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**Dear, Santa**  
 i would like a Hachet, i would like a dirt bike to, and a psa game boy and a sky Drone and a pare of snow showes and some Fishing tackle and a pare of corce logeing Bootes.  
 Senserliy,  
**Davis**

**DEAR SANTA,**  
 I WOULD LIKE A MAKEUP KIT AND JULIE'S BED FOR MY DOLL.  
 IVE BEEN GOOD.  
 DO YOU HAVE KIDS?  
 I WOULD ALSO LIKE THE FIREELF LEGOS.  
 L O V E  
 LEXIE  
**Lexie Tow,**  
**Age 6**

**DEAR SANTA,**  
 I HAVE BEEN A GOOD GIRL. I WOULD LIKE A CAMERA, AND A PIAY CAR, AND A ZOOMER KITTY. AND A GIRLSCOUT OVEN.  
 THANK YOU, LOVE,  
**JILLIAN VERSTEEG.**

**Dear Santa,**  
 Thanks for all you do. This year for Christmas I want a stuffed spider, and a "pie in the face" game, some "moonlit path" perfume and hot diamonds. I love you Santa Clause.  
**Little Lee**

**Dear Santa,**  
 My name is Cadum. I've been a good boy. I would please like a mighty micro for Christmas. Also a airport playset. and a panda playset.  
**Love**  
**Cadum**

**Dear Santa**  
 Thank you for the Elsa Dress, I wore it so much that I need a new one! Can you bring me an Anna Dress too please?  
 thank you for the presents  
**from Fyscher**  
**First Grade**  
**7 years old!**

**Dear Santa,**  
 I have Hello Kitty mugs. I Love you Santa because you bring us presents. I think that I am on the nice List this year. And Mommy and Sister too. And maybe Daddy.

This year I would like candy canes, spiderman mugs, and hot steamers.

I would like to pet Rudolph please.  
**Love,**  
**Devyn Flint**  
**Age 4**

**DEAR SANTA**  
 I LOV THE PRESENTS YOO GIV US.  
 CAN YOO GIV Me A CANDLE CAN. PLEASE PLESE CAN I GO TA thE NOURTH POLL ONE DAY?! PLESE CAN. I WOULD LIKA TOUEX KAGROO FOR CRISMIS PLESE.  
**HOOHOHO**

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**ON THE COVER:**  
 Bright Christmas Lights adorn the yard of John & Miriam Swanson near Hungry Point.  
*Photo by Orin Pierson*



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Chris Weiss, Sue Paulsen and Nicole McMurren perform Sue's annual Holiday Greetings parody song at Monday night's Community Winter Concert in Petersburg Lutheran Church.

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS 2015 by Sue Paulsen (to the tune of Here Comes Santa Claus)

No oil revenue, what are we to do...taxes coming soon?  
 We'll have to plow the roads ourselves, but not all's doom and gloom  
 The IFA will come someday and maybe a pretty new jail  
 For now we'll use the drive down dock or hike up the Raven's Roost Trail!

Where'd the salmon go? Who'll buy Icicle? What a season here  
 Plenty of halibut, where's the dungeness, lots of shrimp appeared  
 Pass those pickled herring 'round, let's all be merry and bright  
 For Hobart Bay is ours today 'cause Brennan beat Juneau --ALL RIGHT!

Here comes Rubio and Jeb Bush-io, Dr. Ben Carson  
 Kasich, Christie, Cruz, Santorum, Rand Paul's lots of fun  
 Listen for coherent speech and not just that old campaign froth  
 Then jump in bed and cover up your head,  
 'Cause Donald is REALLY TICKED OFF!

Check your Applewatch, dodge self driving cars, Amazon drones—Oh, My!  
 Hope that Janet Yellin won't make interest rates too high  
 Thank the Lord the fireball missed, it was a beautiful sight  
 Next time give Marshawn the ball, and pump that football up right!

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# Dear Santa...

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## Dear Santa

My name is Riley. I am 2 year old. My mommy is helping me write this. I would like a ride on Truck, AW Troll toothbrush. I like brushing my teeth.

I want to say I might cry when me, my sisters and mommy come to see you. Thank you and be safe.

Love

**Riley Sheldon**  
age 2

## Dear Santa

My name is Rosalie. I am 3 years old. My mom is helping me write this. I would like Paw Patrol, Baby Doll, Barn Animals. Can I see your reindeer fly?

Thank you. My sister and me will have cookies, milk and carrots waiting fr you.

Love

**Rosalie Sheldon**  
age 3

## Dear Santa

I Like YoU I Want for Christmas A Doll From Lolitah To Leonah And A set of Rexal Makeup And LipStick A Monsterhigh Doll's Teddy Bear's Sock Monkey's I am 6 years old

From Lolitah  
To Santa  
age 6

## Dear Santa Claus

i would like a wii Lego Batman 2 and a skylander 3 and a soccer video gam

Love  
**Danny Stocks**

## DEAR SANTA

MY NAME IS HAILEIGH. I AM 6. I LIKE BIG tREX BABY DOLL. I LIKE PLANE. I LIKE IN SIDE OUT. THANK YOU FOR MY PRESENT.

I WILL LEAVE COOKIE, MILK CARROT.

HAILEIGH

Age 6

Grade Kindergarten

## Dear Santa

I have been really good. Do you go down the chimney? Ok, I want Pokemon cards, knew, and Skylanders thank you!!!

Love Logan Tow

Age 6

## Dear Santa,

How's the North Pole? I've been a good girl this year. Please send a Toytruck, bubbles, play-hah, Princess art supplies, and candy.

Nya

## Dear Santa,

How you are Feeling?

I am feeling good.

I am Declan Ray Olsen and I want a Hulk Smash Mask Please. My brother's name is Oskar William Olsen and he would like a teddy bear.

Do the reindeers have magic in them?

Love Declan

## Dear Santa,

I'm 2 years old, Jesus loves me Santa, (now I am singing it). I want a toy truck, and I want some tea, and I want to tell Santa that I want a toy key.



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## Breakfast with Santa

Little Ivy Worhatch wasn't feeling too cheery about her visit with Old Saint Nick.

P.S. My mommy helped me write this

Thank you Santa  
From Leonah Slaven  
age 2

## Dear Santa How

are the rain dear in the north Pole? Santa this year I want a robot and a small lego ninjago, minecraft, acten figers

Do you make the toys or do the elevs make the toys? Santa what are your favoret cookes?

Lito

## Dear Santa,

I live in Petersburg. For Christmas I would like skylanders. I also would like to race 100 cars. And I would like avery big puzzle. What is your favorite treat? How are the reindeers? And one more thing, how are the elves? I am super excited for Christmas! Could you also give me some cake?

Jordan

## Dear Santa,

My name is Sophia. I live in Petersburg, Alaska. How are your reindeers? I was also wondering how are you? What I want for christmas are some playdo and dolls.

love, Sophia

## Dear Santa,

I want to ask you some questions. First of all my name is Logan. How are you doing? How many elves do you have? How are they doing? Santa, do you think you can make me some Alaska, Airlines bracelets and possibly a optimus primeyeager. Do you like chocalate chip cookies? If not, what kind of cookies do you like?

Sincerely,

Logan

## Dear Santa,

I want a sleeping Beauty crown that is gold. It has a picture of Sleeping Beauty on it and it's shaped like a crown. Nick would

like a truck with a pacifier in it. I also need new gloves because I keep losing my other ones.

Oh, and our chimney doesn't work so use the front door! Ok? Thank you for our stuff, Santa!

Love,

Isabelle Hammer, almost 5  
Nick Hammer, almost 2

## Trig wants

- Hexibug fighters in a track
- Remote control monster truck
- Ninja turtle wepons

Triby Lutton

## SANTA,

HAW R YOU? WUt R YOU GIVEG tO the A ther GRLS AND BOYS? A Pet WoLVerEN is WOt I WONt. PLES SEND A GROOP A VELVS tO pet HURLE WeN WE R BIZE.

FRAM

APSOLOOtle SPESHlARI

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# Dear Santa...

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**Dear Santa,**  
Hi! My name is Lolah. I live in Pertsburg Alaska. And I Would like a real makup kit. I would also like a rocking horse, A New teddy bear, A sock monkey and a pet kitty cat.  
How are your reindeer?  
Be Jolly!  
**From**  
**Lolihah**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is LINCOLN I miss you. I like reindeer. I have been good this year I will make you cookies. I seen a movie I love you. I like you my nana trimmed your beard. My house is made out of wood watch out there is lots of spiders. I like this school. i like doing home work.  
**Love,**  
**Lincoln**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is EMI. I live in Petersburg, Alaska. I want a shopping kart toy. I think I want some moonSand. How do you make your reindeer fly? How can you see in the dark?  
**Love,**  
**EMi**

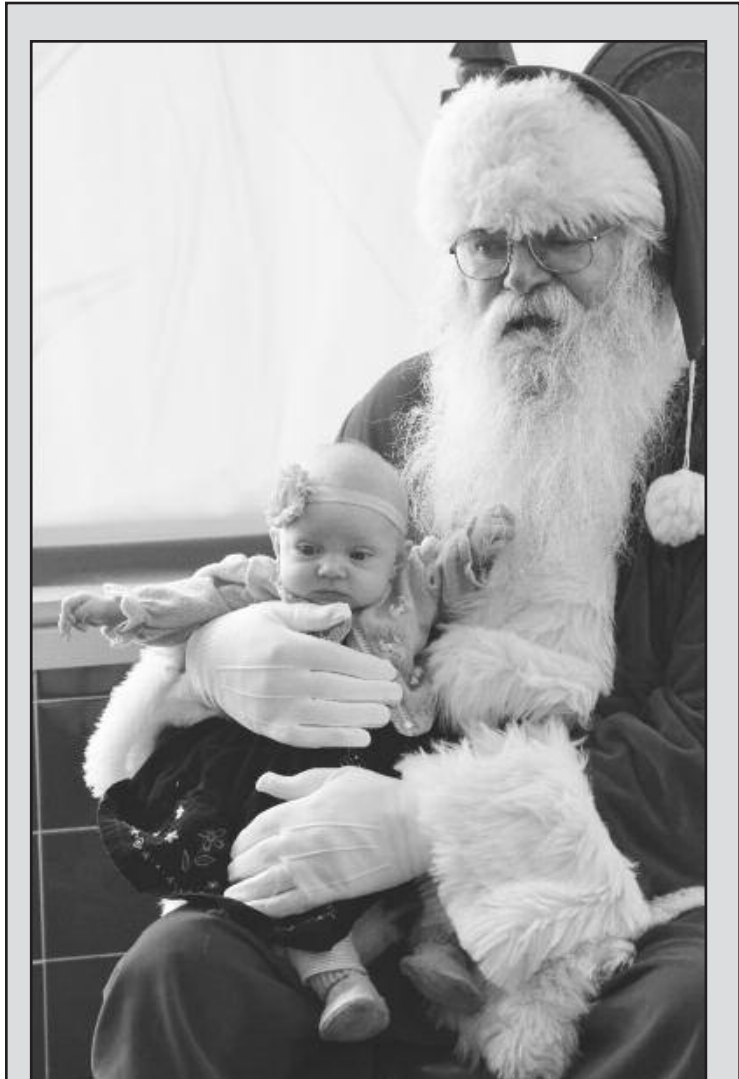
**Dear Santa,**  
Hi my name is lexie I live in Pertsburg Alaska. I want to know do you have any kids? If you do they probably have a lot of toys. I would like an Amicein girl doll named Julie.  
**LEXIE**

**Dear. Santa** how are the reindeer and of kors how are you? Good? Bade  
toy list I want? calico critters and ? stuf anamels and a giant stuf Bean! and a set of Lagos and shop Pets Hary Poter roB's and Bag and a wand and owl.  
**Iris Case**  
**Age 8**

- DEAR, SANTA**  
**I WANT**
1. TOY FIRE TRUCK
  2. ROLLER SKATES
  3. TRAIN SET
  4. KIDS VIDEO GAM

5. XBOX 1
  6. HOT WEELS
  7. MONSTER TRUCK
- FROM**  
**TUCKER**  
**Age 6**

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## Breakfast with Santa

Baby Rosie was impressively calm during her first encounter with Santa. She felt secure with a fist full of white beard to keep him under control.



