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Wrestlers place fourth

The Goodland High School wrestling team placed fourth at the Colby Invitational on Saturday. The team will have a dual with Baca County tonight and a tournament Saturday. **See Page 10**

weather report

37°
10 a.m.
Thursday

Today
• Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Saturday
• Sunrise, 7:03 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 33 degrees
- Humidity 61 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds east 14 mph
- Barometer 29.69 inches and falling
- Record High today 73° (1981)
- Record Low today -12° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	73°
Low Wednesday	31°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.05
Year to date	16.74
Below normal	2.74 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 35, winds out of the north at 5 to 15 mph switching to the south and a low around 17. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 37, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 15.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 33 and a low around 11. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 43 and a low around 18. Tuesday: Sunny with a high near 52 and a low around 24.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

local markets

10 a.m.

Wheat — \$6.47 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.41

Corn — \$4.17 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.10

Milo — \$3.83 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.21 bushel
Posted county price — \$12.70

Millet — no bid

Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$18.65 cwt.
Confection — no bid

Pinto beans — \$36
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)



City moves forward on Armory deed

By Kevin Bottrell
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The Goodland City Commission continued forward with an effort to give the National Guard Armory to Northwest Kansas Technical College at their meeting Monday.

The college had inquired about the building as part of an effort to expand its diesel technology program. City Manager Doug Gerber said he and City Attorney Jerry Fairbanks had met with the college's attorney, Joe Bain, who had indicated the college was still interested in the building.

Gerber provided some preliminary language that would deed the Armory to the college, with language saying the building will revert back to the city in the event the college is no longer using it for educational purposes.

The discussion turned to the empty land surrounding the Armory. Gerber said there are two lots, and the building may sit on both. To get an accurate legal description

for the deed, the lots will have to be surveyed.

City Commissioner Brian Linin asked of the remaining land was really big enough to build any more buildings. Building Inspector Brian James said that with setback requirements, it is probably not large enough.

Linin said if the college had some imminent use for the land around the building, the city should give it to them, but otherwise it should keep ownership. Gerber said that was the position that had been communicated in their meeting with Bain.

The commission instructed Gerber to continue negotiating with the college.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved getting bids for demolition of a house at 518 W. 10th Street. The commission had previously granted the owner 30 days to commence repairs or demolition.

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Bail reduction denied for murder defendant

By Amanda Miller
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The District Court of Cheyenne County heard motions from the defense of Leanna Windell in court Dec. 11. Motions are being heard prior to the trial date. Ms. Windell's attorney requested that the judge dismiss the charge of premeditation, as well as reduce her bond.

Windell pled not guilty to the charge of premeditated murder in the first degree in the death of Brad Figgins. Figgins, 45, was found in the basement of his home the evening of April 3, 2013, with in-

juries to his head. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital, and later pronounced dead. The penalty for that charge is 25 years to life in jail.

District Court Judge Scott Showalter presided over the court date. Present were the defendant Leanna Windell with her defense attorney Charles Peckham. Also present for the prosecution was Assistant Attorney General Nicole Romine.

The first motion raised by Peckham was the request for a Bill of Particulars. He requested specifi-

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More than 225 food items were donated to Genesis during the Goodland Star-News food drive. The donations were displayed in the office throughout November and December, and were delivered to Genesis on Wednesday.

Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Food drive nets 225 items

The *Goodland Star-News* food drive that has been going on since November has concluded. Members of the public donated more than 225 non-perishable food items over the course of several months.

The food was packed up and delivered to Genesis on Wednesday.

Each donor was entered into a drawing for a free

year's subscription to the *Goodland Star-News*. The winner, drawn on Wednesday, is Elsie Matthews of Kanorado.

Two other winners were drawn at Thanksgiving and given six-month subscriptions. They were Kelly Hendrich and Martha Brainard.

Wrestling tourney is Saturday

Ten high school wrestling teams from Kansas and Colorado will vie for the top spot at Goodland's Holiday Classic varsity wrestling tournament on Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The tournament will begin in the morning with five rounds of pool play between the 10 teams.

The Cowboys will be in Pool A along with Ulysses, Burlington, WaKeeney and Hugoton. In Pool B will be Colby, Scott City, Baca County, Leoti and Norton.

Goodland will wrestle WaKeeney in round one, beginning at 9 a.m. They will wrestle Burlington in round two at 10:30 a.m.; Ulysses in round three at 12:30 a.m.; Hugoton in round four at 2 p.m. and WaKeeney in round five at 3:30 p.m.

Placing rounds will begin at 5 p.m. Teams from

both pools will wrestle against each other based on their record in the pool.

Last year the Cowboys took third in the tournament. Colby took first and Norton, second. After earning second place in pool play, the Cowboys wrestled Scott City for third place, winning 48-30.

Many of the wrestlers on the 2012 team are back for this year's Holiday Classic including John Peden, who was undefeated at last weekend's Colby tournament, Brook Bahe, Austin Hernandez, Tristan Cooper, Tanner and Tyler Gastineau, Drew House and Colton Cooper.

Goodland also has a dual scheduled with Baca County at 5:30 p.m. tonight at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Free animal licenses to be offered Jan. 15

The City of Goodland will once again be offering free animal licenses for city residents from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at city hall.

Goodland city ordinances require all dogs and cats owned or kept within city limits to be licensed, and those licenses shall be obtained from the city clerk.

To get a free license on Jan. 15, you must provide written proof

that the animal has current rabies vaccination.

The free licenses are only available on Jan. 15, otherwise they can be purchased at city hall during regular business hours. Cost for dogs and cats that are spayed or neutered is \$2.50 per year. Cost for those who have not been spayed or neutered is \$5. The fee is doubled if a license is not obtained before Jan. 31.

High school Scholars Bowl team takes second at Colby

The Goodland High School Scholars Bowl team placed second at the Goodland Invitational meet on Dec. 9.

In pool play, the Goodland team won three rounds, with losses to Thomas More Prep-Marion and Rawlins County. Thomas More proved to be difficult competitors, with Goodland falling behind early and battling back to a ten point margin before Thomas More edged out the win.

The Goodland team ended up in second placing going into the semi-finals. They narrowly defeated Scott City on a first round overtime question about the playwright Tennessee Williams.

Goodland was again matched up with Thomas More Prep-Marion when it came time for the finals. Thomas More took a commanding lead early on, but the Goodland team chipped away at it. But even answering

all five final questions correctly couldn't overcome that lead. Goodland lost 77-55 to take second place.

"Finishes like that are exciting to watch as both teams are still swelling their scores and it's anybody's game until the end," said coach Johnny Mercer.

Other top finishers included Scott Community High School in third place and Quinter High School in fourth.

The Goodland team includes Kat Boyington, Amanda Coon, Jacob Gerber, Lucas Hapke, Tiffani Hapke, Quynnalynn Meyer and Raquel Ordonez.

"These students performed exceedingly well, and represented GHS with professionalism and courtesy," Mercer said. "It's a pleasure to coach this team."

KU researchers to evaluate 'ethical warrior' program for Marines

University of Kansas researchers have won a grant to evaluate a program with the goal of producing Marines with an "ethical warrior mindset." They will do so by studying the physiological, physical and psychological components of the Marine Corps' Martial Arts Program and identify ways to synchronize and optimize its delivery. Further, they hope to determine whether the program helps in the Marine Corps' development of

"ethical warriors."

The Office of Naval Research awarded a \$717,500 grant to researchers in the Department of Health, Sport, and Exercise Sciences and Office of Graduate Military Programs to work with Marines training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. The team will take sophisticated measures, including advanced heart rate, blood levels of cortisol, epinephrine and other statistical measures of physical performance.

"The essential philosophy of martial arts is mind, body and spirit working together as a whole. The Office of Naval Research wanted to see if this program does in fact have all of those benefits for Marines," said Phillip Vardiman, assistant professor of health, sport and exercise science and principal investigator for the grant.

In addition to physical measurements, the research team will survey Marines on moral and ethical deci-

sion making throughout the course of the program.

Over the course of the three-year project, Marines attending courses at Fort Leonard Wood will be observed while taking part in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, a hand-to-hand combat-training regimen. Like most military training, the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program is rigorous in nature. It is administered during times of intense physical activity, psycho-

logical stress, sleep deprivation and exposure to extreme environments.

