesting during the daylight hours when all the rich colors of the wooden cutouts can be seen in detail, but at night, when 30,000 to 40,000 blinking, twinkle lights shine and Christmas music plays in the

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Homelessness -- an unrecognized aspect of Alcona County's population

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

When thinking of homeless, most Americans picture an older unshaven man sleeping in an alley of a big city or holding a ragged, handmade sign requesting cash at a busy intersection.

However, homelessness can look much different.

Homeless people are all around us -- even in rural Alcona County -- some of them are children who are struggling, going through life, day by day, unnoticed by many.

"There are a lot more (homeless) here than people think. Homeless teenagers -- don't call them homeless, they are 'couch surfers.' They spend the night on someone's couch and keep moving, with no roots or family structure," said Frank Dimercurio. Dimercurio, executive direc-

tor and founding member of the Chosen Ranch, an operating Christian youth home and center in Alcona County.

He explained quite often a 'couch surfer' flees their home because of family disputes, but there are other situations involving homeless children in the area. Some come from dysfunctional families where one or both parents are either absent from the child's life by choice or are in the prison system, leaving the child unattended and homeless.

Some of these children go to family members, such as grandparents, who are on a fixed and limited income, and struggle daily to keep up with the child's needs.

According to Anissa Emery, Alcona High School guidance counselor, the education definition of homelessness includes any individual who lacks a fixed, regular and

adequate nighttime residence; shares the house of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason; a person living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternate adequate accommodations and those living in emergency or transitional shelters or abandoned in hospitals.

The definition also includes people living in cars, public places, bus or train stations, abandoned buildings and migratory children living in any of these conditions.

"Currently, there are nine students listed in Alcona Community Schools under this classification, in both the elementary and high school. Schools must enroll homeless students immediately and work to remove barriers to full participation in school and school-related activities.

"Barriers could be, but are not limited to fees for athletic participation, cafeteria fees, transportation issues, etc. We work with families and unaccompanied youth to get them enrolled and connected to the resources they might need in the school as well as in the community," Emery said.

The school currently has 487 out of a total of 686 students who have been determined eligible for free or reduced lunch programs. In many schools, free lunch program eligibility is an indicator the student could be at risk to fall into the homeless classification according to Vicki Denstaedt, Alpena Public School McKinney-Vento Homeless liaison.

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Cindy and Wayne Johnson enjoy the attention their display gets from people passing by their Spruce home on US-23. The majority of their massive display is handmade. Photo by Mary Weber.



Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
As the 2018 lame duck session of our state legislature winds down I see that our State Senator James Stamas continues his sponsorship of corporate polluter friendly bills. He recently introduced SB 1244, a big Christmas gift to our Michigan polluters. This is a last ditch effort for Senator Stamas to protect his big campaign contributors from more strict drinking water standards which he anticipates from the Whitmer administration.

If you were truly concerned about the quality of drinking water in your 10 county senate district, why would you write a bill that stops the Michigan Department of En-

vironmental Quality (DEQ) from using the most current data to determine the maximum allowable quantities of toxic chemicals in our drinking water? Why would you tie the hands of DEQ to update their requirements for existing contamination sites, as new studies are released?

Senator Stamas has a record of writing bills that are supposed to protect our environment and drinking water that are not thoroughly investigated before they are implemented. For example, Public Act 545 of 2016 was sponsored by Stamas and was supposed to mandate the Air Force to reimburse the state and local governments for work done to mitigate the in-

creasing impact of the Wurtsmith's PFAS on local drinking water in Iosco County.

However, the Air Force could not follow the law because it was discriminatory as it only applied to state and federal agencies, not to all entities.

We should not be rushing to get bad environmental and drinking water bills through this last week of lame duck. Instead, we should allow the newly elected Whitmer administration to rigorously work with the legislature to enact drinking water standards and environmental laws that protect all Mich-anganders.

Robert Kennedy
Harrisville

Obituaries

Richard E. Pulley

Richard Eugene Pulley, 80, of Spruce, died on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born February 8, 1938 to Ezra F. and Edna Maxine (Feeney) Pulley in Flint, Mich.

He was a longtime resident of Brighton, Mich. and worked as a supervisor at Kelsey Hayes in Romulus, Mich. He retired in 1998, and moved to Atlanta, Mich., where he was a member of the Atlanta Eagles, and served as past treasurer.

He has been a resident of Hubbard Lake for the past two years. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and watching westerns and sports on television.

Mr. Pulley is survived by three daughters, Tamy Jo (Steven) Coy of Morris, Mich., Carol Lynn (Russell) Lawhead of Byron, Mich. and Laura (Shane) Hadfield of Kendallville, Ind.; one son, Rich (Megan) Pulley of Chelsea, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Phyllis (Donald) Kilgore, Mary Parrish, and Rose (Roy) Cook; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Barb Blackford and Janet Fisher, and one brother, Don Pulley.

The funeral was held on Sunday, Dec. 16 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Christina Bright officiated.

Joann Parent

Joann Parent, 67, of Harrisville died on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 at Mid Michigan Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born February 26, 1951 to Fred and Mary (Sack) Loudan in Flint, Mich.

She married her first husband, Richard Mosher, in June 1968. He died in 1974.

In 1981 she married George Parent in Royal Oak, Mich. The family lived in Troy, Mich. and Royal Oak, Mich. until 2005 when they retired and moved to Harrisville with their Irish setter, Sadie.

Mrs. Parent was a member of Mikado Goodfellows. She loved to teach others about the hobbies she enjoyed -- caring for flowers, birds and animals. She enjoyed bird watching and name the new fawns that came in every year.

She also loved to cook and bake, which she learned from her mother-in-law, and enjoyed sharing how to make white boiled frosting, raspberry jam and cinnamon rolls. She loved the going to the craft fairs in Harrisville and Tawas. She and her husband, George, she would enjoyed time with friends over coffee.



One of her favorite pastimes was going to the casino and playing bingo.

Mrs. Parent is survived by her husband, George, of Harrisville; two daughters, Jamie (Kirk) Schubert and Teena Stewart; two sons, Kevin (Lubel) Parent and Chris (Kim) Parent; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and four siblings.

A funeral was held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Gillies Funeral Home.

District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in November.

- Jack Joseph Maher, 21, of Milford, Mich. was sentenced to 14 days in jail, one year of probation and \$1,840 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.

- Kevin Michael Panich, 19, of Harrisville was sentenced to 15 days in jail, six months of probation and \$1,005 in fines and costs for assault or assault and battery.

- Shane Thomas Turpen, 38, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail, two years of probation and \$1,480 in fines and costs for operating while intoxicated.

- Robert Russell Basner, 19, of Lincoln was sentenced to five days in jail, one year of probation and \$1,840 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.

- Cody Ray Pintar, 21, of Oscoda was sentenced to three days in jail, six months of probation, 80 hours of community service and \$1,660 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2018

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
December 9	33	14	0.00	2.2	17	N
December 10	31	26	0.00	3.9	17	SW
December 11	30	27	0.00	1.8	13	SW
December 12	34	28	0.00	9.5	25	SSE
December 13	35	29	0.00	3.1	15	SSW
December 14	37	28	0.08	2.1	14	SSW
December 15	37	27	0.00	1.8	13	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.08	0.7	0.42
December to Date	1.15	1.9	0.90
Year/Season to Date	25.94	6.0	27.47

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



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

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.

Play euchre at 5 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 5023 F-30 in Glennie. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Join fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30 in Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Frist meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Alcona retirees will meet for a potluck lunch and bingo at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street in Greenbush at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

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. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Classic movie night at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 5:45 p.m. Free popcorn. Co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Underwater Robotics 101 family drop-in from noon to 3 p.m. at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena. Free and open to all ages. Learn how to construct an underwater ROV (remotely operated vehicle) using an ROV-In-A-Box kit. Pilot your creation in the MakerSpace test tank to complete underwater missions and learn about how these vehicles are used for science and industry. For more information, call (989) 884-6200.

Free family film matinees at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center's theater, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The movie, "Stranger in the Woods," based on a best-selling children's book. Journey deep into the winter woods and meet two snowdrifts, Pierre and his friend, Janine. Together they will introduce their forest friends and reminisce about the time a mysterious stranger came to visit.

Free family film matinees at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center's theater, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The movie, "Paddle to the Sea." This children's classic film is adapted from a story by Holling C. Holling. During the long winter night, a native boy carves a man in a canoe. The boy sets the carving down on frozen ground to await the coming of spring. The film charts the adventures that befall Paddle to the Sea on a long odyssey from Lake Superior to the sea.

Free family film matinee at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center's theater, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena at 3 p.m. The movie, Nim's Island is about a tropical paradise where imagination runs wild and adventure rules! Nim Rusoe lives on a deserted island with her scientist father and her best friends, a sea lion, a bearded dragon lizard and a plucky pelican. Together each discovers what it takes to truly become the hero of your own life story.

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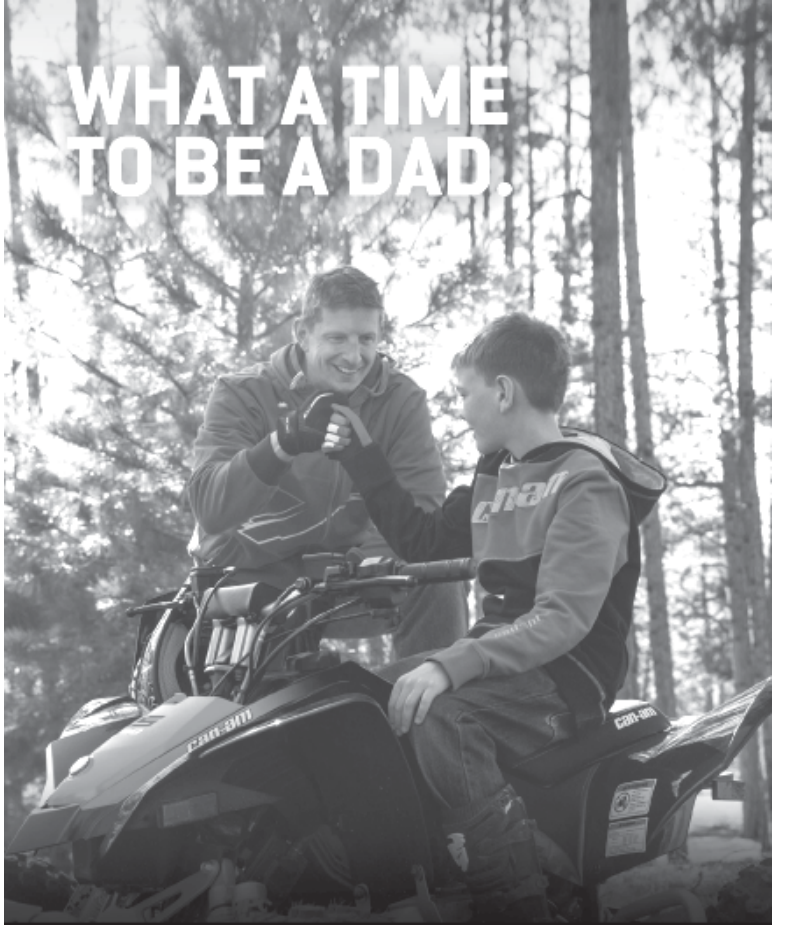
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Please submit a letter of interest shall be submitted no later than Thursday, January 3, 2019 by 12:00 Noon. or call the city office for more information.

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Family Movie Matinee

Everyone's favorite Super Family is back on Wednesday, Dec. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This second Disney Pixar movie adventure shows Helen, Bob and the kids fighting a new villain, while juggling the heroics of home life. Free popcorn. For more info., call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at Lott Baptist Church; at 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center; and at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie or Greenbush. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, Dec. 24—All centers closed.
- Tuesday, Dec. 25—All centers closed.
- Wednesday, Dec. 26—Baked chicken, stuffing and gravy, peas, tossed salad, and an orange.
- Thursday, Dec. 27—Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, and a pear.

- Friday, Dec. 28—Barbecued pork roast, garlic red potato, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, and an apple. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

YouthCore Piano Guild

In recent years Thunder Bay Arts Council (TBAC), area churches, soloists, choruses and performing groups have faced a shortage of skilled accompanists across our region. Retirements, relocations, and personal health issues have been contributing factors, leaving remaining accompanists too often over-booked and performers stranded. This has a negative effect on the expansion and availability of regional performing arts opportunities. TBAC is going to address this urgent need directly through its new YouthCore Piano Guild.

Consistent with TBAC's stated mission "to promote, support and preserve the arts through performance, education and leadership" the new program expands TBAC's long-standing initiatives supporting area students of the

graphic arts. Their works are routinely shown at the TBAC Gallery in Alpena, and TBAC receptions held to honor their work and the efforts of their instructors and parents have occurred for several years. The new YouthCore Piano Guild thus expands TBAC's commitment to students of both the graphic and performing arts.

Students from across northeast Michigan who are of middle school through college age and who are actively receiving sufficient piano training may apply for the YouthCore Piano Guild program starting in 2019. TBAC will issue public announcements and application information on its website, www.thunderbayarts.org, in the next several weeks. Qualifying candidates will be provided both accompanist training and eventually clinical experience.


A recent anonymous seedling gift to TBAC makes the YouthCore Piano Guild possible. Other donations to support the developing program can be made directly through TBAC at (989) 356-6678 and through www.thunderbayarts.org.



A collaborative effort between Lost Lake Woods Club (LLWC) and The Christmas Wish List (through the Alpena Volunteer Center) help fulfill 29 children's wish lists this Christmas. (From left) Linda Powe; Dick Powe; Ian Dockrill, LLWC general manager; Debbie Wilson; and Lydia Lucas gather 84 gifts that were purchased (plus monetary gifts) from LLWC members and employees. All gifts will be distributed through Alcona County. The club is already planning to do the same for Christmas of 2019 with the hope to fulfill many more children's wish lists. *Courtesy photo.*

The Garden Bug

Myrrh



The shrubs *Commiphora myrrha*, *Commiphora mukul*, *Commiphora erythraea* and *Commiphora kataf* are used to produce myrrh, a resin gathered by making deliberate incisions with a specially designed tool into the bark of these plants. Most myrrh is produced in the southern Arabian peninsula and in northeast Africa. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.itmonline.org

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background, the display becomes a whole new winter wonderland.

Wayne uses four or five miles of extension cords to get electricity to everything he needs and sets up the entire yard himself. On the average, his electric bill goes up about \$100 to \$150 more a month during the Christmas season. Wayne said it would be closer to \$500 more if he didn't use all LED lights.

Wayne and Cindy have only been living in the Spruce house for a little over a year, "This time," Wayne said. He can say "this time" because Wayne lived in the same house before, many years ago as a child.

"This was where I was born and raised. A few years ago, I brought Cindy up here to see where I grew up. We drove by and the house was for sale. I wasn't going to retire for a few more years, but Cindy liked the area and wanted to retire in northern Michigan, so we bought it," Wayne said.

He explained after graduating from Alcona High School in 1970 he moved to Illinois to be a truck driver and little by little he began to buy and make pieces for a Christmas display. "I had a house on a big corner lot, so I had large pieces to fill it up. I had reindeer that were 15 foot tall and a sleigh 14 foot long, five feet wide by nine feet high. I bought a 12 foot blow up Santa to go in the sleigh but Santa was too small for it," Wayne said.

When Wayne and Cindy moved to the house in Spruce, he no longer had room for the larger pieces like his reindeer and sleigh so he cut them up to make the gingerbread village. He gets most of the patterns to make his wooden cutouts by the Winfield Collection, a company located in Linden, Mich.

Cindy, who just married Wayne four years ago, said she enjoys the decor and helps to pick out which patterns they should get and then assists Wayne with painting them. Picking paint color for the pieces is easy because the



Wayne and Cindy Johnson with Bella. Photo by Mary Weber.

patterns are numbered for what color should be used.

Wayne buys his paints locally and said he gets it cheaper than what the catalog offers and then clear coats the cutouts to protect them from the weather. Cindy enjoys the process saying it gives them something to do together now that they are retired.

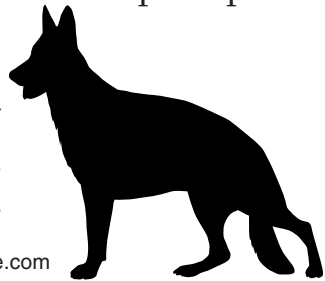
The couple enjoys sharing the display with others and encourages people to drive through their horseshoe driveway to experience the full effect. Even their little dog, Bella, enjoys the atten-

tion and barks at every car. All they ask is for people to go slow and enter the driveway from the south and leave at the north, so headlights from the cars don't light up their living room.

This year, the Johnsons began making Halloween cutouts and displayed them. They hope to work on an Easter display too.

The light display starts at about 6 p.m. and runs until 8:45-ish every evening through Christmas. The home is located on the east side of US-23 north of the Ossineke Eagles Aerie No. 3762.

An orphaned puppy, rescued on a battlefield in World War I, Rin Tin Tin became perhaps the most known dog in the entire world. This famous movie dog was named after a puppet French children gave to American soldiers for good luck. discovermagazine.com



Americanisms



"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree."
— Roy L. Smith

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- Calendar items are short, concise announcements of an event happening in or around Alcona County.
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Homelessness Continued from page 1A

Denstaedt spoke to the public about homelessness in Michigan last month at a public seminar on the subject. She explained in 2017 Michigan had 63,024 homeless people, 38,811 of them were children at risk or homeless. Michigan has one of the largest populations in the nation of homeless youth. The average age for a homeless child in Michigan is seven years.

According to Emery, there are several reasons for youth to become unaccompanied or homeless including: The child becomes separated from the family unit due to lack of space in living situations or shelter housing policies, the child is fleeing the family unit due to sexual, physical abuse or family dysfunction. Nationally, two thirds of youth hotline callers who are fleeing home, report at least one parent abuses drugs or alcohol.

Roughly one third of homeless youth nationwide identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) and 10 percent are pregnant female teenagers.

The Chosen Ranch is trying to alleviate some homeless issues. "We are a port in the storm. If it's just a situation where the child is angry at the parents and left home, we try to counsel them and work with the family to alleviate issues. We let the child know it is a lot worse to live on the streets than to try and resolve problems at home," Dimercurio said.

He explained if a parent goes to jail and the child has no extended family, they go into the foster care system. Unfortunately, Alcona County has very few foster homes willing or able to take in these children, which is why Dimercurio founded the Chosen Ranch.

The school system is trying to do as much as it can for the youth as well. Under the McKinney-Vento (MV) Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 which is a federal law which provides federal funding for homeless programs, homeless youth have the right to attend school and do not need a permanent address to enroll.

The MV act helps to provide resources so schools can offer free breakfast and lunch programs, Title 1 services, special education services, tutoring and instructional support, assistance with participation for in-school, after-school, before-school and summer programs when offered, school supplies, medical referrals, counseling, transportation, domestic violence needs, emergency assistance, early childhood programs and clothing.

Alcona Community Schools offers a free store/pantry for students requiring additional help to meet their daily needs. The elementary school offers a nutrition backpack program where students in need can obtain food for weekend meals and when school is not in session for holidays.

Mael Fritz, school success worker for Alcona Elementary said she tries to provide students with some necessities

and has been funding some of it herself by purchasing goods on sale.

"I've received some donations from a few local churches. Antiperspirant is always needed, stick not spray. We always need toilet paper to send home with the kids. Girl's leggings and boy's sweatpants. We have no smaller girl's shirts and we can always use coats," Fritz said.

Ann Eddinger, who volunteers to stock the Alcona High School free store, said personal hygiene items are al-

ways needed. time to time that we can meet with the resources we have available on hand. In some cases, cash is more efficacious than accumulated goods or donations, but not always," Emery said.

"On a larger scale, systemic changes in local policy, advocacy for financial and budgetary support of programs help address homelessness through agencies like Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) and the Department of Human Health Service (DHHS)," she said.

"There are a lot more (homeless) here than people think. Homeless teenagers -- don't call them homeless, they are 'couch surfers.' They spend the night on someone's couch and keep moving, with no roots or family structure."

~ Frank Dimercurio,
executive director of the Chosen Ranch.

ways needed.

The Chosen Community Center in Lincoln offers hungry youth a meal and will try and assist with other services, if needed.