## GOD BLESS ALL LIVING CREATURES at CHRISTMASTIME

*Our best wishes are with you and yours as we celebrate the Miracle of His birth. May your spirits be lifted by the beauty of the season, just as ours have been by the privilege of knowing good people like you. Happy Holidays and many thanks.*

**City of Kupreanof**

# Have A Wonderful Holiday Season!



Christmas greetings from our crew to yours.  
We'd be lost at sea without friends like you.  
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Merry Christmas!  
Happy Holidays!  
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# Dear Santa...

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CAR  
BAR-ealee Lutton

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I want a light saber for Christmas and one for my sister  
**Neil Lombard**  
Age 5

**Santa,**  
I want chocolate Pens  
Bicycle seat  
clothes  
toys  
**Shaira Mae Stanhope**

**Bareal would like**

- gigantic Barbie house
- Polley clothest stuff mermaid polley pocket
- Black scooter with Bats
- Light-up unicone
- Anna and Elsa music box
- Pink remote control

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Kaija and I live in Petersburg, AK. I will leve you cookies and milk aside with carrots for your reindeer, hope you have a safe flight. I wan't a purple makeup kit and if you don't have eny get me pink. I really wan't a small brown chawawa. I really wan't a cute toy chawawa to. Don't forget my house.  
**Love,**  
**Kaija**

**Dear Santa**  
Hi my name is Tristan. I live in Petersburg. I like to play with toy trains. I really like to play in the snow too. It is is really rainy up here in Petersburg, I really wish it would snow. How are you doing at the North Pole? How are

the reindeer doing?  
How fast do your reindeer go?

I really want some toy trains for christmas. I also really want a toy truck too. Thank you for giving us presents all over the world.

**Sincerely,**  
**Tristan**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Bareal. I am 5 years old. My favorite color is pink and purple. I live at "Hungford Hill" my dad and mom and my brother Trigbe are in my Family. I play outside with my Friends For Fun! I have 4 chickens. I would like a flying toy Ariel Mermaid for Inside, a toy dog with batterys. to walk outside and A human Ariel doll, with clothes That comes with a crown! Hows "Ruldoph The Red Nose Raindeer"!

Thank you!

**Love,**  
**Bareal**  
Age 5

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi my name is Finnley. I like to play with my playmobiles. My favorite foods are pie and cake. I want to be a builder when I grow up. My favorite drink is chocolate milk. I like to throw mud pies outside. Where do you get all the toys? Are your reindeer okay there? This year I would like a lego set, more playmobles and a cat.

**Sincerely,**  
**Finnley**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi my name is CALDER. I like to build legos. My favorite food is cookies. When I grow up I want to be a doctor. My favorite drink is apple juice. I like to play outside with my sister. Can your reindeer really fly? Where do you get all the toys? This year I want a semi-truck lego set, a new sled and a new knitting kit.

**Sincerely,**  
**CALDER**



BY MEGHAN O'SOUP

**Dear Santa,**  
HI, MY NAME Simone. My favirote color is pink and purple. I have a brother and a sister and I live in Petersburg, Alaska. I want it to snow a lot this year. My friends and I like exatra choice time. How is Dasher doing? What kind of toys do the elves make? Can you give me a toy unicorn and a doll and a toy monkey? Also somthing for my brother like Pasi fires!  
Have a good Joreney Santa!  
**SIMONE!**  
P.S. bye!

**Hello,**  
My name is Kymberly. I love to play with barbies and legos. I like to play with my dog Buster. How old are you Santa? When are you coming Santa. May I please have a stuffed Unicorn for Christmas? May I also have a two year old American Girl Doll.  
**love,**  
**Kymberly**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Melyssa. I love climbing trees. I enjoy playing with stuffed animals. I like to

draw with all colors of crayons. I would like to know if you don't just give gifts. I will leave you some ginger cookies and milk. I am curious to know if the reindeer actually fly? I would like to give them some carrots too! This year I would like some stuffed animal a real tresure map, A Pinkalicious and a rainbow sparkle basket. If you can I would enjoy a night light. I hope you have a good time passing out gifts!

**Love,**  
**Melyssa**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi, my name is Cedar. My favorite food is chocolate. My other favorite food is ice cream. I can't wait until Christmas eve. Do you have any brothers or sisters? For Christmas I want a plane with a remote control. I want the plane to be black and blue. I also want a Nerf Gun. I want it to bare a scope. Merry Christmas!

**From,**  
**Cedar**  
P.S. I want a jet plane that shoots Nerf bullets. Thanks!

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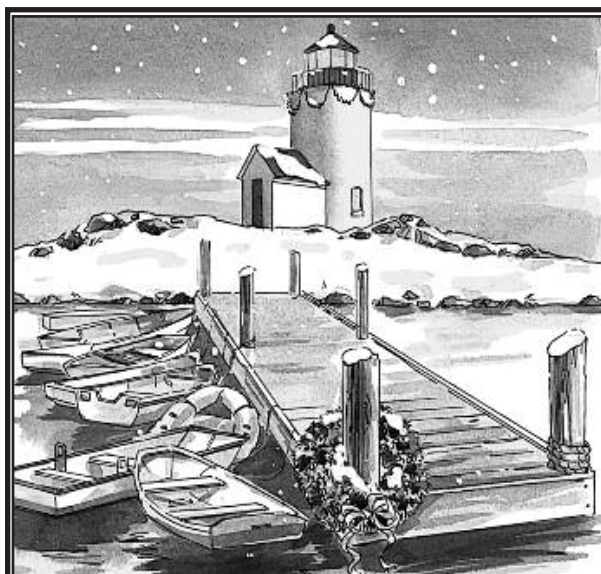
**All Aboard for Christmas!**



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## Julebukking

Sally Dwyer refilling goodies during the Sons' always festive Julebukking offerings on Sunday.

“A little faith will bring your soul to heaven; a great faith will bring heaven to your soul.”

- Charles H. Spurgeon

*Wishing you and yours all the comfort and great joy of this holiday season*

**We look forward to your continued friendship**

*Merry Christmas from Joey, George & Sarah*

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## a Savior is Born

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.” - Luke 2:7

May you keep the spirit of Christmas in your heart all year round. We are thankful for your continued support and look forward to serving you in the new year.

*Merry Christmas*  
FROM ALL OF US

**Hammer & Wikan**



# Dear Santa...

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**Dear Santa,**

My name Andrew. I like to climb trees. I like to eat carrots. Also, I have two dogs, their names are Bear and Coho. That's about me. Here are some questions I'd like to ask you. Why does Rudolph's nose glow? Is it because he's nice and friendly? How are the elves doing? Are they working on their day off? Can I please have a grapeling hook?

**Your friend,  
DREW**

**Hi,**

my name is Madelyn. I love to color and paint a lot of pictures. I like to play with kittens too! How old are you Santa? When are you coming Santa? Can I please have a cleaning set or a wets play-house.

**Love,  
MADELYN**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is cadum I am 6 years old and live in Petersburg AK. Do you still have Roodoff the reindeer? How big is your house? I really want a toy dinosaur that talks. I wan't everyone to have a good Chistmas this year. I wan't

everyone to get the present they wan't. What type of cookies do you wan't this year.

**Love,  
CADUM  
Age 6**

**To Santa,**

I whant a car to drive a real car I want a mouse traker and an x box. I want hot wheels. I want a toy fire truck. And a dog toy for my dog. How are you Santa?

**From Tucker**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Isabella. I live in petersburg. How are your reindeer doing? For Christmas I would like a toy computer also I would like to give my grandma a happy Christmas. What treats would you like? I wish you a good ride.

**Love,  
Isabelle Miller!**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is LUCY I live in Petersburg, Alaska. How do you get through the chimney? and

How do your reindeers fly? What I want for christmas is a coloring book and some Arts and craft

things. A DOG **love,  
lucy**



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## Lights on at the Sons

The Sons of Norway was the winner in the Chamber of Commerce Decorating Contest for the church/organization category. This was the first year that the Valhalla ship was decorated with a sail of lights.

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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**Dear Santa Clause,**

My name is TATE and for ChrisTmas I would like a NERF gun. How do your raindear fly? I would also like a polioce Transformer and a small LEGO CITY set. Is Rudolph exited and how do you get down chimmneys? I hope you have a very good Christmas.

**Sincerely TATE**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Aria. I live in Petersburg Alaska. I want a Frozen book and CD. I also want some Moon Sand. How are you? How does your sleigh fly?

**Love,  
ARia**

**Dear Santa**

My name is CALDEN I am 5 years old my favorite food is ginger bread men and I live in petersburg Alaska. Are the elfs cloths red, white and green. Santa, I want a bebe gun night vishen goggles and a new backpack.

**love, CALDEN  
Age 5**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Mehana and I live in Petersburg, Ak. I will leve out some milk, cookies, and carrots for your reindeer and hope you have a safe flight. I wan't a green makeup set and if you don't have any get me purple. I really wan't a soft blue roan kitten. I wan't a Cinnder-ella doll as well. Please don't miss my house.