The evaluation will include a cross-section of Marines from varying backgrounds within the Corps. Philip Gallagher, associate professor of health, sport and exercise science, is the co-principal investigator. Faculty members Joseph Weir, Aaron Clopton, Mary Fry, Trent Herda and Jake Siedlik, and Mike Denning, director of Graduate Military Programs, will contribute.

patient news

Carolyn Schritter is a patient in Parker, Colo. She would appreciate hearing from her friends and cards may be sent to her at The Center at Lincoln, Room 237, 12230 Lioness Way, Parker, Colo. 80134.

Doris Raile is a patient at Select Hospital and she would like to hear from friends. Her address is 6001 E. Woodman Road, 6th Floor Room 6126, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80923.

genesis and salvation army

If you can spare one hour **ringing the bell for the Salvation Army** contact 890-2299 to schedule a time. The annual event raises the majority of money used throughout the year. The money raised in Sherman County from Friday, Nov. 29, to Dec. 24, stays in Sherman County.

Genesis and Salvation Army are available year round to help those in need. Call (785) 890-2299 to speak to a volunteer.

activities

Tours of the 1907 Victorian House at 202 W. 13th are from **1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday.** Closed on Tuesday.

The High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave., is open from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.** Closed Tuesdays.

The Carnegie Arts Center is open from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday** at 120 W. 12th. The center is always in need of hosts and hostesses on Sundays. New monthly exhibits and you are invited to visit the gift shop.

The Goodland Public Library is open from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon-**

the calendar

calendar

Prairie Land Food distribution is 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at Cat's TnT, 1018 Main, or at the Bernadine Johnson residence, located at 704 Walnut. For information call 899-2338, 821-1275, 890-2287, 821-1827, 890-3793 or 899-4278 or order online at www.prairielandfood.com.

The Goodland Soup Bol serves dinner at **5 p.m. on Monday nights** at the Goodland Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for anyone who wants to come. Free will donations welcome. For information call 899-3631.

The Kids Cooking Class is held

on the **second Wednesday of each month** from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at the 4-H Building. This class is open for second to fifth graders. For information call 890-4880.

senior menu

Today: Chef salad with meat on the side, strawberries and bananas, breadstick and brownie. **Monday:** Hamburger patty, potato salad, baked beans, bun and fruit crisp. **Tuesday:** Sausage gravy, tator tots, seasoned carrots, biscuit and citrus slices. **Wednesday and Thursday:** Closed for the holidays. **Friday:** Smokies, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, breadstick and pears.

school menu

Today to Monday, Jan. 6: No school.

school calendar

Today: No school. Teacher professional day. 3:45 p.m. junior varsity and c team basketball at Holcomb. 5:30 p.m. varsity basketball at Holcomb. 5:30 p.m. varsity and junior varsity wrestling against Baca County, Colo. at Max Jones Fieldhouse. **Saturday:** 9 a.m. Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Monday to Jan. 6: No school

Narcotics Anonymous meets at **8 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and 8 p.m. on Sundays** at 1013 Center. Call 890-8369.

Bird City Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at **6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Fridays** at the Senior Center on 4th Street. **Narcotics Anonymous** meets at **6:30 (Mountain Time) on Tuesdays** at the Senior Center. Call (785) 734-2734 for more information.

Stratton "AA by the Book" Alcoholics Anonymous group meets at **7 p.m. Thursdays** for a beginners open meeting. Filies and young people welcome. Call (719) 348-5398 for men and (719) 346-8553 for women. On U.S. Highway 24 go to Statton and it is the second house on the left, 513 Iola Street.

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain Support Group meets from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday** of every month in the Emergency Medical Services

building, 257 15th St., in Burlington. Call Debbie at 719-346-4612.

thrift store

The Goodland Churches Thrift Shop, 1002 Main, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Donations welcome. The **daily specials** are 50 percent off men's department on Monday, 50 percent off housewares, furniture, electronics and crafts on Tuesday, 10 cent books on Wednesday, 50 percent off children's department on Thursday and 50 percent of ladies' department on Friday. For information call 890-2007.

health department

The Sherman County Health Department at 1622 Broadway is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Blood pressures; infants', children's and adults' immunizations; health assessments for Kan Be Healthy, daycare and school entry; fasting blood sugar and hemoglobin; and family planning available by appointment. Sharps containers are available for a fee. WIC program available. Call 890-4888 or go to www.sherman.kansas.com.

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about child care, call the health department.

Water Testing — The Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group does well evaluations, including testing for bacteria and nitrates. To schedule an evaluation or discuss environmental concerns, call the Health Department at 890-4888.

hospital volunteers

Gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; a.m. and p.m. volunteers are in the gift shop.

early head start

Early Head Start is a state funded

program for income eligible families with prenatal mothers and children up to age three. Families participate in a variety of educational activities and receive free medical and dental care.

Services include special needs of children with disabilities. If you have a family member with a special problem, such as drug or alcohol abuse, job loss or other family crisis, your family can qualify. Call 785-672-3125, ext. 187.

preschool

Sherman County Head Start is a free preschool for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. The federally funded program is targeted to families who meet certain economic guidelines and provides hearing, vision, dental and educational screenings. Nutritious meals are served, and parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's education. For information call 890-2552.

mops

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets the first Monday of every month October thru May. Meeting time: 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at the Harvest Evangelical Free Church; 521 E Highway 24; Goodland. For more information email goodlandmops@gmail.com or call (785) 890-6423.

crimestoppers

If you have information about any crime, call the Goodland Area Crime Stoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. Your call will be confidential and you will not be asked your name. If the information results in the arrest and/or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. Goodland Area Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit organization formed by citizens against crime.

The police department can also be called at 890-4570.

obituaries

Wendell Bogart

Wendell Bogart, 67, Goodland former lineman in electronics, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013.

He was born on Jan. 7, 1946, to Kenneth and Leona Bogart. Mr. Bogart attended school in Goodland graduating in 1964.

Mr. Bogart enjoyed fishing, hunting, building and fixing things, loved his animals and restoring Willy's.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include his children,

Vera Brown

Vera (Pizel) Brown, 94, retired food service employee from the Goodland School District, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013, at Good Samaritan Society — Sherman County.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1919, to Rae and Frank Pizel Jr. at the family farm home north of Kanorado.

On March 21, 1937, she and Karl Brown were married.

She belonged to the Goodland United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women Circle 3 and Elks Ladies.

Preceding her in death were her husband; her parents; four brothers, Vernon Pizel, Herbert Pizel, Chester Pizel and Harold Pizel; two sisters, Rozella Shoemaker and LaReatha Stasser.

Survivors include three children,

Del (Cheryl) Bogart of Topeka, Darren (Quinn) Bogart of Topeka, Trina Bogart of Loveland, Colo., Wayne Bogart of Goodland; a sister Carol Armstrong of Goodland; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, at Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, Goodland and burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

A reception will follow at the funeral home.



Brown

Sylvia (Alvin) Zimbelman of Goodland, Elizabeth Shomaker and Roy Brown; a sister Shirley Churchill; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and six great great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at Koons Chapel, 211 N. Main, Goodland with the Rev. Shelly Petz officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at Koons Chapel.

Memorials to the Good Samaritan Society — Sherman County, Goodland United Methodist Church or Hospice Services of Sherman County may be sent to the funeral home.

Scott Rockne Crouse

Scott Rockne Crouse, 79, long-time Bethune, Colo., farmer and rancher, died on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1934, to Albert and Mae Crouse at home on a farm seven and on half miles east of Kanorado.

Mr. Crouse attended school in Kanorado until the fourth grade when his family moved to the Millasack House, 540 12th Street, Burlington to be nearer their farm, the Lamb Place south of Bethune.

He and his brother Barney delivered excess milk from their milk cow to neighbors and friends all over Burlington.

Mr. Crouse started school in Burlington during the second semester of 1946. In high school he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track for three years and played trumpet in band. He graduated in 1953 from Burlington High School.

Then he attended Kemper Military School in Booneville, Mo., where he was chose the honorary cadet for an entire year. He graduated from there in 1957. He then attended Colorado A & M in Fort Collins, Colo.

To avoid the draft he enlisted in the U.S. Army and began his first tour of duty in Fort Carson, Colo. He was transferred to Fort Devin, Mass., for further training.

On Aug. 20, 1958, he and Doris Kaplan were married.

His next assignment was to For-



Crouse

mosa (Taiwan), where he spent 18 months. During this time his wife returned to Burlington and worked at the Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital until he returned to the U.S. His last assignment was to Fort Huachuca, Ariz. He was honorably discharged in 1960.

