

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Once again the Mikado Goodfellows put on a wonderful Children's Christmas Party with each child receiving presents and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Goodfellow volunteers included (back row, from left) Glen Lovelace, Debbie Boyat, Mary Douville, Kevin Boyat, Leo Somers, Andrea Thibodeau, Donna Kovacik, Fairman Bockhorst, Gary Wall, (front row) Kay Lovelace, Kathy Schoensee, Barb Martuch, Sharon Somers, Carol Wells, Denise Lee, Doug Travis, Mrs. Claus, Santa and Betty Stevens. *Courtesy photo.*

## Murder trial adjourns to January

By Cheryl Peterson  
*Editor*

Due to several factors that were discussed in 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court on Monday morning, the murder trial that was adjourned due to illness is going to be out until January 4, 2024.

The trial for Aaron J. Trout, 32, of Curtis Township, began with jury selection on November 27 and 28. Trout is charged with one count of felony murder and one count of child abuse in the first degree for the alleged murder of Jayde McDonnell, the two-year-old daughter of his then-girlfriend, Adrienne Pavelka.

With 14 jurors ready, testimony began on November 29. Opening statements were given by Alcona County Prosecuting Attorney Thomas J. Weichel and defense attorney William Pfeifer; then witnesses for the prosecution testified the rest of the week, until December 4 when jury members started falling ill.

Court resumed briefly on December 5 and then again on Monday, Dec. 18 to assess the status of the jury.

Prior to calling jury members into the courtroom at 9 a.m., Judge Laura A. Frawley met with Weichel, Pfeifer and court staff to discuss how to

## Volunteer steps away after 40 years of service

By Mary Weber  
*Staff Writer*

For nearly four decades, a local volunteer has strived to make sure Alcona County 4-H programs were inclusive and connected for youth to excel in their experiences.

Toni Thomas recently resigned from the Alcona County 4-H council and is looking forward to what the future holds for her.

Toni said the many volunteer hours given so youth could aspire to their passions was something she enjoyed doing with her husband, Les, even though they had different roles in 4-H.

Les, a veteran, lost his battle with numerous illnesses resulting from being exposed to Agent Orange, this past spring. The couple was married a month shy of 52 years.

While Toni was on the 4-H council working to design and implement one fundraiser after another to make sure local youth had scholarships necessary to attend events such as Exploration Days at Michigan State University and other 4-H camps, Les was learning about animals alongside their three sons. He then became a 4-H leader,

state educator and chaperone as well as assisting with 4-H fundraising.

Toni and her oldest son, Leslie, laughed when they thought about all the animals they raised over the years. "We started with birds I think, quail and pheasant, then the boys joined Sheila Robbin's sheep club and Kevin Boyat's pig club. We didn't know anything about these animals, but we learned. We had a lot of fun with our boys," Toni said.

According to Toni, the 4-H council was first formed in 1984 by John Baggott who

was the 4-H agent at that time. It was the council's job to support programs that benefitted youth involved in all the Alcona County 4-H clubs.

"When we first started, 4-H wasn't as big in the community as it is today. We were trying to get more youth involved by making it affordable for parents. We started raising money by standing out on a corner in Lincoln selling unpopped popcorn that we put in small bags and tagged '4-H is a poppin,'" Toni said.

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# God Bless America







# Obituaries



## William M. Stone

William M. Stone, 84, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at home.

He was born September 17, 1939, to William and Lula (Forsythe) Stone in Harrisville. He was a lifelong resident of the area.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1960.

On January 7, 1961, he married Judy Sierota in Harrisville.

Mr. Stone worked at the Alcona County Road Commission, where he did many things. He retired as a foreman after 32 years with the county.

He enjoyed spending time in his beloved garage, tinkering around, and visiting with his many friends who stopped by.

Mr. Stone is survived by his wife, Judy; one sister, Connie Hill; two brothers, Tom (Darlene) Stone and Jerry (Linda) Stone; and one brother-in-law, Fred (Peggy) Sierota, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth, in 1963, and two brothers, Jim Stone and Robert Stone.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. No services are planned.

## Harold R. Thomas Jr

Harold R. Thomas Jr., 65, of Hubbard Lake died on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at home.

He was born April 25, 1958, to Harold and Phyllis (Waelchli) Thomas Sr. in Detroit, Mich.

He was a longtime resident of Hubbard Lake. Mr. Thomas owned HRT Drywall for several years, where he installed and finished drywall.

He enjoyed bowling, darts and playing pool. He was known for his sarcastic jokes and his infectious laugh.

Mr. Thomas is survived by one sister, Colleen Thomas of Montrose, Mich.; two nieces, Jessica (Justin Blades) Thomas of Rogersville, Mo. and Grace (David) Hux of Alpena; four nephews, Jason Thomas of Alpena, Duane Wood of Alpena, Joshua Wood of Spruce, and Billy Thomas-Weinert of Clinton Township, Mich.; one great-niece Kayla (Douglas) Dobbs of Rogersville, Mo.; several great-nieces and nephews; his life partner and best friend, Debra Jacobs-Anderson, and her family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Cynthia Thomas and Mary Thomas; one brother, William Thomas; and one niece, Becky Thomas.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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## Arlene (Daisy) R. Bradley

Arlene (Daisy) R. Bradley, 79, of Barton City unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023.

She was born May 1, 1944, to Arlington and Francis Smith. Daisy was born in Charlotte Mich., and was raised in Nashville, Mich.

In December 1991 Daisy and her husband, Richard "Dick" Bradley, traveled to Florida for the winter like they did every year but this particular year they got married. In the spring of 1994 Dick and Daisy returned to Michigan from Florida and began to build their forever home in Barton City. They finished building and moved into their home in 1996 where they have resided since.

Daisy enjoyed creating unique stained glass pieces and stepping stones, tending to her garden and flowers. During the long Michi-

gan winters, she could be found inside cooking/baking, crocheting, sewing, quilting or knitting.

She also dearly loved spending time with her friends and family. And no matter the time of year she always made time for at least one walk a day around "the circle" with her dog.

Daisy is survived by her husband, Dick Bradley, and dog Buddy. One daughter, Diane (Ed) Kennedy of Lincoln. One son, Ken (Sue) Friddle of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; two stepdaughters, Kelly (Mike) Bradley and Alisha Edwards; one stepson, Darrin, (Margaret) Bradley; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Daisy was preceded in death by her parents, Arlington and Francis; a special uncle, Ray; her brother, Arlie D. Smith; stepson, Shane Bradley; and special grand-



daughter, Jessica Beyer.

Daisy's family will be honoring her wishes and no service will take place. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Paid Obituary

## Martha Jean Mendyka

In loving memory of Martha Jean Mendyka who peacefully passed away at her home in Lincoln, Mich. on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023. Born in Port Huron, Mich. to Harry and Carrie Bugg on December 8, 1927, she lived life with a remarkable spirit.

She shared part of her journey with Joseph Mendyka, raising two daughters, Diane Schefferly of Lincoln and Jeanette Walker of Harrisville. Jean faced life's challenges with resilience, yet the passing of her husband, Joe, and her brothers, Mike, Edward, Everette, Lyle and George Bugg; along with the loss of her sisters, Phyllis Baldwin, Louise Indish, Marjorie Phinney, and Mary Ann Mahalak; along with her beloved son-in-law, Jess, left a hole that only her indomitable spirit could fill.

In the embrace of her family, her legacy lives on, a testament to the enduring love and strength that defined her remarkable life.

"Mean Jean," as affectionately called by the students she transported, became a respected fixture during her dedicated tenure as a bus driver for Alcona Community Schools. Her no-nonsense approach mirrored her commitment to ensuring the best for those under her care. Mean-

while, as a waitress at the Old Stove in Lincoln, Jean's efficiency was matched only by her genuine warmth, leaving an indelible mark on those she served.

Jean's zest for life was infectious, evident in her spunky, independent spirit. Whether tending to her flowers and yard, participating in the local horseshoe league or enjoying a Tigers baseball game with a beer in hand, Jean embraced every moment.

Her legacy is one of hard work, an unwavering love for family, and a never-give-up attitude. Jean is survived by her daughters, Diane Schefferly and Jeanette Walker; her longtime companion, Harry McCracken; a loving array of grandchildren: Amy Faszczewski, Matthew Walker, Adam (Shelly) Byce and Michael (Stephanie) Walker; her sister, Rose Mahalak; and three sisters-in-law, Betty Bugg, Delores Quick and Jenny Michel.

Jean cherished all 10 of her great-grandchildren, spending precious moments with each of them: Devon Seymour, Zackery Faszczewski, Dylan Faszczewski, Amiyah Walker, Caden Walker, Kendylle Byce, Travis Walker, Ava Byce, Brady Walker, and Camille Walker.

To those who knew her, Jean was a force of nature -



stubborn, sometimes cranky, fun-loving, and family-oriented. Her culinary talents were unmatched, with strawberry jam, buckeyes, and chocolate sheet cake will be remembered fondly. A woman who could go beer for beer with you and throw a mean horseshoe, Jean leaves a void that cannot be filled.

As we remember Jean, we honor a woman whose legacy is etched in hard work, an unwavering love for family, and a tenacious spirit that never yielded. The world has bid farewell to a remarkable soul, and Jean's memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

There will be no memorial service for Jean; our wish is that everyone whose lives were touched by Jean embrace her spirit and live their lives to the fullest and cherish their family every day.

Paid Obituary

## Let us know what is happening

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Please, include a contact name & telephone number in case there are follow up questions.



 **Obituaries** 

**Verna M. Nedo**

Verna M. Nedo, 88, of Oscoda, died on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, her home.

She was born March 11, 1935, to Harry Sr. and Sophie (Thut) Andrews in Harrisville; she was a lifelong resident of the area.

On November 7, 1953, she married Elmer R. Nedo in Lincoln. They moved to Oscoda in 1955.

Mrs. Nedo worked at Harrisville Tool and Rolled Products.

She loved to hunt deer and pick beefsteak and morel mushrooms.

She worked hard on the family farm, and was devoted to taking care of her family. She enjoyed crochet.

Mrs. Nedo is survived by two sons, Wayne (Marta) Nedo of Mikado and Frank (JoAnn) Nedo of Waterford, Mich.; one daughter, Pamela (Bob) French of Mikado; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, on October 16, 2012; one brother, Harry Andrews Jr.; and one sister, Hilda (Wilfred) Myers.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at noon at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

A meal, provided by the Mikado Goodfellows, will follow at the Mikado Civic Center.

**Bette A. Keerl**

Bette Ann Keerl, 81, of Mikado, died on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023, at Tawas Manor.

She was born March 29, 1942, to Thomas and Shirley (Baker) Ross Jr., in Garden City, Mich., where she was raised.

On January 13, 1962, she married Stanley Frederick Keerl in Garden City, Mich.

They were residents of the Detroit, Mich. area until they moved to Harrisville in 1981, where they owned and operated a fishing and camping store, Keerl's Korner.

Mrs. Keerl was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville.

She was a devoted homemaker and a talented seam-

stress. She was an avid quilter, and made each member of her family a quilt, among other treasured handmade keepsakes.

Mrs. Keerl is survived by one son, Tom Keerl of Harrisville; three daughters, Tracy D'Augustino of Harrisville, Tina (Gary) Gfeller of Colorado and Barbara (Bill) Richardson of Au Gres, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, on August 28, 2022; one son-in-law, Pat D'Augustino; two sisters; and one brother.

Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in



Harrisville. Visitation will continue on Friday, Dec. 22 from 1 p.m. until the funeral Mass at 2 p.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Interment will follow at the St. Anne Catholic Cemetery, Harrisville.

 **Letters to the Editor** **Correspondence**

To the Editor,

In 1979 President Jimmy Carter installed solar panels on the Whitehouse as a model for what can be done to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels as a major source of energy for our country and our planet. At the unveiling ceremony he challenged us with these words, "A generation from now, this solar heater can either be a curiosity, a museum piece, an example of a road not taken, or it can be just a small part of one of the greatest and most exciting adventures ever undertaken by the American people."

Michigan has accepted Jimmy Carter's challenge and due to the leadership of our forward-thinking governor and state legislature by 2040 we will produce all our energy using Clean Energy Standards. This includes

producing 60 percent of our energy needs from renewables and a drastic reduction in fossil fuels which will help mitigate our out-of-control crisis of the climate.

The series of Clean Energy Bills which the Governor signed on November 28 will lower average annual utility costs by \$145, create 160,000 good-paying jobs, and bring nearly \$8 billion of federal tax dollars home to Michigan, according to The Governor's Office.

Although it is now 44 years since the President's bold action to begin the movement towards renewable energy, it is never too late to make a meaningful difference. Thank you to our state representatives, state senators, and our governor for looking out for the well-being of our people.

Robert Kennedy  
Harrisville

To the Editor,

It appeared to me that some residents/fellow citizens wanted the county taxpayers to construct two facilities for the 4-H Club under the guise of public school education.

Reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic are the basics and foundation of education. Animal husbandry is secondary.

My father grew up on a farm without electricity, running water or indoor plumbing, i.e. outhouse "plumbing." He rarely attended the one-room school miles away so he grew up illiterate, yet mechanically inclined. My mom taught him to write and read while he was in his late twenties.

The inability to read and write causes confusion and some farmers involved in animal husbandry mistook the term "husbandry" to mean the same thing as "human husbandry."

I've heard bromides from local farmers, e.g. "leave the saws alone, they will squeal on you," plus "In my teens I was a baaaaad boy." These prove the wisdom of the Holy Bible as found in Leviticus 20:15 of the Mosaic Law and Romans 1:18-32.

Even through audio Bibles exist, reading is still necessary to fully study the Bible and avoid confusion.

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# Calendar of Events



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

The Lincoln Pop-Up Pantry for Alcona County residents will be held at 3 p.m. at Cole's Appliance storage building in Lincoln (near the AAA Credit Union) until the food is gone.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**

Veterans are invited to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. For more info., call (989) 724-9581.

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**

There will be a children's craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. See the library's Facebook page for updates and information about each week's book and craft activity. For information, call (989) 724-6796.

CrossRoads Recovery, a faith-based addiction program, will meet at 7 p.m. at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street, Greenbush. For more

information, contact Paster Caincross at (989) 569-1298.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Practice ukulele at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10 a.m. Ukuleles are available for checkout and players of all skill levels are welcome. The ability to read music is not required. For more details, call (989) 724-6796.

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

The Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pickup and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring a box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3443 for more information.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Har-

risville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**

There will be a children's craft activity and story time at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. See the library's Facebook page for updates and information about each week's book and craft activity. For information, call (989) 724-6796.

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024**

The Alcona County Baby Pantry is open from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. Alcona County residents with newborns through age four are eligible and welcome. This is not an income-based program. There is free formula, diapers, toys and new and gently used clothes and shoes. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3**

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*(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The deadline is Friday*

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



## Local Notes



**Lights Contest Results**

Members of the Barton City Improvement Association's Christmas lights contest committee awarded the following individuals for their outdoor Christmas lights – first place went to Jeff and Karen Sutton. Second place was awarded to Ron Stout. Third place went to Rich and Mary Gillies.

"We were glad to see the beautiful lights displays that everyone put up. It would be a nice ride around to see the (residential) lights and the town, plus the park are decorated," said Arlene Cirillo, committee member.

**Gift Wrapping Station**

Christmas elves are welcome to use the do it yourself (DIY) gift wrapping station at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville from December 15 through December 22. All the essentials – from beautiful wrapping paper to ribbons and tags – so folks can add that personal touch to their gifts. The station will be available during library business hours. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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# Alcona girls claim road win over Tawas

By Ben Murphy  
Sports Writer

The Lady Tigers fought for and won a non-conference game at Tawas last Friday.

The Lady Tigers trailed for much of the first half, but managed to control things in the final two frames to pick up a 44-33 victory.

Tawas carried a 9-5 lead after the first quarter and continued to lead 22-18 at the half. The Lady Tigers held the Lady Braves to just five third quarter points, allowing them to surge ahead 28-27 entering the fourth.

In the final frame, Sage

Gauthier poured in six points and Jena Wambold netted four to help Alcona clinch the victory.

Emma Travis was four-of-four from the free throw line in the final minutes, and she finished with a team-high 13 points. Gauthier scored 12. J. Wambold netted eight points. Kaylee Wambold scored seven and Claire Somers chipped in with four points.

On Tuesday, Dec. 12 the LadyTigers used a strong start in a home North Star League crossover game against Posen, to win 41-34.

Early threes by J. Wambold and Gauthier helped Alcona to a 16-2 lead after the first quarter. They still led 23-14 at the half and that was trimmed to 32-26 entering the fourth quarter.

Emma Travis scored five points in the fourth quarter and finished with 12 points on the night. Gauthier added 11 points. J. Wambold scored nine. K. Wambold chipped in with five. Somers and Gracyn Tracy each added two.

Alcona (4-0 overall) is off until after the New Year, when they travel to Whittemore-Prescott on January 5, 2024.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON THE CITY OF HARRISVILLE DRAFT RECREATION PLAN

The City of Harrisville will hold a public hearing on January 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at the City of Harrisville Hall located at 200 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville, MI 48740.

The draft plan is available at <https://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp> or at the Harrisville City Hall. All necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services will be provided to individuals at the meeting upon 10 days' notice to city staff at 200 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville, MI 48740.

# Tigers dominate AuGres on the road

By Ben Murphy  
Sports Writer

The Tigers rolled to a 66-24 North Star League crossover victory: their second of the week at AuGres on Thursday, Dec. 14.

"This game was different (than earlier in the week) as we jumped to an early lead and never looked back," said head coach Alex Cole. "We were able to turn our defense into easy opportunities in transition."

The Tigers had seven first quarter points from Jacob Renchenski and six from Collin Walker, as they led 23-6 after one. Garrett Somers had four points in the second and Vinny Mahalak drained a three, as it was a commanding 39-8 lead at the half. After three it was a 57-18 Alcona advantage.