**Love,  
Mehana**

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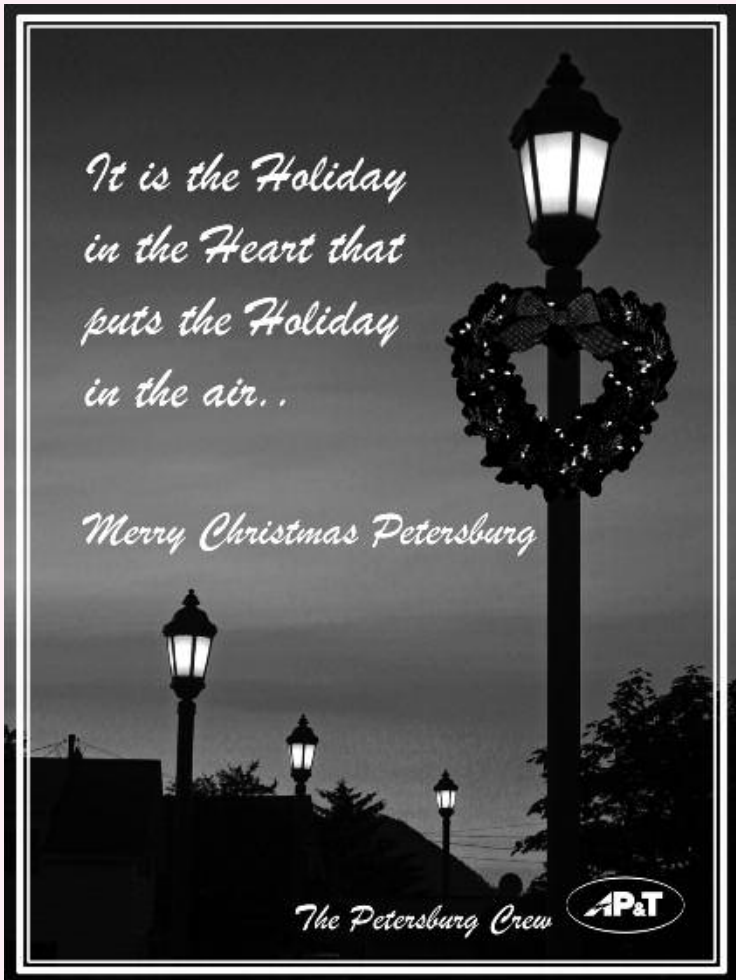
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# Season's

*It is the Holiday  
in the Heart that  
puts the Holiday  
in the air. .*

*Merry Christmas Petersburg*



*The Petersburg Crew* 



*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

At Christmas and always, may your heart and faith in God lead you down the road to peace, joy and contentment. We feel blessed to be a part of this community, and we thank you for your friendship and support.


**Rod & Darcey Judy**

**BEARY BEST WISHES**

Hope everything goes your way  
this holiday season.

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**Merry Christmas**

*(And Thanks A Plenty!)*  
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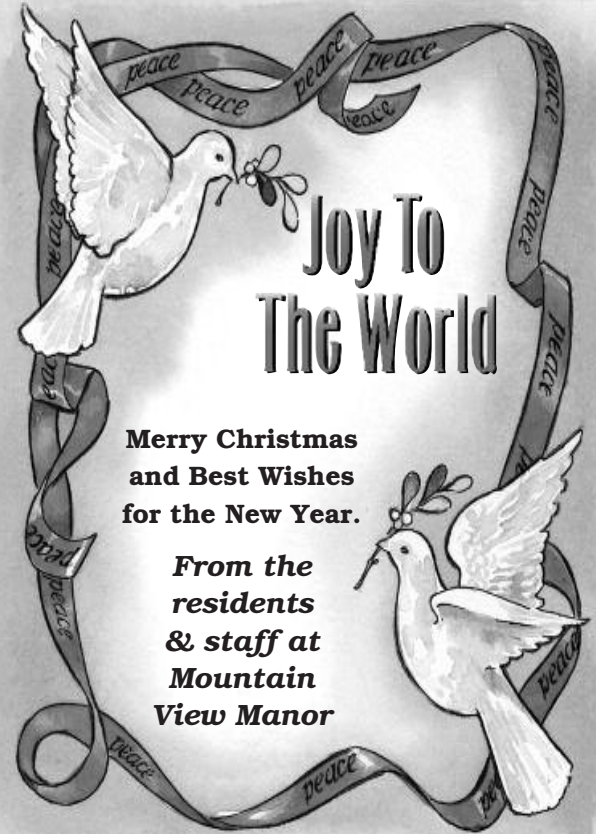
# Greetings

## Happy Haulidays

Bright holiday wishes to the best people around: our friends and customers! We wish you all the best at this special time of year. Thanks a ton for choosing us.

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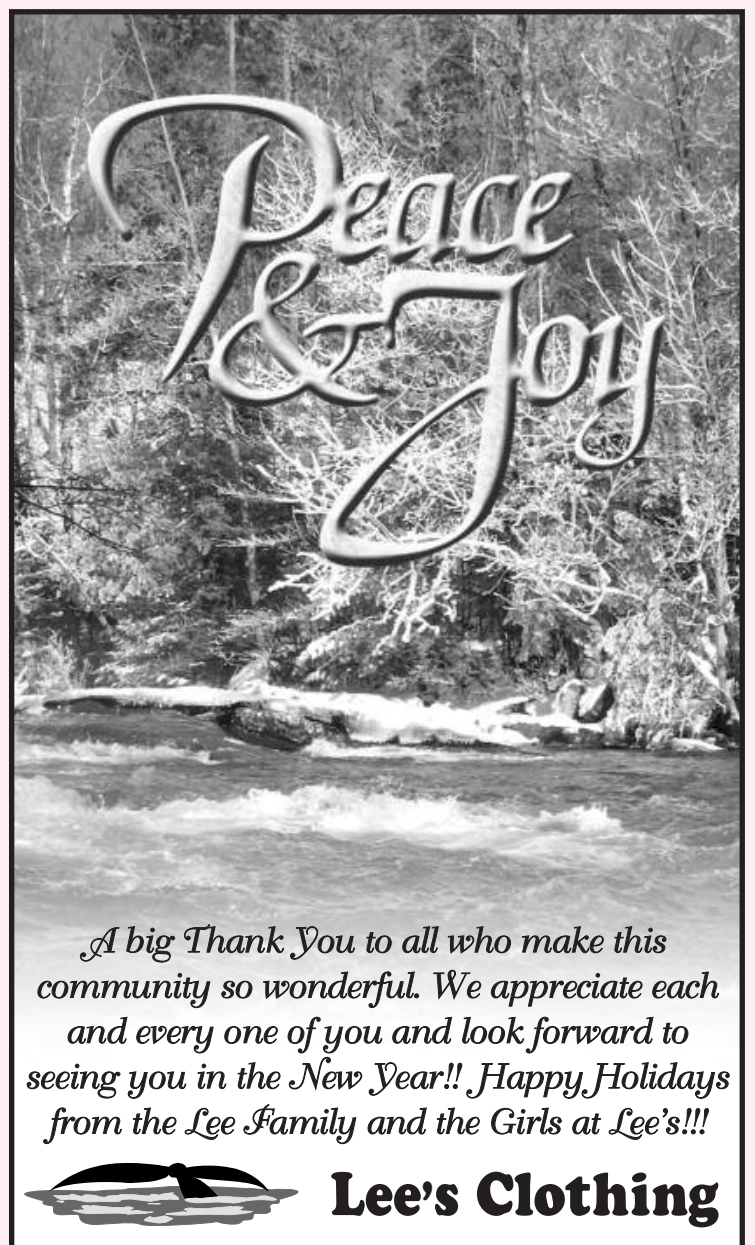


Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

From the residents & staff at Mountain View Manor

## Happy Holidays and Clear Horizons in 2016

From All the Crew of **Alaska Longline Company**



*A big Thank You to all who make this community so wonderful. We appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!! Happy Holidays from the Lee Family and the Girls at Lee's!!!*



**Lee's Clothing**

# Dear Santa...

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**Dear, Santa** My name is Jillian. I live in Petersburg. My favorite food is bread sticks. My favorite color is green and pink. I also have a DOG named Billie. I was wondering how do your raindeer fly? Another quistin is how do your elfs make toys? My mama wants a braslit, and your now what would be specil to me is a American girl doll. Also an American girl dog. I'm not going to just think of my self here, My dad wants a new pair of shoes. I just can not wait to see all those amazing prentents arond my christmas tree.

**Love,  
Jillian**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Brody. I like to ride bikes when it's sunny out. I like to wear make up. I wear black eye liner. I am going to give you strawberry cookies. I am going to give the reindeer blueberry cookies. I wonder how much snow is in the North Pole? I would love some make up For Christmas! The Black eyeliner kind please. A blue sparkly Dress, To play Dress up, and a barbie with Blonde curly hair and blue eyes!

**Love,  
BRODY**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi, my name is Haileigh. My favoret coler red, green, pink and black. I am 6 years old. I live in petersburg. How are your elfs? How is mis Claus? How are your reindeer? How do your reindeer fly? I want a car toy to play with, also I want a new video game. I also want some ruber duckys. I want lagos to play with at home. I also want a baby doll santa. How do you make it throu the love: HAILEIGH

**Age 6**

**Dear Santa,**  
I play legos and I am five. I would like a new lego set for Christmas that has Lloyd that becomes a gold ninja and some more lego sets. For my mom I would like some new leggings.

Please bring a new pocket knife for my dad and a new lego Friends set for Mattea. I like your sleigh. I will leave out cookies for you on Christmas Eve.

**Your friend,  
Stellan  
Age 5**

**Dear Santa,**  
my name is Mason. I like to jump off swings. I like to eat bread. Also, I do wrestling. That's about me.

Here are some questions I'd like to ask you. First, I'd like to ask why Rudolph's nose glows? Is it so he can see at night? Why do the reindeer fly? Can I please have a pretend giant cannon? Also, I'd want an evil vilan mask please?

**From, MASON**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is KALEB I like batman helicopters I live in Petersburg Alaska I like playing minecraft with my brother Nathen How are the reindeer doing this year? Are they still fast? I am 5 years old. I love the presents that you give people. I have been good this year and I am on the nice list. I would like a train with rails. Also I want a toy santa and a toy snowman. I would also like a lot of tiny soldiers and a small plain for them. I also want pokemon cards and a pokemon doll. A nerf gun is something I want to. That is what I want for Christmas.

**your friend,  
Kaleb  
Age 5**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Amelia Bates and I'm 5 years old. How many reindeer do you have?

I already made you a card but I can remind you . . . maybe you could bring me a toy reindeer. Addison and I can play with it together. (She's my baby sister.) Thank you for the Furby you gave me last year. Merry Christmas!

**Love Amelia**

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Charlie Jordan was all big smiles about his encounter with Santa.

## A Blessed Time

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.*

—Isaiah 9:6-7

*May you and yours be blessed with peace and joy all through Christmas and beyond.*

# First Baptist Church

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## Christmas Eve Service 6:30 PM

From our PeaceHealth family to you and yours,

## Happy Holidays!

Wishing you good health and peace this season and throughout the new year.

With best wishes from,  
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## In This Holy Season

May you and your family be blessed with the true spirit of Christmas.