The couple returned to the family farming operation and moved to their home south of Bethune.

Mr. Crouse was an avid reader and loved to watch baseball and women's softball and basketball games. His pastime passion was fishing.

Preceding him in death was his parents, his wife in 2004, his sister Alberta Grimm, a brother-in-law Lee Grimm and a sister-in-law Gay Crouse.

Survivors include his four children, Scott (Debra) Crouse of Burlington, Dora King of Parachute, Colo., Teresa (Wayne) Bauman of Limon, Colo., and Mark Crouse of Bethune, Colo.; a sister Patsy (Don) Downen of Burlington; a brother Barney Crouse of Bethune, Colo.; a grandson; and three granddaughters.

Services were at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013, at Love Funeral Home, 377 15th Street, Burlington, Colo. 80807.

Memorials to the Pink Chaps Fund may be sent to the Bank of Burlington, 410 14th, Burlington, Colo. 80807.

David E. Gailey

David E. Gailey, 70, Sharon Springs resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013.

He was born Aug. 30, 1934, to Jay and Carolee Gailey in Goodland. The family moved to Roseburg, Ore., when he was four.

Mr. Gailey attended school in Oregon, served four years in the U.S. Air Force, owned a T-shirt print shop, worked at the Nevada Test Site and was a pit boss at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas for 18 years. In 1999 he moved to Sharon Springs.

On July 1, 2006, he and Gloria Rickman were married at the United Methodist Church in Kanorado.

Mr. Gailey was a member of the Goodland Elks Lodge.

He enjoyed music, dancing, fishing and playing with cars.

Preceding him in death was his parents.

Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Ray (Lisa) Gailey of Loveland, Colo., Darin Gailey of Las Vegas and Brian Gailey of Sharon Springs; three stepchildren; three grandchildren; and 16 step-grandchildren; and four step great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, Goodland. A reception will follow.

Inurnment in the Sharon Springs Cemetery will be held at a later time.

Memorials to the Elks Scholarship Fund may be sent to the funeral home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Bernice Maxine Ray

Bernice Maxine (Bair) Ray, 91, Fort Collins, Colo., died on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013.

She was born on Sept. 29, 1922, to Maud and F.F. Blair in St. Francis.

Mrs. Ray graduated from high school at St. Francis and went on to become a cosmetologist.

She and Carroll H. Ray were married in Denver. He died at 34 and she chose not to remarry.

Mrs. Ray joined the Bair family in the farming business. She was once nominated for the "Big Farmer of the Year."

She was a beautician and owned a hair salon in Fort Collins.

Mrs. Ray loved art, music and enjoyed eating Bing cherries.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, brothers, a sister and a great-grandson Noah.

Survivors include her son Doan H. Ray, her daughter Dian L. Meyer, three grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, at the Goodland Cemetery with the Rev. Dustin Petz officiating.

Visitation will be from noon until 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013, at the Allnutt Drake Chapel, 650 W. Drake Road, Fort Collins, Colo. A funeral service will follow at 2 p.m.

Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland also helped with funeral arrangements.

matters of record

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

June 8: Nathan T. Heiter, careless driving, fined \$672.

June 9: Janet M. Swartz, refuse alcohol/drug test and driving under the influence, diversion \$1608.

July 11: Anthony P. Lewis, no parking zone, fined \$167.

Aug. 5: Tomas Mendoza, driving under the influence, driving on suspended/cancelled/revoked license, speeding 15 mph over limit, battery on law enforcement officer and disorderly conduct, diversion \$2190.

Aug. 15: Michael J. McKaskle, battery - domestic violence, diversion \$360.

Sept. 5: Timothy James Frecks, Battery - domestic violence, diver-

sion \$360.

Sept. 27: Dalton J. Lange, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone, fined \$150.

Sept. 28: Rochelle R. Lucas, breed specific ban, fined \$430.

Sept. 30: Lilly T. Trinh, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone,

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fined \$150.

Oct. 6: Richard J. Connell, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, fined \$260.

Oct. 8: Edward C. Denney, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone and illegal or no tag, fined \$225.

Oct. 9: Tiffany S. Stout, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone, fined \$150.

Oct. 10: Minerva Estrada, dog at large and no animal license, fined \$120.

Cesar T. Miller, speeding 1-10

mph over limit in school zone, fined \$150.

Oct. 16: Betty A. Hesskett, illegal or no tag, fined \$135.

Oct. 20: Stacey Joe Yarbrough, disorderly conduct, fined \$160.

Oct. 21: Spring A. Larue, dog at large, fined \$120.

Oct. 22: Enrique Trejo, failure to yield at stop or yield sign, fined \$135

Oct. 23: Tyler G. Escoto, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone, fined \$150.

Lydia Salazar, expired or no license, fined \$160.

Thank You!

Our heartfelt gratitude to family members, friends, neighbors and the community for all the acts of kindness and sympathy—food, flowers, prayers, memorials, cards, phone calls and visits expressed prior to and during the recent passing of our wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend, Raenita Artzer. -Donald Artzer; Raul and Machera Diaz and family; Brent and Gail Owens and family; Jason and Kim Artzer and family

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(On Highway 24 across from Van Gough painting)
All are welcome to attend!

Goodland man travels to Denver, auditions

By Pat Schiefen
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Joseph Eli recently traveled to Denver to audition for the TV show “America’s Got Talent.” Eli is a lifelong Goodland resident and is a self taught song writer and guitarist.

Eli said he saw and heard some of the most amazing talent. He met a dancer from Milwaukee, who performed like Michael Jackson.

There was a moment, he said, in the lobby when he was warming up playing some rhythm and a flute player played a solo that mixed right in. It sounded so beautiful and the atmosphere was truly magical.

Eli also met several singers and a couple of stand up comedians.

In his audition he played an original song “a lil love,” a song about what it takes to get love and respect in making a career in music. The audition lasted 90 seconds. Eli used every second of it. When the judge lifted her hand to signal time was up he stopped immediately. The other competitors gave a look of where did that come from.

“It was truly an honor to able to audition for ‘America’s Got Talent,’” said Eli. “The experience

will live with me forever.”

Eli has competed in the past at Goodland’s Got Talent and the Flatlander Talent Show.

The results won’t be in until the end of February or the first of March.

Eli would also like to challenge anyone who wants to to grow out their hair to donate for Locks of Love for cancer patients. He started growing his hair because four people close to him were diagnosed with cancer. Two of the people did not survive, an aunt and his brothers’ significant other. The other two are doing well.

He said it takes about two and a half years to grow hair long enough.

Eli said the guidelines to donate are: Hair that is colored or permed is acceptable, hair cut years ago is usable if it has been stored in a pony tail or braid, hair that has been bleached (usually this refers to highlighted hair) is not usable, layered hair is acceptable if the longest layer is 10 inches, 10 inches measured from tip to tip is the minimum length needed for a hair piece and layered hair may be divided into multiple ponytails.

Woman publishes

Colby resident and former Sharon Springs resident Judy Withers has published her first book “The Burden of Guilt: Endurance to Strength.”

This honest story paints a post-card of small town life in post World War II America. The book is set in a small farming town in Kansas in the late 1940s.