Twelve different players scored in the game for Alcona in the well-rounded effort. Walker led the way with 10 points. Evan Borsvold had eight. Renchenski and David Sharboneau each finished with seven points. Jordan Benac and Somers had six points each. Sam Johnston and Ricky Schott had five points each. Carter Upper and William Liebler each added four. Mahalak netted three and Sawyer Seminoff scored one point.

On Monday, Dec. 11 Alcona won a NSL crossover game in Posen, 51-32.

"The game was a lot closer than the final score will tell," Cole said. "With only a five point lead at half, it wasn't until our defense held them to four points in the third quarter that we were able to build a solid lead. We turned the ball over more than I would have liked, but overall I was happy with the result against a Posen team that plays extremely hard."

The Tigers led 14-7 after the first quarter and carried a 23-18 lead at the half. Alcona used the big third frame to lead 37-22 entering the fourth.

"I'm very happy with the intensity that we played with defensively," Cole said. "We continue to focus on it at practice and it paid off. (Their coach) had his boys playing very hard as he always does."

Borsvold netted 13 points. Walker and Somers had nine and eight points respectively. Sharboneau put in six points. Cayden Hebert and Renchenski each chipped in with five. Schott added three and Johnston added two points.

"Both games this week featured a very balanced scoring attack from a full team effort," Cole said. "This is something we strive for as it shows how unselfish we are as a team. Our leading scorer seems to change every game and we feel that will make us tough to defend."

Alcona (4-3 overall) hosts Tawas on Thursday, Dec. 21 and will travel to Whittemore-Prescott on January 5, 2024.

## Letters

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We have farms with barns and stables all around us so let's put money into the three Rs of education first.

Mike Doran  
Caledonia Township

(Editor's Note: the "4-H club" that Mr. Doran mentions had nothing to do with the recent request for a bond millage from Alcona Community Schools. The agriscience program was to benefit if the millage had been approved by voters.)

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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# Americanisms



"Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."

—Dale Evans

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## HAPPY ELECTION SEASON EVERYONE !



The County Clerk, Township Clerks, and Municipal Clerks, are preparing for their family's holiday, they are also getting ready for another season: Presidential Primary Season!

We are less than 70 days away from the February 27 **Michigan Presidential Primary Election** and the final list of candidates is now available.

As you get together with your friends and family this holiday season, remember that these officers and their staff are working hard to keep the gears of our Democracy turning throughout the holidays.

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## Volunteer Continued from page 1

She explained with the help of Becky Counsellor, Joanne Hanson, George Bylich and Mildred LaForge working with the council helped the program grow into what it is today.

One fundraiser that Counsellor started was during the craft show on Labor Day weekend in Harrisville when the group sold two drinks, a peach orange froth and a melon cooler. "We set up on the corner of US-23 and M-72 and peeled 12 bushels of peaches. The smell of those peaches filled the air and brought people in. It was an excellent fundraiser. We did that same fundraiser for four or five years," Toni said.

Another fundraiser that took nearly a year to plan was the celebrity auctions where the council sent letters to government officials and celebrities asking for something, a piece of memorabilia, an autographed poster or anything that Alcona 4-H could auction off at dinner event.

"All types of items would be sent back in response to those letters. We got a necktie autographed by Johnny Carson and President Ford's cufflinks. We even got an autographed Zippo lighter from Frank Sinatra and all kinds of posters and other things.

"It was a lot of work pulling those celebrity auctions together, so we only did that fundraiser every other year, but it raised a lot of money. I think we did those three times.

"Of course, that was at a time when you could ask celebrities for those items. Now with all the privacy issues and stalking, I don't think we would have gotten as much response as we did then," she said.

Toni said all the funds earned went back into the



Toni Thomas has resigned from nearly 40 years of volunteering on the Alcona County 4-H council. She is looking forward to spending more time with family, working on her cross-stitching and being an officer of the Eastern Stars in Alpena. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

scholarship programs and if a 4-H child wanted to go to camp but the family couldn't afford to send them, they made sure the fees were covered.

"We knew firsthand how much this helped families because it helped our sons too. I can't imagine how many thousands of kids got to attend functions they never would have had without that assistance. Les and I worked hard for many years, we bled 4-H," Toni said.

Like most volunteers of youth programs, Toni said she and her husband thought about stepping away from 4-H once their sons were raised, but then Leslie got a job as an Alcona County 4-H program coordinator. They wanted to continue to show their support so the couple was off and running once again to assist in any way they could.

Leslie said watching his parents volunteer through the years taught him a great deal. "I saw the value of hard work, the value of volunteerism and how they helped others," he said. Toni said it was easy to help others because so many friends and relatives helped her through dark days.

Now that her son is no longer in that role and with the loss of her husband, Toni felt 40 years was enough. "There were a lot of reasons to resign now. There are a lot of new council members and it's time for them to step into the role with new energy and ideas. I did tell them that if they needed any help, such as answering questions, they could always call me," Toni said.

Toni, a grandmother of two grown adults, who, like her sons, were raised in Alcona

County, is looking forward to what the future may bring.

She keeps herself active by doing cross stitch and watching the deer and wildlife pass by her farmhouse.

She is also an officer of the Order of Eastern Star in Alpena. Eastern Star is a Masonic appendant body of dedicated men and women who work together on projects that benefit mankind. Masonic endeavors were something that both Toni and Les' parents were involved with. It is also how they met.

She explained when she was about 17, she wrote to the boys she knew from her years of being in the Masonic Order of Rainbow for Girls and the boys who were in DeMolay, which is the equivalent Masonic-sponsored group for boys, that got drafted to Vietnam.

Even though Les was an older brother of the boys she knew, she would write to him too and he would write back. "We fell in love through those letters and when he came back home, he asked me to marry him. We had a good life together," Toni said.

Stephanie Domke, the new Alcona County 4-H project coordinator said she was very thankful to Toni for all the years of dedicated hard work she has given. "I am thankful to have had the opportunity to get to know Toni. Her passion for the 4-H program is an inspiration to all; 4-H was lucky to have a volunteer as supportive and kind as Toni."

Toni hopes the 4-H council continues funding the excellent programs offered to local youth. For information about Alcona County 4-H and council meeting dates, call Domke at (989)-724-6478.

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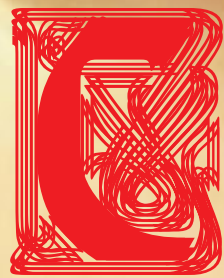
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**C**hristmas is a time of rejoicing, counting blessings and family gatherings. It is also the most favorite time of the year for children. In this issue, we have given the children of this community a chance to be heard. They wrote to Santa asking 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*





## Greetings of Joy and Goodwill



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### Mrs. Dellar, Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? I've watched Rudolph sooo many times and I think they just jump and run and use their magic powers for the rest. I've been super good. I got a letter from you saying I'm on the nice list. I promise I haven't done ANYTHING bad.

For Christmas this year I would like the new water blaster nerf gun. I think it would be so funny to shoot mom and dad with it. I would also like an animal trailer, the one I want has buffalos in it. If I can't get that special one I'll take one with farm animals in it. Such as cows, chickens, pigs and horses. One of the last things I want is a big train set. I'd like a bright red train. The last thing I want is prank stuff. It would be so funny to get fake poop and put it on the floor so mom would step in it. Thank you for all the presents last year. Have a safe trip on your magical sleigh!!

Love, Norman Apsey Jr.  
Age 5

Dear Santa,  
What kinds of animals do you have? How many animals do you have? I have been good this year. I would like a controller to play video games. I would like a new sweater for my brother, my sister and for me. I would want my mom to have a big toy reindeer names Rudolph. I want a nice, cool hammer for my dad.

Love, Danik Barret,  
Age 5

Dear Santa,  
Why is your Elf so naughty? I think it's because I have been naughty lately. I want a big computer at my house along with a desk, please. I promise to take care of it and not let it break. I will play it as much as possible. I would also like a lot of makeup to put in my desk. I will take care of it and make sure it won't break I promise.

Bye Santa, safe travels. I hope you make it back home, okay?

Love, Jessenia Blasdell,  
Age 6

Dear Santa,  
How fast does your sleigh go? How do the reindeer really fly? This year I would like a big sack of candy, a Nintendo switch so I can play mario and a new pet fish because my last one died. I also need some new snow pants because it'd going to be very cold this year and I need to say warm while making snowmen. And a watch to tell the time these are all thing I want this year for Christmas!

Thank you for all my presents this year, safe travels.

Love, Nicky Dewar,  
Age 5

Dear Santa,  
Hey Santa, it's your buddy, Harvey, and I would really like some stuff for Christmas. I would really like a Nintendo switch, a watch. These are the only two things I would like for Christmas, so pretty please get me these things.

Sincerely Your buddy,  
Harvey Green age 5

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy train, a toy cat, a toy horse, a race-track with cars, a DVD player and a batman car. Can you get my sister a makeup set and my brother a spiderman or baby Yoda stuff? Can you get my dad hunting stuff and my mom a new t shirt and slippers? Can I come to the north pole someday and have a sleepover? I want to meet you and the elves, and all of the reindeer. Merry Christmas and happy new year.

From, Brian Griffith,  
age 6

Dear Santa,  
How do elves make toys by themselves? Why do you live in the north pole and why does it snow all the time? How does your sleigh fly? I think it's magic. I want a rainbow teddy bear. I would snuggle with it all the time. I would also like a mini candy pool. I have been really good this year.

Love, Alice Hart, Age 5

Dear Santa,  
Do carrots make your reindeer fart, Is it funny sounding? I have been a very good boy this year so I think I should get some good presents. This year I would a toy police car. I also want a set of maracas because they sound like fun! I want a NICE RC car so that I can win races against my friends. I think I also deserve a drone for Christmas because of just how good of a boy I've been, a rc helicopter would also be lovely along with some candy and a cool reindeer toy, and one last thing, I would like a magical Santa hat so that I can be just like you!

Thank you for my pre-

sents last year. I really appreciate you.

Kindest regards, Noah Klukowski, Age 5

Dear Santa,  
I want a transformer for Christmas and a Nintendo Switch, and the transformer Optimus Prime. I have been good this year. I have been good for 100 months. I have an X-box at home, but it's broken so please get me a new one.

From, Mathew McDonald, Age 7

Dear Santa,  
How does santa fit into the house when there isn't a chimney or fireplace? I think he telaports and makes no noise at all. Another question is are there turtles in the north pole because I think yes but they are under the frozen ice. I think I am almost on the naughty list because I have been a little bit bad at school. I want a toy robot with a remote control. I want to put two wheels on the bottom and play with is for a long time. I also want a new name tag because mine is ripping. I am really hoping I'm on the nice list this year.

From, Rowan Nettle,  
age 5

Dear Santa,  
I love your Santa and I would like a Nintendo switch for Christmas and some games like super mario and captain toad six and some bowser of fury games I would play them after 8 o'clock till bedtime. I hope I see you soon and I love you santa. How are you so magical? You always are so quiet, and you get all those presents every year and hope your Christmas is amazing. I hope you get some rest after Christmas.

Love, Colton Paulk,  
age 5

Dear Santa,  
How do reindeer fly? I think the reindeer fly because of their magical dust. I have been good this year. This year I would like a scooter. I would like the scooter so when my brother and sister go to the store I can ride with them on my scooter. I would also like a squishy octopus. I would like the squishy so when I'm upset I can hug it and I can feel better. I would like for my sister Brooklyn to get perfume. I would also like to ask for my brother Blake to get a skateboard. Thank you for all my gifts last year Santa. I hope you have a safe trip flying here and back. Make sure the reindeer eat all my carrots!

Love, Baeleigh Pence,  
age 5

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great! I love you Santa have a fun trip around the world.!

Love, Rozelynn Sarge, age 5

Dear Santa,

I have a question , How long have you been eating cookies and milk? 50 years sounds like a good time. I want a fish for Christmas. I love fishes so much. I promise to make sure it eats a lot of food stays hydrated and gets lots of sleep. Can you please get me a purple rainbow fish? I also want a computer for Christmas. I want to be able to play games and for homework at home. Especially when I gtg done with my chores. See ya man, have a good day in Hawaii!

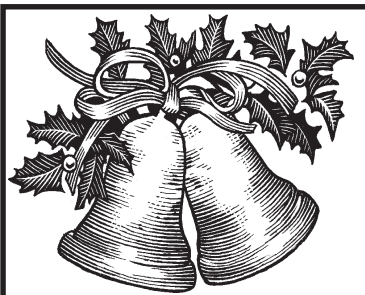
Love, Rae Schwanz, age 5

Dear Santa,

I was wondering what type of cookies are your favorite? I think I's chocolate chip cookies. I think I've been rally good this year. I would like a big squishy elephant for Christmas please. I want it because they're fun to play with and I just want to squish it all the time. I want a bigger one because this time because the ones I have are little ones. I also want more clothes for all my dolls, because sometimes they don't have clothes and I want them all to have some. If it's not too much to ask, could I also get a ball for my dog to play with please. I can't wait for Christmas this year and thank you for all the presents you gave me this year.

Sincerely, Brooke Van Sickle, age 5

Dear Santa,  
Are all of your elves big? I think I've been good because I helped my mom clean the house and picked up my toys in my room. I would really like a little Barbie house for Christmas this year so I can put my LOL dolls in them. I would like to have a bed for my dog, because he takes all the blankets. Another question I have is what does your reindeer eat? Good luck on the trip around the world.  
From Cali Fox



*Greetings  
of  
Joy  
and  
Goodwill*

Dear Santa,  
How do you make presents? I think you have magic and your elves use the magic. I was pretty good this year. I want an xbox 2. I game console. Which I will use it to play games. I also want a ninetendo switch. A red and blue game console. Which I will also play games on. Some candy, a new bike would be good this year to and thank you santa for my presents.

Sign, Remington Rice, age 6

Dear Santa,

How many cookies do you eat in one night? I think you eat three cookies in one night. I was very good girl this year. My mom and I decorated the Christmas tree, we put a lot of ornaments on the tree for you! I would appreciate it if you could give me a microwave this year, not a real one, a toy one! That had fake food, fake drinks, fake turkey and a fake burger! Where you can press the button to whatever it can make. I want to make real food with the microwave! I would also like a toy airplane! It flies into the sky and has batteries inside of it but you can control it. It's going to go high into the air then I will turn it off so it falls. I would also like Christmas lights! We don't have any outside our house. We need a lot. We have a big house and I want to make sure you can see our house! Super bright lights!

Thank you for the presents last year and for giving me the most presents! I also like candy if you could put some in my stocking that would be



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

-Clement Clarke Moore, A Visit From St. Nicholas



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

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Signed, Sadie Ashford.

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa, you already know who it is, your buddy Joey. For Christmas I would like a skateboard. I would also like a toy monster truck to play with, I would really really like a toy truck with a trailer to put a toy boat on, as for the toy boat I would really like it if it could be a remote control and for the toy car could you please make it a remote control bronco, I would really happy if you could get me

some hot wheels as well, I've been a really good boy this year except for getting a yellow slip once in a while and I'm really sorry for those couple of times. I promise I'll be extra good next year. So pretty pretty please with a cherry on top could you get me these toys.

Sincerely, Joseph Miller  
Dear Santa,

How are you doing on the Christmas? I hope you're doing well. I have been really good this year. I have helped my mom bring out her stuff. I would like any kind of lego set you got and I would like an rc car that's fast and a fire trick toy. I know I will be getting these toys because I know that I have been on the nice list. I hope you eat 20,000 cookies and bring your own milk for all those cookies to have a happy Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Bentley Fowler

Dear Santa,  
Emma would like to write a letter to you explaining what she should like for Christmas. She wants legos but specifically with people. She also wants you to know that she has been good and has not been naughty. The good thing she has done was help her mom with taking out the garbage for her and she helped her mom cook dinner. She would also wish for LOL dolls so that she could play with them. She would also want a doll house so she would be able to play with the LOL dolls in the house. To fit the holiday she would want a fake rainbow Christmas tree. She wants a kitten and a puppy so that she could name the kitten Lucy and the puppy Luke. She is also curious about if the elves are big or small? Thank you for listening to my letter.

By Emma Avery

Dear Santa,  
How does the sleigh fly? I think it flies with Christmas spirit. I think I'm the number one on the nice list. This year I would like a pennywise lego set. From the scary movie. Along with a Christmas themed lego set with elves. I am going to follow directions and build it the way I want with my dad. I love legos a ton! I also want a cat house with toys for my kitties and a huge tent for me and my family to sleep in. I would also like a Trail camera to watch what's outside my house at night. I want a reindeer hat. I also want a pet turkey for Christmas so I can take care of it and feed it. I also want a toy sleigh to play with. I also want some video games! Like arcade games a lot. I want to leave carrots out for the reindeer to each 2

for each of them. I also want lots of Christmas decorations to decorate my house. I'm thankful for Santa bringing gifts to me and my friends and I'm glad he thinks my cookies are tasty. I personally think Santa is on the food list this year for all the good gifts I got last year. I'm glad and grateful for the spiderman dinosaur set I got for Christmas last year.

Love, Kaleb Klukowski

Dear Santa,  
Is it snowing in the north pole? I think I've been a very good boy this year. I want a lego monster truck that can bounce, its pink and it looks like a real monster truck but smaller I plan on playing with a lot so I might need something to put it in too. It can go over ramps and rocks. I also want a case that the monster truck sticks too, its red and has a handle with a lock so I can carry it anywhere and other kids won't take it inside of the case is all black. A little ramp car too for my stocking. I really like your red sleigh and your elf helpers, merry Christmas santa

Gunner Davis

Dear Santa,  
Have I been good this year? I think I have been good this year and my grades have been good. I am good on the playground with my friends. I would like new coloring markers and a pack of construction paper please. I would also like a lot of match ox cars, a new phone, Minecraft lego set, a new red coat to play outside in, a new fishing pole to go fishing with my dad, and a fake diamond sword and fake diamond armor from Minecraft. With my sword and armor I will play with my older brother. Also can you get my mom so more yarn? She like to spin yarn to make hats, and for my dad can you please get him a new fishing pole, my older brother would like a phone please. I will leave you cookies and milk after you give me my toys.