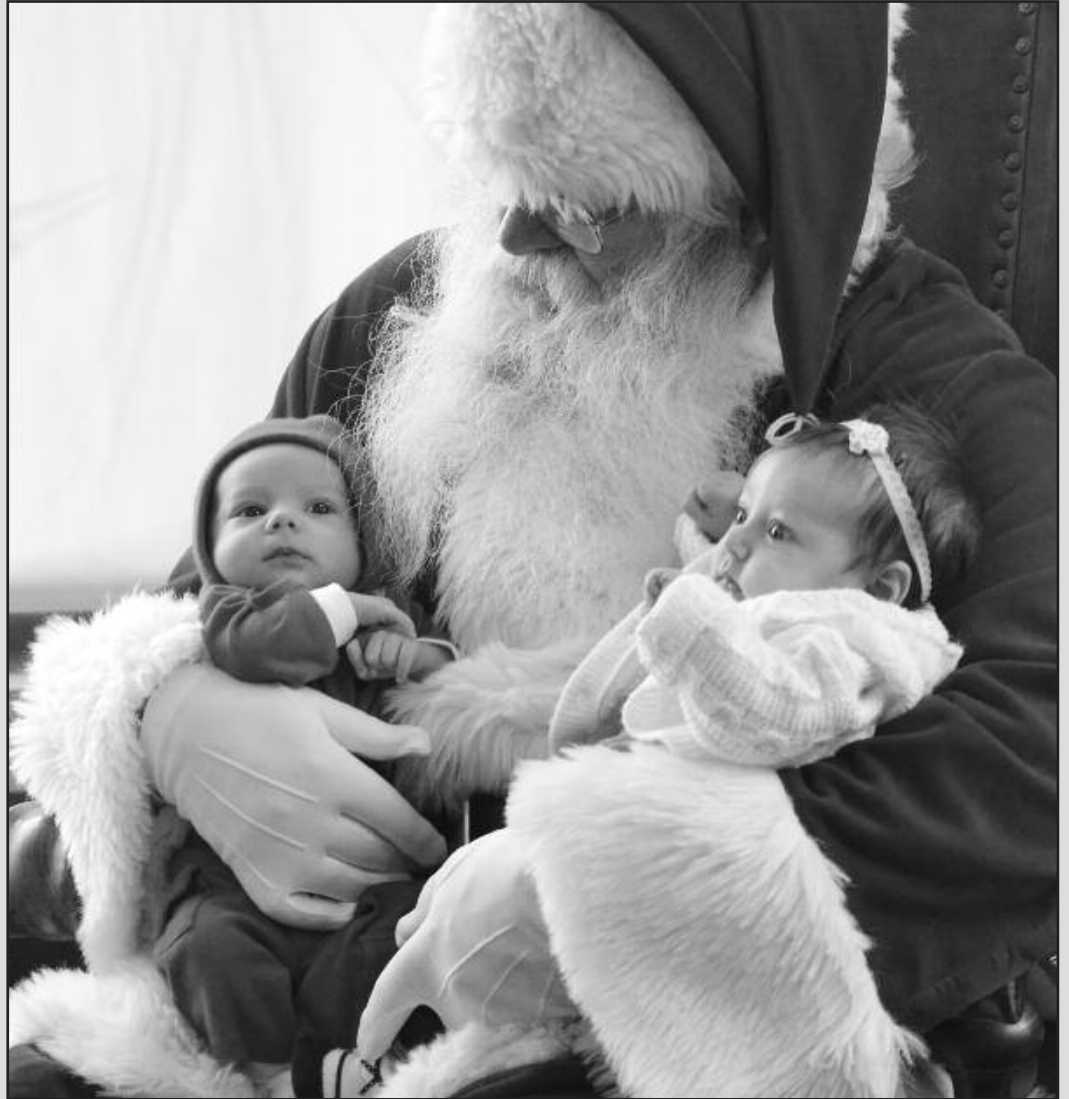
### St. Catherine's Catholic Church

Thursday, Dec. 24th Family Mass 5:30 PM

Friday, Dec. 25th Midnight Mass 12:00 AM

Friday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass 10:30 AM

All are welcome!



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## Breakfast with Santa

Lucas and Serena Birchell snuggled in on each side of Santa.

## WISHING YOU JOY!



No matter what, Christmas will always be better with a pet at your side.

### Waterways Veterinary Clinic

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Assistants:  
Page, Laura and Arian  
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# Dear Santa...

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#### Dear Santa Claus

Hi my name is Arielle. I live in Petersburg Alaska. Is there any Mosters at the north pole? Does Elsa live at the north pole? I really want a tool set! I really want a snowy christmas! Have a good christmas delivery route!

Love, Arielle

#### Dear Santa,

I would like lego girls, a cash register with fake money. I want everybody in the world to have a good christmas. Also I would like a kitchen set, a pink remote control car, tea cups, and a hunting suit. What do you eat when it's not christmas? Do you get presents? How are you?

From: MAELLE

#### Dear Santa Claus

Hi my name is Eleanor. I live in Peterburg Alaska. How is Mrs. Clause? I bet she's great! Does it ever rain at the north pole? I think it rains some of the time. I really want a rocking horse. I also really want the world to have a white chistmus. Pleas have a great chistmus.

Love, Eleanor

Dear Santa, for christmas I would like an american girl doll named Julie Albright and with her all three books. Julie's egg chair set and zig zag pjs and bed. Sewing set. PuPits and a PuPit Staigh. A stuffed animal babby sealion. Marbles. An american

girl doll for my american girl named Josefina and a stand. A little dog for Julie a leesh and clor for her dog and a bakery, 15 hex bugs, bairby dream house. A pedometer. A tablet. A new beany boo. A monster high doll. A pro-jet MC square doll. A blank it. lots and lots of bands and s clips. an apple jack farm with apple jack the farm and her family.

Hailey Nunemaker

Age 8

Grade 3

#### Dear Satn,

I wat a tablit AND a AMarke N Gel Doll Mreelin and the hol set of the spo and 10009 BeNE BOO AND FRAke Ulechkuo ting se and BUBET EM HOWS BAD-LOO KOST of HaLLEY AND A TIGOT IK VAN LOVE LILY

Ow A KUS with a BathROOM AND Thers A bed with SOME FOOD LOVE LILY

Lily Nunemaker

Age 7

Grade 2

#### Dear Santa!

My name is Liam and I am 2 years old. I will be 3 in April! For Christmas can I please have a Buzz Light Year, some Birds, some GiGi (great grandma Kathy), a dinosaur, a Christmas tree that is Christmas, a "new" Patrick puppy (that's my dog), a new batman toy, a monster truck, and a snake!

I love you Santa!

Thank you!

Liam Gage Jackson

#### Dear Santa,

Ive been a good girl a lot of the time. I would like a barbie wedding doll with heels. I would also like mermaid barbies. I would also like you to bring a new leg for Kyla. Thank you for being nice to me Santa. I love you. Don't forget to come to our house in the morning. I will make you breakfast.

Love,

Svea

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Serena. How are the reindeer? I love your reindeer. For Christmas can I have a real iPad? I was hoping you could give my sister Lauren a Curious George, and my brother a vowel-bat helicopter. Wha is your favorite treat? I hope you have a safe journey.

Sincerely,

Serena

xo's xo's

#### Dear Santa

my name is Jacobe ReslBirch. I love yor slich XO's. Does Mrs. Clause ride with you? I really want a bunny, flipphone, kindle, and I hope jensen geTs a rabbit and his dog back. What are your fatvorite cookies? I hope your have a safe journey xo's xo's

Sincerely,

JacoBe



Wishing you a whale of a Holiday!!



# Best Holiday Recipes

## Decadent Cheesy Bacon Potatoes

By Christine Fernandez

### Ingredients

6 large potatoes; peeled and thinly sliced  
 1/2 c onion; chopped  
 2 c cheddar cheese; shredded  
 1 c bacon; cooked and crumbled  
 2 c milk  
 1/2 c half & half  
 4 tbsp flour  
 4 tbsp butter  
 Salt and pepper

### Directions

Using a large pot, saute chopped onions in butter until soft but not browned. In a small bowl, combine flour, salt and pepper. Stir flour mixture into onion mixture. Add milk and half and half. Stir and cook over medium heat until mixture begins to thicken (about 3 minutes). Turn off heat. Add 1 1/2 cups cheese to the sauce and stir until melted and smooth. Add sliced potatoes, bacon and stir well to combine. Pour mixture into a casserole dish sprayed with non-stick spray. Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 35 minutes. Remove foil, sprinkle reserved cheese over top and return to oven. Bake another 30 minutes or until potatoes are soft, cheese is melted and edges begin to brown. Let stand a few minutes before serving to allow the sauce to thicken.

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## Chocolate Buttermilk Pie

By Sheila Senghas

### Ingredients

2 unbaked pie shells (9 in. or larger)  
 2 sticks unsalted butter, room temp  
 3 3/4 c sugar  
 1/2 c all-purpose flour  
 1/3 c cocoa powder  
 6 eggs  
 1/4 tsp salt (optional)  
 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract  
 1 c plus 2 oz. buttermilk

### Directions

Combine sugar, butter and mix until well blended. Beat in the eggs and mix well. In a separate bowl, combine flour, cocoa and salt. Whisk until mixed. Add to the butter mixture. Add buttermilk, vanilla and stir until well mixed. Pour into pie shells and bake at 350 for 45 minutes. Since oven temperatures vary, bake as long as it takes for the pie to be firm and not jiggle in the middle. Cool completely before cutting. Store leftover pie in refrigerator.

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## Crabmeat Mushrooms

By Samantha Jacobs

### Ingredients

16 large fresh mushrooms, stems removed  
 6 oz chicken flavored dry stuffing mix  
 8 oz cream cheese, softened  
 11 oz crabmeat, flaked  
 1 1/3 c butter (reserve half)  
 2 clove garlic, peeled and minced  
 1/4 tsp garlic powder  
 salt and pepper to taste  
 crushed red pepper flakes to taste

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Arrange mushroom caps on a medium baking sheet, bottoms up. Chop and reserve mushroom stems. Prepare chicken flavored dry stuffing mix according to package directions. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Mix in garlic and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. In a medium bowl, mix together reserved mushroom stems, prepared dry stuffing mix, cream cheese and imitation crabmeat. Liberally stuff mushrooms with the mixture. Drizzle with the butter and garlic. Season with salt, pepper, garlic powder and crushed red pepper. Bake uncovered in the preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes, or until stuffing is lightly browned.

# Dear Santa...

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**Dear Santa**

My name is Gabriele Rose Whiteye how did Rudolph get his red nose? I hope Elijah gets waht he wants I want stuft animals I hope miss clos gets some of your cookies too. Waht is the weather in the nothple? I hope you have a great journey!

**Sincerely,  
Gabriele**

**Dear Santa,**

My name is Natalee and I hope your reindeer are cozy. How do you get to all the children? What I'd like for christmas are some Beany Boos, an art minion set, minion toys, rocket book, a rocket toy, and a good book. I hope Rikka gets splat the cat and a reindeer toy. What is your favorite treat? Is the weather good? have a good journey.

**Love,  
Natalee**

**Dear Santa,**

I would like to ride on your sleigh. I want to give you a big hug and go to the North Pole. I'm excited for Christmas!