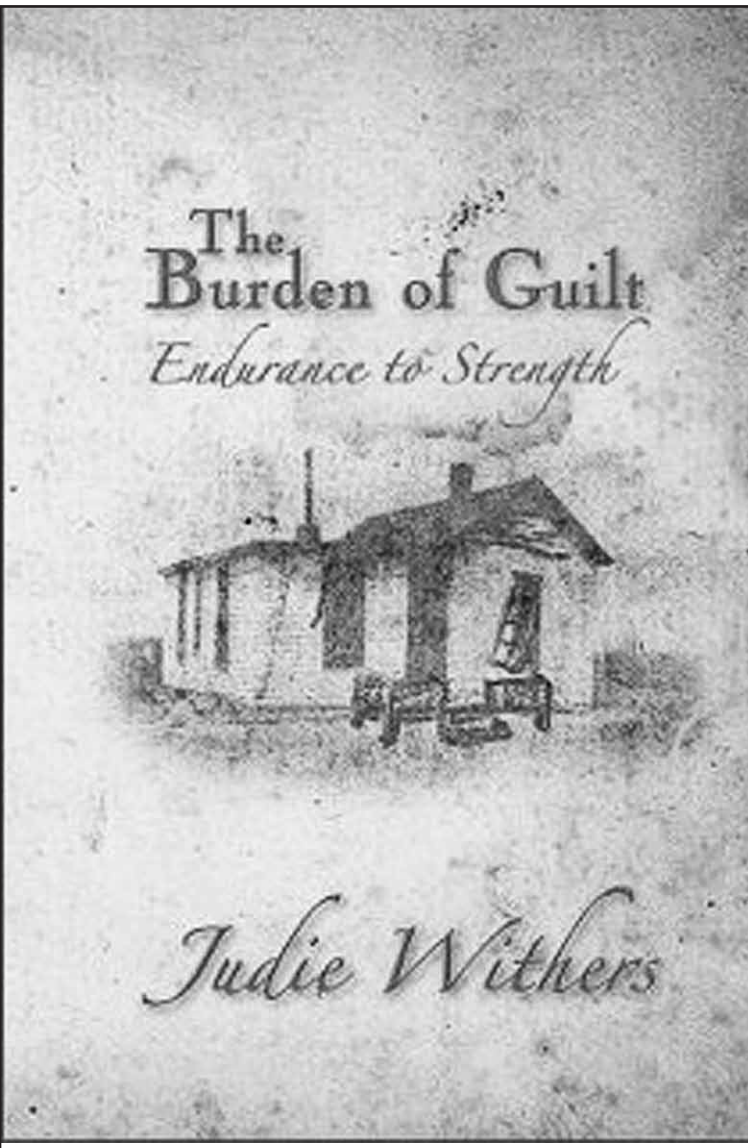
Travel back 65 years to a time when life should have been joyous, but for one young woman, it was an era filled with temptation and bad choices.

Emma made several mistakes in her youth. She falls in love with her sister’s boyfriend, but her sister tricks the man into marriage, breaking Emma’s heart. Years later, Emma returns to town and tries to come to terms with her sister’s marriage. She marries a man she doesn’t love, and when he turns out to be a mean drunk, she experiences abuse at his hands. Emma withdraws from life and loses her former confidence.

By reassessing her life and overcoming her insecurities, Emma uses her education to become a teacher and finally regains her self-respect. She also triumphs to find the love she has always been searching for. This touching story of a woman who endures much after her heart is broken, is truly a tale of “Endurance to Strength.”



Withers



Withers and her late husband previously ran a large ranch. She is the mother of four.

She has also published in the “Folktales of the High Plains” by Dale Anderson and poetry in several literary magazines.

Her book is being published by Strategic Book Publishing and Rights Co.

Soil important for future

A treasure trove of life-sustaining food, pharmaceuticals, clothing, and much more lies just beneath us. The source of this treasure: the multitude of tiny organisms, minerals, and water that combine to make up that miraculous resource called simply “soil.”

There is nothing simple or humble about soil, however, said Gary Pierzynski, professor and head of the department of agronomy at Kansas State University.

“Soil should be treated like royalty by all of us – protected and nourished,” Pierzynski said. “Soil is a finite natural resource and cannot be replaced in our lifetime once it is lost to dust storms, water runoff or pollution.”

“Looking at the soil from a broad perspective, there is not much of it – just a few inches to a few feet in depth over most of the Earth’s land. And once it is lost, we’ll have lost it forever. The soil is literally a thin line between prosperity and peril for all of us,” Chuck Rice, distinguished professor of agronomy said.

“Soils provide much more than just the essential basis for food production, he said. “Soils play a role in sustaining human health and the environment. Soils are home to billions of living organisms, yet only a small fraction has been studied. These organisms are a source of antibiotics and anti-cancer drugs.”

Most people probably associate soil with plant life or construction

foundations, Pierzynski said. Those functions provide tremendous value to all Kansans.

In terms of plant life and agriculture, perhaps few regions of the country derive such immediate benefits from a healthy and productive soil resource than the Central Plains and Midwest, he said.

“People throughout the country and world depend on soils, along with water, to produce food and fiber. But it’s in the states where agriculture drives the economy that we see the biggest economic benefit from these finite resources,” he said. “We have a lot at stake in protecting our soil in Kansas. Every time we have a dust storm or see our soil flowing into surface water, we see our economy as a state take a hit.”

Agriculture is the largest economic driver in Kansas, valued at more than \$33 billion, according to the Kansas Department of Agriculture’s most recent Farm Facts. The productive nature of soils in Kansas is a major factor in this economic engine.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture report also states that in Kansas, there are 52,320,102 acres of land. Farmland accounts for 88.6 percent of all Kansas land. More than 28 million acres in Kansas are devoted to growing crops and nearly 16 million is pastureland for grazing animals.

“All of this illustrates the economic importance of the soil to the

Ogallala Aquifer program wins national award from department

The depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer has made headlines over the past several years and has been a big concern to many who live in western Kansas, as well as those living farther south in the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles. The aquifer in total lies beneath eight U.S. states and encompasses more than 170,000 square miles, which makes it a sizeable and vital water resource.

The importance of preserving the Ogallala Aquifer is why Kansas State University teamed up with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service, as well as other universities, including Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University and West Texas A&M University, to study the aquifer in more detail.

For its work and dedication to finding water-saving solutions, this team of researchers involved in the Ogallala Aquifer Program recently won the 2013 U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary’s Honor Award in the category of enhancing economic vitality and quality of life in rural America. The award is the most prestigious departmental award given by the secretary and was presented in Washington D.C. on Dec. 10.

Dan Devlin is a Kansas State Research and Extension faculty member, as well as the director of

the Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment and the Kansas Water Resources Institute. He is part of the Ogallala Aquifer Program team and attended the USDA awards ceremony.

“It’s an honor to receive the award,” Devlin said. “It recognizes all the great work our faculty have conducted over a number of years.”

The Ogallala Aquifer Program began about 10 years ago, Devlin said, because many people, particularly in Kansas and Texas, viewed the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer as a major issue and worked to get funding through the USDA-ARS. A goal was to come up with solutions to help sustain the rural economies in those states.

“Our agricultural industry is vital not only in western Kansas, but the entire state of Kansas and even the whole country,” Devlin said. “But, it goes beyond livestock and irrigated production. It’s about sustaining our communities in western Kansas.”

The project has allowed for collaboration among many universities and the USDA-ARS, which Devlin said has been significant. In addition to the collaboration across entities, Devlin said all of the western Kansas agricultural research centers and many areas of academic specialty on the Kansas State campus, including animal science, agronomy, biologi-

cal and agricultural engineering, civil engineering and agricultural economics, have come together for program research as well.

All of the combined work has helped to better understand water management and allow for the development of tools farmers and ranchers can use. The KanSched <http://mobileirrigationlab.com/kansched-microsoft-excel/> computerized irrigation-scheduling program is an example of a tool developed because of Ogallala Aquifer Program research, Devlin said.

It is amazing, he said, how farmers and ranchers in western Kansas understand the problem and are willing to do what they can to conserve water now so future generations will have it to use.

“They are living with it,” Devlin said. “For many of them, it has already impacted them significantly.”

Future of the Ogallala Aquifer Program

Devlin said he is optimistic about the Ogallala Aquifer Program going forward, as the USDA has expressed that the program is one of the most important projects it funds.

“We’ve got a lot of work to do yet,” he said. “One thing that we know for sure is that we will have less water in the future. Either we use less now or we will have less to use as we go down the line.”

matters of record

Municipal Court

These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

Oct. 6: Richard J. Connell, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, fined \$260.

Oct. 8: Edward C. Denney, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone and illegal no tag, fined \$225.

Oct. 9: Tiffany S. Stout, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone, fined \$150.

Oct. 10: Minerva Estrada, dog at large and no animal license, fined \$120.

Oct. 16: Cesar T. Miller, speeding 1-10 mph over limit in school zone, fined \$150.

Oct. 16: Betty A. Hesskett, illegal no tag, fined \$135.

Oct. 20: Stacey Joe Yarbrough, disorderly conduct, fined \$160.

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Community college a boon to the area

Can you imagine Colby or northwest Kansas without a state-sponsored community college?

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College officials have battled cash-flow problems for years. The college operates “in the black,” as required by Kansas law. It spends less than it takes in and always has enough to pay its bills. It’s just that, like most any college, it gets its money in big chunks that don’t necessarily come when cash is needed.

A big crunch always shows up this time of the year, when expenses continue to pile up while the school waits for three big payments – from the state, county taxes and student tuition – in January.

