

# the Chatterbox

Announcements and Entertainment from  
The Connection Center

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## Upcoming Events

X-mas Card Act-Tue 2nd @4-7

X-mas decorating-Thu 4th @2

Perrysburg Shopping Trip-Sat 6th @11-4

X-mas Ornaments-Tue 9th @4-7

X-mas Ornaments-Thu 11th @2

Free Day with Holiday Movie & Snacks-Sat 13th  
@11-4

Guided Painting-Tue 16th @4-7

Party Prep-Thu 18th @2

CHRISTMAS PARTY/BIRTHDAY PARTY-Fri 19th All  
Day

Free Community Church Holiday Lunch-Sat 20th  
@11-4

Game Night/Pizza-Tue 30th @4-7

New Years Tea Party-Wed 31st @11:15-12-15

## Christmas Party/Birthday Party

On the 19th of December we will be having our annual Christmas party as well as celebrating December birthdays. Come experience holiday cheer with your friends at the Connection Center. The meal will be \$3, but games, fun, and friends are free!

## New Years Tea Party

On the 31st we will be toasting to the New Year! The New Year's party is free of charge! The Connection Center will be closing early at 1.

## Holiday Closings

In observance of the December holidays the Connection Center will be closed the following days: **The 24th, 25th, and 27th** of December. The Center will also be closed on **January 1st**.



Hours: Mon-Fri 9-4, Tues open until 7, Sat 11-4

## Patrick and Patsy Christmas Edition

By Jerry Meiring

Santa threw the most wonderful Christmas party in the world. He had milk and cookies for everybody. He also gave out watches as Christmas gifts. He had an awful lot of money and invited celebrities to come. He invited Patrick and Patsy.

They all came and drank the eggnog. They also danced through the night. Something went awry this night. It was Patsy, Patrick couldn't find her anywhere. Santa knew where to look, the hot tub. Celebs could always be found where one might think to look.

She wasn't there. Patrick checked the kitchen, and the pantry. Not there.

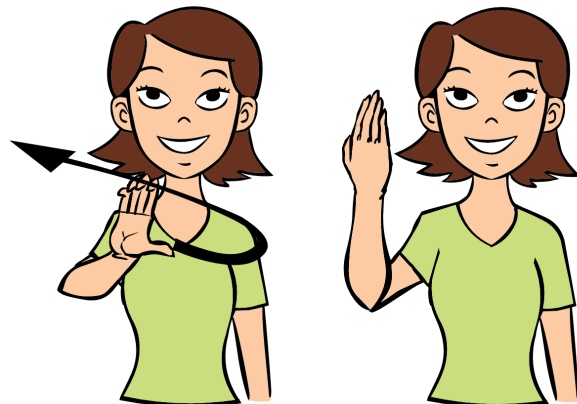
Santa asked his reindeer where she went. They said she left on a snowmobile heading south. Santa let them load up on his sleigh. They flew out and found her. She'd been kidnapped. Patrick caught the kidnappers and freed Patsy. Then they all went back to Santa's place and continued to Party.

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## Stacie's Sign of the Month

# CHRISTMAS

To sign *Christmas*, form the ASL letter *C* sign with your dominant hand, swoop it down in front of you, then scoop it back up until your dominant forearm is upright and your 'C' hand holds steady. Imagine this sign as indicative of setting up a Christmas tree.



## Candy Cane Cookies

Thanks Lisa for the Recipe

### Ingredients

3 C all purpose flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp kosher salt  
1 C (2 sticks) butter, softened  
1 C granulated sugar  
1 large egg  
1 Tbsp. milk  
1 tsp peppermint extract  
Red food coloring  
Sanding sugar



### Instructions

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt.
2. In another large bowl, using a hand mixer, beat butter and sugar until creamy, add egg, milk and peppermint extract and beat to combine. Add dry ingredients and beat until fully incorporated.
3. Remove half the dough from the bowl, form into a disc and wrap. Add red food coloring to remaining dough and beat to combine. Form red dough into disk cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate both doughs until firm at least 2 hours and up to 3 days.
4. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Divide each disk into 24 pieces. Roll each piece to a 6" long rope. Take one red and one white rope and twist the two pieces together bending the top in a hook to form a candy cane shape. Place on prepared baking sheet and sprinkle with sanding sugar. Repeat with remaining dough. Refrigerate until chilled at least 30 minutes.
5. While cookies chill preheat oven to 350 Degrees. Bake cookies until just set and edges are lightly golden 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool completely before serving.