I like snowflakes.

Christmas is fun and I want a baby rabbit for christmas!

**Love MADI**

**Dear Santa,**

I'm Torey Ann Fry. Has vixien had any babies? I'm 8 years old. I want an American girl doll for Christmas <3 hope serena and aurora get a live reindeer with a

pink nose what is your favorite kind of cookie?

**Love,  
Torey Ann Fry  
xo's  
Age 8**

**Dear Santa,**

Merry Christmas I would really like to have s.h. Monsterarts Mecha King ghidora, and s.h. Monsterarts godzilla 2000 mlimiem specile coler version, and the last thing I want is s.h. Monsterarts godzilla 2000. thank you so much santa. Merry Christmas

**Love, tristan M**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I love your sleigh. I'd like a real phone, My American girl doll's finger, and I hope Max can get Lots of treats, and you get lots of notes. What's your favorit treat? How's the weather? have a safe journey.

**Love,  
Aurora**

**Dear, Santa**

My name is Rikka. I like to swim. How are your reindeer. I like your sled. I would like an American girl bed and a pet hamster. I hope Aurora gets a real phone. I hope my little sister gets an American girl doll. What is your treat? How is the weather there?

**Sincerely,  
Rikka  
XOXO**

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## A String of Glad Tidings

As we sew up another year,  
 We thank you all for shopping here.  
 This message is stitched with a wish that you,  
 Find happiness in all you do!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
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# Dear Santa...

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**Dear Santa,**  
MY NAME IS ASHLYN AND I AM 4 YEARS OLD. I would like a cotton candy machine for Christmas please.  
**Ashlyn Sakamoto-Quezon**

**DEAR SANTA,**  
The children of the world have been really good. Please make the bad MEN go away and stop hurting them.  
Thank you for the toys last year. My Mom and DAD said you can bring me a kitty.  
**Jazz K. Speck**  
Age 7

**Dear Santa**  
Hi im connor. I hope im not on

the naughty list? or on the good list?

I want  
1. tv  
2. a dog  
3. skylanders super chargers.

**LOVE CONNOR D.**  
Age 11

**Dear Santa.**  
Hi im chatem I hope I be on the nice list.

1. Skylanders super chargers  
2. legos  
3. destiny xbox 360 game  
4. claptrap toy

**LOVE CHATEM D.**  
Age 9

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# Best Holiday Recipes

## Cocktail Dates

### Ingredients

12 large dried Medjool dates  
1 4-ounce chunk Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese  
6 slices bacon, cut in half widthwise  
Preheat oven to 350 F.

### Directions:

Insert a bamboo skewer or a similar facsimile in the bottom of the date until the pointy tip rests on the bottom of the pit. Push the pit out of the stem side. Reserve dates.

Using your sharpest knife, cut Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese into 1/4-inch slices. Cut those slices into 1/4-x-1-inch pieces (the resulting 1-inch pieces should be approximately the same diameter as a pencil). Cut the tip of each piece at a 45-degree angle.

Leading with the pointy end, stuff a stick of Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese into the pit hole of each date.

Wrap each date with a slice of bacon. Set dates on a baking sheet, seam-sides down, and skewer each with a toothpick to hold bacon in place.

Bake for approximately 20 minutes, or until bacon is crispy. Caution: These cocktail dates are like molten lava when they come out of the oven. Let cool for a few minutes before serving.

## King Crab Appetizers

### Ingredients

2 (12 ounce) packages refrigerated biscuit dough  
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
1 (6 ounce) can crab meat, drained  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese  
2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onion  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 pinch paprika

### Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease 12 tartlet pans.

Divide rolls in half and press into the prepared tartlet pans. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, crab, mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese, Cheddar cheese, green onions and Worcestershire sauce. Spoon 1 teaspoon of mixture into tarts and garnish with paprika.

Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 15 to 20 minutes, or until light brown. These freeze wonderfully. Just reheat before serving.

## Shrimp Scampi Cheesecake Appetizer

### Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 onion  
6 teaspoons minced garlic  
1 pound fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined  
12 shells puff pastry, baked  
4 tablespoons butter or margarine  
3 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
4 eggs  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
16 ounces smoked Gouda, grated  
2 teaspoons salt

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

In a large skillet over medium-low heat, warm oil and saute onions and garlic until onions are translucent; set aside to cool. When cool, pour off liquid reserving garlic.


Cut shrimp into 1/2 inch pieces, reserving 12 uncut for garnish. In a large skillet over medium-low heat, melt butter and add reserved garlic and all shrimp; cook shrimp for 2 to 4 minutes or until done.

Remove center circle and a small portion of inside of cooled puff pastry shells.

In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese until creamy; add one egg at a time and beat until well mixed. Add cream, Gouda, onions, shrimp and salt.

Spoon filling into puff pastry shells.


Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until filling is browned on top. Garnish with whole shrimp and chopped chives; serve.



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**May Your Days Be Merry & Bright!**

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# Christmas Traditions around the world: Mexico



party with food, games like piñata and fireworks. A piñata is a clay or box filled with sweets and hung from the ceiling, often decorated like a ball with seven peaks around it. The peaks or spikes represent the "seven deadly sins." The blind-folded children are spun around and given a big stick, and they take turns trying to break open the piñata while the piñata is raised and lowered.

The ninth evening of Las Pasadas is Christmas Eve known as "Buena

ered the most important day of the year to spend time with loved ones. A manger and the figures are put on display. When the Pasada house has been found, a baby Jesus is put into the manger called "Nacimiento" and everyone attends Midnight Mass. After the church service, the church bells ring out and fireworks light up the sky.

Christmas Day is a time for church and family. After church services, Christmas dinner traditionally consists of oxtail soup with beans and hot chili, roasted turkey and a salad of fresh fruits and vegetables.

On Epiphany, or Twelfth Night which is January 5 some children get presents from the "Los Reyes Magos," or the Three Kings who pass through on their way to Bethlehem.

Children leave their shoes on the windowsill and find them filled with a little gift the next morning. Christmas Trees are becoming more popular in Mexico, but the most important decoration is still the "Nacimiento."

It's also traditional to eat a special cake called "Rosca de Reyes" or Three Kings Cake on Epiphany. A figure of baby Jesus is hidden inside the cake and whoever has the baby Jesus in their piece of cake is the "Godparent" of Jesus for that year and has to give a tamale party on February 2, called "Candlemas." The whole family helps prepare the tamales, which are a meat or chicken wrapped in corn dough. A religious service held on "Candlemas" marks the end of the Christmas season in Mexico.

By Ola Richards

When you think about Christmas, you assume snow and cold, but not in Mexico. When it comes to Christmas down south the weather is warm and mild during the holiday season. Families decorate their homes with colorful flowers, moss, lanterns and evergreens.

From December 16 until Christmas Eve families participate in Las Pasadas for nine nights. The children are given candles and figures of Mary and Joseph. Many Mexican children receive gifts from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

The children sing about Joseph and Mary asking for a room in the house, and when they are told that there is no room in the house, they have to go away. However, they are eventually told there is a room and are welcomed

in. Each night a different house holds the Pasada Noche," and it is consid-

*May the spirit of goodwill echo throughout the land as we celebrate this most magical of seasons.*

*Petersburg Borough Assembly and Employees*

**PETERSBURG**  
ALASKA

All the best!

With warm wishes and gratitude for your continued patronage.

**FLEET REFRIGERATION & HEATING**

Wally, Larisa, Rob, Branden

# Dear Santa...

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**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS BAY AND I AM 3 YEARS OLD.  
Santa I would love train, doughnuts please.  
**Bay Odegaard**  
Age 3

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS AISHA AND I AM 4 YEARS OLD.  
Santa I would love baby Alive, stroller, crib please  
**Aisha Bliss**  
Age 4

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS EMELIA AND I AM 4 YEARS OLD.  
Santa I would like candy, ABC's, phone, and cake please.  
**Emelia Yeckley**  
Age 4

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS TAYLOR AND I AM 4 YEARS OLD.  
Santa I would love baby alive doll, barbie house, barbie car, and a barbie please  
**Taylor Haley**  
Age 4



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## Breakfast with Santa

Sisters Lily and Amelia Yeckley enjoyed telling Santa about their Christmas lists.

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS EMETT AND I AM YEARS OLD.  
Santa I would love Robot please.  
**Emett Moore**

Santa I would love pokemon, and Monster high please  
**Elizabeth Hepe**  
Age 4

Santa I would love dinosaur, bunny, dragon please.  
**Sailor Odegaard**

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS ELIZABETH AND I AM 4 YEARS OLD.

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS ROLAS AND I AM YEARS OLD.

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS GAVIN AND I AM 4 YEARS OLD.  
Santa I would like a shark and squeaky dinosaur, please.  
**Gavin O'Neil**  
Age 4

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS AND I AM 3 YEARS OLD.  
Santa I would love frozen christmas lights, baby alive doll please.  
**Luciana Maldonado**  
Age 3

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS COLEMAN AND I AM 5 YEARS OLD.  
Dear Santa, I would like a transformer robot gun for Christmas please.  
**Coleman Lyons**  
Age 5

**DEAR SANTA**  
MY NAME IS TRIGBY AND I AM 4 YEARS OLD.  
**Tigby**

**Dear Santa**  
I wot for chrismis A Stufee from Gretchen Wietgrefe

**Dear Santa**  
Hows it going? I think you do a good job. I've been pretty good this year could you make me a crocmobile? Samtething that has spikes on the tail that I can fit in and has a remote control. I would als like a remote control car. Fly safe!  
**Love Gunner Washke**

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*We want to wish you the happiest of holidays and let you know how happy we are to be able to serve you now and throughout the year.*

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We would like to extend our thanks to each of you for your support and appreciate your patronage to continue for the coming years.