"There are many systemic things that can change the trajectory of youth and families experiencing homelessness. Individually, some students may have needs from

Emery explained economic development in the area and the development of affordable housing options would be a good way for people to help as well as supporting local food banks, shelters, and other social service agencies who are on the front lines to provide care and resources for youth and families.

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- Chosen Ranch for youth, Alcona County (989) 335-4673

Domestic violence services and shelter:

- Hope Shore Alliances, Alpena: (989) 356-9650; Oscoda: (989) 739-5751

For those at risk of homelessness:

- Family Independence Agency: Alcona (989) 724-6291
- Catholic Human Services: Prevention: (800) 356-5755
- Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA): (866) 270-0687

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- St. Vincent de Paul, Mikado (989) 736-6271
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- Alcona Health Center - Harrisville services: (989) 736-8157; Lincoln Services (989) 736-8157
- Alcona Health Center Tiger Extension in Alcona Elementary School (989) 736-8716
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Nourishment/Food Pantry and Necessary Items:

- Alcona Food Pantry, 217 N. State Street, Harrisville. Second Saturday of the month, 10 to 11:30 a.m.,
- My Brothers Hope, (989) 335-3541, 76 N. Barlow Road, Harrisville, second and fourth Saturday of the month 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Lott Baptist Church, (989) 735-3711, 4257 M-65, Glennie - typically the first or second Tuesday of the month, depending on when food truck arrives. A truck will be coming Wednesday, Jan. 2 due to the holidays.

- St. Vincent de Paul, (989) 736-6271, 2227 F-41, Mikado Emergency Food Pantry Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sunrise Community Food Pantry, (989) 727-3606, second and fourth Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Bring box or plastic bag. Emergency food service available.

- Alcona Baby Pantry, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado (989) 305-5440, first Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed in January due to holiday.

Additional Resources:

- 2-1-1 Emergency and other community assistance information open 24-hours every day. Dial 211 to find crisis and housing resources in local areas.
- Chosen Ranch Community Center, (989) 335-HOPE (4673), 483 E. Traverse Road, Lincoln -- open Monday through Saturday

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to cope with seasonal affective disorder

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about seasonal affective disorder? I have always hated winter-time, but since I retired and am home a lot more, the dark and cold winter months make me depressed and lethargic.

Fighting the Blues

Dear Fighting,

If you get depressed in the winter but feel better in spring and summer, you may indeed have seasonal affective disorder (or SAD), a winter-time depression that affects roughly six percent of Americans.

In most cases, SAD is related to the loss of sunlight in the winter months. Reduced sunlight can upset natural sleep-wake cycles and other circadian rhythms that can affect the body. It can also cause a drop in the brain chemical serotonin, which affects mood, and can increase the levels of the hormone melatonin, which can make you feel more tired and lethargic.

If you think you may have SAD, a trip to your doctor's office is the best way to diagnose it or you can take a SAD "self-diagnostic" test at the Center for Environmental Therapeutics website at CET.org/self-assessment. In the meantime, here are several treatment options and remedies that can help.

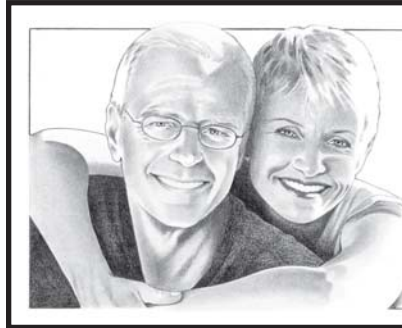
- **Light therapy:** The most effective treatment for SAD is sitting in front of a specialized light therapy box for 15 to 20 minutes a day. Light therapy mimics outdoor light to cause a change in brain chemicals linked to mood. It's most effective when timed to fit a person's individual circadian rhythm, which varies widely from person to person depending on whether they're a night owl or a morning lark. You can calculate the proper time for doing light therapy by taking the circadian rhythm test at CET.org/self-assessment.

The best light therapy lamps provide 10,000 lux of illumination, many times

stronger than typical indoor light, and have a diffuser screen that filters out ultraviolet rays and projects downward toward the eyes.

Some top-rated products as rated by Wirecutter.com include the Carex Day-Light Classic Plus Lamp (\$115), Verilux HappyLight Deluxe 10,000-Lux Sunshine Simulator (\$160), and the Northern Light Technology Boxelite Desk Lamp (\$190), all of which are available at Amazon.com.

- **Cognitive behavioral therapy:** Even though SAD is considered to be a biological problem, identifying and changing thought and behavior patterns can help alleviate symptoms too. To help you with this, choose a therapist who specializes in cognitive behavioral therapy and who has experience in treating SAD. To locate someone in your area, check with the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (FindCBT.org), or the Academy of Cognitive Therapy (AcademyofCT.org).



Savvy Senior

- **Antidepressants:** Some people with SAD benefit from antidepressant treatment, especially if symptoms are severe. Some proven medications to ask your doctor about include the extended-release version of the antidepressant bupropion (Wellbutrin XL, Aplenzin), and antidepressants selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (S.S.R.I.s), sertraline (also known as Zoloft) and fluoxetine (also known under the brand name Prozac).

But keep in mind that it may take several weeks to notice full benefits from an antidepressant. In addition, you may have to try different medications before you find

one that works well for you and has the fewest side effects.

- **Lifestyle remedies:** Some other things you can do to help alleviate your SAD symptoms include making your environment sunnier and brighter. So, open up your blinds, sit closer to bright windows and get outside as much as can. Even on cold or cloudy days, outdoor light can help, especially if you spend some time outside within two hours of getting up in the morning. Moderate exercise such as walking, swimming, yoga and even tai chi can also help alleviate SAD symptoms, as can social activities.

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Making the Predator the Prey

By **Gregg Schefferly**
Outdoor Writer

The snow muffled my approach as I made my way to the high ridge overlooking the marsh. Conditions were perfect for predator calling. Six inches of dry fluffy snow allowed me to get setup without alerting any nearby predators.

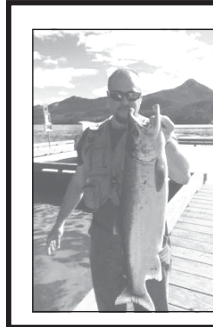
Setting up while it was still dark, I strategically placed the speaker of my game call and settled in until daylight. Setting up early allowed the woods to quiet down before I attempted to fool any nearby predators into showing themselves.

After about 30 minutes daylight revealed a beautiful landscape, everything covered in fresh white snow. Any approaching predator would stick out like a snow shoe rabbit in the fall. Conditions were perfect -- it was time to turn the tables on the predators and make them the prey.

I began with a bird in distress cry, which I was certain would get the attention of any nearby predator looking to fill their belly.

After 10 to 15 minutes of continuous calling with nothing showing itself, I turned the caller off and sat silently for another half an hour scanning the surroundings for movement. This was because bobcats are known to carefully approach the call, then set up nearby and look things over. (They don't want to run into a pack of coyotes defending something they killed.) They'll sit tight and look things over before investigating the area where the critter crying out.

With nothing showing, I wasn't ready to give up on this spot just yet, so after waiting 20 or 30 minutes, I put in a coyote in distress call and flipped it on. If there were any coyotes nearby this would certainly convince



Exploring the Outdoors

By *Gregg Schefferly*

them to come see what all the commotion was about.

It didn't take long. Suddenly, not one but two coyotes came into view moving toward the call. They were a couple hundred yards out and closing the distance so I decided to hold off. I had two thoughts, the closer they were the better chance I'd have of bagging one. Being closer just might make it possible for me to possibly get both of them.

To my dismay, not too far away a logging crew started equipment and spooked those brush dogs and put them to flight. I lined one up in the cross hairs and the 22-250 barked. I put a solid hit on it but the snow was real crusty and I couldn't follow the tracks very far. Found blood, but lost it due to the conditions.

Predator calling is a lot of fun; however, it takes a concerted effort to experience success. It's not uncommon to make a dozen attempts and not see anything. There are a couple of reasons for this, one is predators must be present. Predators cover a lot of ground looking for dinner and while they might be there one day they could be a couple miles away the next.

Predator callers must understand how predators hunt. They normally approach using the wind. They want to understand what they're getting themselves into -- basically, what's got a hold of the animal squealing? A fox or bobcat doesn't want to literally run into a pack of coyotes. Predators are opportunists and often hungry, but they won't risk being injured and want to know what they're up against. This is why they normally approach from downwind.

Predators have uncanny noses, hearing, and eye sight; it's not easy to fool a predator. Over the years I've called in fox, bobcat, and coyote. I've called at dusk, dawn, and after dark using a light with a red lens. Anytime I go predator calling I am completely camouflaged from head to toe, this includes face, hands, and even my gun.

You must try and set up so you can see a long way downwind of your stand. Some predators such as coyotes will circle quite a distance downwind of the caller, so it's important to be ready and try to shoot them before they catch your scent. Bobcat or fox will use the wind but do so closer to the call.

When I first started calling I used a mouth call or a Johnny Stewart game call which was a cassette player with a large detachable

speaker. Predator calling as evolved thanks to technology so a game call is digital and the speaker can be set up a hundred yards away without a cord.

If you're hunting at night you'll need a light with a red lens. Predators can't see the light with the lens, but you'll see them. Cover scents help as does something furry suspended blowing in the wind near the speaker. This will help convince the predator that dinner is right there for the taking. Keeping them focused allows you to close the deal.

When set up, if a certain call doesn't work, don't be afraid to turn the call off and wait for a bit then try a different sound. Imagine the scenario, perhaps starting with a squealing rabbit or a bird in distress. As a predator comes in it is trying to determine what is causing the squealing. After hearing the squealing, a coyote hears a canine in distress, they go on the defense and respond to the call.

One morning I was actually aided by a flock of crows. I was calling when the crows started circling and raising a fuss. I was set up in a field dressed in white lying prone on a blanket, my gun had bipods and was ready to go pointed in the direction the speaker was. It wasn't long after the crows started raising hell that I saw some ears coming through the thistles toward the speaker.

I was thinking coyote, but when it raised its head it was a large bobcat. My finger was on the trigger, the bobcat was in the crosshairs, but it was December 30, two days before bobcat season opened. I turned the call off, the bobcat sat up and I watched him through the scope as he watched the crows overhead before turning and disappearing into the swamp. He didn't realize how close he'd come to becoming the prey.

So, if you're looking for some excitement, perhaps getting out and trying your hand at predator calling is just what the doctor ordered to get of the cabin this winter.

Good luck and Merry Christmas!

(After spending several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, Gregg Schefferly has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)

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- Alcona High School free store: Items needed: personal hygiene items.

Younger generation pines for real trees

By Kaley Fech

Capital News Service

Michigan produces the third most Christmas trees in the nation and no state grows more varieties, according to tree experts.

"Any farm here in Michigan may produce eight to 10 different types of trees," said Bert Cregg, an associate professor in Michigan State University's departments of horticulture and forestry.

That's good for Michigan growers as more and more millennials opt for real Christmas trees. "Young people that want to have that wholesome experience of looking for a tree are moving towards real Christmas trees," said Amy Start, the executive director of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association based in Durand, Mich.

Tree farmer Mel Koelling has also noticed a growing number of younger people out on his Mason farm looking for that perfect tree. Families are also a strong market for the cut-your-own tree business, said Koelling, who owns and operates Tannenbaum Farms with his wife, Laurie.

"It's not unusual to see multiple generations of a family come out together. It's become a family tradition to come and select a tree."

Part of the allure of a real tree is the adventure that accompanies finding one. "We have such fun out here on our choose-and-cut farm, with horse-drawn carriage rides, Santa Claus and a petting zoo," said Dan Wahmhoff, president of Wahmhoff Farms Nursery in Van Buren County. "It's really a family event."

"It's a lot more fun than going to the store and picking out a plastic tree," said Wahmhoff, whose farm in Gobles is west of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Finding that perfect tree can be a bonding experience for families, Koelling said. "It's a memorable event where you select a tree, you cut it, you take it home and you care for it," he said.

Wahmhoff said the environmental friendliness of a real tree is also a selling point for younger people. "The

recyclability is one big thing for people today," he said. "Real trees are recyclable, where people are learning their artificial trees will be in landfills for years. It's not made from a petroleum product, it's made from the earth."

And Koelling said Christmas trees are a renewable resource. "You can plant them and cut them down and plant them, and you can do that over and over again," he said.

Start said that for every tree that's cut down, two or three new seedlings are planted. The trees also produce oxygen, take in carbon dioxide, provide habitats for animals and provide beauty around the state, she said.

There are environmental trade-offs. The BBC recently reported that real trees decomposing in landfills produce greenhouse gases. But there are also non-environmental benefits. Tree farms contribute to the local economy, Koelling said.

"They provide jobs, they're a product made in Michigan and sold in Michigan, so the revenue stays in Michigan," he said.

And Cregg, who researches Christmas trees, said millennials enjoy the opportunity to buy local. "Most people probably aren't more than 10 or 15 miles from a choose-and-cut farm," he said.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the top 10 Christmas tree producing counties in the state are: Missaukee, Wexford, Oceana, Montcalm, Allegan, Van Buren, Manistee, Osceola, Kalkaska, Antrim and Newaygo.

Fraser firs are the most popular choice for Christmas trees. "There are lots of things to like about Fraser firs," Cregg said. "They have excellent needle retention so they'll keep their needles up to six weeks, they have excellent color and an elegant sort of appearance."

They're also more demanding in terms of the types of conditions they grow under. "A Fraser is a little bit of a primadonna," he said.

Fraser firs typically cost between \$8 and \$10 a foot, Start said. The most popular

trees are between six and seven feet tall.

According to Start, Balsam, Douglas and Canaan firs, Scotch pines and blue spruces are also popular. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the top five tree species grown in Michigan, by acre, are:

- Fraser firs - 7,500
- Douglas firs - 4,450
- Scotch pines - 4,350
- Colorado blue spruce - 2,900
- Balsam firs - 1,300

Michigan has approximately 27,000 acres in Christmas tree production, and roughly two million trees are harvested each year, Start said. The annual net value is more than \$27 million.

"Natural Christmas trees require effort," Koelling said. "But I think there's an increasing commitment to say, let's not just be totally convenient and get the tree out of the box. I think there's a growing perspective that some things that are valuable require effort."

To find a retail lot or choose-and-cut tree farm nearby, visit the Michigan Christmas Tree Association at <https://www.mcta.org/>.

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"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing."

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Lady Tigers take on Tawas, Posen

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

A strong start led to the desired finish. The Alcona girls varsity basketball team played host to non-conference foe Tawas last Friday night, using its solid play early to pave the way to a solid 43-30 victory.

"We came ready to play and got off to a great start behind great defense and the scoring of Faith Wallenmaier," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "They made a little run at the end of the third and the beginning of the fourth, but we stepped up the defense and secured the win."

The Lady Tigers held the Lady Braves to just three points in the opening quarter, allowing them to take a 14-3 lead after the first quarter, thanks to nine points in the period by Wallenmaier and led 24-11 at the half. Tawas did pull within 33-22 entering the fourth quarter, though Alcona pulled back ahead by double digits.

"Tawas is a good team, the difference in this game was



Alcona's Megan Grove flies in for two points during the season opening win over Au Gres. Photo by Ben Murphy.

our defensive intensity," Feldhiser said. "We were able to rotate Megan Grove and Lily Bilbey guarding their best player, and held her to five points."

Wallenmaier led the way with 16 points, Liz Henderson had 10 and Grove finished with nine.

"Once again, we had a different player lead us in scoring in each game so far," Feldhiser said.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11 the Lady Tigers hosted Posen in a North Star League battle, picking up a 49-37 victory.

"We started out with a strong first quarter and played well for the first few minutes of the second quarter," Feldhiser said. "We had some problems with their press in the second and the game was close at the half."

Alcona led after each quarter break, 10-6, 23-22 and 35-29.

"We made some adjustments at halftime and I was

really happy with the way we came out and took the action to them in the third," Feldhiser said. "Our girls really buckled down on defense in the second half and steadily pulled away. We emphasized going inside and Liz responded with a great second half, scoring 12 of her 18 points. Hailee Gordy shot the ball well and finished out several of our successful press breaks.

"I was really proud of the poise we showed in the second half and even though we had two players with 18 points, we showed just enough balance as seven players scored. Grove did an outstanding job handling Posen's pressure."

Gordy and Henderson each had 18 points to lead the way in the victory.

Alcona (3-0 overall, 2-0 NSL) hosted Whittemore-PreScott on Tuesday and is off until Jan. 4 when it hosts Ogemaw Heights.

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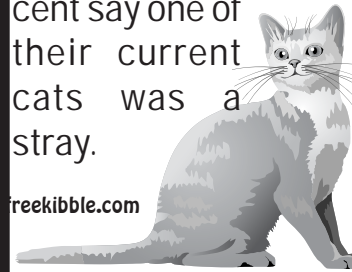


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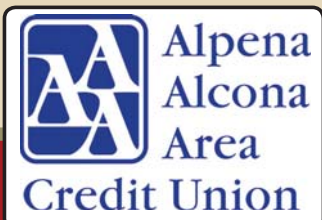
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Sunday, December 30

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Tigers hang on to win at Posen

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

It was nearly a blowout win. Alcona was lucky to hang on at all. The boys varsity basketball team built a big lead in its North Star League game in Posen on Monday, Dec. 10, but had to hang on for dear life later on for a 60-55 victory.

"We played a fantastic half of basketball, the problem is you have two halves of basketball," said head coach Ryan Bilbey. "We stopped playing in the second half and some hot shooting form Travis Sharpe brought Posen back in the fourth quarter. We practice poorly this week and it showed in the second half. We have to fix that immediately or we won't end up on the winning side of these close contests. A win is a win, but it felt like a loss."

Damion Stewart helped the Tigers get off to a fast start with six first quarter points, leading Alcona to a 16-6 lead after one. Antavius Mikazes did the same in the second quarter, adding six points of his own, allowing the Tigers to claim a 38-15 lead at the half.

Josh Kilbourn hit a three in the third quarter as it looked like Alcona was continuing to roll, leading by as much as 49-20. The Vikings scored the final eight points of the quarter however, pulling within 49-28 entering the fourth.

Sharpe helped the Vikings continue their comeback bid in the fourth, as he drilled five three-pointers. Thankfully, for the Tigers this wasn't enough however, as they hung on for the five point win.

"We played well for three



Hunter Clark tiptoes the baseline to keep the ball from going out of bounds during a home win over AuGres. Photo by Ben Murphy.

quarters but committed 10 turnovers in the fourth and missed all but one free throw in the fourth," Bilbey said. "We had a 16-point lead with 1:30 left to play and only won by five. Essentially, they would foul us and we missed our foul shots while Sharpe hit shots one dribble past half-court. I've seen him shoot from there before but it was still amazing to see. He made it a tight game late, but it really was never in doubt. That being said. We must close out games better and

improve on our foul shooting."

Mikazes led the team with 17 points. Stewart had 15 points. Pierce Bilbey had seven; Hunter Clark netted six; Kilbourn finished with five; Dominic Howe added four points; Mason Clark had three and Aidan Wrobel scored two.

Alcona (2-1 overall, 2-1 NSL) was at Whittemore-Prescott on Tuesday. The Tigers play in Hillman on Thursday, Dec. 20 and travel to Ogemaw Heights on Friday, Dec. 21.

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The Harrisville branch of Alcona County Library hosts Barton Bund (left), actor of stage and screen and independent film maker, as part of its Smithsonian "Museum on Main Street" Water-Ways program. Bund presented his "Part 1: The Threat" documentary on Line 5, the 65-year old oil pipeline carrying Canadian crude oil under the Straits of Mackinac. Former engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers and now director of Straits of Mackinac Alliance, Roger Gauthier, appears in the documentary and joined Bund in the program discussion. Courtesy photo.

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The boy sets the carving down on frozen ground to await the coming of spring. The film charts the adventures that befall Paddle to the Sea on a long odyssey from Lake Superior to the sea.