Have a safe trip, Perrin Beckta



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Dear Santa,  
 How many cookies to you eat a year? Santa eats a million cookies. My friend Jase said he was really nice and good. He would like a Spiderman lego set so he can build with his Mother and father and his big brother. Skittles are his favorite candy, a spiderman cup so he can dip his cookies in milk, a black and white dog to play with, Pokemon cards to collect them, and a cat house for his orange cats.

Jase Davenport

Dear Santa,  
 How is your reindeer doing? I hope they're doing great. This year I would like a turtle. I think they're really cute. I also would like playdoh. I really want the rainbow set. I would also like a lego set. Doesn't matter what kind. I want a kitten with white, black, and brown fur. I would also like 100,000 dollars. I don't know for what though. The last thing I would like is for everyone to be happy! I think I've been really good this year. I really wish I could also live near the north pole close to you. I love you Santa!

Love, Ellisyn Layton

Dear Santa,  
 I have been good this year and I would like to get a Minecraft game, marvel's spider man, miles morales, marvel's spider man 2, Jurassic games, fortnite games, fortnite save the world zombies, spider man lego, construction blocks, Minecraft computer and more legos

Benjamin Brockwell

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas this year I would like, Transformer legos. I would like these because I like Transformers, a Nintendo switch and the game Minecraft, and a Spider Man game with it to play as well as Mario kart deluxe and a Turtle and some cute house for him. Fortnite it's a very cool game that I'm interested in. A blue Quad because blue is my favorite color and I like quads. A motorcycle or little car because the are fun to ride in and play with. Computer to watch fun videos and do school work. Pokemon because I really like to trade cards and show my friends my toys and stuff. Stickers because I can put them on things and I like stickers. Monster truck I like to race with my friends along with \$20. I feel as though my behavior has been very good and I feel like I've been kind to others and respectful and I sit quietly and listen to my teacher

and mom. I feel as though I had a good year and have been well behaved. Please take my letter into consideration.

Archer Payne

Dear Santa,  
 How many cookies do you eat a year? I ate two. I was the best this year! I really really want a mario lego set. I also want an Elsa castle with Anna and Elsa! That's my favorite movie! Something else

I want is a toy house with baby dolls. Toy kitten, and toy dogs. A tent would be really cool, I would use it to go inside and read books with my dogs sophie and bella. I love to read and I love my dogs! A rainbow toy set. I also want a pink, blue, ellow, and orange care bears! Also can I have your sleigh? Do you think when you're on the roof you can put a light up there too? I need a tea set for my tea parties! A cute toy deer! Christmas dress that can reach to my legs. A santa bed. A toy reindeer famioy! Please, please, please. Thank ou for giving me presents, I'm gonna make you some cookies and milk! Let me know how many cookies you eat!

Thank you, Chastity Worley

Dear Santa,  
 How do you make cars up there? With windows, wheels, doors, seats, a steering wheel and lights. But no people. I was really nice this year. I really want Trucks and hot wheels because they go fast. I want them so I can drive them. I also want a hot wheels jeep to play with because it is my favorite car and i9 would like to play with it. I was really good this year so I really want my toys this year.

Brantley Apsey

Dear Santa,  
 Can I get a scooter with my name on it. Santa can I also get some mario games and mario city dinosaur and a venom spider games? And Dear Santa, I am on the good list. I am good everyday. I wanna tell Santa that my first Christmas was awesome. I also want monster trucks and I also want

Lego spiderman too and some lego sets spiderman. I want a lot of spiderman games and I want a xbox with new games and fortnite and a game that doesn't say cuss words and more venom spiderman and cups with spiderman and A WHOLE BUNCH OF SPIDERMAN and a big tv and a new lamp. I have a story for Santa. It is about Minecraft. Oh dear Santa, I want to tell you when he sees you. Please also bring perrin some venom spiderman and a new video game called fortnite bird.

Oh Santa this Christmas is gonna be so good I can't wait to wake up early in the morning to see everything under the tree. I also a grown up toy Called fprrnite book and MORE BOOKS ABOUT FPRTNITE AND SPIDERMAN and a new toy for my mom and dad AND SOME ALIEN GAMES. And thank you santa for making fortnite its so fun.

Goodnight Santa, Justin

Dear Santa,  
 How do reindeer fly? I would like a pennywise lego set, a remote control boat, and a remote control Truck. I have been good this year by cleaning up the art stuff For my brother I would like to get him a game called Freddy Fazbear because he loves the characters. How do toys get made? I had one more lego set in mind and that's a Chucky lego set. I will leave carrotd for the reindeer to eat. Have a great fly.

Lucas Mcfadden

Dear Santa,  
 I have been good this year! For Christmas I would like a tablet, a charger because I would need it for the tablet and Minecraft lefos. I will leave carrots for the reindeer.

Ryder Cote-Martineau

**MRS. HANECOW KINDERGARTEN**

Dear Santa,  
 How do reindeer fly? Rudolph leads the sleigh though! I think that someone sprinkles fairy dust on them to fly! I've been very good this year, I promise! I want a brand-new Barbie doll with pink and blue hair! I also want a white bunny with black ears and brown eyes named Ava. I also want a rainbow toy butterfly that can fly! I want purple high heels. And another butterfly that's pink! I liked all of my presents last year. My favorite present last year was from my grandma, a Gabbe shirt. I also want a Christmas headband. I'm going to leave out lots and lots of cookies this year! And can you get the reindeer some carrots this year? The tiny carrots so that I can give on to Rudolph! I don't ear carrots. I used to. But now they're gross! I really, really want to know how reindeer fly by the way.

Love, Chevelle Anderson



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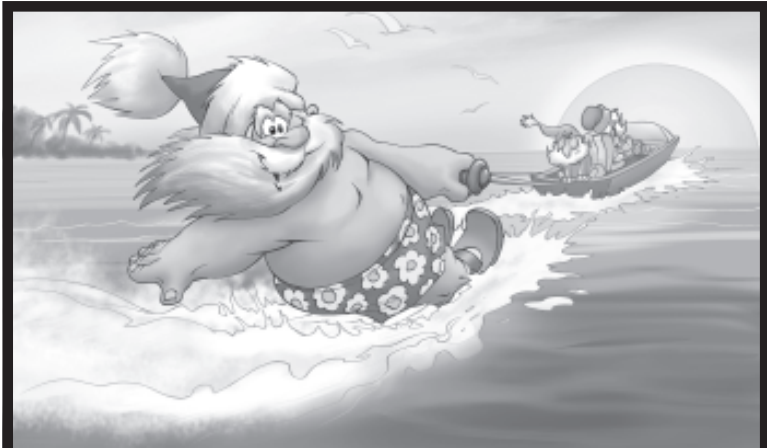


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Dear Santa,  
How many elves are there in the north pole? I think there are 10 thousand elves. I have been trying to be good this year. This year I would like a red Nintendo switch. I would like a Knuckle as well as Shadow, and Sonic action figure from Sonic. I would like a Mario movie toy set that has three kingdoms: the mushroom kingdom, the bowser kingdom, and the jungle kingdom, and the arena where Mario fights Donkey Kong, Luigi, Princesses Peach, and Mario with their karts. I would like to get ten Barbies for my brother Lucas. I would like five Lalaloopsy dolls for my brother and two baby dolls. I would want my dad to have a purple speaker because his favorite color is purple. I would want my mom to have an action figure of Buggy from one piece. I would like my step mom to have toy Stitch. Thank you for the toys for all of us.

Sincerely, James Arthurs

Dear Santa,  
My name is Caleb and I was just wondering how many elves there are at the north pole. I am 7 years old and would love to receive a Nintendo Switch. I also would like to have Hot Wheels too. I wanted to let you know that I play soccer with some of my friends. Do you play any sports? I hope that the elves build me a bocklox and a Pogo Pop (with a horn on it). I am so excited for your journey to America. I am going to make chocolate chip cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer. I really would love to have a soccer ball to practice my skills. I wanna get something for my mom but I have no money and she needs new makeup. Also my brother wants a soccer ball if that's ok. I really would like to get a jack for my dad. I hope you are having a great time at the north pole. Merry Christmas.

Sincerely, Caleb Charpie

Dear Santa,  
I want to know how many elves you have this Christmas. I want a drone that has a camera so

I can find lost toys and I want Pokemon cards specifically Bulbasaur and Blastoise and a new backhoe and I want a set of Monster trucks. And little cars to drive over and I want Nerf guns so I can shoot toys. I also want a new blanket because the one I have doesn't fit my anymore. Santa, I tried to be on my best behavior but my sister tried to make me mad all the time.

Sincerely, Maverick

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have? This year I think I will be on the nice list. I want a rex monster truck and water bottle. I want my mom and dad to have a hat. I want my chickens to have a big chicken pen. I want a star. And 5 quarters. And a reindeer and sleigh with Santa. Have a nice trip!

Love, Andrew

Dear Santa,  
Can you come all year, Santa? I want a PS5 and I want a set of cars, only monster trucks and 10 nintendo switches for my Grandpa, Uncle Will, Mom, cousin and me. And a fire Donkey Kong, Fire Luigi, another PS4 Fire Browser and Fire Princes Peach in cars, another 3 PS4 Batman set with Fire Justice League Set and a motorcycle real.

Love, Carter Dwyer

Dear Santa,  
How do you go down the chimney? I think you shrink tiny and use magic sparkles to go down. I have been good this year because I love my sister and cousins! This year I want my mom to feel better from her surgery, a stuffie bunny, a baby doll and a giant gumball machine with little buckets. I also want a cute dress with white shoes and white tights because I wanna wear it here. Thank you for giving me some good presents last year!

Love, Wrenna Faber

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brantlee. I am 5 years old and I would like to have some stuffy friends, blocks, and a robot. I want to know how many elves you have. How are the elves doing? I want to play with the things that I get. I like spending time with family and my friends. I like to play in the snow and I've built a big snowman before, but it fell over. I've been a little bit good this year and I've tried to be the goodest I can. I want Santa to eat his cookies. Do your reindeer want carrots? I want a real puppy for Christmas and I want it to be a black puppy. My favorite thing to do is play with my friends. Merry Christmas!

From: Brantlee Hollnagel

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I think that they are doing well in the North Pole. I also think that the reindeer have shaggy noses. My behavior is really good. I think that I am on the good list. For Christmas I want to race cars and dinosaurs. The kind of race car that I want is a speed racer. I also want new dinosaurs. I am going to

make a race car for them and play with them on the race track. With my dinosaurs I am going to put them on my race cars and have them go down the track with my cars. Another thing I want for Christmas is animals at my house. The kind of animals are tigers, cheetahs, and a gorilla. I have a lot of toys for them at my house. I am going to use these animals to protect me from their biting. Make sure you don't eat too many cookies so you can have cookies and donuts at my house.

Love, Lincoln Macsuga

Dear Santa,  
Please can I have an Xbox, a new tv, and xbox controller. I am going to give you Santa and Elf cookies.

Love, Seamus Martineau

Dear Santa,  
I want you to know that I love you, Santa. I love your reindeer. I think they are so cool. What is it like in the North Pole? I think the elves are working hard on all presents. I've been really good this year. But I have been naughty, bit only when I was really mad. I want a pet mouse for Christmas. I'm gonna feed it and we're gonna be best friends. Her name would be Shelly. I would also like some princess shoes that rainbow and are high heels. I'd like them to have a pink bow on them. I wanna wear them to church. I would also like a fancy, cute dress to go with it. I'd like it to be pink with a rainbow bow in the middle. I would also like a stuffed bunny. It would be a white-ish pink. I wanna play with it and sleep with it too. Would you put candy canes on my tree? I'd like them to be in the pattern rainbow, red, white. I promise I will eat them. That's all! Also make sure you don't get markers and stuff all over yourself!!!

Love Emma

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and Miss Clause are doing fine in the North Pole. Santa, please give me a Scuff-a-luv, and a big gym bar for swinging on! I would like the gym bar to be mainly black, and pink, but maybe with a little bit of red and white. Also I was wondering how many reindeer do you have and what are their names. Santa I really appreciate you and Miss clause, and the reindeer! On Christmas eve I always sleep on the couch, I would like to see You.

Love Olive Miller



Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo Switch and an Xbox and building blocks. I play Mario Go and Mario Kart on my Nintendo, I also want a star box for my dad because it's a luckybox. How many elvs do you have Santa and why does your reindeer have a red nose? I also want lego so I can build whatever I want everyday. At school I build legos and I build a big Dinosaur and basketball hoop so my dad can lift me up and I can dunk the ball and a light orange basketball Santa I also would like a million bucks so I can be rich with it. What's your middle name Santa? I've been good this year, too. So I think I'm on the nice list and I'm so excited for you to come to my house. I'm also making cookies for you and putting out milk so I hope you like it!

Love, Leo Moore

Dear Santa,  
I want a monster truck with an electric remote. Will leave milk and cookies.

Kyle

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I would please like a Nintendo switch, an alligator (a real one) a 100 sign, a shark super fast dirt bike, a shark, and Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Love, Ryker Somosky

Hi Santa,  
I hope you had a good year. I can't wait to make you cookies. Thanks for sending sparkles back to mee this year. Please can I have a doll house for Christmas? And a book of learning how tuild volcanoes for kids. And a monster truck. Thank You

Love, Emilia Wambold

Dear Santa,  
How do you fit down the chimney? I think you just jump in. I have been good this year because I do what my mom says; I think you'll bring me some presents. I want a Nintendo Switch and a sister because I only have two brother and one uncle. I would also like a Barbie doll and a baby doll. Santa, how many el s do you have I think you have 1000. Am I on the nice list or naughty llist. How are you doing with Mrs. Claus? What are you and Mrs Claus doing today? I ,think you both are eating dinner made of candy. And a bunny pillow. How is the north poloe doing with Mrs. Claus? Santa can you please bring us some money? I would also like an elf toy . I hope you have a good day.

Love, Carmen Warren

**MS. VINCENT,  
1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE**

For Christmas I wont a Annyuanda Elsyu doll and a big toy of miss Vincent

and a pencil sharpener min on robot and 30 books.

From, Zoey

Dear Santa,  
Can I have for Christmas I want a barbie dream house and slippy slide and squishmellow and a mini frig and a chaplen and a slide for my pool and a zipline and a polly pocket and pineapple purse and I want a purse that is a puppy.

Love from Nora

Dear Sante,  
I want a puppy in my pocket and all of my teacher have a great Christmas. And all fo my friends and a hos for my puppy in my pocket and a toy sparkle.

From Brynn

Dear Santa,  
I want heated blanket. A little eletrick scooter. And a Christmas hat. Christmas socks. And a big gaterade x waterbottle. Christmas shirt.

From ikhox

Der Santa,  
I want farm anim foy Christmas like horses.

From Mason.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would realy like if you could please get me a book called "How to drive your sister crazy " and a lego friend set and a pet dog that is a girl and a trampoline and polly pocket pineapple purse and a elf on the shelf and a barbie dream house and arobot cat.

Love, from Jazlyn

Dear Sant,  
I want a tablet for Christmas and a real phone andpupes and a mochrchuk and a fast bik.

From Silva

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike a really fast and a blue lambo. Pleaseand thank you.

From Colton

Dear Santa,  
Squishmellows can eighteem and elf on the shlf. Santa I want a ipad.

From Jenna.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want to go to floda so I need to be rich. I want a lambo. I want my family to have a great Christmas. Get me everything boy style. And a tramleleen

From: Julian

Dear Santa,  
I want a tablet and a real watch for Christmas. Thank you!

From Cortez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want Marioe cart set for Christmas. I want a piano and a

blue catar.

From: Leon

Dear Santa,  
I want a electric scooter and squish mellow, also high heel boots and cat toy and high heels and zipline and can you fucks my four wheeler.

Love, Jaylynn

Dear Santa,  
I wot a tadlit and a heding blanket.

From Alyssa.

Dear Santa,  
I want a pupe with a hos.

From Kaylin

Dear Santa,  
I wot a lot of transformenrs. I wot a min frinj. I wat a oatimus prime. I wot a tablet. I wot a lago.

From Logan

Der Santa,  
I want aannd a b tommy foom. Skateboard hotrack Tommy

**MRS. L. DELLAR,  
1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE:**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jaxon and I live in Barton City. This year I have been very nice. Here are some things I did this year: I have shared, I have listend to my parents, I have made my bed when I needed. For Christmas I would like: Five nights at Freddy's action figures. Call of them and sister location and movie. All the five nights at freddy games. (not sister location) newest apple phone, nightmare animontric plushes and pizza-veaa lego set.

Merry Christmas! Love, Jaxon Anddersson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dakota and I live in Hubor lake. This year I have been very nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: being nice to other kids. Help people get stuff that they needed. Help my dad and mom.

For Christmas I would like : Christmas earrings, purple unicorn, head bands.

Merry Christmas! Love, Dakota Cmmigs



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Dear Santa,  
My name is Emmarose, and I live in greenbush. This year I have been very nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: I give some people what they needed this year. Share things, play people what they want to play. For Christmas I would like dog, cat pig because I lost my pig.

Merry Christmas! Love, Emma Hall

Dear Santa,  
Muy name is Reese and I live in Hubbard Lake. This year I have been very nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: gave elf chocolate, helped mom, gave somebody presents. For Christmas I would like: makep, candy canes, stickers.

Merry Christmas! Love Reese Thompson

Dear Santa,  
My name is Nevaeh and I live in Alcona. This year I have been very nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: I help a cousin. I played with my brother when he asked, opened a door for someone. For Christmas I would like: I want slime, I want baby dolls, I want more clothes.

Merry Christmas! Love, Nevaeh Dwyer

Dear Santa,  
My name is DJ and I live in Mikado. This year I have been mostly nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: I made my mom a card, I got my dad a Christmas present, I told somebody happy birthday.

For Christmas I would like: hot wheels track, re-

mote control car, elf on the shelf.