We will be closed from December 21 - Jan. 28, 2016

*Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

**FROM LANEY, WAMEN, DAN, AND STAFF**

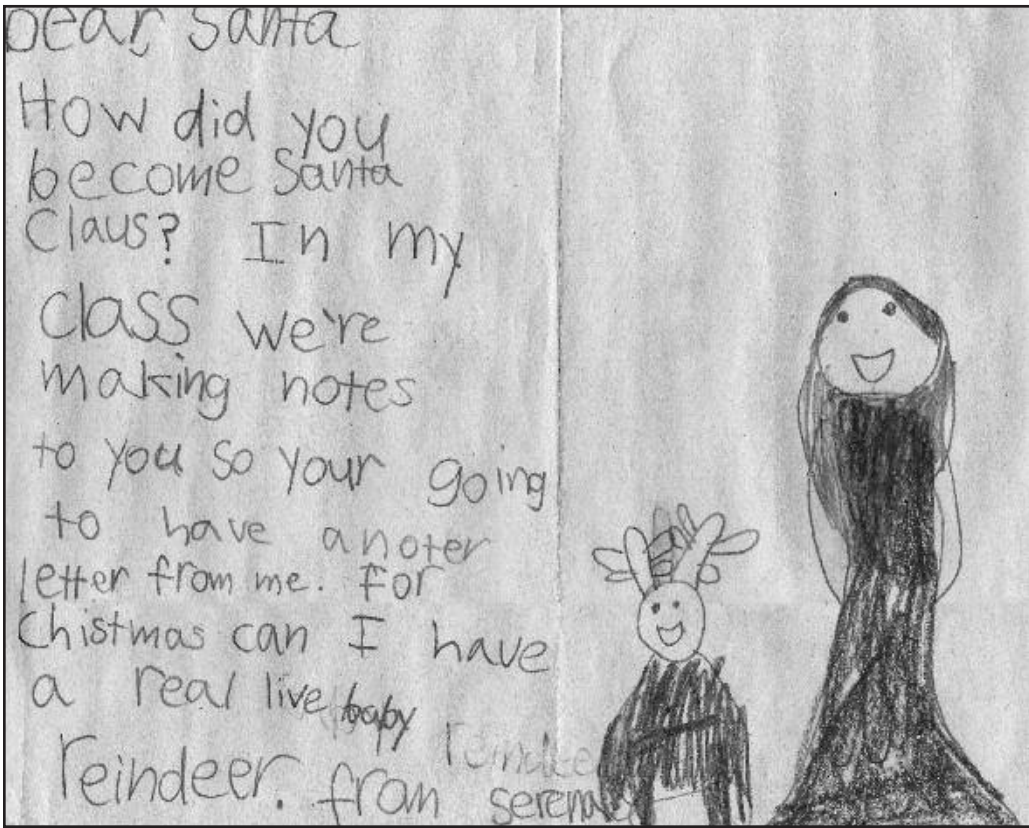
**We Know You've Been GOOD!**

We're making a list of all the people we want to thank and your name is on it! We hope you get everything you've wished for this Christmas, and we thank you for being so good to us this year.

**Kinder Komfort** *Linda, Linda & Willi*

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# Dear Santa...



BY SERENA HELMS

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**Dear Santa**

Haw are your reindeer I've been good this year all time. Would you like it if you and the elves could make me a hippo-mobile, made of metal, runs on gas and is really big with 3 beds. I'd also like brane that flies in The air with a cord that can charge. have a good christmas Eve!

**Louv Tanner Washke**

I want a pokemon Book and a Pokemon Box and a Frozen guitar and a Pokemon toy and to sandtuolos.

**From FeLicia**

**Dear Santa Claus,**

For Christmas I want robot animals, survival kit, big kid scooter, wood (long), rocks (big), Magic eightball, go cart (sent to my house), gingerbread house, art set, romote control helicopter, white board, markers, and carpet.

**Thank you Santa Claus**

**Dear Santa -**

THANK YOU FOR THE GROWN UP TOOTHBRUSH LAST YEAR. THANK YOU THE NEW SOCKS TOO YOU GAVE ME AND SIMONE. CAN I PLEASE HAVE A TOY ANNA DOLL THAT SINGS AND HAS A MICROPHONE AND A BUTTON? I WANT A TOY DEER TOO PLEASE. CAN MY BROTHER TRYGVE GET ANOTHER STARFISH TO CHEW ON? MERRY CHRISTMAS! I LOVE YOU SANTA. I AM FOUR YEARS OLD.

**LOVE,  
 CHARLOTTE NILSEN**

**Dear, Santa**

How did you become Santa Claus? In my class we're making notes to you so your going to have anoter letter from me. For Christmas can I have a real live baby reindeer.

**From Serena**

**Dear Santa,**

This year I would really wan't

some more stuff for my American girl dolls. And I really want Tomadotchie Life for my 3DS. But most of all I would like the mythical criters that I really like. I have a question do you ever see Arctic foxs in you Back yard?

**Yours Truley  
 Meghan O'Soup**

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## Green glow

Jim Roberts' impressively lit sailboat won the decorating contest boat category, in the Chamber of Commerce's decorating contest.



# HOLY NIGHT WISH

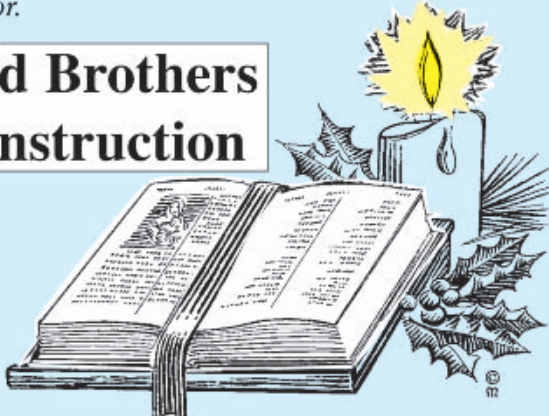
*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*KJV Isaiah 9:6*

*Wishing a bright and merry Christmas to all.*

*At this special time of year, we offer our thanks and join with you in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior.*

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# Santa Claus arriving in style



MANDY KIVISTO / Altered Perceptions Studio



MANDY KIVISTO / Altered Perceptions Studio

Freshly fallen, dry snow plumed around the Temsco helicopter that delivered Santa to the Community Gym earlier this month for the Parks and Recreation Annual Breakfast With Santa event.



Baby Raleigh Alexander was surprisingly relaxed on Santa's lap, but his parents were standing by just in case the water works did come.

## Dear Santa...

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**Dear Santa,**  
How are you're Raindeer, how is Mrs. Claus? This year I would like a drone, a kid go pro and a few surpisis.  
**Merry Christmas**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Camden. I would love a starry spaceship, a superman flashlight and spy stuff. Please.  
**Camden Johnson**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Serenity and I am 4 years old. Santa I would like a

rock and timer please  
**Serenity Vonweller**  
**Age 4**

**Dear Santa,**  
I love Christmas I would like a new toy on Christmas. Please bring Courtney and Blake something very speciel to. My Family loves Christmas so much. Thank you Santa I lovve you.  
**Love,**  
**Tristan Holtden**

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**BRIGHT WISHES AT CHRISTMAS**
  
 THIS LITTLE GREETING IS TRIMMED WITH OUR GRATITUDE  
 AND OUR BEST WISHES TOO...  
 YOU'VE BRIGHTENED OUR YEAR  
 WITH YOUR KIND ATTITUDE,  
 IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE EACH OF YOU!  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



Joe, Sue, Daryl, Rikki, Bob, Gary,  
Scott, Adam, Brad & Kevin



## A LOAD OF THANKS

...And a pile of best wishes to all our customers.

Happy Holidays!  
**Glacier Laundry**

Ralph, Carrie,  
Nicole, Maddie, & Bo

# Dear Santa...

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**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Donn. How are your reindeer? I saw you once! I wish your reindeer get lots of carrots. I wish I get a lot of toy! What is your favorite treat? I wish I get a toy hammer! Have a Merry Christmas.

**Sincerely**  
**Donn**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? I like riding bikes, reading books. What is your favorite type of cookies? And these are the seven presents I want. Grumpy cat stuffed animal, typewriter, real cat, netdoe 3DS, super smash bros, remote control submarine, snow ball gun, and I hope Wyatt gets I Am Bread and I hope Jacobe gets a bunny.

**From,**  
**Jensen**

**Dear Santa,**  
I'm Aiden Knudsen I live in Petersburg AK. Do reindeer ever get lost? It's going to be a good year. I would like some new legos. I hope Lucas gets two more dogs. Is the weather good?

**Love,**  
**Aiden**

**Dear Santa**  
my name is Alex. Can I leave a snack for you and your reindeer by the tree. I'm eight years old. I want a new digital watch and a new t-shirt to. I hope Arya get her two presents. I hope you have a safe journey.

**Sincerely**  
**Alex Holmgren**

**Dear Santa,**  
I love my mom and dad How fast can your elves make ninety nine toys. [write your answer.] I love Christmas. I hope Alex gets a nut

cracker for Christmas. have a safe Journey!

**Love,**  
**Lucas**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Olivia Schwarte and my house address is 104. How is Mrs. Claus doing this Christmas? Can you guess how old I am? Well I'm seven years old. I hope you don't mind to get me a few stuffed animals and I hope my sister Joy gets what she wants. I also hope you have a great journey through all the snow and give everyone what they want

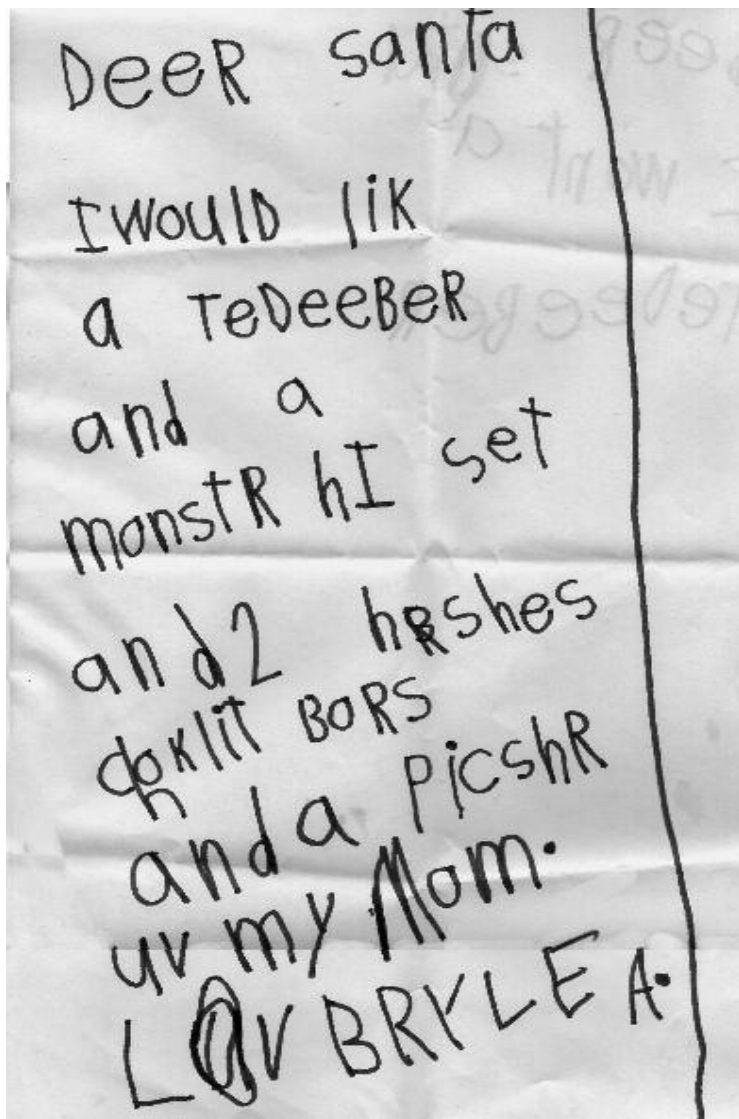
**Love,**  
**Olivia Schwarte XO's**  
**Age 7**

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The Cabral kiddos enjoyed their quality time with Kris Kringle.