Free family film matinee at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center's theater, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena at 3 p.m. The movie, "Nim's Island," is about a tropical paradise where imagination runs wild and adventure rules! Nim Rusoe lives on a deserted island with her scientist father and her best friends, a sea lion, a bearded dragon lizard and a plucky pelican. Together each discovers what it takes to truly become the hero of your own life story.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27
Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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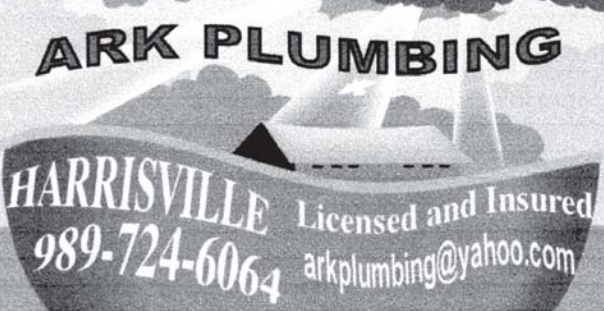
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Caught in the drag net

A General Haul of Unlicensed Liquor Dealers Made

December 21, 1893 ~ Pursuant to action taken at the annual meeting of the Board of Supervisors, steps were taken a few weeks wince to compel certain persons supposed to be illegally engaged in the business of selling spirituous liquors at various points in Alcona county, to pay the statutory license or suffer the consequences of prosecution.

Ample opportunity to pay and frequent notice of their liability has been given these suppositious liquor dealers, but tip to the present time the only duly licensed dealer in spirituous liquors in Alcona county outside of the village of Harrisville is Chas. Heron of Black River.

The drag net was set for M. Nolan at West Harrisville, Chas. Foley at Mud Lake Je., Thos. Nolan at Killmaster, D. J. Noyes and Hugh McDonald at Mud lake, and Mrs. Proc-

December 21, 1893 ~ Liquor dealers who are fighting shy of paying the \$300 license ought to bear in mind the fact that if the law was properly enforced they would each and every one of them have to pay the full \$500 license. In view of the long continued laxness with which the law regulating this traffic has been enforced in Alcona county, it is not to be wondered at that dealers have become less and less disposed each year to pay the legal license.

There was a time when some of those who are delinquent now paid their full license promptly, while others were allowed to conduct a rival business without paying a cent. In one sense it is an injustice to take one mans money and allow another to go scott free, but nevertheless one violation of the law cannot be accepted as a justification for another and if we are to have high license in the state high license should be enforced in every nook and cranny of the commonwealth. Every dealer should be made either to pay or to discontinue business. A strict and prompt enforcement of the law would lend favor in the eyes of the very persons who now take advantage; of it's lax enforcement, and we doubt not if their opinions were asked not one of them but would state that every liquor dealer should be made to pay the legal license or quit the business.

tor at Alcona. A detective named Hicks, of Grand Rapids. was put upon the cases. This man proceeded in the customary manner to secure evidence to warrant the arrest of the several parties. Establishing his headquarters in Harrisville he made frequent sallies north and west into the country, usually taking with him some

persons entirely innocent of his designs, but who could be used as witnesses in the event of prosecution.

To lull suspicion it was given out that he was looking after goods supposed to be secreted in the outlaying towns.

The task was not a difficult one and but little time was required to secure the de-

sired evidence. All the parties mentioned above were arrested last week, some on one charge but some on two charges, and since Saturday Justice McClatchey and the prosecuting attorney have been busily engaged indisposing of the examinations.

All the parties so far examined have waived examinations to the circuit count and

each is held tinder bonds of \$400, except Mrs. Proctor, whose bond was placed at \$100. Hugh McDonald and Chas. Foley are yet to be examined. The arrests came like a thunder bolt from a clear sky upon them and the wholesale manner in which it has been done has created considerable excitement in the community.

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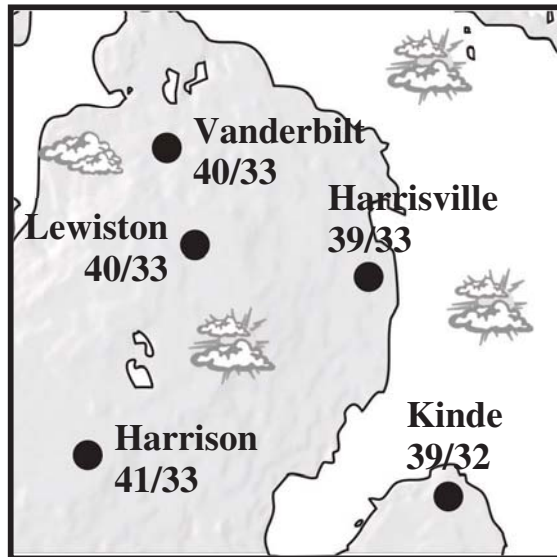
Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 19, 2018

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 39 Low: 33
	THURSDAY Few Showers High: 40 Low: 35
	FRIDAY Rain & Snow Possible High: 38 Low: 26
	SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 31 Low: 21
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 29 Low: 24
	MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 31 Low: 21
	TUESDAY Cloudy High: 35 Low: 27

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 39°, humidity of 67%. South southwest wind 10 mph. The record high for today is 55° set in 1923. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 33°. South wind 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 26°. The record low for tonight is -12° set in 1919.

*Last Week's Almanac

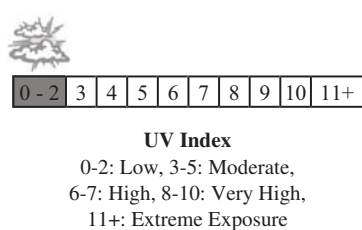
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Tuesday	32	29	33/20	Trace
Wednesday	36	28	33/20	0.04"
Thursday	37	32	32/19	0.00"
Friday	48	29	32/19	0.03"
Saturday	42	22	32/19	0.00"
Sunday	45	22	31/18	0.00"
Monday	34	29	31/18	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Full 12/22	8:08 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	3:01 p.m.	4:15 a.m.	New
Wednesday	8:09 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	3:36 p.m.	5:26 a.m.	1/5
Thursday	8:09 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	4:20 p.m.	6:38 a.m.	
Friday	8:10 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	5:12 p.m.	7:49 a.m.	
Saturday	8:10 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	8:55 a.m.	First
Sunday	8:11 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	9:52 a.m.	1/4
Monday	8:11 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	8:40 p.m.	10:41 a.m.	
Tuesday					

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies Wednesday, mostly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 54 in Jeffersonville, Ind. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered rain and isolated thunderstorms, highest temperature of 79 in Kendall, Fla. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies through Thursday with isolated rain, mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 56 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 77 in Indio, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:21 a.m.	3:42 p.m.
Venus	4:10 a.m.	2:35 p.m.
Mars	12:22 p.m.	11:58 p.m.
Jupiter	6:37 a.m.	3:43 p.m.
Saturn	8:56 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Uranus	1:41 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

Weather History

Dec. 19, 1957 - A tornado, 200 yards in width, killed two people along its 15-mile path from near Waldo to near Buena Vista in southwestern Arkansas. People from one house were carried 250 yards and cars were said to have been carried 600 yards.

Weather Trivia

What type of lightning occurs most frequently?



Answer: Cloud to cloud lightning.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - The Winter Triangle

If you look in the west, northwest right after dusk, you'll notice the three bright luminaries of the Great Summer Triangle twinkling madly as they approach their demise with the horizon. In the southeast, rising as the Great Summer Triangle departs, is another group of three stars, Orion the Hunter's Betelgeuse; Sirius, the Dog Star of Canis Major, the Big Dog; and Procyon, the Alpha Star of Canis Minor, the Smaller Dog, beginning their ascent and dominance over the cold, bleak midwinter landscape. Unlike the Great Summer Triangle, its winter counterpart stands much lower in the southern sky and is visible for a shorter duration of time, whereas the Great Summer Triangle literally spans the zenith for an entire season. The brightest star of the Winter Triangle is also the brightest star of the night. Sirius is over 23 times brighter than the North Star, and it is one of the closest luminaries to the sun, only 8.6 light years away. A light year is the distance that light travels in one year, about 5.9 trillion miles. Procyon, above Sirius and slightly to the east, is also a nearby star at 11.4 light years. It's more evolved than Sirius or the sun, shining with a brightness of about seven Sols, and currently in the process of advancing from core hydrogen burning to the burning of hydrogen into helium in a thin shell surrounding its core. Finally, Betelgeuse, the red shoulder star of Orion and the most western member of the Winter Triangle is the true enigma of the triad. Astronomers know that it is a red, bright supergiant, but its distance, size, and mass are not known accurately. One fact that astronomers do agree upon is that this star is doomed, and its life could have ended already with the outward blast of a supernova headed our way. Not to worry, global warming still remains the most serious environmental threat of the moment, not Betelgeuse going supernova; but when humanity finally sees it, expect to witness the light of a gibbous moon concentrated into a pinpoint of luminescence in the night and daytime sky. What a show that will be!

www.astronomy.org

CryptoQuip

answer

War movie about a barber who repeatedly removes a GI's beard stubble:
"Shaving Private Ryan."

Novels: Antique and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Footrest chair

Footstools, also called footrests, are not a new idea, but there are many different types, shapes and sizes. The most popular style today is the small, short, four-legged rectangular stool, often padded and upholstered, which is placed in front of a chair. The footstool raises the legs of the person in the chair to help blood circulation and add comfort. A child might want to use a footstool because his or her feet do not hit the floor.

Early footstools also were used in ancient Egypt as a ladder to reach chairs on high platforms. Each century had a new shape for the footstool. During the 18th century, there were long and low footstools to put in front of the fireplace to be used by the family. Small round footstools upholstered with fabric or needlepoint to match the sofa were popular with short women in Victorian times. There also were many chairs that came with footstools that looked like extensions of the seat, or even some that could be pulled from under the seat where it was stored.

Modern designers liked seats made long enough to form a lounge chair with space for raised feet. And by the 1980s, there were long seating pieces that had hidden pullout pieces as footrests.

Vladimir Kagan (1927-2016), a talented designer, made a famous chair in the 1950s that had a sloping back, arms and a retractable footrest that was partially hidden. One of Kagan's walnut adjustable lounge chairs, 39 by 27 by 40 inches with a retractable footrest, was sold by Rago auctions for \$6,875. It was manufactured by Kagan-Dreyfuss.



This chair with a retractable footrest was made in the 1950s by Vladimir Kagan. It was in good condition and had the manufacturer's marks. Price: \$6,875.

Q: I used to save beer coasters from bars. They've been in a box for years. Most are made of cardboard or thick paperboard. Are they worth anything?

A: Cardboard beer coasters were first made in Germany, a country known for its beer, in the 1880s. Beer coasters also are called beer mats, and the collecting hobby is called "tegestology," from the Latin word for mat. Collectors specialize in coasters advertising brands or picturing interesting subjects. There is a website, beercoast.com, where members keep an inventory of their collections and trade with other collectors. Most beer coasters sell online for 50 cents to less than \$5. A few sell for more.

CURRENT PRICES

Quilt, patchwork, crazy caterpillar, flowers, hand-made, silk, velvet, cotton, 63 x 76 inches, \$70.

Plate, gaudy Dutch, dove, green, yellow leaves, 8 3/8 inches, \$110.

Kitchen, butter paddle, maple, shield-shaped bowl, carved dog head, heart, cross, 10 1/2 inches, \$540.

Map, New Orleans, Norman's plan, key references 80 points, 1845, 24 x 18 inches, \$1,920.

TIP: Clean a silver chain with a mixture of white vinegar and water. Rub the mixture on the chain with a toothbrush or a towel. Rinse.

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Veteran's Post

By Freddy Groves

When VA doctors aren't doctors

Consider this: A Department of Veterans Affairs medical employee, whose salary is paid for by the taxpayers and who is on the VA list of employees, doesn't actually work any hours at the VA because that employee is union and spends all his time doing union business.

Like that? No, I don't either.

It gets worse. During the last fiscal year for which this record was kept (2016), those VA union employees pulled over a million hours on union business, to the tune of \$49 million in salary, which we paid for. Officially, it's called "Taxpayer Funded Union Time."

Who are these people? Dentists, nurses, physicians, chiropractors -- people from the whole list of medical professions -- were pulled aside, away from doing actual medical work. (And people wonder

why we can't get a timely medical appointment and we're told they're understaffed.)

This collective bargaining agreement mess happened during the previous presidential administration and involved four different medical unions. Here's an example given in a VA.gov press release: A VA nurse was elected as a union official, getting 100 percent of her \$90,000 salary paid for by the taxpayers while doing zero medical work.

Now, fingers crossed, those employees will be coming back to their real jobs when the VA stands up to some of those collective bargaining agreements.

The VA will pull those union employees back under Title 38 of the U.S. Code for medical employees, and this will apply to all of their 104,000 employees. No longer will tax-

payers fork out dollars to pay for those people to do union work.

I honestly don't get it. If I had gone to all the time and trouble of getting a medical degree, I would be embarrassed to spend my time not taking care of patients and instead work for a union.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Now Here's A Tip

By JoAnn Derson

- If you are serving hot rolls on a buffet, line the basket with aluminum foil before you line it with a towel. The foil will help reflect heat, keeping the rolls warmer longer.

- Metal skewers are great for a barbecue, but the tip also can be used to create fancy designs on an iced cake, just like a pencil.

- "If you get stuck in the snow, try using your car mats to get a little traction. Keep some kitty litter or sand in the trunk too just in case you run into trouble." -- D.C. in Michigan

- "Running the heater is expensive, especially when there's only one person in a house. I find that I can get by with a much cooler overall temperature by using my space heater for about 15 minutes in the bathroom and lounging on the couch and in bed with my electric blanket. Those two things cut down on the need to have the house toasty warm, and truly keep my heating bill in check." -- B.J. in Pennsylvania

- A pot of mulling spices on the stovetop will both fill your house with a lovely holiday smell and add a respectable amount of humidity. Simply keep a watch on the kettle or pot, and add water as necessary.

- "Here's a clothing tip on a very cold day: Today's running tights are fantastic under pants as a liner. They are warm, wicking and cut a flattering silhouette as well. Much better than old-fashioned thermals." -- M.E. in Montana

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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LAFF - A - DAY



"I built it for my wife—she's always wanting things."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president declared that Thanksgiving would be celebrated on the last Thursday in November?
2. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of Roy Rogers' horse on the TV series?
3. **ACRONYMS:** Where did the name "jeep" come from?
4. **ASTRONOMY:** The planet Venus has how many moons?
5. **LANGUAGE:** What is unusual about the words facetious, abstemious and arsenious?
6. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is foie gras?
7. **GEOLOGY:** What is the only rock that floats?
8. **LITERATURE:** In what 19th-century novel is the character of Captain Nemo introduced?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** What inland U.S. state has the longest freshwater coastline?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the birthstone associated with the month of June?

Answers: 1. Abraham Lincoln; 2. Trigger; 3. The military, where a "general purpose" vehicle was known as a GP.; 4. None; 5. All three words are spelled with the vowels in correct order.; 6. A pate made of duck or goose liver; 7. Pumice; 8. "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"; 9. Michigan; 10. Pearl (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 29, 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket is brutally murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by four knights of King Henry II of England, apparently on orders of the king. The Christian world was shocked, and in 1173 Becket was canonized a Catholic saint.
 - On Dec. 26, 1606, William Shakespeare's play "King Lear" is performed at the court of King James I of England. Lear was one of Shakespeare's later works.
 - On Dec. 30, 1853, the U.S. minister to Mexico and the president of Mexico sign the Gadsden Purchase in Mexico City. The treaty established the final boundaries of the southern United States. For \$10 million, the U.S. acquired 30,000 square miles of land in what is now New Mexico and Arizona.
 - On Dec. 24, 1865, in Pulaski, Tennessee, a group of Confederate veterans convenes to form a secret society that they christen the "Ku Klux Klan." The KKK rapidly grew from a secret social fraternity to a paramilitary force bent on reversing the federal government's progressive reconstruction activities.
 - On Dec. 27, 1927, Agnes Nixon, the creator of the long-running television soap operas "One Life to Live" and "All My Children," is born in Chicago. Nixon is credited with introducing social issues into soaps.
 - On Dec. 25, 1941, "White Christmas," written by composer and lyricist Irving Berlin, receives its world premiere on Bing Crosby's weekly NBC radio program, "The Kraft Music Hall." It went on to become one of the most commercially successful singles of all time.
 - On Dec. 28, 1975, ice hockey fans watch the Central Red Army team from the Soviet Union defeat the New York Rangers 7-3 at New York's Madison Square Garden. It marked the start of the first midseason exhibition games between Soviet and National Hockey League teams, held from 1975 to 1991.
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Super Crossword

BEFORE THE BRITISH INVASION

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Glinda of Oz" author</p> <p>5 — de deux</p> <p>8 Finking sort</p> <p>11 Award for excellence</p> <p>19 "Give that — cigar!"</p> <p>20 Milky and iridescent</p> <p>22 Orchestral introduction</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 Fishel of "Boy Meets World"</p> <p>26 Dice, e.g.</p> <p>27 "Yoo- —!"</p> <p>28 Zodiac sign before Virgo</p> <p>30 Relaxed</p> <p>31 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>37 Boating tool</p> <p>38 Suffix with butyl</p> <p>39 Jewish round dance</p> <p>40 Slalom curve</p> <p>41 Old Dodge models</p> <p>43 Foreigner</p> <p>46 Glove worn at first base</p> <p>48 Logging tools</p> <p>52 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>56 Facet</p> | <p>59 Preminger of cinema</p> <p>60 Thereabouts</p> <p>61 With</p> <p>62-Across, student's grade booster</p> <p>62 See</p> <p>61-Across</p> <p>64 Siberian dog</p> <p>67 Catering hall receptacle</p> <p>69 Feeling sick</p> <p>70 Infomercial host Popeil</p> <p>71 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>75 The Great Lakes' — Locks</p> <p>76 Start for cycle</p> <p>77 Big NYSE event</p> <p>78 Name of Amazon Echo's personal assistant</p> <p>79 Buzzing (with)</p> <p>81 — nova</p> <p>83 Feedbox fill</p> <p>86 Gel in a lab</p> <p>88 Extra details</p> <p>89 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>94 Has an itch</p> <p>95 Towed-away car, maybe</p> <p>96 Wren dens?</p> | <p>97 Actress Pfeiffer</p> <p>101 Hosp. zones</p> <p>102 Bar brew, in Berlin</p> <p>104 "— already said ..."</p> <p>106 Vain sort's problem</p> <p>107 End of the riddle</p> <p>115 Uproar</p> <p>116 "— a go"</p> <p>117 Tart's cousin</p> <p>118 Golf's Mclroy</p> <p>119 Journeyed</p> <p>122 Riddle's answer</p> <p>127 Nephew, e.g.</p> <p>128 Non-piercing bit of jewelry</p> <p>129 Nephew of Abel</p> <p>130 Appraises</p> <p>131 Big insurance company, for short</p> <p>132 Bro's counterpart</p> <p>133 Look at leeringly</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Audi rival</p> <p>2 "Yeah, that's the spot!"</p> <p>3 Mythical beast</p> <p>4 — Picchu (Inca site)</p> | <p>5 Woolen ball on a hat</p> <p>6 Kwik-E-Mart proprietor</p> <p>7 Younger Obama girl</p> <p>8 Glancing rebound</p> <p>9 Actress Ortiz</p> <p>10 Part of ATM</p> <p>11 Beckett's "Waiting for —"</p> <p>12 Some gametes</p> <p>13 Football's Dawson</p> <p>14 Moisture-removing additives</p> <p>15 Geyser stuff</p> <p>16 City on the Arkansas</p> <p>17 "Stormy Weather" composer</p> <p>18 Like some marshes</p> <p>21 Maned beast</p> <p>24 "Fingers crossed!"</p> <p>29 Beguile</p> <p>31 Yucky stuff</p> <p>32 Slam into</p> <p>33 Large meal</p> <p>34 Skye of the screen</p> <p>35 Is leaked</p> <p>36 Villa d'—</p> <p>42 Covered with frosting</p> <p>44 Thin and graceful</p> <p>45 "A Mighty Fortress — God"</p> <p>47 They're uncertain</p> <p>48 Female, e.g.</p> <p>49 Craftsperson</p> <p>50 Military commander</p> <p>51 "Giant" skiing events</p> <p>53 Still sleeping</p> <p>54 Arthur Conan —</p> <p>55 Sells from a cart, say</p> <p>56 Covered with brushwood</p> <p>57 Smelted stuff</p> <p>58 University in Granville, Ohio</p> <p>63 Basketball's — Thomas</p> <p>65 Stockpile</p> <p>66 — Kan (old brand of dog food)</p> <p>68 Raises</p> <p>72 Most needy</p> <p>73 Tests</p> <p>74 Bedevil</p> <p>80 Walk across a creek</p> <p>82 Rte. parts</p> <p>84 Nile biter</p> <p>85 Second-rate</p> <p>87 Very, to Verdi</p> <p>90 Screws up</p> <p>91 Rare blood type, for short</p> <p>92 Lima-based flag carrier of 1973-99</p> <p>93 Tesla rival</p> <p>98 Rejecting</p> <p>99 Custard ingredient</p> <p>100 Greek dawn goddess</p> <p>101 Swamp birds</p> <p>103 Foot or shoe part</p> <p>105 Sharpening belts</p> <p>107 SAG- — (labor union)</p> <p>108 Angler's aids</p> <p>109 Spoken tests</p> <p>110 Star bursts</p> <p>111 Pokes fun at matters: Abbr.</p> <p>113 Gets better</p> <p>114 "— ed Euridice" (Gluck opera)</p> <p>120 Fleur-de- — (royal emblem)</p> <p>121 Eden dweller</p> <p>123 Laugh syllable</p> <p>124 12, to Nero</p> <p>125 Loudness: Abbr.</p> <p>126 WNW's reverse</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd who made the following sage observation: "The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for."
- A law in Memphis, Tennessee, states that it is illegal for a woman to drive a car unless a man walks in front of it to warn approaching motorists and pedestrians.
- Martha Stewart got her start in business by catering from her home.
- It takes 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of the maple syrup you put on your pancakes.
- The Tom Thumb locomotive and Jell-O were invented by the same person.
- Ancient Egyptians often were buried with opium, boats and artificial limbs for use in the afterlife. And it wasn't unusual to have a model of the deceased's home included, as well -- just in case shelter was needed.
- England's Prince Philip was born on a kitchen table in Greece.
- The word "widget" was coined by an American humorist in the 1930s and referred to an imaginary gadget or machine. In the 1990s, however, widgets moved out of the realm of fiction when the makers of beverage cans invented a device that releases carbon dioxide to make foam after a can has been opened -- and they named it a "widget."
- In its entire lifetime -- four to six weeks -- a single worker bee produces a sum total of about 1.5 teaspoons of honey.
- North Carolina once outlawed cats and dogs fighting with each other.