Merry Christmas! Love, DJ Avery

Dear Santa,  
My name is Grayson and I live in Lincoln. This year I have been mostly nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: I said thank you, every time my mom said to do a chor I did it. For Christmas I would like: r.c. car, nerf gun, german shephard stuffed animal.

Merry Christmas! Love, Grayson Clink

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hailie and I live in Harrisville. This year I have been mostly nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: give someone a complement. Said I like you to someone. Made someone feel better. For Christmas I would like: Barbie dream house, fingerling, pet.

Merry Christmas! Hailie Mathes

Dear Santa,  
My name is Abby and I live in Lincoln. This year I have been mostly nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: I have been saying please, I was quiet in the cafiterea, I have been saying thank you. For Christmas I would like: Amerocin girl doll, nitendo swich, golden ereings.

Merry Christmas! Love, Abby Griffith

Dear Santa,  
My name is Layla and live in Michigan. This year I have been mostly nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: helped her

brother, helped her mom, helped her classmats. For Christmas I would like: a tablet, comic books, a kit-ten.

Merry Christmas! Love Layla Ellsworth

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaylee and I live in Spruce. This year I have been very nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: help people, pick up my toys, I was nice to my parent. For Christmas I would like: clock, makeup, toy horse.

Merry Christmas! Love Kaylee Griffith

Dear Santa,  
My name is Atticus and I live in Lincoln. This year I have been mostly nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: play with my dog, I am quiet on the bus. I share my toys. For Christmas I would like: legos, action figures, harry potter wand.

Merry Christmas! Love Atticus Hunter

Dear Santa,  
My name is Henry and I live in Greenbush. This year I have been very nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: I helped my brother one morning. I helped my brother when he was scard. I helped a friend. For Christmas I wouk like: a tablit, paw patrol toys, a toy phone.

Merry Christmas! Love, Henry Dietrich

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ilena and I live in Alcona. This year I have been mostly nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: kissed bay, gave someone a hug, gave someone tishes for a sick friend. For Christmas I would like: Amrecen girl doll, a night light, food for baby's.

Merry Christmas! Love, Ilena Turpen

Dear Santa,  
My name is Benson and I live in Lincoln. This year I have been very nice. Here are some nice things I did this year: I shared my toys with my sister, I was brave when I broke my arm, I let people help me with my work. For Christmas I would like: I want a Nintendo that the sides come off, games for the Nintendo, a nice controller.

Merry Christmas! L0ove, Benson Leeseberg

# Look Who Else is Coming to Town!



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Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my toys. I have tried hard this year to good. This year I would like toys. Also, I want a rocking chair. I hope you have a safe trip on your sleigh.

Love, Karson LeBeau

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for a Baby doll. I have tried hard this year to be on the respectful wall this year. I would like a Mine mouswoch. Also I want a stuff animal Pupey. I hope you have a safe flight on you sleigh.

Love, Amara

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my stuuf toy Sonic. I want a few things this year. One thing I want is a robot. Another thing I want is a stuff toy shadow, The final thing I want is a Nintendo.

Love, Dominikc Bosley

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for a tractr. I have tried hard this year to be respectful. This year I would like a toy cows. Also, I want a toy barn. I hope you have a safe flight.

Love, Bryce Dellar

Dear Sataclos,  
Thak you for last year preses. Thjis yeer I want a par of roler skcas they have 4 wels. Be cafl and have a good flit.

Gabrella Evanish

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toy maws. I have tried hard this year to be good this year. I would like a new tablit. Also, I want a nothr Cindylow Who Dole. I hope you have a safe flight on your sleigh.

Love, Gianna Sabastian

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for boxeplug. I h ave tried hard this y to lonk box mdrCb. This I would like hamr. Also I want a snowboard. Hope you have flight on your sleigh.

Love, Ethan Boliek

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my pets. I have tried hard tp be a good. I would like a robot this year. Also, I want a stuffed panda. I hope you have a safe flight on your sleigh.

Love, Hailey Page

Dear Santa,  
I have tred to be good. Kandy, my elf has been a bad girl. I want a iphone 13 pro max. Also, I want a Pomeranian puppy. I hope you have a safe trip in your sleigh.

Love, Gemma Rice

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the

Batman hat. I have tried harred this year to be good. This year I would like Empir lego set also I wanta pupe. I hope you have a safe flight on you sleigh.

Love Cash Alderman

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for a orej. I have tried hard this year tp get on the respectful wol. This year I would like a lion's had. Also I want a cowgirl soot. I hope you have a safe fligh on your sleigh.

Love, Olivia French

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my Nintendo switch, I got last year. This year Naruto toys. I also would like my own PS5. I hope you have a great Christmas and thank you for everything.

Love, Ronan Reno

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the X Box game/ I have tried hard this year to be cind to pel. This year I would like a tranformar that I call. I hope you have a good flight and Christmas!

Love, Noah Hurley

**MRS. SAMP  
2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for last year's presents. How is Rudolph? I think he's doing good. I'm a good kid. I please want a Nintendo Switch, green or ornge, whichever one is easier to get. I please also want a hotwheels plwo truck. Yellow. A new Roku t.v please hotwheels toe truck. One box of Jordan green, please. Thank you. Thank you for being here and giving me my gifts.

Liam Charpie

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? This year I think that I have been more Nice than naughty. This year the good things that I did were feed my cats, let them outside, and play with them with their favorite laser pointer, and I did lots of reading. Next I want to tell you what I want for Christmas this year!

1. Slime, the kind of slime that don't stick,
2. More chapter books, like Ivy and Bean
3. Robo Kitty, the ones that walk by themselves
4. Shoes that you can color
5. Adorables

I have one more question for you before I wrap up this letter. How are the reindeer doing? Well I'm going to let you get back to the toys, hope all is good in the north pole this year and I'm really looking forward to Christmas!

Love, Taylor Yono

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? This year I think I have been a lot more good than I have been naughty. Some of the

things that I did this year are help my grandparents, feed the doges Hope and Duck, and my cat Macy. Next I want to tell you what I would like for Christmas this year!

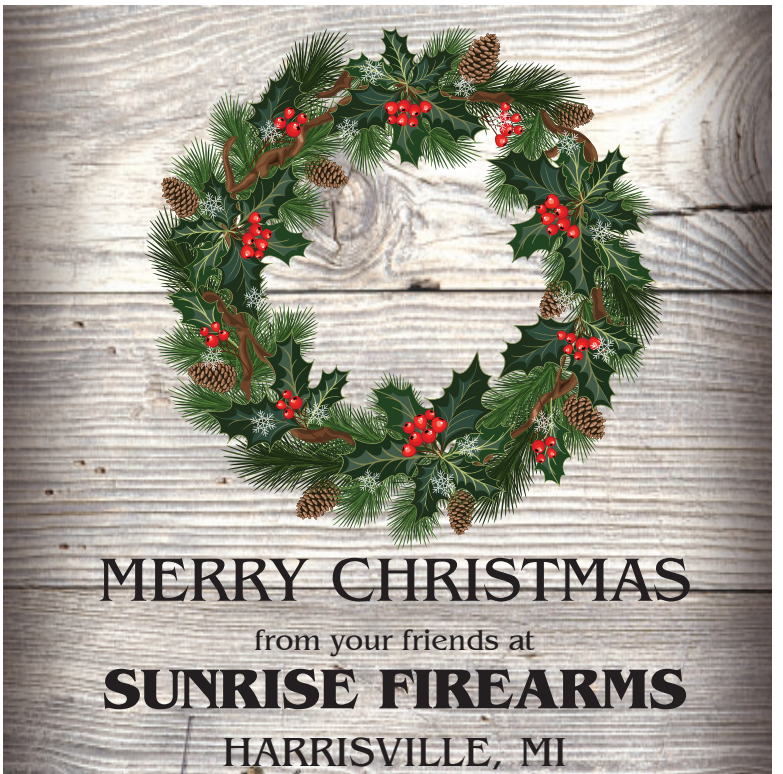
1. New school supplies like a new backpack, pencils, pens and erasers.
2. Slime
3. New shoes
4. New chapter books like Ivy and Bean
5. Box of fidgets; that ones like squishies, spinners

I have one more question before I wrap up this letter. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves, How is she doing with her baking and the elves with the toy making? Well I'm going to let you get back to the toys. I hope all is good in the north pole this year and I'm really looking forward to Christmas!

Love, Brooklyn Evanish

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a bean bag, hello LED lights, smile everyday picture with background of flowers picture, I pad, yoyo, Tipmant RC Spider Remote Control Tarantula Realistic, glow in the dark water bottle and a mini backpack TY Santa

Love, Mariyah Deller



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Dear Santa,  
I was curious how the reindeers are doing this year? Have they been good? I've been really nice this year, and I'm even student of the month! I deserve a lot of presents this year. For Christmas this year, I want a make-up box. I would like it to be rainbow and a medium size so I can put eyeshadow and lipstick in it. Red high heels are also on my list. I would like to wear them at home. One last thing for me is purple slime with hearts and glitter in it. I would really like to play with slime. I would also like to get a big sign for my mom that says I love you. This item is really important to me. I would like more rabbit food for my bunnies, I have 15 fluffy bunnies at home. (P.S. a pet rat would be really cool too, maybe a gray and white girl). Thank you for all the presents last year, and don't eat too many cookies. Make sure you share with the reindeer!

From Kinze Kennedy

Dear Santa,  
Hey Santa, it's your buddy Dominic. I've been a really good boy this year so

I would like to ask you for a few things. I would really like an Android phone, An oculus quest three. So pretty pretty please with a cherry on top could you get me these gifts.

Sincerely, Dominic Good

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa its your friend Temperance. I have been really good except for the one time I cut my sisters bangs off. So please forgive me and here me out on the gifts I would like. I really want a new makeup set, a heated coat, new paint pad, to see my rabbit one last time, to see Grandpa one more time, an x box with a small tv. Please hear me out and hopefully some of these if not all can come true.

Sincerely, Temperance Fry

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents last year. This year I would like a skateboard

to ride on. How do the reindeer fly? How do you get around so fast, do you ever miss a house. Thank you for the joy you bring. Don't eat too many cookies. Have a merry Christmas.

Brooklyn Kimball

Dear Santa,  
I don't have any questions for you this year. I have been super good this year I like to share my snacks with my sister. I would like a lava lamp I have never got one and I think that they are super cool. I see them in Alpena at home depo but my mom says they are too expensive. My sister did something very bad this year she broke my snow globe and that upset me and I would like a new one this year My sister has been super bad this year and not very good this year. My sister gets in timeout a lot for yelling. I think my sister is getting more presents then me even tho shes been more naughty than me. Could you also get my mom a cup that says mom just like I got my dad a cup that says dad for fathers day?

From: Carter Cecil

Dear Santa,  
What is your real name? I think it's a Santa Man. I think I've been good this year because I've been helping my friends when they're getting bullied. I am their friend. This year I would like Spiderman3, a new gaming chair, PlayStation 5, and Call of Duty 3.

I hope to get the Playstation5 because it has better graphics. I like to play with my friends. I would like you to bring my baby cousin, Luca, a toy car. He will be happy when he gets it. I have three dogs at my mom's. I would like you to bring them bones, treats, and toys. They like to play with me, and they go on walks with me. I also would like you to get my friend, Liam, a Nintendo switch, Call of Duty 3, and a dirt bike. I also want a 150CC four-wheeler. I already have one bit its 110CC. The new one has more power and it's nicer. I will ride it at my grandpa and grandma's because they have a big back yard. I hope you have a good time going down the chimneys.

Love, Jordan Rich

Dear Santa,  
What do you feed your reindeer? I think I have been good and bad. I accidentally broke a glass cup with my grabber. I helped my mom with my sister and our brand new cats. I would like a VR headset for Christmas because I've been watching youtube videos about it and it looks

really cool!!! And some more power ranger toys. I love power rangers. My favorite ones are the dinosaur ones. Hopefully you don't give me coal!!! Thank you for the gifts I got last Christmas.

Jason Eldridge

Dear Santa,  
How many Reindeer do you have and what do they eat? I think they eat cookies and I really think you have 10 Reindeer. I would like to say that I really like transformers. I have two favorites I really like Maxximus Prime and Bubble Bee. I love playing with my transformers. Oh and another thing I think you should know is I've been really good.

Your friend, Jaymes Warner

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. This year I want to get Minecraft for dhristmas. When I get Minecraft im going to build a village. I also want a new pair of sandals that I will run around with outside. Also I would like a big purple dinosaur and some legos. I will play with both of them together. I want to thank Santa for the Christmas tree.

From, Ayden Franklin

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your reindeers and elves? Are the elves busy making gifts? Am I on the nice list or naughty list? I hope I'm on the nice list, I think I've been good this year. Can I have a crybaby that actually cries? I want to play with it in my play room. Also, a little live pet? Maybe a cat, bunny or dog.

And maybe an OMG doll. One with long, light oink hair.

Love, Madison Waligore

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudoff doing? Is he flying well? Hopefully hes doing good. I know I've been doing good but my sister is on the naughty list. Since I've been doing sooo gppd I was wondering if I could get a pack of hot wheels with a track because I cant play with hotwheels on the ground. Also I want a robot dinosaur, robot spider and a fake tool kit so I can be like the Elve's. I have a couple pf more questions, how are the other reindeers doing to. Have a happy Christmas Santa!!

P.S. I also want a toy firetruck and toy TV,  
From your favorite, Brentley Harrison

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Dear Santa,  
 How are the elves and the reindeers doing? I hope hey're doing really good. Was I put on the naughty or nice list? I'm hoping to give this letter to Shimmer, say hi for mr. Can you get me a bigger fish tank? So the tank cleaner can fit and my fish can be hsppi-er and healthier. I would also like some new posters for my room. Maybe some with cats or one that says "welcome to my room". I want to hang them over one of my beds and under my vanity. I would like one more present. Please bring me some Barbie stuff.

I hope you have a good merru Christmas.  
 Love, Emma Rae Truman

**Mrs. Werth,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**

Dear Santa,  
 What are the elves names? I think one of their names is Elfy. I think I've been kind of good this year. This year I would like a pink camera. I would like a pink camera so I can hang pictures on my bedroom wall. Another reason I want a camera is so I can remember the good times. I really like to take pictures!

This year I want a big light blue wuitcase. I want a big suitcase because I always pack A LOT of clothes when I travel. I also really want a bathrobe. I want a bathrobe because I would be really ci=omfy in a one and so im not as cold when I get put of the shower. I heard that they a really comfy. I would also like you to get my sister an ankle brace-let sp she will always have something to remember me by. I want to get my dad a watch so he can always know what time it is. I want him to get a watch becausesometimes he is forgetful. I want my grandma to get a picture of a flower because she loves flowers I hope you won't get lost when you atr bringing everyone their presents this year. I also hope you remember who all of the good kids were.

Love, Alexis Leigh Colding

Dear Santa Clause,  
 How many carrots are you supposed to feed the reindeer? I think I should give them about 5 crrots for all of the reindeer. I have been very good this year! This year I would like a flamingo plushie. It's my favorite animal, I would also like a new American gfirl doll because I can dess her up. Thank you for all the presents last year. I hope you have a safe trip' Don't

eat all the cookies!  
 Love, Charlotte Matheny

Dear Santa,  
 One very important question that I

have is how do reindeers fly? I think hat reindeer fly by using magical dust that gives them the power to fly high in the sky with Santa and all his presents. I have been very good this year by going to school and listening to my teachers so "I can get very good grades. Something that I really want this year as a present is my favorite animal, a pet cat. If I get a car I would love for it to play with me as if it was a friend of mine. The main things that me and the cat would do is play games, eat together, and sleep and take naps together. Another reason that I love cats so much is because of how furry and soft they are. Another present that I would really like is to get I s a puppy dog since they are sos cutee and playful.If Santa would bring me a puppy I would really enjoy playing with him since they are like companions to himans oike me. Some things that me and the puppy would do is play a lot since they have tons of energy just like me since I'm a little boy. I hope you have a really good trip on the way here and have lots of very good cookies!

Sincerely, Weston Feher  
 Dear Santa,

How do reindeer fly? Is it magic that makes them fly? I have been pretty good this year. I would like the Pokemon: Scarlet and Violet. This is a video game, and you catch mythical creatures called Pokemon. I would like to play this game. I also would like an Xbox One Sieris. This is a gaming system that you play video games on. I would like to play games on this system. I would like a nerf gun like the eagle eye or the double punch, I would like to use these nerf guns for target practice. I have been a good kid and think I derserve all of these items, and if you could give them. I bet that would make me very happy and Santa, I hope you have a good flight on Christmas Eve and day.

Sincerely,  
 James Brockwell

Dear Santa,

Does Rudolph's nose really glow? I think is really does. How else would you see I the dark sky? I have been very good this year. I helped my brother, Bentley and mom by putting the toys down beside Bentley's bed. I help Bentley by helping him get the candy out of the pinatas. This year I would like to get a barbie, preferably a pregnant one. I think it would be fun to play doctors with it. I really want a guinea pig with a cage very badly. I would be able to have it in my bedroom and it would e super duper fun! Don't eat too much cookies or drink too much milk!! Please leave me my presents!

Love, Mackenzie Fowler

Dear Santa,  
 How are toys made? I think elves make the toys. I was very good this year. I would like an RC monster truck and an RC truck-the one that has blue wheels and the one that has boue skin with 45. "I amgoing to drive it around both inside and outside. I want it to be really fast, and when it crashes it goes bacik together easily. I also want like a Nerf gun, a sniper rifle in specific. I am going to shoot at Coca-Cola cans. I want it to be blue. I also want my own web shooter. I plan to shoot the web at everyone. I want the web shooter to have infinite webs. I also would like it to be blue. I also want a Marvel Avengers tower with 30 minifigures. I'm going to have cars with it. I wish it was 10- feet tall with a big door. I wish for 95 packs of gum. I'm going to eat it one at a time. I want it to be blue gum. I also want an airsoft sniper and shotgun. I am going to shoot cans and my books. I want the airsoft guns to not hurt.