BY BRYLE A.



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# Dear Santa...



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The five Morrison kids thought about what to ask Santa for Christmas.

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Dear Santa,

My nam is Eden how are your reindeer? Im 7 in a while Il Be 8. For Christmas I would like a puppy so my dog can hav a frend Barbies, iPad, dolls, and my sister

would like pink lotion, my other sister would like Taylor Swift stuff How is Rudolph? I hope you get your cookies this year.

Sincerely,  
Eden

Dear Santa,

My name is Brooklyn Whitethorn. How is Rudolph? Now I have two dog's. I would like an American Girl food cart. I hope my sister gets new shoes I hope my Dad has a safe trip

home. What is your favorite treat?

Love,  
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,

My name is Freya. Is your reindeer staing warm. I'm going to be in Tuscon, AZ for christmas this year. I would like an American girl doll and a sowing cit. I hope my friends get everything they want. How is the wether in the north pole Merry

Christmas.  
Sincerely  
Freya

Dear Santa,

My name is Nathan and I live in Petersburg Ak and i im going to be sided ni get my presit and you be the best sanda and happy hodas.

Love  
Nathan

Dear Santa,

I have two dogs. How are the reindeer? Your sliagh looks colorful. can i have a Nerf turet gun and a fake gun. a Toy Truck and a School Set. Do you like a sugar cookie or a tree cookie. Is it snowing at the NorTh pole? I wish you a safe journey

Love  
Isaiah

Dear Santa,

My name is Ethan. How are the reindeer doing at the North Pole? What I want for Christmas is a Black Ops, a nerf gun that is a machine gun and has 10,000 bullets. Please let all the people Who don't have toys and money have more food and have a Merry Christmas! Bullets, a phone, a knife that has a saw that is tiny and it has a lock on it so it won't move around and all of homoll nrgh blow its by it's self

Love,  
Ethan

Dear Santa -

I want a candy cane. I want candy. I love you.

Love,  
Ivy Worhatch

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BAY COMPANY

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**"Twas The Night Before Christmas..."**

*Down by the sea,  
And all the gifts were wrapped and put 'neath the tree,  
But the rule of the house was to wait until dawn,  
When Santa had been there already and then gone,  
Here's hoping that you find your most wanted toy,  
And we send you our thanks and we wish you great joy!*

From Dave, Gene & the gang at



# Dear Santa...

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Age 2

Dear Santa,

I want a univorn and a dancing Barbie. How are you? Today I am 4 years old. I brought cupcakes to pre-school today. I love you.

Love,

Lucia Worhatch

Age 4

Dear Santa,

I would like that little ship that you can build in a treasure chest.

And I want a camo blankie. And

I want a little, real doggy. And Santa, can I get 3 Laser swords for Gama, Bumpa and mommy? And can I have a little stuffed animal minion? Santa can mommy get something too? Also can I havev little chocolates in a box for me, mommy, gama and bumpa? Can I please have a big stuffed animal wolf and a little beaver and an eagle? I want a big croc too.

And I love you.

P.S. I already have legos but Gama doesn't so she needs legos. And thats all.

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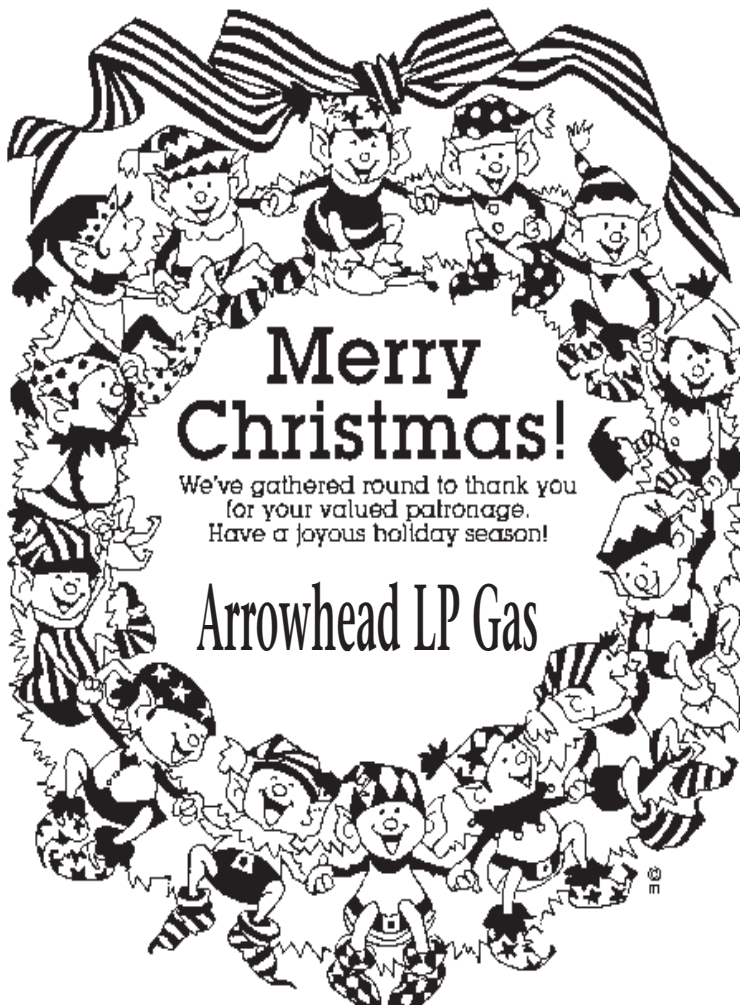
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Donny Payne wasn't really in the mood to talk with Santa. Thankfully, jolly Saint Nick doesn't mind a little bit of wailing.



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Duncan Durst wasn't too sure what to make of the big guy.



Dear Santa Clause,

I would like a Superman plane for Christmas.

P.S. Do you check your mail, or do your elves check for you?

From Nate Olson, age 4 1/2

Written by Smara Olson, age 8 1/2

Dear Santa

I want to eat a gingerbread man. Does Rudolph talk? I like Rudolph the reindeer nose. For Christmas I would like an elf that talks and a coloring book with cool pencils, a stamp set and paper. And a Rudolph topy for my brother Soren.

Love,

Hakon

Age 3

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me the Polar Express train? I hink you should bring Frosty and his hat with you! We will have food out for the reindeer and we have the best cookies!!

Love Wyatt Winther

Age 3.5

DEAR SANTA,

I REALLY LIKE RUDOLPH. I WOULD LIKE A SOFT DOLL, DOCTOR TOOLS FOR WHEN I BECOME A DOCTOR, AND A LITTLE SANTA PLEASE. I LIKE JUICE AND CUP-CAKES.

I LOVE YOU.

LOVE,

CORA HYER

Age 4

Dear Santa,

Are you ok? Can you still deliver presents?

I want an Angry Bird video

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## SENDING OUR BEST

Please accept this load of good cheer, along with our thanks for your business this year!

Have a great holiday!



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## Have a Starfilled Holiday

We're wishing our friends from far and wide all the best of the season.

**Scandia House**

George, Nancy & all the Staff

# Dear Santa...

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game and my own little football costume that fits me. I want a football helmet that's the same as the costumer seahawks and seahawk gloves.

I want my own phone, a pumper truck, and some ninja turtles and something for the turtles to drive.

P.S. PLEASE REMEMBER while you are flying by O PICK UP MY AIRPLANES I ACCIDENTALLY LEFT IN IOWA ON VACATION.

LOVE,  
QUINCY

Age 5

Dear Santa,

I would like a Fishing gun that shoots in the water. Please.

Tyler Wilson

Dear Santa,

My name is Aldric and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like an xbox1 with a gun game please I would like a two player game as well please. Santa I would love pokemon 2 player game, pacman game please

Aldric Jackson

Age 5

Dear Santa,



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Santa gets most of the fame, but Missus Claus is just as important when it comes to Christmas presents finding their way to all the good boys and girls.

My name is Ayden and I am 3 years old. Santa I would love rocket launcher, knife please.

Ayden Rooney  
Age 3

Dear Santa,

Santa I would like a Fishing rod for Christmas please.

Gavin Dyne

Dear Santa,

I love you. I like Rudolph's nose. Is it fun flying in a sleigh with all

the reindeer?

I want an American Girl doll.

I've been a nice girl this year. Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Savina

Age 4, Prechool

Dear Santa,

May I have a American Girl Doll Grace with her dog BonBon and Otace's

earrings and her bracelet. A big Chocolate Labrador Retriever stuff animal named cocoa. A elf on the Shelf a girl.

Love Cheyenne

Season's Greetings

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Connor Moore wrapped Santa up in a big hug when they met at the Community Gym's Breakfast with Santa.

We will close at 1 PM on Christmas Eve and all day on Christmas Day

# Christmas Concert



JESS FIELD / Petersburg Pilot

Matt Lenhard directed the Petersburg High School Concert Band during last week's Christmas Concert in Wright Auditorium.



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The Petersburg High School concert choir sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."




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The PHS Jazz Band performs "Big Noise from the North Pole."



Wishing You a Very Merry Christmas and a Properous New Year!

From the Crew at Pac Wings and Sunrise Aviation



Wishing you and your loved ones a wondrous season filled with all the trimmings and hopes of a prosperous new year.

Thank you for your kind patronage. Your friendship really makes us feel like celebrating.

Best Wishes from Mike, Carolyn, Lynne, Stacy, Becky & Tom

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*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men*

- Luke 2:14

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!  
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# The Story of Christmas



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.,

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying; Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came in haste, and found Mary, Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Chapter 2, St. Luke



## DECK THE HALLS!

We're displaying our best to say, *hope you have a great holiday!*

**Thank you for your business this year.**

*Paul* *Cena* *Andy* *Wanda*  
*Peter Kosulski* *Geekie* *Shirley Jip* *Angel*  
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## Merry Christmas

Our hearts are filled with gratitude as we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We value your patronage and look forward to the opportunity to serve you again, soon.

*Richard Sprague*  
 DMD  
 & Staff

# HAPPY HOWLIDAYS!



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Julebukking isn't just for humans. Waterways Vet Clinic hosted an open house for pets on Friday. This four month old boxer pup melted everyone's heart while sitting for the many treats.



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The Open House was also a chance for pet owners to talk with Hill's/Science Diet representative Jane Wehrheim, pictured left. In the spirit of the season, Wehrheim and Waterways Veterinary Clinic are donating a year's worth of food to the Petersburg Humane Association's shelter cats.



The event was a great opportunity for dogs, young and old, to socialize with people and each other.

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## Season's Greetings

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*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.*  
John 3:16

*In Appreciation of your loyalty and support, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

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**A VERY MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS!**  
Thanks for seeing us this year!