Thought for the Day: "No matter what side of an argument you're on, you always find some people on your side that you wish were on the other side." -- Jascha Heifetz
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **S** equals **W**

SLF EGAKH LNGBM L NLFNKF

SOG FKDKLMKZQP FKEGAKU L

WH'U NKLFZ UMBNNQK:

"UOLAHRW DFHALMK FPLR."

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The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 10 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring; treasurer Keerl; clerk Pierce; council members, Peterson, Luenberger, Kaiser, and Baird; city attorney Cook; and guests. Absent: Thomas. Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, to accept the minutes of November 12 as corrected. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson, to pay the bills in the amount of \$15,604.59. Motion carried 4-0. In old business, mayor Gehring updated council with information concerning the Verizon contract. Fiber optic line is close to being completed for final hook up to the antennas on the water tower. An end of the year (2018) deadline is being suggested. Mayor Gehring has been in contact with a representative from the state as to the final award status concerning the application for the playground grant. Mayor Gehring has been notified that an announcement as to the status of the grant requests should be announced by the end of this month. The notice of vacancies ad in the local newspaper will run through December 19 with a deadline for submission of letters of interest to be Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019 by noon. The description for the vacancies for the tax board of review have been corrected with the additional requirements: "must be a city resident and a city property owner" with one position described as a city resident, not having to be a property owner, which is filled. Motion by Baird, support by Luenberger, to correct tax review board ad for vacancy positions.

Motion carried: 4-0. Please send a letter of interest to the city office: City of Harrisville 200 N. Fifth Street, P.O. Box 278 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 or call the city office at (989) 724-6666. Mayor Gehring discussed Resolution No. 2018-09, between the City of Harrisville and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Resolution 2018-09: "Resolved, that the City of Harrisville, Michigan, accepts the terms of the agreement received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources," to appropriate the sum of \$85,819 in-kind match, to match the \$499,475 state grant authorized by the department and that the city agrees to comply with all terms of the agreement, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this resolution." Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, to approve resolution as stated. Ayes: four -Luenberger, Peterson, Kaiser and Baird. Nays: zero. Absent: Thomas. Vote carried: 4-0. Mayor Gehring informed council of a new business within the city put forth as a bed and breakfast at 600 N. State Street, Harrisville. Welcome to the new owner, Sharon Fry. Much success in your endeavor. Once again this year, Consumers Energy has donated a \$50 gift certificate to the city to be awarded to any city residence or business which has an outstanding show of holiday decorations on their property. Council can place their votes with the clerk and the award will be presented at the January 14, 2019 city council meeting. A letter of resignation was for-

mally submitted by Cecile Pizer from her position on the city planning commission. Cecile has been a member for the past 12 years, and chairperson for the past nine years. She has been instrumental in several initiatives in moving the planning commission forward to the benefit of the city. Her term will expire December 31, 2018. Mayor Gehring opened the Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for 2019 at 7:30 p.m. with a public comment period. No public comments were made. Budget meeting closed at 7:35 p.m. Treasurer Keerl presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rate will be 3.30 mills for the water debt. Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, to approve the Water/Sewer Budget for 2019. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Baird, support by Peterson, to approve the clerk to pay the end of year water/sewer bills for 2018. Motion carried: 4-0. Reports: Mayor Gehring thanked all for being in attendance for the meeting and extended the opportunity for all to feel welcome to approach him with their questions and concerns. Clerk Pierce reported the city and the pocket park committee was advised of grant opportunities for funding through NEMCOG. Harbor Commissioner Baird reported the harbor commission will meet and reappoint members of the commission to new terms of office. Terms are three years. The charter boats at the harbor are paying over the winter months. Planning commissioner Baird: The RRC committee representative Cheryl Peterson reported that the RRC committee will continue to work with the state and that council member Mary Peterson

has agreed to be the liaison between the city council and the RRC committee. Chairperson Pizer reported on the planning commission annual report 2018. The next regularly scheduled planning commission will be Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019 at 6:30 at city hall. Fire Department: Chief Klukowski reported that he has four new volunteer applications for the fire department. Fire fighter training will become mandatory. New radio purchases will be made. Chief medical officer Mendyka reported the city had four medical runs and the township had 19 medical runs and one fire which was the Ki Cuyler restaurant. Greenbush had one medical call. Please make sure you have your chimney properly cleaned because it's the season for chimney fires. County commissioner Johnston reported that there will be a Medical First Responders program offered in conjunction with Alcona High School available for high school seniors. Commissioners are looking for financial aid to support this program.

Comment cards: Patty Thomas reminded those present of the upcoming presentation at the library on Tuesday, Dec. 11 of the showing of a documentary film-part 1 about the Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline. Becky Bean reminded everyone about the purchase of brick pavers for the pocket park on Main Street. Councils' Last Comments: Alderman Baird reported that the new city website is in progress and there is a volunteer for web master.

Motion to adjourn by Luenberger. Adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, January 14, 2019, at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

ALCONA TWP. MEETING NOTICE

mas Stone. Jamieson/Harvey: To accept with regret, Stone's resignation. Motion carried. This board would like to deeply thank you Tom on behalf of the township and the county, for your long dedicated service to our fellow citizens. We much appreciated your input and will miss you. Jamieson/Healy: To direct treasurer to pursue setting up a website for the township. Motion carried. Healy moved to advertise for the supervisor's position, there was no support for this motion. We have over five names to consider. Healy/Harvey: Pay the bill. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Roger D. Jamieson, Harrisville Township clerk Published prior to board approval.

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's December board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Bouchard and Mead. Motions to approve minutes from previous meeting; accept financial reports and bills as presented; to reappoint Jack Kostka; James Braden and Sandra Gauthier to the board of review; and to approve 2019 meeting schedule. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held December 11 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Clerk Jamieson was appointed to chair the meeting and led in the "Pledge of Allegiance." In attendance, clerk Jamieson, treasurer Harvey, trustee Healy and eight guests, trustee Johnston absent. County commissioner updated the board on county happenings. Zoning administrator: six land use permits and is investigating a problem he will report on at next meeting. A good in depth report was given on our fire department and first responders. They also introduced Lonnie Crampton as a new fire fighter. Planning commission to meet tomorrow night to deal

with two items. They also recommend appointing Connor Jamieson to the planning commission. Harvey/Healy: To appoint Connor Jamieson as a member of the planning commission. Motion carried. Clerk's minutes approved after correction in wording. Treasurer's report given and reconciled with the clerk's office. At this time a letter was read from supervisor Stone. "I am resigning as supervisor of Harrisville Township effective today, December 5, 2018. I will work with the new supervisor in the transfer of all township records to his or her office once the appointment is made," Tho-

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board met December 12. All board members were present. Motions to approve the agenda; November minutes; pay bills and place treasurer's report on file, per audit; implement sexton previous contract; post draft minutes prior to board approval on website; appoint Smith to zoning board of appeals; bills to be presented at meeting; checks mailed to treasurer; trustees to have keys to hall, upstairs and three sets for the North End Park; cancel safe deposit box; cancel Serv Pro Cleaning Service contract; bids to fix the hall stove; cancel hall phone; MapQuest documentation for reimbursement and sign voucher;

treasurer to purchase drop box for her residence; approved special meeting minutes from November 23; and increase library rent from \$270 to \$350. Township board meetings remain on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Approved 2019 Dates: January 9; February 13; March 13; April 10; May 8; June 12; July 10; August 14; September 11; October 9; November 13; and December 11. Motion to adjourn at 10:18 p.m. Next township board meeting is January 9, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.

Kerry Scott, Caledonia Township Clerk

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WANTED

A copy of the "Alcona County - A Pictorial History", Volume I, published by the Alcona County Review. Will pay \$50 plus shipping. Call Ricky (206) 948-9425, leave message.

BUYING TIMBER

Buying standing timber, minimum five acres. Cole Forest Products (989) 736-8928.

BINGO

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner-takes-all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

BIDS WANTED

Harrisville township is taking bids on the following. Bid 1: Remove lighting and install new LED lighting for township hall. Bid 2: Remove and replace suspended ceilings at township hall. Contact Roger Jamieson, Clerk, (989) 724-6388 for further information. Bids will be accepted until December 21, 2018.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on January 9, 2019:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ashley N Kellogg, a married woman. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Cason Home Loans its successors and assigns. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services,

LLC. Date of mortgage: February 18, 2014. Date of mortgage recording: February 20, 2014. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$71,355.09. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: The south 1,326.0 feet of the west 1/2 of the west 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 25 North, Range 9 East. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with

MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). 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 mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 28, 2018. Trott Law, P.C. 1368887 11-28, 12-5, 12-12, 12-19

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on January 16, 2019:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dorothy Jean Martin, a single woman, and DeAnna Lynn Hohn, a married woman. Original mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing. Date of mortgage: July 26, 2013. Date of mortgage recording: August 12, 2013. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$77,535.69. Description of the mortgaged premises: situated in township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan. And described as: Lots 47, 48, 78 and 79, Supervisors Plat of Jewell

Lake Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1, page 146 of plats, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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 mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: December 19, 2018. Trott Law, P.C. 1370694 12-19, 12-26, 1-2-19, 1-9-19

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate

Estate of Alfred H. Engelhardt and Marsha A. Engelhardt Revocable Living Trust date February 7, 2014.

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Marsha A. Engelhardt, died October 30, 2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jason Degen or Mary Ann Engelhardt-Roman, co-successor trustees, at 40991 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170 or 14900 Plymouth Crossing, Plymouth, Mich. 48170 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 14, 2018
David H. Cook P40560
5466 M-72
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
(989) 724-5155
Jason Degen, co-successor trustee
40991 Five Mile Road
Plymouth, Mich. 48170
Mary Ann Engelhardt-Roman, co-successor trustee
14900 Plymouth Crossing
Plymouth, Mich. 48170

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Earl L. Allen and Bridget L. Allen, his wife. Original mortgagee: Ameriquest Mortgage Company. Foreclosing assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., asset-backed pass-through certificates, series 2003-12. Date

of mortgage: October 17, 2003. Date of mortgage recording: October 28, 2003. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$61,944.58. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 25 North, Range 6 East; thence north 220 feet; thence west 220 feet; thence south 220 feet; thence east 220 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; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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 mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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State of Michigan in the Circuit Court for the County of Alcona

Notice of hearing for the amendment of the established lake level for Cedar Lake, located in Greenbush Township, Alcona County, and Oscoda Township, Iosco County, Michigan

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd of October 2018, a petition was filed with the circuit court for the county of Alcona for the amendment of the established lake level of Cedar Lake to 608.2 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88).

Notice is further given that in accordance with MCL 324.30707, this matter is set for hearing on

January 8, 2019 at 11 a.m. before the circuit court of the county of Alcona, located at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, to receive evidence for the amendment of the lake level for Cedar Lake to 608.2 NAVD 88.

Notice is further given that all property owners affected are requested to be present at said hearing, if they so desire, to present testimony and evidence on the amendment of the lake level for Cedar Lake to 608.2 NAVD 88. Dated: December 17, 2018

Alcona County Drain Commissioner
Iosco County Drain Commissioner
12-19, 12-26, 1-2-19

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 Paul Pascuzzi as mortgagor, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated July 3, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on July 31, 2003, in Liber 387 at pages 55-69, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$39,934.51, 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, Jan. 30, 2019, 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 6.75 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: The north 110 feet of the following description: Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 25 North, Range 6 East; thence N. 01 deg 39'00" W. along the east line of said section and the centerline of Kimberlin Road, 877.96 feet to the point of beginning; thence S. 88 deg. 54'18" W. 417.42 feet; thence N. 01 deg 39'00" W. 412.42 feet; thence N 88 deg. 54'18" E. 417.42 feet; thence S.

01 deg. 39'00" E. along the east line of said section and the centerline of said Kimberlin Road 412.42 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being a part of the SE-1/4 of the SE-1/4 of said Section 12, T25N, R6E. (recorded N. 01 deg 39'00" W).

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: December 3, 2018
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, Mich. 48708
(989) 893-9511
12-12, 12-9, 12-26, 1-2-19

MILLEN TWP. ORDINANCE

Open Meeting June 18 6:30 p.m.

Millen Township Hall 671 Sanborn Road Barton City, Mich.

Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to address the permitting of solar-collector panels (Utility Scale) in the Millen Township Agriculture District (AG) as it relates to the Millen Township Zoning Ordinance. Definition: A utility-scale solar facility is one which generates solar power and feeds it into the grid, supplying a utility (power or energy company) with energy. Millen Township, Alcona County, Michigan Ordains: Section 34: Additions to the Millen Township Zoning Ordinance. That the Millen Township Zoning ordinance is hereby amended to add to Section 2.1, Definitions Solar Collector Panels (Definition of Solar Energy Facilities Utility Scale): Solar Energy Facilities (Utility Scale): A facility designed to capture and utilize the energy of the sun to generate electrical power to meet utility-scale needs. A solar energy collection facility consists of solar collection devices used to collect solar rays and all associated ancillary and structural devices needed to support and to convert/transmit the energy collected. These devices may be either freestanding or attached to a structure and are sized to meet the various user needs and/or requirements.

That the Millen Township Zoning Ordinance Section 3.5-AG-3.53 (Agricultural District) is hereby

amended to add the following as a special exception use: 16. Solar Energy Facilities (Utility Scale)

That the Millen Township Ordinance Article 4.0 is hereby amended to add 40-4.5 Solar Energy Facility (Utility Scale):

A. Reflection/Glare: Attached, building-integrated or freestanding solar collection devices or combination of devices, shall be designed and located to avoid glare or reflection onto adjacent properties and adjacent roadways and shall not interfere with traffic or create a traffic hazard. This may be accomplished by both the placement and the angle of the collection devices as well as human-made or environmental barriers. Glare intensity is considered an issue if it measures more than 20 percent of the incident sun intensity. Plans to reduce glare may be required in the initial materials submitted.

B. Impervious Surface/Stormwater: If more than 8,000 square feet of impervious surface will be located on the site, the application shall include a drainage plan prepared by a registered civil engineer showing how storm-water runoff will be managed. If detergents will be used to clean solar panels, details on the type of detergent, frequency and quantity of use, and storm-water quality protection measures shall be provided.

C. Screening: Solar devices shall be screened from view from any public street or residential district by use of a masonry screen wall, evergreen vegetation or other

screening of a similar effectiveness of quality, as determined by the Millen Township Zoning Board.

D. Setbacks: The setbacks of all

solar collection devices and ancillary equipment shall be at least

50 feet from all property lines.

E. Abandonment: Any freestanding solar collection site or device

which is not used for six (6) months shall be deemed to be abandoned.

The applicant/permit holder will be so notified in writing by Millen Township and requested to dismantle the site and return it to its original state. If there are mitigating circumstances as to why the site has not been used, the applicant/permit holder may contact Millen Township and request a three-month extension. If a site has been deemed abandoned and no request for an extension is received, the applicant/permit holder will again be notified and dismantle the site and return it to its original state. If the applicant/permit holder does not do this, Millen Township will have the removal and restoration done at the applicant/permit holder's expense.

Removal shall include removing posts, equipment, panels, foundations and other items so the is restored to its preconstruction state and is ready for development as another land use.