The county usually helps out with an advance on taxes, which it collects in December but distributes in January. This year, the college’s Endowment Foundation has offered to help, too.

That makes sense, because the college, with its payroll and students, is an economic engine which drives a lot of prosperity.

But the college has had a worse time with cash flow than usual. Having a lot of turnover in staff and administration has not helped, but sending out student tuition bills late in the semester (at least partly because of an error by a federal agency, which sent out corrupted data on student loans) really added to the cash bind.

Through the fall, too, ill-concealed bickering among some members of the governing Board of Trustees and the foundation did nothing to advance the college’s cause. If we, meaning everyone in the college’s northwest Kansas territory, are to “save” the college and put it on a sound financial foundation, then it will take all of us working together.

Neither the college nor the region has much room for error. We are losing population here, and with fewer people, there’s less money to go around, but also fewer students for the college to recruit from.

The future will require clear thinking, a sound plan and above all, a unified effort. We believe the administration of President Steve Vacik has done much to correct problems it inherited, and that includes bringing in some fresh leadership.

This is not the time to fight over how to get things done. It is the time to get together and work for the common cause. Now, not tomorrow, because tomorrow might be too late.

We – all of us – need the college, the economic activity it generates and the cultural benefits it gives us, and especially the opportunity it provides for our kids.

Let’s put our differences aside and get something done.—*Steve Haynes*

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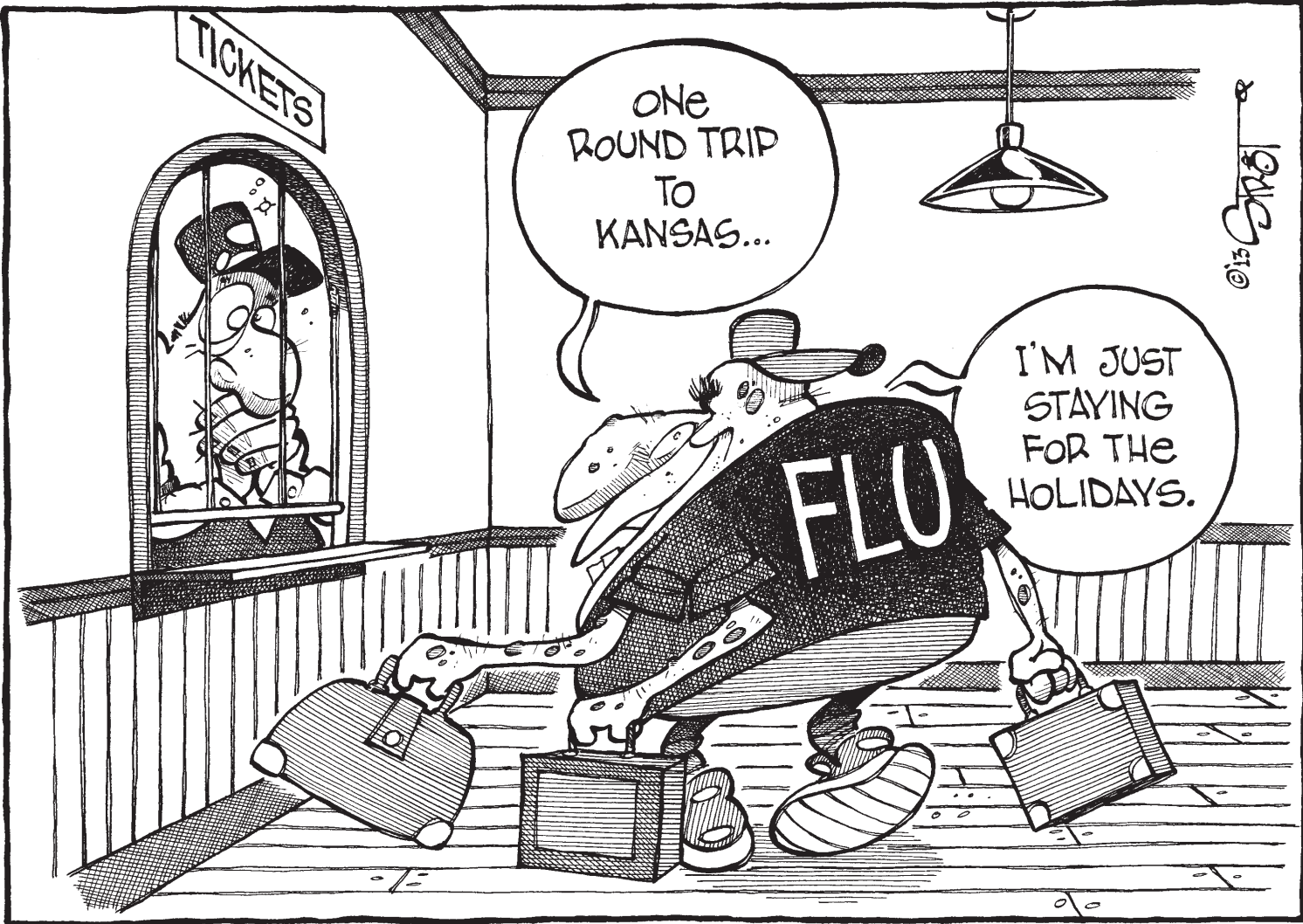
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Christmas shopping woes

I admit it. I hate Christmas shopping. It would make sense if people wanted intelligent gifts but none of the people I buy for seem to want that. Although my wife contends that my Christmas gifts may not be that intelligent.

Personally, I think a couple of four-ply tires are a great Christmas present, but my wife always says off-putting things like, “What would a four year old want with those?” or “It really may not be the best gift for your grandmother, TV. Anyway, I’m not sure the nursing home would let her keep them.”

I just think she is being picky to make me feel uncomfortable about the whole Christmas shopping experience. Well, she has succeeded. Now, every time I go into the lumber yard to shop for friends and relatives, I don’t feel as confident about my regular choice of cedar two-by-fours for gifts as I used to.

Just between you and me, I have for years felt that a cedar two-by-four is the perfect gift (well, second to a large cardboard box, of course). For the child, it is a good thing to hit other things with, which every child loves to do; for the preteen, it can be stood on to perfect one’s balance (early training for Olympic gymnastics). It can also be used for the support for a tree house; for teen girls in love, initials can be carved into it; and for parents of young teens in love, it can be used to threaten boys coming over to the house to visit their daughter. As I said, the perfect gift. It even smells nice,



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and it keeps moths away. Talk about multi-functional...

But this year I headed for the lumber yard to do my Christmas shopping, my wife stopped me and suggested I try another tack for seasonal gift giving.

“I think you’ve given a piece of cedar to pretty much everyone we know,” she said with a pained look on her face.

“But they might have lost them,” I responded.

She then mumbled something under her breath that I didn’t quite catch, but is sounded vaguely like, “Yeah, in the fireplace.”

You see, yet another use for the two-by-four. As I said, it’s the perfect gift.

My wife said I should be more sensitive in my gift purchasing. For instance, she pointed out she has a certain lack of sensitivity in my selecting in my gifts for her.

I challenged her on that point, because I feel that I have been very responsive to a lot of the messages she has been sending. Just last year, one of her friends said she was hoping for a “big rock” so I went down to the sand and

gravel company and picked one up for her. I think it looks great in the garden, but she still isn’t satisfied.

That same Christmas she dropped some hints that she wanted “something hot” to wear in the bedroom. It took a lot of doing, but I found some woolen long-handled underwear. They were red too and even had the flap in back. Was that cool or what? Well, she didn’t think so.

She’s been taking me to all these upscale places to shop (you know the ones in the cities), recently. And because of that, I have come up with a couple of new rules for my Christmas shopping. For instance, If the person waiting on you has any purple in her hair, you can’t afford anything in the store. If the store has a coffee bar, you can’t afford anything in it, (including the coffee). If a store’s piped-in music doesn’t have at least one George Jones’ song within three minutes, you can’t afford that store either. Those three rules alone eliminate about 95 percent of the stores in most malls.

I think I’ve decided what I want to buy as gifts, though. And my wife can sleep comfortably again. It isn’t a cedar two-by-four. No, she will be happy to learn I am going to go more traditional route.

This year everybody on my Christmas list is getting a large cardboard box.

T.V. Hagenah is a teacher at Grant Junior High School.