### Gratitude Gifting

Gratitude is an  
Attitude of love  
& abundance  
This holiday

There are plenty  
Of holiday  
Celebrations

One holiday has a  
Gift a day on their  
Days of celebration

Another holiday  
Has one special  
Day including  
Presents  
There is even an  
African-American  
Holiday of celebration

All cultures &  
Religions are  
Essential to growth  
& happiness

I like to open  
My mind soul  
& heart to them

I have a saying  
Gratitude  
Gifting is  
Respecting  
Everyone's  
Various  
Beliefs

So this holiday  
Season be open  
& accepting  
After all you can  
Never emulate  
Too much love  
& kindness

Happy Gratitude  
Gifting

By: Missy S.



### Christmas Pizazz

My family has pizazz

With all that Christmas jazz

My dad leads us

He doesn't fuss

My mom is always nice

She uses sugar and spice

When cutting up food she likes to dice

The rest of us kids like to bust

We even like the crust

If it ain't so, it has to be a must

Let's jam...to this Christmas Pizazz

By: Chervay Carlton



### Challenging moments

I am perplexed  
Deep within  
Drowning in my spit

Passage to breathe  
Underwater  
I try to get air

I am afloat  
In my mind  
Depression and hurt  
overwhelm me

No one who I can  
Trust with my  
Troubles

I try to navigate  
A pathway to peace  
But nowhere to rest

I feel so alone  
Every time I try  
To talk  
No sound  
I'm stunned  
No one understands

I reach deep  
Within over and over  
To no one at all

Now there  
Has to be  
A way upward

I use positive talk  
And mentors  
Who point me in the  
Right direction

Oh wow  
I swallow  
The water

I can breathe  
At last

The sun's rays  
Glisten on my  
Skin

**BY MISSY S.**  
**11-12-25**



## BE PREPARED FOR A WINTER STORM

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion.



**FEMA**  
FEMA V-1014/June 2018

Winter storms and blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds.



Greater risk



Can last a few hours or several days



Can knock out heat, power, and communication services

## IF YOU ARE UNDER A WINTER STORM WARNING, FIND SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

Stay off roads.



Use generators outside only.

Stay indoors and dress warmly.



Pay attention to emergency information and alerts.

Prepare for power outages.



Look for signs of hypothermia and frostbite.



Check on neighbors.

# Worldwide Pastries

V M V P M K N K L H E O N G P E N G Q E X J X H D  
 O F C A Q P T K L R R B Z S T R U D E L V J Q I D  
 M W D X C H U R R O S V H H E W R B U M R I B V N  
 R O L U E B K D A N I S H P A S T R Y F P M Q H C  
 A V P X T C V M A R N X B O U T A S P L U D T D E  
 X C A S F C U I O R G X B B U W B J D Y F Y C P O  
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 N T T A F M A L V D H A M A N T A S H A P R H P B  
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 D N Z T I M S G P T P T I L K D Y J Y L S I H A A  
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 A V J E J N Q R Y E O T R U P D X D V W Y A C D L  
 O H H N E C S A X F P U U J V W W V U C F N N X A  
 N Y U H Y A N N O G H H S R S J I Z L Z E T X L W  
 S K C L M K H R L R D E T V N W W U Q N G U U Q I  
 V F U B R E R R J W X O L M K O F I G R O L L S F  
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 H B N B C O R N I S H P A S T R Y E W V V X Z N K  
 K R K U G D O E F F B G U A C W B Q R T P C I I B  
 M F Z H W Q O E G Z T N L B C B K I S E H J T P U  
 Y M D Q G J I N J V M A C A R O N S E D N J Q I H  
 D P Q V M U S H U C I N N A M O N B U N Q J W T K  
 B Q U E J Z R K J T P F S O C T N S U N C A K E X  
 J C Q K X S A W O T O R P I L W Z N B A K L A V A

CORNISH PASTRY	LATTICE	CROISSANT	TORPIL	HEONG PENG
CINNAMON BUN	MACARON	BEAR CLAW	DANISH PASTRY	STRUDEL
PUFF PASTRY	INIPIT	BAKLAVA	HOT CROSS BUN	FLAONS
FIG ROLLS	APPLE TURNOVER	SUNCAKE	HAMANTASH	DONUT
PAN SULCE	DUTCH LETTER	CHURROS	MOONCAKE	