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Stock # P5974
\$33,000

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2.4L 4 Automatic
Stock # U5960
\$14,595

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Stock # P5863
\$20,000

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3.5L 6 Automatic
Stock # U5989
\$7,498

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\$16,000

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Stock # P5907
\$20,995

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2.7L 6 Automatic
Stock # P5869
\$33,500

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\$24,995

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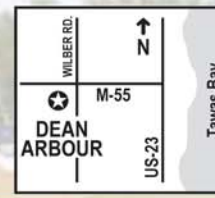
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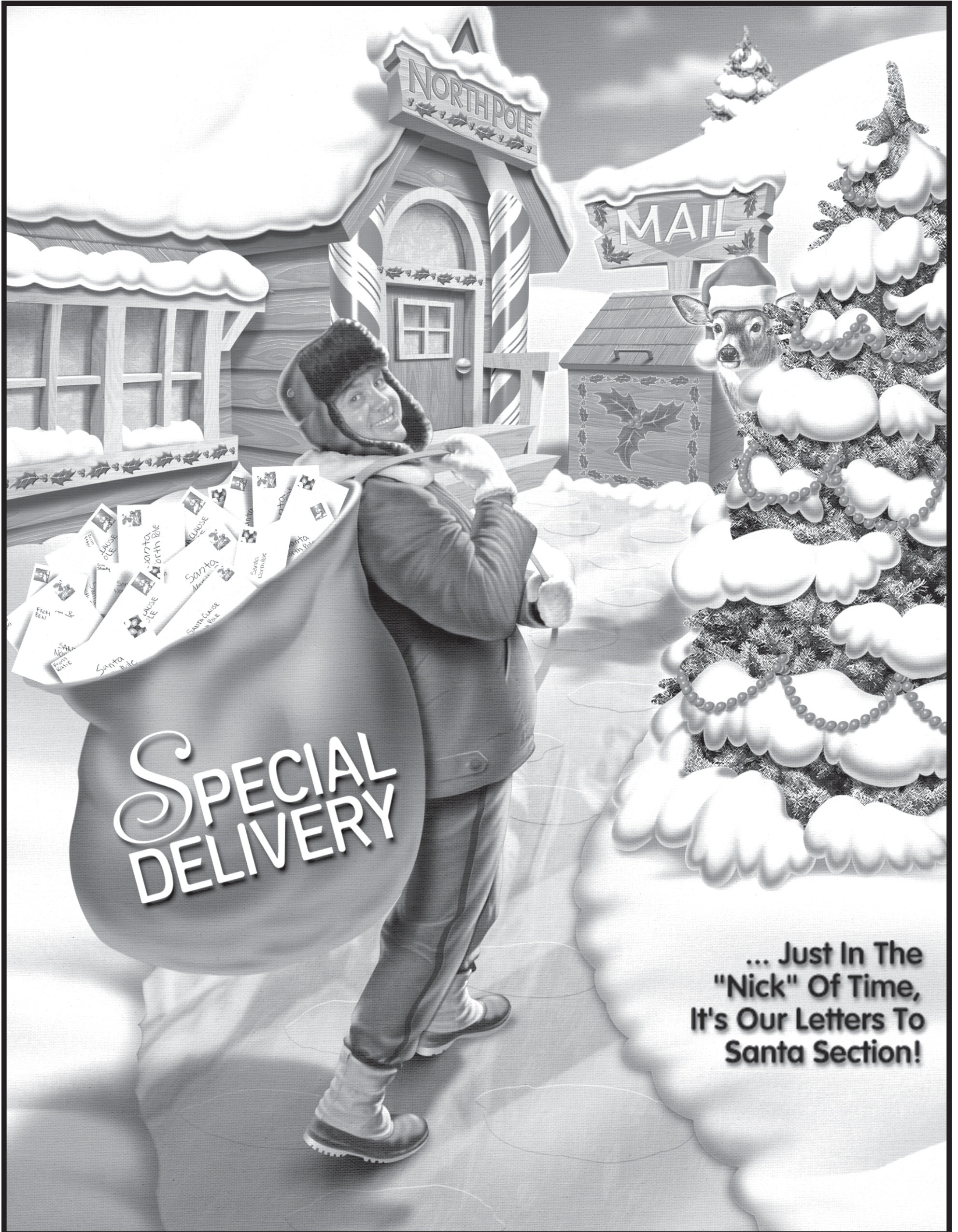
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Christmas is a time of rejoicing, counting blessings and family gatherings. It is also the most favorite time of the year for children. In this issue, we have given the children of this community a chance to be heard. They wrote to Santa asking for their Christmas dreams and wishes. They even added a few extra greetings and comments. We received letters from students at Alcona Elementary. We've left the letters as they were written to be true to the writers. We hope they will delight you and entertain you. Most of all, we hope it will lift the spirits of those young at heart. Merry Christmas





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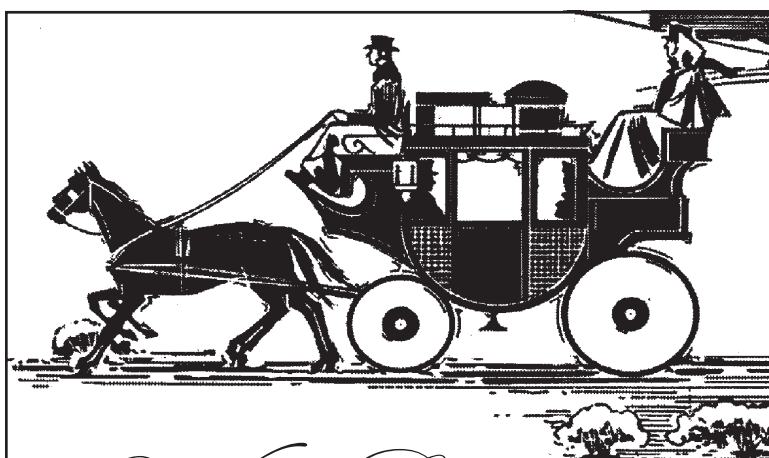
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With Gratitude

To our patrons - staff
Please accept our best wishes for a blessed and beautiful Christmas and New Year!
Thank you for the gift of your patronage.
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Dear Santa,
I want Jack, Zero, Sally and a playdough mixer
Love, Mason G., age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a gumball machine, some paw patrol, a bouncy house, and a nerf gun.
Love, Blake S., age 4

Dear Santa,
I want superhero toys, a gumball machine, RC car, toy truck, Ghostbuster toys, and Mr. Potatoe heads.
Love, Syrus R., age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, a gumball machine, an RC car, a racing track with cars, bouncy house, a bunny rabbit, cat, trampoline because ours blew away, and a nerf gun.
Love, Hudson B., age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a bouncy house, trampoline, two RC cars, and a toy computer.
Love, Colton K., age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a toy unicorn, and a new power wheel car because mine is getting to be too small, I want a spiderman one.
Love, Averiana S., age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a gumball machine, nerf gun, and a spiderman mask.
Love, Reece M., age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a toy chainsaw, RC truck, logging truck, barn with a fence and a trampoline because my trampoline has holes in it.
Love, Tyler C., age 5

Dear Santa,
I want an octopus thing with the round instrument things, two mermaid Barbie's, a pony tea set, a kitchen with a stove that goes, and some make-up.
Love, Kennedy D., age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a mermaid doll, make up, LOL dolls, little cuties, zoom zooms, and nail polish.
Love, Harper K., age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a flash, batman, something with superman,

subzero, nerf gun, truck and a RC car.
Love, Xavier S., age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a million trucks, a telescope, dumptruck, bulldozer, choo choo train, front loader, ambulance, semi, and a trampoline.
Love, Declan, age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a fire gun that shoots out fake fire, a monster truck, a tractor that lifts up, a TV for Nicholas. I want to daddy to get some tools, and mom to get a necklace.
Love, Elliot D., age 5

Dear Santa,
I want my own little toy washing machine, tea set and a doll.
Love, Willow M., age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a book, truck and train.
Love, Jack B., age 4

**Kindergarten Classes
Mrs. Mongeau and
Mrs. Yokom**

Dear Santa,
I would like a new fancy Transformer for Christmas, The thing is Santa, I just love you and I saw you at the store. Merry Christmas!
Peyton Armstrong

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a dirtbike that jumps a ramp and uses a remote control? I will leave you cookies and milk. We have big carrots at home for the reindeer. Merry Christmas!
Bentley Boyd

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a battery car that is green. Merry Christmas!
Brayden Deller

Dear Santa,
I want a toy axe and that's all. I will leave you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas.
Your Friend, Kayden Dorr

Dear Santa,
I would like a car that makes firefighter noises and a pair of blue boots. I was wondering why Rudolph's nose turns bright red? Also, where do you get the magic that comes from the back of your sleigh?

Your Friend, Liam Earegood

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year I would like twisty beads and a Barbie Doll House. I would also like a bouncy board that bounces you really high. Santa, what do you do when you have enough toys for all the children? Also, how do you fly and why are your reindeer so magic?
Love, Izzy Franklin

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy dirtbike that is blue. I would also like a Peppers Jersey. He plays football for the Patriots.
Love, Braxton Goddard

Dear Santa,
I would like a bigger bike. I want a unicorn Helmet to go with my new bike. I love you Santa.
Love, Lilly Harper

Dear Santa,
I would like an indo switch for my games. I would also like a Robot Dog. Can you drop of the Elf on the Shelf book in my mailbox?
Your Friend, Carter Hilyard

Dear Santa,
I want a ginormous race track. I would like a nerf gun. I would also like a playhouse for my animals. I hope your reindeers are good.
Your Friend, Kyle Kehring

Dear Santa,
I would like some dolls for Christmas this year.
Love, Kimberly LaBeau

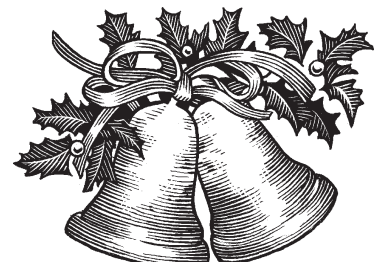
Dear Santa,
I would like a new tablet for Christmas this year. I would like new shoes, size 5. I would also like a pink JoJo bow.
Love, Nevaeh Liebler

Dear Santa,
I would like a Fingerling. I would like an LOL Surprise Doll. I would also like a Baby Alive Doll.
Love, Nevaeh Lobaugh

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie dream house and Under wraps dolls. Where do the elves come from? I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Your Friend, Madeline Long

Dear Santa,
I would like a Spiderman game for my Xbox. I would also like an Nintendo Switch and I would like a Mario and a Spiderman Nintendo Switch games. I would like a new tablet. Do you want any Christmas presents this year?
Your Friend, Cooper Mahalak

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a cat! An alive cat, and that's all.
Love, John Mann




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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want the Poozie Purse and some jewelry. I like necklaces and Bracelets. And I want a ring. I would also like a seashell with some sparkles in it. And a tablet with a charger so that the battery doesn't die. Where do you live? I will leave a carrot for your reindeer.
Your Friend, Winrey Martinez-Martineau

Dear Santa,
I would like an American Doll and a dresser to go with it. I would like any kind of food.
Your Friend,
Kaylee McMasters

Dear Santa,
I want colorful science. I will leave you some cookies at my house. I also want a Real Science, Real Fun.
Your Friend, Brody Merillat

Dear Santa,
I would like a big Barbie House. I would like blue slime. I would also like a computer.
Thank you,
Myairah Paluch

Dear Santa,
I would like Doc McStuffins toys. I would also like a T-Rex just like my brother. I like Shopkin toys too.
Sincerely, Larrissa Potts

Dear Santa,
I would like a tablet. I would like a JoJo bow. I would also like ice skates and also a camera.
Love, Lilly Schmidt

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a computer and a tablet and a cute dog. Also some Lego's. I had a good day this week. I will put cookies and milk in my room by my transformers bed.
Derin Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want Monster Trucks.
Your Friend,
Bayden Stevens

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Mouse Pad. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love, Haley Tessmer

Dear Santa,
I would like a nerf gun. I would like a blue snowmobile with lightning decal on the side.
Your Friend, Jace Haller

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy car, dinosaur socks, and Lightning McQueen Slippers. And a toy horse. I Rudolph your favorite?
Your Friend, Chazz Barton

Dear Santa,
I want a drone and a pizza costume. And a coloring book. And some new books. Headphones too please.
Your Friend, Brayden Binkley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a pink dress. I love you Santa.
Saige Bottarini

Dear Santa,
I want a motor car. And a

motor.
Love, Nickali Brewer

Dear Santa,
I want LOL dolls. I love them and always play with them. They even come with little babies. I would like some dresses too.
Lilyanna Budnik-Dewey

Dear Santa,
I would like LOL's and an American Girl doll. I hope you are doing well.
Love, Karlee Colorite

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a robot dog. I like to sing All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. I wish that I could grow big. I will leave some carrots for your reindeer by my house so that you can find where I live.
Harlee Flerchinger

Dear Santa,
I would like a dinosaur toy, mini train set for my trains and some more cars.
Michael Hogan

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a game tablet, a phone, and a green stuffed rabbit. And a new playhouse, some legos and that's all. I will leave you some cookies at my house.
Love, Autumn Kimberlin

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you cookies and milk. Can you please get me a phone?
Thank you, Annberlyn Kloc

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a cat robot. And some new dolls. Some clothes please.
Love, Savanna LeClair

Dear Santa,
I want a Ds. I want a city for action figures and some transformers. I kinda want a computer too and that will be all. I love you.
Leo Mahalak

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I will leave you a gingerbread house that you can take a bite of. And some milk. I would like a new toy race car just like the one that i play with at school. It is red, blue, black and yellow.
Alias Neggie

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a thrash and throw T-Rex. I have been a good boy.
Love, Brayden Potts

Dear Santa,
I would like a new Christmas book, a Little car, 3 com-

puters, a toy school, headphones and a Christmas lights. And a toy Christmas tree and a table. Maybe some toy walkie talkies. Two of them.
Love, Joseph Ranger

Dear Santa,
I want a battery for a little car. Love you Santa.
Your Friend, Gabriel Ridgeway

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Porg. Its from Star Wars. Where do you get your magic from?
Love, Lily Schroeder

Dear Santa,
Haw can your elves make toys? I want a unicorn shirt.
Love, Macy Somers

Dear Santa,
I want a grinch action figure. And I also want a computer so I can play games and it can only play games. I wasn't in trouble. I was on the good list. Santa only comes to good kids.
Love, Levi Storey

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty for Christmas but I hope I get a sparkly dress too. I hope I get those two things.
Love, Araceli Truman

Dear Santa,
I want a big giant snow maker. I want everything that you want to give me.
Love, Jaclyn Werner

Dear Santa,
I want a pool. And a trampoline. And a nerf gun. New shoes too. And a watch.
Love, Skyla Whitefield

Dear Santa,
I want and Elf on the Shelf. And that's all. When is Christmas? Love you Santa Claus.
Love, Charles Woodbury

Dear Santa,
I want a toy 4-Wheeler.
Love, Myles Zielinski

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car, a toy gun, and a driver for my remote control car.
Love, Hunter Fettes

First Grade Mrs. Gombos/Ms. Hysell

To Santa,
I'm excited for Christmas. I would like a tableat. I would like a Pony. I would like a Phone. I would like a LOL. I hope your having a great time at the north pole.
Your friend, Talia

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To Santa,
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Emma

dear Santa,
I hop you can Aford the tenb2wi I Hop that my elf Come Early. If you cant get me the dswi then can you get me ninja turtle set.
thanks, Paxton

to Santa,
Pace car. Hi Santa! my name Is Tanner. My favorite Pokemon is Litten. My favorite dog is a pug. My favorite sport is Basket Ball. Merry Christmas.
Tanner

dear Santa,
How are you? I am Zoe. How are the Reindeer? I would like Monster High Stuff And Markers. i am very excited for Christmas. I Hope you Travel Safely.
Sincerely Zoe Lynn Throop

Hi my name is Bria. I love you. Can i pls have slime. and a new iPad Pls. thats all. marry Christmas and have a good time with your family!

I wat a Bike and Scooter Bike and a boyoubol.
from Zach

dear Santa,
I want 99 Pokemon Packs and 3 Nerf guns. I want a green snake to. Am I on The Nice List?
From, Christin

To Santa,
I want the New lost thunder booster box. and I want a ex box. My favorite sport is hockey. My favorite fruit is banana. My favorite Pokemon is Pikachu. Do you like Pokemon?
from, Mason Beatty

Dear Santa,
I would like a unicorn! I would Also like a Play house! if it is not to much to Ask A Computer. I really want my front teeth.
Your friend,
Amyah

Dear Santa,
i cant wait to see my Benten watch. i hope Mrs. Claus and raindeer are doing good? Nex Santa did you know i Like lego batman and gears of war. My favorite cookie is chocolate chip.
From Damien

Dear Santa,
I Whant a kittin for chistmas and a tent too.
From Geni

to Santa,
Der Santa I Whont Poke Mond Cards, tablit wishd of os. I like Dresis. I wil lev milk and cookies.
Frome, Bristol

to Santa,
I want a tablet. A fone for my Mom. A Stuffed animal for my sister and a blanket for my little Sister. my dad will like a hammer.
from, Sophie

Dear Santa,
I want For Christmas a box of LoLS. merry Christmas Santa
From, Aubrie

to Santa,
I ben good. I wat sum Pokemon for christmas and I want a golden retriever it's a dog. I had Fun at School.
From Jacob

Dear Santa,
I would like a Pokeball, a godzilla set. and a Pokemon set. I would also like some Pokemon cards. And some straws for my milk. A zoo set. I would also like some crayons and an Ice cream set. And a car set. A bike for outside, and maybe an outside car. I really want a train set to.

From, Leo
dear Santa,
I would like a modre sikle and a trampoline and 200 dolrs, for weelr and 9000000000 dolrs.
From, Josiah

Mrs. Schemanski-Dean

Dear Santa,
How mainy presents do you Have to make? I no How to run. I want a nintendo switch and Pokemon and legos.
Travis Anderson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing santa. I wont super charge bumble bee and a phone.
From Anthony Patterson

Dear Santa,
haw are you doeg? Haw are you doing Santa in the north pol. for Crismis I wot a Phone, Sparkle makeup it fuzze Duaire I wot 10 SParkle Pens. and unicorn fuzz shirts.
Marley and Neggie

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I Have Been Doing good this year. This Year I Woud like a DirtBike, rc Car, And A New Pencil Box.
Nelson Phinney

Dear Santa,
how ar you doing? I am bein good. for chistmis I wot a swing set, A new phone, a fuzzy tyre, pank skirt wiath

fluwrz, a gipen, a spucirey gress.

Taylor Laube

Dear Santa,
How are the reinder. I Bin good. Can I Hav Strecthies and Dirr. Squishies memess, A New Bed, new Shoes. i wot all The candy in The world, and motor cycle.
Jadyn Lincoln

Dear Santa,
how are your reindeer. I've Been good Santa. I want a Pillow, a Pink blanket, 2000 Suckers, 2 Boxiz of Carrots, 2 games and a ilit Paint and Paper and Books and WhiteBoards.
From, Willow Snyder

Dear Santa,
How are Your reindeer Dong? I Bin rile good. I wut a Baby fengrleg and a mom fengrleg and slim and a presint fr Mom and a presint fr mi Dad.
Harper Whitefield

Dear Santa
Santa is the rander down good. I bin good. I want Lagos. frum, Noah Lufelt

dear Santa,
How are you? I Ben good. I wont fingerlings men and a rel Horse.
Avarie Granger

Dear Santa,
Ask How is Vixin Doin? gud How Is Your Helpre Doing, Well. toe stuf an mais.
Frum Isabell Liebler

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? I am Awsome for Crismis I want Indoraptor, T.rex, got lit, Spider man toy and
from Colten Pinder

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? How are you Doing? I like Speding Time With my Family. I want for christmas is makeup and Bike.
From Sophia Bruning

Dear Santa, How Are you? My name is Bentley Bell. I want A stack of Pokemon cards Please and A Scooter.
from Bentley Bell

Dear Santa,
how Do you have magic? I am good. 100 candy, 100 presents, 100 dollars, what is your reindeers names? commet
I sarah Long

Dear Santa,
how is rudolph doing? My favorite thing is makeup. for christmas I want a fidget spinner and lots of Golden fidget spinners. a 1,000.
Megan

Dear Santa,
how are your elves? Im great! LoL Big Sister LoL Baby's LoL Pets
from Addison Kruttlin

Dear Santa,
How are you? I bin rilre Kraze this year. thanos KonKconadmakr.
Drew Bradley

Dear Santa,
 how is your reindeer? I've been really good this year.
 Kodi Haske

Dear Santa,
 Why do You Like Cookies. I want a horse. I Like Cookies With Milk.
 Matthew Ho Ho Ho Brook Ho Ho Ho

**Second Grade
 Ms. Misiak's Class**

Dear Santa,
 May I please have a real pony. Could he be all black? the pony will need a barn, because it is cold outside. Could you please build the barn and fence so he can run around.

Abby Belanger, 2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you? I'm sometimes bad at home but I'm always good and nice at school. I would like comet. She is a cat that walks and meows and is white and is gray. I want Comet because I saw her at Bronner's she was so cute. I could not stop looking at Comet. I want a guitar with horses on it because I like horses and guitars. How do you know if kids are on the nice list or not?

Love, Addison Griffin, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 how have you been? I have been looking forward to a fake toy anaconda. I have a question for you. How long does it take you to fly in your slay all around the world in just one night? I would like a toy fish that swims when it is in water. How did you like your treat last year? Good bye see you later!

Rainey Miller

Santa Clause North Pole
 Dear Santa,
 How do you go down a chimney without getting burned? I think you are magic. I think I have been a

good boy this year, and would like a Ninjago Coloring book. I like to design from the books after I color new characters. Also I could use a new pair of tall camo boots for all the snow. I am leaving you a plate of cookies for you to share with your reindeer. Fly sale, watch out for all animals. Wish you the best.

Gunner Lanski-Buric

Dear Santa,
 how are you? I would like a Disco Ball and a DSI. Also I want a movie called the Greatest Showman. I would like some candy in my Stocking please.

your friend, Gracie Travis

Dear Santa,
 How do you get into chimneys? I think Its magic. Ive Been amazing This year. I would Like a New Barbie Dream house. The one whith the Pool and Slide. I want to use It as a hotel whith my Barbies. More LoL Babys Please. because for my New Barbies They can Be a Mom. I would Like a Locket Whith my whole Family in it Please. Thank you for all the gifts That you gave me and I hope every kid is Happy Whith their gifts in the whole World.

Love, Adriana Grimshaw, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 I want a real tractor with a snow blower, a bucket, a rake and a square baler. I will use it for chores. Next, I want a 243 gun. I want to use it for hunting. I also want a riding lawn mower. Please make sure that it comes with a small rake so I can rake leaves. A gun case for my guns would be nice. I want toy hay equipment to play with. I like farming. I love you Santa.