Thank you to local firefighters

To the Editor:

I wanted to share with our community my recent experience with our Rural Fire Department. On Thanksgiving Day I decided to empty my burn barrels in a trash pit on our ranch and mistakenly started a fire that quickly grew larger than my little garden hose could handle.

I much prefer to handle my own problems but I am very grateful for the professional gentlemen who took time from their family holiday to help me out of a real bind. These well-trained and hard-working men cheerfully



from our
readers

• to the editor

gave of their valuable time and set a fine example of public service to me and my children.

Our culture has many false heroes that our media love to hold in our view. These “heroes” have only their own desires at heart and the

Genetically modified organisms

Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) still face challenges within the European Union; however, one Irish wheat farmer is optimistic change is on the way.

“With this challenge of feeding the world, we must embrace technology,” says John Dardis, who farms approximately 30 miles south of Dublin in Kildare County.

The challenge will be for farmers to double food production by 2050 to feed an estimated 9 billion mouths, Dardis told nearly 1,000 farmers and ranchers at Kansas Farm Bureau’s annual meeting the first week in December.

Originally the Dardis family raised beef cattle. Recently, John has moved exclusively to raising wheat, barley and oats. He is a fifth-generation farmer and serves as First Secretary of Agriculture and Food with the Embassy of Ireland in Washington, D.C.

While the EU clings to studies that say Western European consumers do not want bio technology used in their food, Dardis contends this attitude is changing.

The United Kingdom’s Prime Minister, David Cameron, recently talked about the shift in the UK’s attitude towards this technology. Cameron emphasized the importance of fostering a “pro-science” culture and said he’s ready to call on the EU to relax its stifling restrictions on biotechnology.

As a wheat breeder, Dardis is convinced that ultimately food products will all post labels saying whether or not they are genetically modified. Then the consumer will have the opportunity to decide what she wants to buy, he says.



Insight
this week

• john schlageck

Another challenge the Irish farmer said his countrymen continue to face is the inability to use growth promoters with beef cattle. This means more time and expense to ready their livestock for market.

“We have a wonderful resource in our native grasses, but we have to feed our cattle silage and protein for another three to four months to finish them off,” Dardis says.

Ireland exports nearly 90 percent of its beef, mainly in the European Union. Irish-produced beef is a close second on the grocery shelf running only behind domestic beef raised throughout Western Europe, according to Dardis.

“While I prefer the grass-fed beef of Ireland, a good steak is a good steak wherever you have it in this world,” he says.

Dardis is also excited about the prospects of dairy in his home country. Irish dairy farmers have been restricted by a quota for many years.

In the early ‘80s Irish dairymen were exporting milk on par with New Zealand,

media mistakenly aids them in their quest for personal wealth and fame. It is my opinion that the real heroes in our Nation are men like we have on our very own Sherman County and Goodland Fire Departments. Each of them can be commended for their self-less service and we as a community can be proud and feel more secure knowing that we have such fine men in our midst.

My hat is off to you all and may God bless each of you and your families.

Ken Klemm and Family

Dardis recalls. New Zealand has expanded its dairy exports threefold since then and Ireland now lags far behind.

“We’re excited that in 2015, the quota will be removed from dairy,” the Irish farmer says. “We have plans to grow our dairy exports by 50 percent and rank in the top five in the coming years.”

Today Ireland imports milk from other countries and adds value to this raw product and then exports it as infant formula and finished cheeses.

Wrapping up his comments to the farmers and ranchers from across Kansas, Dardis told them to be, “proud of what you do.

“Farmers and ranchers on both sides of the Atlantic are increasingly under pressure from outside our world,” he says. “The natural reaction is to go into your shell and back to what you do and not put the facts on the table.

“You are feeding the world,” Dardis says. “That’s not rhetoric. Be proud of this and mold the discussion. Don’t stay away from it.”

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City moves forward on Armory deed

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Gerber said this had not been done, so with commission approval, the city would move ahead with demolition.

• Passed two resolutions setting up security plans for city hall and the power plant. This will exempt these buildings from the new state law allowing concealed carry license holders to bring their guns into public buildings.

Police Chief Cliff Couch said that in his opinion, the "adequate security" required by the law couldn't be provided at other city buildings, and it would take a lot of money to bring them up to spec, and so concealed carry will be allowed in any city building besides city hall and the power plant.

"What the state is saying is you need to reasonably guarantee their safety so that they don't need their gun, or you allow them to carry it in," Couch said.

Gerber said the security plans for city hall and the power plant wouldn't require any further expense except for replacing old security cameras, which was already budgeted.

• Approved Cereal Malt Beverage licenses for four businesses and conditional licenses for four more. Gerber said to obtain a license, the business has to be inspected by the building inspector and submit to a background check by the police chief. Four businesses passed both of these, while the conditional licenses were granted to those who had issues come up during the inspection or background checks.

Bail reduction denied in trial

BAIL, from Page 1

cally an itemized list from the state as to why it charged Windell with premeditation. The request was denied on the condition that discovery is done in a timely fashion and provided to the defense.

Peckham also filed a motion requesting that Judge Showalter dismiss the charge of premeditation. He argued that the state did not meet it's burden to prove premeditation at the preliminary trial. Judge Showalter stated he felt this was an issue that would be brought up again. The judge in the preliminary trial

ruled that the state met it's burden. Inference of the evidence can be taken both ways, from the perspective of the defense and the state. He dismissed the motion, and left the decision in the capable hands of the jury in the coming trial.

Peckham filed a motion requesting that Windell's bond be reduced. Her bond is currently set at \$1 million. Judge Showalter heard arguments on both sides regarding reducing the bond, and Windell possibly being out on bond. His final ruling was that at this time, he will not reduce the bond. Judge Showalter stated that Peckham must

put together some type of plan as to where Windell would live and how she would function. He also must address the safety of community. Right now Judge Showalter does not feel comfortable letting her out, but if Mr. Peckham can return with a detailed plan, he will listen.

Finally, Peckham filed a motion requesting that his client receive proper treatment. The state asked specifically what the defense is requesting, because they felt the request was unclear.

Sheriff Beeson is preparing a security plan for the upcoming trial.

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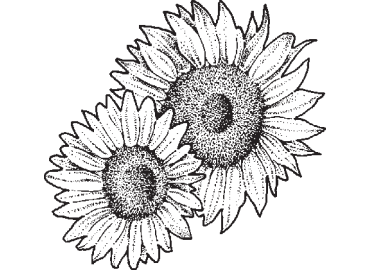


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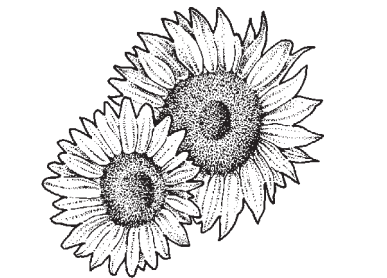


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Elks Americanism chairman Grady Bonsall (far left) stands with Charles and Virginia Beamer of Oakley, who have a grandson serving in the U.S. Air Force currently. The speaker for the Blue Star Ceremony was local lawyer Ron Vignery (far right).

Service members' families given Blue Star Banners

The Goodland Elks Lodge honored the families of men and women from the area serving in the military on active duty in a ceremony giving them a Blue Star Banner. The banner is white with a red border and a blue star on it for each family member serving in the military. Banners went to parents, grandparents, parents-in-laws, spouses, children and siblings.

The speaker for the ceremony was Goodland native and lawyer Ron Vignery. Vignery is a veteran of the Navy's Judge

Advocate General's Corps. Vignery has had a son that has also served in the military.

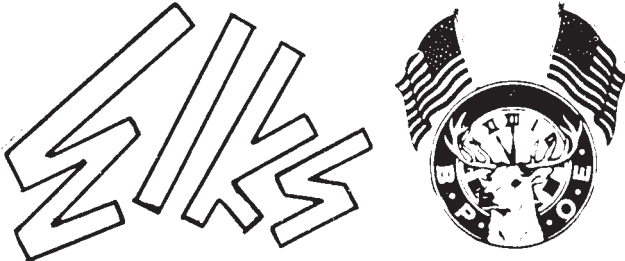
One of the six banners given was presented to Charles and Virginia Beamer of Oakley. They have a grandson Lance Basgall who is a 1st Lt. at Vandenburg Air force Base in California.

This is the 12th year that the lodge has given out the banners. They have given out a total of 190.

The master of ceremony for the event was Grady Bonsall, Americanism Chairman for

the lodge.