I also want new shoes. I want them to be Nike Kcks. I am going to bring the m to school and show everybody.I also want snowflake lights for my room. I sm going to put them up on my ceiling. I want them to go very bright.Thank you for putting me on the good list every year! I hope aoo my gifts arrive safeoy.

From Jenson Geiersbach



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Dear Santa,  
 How do you get down the chimney with that big bag? I bet you use the little pipe, don't you? I might have been a little naughty, but I hop you still think there is some nice in me. I wanted to include some things for my sister, like a new doll. I think she would like a doll that can talk to her, and it could move around. I want my brother to get a dinosaur Nerf gun. He really wants that one and he forgot to add it to his list so I added it to mine. I really want some hot wheels – just the cook kind. Thank you for the new Dinosaur Bakugan you got me last year. I'm going to spend \$25 on my brothers present this year! Please get something for my 2 cats, Lucy and Smokey.

Sincerely, Lucas Payne

Dear Santa,  
 How does Santa get in when the door and chimneys are locked? Santa gets in by magic I want a grinch plushie. I'm going to play with the grinch plushie and sleep with it. I want dinosaur pajamas Jurassic world. I want new xbox batteries to watch you tube, a cat plushie, dog plushie, roblox plushie with Bacon hair plushie, pillow, I want

a tiger. Do you like to eat chocolate cookies? I am making 10 for you. Do you like milk?

Casey Warren

Dear Santa,  
 Hey Santa I have a very very important question: how do your reindeer fly? I think you feed them magical carrots or feed and that make them fly. But I think I

'm more good than bad because I've been helping my brother and sister do their chores. That's why I should get a bibi gun because I wanna shooting guns but I wanna start with bibi guns pr bow and arrow. I also think think should get some barbies but also baby barbies so I can play house. I would also really like to be able to paint more so could you please get me some art stuff. But for my family I think they would like a new piggy bank or pig plates because me and my family like pigs. I would really really like it if I could get one of those volcano kits because I wanna figure out how they work. But more importantly I wish you and Rudolf a merry Christmas.

P. S. I won't forget the carrots for the magical reindeer.

Sincerely, Ainsley Boyat

Dear Santa,  
 What do the elf's eat? I think they eat the cookies Santa brings back. I also think they eat candy. I think I'm on the nice list. I've been good and haven't gotten into much trouble. I want a new iPhone 14 and a laptop for Christmas because I don't have them. I also want Barbies.

I really like Barbies. I want a brown dog squishmallow, I only have 2 small ones and I really want a big one. If I get the new iPhone 14 I will love it. I'll be able to play games and watch movies. I also want slime and kinetic sand. It's really fun and entertaining. I also want new

llama pajamas and slippers to keep me warm this winter. I always love opening my stocking, this year I want lots of chocolate and lip gloss. I hope there is playdough in it. My favorite movie is Charlie Brown. I also really want the Grinch book.

Thank you,  
 Reagan Flerchinger

Dear Santa,  
 Why do you drink so much milk? I think it's because you dip your cookies in them. I believe I've been very good this year. I fed my dog Mia dinner every day. This year I would like the newest Xbox for

Christmas, We keep tripping over the cords of the one we have now. I would also like Adidas tennis shoes for Christmas, red ones that have laces. I think gas RC cars cool too if you could get that. I need a new helmet, chest pad and boots for my dirt bike. I would also like football stuff for Christmas I would like a four wheeler and winter boots. I would like it if you got my dog Mia a really fluffy blanket too. My mom and my best friend would all like the iPhone 14 for Christmas one in blue, one in blue with a Mountain case, one in red and one in yellow. My brother Jack wants a new puppy for Christmas, a big fluffy puppy. Thank you for delivering all my presents and my Nerf guns. Don't eat too many chocolate chip cookies, more than two will give you a stomach ache.

Love, Andrew Borke

Dear Santa,  
 I've been very good this year. This year I want Sonic Prime New York City, Prison, the pirate Sonic Prime toy set. And the Sonic Prime Bpscape maze set. I also want Sonic Superstars for my Nintendo Switch, as well as a Sonic Prime plushie. I like playing Roblox and Minecraft

so I would like Robux to buy fun things in different games and Minecoins to buy the Sonic the Hedgehog Minecraft. I would like a tails pushie from Sonic, a Army Rose toy and a mini tails toy from Sonic, to give to Peyton. I really really like Sonic beaches and palm tree set. The Sonic dot exe games for my Nintendo Switch. Switch would be very fun. And finally just a plain Sonic the Hedgehog action figure.

Thank you Santa, Dearest Jaxsin Baughan

Dear Santa,  
 I wanted to start with a question. Do elves teleport from place to place? I would think you would just stall because you would want to keep it secret. I was nice this year because I would help my mom with groceries and also got the eggs from the chicken coop. One of the things I want this year is a \$500 Avengers tower playset I do not know much more to explain about it. When and if I get it I am going to glue the piece tighter and set it up for display. Another thing I want is an Intergalactic space cruiser it looks like a spaceship with capsules on the side that hold the bad guys. I will also have this item as a display item. One more



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

~ Matthew 2:10-11

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Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I want a Nintendo Switch, and a PS5, so I can play Fortnite, and a TV. I've been good so far this year, I've been doing good in school. I always help with washing the dishes, and Doing the laundry. I always listen to my parents and make sure I do what they ask. I really appreciate my teacher, and I've really appreciated my sister this year and bought her headphones. I think she would really like a Barbie doll. I think my dog Mimi and my cats, Butter-scotch and Maggie would really like some toys too.  
Love, Paul Ashford

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I think you put magic on them. I think I was good this year. I helped my sister with putting on her shoes. I helped my cousin Bella by being quiet when she had a migraine. For Christmas this year, I would like a Baby Alive and a bed for my Baby Alive. I would like a friendship necklace for me and my sister. Finally I really wish for my grandma to come down from heaven. I really wish I could get a toy guinea pig and 13 toys for my 13 dogs. An owl squishmellow for Christmas would be fun. A small stress ball just to squish. A leash for lilla. Christmas earrings with snowflakes and a penguin pair with Christmas hats. My one last thing that I really want is a rabbit cage and my parents can by me a rabbit. New nike shoes would be super cool. I really hope to get bella a chapter book with all kinds of dragons in it and I hpe Santa gives payton a princess jasmine doll and Jackson a sonic and tails toy. I hope to give my mom a toy for my baby sister sawyer. I hope that Santa gives Zoey a fluffy black and white cat. And one more question: how do you eat all those cookies? Miss you Santa,  
Everleigh Baughan

Dear Santa,  
How do you go around the world in one night, if

the world takes a long time to travel? I think you sprinkle magic dust on the reindeer and then they go really. I am being good, but sometimes I don't get along with my sister but sometimes I do. I want a dream cap. A dream cap is a cap that's made of metal but is soft as a pillow on the inside, and when you feel sleepy and you want to have any dream you want to dream of, when you fall asleep you have the dream you thought of and if you want to-na have a bad dream there is a switch on the side to change the mode: good dream is on the right side and bad 9s on the left side. I plan to have any kind of dearm is on the left. I plan to have any kind of dream I can thin I can think of, please. What else I want for Chjristmas is a fabric mermaid tail, when its summer I can play mermai8ds in the water. Lastly I would like a whole collection of the diary of a wimpy kid collection please.  
Love, Ingrid Jane Fritz Wilson

Dear Santa,  
How do Reindeer fly? I think you sprinkle magic fairy dust on them. I have been being good. I wouldLike a squishmellow. A suishmellow is a stuffed animal. I want an Axolot\* one, I plan to play with it, and sleep with. And I would like cat vs pickle and I would like new slippers and I want slippers because it is my feet are always cold. Thank you for the blowup jetski last year.  
Mckinley Hart

Dear Santa,  
How do you get to all the houses in one day? For Christmas I want a big Axoloti squishmellow, and I also want a big stuffed animal reindeer and I want you to give my older brother DJ some Pokemon cards. My sister sister for her to have music for hef record player. I would like it if you gave my friend Taylor a medium squihmello with a rainbow face. I would like a a friendship necklace to share with my friend

Tayllor. I would like Christmas earrings.  
Love, Alexandria Hux

Dear Santa,  
Do you have magic too? Because I know the elves have magic. I want a camera and film for the camera. I also want a doll house for my bearded dragon, I want something for my mom to help get the fleas away, I also want a Christmas collar for my cat.  
Love, Brooklyn Lawson

Dear Santa,  
Hi my name us Charleigh, What does your louse look like? I think your house is a big brown hose with a red door. I believe I have been very kind to people around me. I would really like a Furby for Christmas. It looks like an owl, has reindeer ears that glow. I would also like for Christmas a Bitzee, you can open it and it has a animal inside. There is a light that shines under the animal. And last but not least I would really love an animal purse, its light and dark pink. It has big eyes and eyelashes, I would use it to carry my things around school and home. I hope you don't get sick while flying around in your sleigh on Christmas night. Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me please.  
Love, Charleigh Long

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Bella, I have s question I have a question for you, How do your reindeer fly? I think that when you sprinkle magical dust to make them fly. This year, I would like an iphone for Christmas. I also would like a bunny stuffed animal, a cute tall cat tree, and a toy cat to cuddle with it and its company. Last but not leaset I would like a black skateboard to ride on the road but when I do ride t on the road I will be careful. I hope you don't eat too many cookies this year. I also hope you have a safe trip.  
Lpve, Bella Miller



### **That Christmas Feeling**

*It's in the air and all around, from the lights up high to the snow on the ground: A spirit of joy and goodwill too, and a feeling of gratitude for each one of you.*

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Dear Santa,  
Where do the reindeer live? I think the reindeer live in the north [ole. I have been a good kid this year. I would like a sonic prime toy, tails toy, jojo siwa shirt, Christmas t-shirt, neon markers, flutter shy toy, rainbow dash toy.  
Love, Lena Neidig

Dear Santa,  
How do the reindeer fly? I think on the back pf the sleigh is a motor. I think I have been very good this year. This year I would like an Iphone 15. I would text and call my mom. I would also like an Xbox one. Next, I would like a minibike for me and my brother. I want my brother to have a four-wheeler. I want lots of cool Hot wheels. Then I would like my family to have a roku tv. Next, I want a mp3 player with marshmallow music. I also want a Santa hat with Christmas lights all round. I would like a big bag of M&M's. Next, I would like my friend and I to have new Nike shoes. And for my teacher is a Christmas hat. Now I'm going to need new snow boots to play outside because I don't have any. Thank you for everything you got me last year.  
Love, Declan Owens

Dear Santa,  
Santa can you fly like the reindeer? I want for Christmas, some Pokemon Figure balls for Christmas! I want a new magic set. I want a yoyo called the 9 dragons. The magic set or Pokemon Figure balls.  
Love, Carter Pardo

Dear Santa,  
How do you deliver the presents in one night? I think it's because you're magic. This year I want to have a squishy to play catch with and when I get mad, I can squ9ish it instead of punching pillows. I would also like a camera to take pictures when I see something pretty. I also want new fuzzy pink slippers so my feet don't feel cold. Lastly, I want a trip to Disney world sp I can see Disney princesses. Thank you for being Santa and delivering all the presents. Say hi to Dasher for me.  
Love, Alivia Raley

Dear Santa,  
Are our Elf Christmas movies real? I think they're real. Elf pets Tinsel and Timber is my favorite Christmas movie. I have been very good this year. I know. Another thing I would love os a Pokemmon Binder, to organize my pokemon cards in, so I don't lose Them. I would love to get a gift for my Dad. My Dad works on cars, so he could get a new tool set. My mom loves to

cook, I think she would love a new kitchen aide so it's way easier to bake you and me cookies, Santa  
Merry Chdistmas  
Matthew Sobeck

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I think your reindeer fly from magic. I have been good this year. For Christmas I would really enjoy Pokemon cards. Pokemon cards are toys that you can collect. I will keep my Pokemon cards safe because some of them are really expensive and I don't want to lose them. Another thing I want for Christmas is Pokemon stuffed animals. I would really want the Pikachu stuffed animal, Pikachu is my favorite Pokeeman ccharacter, and I want to sleep with the stuffed animals. I would like to get both of my sisters something for Christmas, I want to get my sister Katelyn a turtle stuffed animal and a turtle shirt. I want to get Amelia a purple clear phone case because her favorite color is purple and it's clear so you can still see stuff through the phone case. Finally, I hope you have a safe trip delivering [resents, and I will leave milk and cookies out for you, Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Hunter Sommer

Dear Santa,  
I was wondering how do you reindeer fly? I think Santa just throws magic glitter at them to make them fly. Also I believe that I have been well behaved this year. This year I would love some bright neon hair clips. I think it would be awesome to be able to put my hair up with a cute hair clip. I would also love an American girl doll. I think I'd really enjoy playing school with the doll. And finally, I'd love a fashion mini brand surprise ball would be great to open up and play with. That is all. I wish you a very safe delivering presents and have merry Christmas and happy new year.  
Love, Charlie Suszek

Dear Santa,  
What color is your sleigh? I think it's a candy cane red with white trim. I think I have been on my best behavior this year. I listen to everything my parents say. I would like a binder and some pokemon cards, 2 deer stuffed animals for my collection, a big toy box, a shelf for the deers, and a small chair for fun. I would love to give my teacher chimes. I would love to get my mom a new rug for her room. I would like to get my step-dad a new blanket. I would like to get my sister Izzy a new chapter vote. I would like to give my baby brother Liam a new baby bottle with a new straw.

Love, Andi Thomson

Dear Santa,  
How do your elves make toys? I think that they have magic that makes the toys. I have been good this year because I help in school with gym time with my friends. I help my brother clean his headboard and his room. What I would like for Christmas is Magnetic blocks because my brother likes to play with me and make four connect blocks, some fidgets because I would bring some in my bag so I don't get bored on the bus, American girl clothes, shoes, kitchen, and school stuff because it is new to me, squishmallows because when I get sad I can hug it. Her name is Mai. For my baby cousin I would like her to get a kitchen for her gabby cat. For my cat bell I would like her to get some cat treats and also mouse toys that squeak. For my dad I would like him to get a tool set. For my brother I would like to get a new phone case. For my mom I would like her to get new pj's. For my dog Penny she would like three bones. For Spark, I would like him to get a new chicken feeder. For Beautiful I would like her to get a new nest box. For Sliver to get some personal space. For Rosey she would like a basket to nest in.  
Love, Camille Walker

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I think you put magic dust right on the reindeer's reins and that is how they fly. I have been very good this year. This year for Christmas I would really like to get an RC 8 wheeler. The RC 8 wheeler has a dump truck on the back and it is good at driving through mud! I would like to drive it through mud at the golf course. It would also be great if you could bring my little sister a stocking because she doesn't have one yet. I also think my dog Duke would like some new chew toys because right now he likes to chew on shoes! Thank you for making me lots of presents and bringing them to me last year!  
Love, Jack Wolfrom

Dear Santa,  
How do you move so fast? I think the renderer run fast. I want craft stuff, lego books, and I want a Squishmellow. I will read the lego books and I will squish the Squishmellow. How have you been? I have been good.  
Love, Dominic Achtabowski



**MS. COMBEST-FRIEDMAN 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE**

Dear Santa,  
I want a drift RC car and fortnite. I want a Ronaldo Jersey, football and I want a spiderman web. Shooter and costume. I want nike shoes, orloey gun. I want fortnite gun like the nerf blaster. I hope you get a lambo for Christmas fo Santa. Stay warm  
Kaleb

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing well. My name is Easton. I am 8 years old. I live in Harrisville on Miller road. I have been very good this year. I have been on the Roar Board for half the year. This year for Christmas I would like 3 nerf guns with lots of bullets. I would also like an RC car that is green, Lastly, I would like a real right handed hocky stick that is curved to the right on the bottom. Hope you get some rest!  
From, Easton Desonia

Dear Santa,  
I have been writing for a long time for Christmas and I think that I have been good. Can I get some cat glow ears headphones and maybe some A for Agle merchandise. I would also like some dolls or prizes and toys.  
From, Paige

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I hope you are doing well. How do you deliver presents sp quickly. I can't wait for you to get to my house. Phone, big boots pleaseee and a big sqwshmallow. Thankyou. I hope you good. Mery Christmas  
From, Aria!!

Dear Santa,  
How was your day. My name is Daniel. How bow I really want now shoe the shoe are Nike ciks. And v bucks !! paey stner that has rnegatraider and thare been good ay belpg a roar student once and to do it reatine hop  
From, Daniel

Merry Christmas Santa,  
Why do you wear a red suit? Why not green or brown or all white? I'm 8 years old. My name is Lillian. I live in Barton City. I think I've been gooe this year because I've been on the ROAR board which means I've been a responsible person in school. This year I would like a inflatable dino costume, glow in the dark fort kit, and lastly a cat squish mellow.  
Love, Lillian

Dear Santa,  
Want some cookies and milk? Come on over to my house first. My name is Brady and I am 8 years

old. For Christmas I would like a banana stuffie and axolotl and Madden 24. I have been great because I have been helping my mom and I have been learning new things on my dirt bike. I hope you have a warm Christmas on your way to take presents to people.  
Love, Brady

Hi Santa,  
I hope you are doing well. What is your favorite thing to do on Christmas? I like playing in Christmas snow! I've been such a good boy this year. I want a grow gun that makes stuff get bigger. I also want a pet cat. Lastly I want a toy lambo. I hope you have a fun night giving out gifts.  
From, Eli Wilburn

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing this year. First, I want a Mega Nerf Gun because my brother and I wanted to do a play battle. Hey Santa, feel free to go through the door instead of the chimney. Next, can I please have a 20 dollar of robux. Next, can I please have a big stuffed wolf or bear. Last, can I please have a board game called Sorry. My name is Robby and I'm 8 years old. Hope you remember me!  
Love, Robby

Dear Santa,  
Yo Santa Claus! How is it going? My name is Gus. Honestly I don't know how good I've been this year but if I was on the nice list, all I want for Christmas is an Ironman mask that opens on its own. I would also like edible paper and green Nike Jordans. I hope you have a great Christmas and Happy New Year!  
From, Gus

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a great summer but before we get to the big things, let's start with the small things. First, my name is Zachary and Christmas is my favorite season. All if the other holidays because everybody brings good cheer and presents, I would like a lava lamp, a cookie monster puppet and a Christmas hat too! I hope you visit soon.  
Love, Zachary

Dear Santa,  
I hope you're doing well this year. I tried my best in school and guess what Santa? I finally got on the ROAR students board which means I'm respectful. I would like a cute teddy bear that holds a heart, an aphmau squishy, and an aphmau shirt. I hope to see you soon this year.  
Love, Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
Hello. Christmas is my favorite holiday because I like giving happiness to people and giving presents and I like the decoration on houses. I think I've been good this year because I help with chores and clean my room some-times. I wish for a squish mallow as a reindeer, I wish for fidgets, and lastly I wish for earrings. I can't wait for Christmas.  
Love, Lucy

P.S . Also don't worry I will leave out cookies and milk!