Love, Brayden Morrison

Dear Santa,
 Did you like The cookies I made last year? I think you

did because they were all gone. I have been good this year. Can I please have a Browns Pepper's jersey. I want this because, I like Jabrill Peppers. Also he is very good at football. The jersey is brown with orange and white letters. My size is youth small or 7-8. I also want a dirt bike racing shirt with Goddard on the back. I want this because, my other racing jersey has someone else's name on the back. I want it to look like my favorite dirt biker racers jersey, Aaron Plesenger. The last thing that I want is a Hovercart. So I can race people around the yard. I want the colors to be black and gray. My brother and sister also want one of these so we can race. P.S. I hope Michigan beats Ohio State next year!

From, Grady Goddard

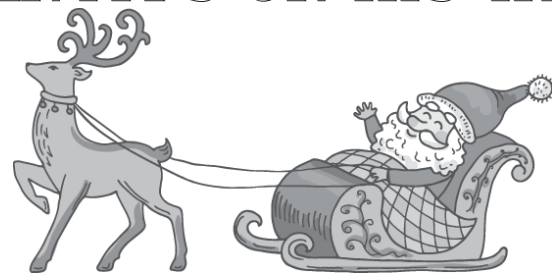
Dear Santa;
 I have been very good this year and I hope you dont eat to much cookies. and I hope you have a safe trip going from house to house. and I really want a Direy. and a hamster. and I really want a Direy because I want to know how my Day was. and I really want my family to be happy and I want to be surerise in my stocing and to be a Santa stocing. and I hope we can get our christmas decorations on our Christmas tree up befor Christmas.

Love, Emma Griggs

Dear Santa,
 How many elves do you have? I think 52. I have been good this year. I want a tablet for Christmas this year and toy trucks and a yoyo and a set of legos from the lego ninjago movie. and i also want a set of legos from the movie star wars. I will play with them since they are toys. thank you for all the presents last year.

love Jonathan Tessmer

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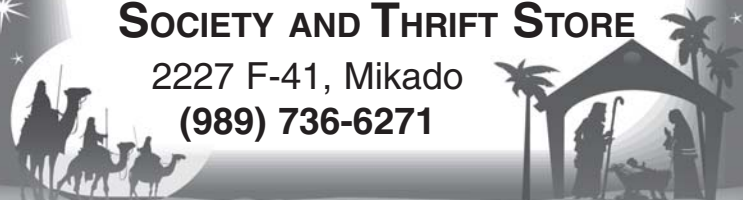
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PEACE

*"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; for there was no room at the inn."
 Luke 2:7*

It is with great joy that we welcome the spirit of the Christmas Season here. We thank you for being such an important part of our happiness and our success as friends, neighbors and customers. God Bless you and yours.

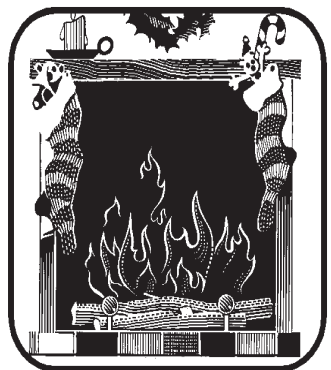
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"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

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



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

**David H. Cook
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 and Staff**



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Dear Santa,
What do elves look like? I think they look like furry creatures. I've been a little bad this year. This year I want Legos. I would like any Avengers set, please. I would build them with my sister so we can play. I would also like a toilet paper launcher. It's a toy gun that shoots toilet paper. I would shoot my sister with it. It would be funny. My sister keeps trying to tell me not to believe in you, so my mom called her a grinch. Is she on the naughty list? I hope I don't get coal. I'll try to be good.

Love, Aiden Geddert, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How do you get every present to all of the kids in one night? I would like a playmobil treehouse and a nintendo switch. I will feed the reindeer this year.

Abel Birk

Dear Santa,
I been good this year. I would like a polly poket. I would like a Jurnul. I would like a Bairbi. I would like a tablet. I would like a phone. I would like a make upset and make up. I would like a Des. I would like a Bairbi hous. I would like a baribi coliring booke. I would like a ring and a nekles. No Mater what I get I will be happy.

Love, Savanna Skiera

Dear Santa,
What do you feed the reindeer? I think you feed them carrots. I'm trying to be really good this year. For Christmas this year I would like a canopy. I would really like for it to be pink and purple. If I get it I would put it over my bed and sleep like princesses do. I would also like a barbie house, My barbies really need a house of their own. I would be so fun for them. I Love you Santa, I hope your year has been great with the elves.

Sincerely,
Gracie Mae Barkley

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are doing well. I have

been having some troubles in school. but I am trying to work on it. If it was possible, I would like to get a pokemon named Pikachu. I would like to raise him to be strong and play with me. He is an electric type pokemon that's fast, smart and playfull. The only other thing I would want is a Nerf Machine gun. I would like ti to shot the bad guys in my dads video game Destiny 2.

Sincerely,
Steven Comstock

Dear Santa,
how do you make it all around the world in one night? I think you have super speed. I have been good this year santa. What i want for christmas is my own computer. I would play my own games and tech my self to type. this year i also want a keyboard. So i can learn music and write my own songs. and can you also get some more clothes. becuse most of my clothes are ether to big or to small. thank you for the presents last year santa. I hope you enjoyed the milk and cookies i left you

Love, Ry

Dear Santa,
Have I been good or naughty? I think that I have been good. I do all my chores! This year I would like Squishies. I would like any kind of squishy, big or small. I am going to squeeze them all day long and take them to school to help me with my stress. I would also like paint. I would like fabric paint in all colors. I like to repaint my squishes. In addition, I would like a pink and teal art box, popsicle sticks and paint brushes. Thank you for all the toys last year. I hope you will come by our house and put presents under the tree. There will be cookies, milk and carrots for the reindeer.

Love, Breanna Link

dear Santa,
I wonder how you do not get sick? I think you dont get sick cause you take special medicine and kep warm. I wot a xbox and a ifon and a book. thank you santa.

Maggie May

dear Santa,
Ihav a question do raindeer fly? I think they do fly. I think I have been good and bad. I want a green sled. it has to be long with 2 handuls on the side. I'm going to slide on the green sled really fast. I want stickers to go on it so it can be decorated. Ialso wnat my own elf. Make sure you dont eat alot fo cookies or drink alot of milk so you dont get a belly ache.

Sinslerly, Logan Lyke

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas Thunder hawk. Break out beast. Computer. Blue T-rex fingerling. Scelaton finger ling and a timer. Thank You for the presnts last year. merry christmas

Holden Mahalak

Mrs. Samp's Class

Dear Santa,
how can you hold that big bag of presents? I think it will

fall off. You kind of took the real meaning of Christmas and turned the focus away from Jesus, who is the real reason why we even have Christmas. I have been really good this year. What I would like for Christmas is a Barbie Doll that's dressed for winter and has a car. I want it because I really like Barbie Dolls. I would play with it when I've got nothing to do.

Love, Karissa Jamieson, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Here's a joke for you that I hope you enjoy. What's the first thing elves learn in school? the "elf" a bet!! hahaha. For Christmas this year, I would like a medium-sized Star Wars storm trooper action figure. He has a white helmet and suit. I just want one toy and not be greedy so that way there are enough toys for other kids. Thank you for my presents last year. I will leave you an enchillada or some nachos because you get so many cookies!

Love, James Storey, 2nd grade

Dear Santa claus,
Hoe so you make your clothes? does ms. claus make your clothes? I think I have been good this year. I Like the mountain Arrest Lego set because it Has A Helicopter. I think Legos are Cool because when you drop it does not Break. and I Hope you have a merry Chistmas.

Love, Reid Schroeder, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Hoe may elves do you have. You must have four thousand. I have been good this year. This year I would like a Maximus horse and repunzel doll and Spirit riding free movie. Thank you for my presents last year. I will have cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.

Love, Adriana Grove, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite flavor of a candy cane, mine is peppermint. I have been good, thank you for asking. I would like for christmas the harry potter great hall and me and my mom are going to build a peace every night. I would also like a flipazoo cat that can turn into a dog. Hope you have a safe trip!

Love, Zoey O'Connor, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I wonder how your sleigh is able to fly, I think it has a small hidden engine or magic dust. How do you eat cookies and milk all night and not get sick? I would get sugar rush and get sick. For Christmas I would like the treasure X game, you get to find treasure that is gold dipped, I think it is stuck in rocks. Next I would like a sky nook hanging reading tent, it is a tent that hangs from the ceiling that you can go inside and read. Next I would like a crate creature, it is a monster with a floppy tongue.

Thank you,
Brenton Merillat, 2nd grade

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jordyn somers, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 I would like to ask you a question. would you like cookies with milk and some carrits for your good raindeer. cuse we have some. can i plese have mario odyssei also i have been a good boy this year. ok lets get back to what i want to plese have. can i have a mini drone for chismas plese. What i would realy like is hex bugs. i want to get them so i can have some thing cool and intresting to have. i would like a tablet cuse the one i had broke. and i would like a wrestle guys i sall them on a commercial and they looked cool. so can i please have those things allso thank you for all the presents last year. i hope you have save trip. dont eat to much cookeis. thanks for every thing santa

Cody Kimball,
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 Can you make yourself invisable and make the presents invisable and be very quiet so that Amber does not bark when you come in? I have been a really good boy this year so I am hoping to get Mine Craft Lego's with a portal in it. The portal goes to the Nether. The Neter has evil people in it Like Black Skeletons. Ireally Love Mine Craft Lego's and will be happy with any that you give me. I also hope one of your elves will stay with me this year. Thank you Santa for all the wonderful presents that you gave me last year. I will Leave you delicious cookies and milk.

I Love you Santa,
 Tommy McKenzie,
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 Do you have any pets? maybe you have pet raindeers. I want a stickbot for christmas so I can stick it in the window. My brother Alex wants Benny and the ink machine chapter. I hope you have a great day for Christmas.

Love, Christian Altman,
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 I was wondering who your favorite reindeer is. My favorite is Rudolph the red nosed reindeer because his nose glows. This Christmas I would like a microphone. It comes with a speaker. I like to sing and I need a microphone so people will hear me sing. I would also like a guitar. I would like one that is small enough for me. The guitar I want is red. I will

leave you milk and cookies and some carrots for your reindeer.

Love, Aidan Conklin,
 2nd grade

dear Santa Claus,
 Do you have a speacial oven to Bake such Pretty cookeis? I think yore Elves help you make cookeis! I would Like new Blue fuzzy PJays. have a safe trip santa!

from Lila Somers,
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 Who is your favorite reindeer? I think Rudolf is your favorite because he is my favorite. Can I please have a remote control car and a nerf gun for Christmas? I also need new boots please. I love my presents from last year! Thanks. Have a safe trip so the bag doesn't fall.

Love, Blayne Dellar,
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? How are your reindeer? I'm doing fine if you wanted to ask. I've had a bit of trouble this year. I got punished because I do naughty things sometimes. But I do nice things too! Santa, what do you do in your shop? What kind of cookies do you like? I like peanut butter chocolate chip cookies best. Would the reindeer like carrots this year? I think every person should have happy days. I think everyone should know that you and the elves work really hard. I think my mom deserves farm things what about you? I also think my baby brother Cole should have stuffed animals and stuff to chew on. My dad probably would like a grown up gun. I want to go hunting with my dad. Can you put a deer on it please? Paisley Kay is my little sister, we don't always get along. She might want the mermaid Paw Patrol because her favorite show is paw patrol. What things do you like Santa? If I have made your nice list I do have a few

things in mind. Over the summer my bike broke, I would like a new purple one. Usually my sister and I fight, we could use a new TV in our room. It doesn't work sometimes. That's how we keep from fighting most of the time. Maybe a couple new movies? I really like descendants dolls and descendants 3 the movie is out I think. Anyways that's what I like and I hope you write back! Also is my sister on the naughty list? Thank you for reading my letter. I like you and the elves.

Love, Madisyn Rau, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 I was wondering why elves ears are pointy? I thing it's so they hear better. I have been good this year except a couple small mess ups. This year I want a biggie Pet. A Biggie Pet is a big lol pet. I plan on playing with it with my cousin Izzy. I would also like a mouse toy for my cat Chevy. So we can play together more. The last thing I'm asking for is toys for my brother. he is 10 months old and likes little cars. I really enjoyed all of my presents last year Thank You! I promise to be good again this year. I hope you have a great christmas!

Love, Monica Welsh,
 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
 Santa is Rudolph still the head deer in your pack?? I think he is cool!! This year I would like an Xbox for Christmas. I have been a very good boy! I would also Like games for my Xbox. Have a safe trip and Keep thoes Raindeer feed for the trip.

Love and God Bless,
 Christopher S. Kroon,
 2nd grader

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Kent and Connie Sysak

Dear Santa,
Which Reindeer is your favorite? I think its Rudolf because he's the baby and everyone loves the baby and his nose glows so you can see where you're going! This year I would like to get a new remote control car that's red because that's my favorite color and that does tricks. I would also like a white and grey husky puppy with blue eyes.. I will take him for walks and clean up after him every day. I want to name him Grant Jr. Thank you for being so nice to me and my family. Fly safe and stay warm. Merry Christmas.

Love, Grant Good, 2nd grade
P.S. my brother is on the naughty list ill take his presents too!

Dear Santa,
What do the reindeer like to eat? May I please have a LOL doll?

Maisy White, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite reindeer? my favorite reindeer is Dancer and Prancer. I would like a machine nerf gun.

Andrew Budnik-Dewey, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
May I please have a real rabbit. Could the rabbit be white and grey with short fur. I'll need a cage so he can stay in my room because my dog grabs lots of things. Could I please have an L.O.L. doll? I like glam glitter.

Maisy, 2nd grade

**Third Grade
Mr. Robinson's Class**

Dear Santa,
I would like a big big bag of candy. I should get it because I'm always been good except for when I hit my cousins and make them cry other then that I've been veary good and I would like a remot controled robot xbox 1 and all the other things I listed.

Thank you, Uriah

Dear Santa,
nintendo switch. I have been a good boy this year and please give me the thing I wont. trust me i been a good boy.

Thank you, Aiden Gibson

Dear Santa,
can I git a nentadoe slich with the miario kart 8 also.

I thenck I dsrv it because I trie to be good.

Thank you, Alexander

Dear Santa,
I want a iPhone 10x Pleas Pleas Pleas Pleas thank you and I want a playstashon and a nintendo swich and a xbox live and a xbox one and I nowe I hav not been good all the time and I'm probly gonna get cole for chrismase and I'm probily gonna call you when it is chirimas even and I Love chirimas and people say tht they dont beliv in you But I belev in you.

Thank you, from Lochlin

Dear Santa,
I want a apple Laptop in the color rose-gold and a sparkly case for it or a Unicorn case for it. (2) Thing is a pink mouse for it (3) thing is a galaxy popsocket for my phone (4) thing is a unicorn phone case for a Galaxy J36V phone (5) 25\$ google playcards (6) 2 10\$ google play cards.

Thank you,
Myra Armstrong

Dear Santa,
I want for christmas is a dog. i want a mountain cur that is what kind of dog it is. my other dog died that is why i want a nother dog.

Thank you,
Adelle Ester Boyat

Dear Santa,
can I have a Phone. I haven't Been that good I'm sorry. you are best Santa Claus. PS. very very sorry

Jacob Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been a good good boy could I have a x-box thank you.

Thank you,
Michael Burnett

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a google Pixel 3 Phone Please. I want it because I have been good all year. I also want a apple laptop Please. I also want a gold cross necklacs Please.

Thank you, Caiden Glick

Dear Santa,
all I wont to tell you is one thing. I wont for Christmas is as hoverbord because I know how to use it and i be good in school.

Thank you, Tina Cripps

Dear Santa,
can I have a brand new tower computer and the reson wy I diserv it is ive been somewhat good this year right. and an i phone ten x a clean room, 100\$ rc car, save the world on bike, fall out 76, terra tech on pc, biger tv in my room and my Dad's room, my own wif, adapter for head set for pc.

Thank you,
Spencer Vantine

Dear Santa,
I want da \$, I will git da \$ because I have never in my life got a yellow slip. so you better give me \$!

Thank you, Asher

Dear Santa,
I want a nerf gun sniper and I am sorry what sadie I hope you bileve me.

Thank you, Xander Cruz

Dear Santa,
I want a Amiracan Doll Kichen/car to I have been very good exept my yellow slip but thats all that iv got and Just to Be Nice I want to give you Cups of Milk and 4 cookies and can I have a pupy and a house. P.S Matt S yenh dughter and a paone.

Thank you, Riley Yehl

Dear Santa,
Can I Please have t chrome bug with a case and a mouse Please Because I kleend up the living room when my Dad told me to and I did not wnyh.

Thank you, Love Josh Abee

Dear Santa,
I woud like a x-box one with Lego mario super heros 1 plese not 2 and the nem star lin and pokemon lots pekacu for my nintendo swic. i think i was prity good it is up too you for crismas PS how do you get around in one night. PPS. Please send trip soun

Thank you, Henrik Healy

Dear Santa,
My Numbe (1st) thing I want is a chromeBook. and the (2nd) thing I want is a Makeup set. p.s I have Been Kind of good this year. and I will Leave you Milk and cookies. But one more thing I want in my Stoking is a candy cane with candy inside. and all of that other stuf that you can pick out for you.

Thank you,
from Khloe Boyd

Dear Santa,
for Christumas I want a science kit because I have ben good at school and at home.

Thank you, Alexis Peterson

Dear Santa,
Can i Please have 3 big hatchimals becuse i tried to be Good and also can i have a Galaxy Phone case.

Thank you, Alyssa hale

Dear Santa,
this is what i want for chistmas i what a big sister and a litel sister LOL and a chromebook and a mose. Plees

Thank you, Cia Cox



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Dear Santa,
I want a game for my x Box 1. I have been pretty good this year. I will leave cookies and milk. Merry Christmas, Alex Altman

Ms. Gough's Class

Dear Santa,
The reason why I like christmas is because you get to see your family. What I want for christmas is nothing because I don't think I was good enough. Why do you need to cookies when go to kids house?

love, Alexis schmidt,
3rd grade merry christmas!

Dear Santa,
my favorite Part you get to hang out with friend's and family for Christmas. I want a Lego set. a good Christmas. a good christmas Day and night. make up. a Big Ball. Clothes. a Bag full of candy. a Bag full of Stuffed animals. How do you eat cookies in one night? How Do you see and look at kid's? Do you know the Easter Bunny. Do you know Jack and The Tooth Fairy?

Love, Amie

Dear Santa,
My favorite Part about Xmas is Spending alot of time with Family. I want the L.O.L. Spy Capsule even bigger Surprise, Shopkins, books and a hoverboard for X mas. My question for you is, How do you give every Single Person in the the world like 10 presents in one night? P.S. Love you much merry X mas

Sincerely, Amelia Elizabeth Sommer. thank you.
3rd Grade

dear santa,
My favorite thing abot crismas why do you make reindeer fly? i want a xbox and a PS and jeezy 350 size , hachet and nife kit and ax and micer fone and head foens.

From jaxon Morgan,
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
My Favroite part about cristmas is Presents! I Asked for lego more legos a Watch. do you like strawberry Milk? Are you Real?

Love, Ayden Wilson,
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
This is what I want a Baby Kitten, a table, and a drone and a hover board. And also I want a vampire doll of vamperila.

Love, Twyla, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
my favorite part about christmas is we are surprised when we go out to the Livingroom and cool presents are sitting out there and please and thank you for the presents this what I want for Christmas please I want a mote control car and a wii and mote control dinosour Pleas ps: my elf is awsome.

Love: Reid

Dear Santa,
My favorite Part about christmas is santa gives us lots of gifts. My gifts I wont are a bow and arrow and a hudred dolars. Santa I wanted to know how you eat all those cookies thats not good for you, you are so fat. ps. Shailagh happy Christmas I Love you so much you are the best.

Dear Santa,
Can I have a thing for my dogs a bed a bone and a dogs coat. one for cole and one for ceaser and one hat for the pugs I Love you Santa thank you Santa

Taelyn Mac Neill, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
you work hard to get Presents to People allover the World. How do you make the toys? How do you carry all the Stuff? You carry Like millions of Presents. How big is the north Pole? Is it a toy factory.