The banner was designed in 1917 by Army Captain Robert L. Quisser of the Fifth Ohio Infantry, in honor of his two sons who were serving in World War I. The banners were used until they became unpopular during the Vietnam War. They have come back into use since Desert Storm. It was known then as the Service Banner during World War II and Korea.



Tree raises money for shelter

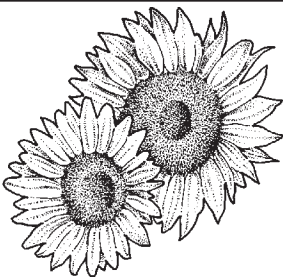
People showed their support of the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter by buying ornaments for this Christmas tree in Western State Bank. The ornaments were purchased by people in memory or honor of their pets.

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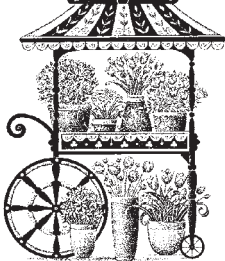




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Community foundation helps bring grocery

By Ron Wilson

Director

*Huck Boyd National Institute
for Rural Development
at Kansas State University*

So what's in store? No, I don't mean what is coming up soon. I mean, what is inside the store? Today we'll learn about a community which lost its only local grocery store, only to get it back through its community foundation. Thanks to Logan Falletti of the Kansas State Center for Engagement and Community Development's Rural Grocery Initiative for this story.

Faye Minium, a long-time local banker, is president of the Morland Community Foundation. The foundation was founded in 1994 and has funded various development projects through the years, but in 2006

it faced a new challenge: The town's only grocery store was closing.

The store in Morland was founded in 1915. Through the years it had been known as Bean's Country Store, Steven's Grocery and Brook's Store. But in 2006 the owner closed the store because of declining health and age.

In response, the Morland Community Foundation launched an Access to Healthy Food initiative. The goal was to provide healthy food to the elderly and other members of the community. One component of the initiative was to reopen the store and operate it as a non-profit enterprise. They bought the former store building and named the new store Morland Mercantile.

With help from a community development block grant, the build-

ing was winterized, refurbished and had a new furnace installed. Then another issue surfaced: The store and all of Morland was classified in a flood plain which made it difficult to get permits and insurance. The city did a study and found that the land could be reclassified. So, the city spent \$28,000 over a year to remap and revise the flood plain boundaries. As an additional benefit to the community, all but two residences in Morland were cleared of their floodplain status.

The newly renovated building was then filled with equipment, most of which was donated or bought used. The foundation was able to buy used equipment from a town 100 miles away which had recently closed its grocery store.

The first order of canned goods

arrived Oct. 22, 2013, followed by deliveries of fresh produce and meat. Volunteers unloaded and stocked all the shelves.

The store's permanent operations will add three new jobs to the town. One of those is a full-time manager. A resident of nearby Hill City, Ron Radcliffe, will manage the store. With his eight years of management experience, he knew how to set up the shelving in the correct way.

The store is supplied by Affiliated Foods, but in order to meet the minimum shipping order requirement, Morland orders through another rural Affiliated store: Joslyn's Food Center, operated by Mark Joslyn of Hoxie. Hoxie is a rural community of 1,207 people. Now, that's rural. When the Morland volunteers were having trouble with the exact di-

mensions of its meat counter, Mark Joslyn drove through a blizzard to Morland to answer their construction questions himself.

On November 2, 2013, the store opened for business. On Nov. 16, the Governor of Kansas cut the ribbon to celebrate the store's grand opening.

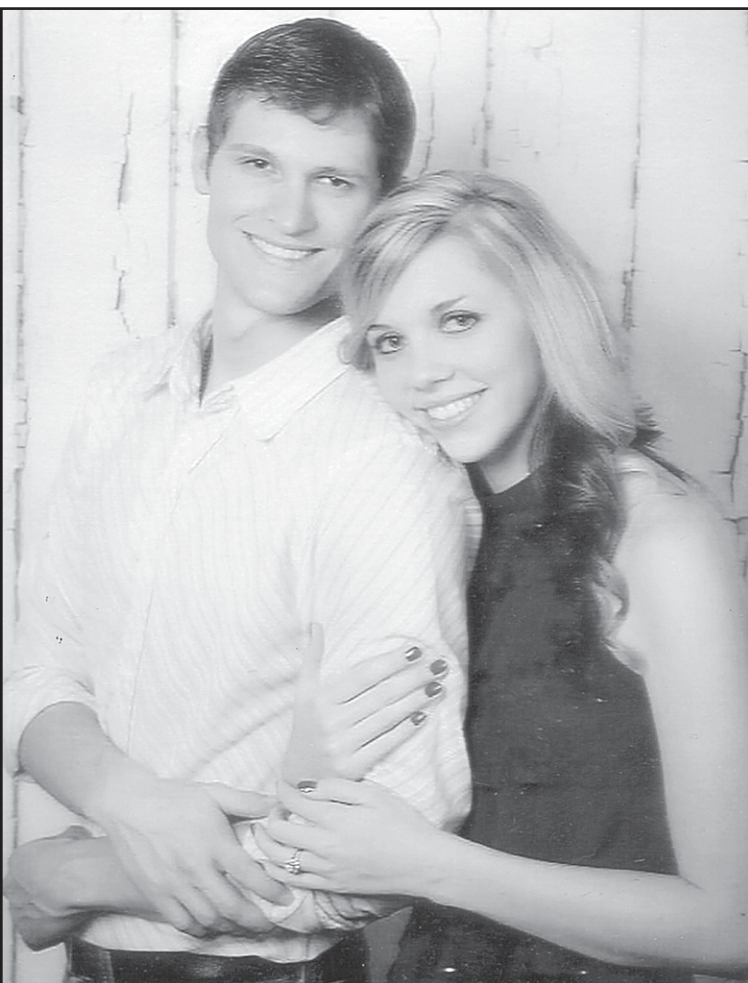
"It was a neat thing," said Faye Minium. "Everyone had fun and was enthusiastic about being there. It's been a lot of work and a long time getting here, but I'm optimistic it will be a good project for the whole area. I hope we're able to provide the service and inventory people in the community want and need, and can provide some unique projects."

Another part of the Access to Healthy Food initiative is a com-

munity kitchen where residents can make their own products.

So what's in store? Not just in store for the future, but in the store itself. The answer is necessities, healthy foods and local products for the people of Morland. We commend Faye Minium and the Morland Community Foundation for making a difference with this new service. If this community can maintain the model of local initiative, there should be a lot more good things in store.

And there's more. Three doors down from the store is an agribusiness with cutting edge technology. We'll learn about that next week in Kansas Profile.



Seth Michael Bailey and Hannah Marie West

Couple to wed on Saturday in Hays

Hannah Marie West and Seth Michael Bailey, both of Hays, plan to marry on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at the Celebration Community Church in Hays. The couple became engaged Feb. 1, 2013.

The bride to be is a graduate of Goodland High School and Fort Hays State University. She is currently employed at Stuart Chiropractic and High Plains Mental Health of Hays.

She is the daughter of Stephen and Amy West of Goodland.

The future groom is a graduate

of Trego Community High School and Fort Hays State University. He is working for the Celebration Community Church and Hays Medical Center.

He is the son of David and Susan Bailey of WaKeeney.

The couple's grandparents are the late Gerald West and Bette West of Overland Park, the late Hubert and Doris Fabricius of WaKeeney, Barbara Bailey of Carona, Calif., and John and Luetta Boeve of WaKeeney.

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building being exempted which supplies adequate security to the occupants of the building and merits the prohibition of the carrying of a concealed handgun as authorized by the personal and family protection act. The prohibition shall continue until December 31, 2017.

Section 4. A copy of the security plan shall be maintained by the city clerk and will be provided to the Kansas attorney general or local law enforcement upon request. The security plan is not subject to disclosure under the Kansas open records act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published once in the official city newspaper.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Commission this 16th day of December, 2013.

Annette Fairbanks, Mayor

ATTEST:
Mary P. Volk, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 1396

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS, MAY PURSUANT TO KAN. SESS. 2013 CH. 105, SEC 2(I), ADOPT A SECURITY PLAN FOR CITY BUILDINGS WHICH SUPPLIES ADEQUATE SECURITY TO THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING AND MERITS THE PROHIBITION OF THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN
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Section 3. A security plan has been developed for the

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Cowgirls team continues winning streak

Helped along by strong defensive play, the Goodland High School varsity girls basketball team kept up their undefeated record with a 41-22 win over the Rawlins County Lady Buffalos on Tuesday in Atwood.

