

Christmas 2017

Dear Friends and Family,

Merry Christmas from the Smiths! Sarah (17) started a side hustle rescuing exotic pets. This would be noble if she hadn't rescued a python from the zoo. The authorities weren't thrilled, but the snake now lives happily in our garage.

Alex (11) built a homemade jetpack using leaf blowers and soda cans. It worked for three glorious seconds before he crash-landed in a neighbor's rose bushes. John took up woodworking again and accidentally built a bookshelf that's taller than our house. It's now a local tourist attraction.

I spent the year writing a cookbook, *"How to Burn Water,"* after my attempt to cook spaghetti caused a minor kitchen fire. The fire department sent me a holiday card that just says, "Please stop."

Wishing you a Christmas with fewer snakes and more sanity!

Scaling new heights,

The Smith Family