Love, Evan Gehring,
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
My favorite part about Christmas is spending time with my family! I want a horse for chrimas! Do you wath me in my room?

from Julie-ann Akers, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
My favoite thing about Christmas is that you can spend time with your friends and family these are some toys I want for Christmas. A real Kitten, candy, a ginger bread house, a horse, a ginger bread man. I have a qeshion? What is your favoite Kind of cookie?

from Madison, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I will be good so I will get Presents. Can you get me weights. Santa why do have elves Santa why do bring people presents. Santa why do you make toys. Santa, why do you eat so many cookies.

Brett Travis

Dear Santa,
My favorite part about xmas is family and presents I want a John Deere tractor. Fortnite for Nintendo Switch. Do the elves Make all the toys?

Love Ethan Levine, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I wont a new motor for my go Kart and a new nerf gun to play with And why do you eat all of those cookies All the Time.

Sincerely, Jack

Dear Santa,
My favorite part about Christmas is celebrating God's birthday and opening presents. This year I what a baby rabbit and candy please. i have some questions to ask you. Why is your name Santa and how did you get your name.

Love Abigail Wartley,
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
My favorite part of christmas is celebrading Gods birthday. I want a cozy blanket. How many elves do you have.

Sincerely, Joshua Perez,
3rd

Dear Santa,
My favorite Part about christmas is decorating the tree. What I want is three Kinds of Slime. Why do you like cookies and milk so much?

Love: Alexandra
PS Merry christmas


Dear Santa,
My favorite part of Christmas is all the food and family. I would like a new Chrome Book and Some toys for my parrot. How do you make all the presents?

Love, Juliet

**Fourth Grade
Miss Przybyla's Class**

Dear santa,
Thank you for all the things you get me each year I really appreciate it. For christmas I would like to go down state and see my family. How is the reindeer? How are you? I can't wait for you to visit my house this year.

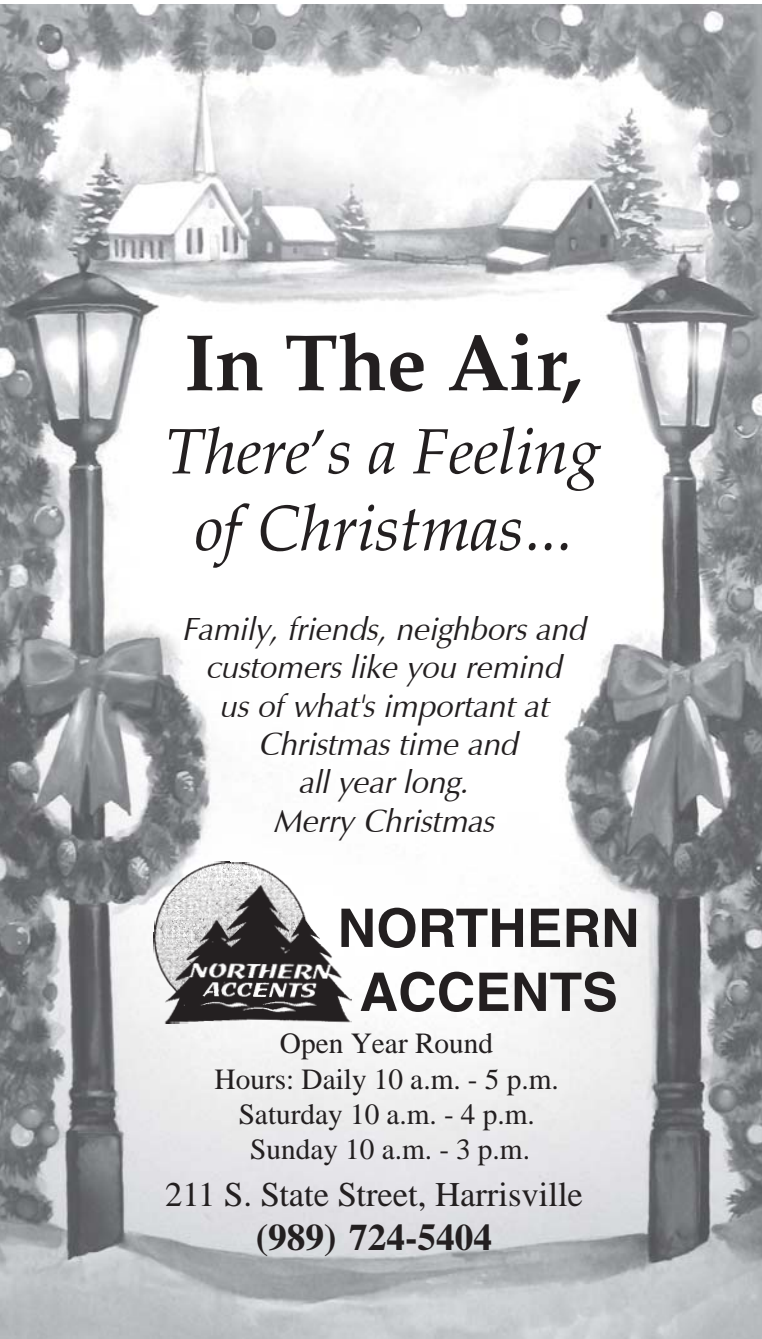
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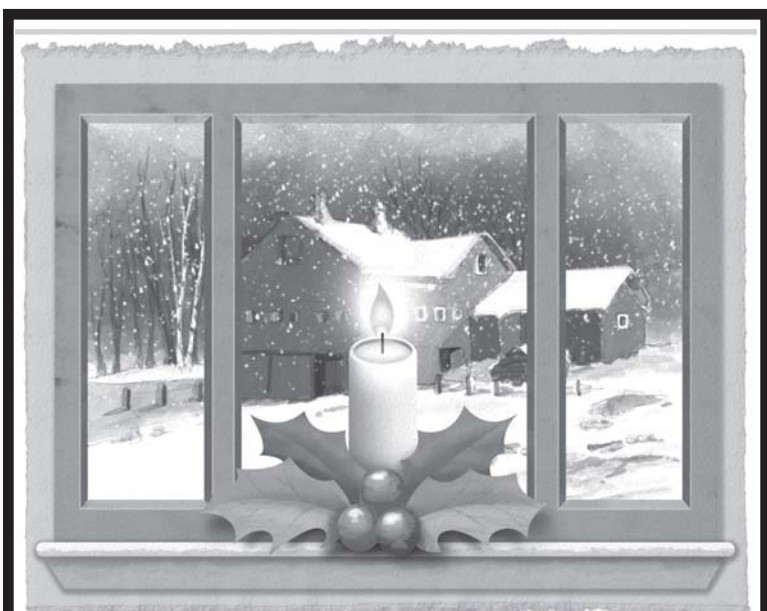
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Dear santa, I'm thankful for my family, friends and pets. I would like a new blanket, sketchbook, pencils, squishy and slime. How do you get the Reindeers to fly?

Sincerely, Ariana Hussain

Dear santa, I'm so grateful for my family. For christmas I want a new nerf gun so I can shoot it at my cats and maybe at my sister's too. Do you have any kind of cookies that are your favorite. I'll leave out carrots for your reindeer to.

Sincerely, Cooper Breier

Dear Santa, I am thankful for my family and friends. I love christmas it is my favorite holiday. what I For christmas is a BB gun and a couple of arm sleeves and a pair of under armour shoes And pants. thank you santa for everything.

Love, Josh Siebert

Dear santa, Ilove the presents you gave me last year. Im grateful for my family and freinds. how are you and the reindeer doing. you are welcome for the cookies and milk I gave you last year. This year I would like for christmas, a iphone x, with case, American girl doll, dress clothes, dress boots size 5, a poster board that says girl boss, exercise pants.

Your loving freind
Willow ward

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the joy you have put in my life. How do you get to eat all those cookies in one night? Also I would love more money. So we can have more heat in the Winter.

Sincerely Addison Birk

Dear santa, Who is your favorite reindeer? Mine is rudolph because his nose glows and he is different to other reindeer. For christmas may I have milk chocolate, lol dolls, new clothes and for people all around the world to have presents. When you come for Christmas I will leave you

cookies for you. My favorite holiday is Christmas not because of the presents. its because you get to spend time with your family and friends. P.s I love christmas so much and I love this holiday so much.

Sincerely Sawyer Somers
4th grade

Dear Santa, I am thankful for all your had work. For christmas I would like a white and red sweatshirt and muck boots And lago bodum nike shoes.

Sincerely, Josh Sobek

Dear santa, I'll thank you for life if you get me a ground punching bag or a pack of pens cool pens. I hope you are having a good time with the elves and with rudolf. I love that you give Christmas cheer. Plus i hope you don't go throw so much stress you don't get stressed in the movies well besides 2. I really apriciate it.

Your freind, Lucas haskins,
Ps why cant the elves help deliver the presents

Dear Santa Claus, What I want for christmas is, A hoverboard, LOL dolls, I really would like if you could get my to little sisters new clothes pleas. I would like a hatchimal, connect sand, a magic set, I would love a scooter. Santa what's your favorite color? Is it red? What's your favorite reindeer? I'm so grateful for, my family and friends.

Love, Raven Whitefield

Dear Santa Claues, You are my best friend. How is Mrs. Claues this year? I would like a gymnastics bar. If you saw my cat will you please give her back to us. I really miss her vary much. We will give you cookies and carrots for your raindeer and milk. I am thankful for my family.

Love your friend
Claire Somers

Dear Santa, Thank you for making kids happy from all around the world! What is your favorite kind of cookies and how are

your reindeer? And are you lactose intolerant? Here's what I want a phone with a galaxy pop-socket and an american girl doll. will you please bring back claires cat Jingle it would make her happy. And please bring my family good presents.

sincerely, Katelyn sommer

Dear santa, Hi santa how are you doing. how are the reindeer. For christmas I what batman stickers. And minion stickers. And Minion figure. And batman figure. And books shiloh all. And Movie shiloh all. And books christmas shiloh and stuffed animals And anything. thankful family friends.

Sincerley kalab

Dear Santa, I am grateful of family and friends. For christmas I would like super tip markers 100 of them american girl doll clothes Bad kitty books all of them please lol dolls woner book pjs water bottle pink somth phone case pop socket american girl doll the movie wonder the shoih book and the movie the shioh christmas book mb3 player how do you find us in floida.

sincerely Syerra clissold

Dear santa, I hope you have a safe trip here and I thank y9ou for all your hard work for this special holiday. Thank you for doing all this hard work for all the little girls and boys. I have a friend that would love to have a iphonex, pop socket, prsten style sweatshirt. And I love to have a iphone, a pop socket, and underarmour/nike sweatpants and sweatshirt stuff. And I hope you have a safe trip back to the north pole. Thank you.

Sincerely, Claire Griggs

Dear Santa, Thank you for the last years gifts. I really love to spend the holidays with family & friends. I would like for christmas is a spirit riding free movie, my life stable & my family to be at my house for christmas day. How many Reindeer do you have besides the reindeer who pull your sleigh? How many elfs do you have?

Your friend Alexis Grove

Dear santa, Can I have a puppy for christmas. And have a safe trip here. I have been nice to everyone. And my friends want. 2 iphone, 2 popsockets nike clothing and youtuber merch And that is it.

Sincerely your friend
Aubree Davison



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 Love Elliyana Grimshaw.

Dear santa,
 I am thank for my family and friends. I would love if my grandma to get a kindney and 1 thing i would like is a camera.
 Love Trinity wilburn

Dear santa,
 I'm thankful for Santa claus, Mrs. Claus, and my family. I would like batman toys, four wheeler, and nerf vest. do you like dogs? Merry christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus
 Sincerely, Laken Middleton

Dear Santa,
 I hope you visit me this year! Oh and also how do reindeer fly? I'm so grateful for my brothers and one sister because what would I do. Thank you for your hard work it really pays of. have a happy christmas. For this christmas I would love a kumi creator please a kumi creator is for friendship and if i got it I would make one for my best friend sawyer. She sits right next to me. I also have another list at home so don't forget to pick it up. And also I have brothers and sister so there's are with mine to. PS. Don't tell but christmas is my favorite holiday.
 Love, Bailey Dellar

Dear Santa,
 This year I've been a good boy. I have a small list this year. I'm very thankful for all the presents you have given me and I'm glad i have a wonderful family. Here are a few things i want this year a nintendo switch with fortnite double helix bundle and a fortnite funko pop black knight figure. Hope you enjoy your beverage.
 Harrison Gehring

Dear Santa,
 I'm thankful for my like and mela to be happy. Did you like my cookies and milk did your reindeer like my carrots and reindeer food? I want a xbox one s. That's all I remember what i wanted for xmas.
 Love, Nathen Geddert

Dear santa,
 Thank you for everything you have done I am grafle for family and friends and schoo. can you get me body armor and a pair of jordan shoes.
 Sincerely, Brandon stanley

Dear Santa,
 I am thankful for all the hard work you do on Christmas eve. Did you know before you became Santa you were Saint Nicholas. What he did was help poor people in turkey. For Christmas I would like a Steiger Tractor. How many Christmas letters have you gotten so far?
 Sincerely, Josiah Jamieson P.S. How many people are on the nice list?

Dear Santa,
 Hay Santa what is the Reindeer favourite food? I will leave out caret's for the Reindeer. What is your favorite cookies and milk? I will put out Chocolate milk And chocolate cookies. I would like for Christmas some lol dolls or pets. I would also like my 3 family put together in 1 house and some money, and for me, andrea and monica to have a bunch of present's. I would appreciate a house for me, mom, and andrea and have my room have 2 closets.
 Sincererle, Izzabella Lincoln, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 how do you give everybody presents in one night? I hope I can be with my dad for Xmas. My friend Claire Griggs would like a iphone, pop socket, and under armor/nike sweatshirt/sweatpants. What I would like for christmas is a iphone, popsocket, Preston styles merch, gamer girl aka (Karina OMG) #sis team merch, llamacorn phone case and a cute potty trained puppy. Thank you for listening Santa.
 love, Katelyn Gordon

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for all the hard work you do on christmas and I have a question for you can you answer it please ok who is your favorite reindeer I want fortnite for christmas.
 Sincerely: Gavin

Miss Gross' Class

Dear Santa,
 My name is Trenton...you should know my name anyways enough of that. Ok let's get started #1 my questions: I really want to know how do you go down chimneys do you have like a potion to make them huge and soft? So it's not so grippy or it would scratch you all up? Or something am I right that's why this is a question. #2 what I want: I want a pair of football gloves, a real football tee, a junior size football, a fish tank, football cleats and finally to have a real beckham jr. jersey. #3 my wishes: I have 1 wish for you to be in the NFL!!! Thank you.
 Sincerely, Trenton, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 My name is Robert. I'm a fourth grader at Alcona Elementary School. I want a Nintendo switch, an Iron man wrist gauntlet, Infinity gauntlet, all Avengers action figures, minecraft, halo, call of duty, star wars, and marvel legos. Santa I know I'm not going to get all of them but if you could just get the nintendo switch that would

be great same with the iron man wrist gauntlet. Oh Santa a couple of questions. 1. How many elfs do you have? 2. Can you get me a snowboard. 3. When did you get rudolph?
 Sincerely, Robert L. Eby, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 You know my name and where I live I know I will be on the good list because my writing teacher believes in me. What is your favorite reindeer, I think it is Rudolph because his nose.
 Sincerely, Landin, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 My name is Adrian burnett I am 10 years old, but I have a question how do you get your Reindeer to fly. do you like cookies. Do you like Michigan or Michigan State, I have 3 dogs and one cat One of my dog's name is Roxy the other one is named autumn and the other one is CJ. I love unicorns one thing I Want for Christmas is A soft king size unicorn blanket. I have one mean brother hits me all the time, and for the truth I was bad Most of the year.
 Love, adrian Burnett, 4th grade



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 and fell down, and worshiped him...*

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Dear santa,
 My name is Ben Michael Myers I am 9 years old and I'm in 4th grade. What I want for Christmas this year is Madden 19 NBA2K 19 And I need some more hooded sweatshirt (Nike Under Armour or puma) Santa I have a question what are you eating up in the North Pole? And how do you get into my house there is no chimney in my mom always lock the windows and door so you can't get in so how do you get in it makes no sense?????
 sincerely your friend, Ben Myers, 4th grade

Dear Saint Nick,
 Hello! My name is Jaclynne, I go to school at Alcona elementary. I just turned 10 years old. I was born November twenty first 2008. I live in Harrisville Michigan. Can you please help my teeth grow in? Can I have a mountain bike? Also a nintendo duffel bag? A nintendo switch? Can I have a baby panda? Also, can my brother have a Lego Minecraft set? And two phones??? My mom, a cooking set? My dad, a new chainsaw:: And a new welding set? Questions: How do your reindeer fly? And how do you slide down chimneys so easily??? Thank you!
 Sincerely,
 Jaclynne Lockhart,
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 My name is Gabby Foster. I am 9 in a half years old and was born in the month of Feburary. I'm in 4th grade. I have one sister Lily, she's 1 and a half. I have one dog and one cat. My dog's name is Mischief. My cat's name is Cali. I love them all so much. My sister is a little clumsy but that's okay because i'm clumsy too. My favorite color is red. My favorite foods are pizza, tacos, spaghetti. My favorite animals are wolves, dogs And all animals except for some but I still care for them. I love fairy tales and books. I don't care what you get me i'm sure i'll love it either way. have a HAPPY YEAR!
 LOVE, !GAB'S!, 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 My name is Leigha Belanger, I go to Alcona Elementary School and I'm in the 4th grade. I Love Love Love dogs anyway here's what I need: snow pants & snow

boots (my boots that I have are getting small on me but I wear them anyway.) Now here's what I want: A watch, A tablet that has no internet, and dog (Or cat) that can eat (it is fake). Santa thank you for Being so kind and giving everyone presents for Christmas and one wish: I wish that Krystal (my sister) will get a lot of things she wants. and last of all I have some questions for you: how many elves do you have? How old are you? Can you say hi to Mrs. Clause for me? Thank you.
 Sincerely, Leigha Belanger,
 4th grade

Dear, Santa,
 My name is Everly Gordy I am 9 years old I have 2 sisters name Hailee and Ashlyn I also have 2 brothers named Lochlin and Tristan. Tristan is in the marine core and moved to north Carolina one year ago with his wife Burghan Gordy and I have a mom and a dad that I love very much and I also have some cats only four. I love Christmas. Christmas is my favorite time of year I am so glad Christmas is a holiday if Christmas wasn't a holiday people Wouldn't have Christmas trees up and red and green decorations. For Christmas I Would like some Michigan State blanket, Christmas PJs. Do you like Michigan or Michigan State Because I like Michigan State. How do you get down People chimneys every Christmas eve night. How do your reindeer fly! How do you get all the kids teenagers and adults houses every single Christmas eve night. Merry Christmas Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.
 Love, Everly Gordy,
 4th grade

Dear santa,
 My Name is RYAN WINDSOR. I'm in 4th grade at alcona Elementary. How do you get through chimney? How old are you santa? I need a dog toy for Koda. how many elves do you have? How do you get all around the world in one night? How many scot elf do you have? I want a hole collection of fnaf plushies, I want a hole collection of fnaf action figures, I want a snow cone maker, I want a cotton candy maker, I want a snow clob, I want a fnaf pillow.
 Love, RYAN WINDSOR,
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 My Name is Makeda Zbytowski. I'm a 4th grade student at Alcona Elementary School. I live in Harrisville Michigan. What i want for Christmas is a Cotton Candy Queen Mermaid tail, A lol pearl surprise, a water foot spa and a kitten. and I Have some Questions for you how many hours does it take you to deliver gifts all over the whole **entire universe**? And is it true that one of your reindeer has died? Which one? Merry Christmas!
 Love: Makeda Zbytowski

Dear santa,
 What I need is money at least 1,000\$. What I want is some nerf guns like the Infamous and Demolisher and world war 2 books so I can learn about the war. And a xbox one so I can play fortnite. What I wish is for everyone to go to church. One question, how old are you? let me know.
 Your Friend, Zachary Hall,
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 My name is Ellie and I have a few questions for you, When is Rudolph's birthday? How old are you? How many elves do you have? How long does it take you to deliver presents? For presents I would like a slime kit, nail polish, necklaces, mermaid tail blanket, ice cream plushie, coloring book, lol dolls, HUGE unicorn stuffed animal, HUGE stuffed bear, HUGE stuffed bunny, a gummy bear on a stick, reindeer stuffed animal and paint. I have a wish that nobody will bully. I am thankful for food water and shelter, friends and family.
 Merry Christmas
 Your friend, Ellie Norling,
 4th grade

Dear Santa,
 My name is Ceanna i'm in 4th grade at Alcona elementary School. And my needs are boots, snow pants, gloves. And what I want for christmas is a watch, apple watch, A scooter, a motorbike and my wishes are that my brother Will not be picked on. and i'm thankful for my mom, Dad, and money. and my questions are how many Elves do you have. and howes mrrss. closs.
 Sincerely, Ceanna Stearn,
 4th grade

Dear St. Nick,
 My name is Kaidance barnes. I am 9 years old. I love christmas it is one of favorite holidays. I am in 4th grade. I have a sister she is 2 years old. I have a dog. his name is triger. my mom's name is Judi Flerchinger. My dad's name is Dell Barnes. they got divorced a long time ago. My favorite color is purple my sisters favorite color is green. my mom's favorite color is red my dad's favorite color is also green. For Christmas I would like make up an money and ya. Ps my sister likes baby dolls.
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sincerely, Kaylee Belanger, 4th grade

Dear Santa,

My name is sierra. I am 10 years old. I go to school at Alcona Elementary. I am thankful for earth my family and my house. thank you for all of the presents last year. How is Rudolph and all of the other reindeer doing. I would also like to know how old Rudolph is. I hope all of the reindeer are doing good so they can make the flight all over the glob. How are the elves doing this year. Are they still working hard on making the toys for all of the kids? And most importantly how are you and mrs. Claus doing? Are you getting ready for the long flight? I would love to have a camera A new movie and a new story book. Two more questions, how do your reindeer fly? And how do you get into houses that do not have chimneys.