**Happy Holidays**

Dr. Wayne T. Hagerman

and the Sitka Vision Clinic Staff

# God Jul

from the members of Fedrelandet #23 Sons of Norway



# Best Holiday Recipes

## Cranberry Roast Chicken

By Carol Junkins

### Ingredients

- 1 lb sweet potatoes, thinly sliced
- 4 bone-in chicken breast halves (about 2 1/4 lbs.)
- 1 14 oz. can whole berry or jelled cranberry sauce
- 1/4 c olive oil or vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper

### Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Rinse potatoes; pat dry. Place potatoes evenly in a 13 x 9" baking pan. Place chicken on top. Whisk remaining ingredients together in a medium mixing bowl. Pour mixture evenly over chicken and potatoes. Bake uncovered for 50 minutes or until chicken is cooked through-out and potatoes are tender.

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## Holiday Cheese Blintzes

By Bobbie Thompson

### Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 1/4 c milk
- 1 c all purpose flour, sifted
- 2 Tbsp butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 pkg 3 oz each, cream cheese
- 12 oz cottage cheese, small curd
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp grated lemon rind
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg

### Directions

Beat eggs (2) and milk just until blended; add flour & salt; beat just until smooth. Stir in melted butter; chill at least 1 hour. Meanwhile, beat cream cheese &



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## Monthly mini artshow

Lisa and Yancey Nilsen, proprietors of the Skate of Gear retail store, began a series of mini artshows in collaboration with local painter and teacher Doris Olsen earlier this month. The goal is to continue presenting new paintings every month. The next show of Olsen's work will open on Friday, Jan. 15.

cottage cheese in a small bowl until smooth. Stir in 1 egg, sugar, lemon rind, cinnamon and nutmeg until well blended; refrigerate while preparing blintz crepes. Heat a 7-inch skillet over medium heat. Grease lightly with butter (or Pam). Pour in 3 tablespoons of crepe batter, rotation pan quickly to spread batter evenly. Cook till lightly browned on underside, flip and cook lightly. Remove from pan to plate, repeat with remaining batter. Stack crepes on plate, makes 8 to 12 crepes. Place crepe on a non-stick cookie sheet, one at a time. Spread, evenly, cottage cheese mixture onto crepe. Roll filled crepe. Repeat with each crepe. Place in oven at 315 degrees. While crepes are warming, heat favorite jam, pie filling or preserves. Prepare favorite breakfast meat. Arrange warm blintzes on plate, top with warm jam-choice, a dollop of sour cream and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

## Polish Potato Salad

By Ola Richards

### Ingredients

- 4 apples
- 4 medium potatoes
- 5 hard cooked eggs
- 5 pickles
- 5 carrots
- Can of corn
- Can of peas
- Mayonnaise, approx. 1/4 cup or to taste
- Honey Mustard, approx. 1/4 cup or to taste
- Pepper and salt, to taste

### Directions

Boil carrots, potatoes, eggs. Chop apples, potatoes, hard cooked eggs, pickles and carrots. Mix thoroughly. Add salt and pepper to taste.

## Toffee Bars

By Mary Tice

### Mix:

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 egg yolk

Bake in 9x13 pan 15 minutes at 375 degrees. Place about 10 Hershey bars on top and put in oven just long enough to melt chocolate so it's spreadable.

## Ginger Crinkles

By Sue Harai

- 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup cooking oil
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 egg

Stir together the first 5 ingredients and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Combine the remaining ingredients and beat well. Add dry ingredients to beaten mixture, beating well. Form 1 inch balls. Roll in granulated sugar, if desired; place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 375 degree oven about 10 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen.



## With Best Wishes

May you enjoy a peaceful and satisfying holiday surrounded by glad tidings and the ones you love.

Your trust in us fills us with pride, and your friendship fills us with joy. Thanks!

From

A. Ken Slavin, President, General Mgr.;  
Staff, Management and Board of  
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## Happy Holidays

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## A NOTE of THANKS



...And a chorus of best wishes to our many noteworthy customers and friends.



**Happy New Year!**  
**Thanks For Your Support!**



## Raise your voices to celebrate the season

Christmas carols and hymns have been a big part of holiday cheer for hundreds of years.

This holiday season

gather your family and sing along. You know the melodies, and we'll provide the words if you need a reminder.

### SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth "

### HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

### JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

**Julebukking 11a - 1p**

**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Closed December 25 & 26**

*Wishing everyone a Peaceful  
and Blessed Christmas  
and Holiday Season!  
~ the Skate of Gear crew*



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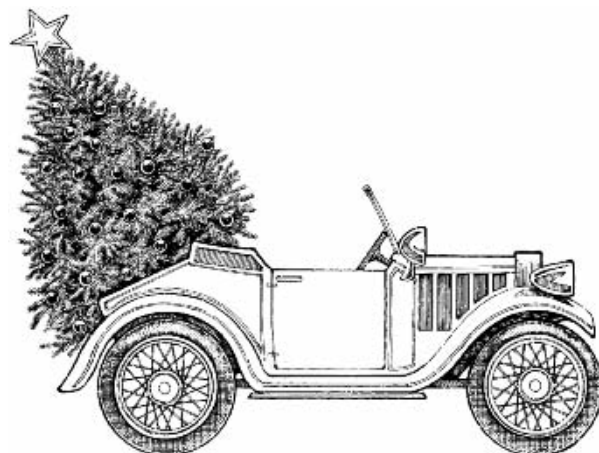
### Have a Vintage Season


Here's hoping your holiday season is a truly memorable one,  
We know we're filled with fond memories as we recall the  
many kind people we've had the privilege to serve this year.

**Merry Christmas!**

*From the gang at*

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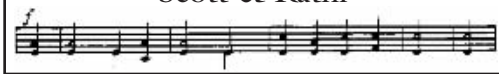


*Joy*  
**Spread It Around!**


In this season of revelry, we'd like to take a moment to thank all of you for your invaluable support. Have a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

**Petersburg Business Services**

Sammy, Shirley, Shelley,  
 Scott & Kathi



**Wishing You a Heavenly Holiday**



**Sending tidings of comfort and great joy to you and yours at Christmas!**

May the spirit of this holy season fill you with peace and contentment.

Thank you for making our year so special with your visits. We truly appreciate your friendship and patronage.

**Rosann Dunham**  
**Bookkeeping & Tax Service, LLC**  
 Rosann, Tiffany and Yvonne




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**The spirit of giving**

All through the holiday season volunteers from organizations throughout the community ring the bell and collect donations for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. The funds collected support the local food bank and the Salvation Army's other social service programs. Last week the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department took a turn at the kettle bedecked in their fire fighting gear. Nationwide the Salvation Army provides assistance to over four million people in need, in the form of Christmas dinners, clothing and toys during the Holidays.


*With Our Gratitude At The Holiday Season*



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# Holiday activities for adults and children alike

New Year's Eve is one of the most festive nights of the year, when friends and families gather to count down the waning moments of the year as they anticipate the fun times ahead in the year to come. While adults tend to look forward to New Year's Eve festivities more than children, there are ways parents can ring in the New Year with their kids.

Invite kids into the kitchen. New Year's Eve festivities often include food, so why not invite youngsters into the kitchen to cook alongside you? Kids may not be interested in preparing the main course, but let youngsters get involved when baking the night's more delectable treats, like cookies and cakes. Little ones can choose their favorite treats and then help Mom and Dad prepare those treats for guests coming over to join in the festivities. Decorate cakes and cookies with a New Year's Eve theme.

Pick funny resolutions out of a hat. New Year's resolutions are a big part of the holiday, and families who want to add some fun to this tradition can sit down and write their own funny resolutions. Keep the resolutions you write down to yourself, place each person's ideas in a hat and then pick them out before the kids go to bed or right after the clock strikes midnight, whichever happens to come first.

Make a New Year's piñata. Many people love to watch the ball drop from Time's Square in New York City on New Year's Eve. Celebrants can bring a taste of this beloved tradition into their own homes come New Year's Eve by creating a piñata that looks exactly like the ball in Time's Square. Fill the ball with treats and games for youngsters, who can take chances trying to break the piñata once the clock strikes midnight or earlier if they aren't likely to still be awake by the time the new year begins.

Make predictions for the year to come. Another fun and wholesome New Year's Eve activity parents can enjoy with their children is making predictions for the year to come. Ask young sports fans to predict which teams will win championships in their respective leagues while encouraging other youngsters to share their predictions on awards shows or other popular social events for the coming year. Younger kids might not be able to make such specific predictions, so ask them to write down what they hope to see happen in the new year.

# Enjoy a safe and sound New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is one of the most popular party days of the year. As the clock ticks down toward a new year, revelers across the globe raise glasses of champagne in celebration of what's to come.

Such celebrations are a staple of the holiday season, but so, too, are accidents that result from excessive partying. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, January 1, when many New Year's Eve celebrants are heading home in the wee hours of the morning, is when the highest percentage of deaths related to alcohol occur. In addition, analysis from the National Safety Council found that roughly 42 percent of traffic fatalities during the New Year's holiday between 2007 and 2011 were related to drinking and driving.

While New Year's Eve revelers may be more focused on celebrating than safety, all celebrants can take the following safety precautions to ensure they make it home safe and sound.

**Pick a designated driver.** When making New Year's Eve plans, pick a designated driver from your group of friends and/or family members. The designated driver should agree to avoid alcohol entirely.

**Use taxis.** If you can't find a designated driver or are simply more comfortable letting professional drivers get you around on such a busy driving night, travel via taxis. Leaving your car at home removes the temptation you may feel to get behind the wheel after a few drinks.

Keep phone numbers of local taxi services in your wallet or purse so you are not stuck waiting for a ride home.

**Let others know your plans.** Before heading out to celebrate New Year's Eve, let loved ones know of your plans for the night. This may help should you find yourself separated from friends or if you want to end the night early and need a ride home while your friends stay out. Periodically check in with a quick text message or email to a parent or sibling at home so they know you are safe. Such check-ins may also motivate you to keep a clear head throughout the night.

**Avoid excessive consumption of alcohol.** Drinking and driving is dangerous, but drinking to excess even when you are not driving is also risky. While alcohol tends to flow freely on New Year's Eve, drink only in moderation to ensure you don't lose track of your fellow revelers and to protect you from others who may not have your best interests at heart.

New Year's Eve is a popular party day. Exercising some caution can ensure this year's celebration is both safe and enjoyable.



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## Brighter days ahead

Sunday's Winter Solstice Walk brought a crowd out to the ballfield in the mid-afternoon dark to mark the Winter Solstice and the beginning of longer daylight. The event started with a group launch of paper sky lanterns, followed by a march along Hungry Point Trail with each participant carrying hand fashioned lanterns. Lizzy Thompson, the event's organizer, led a lantern making workshop earlier in the month at the Petersburg Public Library.

**Season's Greetings**

*Here's hoping your Christmas is trimmed with beauty, friendship, goodwill and all the joy this special season brings into bloom. Folks like you remind us how lucky we are to be a part of such a close-knit community. Your kindness and generosity are an inspiration to us, and we are truly grateful to have neighbors like you.*

**Merry Christmas to you and yours. We wish you all the best, and we look forward to seeing you soon in the New Year!**

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