Dear Santa,  
Hello hope you are great. My name is Cassidy and I would like some graphic novel books. I really like to read and I would like a pair of onesie Christmas pjs. I've been really good this year and I'm a ROAR student which means I'm respectful to others. I've also been going to school almost every day and I do my chores and the dishes so I hope I am on the nice list. I've had a really good year and I hope you have too!  
Love, Cassidy

Dear Santa,  
Hi, I hope your day is going well. I am now 9 years old and I have grown a lot. I am very good when I am over at my aunt's house. I always try to find something to clean. This year for Christmas I would like a mini verse kitchen. I think you know what that is. Merry Christmas!  
Love Naomi



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Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing great! My name is Joey and I'm 10 years old. I live in Ossineke and I have been a good boy this year. I've been nice to my parents, I go outside when I'm told and I like your smile. Here are the things I would like. I would like an Xbox controller because I lost my other one and I hope you can replace it. I would like a toy wind up boat. I would also like a toy mustache. I hope I see you this year at Christmas!  
Love, Joey

**MS. HARRIS  
3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE:**

I HOPE YOU HAVE A Merry Christmas. Thank you for the present from last year. I would like a drone with a camera and a VR set. Merry Christmas,  
Sincerely, Roryn

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are having a great Christmas. Thank you for all of the other years. I would like fajita please, American dolls, and a yoyo. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Abbey

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a great Christmas. Thank you for giving me and my sister presents for Christmas. I would like fake money and a doll of my life doll and doll stuff for the fall. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Addison

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Thank you for all of my presents. I would like more of those alien glowing things and more of Li9ndor chocolates and

a stitch puppet please. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Sophia

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a fun Christmas. Thank you for letting me on the good list. I would like oil markers, VR3, and stitch clothes. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Brady

Dear Santa,  
I hope you deliver the presents across the world on time. Thank you for making children happy. I would like a Mechagodzilla toy, King Ghidorah toy, and a lie detector. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Jimmy

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a merry Christmas. Thank you for coming. I would like a Nintendo switch, oil markers and a VR. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Sincerely, Layla

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Thank you for my presents. I would like a black cougar stuffed animal and some of my life stuff. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Brooke

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a great Christmas. Thank you for delivering presents. I would like my life doll, an art set and the biggest popit in the world. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Brynlee

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are not tired from your long adventure and can take a nap.

Thank you for the amazing gift you give me every year. I love you! I would like a pink computer, a lot of stuffed animals and a kid phone. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Emilee

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Thank you for a Happy Christmas. I would like makeup, popits and notebooks. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Zoey

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I would like a guitar, a set of drum sticks, and a drum kit. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Carson

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good Christmas. Thank you for this year's presents. I would like a snap squad, lego guys, and a TV. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Jay

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas and I hope you can deliver presents to everybody. Thank you for Christmas and the gifts. I would like a drone and a guitar and a Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Ayden

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are going to get all the presents to the kids. Thank you for Christmas. I would like a new bike, a toy robot, and a race car track with Hot Wheels. Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely, Blale



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Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good Christmas. Thank you for delivering of presents a round the world. I would like

The American doll stuff from the American dolls Nicky and Isabel and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Freyja

Dear Santa,  
I hope you make kids happy. Thank you for the presents. I would like Bakugans and a tv. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Cash

**MS. GIOTDANO  
4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I wahta dirt bike and regrrihs.

Signed Gabe Riddgeway.

Letter to Santa,  
Myname is Chase Crisaf and Im in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. This year for Christmas im askin santa for a nerf gun.  
Chase Crisaf, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Dear Santa,  
I know your not real but I don't care but if you are real sorry and I'm a furry now and my birthday is coming soon and I'm going to turn 11 and say hello to my old elf for me.

From Alexia Evanish, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is the best to do I really am something big I really want a puppy on you can get me a new robot dog or cat. I used to have one but it stopped working or you could get me a corroll with your hands and that is all i want this year. I hope you can get tat all but you are the best!

Sincerely, Brooke Stinnerr

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I'm not sure what I want but I cindor want the mini squishmellows house and store I don't rely care as long as I like it. I've been pretty god. Can you give a hot coco to miss g, my school teacher . shed like it and a letter that seays like Kaitlyn's idea pleas.

Sincerely, Kaitlyn

Dear: Santa  
I want you to know that I've been pretty good this year. I've would like a new ipad because my ipad has duck tape and holes in the corner. Next I would also like food minig and the gross mini's please next I would also like funko pops and a new hoverboard please and I would like some nerf guns and nerg darts and a laptop please and a desi that can fit my room. Now I saved the best for last. I would like to see my grampa . I don't

know if you can do it or not but that's what I want for Christmas. Thank you.

From Elliot Dewar

Dear Santa,  
I want a faze gaming chair. Led lights for my room and I might move into my sister room and a rc, and stuff for my pc like a monitor and another motor to stream and a stream desk pit vipers and pink pixe oated glasses.

Bayden Stevens

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year, sometimes but I can trying to change it well this is my Christmas list

Aphmua plushes and mriah elisbeth plushes to also maybe some stuff so I can stay out side like a soeeping bag and coloring stuff so me and Araceli can color in a tent outside in the summer that's all. I want but how are the reinder and mrs claws also the elf's and tell Araceli Elf shimen that she really miss her and so does Emma and they want her to come back also is Ember and Shimer frends like is.

Love, Savannah LeClair

Dear Santa,  
This year I was not do nice but only because Monday my sskr bieredd a lot this year, but this year here is my list

1. New cot foodbowl
2. My own tent for 2 people
3. Coloring kit for exe perished drawers
4. Snow leper med kit
5. Snow globe light bulb
6. Aphnieow plushie
7. Gout for smooth
8. Poekempm
9. My own neck braco
10. Sorry game
11. Sell slowly room
12. My own paint paints, brushes,paper , paint
13. Aaxsobooto and food bank
14. Toy oto florida and lake

15. My own snoweparal water bepensh Wellthat all forgo I think .....

Wait, for all a best merry Christmas  
Love, Araceli Truman

Dear Santa,  
If you can set me things VR: Iphone: a toy car; and a bike. If you can send ne these things I'll love it.

Ill love it:  
Mason French, grade 4

Dear Santa List  
PC, rat clock, tv, keyboard, keyboard mouse, 100 feet led lghta, Michigan football , x box, batteries, 5 globerry prime  
5 bpxrd pg tokis, ps5, football mouth, football helmt

Justin Jefferson Tiereek Hill  
Blake Somers, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Dear Santa,  
I mostly wish I get a tv for Christmas or m room but if you don't want to give me that, that's fine then I would want an alarm clock. Rat that runs around when its time to wake up but if that's to hard for you elfs then please give me a elf so it can make what I want but if I don't get that then please can I get dlo bags of takis and 20 primes except I don't want orange or lime and please I wann pitvo[ers amd the end.

And Santa, want you to write a note to my dad and say that Hudson can do whatever sport he wants  
Hudson Boyd

I don't know what I want for Christmas,  
Lilly Harper



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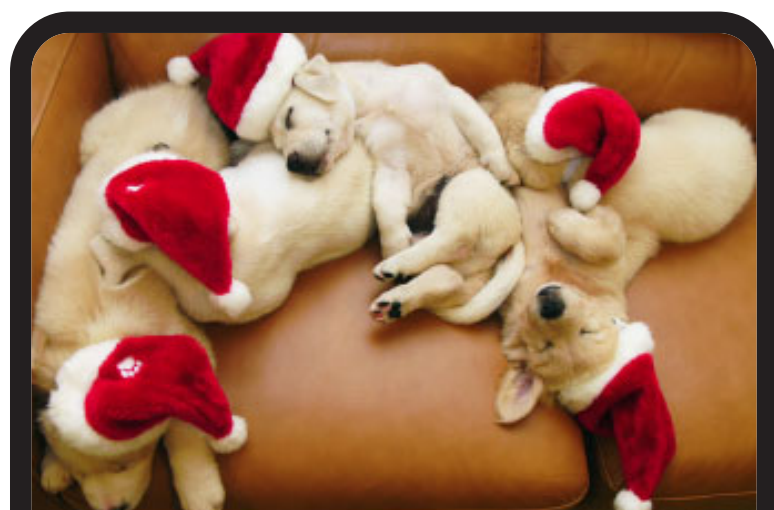


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Dear Santa,  
I want Xbox, transformers and senetinal prime toeshaha.  
Michael Hogan

Dear Santa,  
1. A katana  
2. A dirt bike  
3. Strom trooper helmet  
4. A rag doll  
5. Some wooden figures  
6. A Christmas sweater  
7. And some pajamas  
8. And some anamie accessories  
9. Some new shoes  
10. VR  
Have a merry Christmas  
Rhys Spigalmyvo

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I might of has some misunderstanding with my brother but for the most

Part I have been good. What I want for Christmas is a pc and monitor, mouse, and key board and if possible I would like a dirt bike. Size 110.

Sincerely, Ethan Healy

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want more Dinosaurs, legos, a santa pillow, more hot wheels and some coffee.

Daemon Rifenbark

Dear Santa,  
I would like robux elf on the shelf led lights fort making kit

From, Jayson Dameworth

Dear Santa,  
I've been good this year. I want a note book and a ten ond a Minecraft atatal plushie and Minecraft lego set and some soap and clan and a mug.

Syrus Rauhausen

Dear Santa, I have been good this year Can I please have a lot of books.

From, Nickali Dewer

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas what I real real want a ninetendo switch black

and white, I want some Nike slippers, the pretty one tht look like nikiie blaze pink. I want my teacher to get milk chocolate and starbucks coffee. I want more dogman books. I want a giant giraffe stuffed animal

Sincerely, Brooklyn

Bugatti, I mean frfoben wondering if I'm naughty or nice. And I want a PC, million. I want a new bugg Memes, jo

**MRS. PAYNE  
4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

Dear Santa,  
Hi my name s Sophia and if its not to much to ask I wold like to give all my presomts to homeless kids and please if its not to much to ask could you please have my friend Adyle to please call me.

Sincerely, Sophia

Dear Santa,  
Could I have a tablit a nather elf for next Christmas I hav ben var eg god lyd Mason have farm toys, swets fish and dog mah books and home movies

Love Gauge

Dear

Dear Santa,

I have been goodish this is want for Christmas, frat plhishesand a million dollars also a buggtie anda p.c. with dayzon on it. I want a unelf bow. I want a million google play cards. I want somefadd. I want some roblox fays and amillion elves for my shelves and a ton of milk and cookies to eat.

Gubreil H.

Dear Santa,  
I have been as good as I could this year, it's pretty hard to be good all year but next year I'm going to give it a try. Anyway this is the list of stuff I want this year. 1. Four wheeler, drive RC car, 10 and up lego mavel set, 0Challenging lego nintago set, Nintendo switch, mario kart, fortnite, super s,asj brps, computer, 6 more lego sets'

Jaydin

Dear Santa,  
I have been good fpr half the year. For Christmas I want a tanjovo with noodles funko pop,. I also want a sonic the hedgeholg, lego set, I also want a TMNT last Ronin coming book. Finally, I want a elitetrande a elite traner booker box Pokemon)

Bentley

Dear Santa,  
I have been wondering ig I'm on the nice. And I want a pc a million. I want a new bugg a Bugatti, memes, joke books, mad libs. Hack codes Minecraft commander games for all can, a trip to great wolf lodge, some sore of Robotic thing. Food and snacks,. And love from my mom and dad Btw I'll make sre you get extra cookies

Clark L. Moore

Dear Santa,  
Hi My name is Rhys and I think I have been good this year. Her are the things I want some DVD's, Action figures, I pad, coloring stuff for the office, toys to the office air pods Apple watch, rock tumbler Thank you so much for giving people toys.

Rhys

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like to have new gloves to play in the snow. I have been good this year to we have a Elf in are classroom so he will tell you. I would also like a rock tumbler so I can make all the rocks I have shihy! that's all I want I put all the other toys I want on my other list Santa. Merry Christmas, Santa

From, Krnnedy Dellaur

Dear Santa,  
On Christmas day I wod love a rc plane, and forthnitr tv. Backs and Roblox gift cart. Vrhede set or Phan.

Declan

Dear Santa,  
I have been in the middle today. For Christmas. I want a VR headset ps5. A new TV, jungle gup punching bag, cereal powe, wheel racker. And balloons.

Ashleii

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good can I have 55 gold pokeeman cards and a Raxquaza plush, Dragapult plush. A Pikachu whach, a vr head set w/controllers plz. A Eevee Plastic cup w/lid and straw.

Glenn D.



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Dear Santa,  
I think I have been good this year so fare so good. I hope your Happy in the North pole. I just wanted to tell you my Christmas List. I want a VR headset, mincraft, lego seet, tv, dirt bike, four wheeler, ps5, game controller, a lot pf snow. That is it.

Andrew

Dear Santa,  
On Christmas day id most epretteax a oculus and a sketchpwps wnd S ketching pencils.

Rhett

Dear Santa,  
I like a VR, go car, fidget/ schylling, stuff fpr my mom and dad.

Skyla

Dear Santa,  
How's it going up at the Northpole. There are a few wishes that I would like for this special Christmas and that is ripped jeans, flare pants, chocolate, and last but not least friendship bracelets for friends.

Alexy

Dear Santa,  
I want pat or xrt set. Please and that can paint with.

Kaavna wue

Dear Santa,  
This year I want some clothes. I would like LOL dolls. Would like pop its.

Kimm Cabeneau

Dear Santa,  
I v bin in my best bhayre and I wot the new oklis thee and a elf for neksyer and the wrld's most ekspe car for my dad and Bak to me so I wot sumpstupat pen's so I can pat and can I hav som cavis so I can pat and som mrkrs and see you and spm mrkrs and see you and app av youelf's and your rander amisled and a combook and can you wak me up wen younger her and I can help you put the gofs under the chreey

Caden

### MRS. NEUENFELDT 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Dear Santa,  
Would like to move downstairs in my house ecause my dad is working o it and he only gets some of the walls done. I would like some LED lights or my new room. My dad said I won't be able to move down stairs for a while. That reappy all I wat. I want on

this list for school but I wrote one at my house.

Kaylee McMasters

Dear Santa,  
Hi, Santa, nice to meet again. Firstly, I want a pair of JBL wireless ear pods. I also want a gaming headset at's wireless. I think I've been good this year, I have donr my chores. May parents said I've cccccbeen good. I gueee thid is we part. Bye Santa

Liam Nothnagel

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want a rc dirt bike, colored pencils.

Rraxton Goddard

Dear Santa,  
What I want for HrSear Santnaistmas. I want skin care and a rat dressed up as a princess. Snacks and staff for my miny frigde.

Zoe Throop

Dear Santa,  
I really want rings and necklaces. Andd I want azure professional artist marker, 120 count. Merry Christmas, Thank you.

Autumn Bowers

Dear Santa,  
Hi, this is Macy. This year I want a nice cozy blanket when its cold in the winter. The second thing I want is a nail set. I love doing my nails. The third thing want is some new clothes And how is Mrs. Clause

Doing? Is<sup>1</sup> she drinking a lot of hot cocos at

I got a hot chocolate bomb for my teacher. It was good, my teacher is really good. at making stuff. And she is the best teacher.

How are you doing Santa, hopefully good.

Macy Somers

Dear Santa,  
I know I have not been the best this year but here is my Christmas ist.

A stanly, new clothes, new shoes, crock charms, volleyball, slickers, new siblinga, origami paper, new Christmas pajamas, and a new blanket. Thank you Santa for reading my letter! I will leave cookies and milk out for you this year. P. S.You should not get my sibilings any presents this year.

Adrianna Avery

Dear Santa,

I want to say that you are nice. And also bring presints to people every year. Dear Santa, I would like a new phone AND all artstuff I want a shelf so I can pull my stuff on it. I would like a black blanket With black pillows.

From Harlee Flerchinger

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas MW 3, 3bb guns, Mattel Dinosaur toys super color blue, Super colas indoraptor, Jurrassic world evolution predator Park a-ad clearly park and ultimate Edichin, ps rairroit military outfit Military outfit, colas indomonis.

Brayden Potts

Dear Santa,  
I would like a scooter jar Christmas please, I would also like a tent and will. I would also like a pair of rollar skates.

Lucas Arthur

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a apple laptop, and a new water bottle, also some slime to go.

Saige Rottafani

Dear Santa,  
I want a vr headset and wifi and ps5 and the game that I play on my brothers ps5 and what I wish for ever and I really want everything r my wish list for this Christmas.

Aiden Scloger

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is Beat's and the new madin 24 a new ps4 cptrolor.

Kayden Lee Dorr

Dear Santa, Hi, Santa I know I have Been bad this year but I'm trying my best but I'm sorry. This year I want new clothes, new shoes, a necklace, a volleyball, new softball glove, a basketball, slime lipgloss.

I know it is a lot and I want a phonecase that is it. Thank you so much. I will bake you lot's of cookies and I will leave you a glass of milk.