Sincerely, Sierra Wright, 4th grade

Dear Santa,

My name is Edju I am in 4th grade Mrs. Gross class in Alcona Elementary. I am 9 years old and favorite hobbies are hunting and fishing. My wishes are to conserve the deer and fish population and a world without war. What I need for christmas is a quad (to plow grandpa's driveway) 243 (for rifle season) mountain Bike (transportation). Santa what is it like up there I think it is 30 degrees below zero if it is right. What I wish to have for christmas is nerf guns, laser tag set, ligo kits, hunting and fishing kayak. thanks.

Sincerely, Edju Hechlik, 4th grade

Dear santa,

my name is hans and I am in 4th grade. and Mr. Gross is my teacher i think 4th grade is super fun. I go to alcona community schools. and for christmas I need underwear. and I want a xbox ones and a flat screen tv and fortnite monopoly and super bowl tickets for christmas. I have some questions Are you real how old are you and how old are your elfs how good do you write. I need to tell you i hope my mom will get better soon.

Sincerely, Hans Sever, 4th grade

Dear: santa,

I am Tristan. Sajad Hussain i live on hawley s.t in Alcona county I wish for a

lego mcFarlane FNAF set, a HOLE series of FNAF plushies Actually i want the all sereies this year!! and i want everything FNAF this year Question 1: cant all kids get presents even if there bad or good Question 2: can't you show yourself with rudolph.

Sincerely, Tristan at Alcona elementary schools Mrs Gross 4th grade

Dear Saint Nick,

Hello Santa, Im Holly Raven Cross-Price. I go to Alcona Elementary Im very Glad that Christmas is still Around!! I Really Really want a new lava Lamp or Lotions or maybe even Scented Body products. Like Lotions, Sanitizers and Body Butters! My Questions for you: How old are you? How are ur Reindeer Magical? why dont u shave ur beard? how do u eat all the cookies and drink all the milk that us kids leave out for you?!, how tall are u?, how many presents can u fit in ur magic sack?????

Warm Cookies with the Best Chocolate Chips, Holly Cross Price, 4th grade

Dear Santa,

My name is Danica I am in 4th grade at Alcona Elemenatry. For christmas I want a pottery wheel and camera. I am thankful for family and friends. My wish is to be captain of the soccer team. Questions when is your birthday? How long does it take at a house? how many houses do you ngo to at night?

Sincerely, Danica, 4th grade

Dear santa,

My name is olivia mre gauthier im 9 and I love you more than anything and I was born in 2009 my favorite food is pizza my favorite color is pink and purple kind of dark blue and hopefully you give me presents To me Ellie and allie and myra I need a job a house I want a Xbox 3000 a tablet a laser tag kit a dog blue purple color changing black back emoji color changing shirt a dog/cat Casa play and huge unicorn stuffed animal and the book American Chillers and my own computer I'm thankful for you're handing out presents do everybody in the world and you'll be nice to everybody in the world you are the best and I have questions for you why does Rudolph have a red nose How do you reindeer fly and

how do you travel all around the world In about 12 hours and how do you travel around the whole world what happens if They see you when you are handing out presents and everybody's house.

Love olivia, 4th grade

Dear Santa,

My name is Myera Holberton and i'm a 4th grade student at alcona elementary and I only want a couple of things I would like My sissy. And some lol doll's and a tablet and a phone and a Harry Potter cup tickets to see me sissy are you excited for christmas. Do you have a kid how do you fit down the chimney can you writer me. Back.

Sincerely. Your friend Myera Holberton, 4th grade

Dear santa,

Merry Christmas i hope you have a fun time all your deer ever rudolph and comet can you say hi to the bunny for me please set the trees and lights because you're coming to town. How do you get all over the world in 24 hours and why are fat where did you find flying reindeer did you make them fly how is jack frost i really want to meet him can you make my shelf on the elf move please. Can you please send me a four wheeler a Nerf sword a one of those finger Dino the crate creatures can it the Abominable Snowman I want a BMO I need a new case for my iPad okay can you answer me this what is your real names in Santa Claus how many elves do you have where did you find the elves how are they so old but still kids I want to know what I want a toy pig.

Eric Cann, 4th grade



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I'm proud to be in 5th grade! I really need everyone to give everyone who is less fortunate than me a place to sleep. A couple questions, how do reindeer fly? And how do you fly all over the world in 1 night? I'm very thankful for the city of harrisville, my parents and for all the teachers at Alcona elementary School, They have taught me for over 5 years. Thank you Ms. Gross and Mrs. Yokom. For being Funny and great teachers.

Ella Gehring

Dear Santa,
Lets get to my list. I want a cook Book, card Board, Beanie Babies, Book's, Video games, Bord games, Programed Lego car, a Spi Kit, and a Lego Brik Storeg. now What I need. Binders, Pencils, Books, Paper, duck tap. my wisis are for world Peace and a Quiet Please Sign, and for my freind emma to Be happy and for her wisis to come true. I'm happy for what I got Last year. So I'm going to tell you what I got. a drone, a Triangle and some other stuf.

Love: Emily Atkinson, family of Atkinson.

Dear Santa Clus,
My name is Shaylynn Baxter and I am in fifth grade in alcona elementary school. I would really like some books for Chrismas. I need some clothes for chrismas. And I am thankful for my family, friends, food and also water. I want to tell you about my Social Studies teacher and she is the greatest teacher ever. And i am in the best school ever. I would like to thank all the people in the world for being the best person ever. Thank you Santa for every single present you have gave the children. Thank you for everything. I would love for you to go and send everyone one thing that they have on there want list please and thank you. And make sure you give my sweet Social Studies teacher a great present. And her name is Ms. Gross.

Love, Shaylynn

Dear Santa,
My name is Madison and im in 5th at alcona Elementary School. I just wanna give a thanks to you for everything you done in the past and grateful for every Second of it. Santa this year can I please have a new phone, Cromebook, A happy family, a bigger room, a derpy pug named guppy, rescue runt, food/Water bowl for dogs, dog collar, Wolf plushie, pokemon cards and a lof bed. This year

and also heres what I need for christmas pills that show placque face/makeup wipes, razor, Shampoo/conditonor, sock, food and water and I have a quick question, Why cant we see you!

youre one and only,
Madison, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Addison Leeann Beatty. I'm a fifth grader at Alcona elementary school. I don't have anything to ask you for except two things. One, I would like some mats to do my gymnastics on if you can. I know your really busy this time of year and lots of kids need things more than I do. But this second thing is really important to me. I don't want anything more than this. I want everyone to have a happy Christmas. Not everyone has what I have or what my friends have, or what my teachers have. So, this Christmas I would like everyone to get what they want or need for Christmas. If I could I would give all of my Christmas wishes to them. Please try, I wouldn't want anything else in the whole universe than to know that everyone had a happy Christmas.

with lots of love,
Addison Beatty

Dear Santa,
My name is Matthew Brown. I need help with school and I would like a xbox one. I have tried to be good this year. I have helped to do the laundry and to make thanksgiving dinner. I would like a camera too. I will promise to try to be good. thank you.

Matthew Brown

Dear Santa,
This year has been okay I gusse but I can't wait for 2019. A couple of years ago my great grandma got really sick and I don't ever want that to happen again. This year she is turning 90 I want her to live at least tell she is 100 years old. If she does pass away I know she will go to a buataful place call heaven. Also I want everyone to have a white Christmas not a Blue Christmas. Fith grade is hard but I am not doing my worst. I am thank ful for everything I have. I hope you have a merry Christmas.

Sincerely, Charley Petty, 5th grade




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Dear Santa,
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 Thank you, Cuyler Smith

Dear Santa,
 My name is Connor Earegood and I am a 5th grader at Alcona Elementary. I need Pants, Shirts and socks and im thankful for clothes books and other stuff that is given to me. I would like pokemon cards nerf things and some good books. I have a question to, why do you like milk and cookies so much? Also how old are you? have a good Christmas!
 Merry christmas,
 Connor Earegood

Dear Santa,
 My name is Lona and I am in fifth grade at Alcona Elementary. I want a hoverboard and a trail riding horse. I am thankful for my family, water, food, house, money, A Life, Animals, friends, school, and teachers. Do you like delivering presents to kids? Also I Love Art and Ms. Green who teaches it. Plus I Love Math and Ms. P who teaches it.
 sinceraly, Lona Bartz

Dear Santa,
 My name is Cole Upper I am a fith grader at alcona elementary. I do not need much I only need socks and a New electric toothbrush. There is a lot of things I want but I wont list them all I want a nention switch, legos, Pokemon cards, a Pet turtle and nerf guns. I have things I am thankful for and wishes four things I am thankful for is, Food, family, friends and a house. My wishes are to have a clean room and a better hunting season. I also have questions for you how is everyone going and What do you want for a snack this year?
 Sincerly, Cole Upper

Dear Saint Nick,
 My name is Darren I go to school at Alcona Elementary I'm in 5th grade Mrs. Yokom. This year I need a calender some socks and Michigan stuff. I am thankful for our family, life, water, money and a roof over are head. I have some questions for you. Why do you live in the NP? Why do you have eight reindeer? Can I have one of your elves? P.S. I know your name. I hope everybody as a happy merry Christmas.
 Sincerly, Darren Boyat

Dear santa,
 My name is Brendon. I am in fifth grade at Alcona Elementary. I really want iPhone and a ps4 and new shoes like Jordans. I'm thankful for having toys and learning new things and I wish I had a big

house.
 Thank you for all the gifts,
 Brendon Gibson, grade 5

Dear Santa,
 My name is Nyhia Jackson and I am in fifth grade at alcona elementary. All I need for Christmas is food for other people, clothes for people, shoes for people, socks for people. Santa how old are you? Do you like the north Pole? How old is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a dream? I want a Starbucks gift card, art supplies, slime supplies, books, Poopsie suprise. I am so thankful for Ms. Przybyla because she is so sweet when we're not acting crazy. Mrs. Franklin was really striked but her being so striked helped me be a better student. Ms. gross was so sweet when I first saw her and she was Pretty. But on the last day of school I balled my eyes out.
 Love, Nyhia, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
 My name is Rylee Kroon and I am a 5th grade student at Alcona Elementary. How are you, the elves and Mrs. claus. how old are you and Mrs. Claus. I'm thankful for teachers that help em exceed in school. For Christmas I need clothes, shoes, and a new bed set. I want a I pod, Art supplies, Acrylic paint, canvasas, Books, string for Braclets, Rubber bands for bracelets, Mad libs and stuff for making jewelry. I know its a lot I just need to restock on stuff.
 By: Rylee Kroon, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
 from: Landon Kimball: harrissville MI. Thank you for every thing you given me in the past but this year most of my choices are for other people and animals. like my kitten dogs and other animals I feel like this year your going to give me good luck so I can make it through this year. Also here are few thing I need dog crate (bigger) dog toys/cat toys and a cat Play house thank you for your hospitality
 Sincerly, Landon K.
 P.S. can you Please get my brothers and friends everything they want and one of my wishis is to have world peace and people to stop judging others. thank you!

Dear santa,
 How have you been doing? I have been doing good we put the christmas tree at my house. did you have a good thanksgiving? I got to spend time with my family it was nice. how are the reindeer in the north pole? I hope you stay warm in the north pole. It has been snowing outside and getting colder. it has been snowing a in Lincoln and Harrisville but it has been melting a little bit, but it still chilly outside Here are a few things would Like I would like a fitbit, and a mood ring and a drawing set. I hope you have a great holiday I hope you reindeer have some carrots. have a great holiday.
 Your friend, Jamie Hall

Mrs. Holmes' Class

Dear Santa Claws,
 Thank you for everything i got last Christmas. how is reindeer's now is Mrs. Claws. i want for Christmas this is hot wheels cars, art kit, coloring, nintendo games for my nintendo, wonder women hat, and lava lamp.
 Love, Your Friend Miranda Kay Roiter, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for all the presents last year. I am going to leave milk and cookies. I will also leave apples and carrots for the reindeer. I am still waiting on 1,000 dollars if you can not bring it I under stand.
 Love your friend, Alex Smith

Dear Santa,
 How are you and Mrs. claus doing. Thank you for all the presents last year. This year I would like chapter books and cozmo. Have a safe ride.
 your friend, Lauren Travis

Dear Santa,
 Could you help me get my cat Aruby back I miss her a lot. Also can you help my family come together and not fight. Maybe you could help me bring more happens to my home. One last thing maybe you could help me make my sister Alissa be more kind to me because Alissa is always mean to me like she playful punch me but it would still hurt. I will leave milk if the cats don't drink it and I will leave you cookies if Jim doesnt' eat them if he does I will be sad.
 Sincerely, Alivia Clark

Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for all the gifts last year. I loved them! This year I would like chapter books, a bag of venison jerky, a fitbit, and CANDY please and thank you. I hope you have a great Christmas eve, and a great Christmas!
 You friend, Makayla Prince

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the presents last year. This year I will leave out fresh Cookies with milk. I will also leave celery and Carrots for the Reindeer.
 Sincerely, Gunnar Levline



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Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the presents last year I appreciate it. Santa I want a nintendo switch, books, games, Soccer ball, and a football. I Hope the reindeer get my carrots. Santa when you get my house I made favrote cookies. and one more thank thank the elves for rapping my presents. I know its hard work.
 Love, Gavin Dellar

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the presents last year. I appreciate it. Santa how is Mrs. claus, Rudolph and the elves? I will leave you cookies and milk for you and for the reindeer carrots. Before I tell you what I want for christmas am I on the naughty list? Now for christmas this year I would like books, xbox one, Legos, and movies that will be it. Merry Christmas
 Your friend,
 Anthony perez

Dear Santa,
 Thanks for the presents that you gave me last year they were great presents but can I ask you one thing can I have the book and movie of where the red fern grows also i'm going to ask my parents to out chocolate milk with christmas cookies or maybe hot chocolate because it might be cold out and christmas cookies and some gingerbread cookies for the elves and maybe some carrots for Donner, Comet, Blitzen, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, and cupid and a red apple for rudolph have a nice ride santa.
 From your friend,
 Matt Abee

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Rocker mini BMX. Also I would like a Xbox one. It would be cool if I could have so v-bucks for fortnight. Then I would like a phone and van shoes. Also some Jordan 1 shoes and Yeezys frost yellow. Thank you for the hoverboard last year. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Also carrots for the reindeers Thank you and fly safe.
 Love, Keegan Ritchie



Dear Santa,
 All I want for Christmas is a Step 2 kitchen and play food. But I also want a nintendo ds with tamagotchi life. For kids who have cancer, to be cured and have a great Christmas. Also, I have one Question. What is your favorite cookie flavor? I wish you a merry Christmas. How are the reindeer doing? I will leave carrots for them and I love you.
 Brooklyn Webb

Dear Mr. and Mrs. claws.
 Dear Santa to start off this letter I just wanted to say hi and how has it been in the north pole also I have some stuff that I wanted for christmas :) 1:) Can i please have a crotch rocket.) 2:) A bloodhound pup also for going hunting.) 3:) And last but not least a crossbow.) If you can not bring me this stuff i understand if you are making presents for 8,000,000 people ;)
 frome:
 Noah James DeOrnellas

Dear Santa,
 I would a fitbit for christmas how are you and mrs claus doing I now it is hard to get all the presents to the children I will have A carrots for the reindeer.
 Sincerely: your friend
 Nathan Buurma

Dear santa,
 Thank you for the present last Christmas. how are the elves doing? Are they working hard, I hope? And to the toys! I want a lot of farm equipment that goes outside. rc truck and rc car and I hope you have a great Christmas and happy new year.
 Ben Johnston

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? How is mrs claus? Thank you for the toys and movie you brought me last year. This year I would like a toy car. please bring a toy for my little brother Harvey and Sissy. I will leave milk and cookies.
 Love, Jack Green

Dear santa,
 If you can find it in your heart i would appreciate snow pants, harlee to stop being so aggressive, activity books, a lock box for my colored Pencils, book, stories, plays, a map of just about anything and a chromebook. How is rudolph the red nosed friend. Thank mrs. claus For all the hard work. Would you prefer chocolate milk or white milk?
 Your friend,
 Piper Flerchinger

Dear Santa,
 how are you and Mrs. Claus? Thank you for all the wonderful gifts last year. This year I don't really want much. Just some new books to read, some new crafting supplies and my brother wants some new lego sets. Also, if you can, please help all the animals in the animal shelters find homes this Christmas. If you can't, then at least bring them some toys, food and some other supplies. Merry Christmas!!!!
 Sincerely,
 Emma Schroeder

Dear Santa,
 How are your elves doing? On christmas I will give you cookies. I want Headphones, shopkins, my Life doll kitchen, phone, kitkat, and the last thing I want for Christmas is my friends and family.
 Your friend,
 Addison Dumas

Dear Santa,
 Would you please give money to the homeless? Also, my favorite book series is Upside Down Magic and I would be happy if I could have the newest one. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Same with the reindeer. What's your favorite flavor of cake? Last question, which elf is the smallest one?
 Sincerely,
 Maddalyn Rose Eby

Dear santa,
 For Christmas I want a lego R-B-8 for Christmas and a lego five night at freddy's parts and servest and pirate's cove and I am going to leave carets for the rander and cookies and coca cola for you. Ps. save one carrot for rudolph please santa. PPs. R-B-8 is a droid from Star Wars with a rown body and a half a circle.
 Your friend, Dustin

Dear santa,
 thank you for all the presents you gave me. How is Rudolph and Comet doing? How is Mrs. claus and the elves? May I please have some hatchimals, shopkins, lol surprize dolls season four, a barbie that has a dog that has three puppies, more Infinity characters, a spartan sweatshirt and shirt, and a hoverboard, I will leave carrots for the reindeer and milk and cookies for you.
 Love, Zoey Arcand

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the gifts last year. If you can can you get me a Nintendo switch and farming simulator 17 and mario kart. If you have different gifts if you want. How are your reindeer doing. I hope that there ok! I hope that you will be able to eat my cookies and drink my milk.
 Love, Daniel June

Dear Santa,
 thank you for my presents last year. Please thank mrs. class for my perce last year but all I want this year is a ten inch tablet with A keyboard but if you want to get my mom some fing she wants to hit the lottery big time but enough about me how are you? how is mrs. claws? how are your reindeer? what do you want for carissmiss?

From Adonia Ps. marry carissmas hope you had a great year.