Lilly Schmidt

Dear Santa,  
You are so kind for giving all the kids presents. All the kids are so lucky. You make a lot of kids for getting their presents every year.

Hailee Jayde Main

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a new tackle box. Also I would like to have ice shanty. Another thing I would like some ice fishing baits. The last thing I would like would be a ice fishing pole.

Sincerely,  
Brody Merillat

Dear Santa,  
My name is Karlee and I have been pretty good this year. These ae the things I want for Christmas this year, One thing I want is a white Stanley. Another thing I want is white white nike socks. Another thing I want is nike volleyball shoes. The last thing I want id polrod picture film. These are all the items I want for Christmas.

Love, Karlee

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name us Autumn I don't want to be to greedy, so so this is whatI would Like- first slime, second -nail glue third - books, fourth- art stuff. Fifth - hooks for rainbow loom Sixth - any pack of bands. I tried not to be too greedy I asked for too much. BTW I mostly want beads and hooks.

Autumn Cristina Kimberlin

### Mrs. Smith's Fifth Grade

Dear Santa,  
I wood like a weighted blenkets and Lego and hard pillows. I wood be really good.

Love,  
Jayden, 10

Dear Santa,  
I've been a little bad sorry. If I get on the good list can I get my driver license and another elf on the shaelf please and thank you. Wean you going around town, citys and countys on your slay please don't die. Last thing can I get a city toy thing like what my dad have I want to have one or two so I can help my dad.

Love,  
Charlie, 11

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the panda last year. This year I only whont a fuf things. One thingI whant are new shoes Another thing I whant for Christmas is a lava lamp and something to keep it

from bernuning my hose. I hope I do not caue to much trouble. Have a good year.

Love,  
Nevaeh Virginia Liebler

Dear Santa,  
I lict the lat crismis present thre botin quall and I wod lic a rmotoohtroob hot wells tag and a pop sicklstic from John.

Love,  
John, 11

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the chocolate last year! I hope you are not to stressed. May I please have a V.R. headset and a western saddle for Christmas. Oh, and I have bin really good .... Totally. I hope you have a wonderful new year!

Love,  
Lily Schroeder

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for my snowbord last year. Now I havent been amazing this year but you know. Now I would really like a game for my Nintendo, L.E.D. lights, and nike dunks. Thank you and I hope you don't hit a water tower while your flying.

Love,  
Julia Alderman, 12

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the gifts I got last year. But this year please can I get a lego set. And please can I get on Rc cer. And an Rc boat. I hope you have a fun ride on chrismes.

Love,  
Brayden Dellar, 10

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giveing me the neetendo shich I've been waiting for last year. I have been a good boy so may I have a vr head set it is the arie present I want for crismas. Have a mary crismas I wish you have a save trip to all of the other chilthin and have a good brack.

Love,  
Damien, 12

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the gift card last year. This year can I have a vr headset and a wii and Mario kart and Mario galaxy and a jax and pompi push and lastly I would like the oringal xbox halo

Love,  
Derin Smith, 11







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Dear Santa,  
I wode lick a hot well's thank's. I wode love a good crismaz Thank's. have a good ride and be safe. Have a good day.  
Love Chazz B., 10

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my sled for snowmobiling. I have a lot of fun with it. I have been a little bit better than last year. This thing that I want is not a toy or something people would usaly get for christmas this year I would some how want to get to see my brother. Even know I didn't get to see him I still do. And that's all I want for Christmas. I hope you don't get sick from all the cookies.

Love,  
Bentley Boyd, 10

Dear Santa,  
I am good evry day and I hope you are doing good and relly Love If you got me five night's at Freddy's Skerty breach for my s with and 4x4 evoa for my ps3 I hope you have a safe trip.\

Love,  
Peyton Armstrong, 10

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the books last year, I read them all the time. This year I have been really good in school, so I'm wondering if I can have these three things? I would really like a tablet, soft blanket and pajamas. I hope you are not sick.

Love,  
Haley Tessmer, 10

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for poting hope in to people harts and carrying for others people. I hope you have a good ride to give people gifts. I would really like to have a vr, I want budy the elf, happy nice.

Love Carter, 11

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa, thank you for the "thank you, next" hoodie last year. I aperceate it!! I would like a "few" things this year like,

I phone 74 pro max/or no pro max, Airforce 3 white or black, and my mom not to have stage 4 cancer. Hope you have a great Christmas!

Love,  
Alexandria Sage, 10

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the things you got for me can I have a hot wheels trck please can I hav o harry potter wand that shoots out fire can I have a float-ing ball please can I have a tablet that I always want can I please hav a skate-board can I hav Led light min please have o three packaiplan launcher can I hav a stem 13 inl solar poer robot toy can I hav a control car that drives oo water plese can I hav a blow horn than you

Love,  
Jacy, 12

Dear Santa,  
Thank you so much for the iphone 12 pro I always enjoyed it I have been a very decent kid. This year I would love a set of led lights, converse, new phone case and head phones. I hope nobody falls and is healthy and okay. This year Im very great full for every thing.

Love,  
Izzy Franklin, 10

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been kind of good and nice. I would like the the video game 2k Drive, Lego play sreher I would like some piggie and elephant books. I would like my whole family to be there.

Love,  
Joseph, 12

Dear Santa,  
I have been a decent kid this year here are the things I want. I would love a new pair of nike shoes. Some bubble skin care and drunk elephant goldie drops. I hope you had a good summer.

Love Tesla, 10

Dear Santa,  
What I want ror christmas is lululemon belt bag, lululemon leggings in black. Next is the watermelon glow niacina-mide dew drops. The next one is nike dunks in baby blue. Next thing I want is ugg tasman in chestnut. The next one is nike solo swoosh in gray, Jordan sports in black. Next is e.l.f. powergrip primer. The next is lululemon scuba hoodie plush in the colour heathered bone. I hope I get a lot of my stuff.

Love,  
Avarie Alice Granger, 11

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the tv last year. I have been relly good this year. Could I have these gifts this year? Hear phone, blanket and a new phone cuse,

Love,  
Maddie, 10

Dear Santa,  
First Santa thank you for all the presents from last year. What iwant for Christ mas is skin care, heated blanket, Lulu lemon puff jacket black, famos skin care, rat dressed up as a tella tubby or cocomelon, giant coco melon, blow up, some makeup, gift cards. I hope u have a happy new year and not to stressed.

Love,  
Jaclyn, 10

Dear Santa,  
Something I want for Christmas is a heated blanket, a new rug. Some other thing's I want for Christmas is nike sock's, the nike blazer's. Some cloes. A few things I wate for skincare is some more bubbule skincare, more drunkelfent and glowresipetoner. That most of the thing's I want for christmas but there is more I want. But I think I should get all this stuff becoues I cleaned my room.

Love,  
Winrey, 10





**Trial** Continued from page 1

proceed. A jury member had reported a family emergency and could not participate. This left the jury at 12 members.

Weichel told the court that an important witness had tested positive for COVID and could not testify until the five day "window" to isolate was met, which falls on the Saturday before Christmas.

Frawley explained that adjournments have been to keep the jury healthy so no one else falls sick.

"Well, the selfish part of me wants to continue today," Weichel said. "Logically, though, I think there is more potential to keep folks healthy if we give more time."

"My concern is (with another delay) we can't excuse another jury member," Pfeifer said. "We've been desperately trying to avoid a mistrial. I don't want that. My client doesn't want it..."

"Unfortunately, we don't have a crystal ball," Frawley said. "I've been practicing law for 40 years and I've never, ever had a situation like this. I do appreciate the trial attorneys' point of view. They are experienced attorneys... As



Aaron Trout waits with his attorney William Pfeifer while the jury comes into the courtroom Monday morning. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

much as I personally want to move this along, it's hard to discern which way to go."

After the jury was brought into the courtroom, Frawley apologetically told members the trial will be adjourned until January 4, 2024. "I hope

you all understand how crucial this case is and how important your job is as a jury. I thank you from the bottom of my heart," Frawley said.

Trout is lodged in the Iosco County Trail until the outcome of this trial.

## Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of December 11-17, 2023

**60 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 1 Arrest Warrant; 2 Operate While Intoxicated; 7 Citations Issued.**

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	7	Traffic/Traffic Stop	16
Warrant Arrest	1	Property Damage Accident	1
Assist	8	Fraud/Scam	2
Miscellaneous	1	Well Being Check	5
Suspicious Event	4	Alarm	3
Threats	1	Domestic	2
PBT/Drug Testing	3	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Fire/Power Lines Down	1	Adult Neglect	1
Operate While Intoxicated	2	Unwanted Subject	1

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	1	Caledonia	7	Curtis	9
Greenbush	5	Gustin	5	Harrisville	8
Hawes	1	Haynes	1	Mikado	2
Millen	3	Mitchell	7		
Harrisville City	8	Village of Lincoln	3		

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# Smart home devices help seniors age in place, easing the winter blues

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I've been talking to my mobility challenged mother, who lives alone, about automating her house with some smart home products to make it more convenient. She's very interested but we'd like to get your opinion as to which types of smart devices are most helpful for seniors aging in place.

Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,  
If your mother is game, smart home products – such as smart lights, video doorbells and voice-activated speakers – can be very useful for aging in place. These devices can add safety and convenience to a home by providing voice and app-controlled operation, which is extremely helpful for seniors who have mobility issues or reduced vision.

Smart home technology can also provide family members peace-of-mind by giving them the ability to electronically keep tabs on their elder loved one when they can't be there.

If you're interested in adding some smart home products to your mom's house, she'll need home Wi-Fi installed, and she'll need either a smartphone, tablet or smart speaker to operate them. To help you get started, here are some different types of devices to consider that are very helpful to older adults.

- **Smart speakers:** A smart speaker – like the Amazon Echo, Google Nest or Apple HomePod – can serve as the brains of a smart home, controlling the devices with voice commands or automating them.

These devices can also play your mom's favorite music, read audiobooks, make calls, set timers and alarms, provide reminders for medications, appointments and other things, check traffic and weather, answer questions, call for help in emergency situations and much more – all done by voice commands.

- **Smart light bulbs:** To help prevent home falls – which are often caused by fumbling around a dark room looking for a light switch – smart light bulbs will let your mom turn on and off the lights by voice command, smartphone or tablet. These bulbs can also change brightness and color and be programmed to come on and off whenever she wants.

- **Smart plugs:** These small units plug into a standard outlet and connect to the Internet. That means your mom can control whatever she plugs into them – from a space heater to a coffee maker – using her voice or phone.

- **Video doorbell:** Safety is also a concern for older adults, especially those who live alone. A video doorbell would let your mom see and speak to visitors at the door without having to walk over and open it.

- **Smart locks:** For convenience and safety, smart locks would give your mom keyless entry to her home, provide customized access to family, friends and caregivers, and

let you monitor who comes and goes from your mom's house.

- **Smart thermostat:** This lets your mom preprogram or manually control the temperature in her home with voice command or via phone, and let you monitor it too.

- **Smart smoke alarms:** These will alert your mom when smoke or carbon monoxide is detected and will also send alerts to your phone if a problem is detected.

- **Stovetop shut-off:** To prevent home cooking fires, smart stovetop shut-off devices, like the iGuardStove, will turn off electric and gas stovetops when left unattended, and will alert you via text.

- **Medical alert system:** These devices provide wearable wrist and/or necklace emergency buttons that would allow your mom to call for help if she were to fall or need assistance. Many systems today also provide voice activated and fall detection features, and caregiver tracking apps that will let you keep tabs on her.

- **Cameras and smart sen-**

sors: If your mom needs more in-depth monitoring, there are indoor cameras you can install so you can see, hear and talk to her from your phone. Or, if that's too intrusive, you can install smart contact sensors on her doors so you can know when she comes and goes, or on her refrigerator door so you can know if she's eating.

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about seasonal affective disorder? I've always disliked winter, but since I retired and am home a lot more, the gray, cold winter months make me feel really blue.

Sad Sam

Dear Sam,

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 five percent of Americans.

In most cases, SAD is related to the loss of sunlight in the winter months. Reduced



Savvy Senior

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-assessment" test at the Center for Environmental Therapeutics website at [CET.org/assessments](http://CET.org/assessments). If you find that you have SAD, 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 20 to 30 minutes a day, within the first hour of waking up in the morning. Light therapy mimics outdoor light to cause a change in brain chemicals linked to mood.

While you can buy a light box without a prescription, it's best to use it under the guidance of a health care provider and follow the manufacturer's guidelines. Most health insurance plans do not cover the cost.

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 ultra-

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## Buggy Rides



### Aftermath of the fire

**December 20, 1923** ~ The Eddy Engineering Co. of Alpena are overhauling and repairing the furnace in the McDonald House basement.

Miss Louise Mitchell has heard from her mother, Mrs. Carrie Mitchell, and states they expect to build a home on their lot.

A temporary shelter and wall leading to same has been erected in front of the vault of the Alcona County Savings Bank. The vault was not much damaged by the fire which destroyed the building and except for inconvenience to the employees is in practically as good shape as ever.

Alex Ferguson's grocery is going full blast in the McClelland building. He has received a new cream testing outfit and is prepared to do business as usual. Sandy has been so busy getting under way since the fire that he has been able to give but little attention to his plans for a new building on the lot he purchased from C. J. McDonald. He expects, how-

ever, soon to erect a temporary structure on the site and commence making the cement blocks of which he will build the new store.

John Dube's new blacksmith shop is going up by leaps and bounds. A big crew is at work and on Saturday it is expected the roof will be raised. John has had a lot of volunteer help for which he is mighty grateful and has the promise of a lot of "bee" work when the roof is raised.

S. B. Kahn & Co., are in comfortable quarters in the Odd Fellow Building and a string of autos constantly lined up before the place indicates that they are doing a big business. The stock has been dressed up and buyers are snapping up the bargains, "you might say," said Manager Sam Pizer, "that there are still a dry goods store and three groceries in Harrisville, notwithstanding reports to the contrary".

In regard to rebuilding, the firm has not yet decided. S. B. Kahn, the other member of the firm, is having troubles of his own at Highland Park where his store was robbed of practically the entire stock while he was here following the fire, and the matter of rebuilding the Harrisville store has not been given consideration. In any event, Mr. Pizer says he will continue in business here.

### Christmas party at Jamieson's

**December 20, 1973** ~ A patient at the home, Mr. Ernest LaVigne, hosted a Christmas party for the children of the employees. He arranged for the decorated cakes, gallons of ice cream and all the party favors for approximately eighteen children.

Santa Clause visited the party, much to the children's surprise, and they all had many suggestions as to what they would like for Christmas.

Among the children present were Sherry, Gary and Larry Forsythe; Cheri and Becky Meier; Laura Webb; David Malenfant. Sherry, and Tommy Nelson; Ronald Haglund; Linda and DeeDee Freeman; Terry, Tim and Theresa Jacobs, and Gene DelaJergne. The children had a very good time! Thank you, Ernie.

We, the staff, thank everyone for remembering us with the boxes of candy and homemade treats.

The facility has been full of visitors for the holiday. From W.A.F.B. came the O.M.S. wives loaded with presents and refreshments for the patients. The Cub Scouts from the area visited with decorations for the tree and enjoyed doughnuts and hot chocolate.

We have received decorations and useful items for the

patients from the Methodist and the Presbyterian churches, and we thank everyone for making Christmas a special time for the patients. Also thank you, Mrs. Bartz, for coming each week, and for the beautiful Christmas wreath you bring each year.

### Scully opens car wash in Lincoln

**December 20, 1973** ~ Mr. and Mrs. Al Scully of Lincoln have opened a Car Wash located on Traverse Bay State Road in Lincoln. The facility consists of one automatic stall, also has wax, and two wand wash stalls which will be open in approximately two weeks. One of the wand wash stalls is large enough to handle buses, campers, trucks and motor homes. Cost of the automatic wash is \$1.25, or \$1.50 with wax. The wand wash will be 25¢.

According to Mr. Scully they have been unable to decide on a name for the new business so will run a contest to get suggestions from anyone wishing to enter. The person who submits the name to be used by the owners will receive a \$25 Savings Bond.

**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
Why are most folks who annotate books insignificant? Because their work is usually marginal.

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# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is ciabatta?
2. **TELEVISION:** What is the name of the 1980s cop drama series starring actor William Shatner?
3. **HISTORY:** In which year did the Gulf oil spill occur?
4. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the classic holiday novella "The Cricket on the Hearth"?
5. **INVENTIONS:** Who invented penicillin?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** Monaco is bordered on three sides by which European country?
7. **U.S. STATES:** Which state's nickname is "The Land of Enchantment"?
8. **MOVIES:** What is the name of the police chief in the movie "Jaws"?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What does the J.D. stand for in a law degree?
10. **MUSIC:** Which singer had a breakout hit with "I Kissed a Girl"?

**Answers:** 1. An Italian bread.; 2. "T.J. Hooker."; 3. 2010.; 4. Charles Dickens.; 5. Alexander Fleming.; 6. France.; 7. New Mexico.; 8. Martin Brody.; 9. Juris Doctor.; 10. Katy Perry. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 1, 2011, the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) debuted on television. The "Queen of All Media" had previously described her vision for the network as one that "inspires our viewers and makes them want to be who they are on their best day."
  - On Jan. 2, 1919, locksmith and far-right politician Anton Drexler founded the German Workers' Party, the forerunner of the Nazi Party, in Munich, Germany, from a group that met regularly to discuss political matters. Among other things, the party advocated for nationalism and extreme antisemitism.
  - On Jan. 3, 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X after he failed to recant 41 parts of his Ninety-Five Theses, which started the Protestant Reformation. The pope had called the offending statements heretical, scandalous and offensive to pious ears, though he did not specify exactly which ones fell under that category.
  - On Jan. 4, 1957, the Hamilton Electric 500 watch made its public debut. It was the first timepiece to never need winding (though it did need frequent battery replacement) and came in "modern" asymmetrical designs to reflect its revolutionary technology. Production ended 12 years later with the advanced technology of quartz movements that rendered the "watch of the future" obsolete.
  - On Jan. 5, 1992, a landslide that occurred near San Francisco killed 33 people and caused the Golden Gate Bridge to close. Heavy rain in the amount of nearly half of the city's average annual precipitation had previously fallen for a straight 36 hours
  - On Jan. 6, 2000, a severe flu outbreak in the United Kingdom caused National Health Service hospitals to be stretched to their limits, leaving many forced to cancel all non-emergency surgeries and facing intensive care bed shortages. The outbreak was blamed on a low rate of flu vaccinations.
  - On Jan. 7, 1927, the first transatlantic telephone service was established. A three-minute call between New York and London cost about \$45, which would translate to roughly \$550 today.
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## Super Crossword

**MAKING 20  
OUT OF 9**

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Pueblo dweller</p> <p>5 Sound of an "air kiss"</p> <p>9 Forensic facility in Quantico, for short</p> <p>15 Gig hookups</p> <p>19 Refined finds</p> <p>20 Civil rights leader Parks</p> <p>21 In an uncivil way</p> <p>22 Lawn mower brand</p> <p>23 Parts of wholes</p> <p>25 Key related to G major</p> <p>26 "Jurassic Park" dino</p> <p>27 "Billions" channel, in brief</p> <p>28 Some boxing blows</p> <p>30 Horn blowers</p> <p>32 Person whose name consists entirely of the letters in 23-Across</p> <p>37 Los Angeles neighborhood</p> <p>38 "I knew — along!"</p> <p>39 Old Nissan brand</p> | <p>40 Stephen of "Angie"</p> <p>41 Humongous</p> <p>44 Foot, in verse</p> <p>47 Tattered</p> <p>48 Novel whose name consists entirely of the letters in 62-Across</p> <p>54 Others, in Oviedo</p> <p>55 Last letter, in Leeds</p> <p>56 Trig function</p> <p>57 Arab nation</p> <p>60 Titanic sinker</p> <p>62 Didn't type or text, perhaps</p> <p>67 Relating to an eye layer</p> <p>71 Corn, to a Brit</p> <p>73 Neighbor of Latvia</p> <p>74 Relatives of terraces</p> <p>76 Silent performer</p> <p>78 Consumer</p> <p>79 Coup d'—</p> <p>80 Attain</p> <p>81 Exit</p> <p>85 Film whose name consists entirely of the letters in 74-Across</p> <p>93 Verve</p> | <p>94 Words of woe</p> <p>95 Desert haven</p> <p>96 Sch. founded by Thomas Jefferson</p> <p>97 December</p> <p>100 Consumer</p> <p>103 Very talented</p> <p>105 Setups whose name consists entirely of the letters in 117-Across</p> <p>110 Some legumes</p> <p>111 Lindsay of "Liz &amp; Dick"</p> <p>112 Be in debt to</p> <p>113 Imp Simpson</p> <p>114 Throat tissue</p> <p>117 Lawbreaker</p> <p>121 — fixe</p> <p>122 Menu offering</p> <p>123 In — (stuck)</p> <p>124 Lasting mark</p> <p>125 Betting info</p> <p>126 "Mad" Carroll character</p> <p>127 Some votes in Congress</p> <p>128 Those folks</p> | <p>2 Bobby in the Hockey 1-Down</p> <p>3 Leguminous side dish</p> <p>4 Low pelvic bones</p> <p>5 Hosp. test in a big tube</p> <p>6 "Mrs. Dalloway" novelist</p> <p>7 Ed of "Lou Grant"</p> <p>8 Is trustful</p> <p>9 Citrusy diet soft drink</p> <p>10 Idling type</p> <p>11 Cruel Amin</p> <p>12 Slower than andante</p> <p>13 Socially distant</p> <p>14 Side street</p> <p>15 Give proof of</p> <p>16 Novelist Toni</p> <p>17 Strong-arm</p> <p>18 Boston</p> <p>Red —</p> <p>24 This evening</p> <p>29 Building-blasting stuff</p> <p>31 Bag-screening org.</p> <p>32 Gotten sight of</p> <p>33 Attempter</p> <p>34 Fibber's admission</p> | <p>35 Cabbage side dish</p> <p>36 Little hotel</p> <p>37 Playtex item</p> <p>42 "Ugly Betty" actress Ortiz</p> <p>43 Crash-probing agcy.</p> <p>45 Little plateau</p> <p>46 Pickle liquid</p> <p>49 Bubbly mixer</p> <p>50 Blogging pundit Klein</p> <p>51 Prescribed diet, say</p> <p>52 Finishes up</p> <p>53 Swamp wriggler</p> <p>57 Round body</p> <p>58 "Call — taxi"</p> <p>59 Ocean east of Mass.</p> <p>61 Inits. on an ambulance</p> <p>62 Tailor's edge</p> <p>63 City on the Seine</p> <p>64 Put — (jokey pranks)</p> <p>65 Knot up</p> <p>66 Part of a jug</p> <p>68 Yuletide song</p> <p>69 Opposer</p> <p>70 Climbing vine</p> <p>72 Rigatoni's kin</p> <p>75 Ingrain</p> <p>77 Film's Kazan</p> <p>80 Shimmer</p> <p>82 Golfer Ernie</p> | <p>83 Even up</p> <p>84 Out-of-towner</p> <p>85 "Shane" star</p> <p>86 Teased one another playfully</p> <p>87 International alliances</p> <p>88 Harbinger</p> <p>89 Medieval Scandinavian</p> <p>90 Group's activity in the community</p> <p>91 Crooner Burl</p> <p>92 Frowny-faced</p> <p>93 Suffix with Vietnam</p> <p>98 Aesthetic interest</p> <p>99 Sewing unit</p> <p>101 Bank job</p> <p>102 "Neroli" musician Brian</p> <p>104 Least</p> <p>106 Maui greeting</p> <p>107 Contrarian's retort</p> <p>108 Nile capital</p> <p>109 Come next</p> <p>113 Short history</p> <p>115 Park oneself</p> <p>116 Cooler cubes</p> <p>118 Divs. of dollars</p> <p>119 Scot's turndown</p> <p>120 Give it a whirl</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- We should all be so lucky as to have vision like that of the mantis shrimp: Not only do its eyes possess four times as many color receptors as a human's, it can see UV, visible and polarized light as well.
- Lightning hasn't brought down an airplane since 1963, thanks to engineering that allows a bolt's electric charge to run through and out of the aircraft.
- Spinraza, a drug prescribed for spinal muscular dystrophy, has a list price of \$750,000.
- By 2018, more than 100 people living in the U.S. owed at least \$1 million in federal student loans.
- A one-euro breakfast featured at an IKEA store in the Netherlands proved so popular that it had to be canceled after it attracted too many customers and even led to highway traffic jams.
- Kellogg's All-Bran cereal is actually 87% bran.
- Heading for the gym in the new year? Be sure to take some hand sanitizer! A report found that a typical gym's free weights boast 362 times as much bacteria as a toilet seat.
- During the Cold War, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to put aside their political differences if Earth was ever invaded by aliens from outer space.
- Nicaraguan Catholics who abstain from meat during Lent include iguanas and armadillos in their diet.
- More than four tons of old American paper money is mulched into compost every day.

Thought for the Day: "Your life is your story. Write well. Edit often." --Lisa Nichols  
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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: I equals S

VLJ DYM WNIG UNOTI VLN  
DPPNGDGM ANNTI HPIHFPHUHSDPG?  
AMSDBIM GLMHY VNYT HI BIBDOOJ  
WDYFHPDO.

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### CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Gehring, treasurer Luenberger, clerk Pierce and guests. Roll call: Council members Schwanz, Mason, Bean, Vanderheuel. Absent: Bauermeister, Kaiser. Motion by Mason, support by Bean to approve agenda. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Bean, support by Schwanz to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz to approve minutes of the special City Council meeting of Tuesday, Nov. 28, as amended, to include the pay raise of a 12 percent, one-time salary increase to the treasurer and clerk for 2024. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to pay the bills in the amount of \$112,905.04. Motion carried: 4-0. Mayor Gehring shared correspondence from the County Wide Cleanup for 2023. Discussion. Council will address the city's contribution to the County Wide Cleanup in 2024. Discussion of use of Zoom for city council meetings was tabled until there is full attendance of city council. Mayor Gehring updated council as to progress on plans for stairway work at the harbor. Discussion. Alderman Schwanz led discus-

sion with council on results of the Recreation Plan survey. Discussion. Mayor Gehring addressed request from Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for permission to hold the fireworks display for 2024. Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to approve permit of aerial display of fireworks by Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for 2024. Motion carried: 4-0. Mayor Gehring expressed a "thank you" to all the volunteers and the Harrisville Arts Council that made the tree lighting occasion at the end of Main Street a great success. The mayor also addressed a letter from Harbor-master Alexander detailing the usage of the public bathrooms at the harbor during the summer concert series. Discussion. Treasurer Luenberger shared with council that a reimbursement has been received on sewer project. Discussion by council as to pay increases for mayor and city council members. Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to approve mayor's salary to \$15,416.76 for 2024. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Vanderheuel, support by Schwanz to approve city councils per diem rate to \$90 per meeting. Motion by Mason, support by Schwanz to approve special city council meetings per diem rate to \$50. Motion carried: 4-0. Mayor Gehring reported the harbor is experiencing a muskrat problem at the docks. The mayor reported he is in contact with a critter control company. Planning Commission liaison

Schwanz stated there will be a January 3, 2024, public meeting for review of the Recreation Plan at 6:30 p.m. Any comments can be sent to Lane Schwanz at : plnchairschwanz@harrisvillemi.org, or Jacquelyn Schwanz at: Ward3schwanz@harrisvillemi.org. Liaison Schwanz also shared a letter of interest from Tim Slezak to fill a vacancy on the planning commission. Motion by Schwanz, support by Vanderheuel to appoint Tim Slezak as a member of the planning commission. Motion carried: 4-0. Comment Cards: Tim Slezak commented on the security of the public bathrooms at the harbor. The condition of sidewalks in the city were also discussed. Clerk reminded council that there has been a sidewalk repair/replacement grant applied for in April 2023 through Huron Engineering. Alderman Mason reported that a DNR permit for fish at the harbor is being researched by Harry Harvey. Schwanz reported concern about lack of replacement lighting on Main Street as well as the lack of salt on Main Street during the last snow. Vanderheuel reported the trash cans on Main Street need to be emptied. Motion by Bean, support by Vanderheuel to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

### CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board regular meeting held December 13 at 7 p.m. During regular meeting, motion passed to pay bills. Motion passed to approve minutes November 13 for regular meeting. Motion passed to approve blight cleanup quote. Motion passed for treasurer to get township credit card. Motion to approve Ordinance 23-02 for planning commission appointments. Motion to appoint new planning commission member. Motion to approve funeral rentals to residents for \$1 for funeral luncheons. Adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Synopsis is being printed prior to board approval. Cindy Smith Township Clerk

### ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's December 12 board meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Bolanowski and Bouchard. Motions to approve November minutes; to accept treasure's report and bills as presented; to adopt stand-alone ordinance for vegetation and weed control; to accept quote from Great Lakes Fence for repairs to fencing at basketball/tennis courts; to make budget adjustments as needed. All motions passed. This synopsis printed prior to board approval. Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

### HELP WANTED

Now hiring all shifts, S&S Wood Products in Barton city is hiring lumber handlers, Sawyers, general labor. Weekly pay, Get paid an EXTRA one dollar per hour to show up on time. call Ryan 989-724-5577 or Joe 989-464-6059.

### BINGO

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center.. Hot ball, Bingo ball, milk money and winner take all game. All proceeds to charity.

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P.O. Box 130, Lincoln MI 48742  
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### CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 23-02

The Township of Caledonia, County of Alcona, State of Michigan

**ORDAINS:**  
**ORDINANCE NO.: 23-02**  
**Adopted: December 13, 2023**  
**Effective:**

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2 of 2017, further amending Ordinance No. 09-02 regarding Planning Commission appointments and meetings. Ordinance No. 2 of 2017 is amended as follows, and by reference to the particular provisions/Sections thereof.

**2.MEMBERSHIP:**

A.  
(3) As soon as practicable after an individual's first appointment, and necessarily before reappointment, shall have attended a training course offered by the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) for new Planning Commissioners, or such other programs offered by other entities for or proximately related to the training of newly-appointed Planning Commissioners in the State of Michigan. The tuition or attendance fee(s) and mileage incident to attendance of such course(s) shall be paid in advance and/or reimbursed by the Township in accordance with the Township's applicable policy or policies.

**3 (re-numbered). APPOINTMENT AND TERMS:**

B. If a member does not want to be reappointed, in or prior to November of each year, the

Caledonia Township Clerk shall seek potential candidates from any list of those previously demonstrating an interest in appointment, and may as well place an advertisement on the Township's website and/or in a newspaper generally circulated in Caledonia Township.

C. In December of each year, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Township Board shall review and consider all applications received, and the Township Supervisor shall appoint members to the Planning Commission, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Township Board of Trustees. Terms of office shall be three (3) years, ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. of the respective year.

**4. VACANCIES**  
A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by receiving and reviewing any applications, then appointment by the Township Supervisor subject to approval by a majority vote of the Township Board in the same manner as original appointments.

**6. TRAINING:**  
In addition to the requirements provided in Section 2 A. (3), above, the Township Board may permit or require Members of the Planning Commission to attend additional or continuing educational programs reasonably pertaining or related to Planning Commission functions and purposes. Failure of any Planning Commission Member to attend such required programs shall

constitute a vacancy of his or her position per Section 4, above. The Planning Commission shall compile and report to the Township Board, on an annual basis, what educational programs it deems exist and are available, and which meet the criteria of this Section and Section 2 A. (3), aforesaid.

**8. MEETINGS:**  
The Planning Commission shall meet at least once every month, except as otherwise permitted by the Township Board.

**13. EFFECTIVE DATE:**  
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication following adoption.

**14. SEVERABILITY:**  
The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**CERTIFICATION**  
The foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ which was enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Caledonia, Alcona County, at a regular/special meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_\_. A copy or Notice of same was published in the *Alcona County Review* on \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_\_.  
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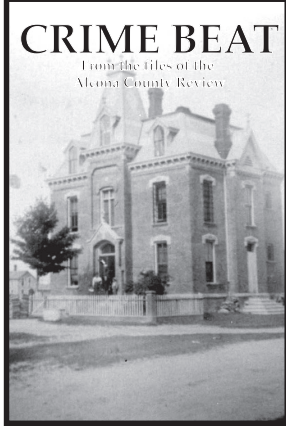
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# Community colleges push to make adult education access easier

**By Brandy Muz**  
*Capital News Service*

Community colleges in Michigan are making moves to improve educational opportunities for their adult students.

Brandy Johnson, the president of the Michigan Community College Association, said the Michigan Reconnect program has helped students above 25 years old get through school.

Michigan Reconnect gives free or discounted tuition to adult learners to earn an associate degree or certificate. Johnson said it is easy to apply for the program. "Doing the application on your phone, it asks certain questions, which are the eligibility questions, and you hit submit and immediately what comes up is, 'Congratulations, you've been admitted to Reconnect,'" she said.

The eligibility requirements are minimal, Johnson said. "Be 25, have a high school diploma, live in Michigan for at least a year, want to pursue a certificate or degree, and that's basically it," she said.

Tim Hood, the president of Mid Michigan College in Harrison, Mich., said that Michigan Reconnect has helped adult learners go back to school. "Without this fund-

ing opportunity and without the program, in many cases it made the difference between whether they were able to either return to college or come to college for the first time," he said.

Hood explained that there is a focus on assisting students individually to keep them in school. The college has dedicated counselors to help with applications, enrollment and general questions. "We've got you in the door. We've got you registered and you're in the class. Then come challenges and potential obstacles that need to be somehow navigated," Hood said.

A common hurdle for adult learners is having enough time for education. "Most adults have lives that have gotten more complex and complicated than our younger students," Hood said. "Many of these individuals are supporting themselves and/or their families."

Mid Michigan College recently completed a master plan for the future that includes child care for its students' kids. "We know there are many who have issues with child care, so we're always looking for what could happen in that area. It requires space and resources," Hood said.

Connie Stewart, the interim president of Montcalm Community College in Greenville, Mich. and Sidney, Mich., said there has been a decline in adult learners at

her institution. Economic issues and the COVID-19 pandemic brought enrollment numbers down.

"We try to reach out to people, and we have a great industrial program. We're pulling in industrial folks who are either completing goals of their company or following apprenticeship programs."

"Those would be the greater portion of our adult students," Stewart said.

According to Stewart, going back to school as an adult is good for students' economic future. "I'm an adult learner. When I came to Montcalm Community College, I was a mother of two with a full-time job working 40 hours a week. It took me five years to complete my associate degree," said Stewart, who went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees.

"It helps lay a foundation and helps to provide that path to economic prosperity," she said.

Johnson said there's always room for improvement in access to affordable education for older students. "You still have to pay for books and parking and all the other non-tuition costs of attendance. We need to do a better job of helping students complete the FAFSA," she said, referring to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

"That is our chokepoint for getting reconnected, to convert from an applicant to an enrolled student," she said of the application form.



The Harrisville Arts Council would like to thank John MacMaster, Dan Klukowski, Northern View Tree Farm, City of Harrisville, Northeastern Window and Door, Greg's Tree Service, Men and Women of the Harrisville Lions and the choir of the Methodist Church! We were also assisted by some students of the High School Drama Class!

Front row left to right, are the students of the Drama club with the Harrisville Arts Council President, Tracy O'Callaghan in the center. Back row left to right is Teri O'Callaghan, The Mayor, Jeff Gering, Kathy Asheton, Christy Holnes, Mary Ellen Jones, Iliona Breitmeyer and Carolyn Merkell all part of the Harrisville Arts Council.



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- Antidepressants: Some people with SAD benefit from antidepressant treatments too. Some proven medications to ask your doctor about are selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and the

extended-release antidepressant bupropion.

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 you 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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