The Cowgirls improve to 5-0 for the season. Next action for the team will be a Great West Activities Conference game at 5:30 p.m. Friday in Holcomb.

In Tuesday's game, more than a minute and a half elapsed before either team scored. Hope Cochran put in the first two points after the Cowgirls stole the ball from the Lady Buffs. Goodland went ahead 4-0, but Rawlins County was able to catch up and tie the game.

Maddie Mayer put in a shot on a pass from Cheyenne Ortnor to make it 6-4 with three minutes left in the quarter. The Lady Buffs tied the game and then took an 8-6 lead, which they would only keep for a few seconds before Ellie House put in a two-point shot. The Cowgirls took the lead on a free throw and pulled further ahead, ending the quarter on top 11-8.

Faith Biermann put in a free throw at the start of the second quarter to make it 12-8. The Cowgirls added another six unanswered points before Rawlins County was able to score their first two-pointer of the quarter. House added a free throw to make it 19-10. Rawlins county scored once more in the quarter while the Cowgirls added five, ending the half with a 24-12 lead.

The first points of the third quarter came off two free throws from Cochran. Berkley White put in a free throw, then Cochran sank another basket. Mayer capped the seven-point run with a two-pointer. Rawlins County scored, making it 31-14. Biermann put in the last basket of the quarter.

Leading 33-14, the Cowgirls extended their lead in the fourth with back-to-back baskets from Kate-Lynn King. However, they allowed a six-point run from the Lady Buffs, making the score 37-22.

Mara Kling put in a basket, followed by a two pointer from Breanna Garrett on a pass from Jordan Knitig for the final points of the game. The Cowgirls ended up with a 19-point lead over the Lady Buffs, winning 41-22.

Narrow loss



Trey Teeter took a jump shot during the Goodland High School junior varsity tournament basketball game against Colby on Monday. The Cowboys lost to Colby 42-41, after mounting a comeback in the third quarter. They were down 21-15 at halftime, but outscored the Eagles

18-13 in the third, pulling to within one point. Both teams had eight points in the fourth, leaving Colby with the win. Tournament play was scheduled to resume Thursday. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland boys basketball team falls 77-61 to Rawlins County

The Goodland High School varsity basketball team fell behind early in their game at Rawlins County on Tuesday and were unable to make up the points, losing 77-61.

The Cowboys fall to 2-3 for the season. Next action will be at Holcomb on Friday following the girls game.

Rawlins County scored on the opening possession and went up 6-0 before Gage Ihrig put in a three pointer. The Buffs went on another run, this time with 12 unanswered points. Taylen Smith broke the streak with a jump shot. With one

minute left in the quarter, Adam Simmerman hit a two-point shot. Rawlins County got another basket, ending the quarter ahead 20-7.

The Cowboys closed the gap in the second quarter, outscoring the Buffs 18-13. At halftime Goodland trailed 33-25. For most of the third quarter, the Cowboys stayed within 10, but the Buffs pulled away in the final minutes, then the Cowboys put together a 9-0 run to pull back to 52-40 at the buzzer.

Ihrig got a layup to open the fourth quarter, but was called for a technical foul, resulting in a free

throw for Rawlins County. The Buffs added four more points, but Simmerman put in a three pointer to make it 57-45 with 5:20 to play.

Ihrig made a basket, then Smith scored after a steal, making the score 57-49. Rawlins County put in three free throws, then Simmerman added two points to make it 60-52.

The Buffs put in seven more points before Ihrig put in a basket for the Cowboys. Goodland would put in seven more points, including another three pointer from Ihrig, but the Buffs put in eight, keeping their lead and winning 77-61.

Ihrig had 26 points in the game, making 50 percent of his field goal attempts. Smith put in 16 points

and led the team in rebounds with Jarod Lake, one. seven. Simmerman had 14 points; Miller, two; Trachsel, two; and

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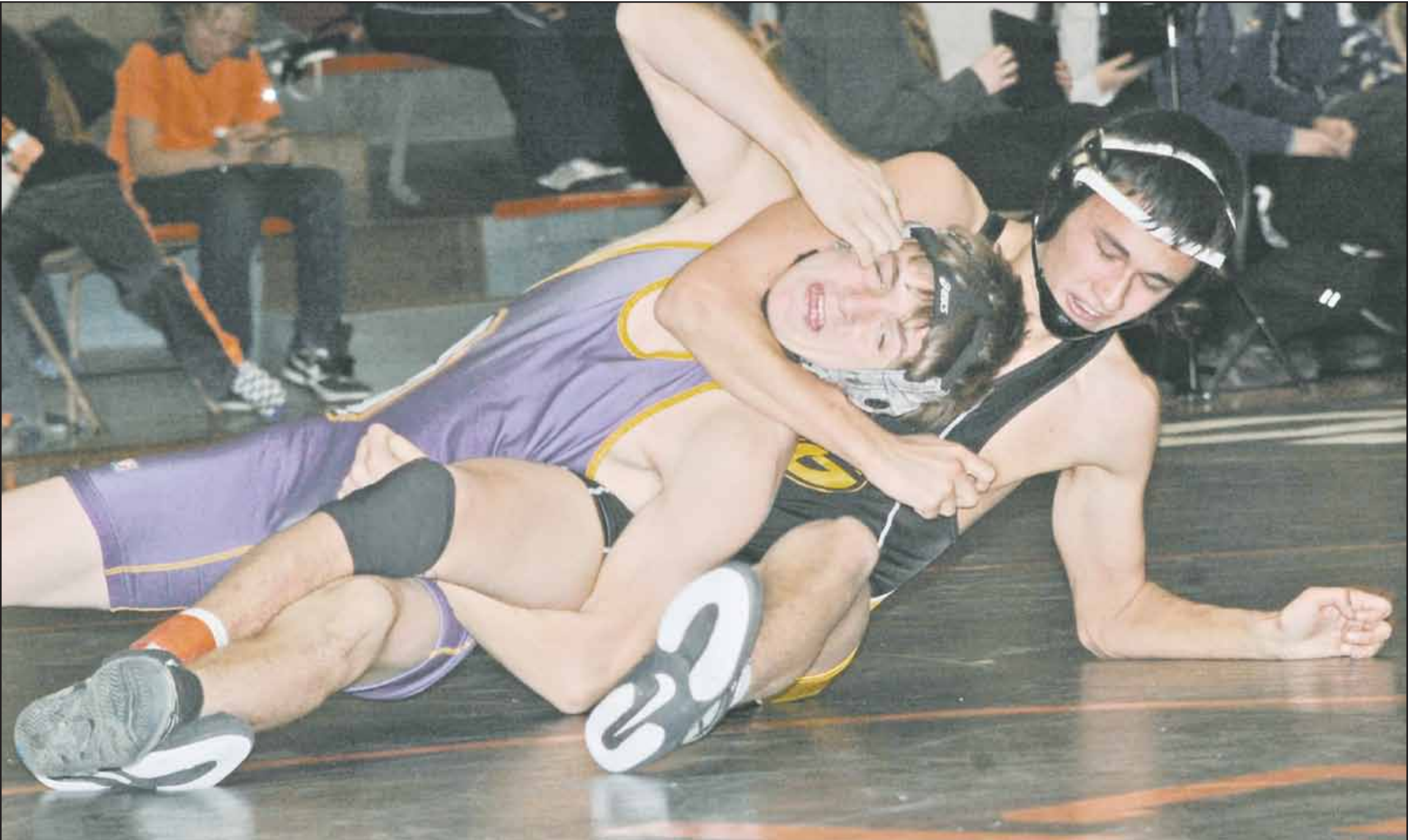
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Riley Lopez wrestled Oakley's Wyatt Murphy during pool play at the Colby Invitational on Friday. Though Lopez narrowly lost his match 6-5, the Cowboys got a 48-21 win over Oakley. The Goodland team ended up in fourth place. Next action is a dual with Baca County at 5:30 p.m. tonight at the Max Jones Fieldhouse, and the home tournament on Saturday. Photos by R.B. Headley/The Colby Free Press

Cowboys beat Colby to come in fourth

The Goodland High School varsity wrestling team came in fourth out of 18 teams at the Eagle Invitational last weekend.

John Peden, wrestling at 160, was recognized as the Outstanding Wrestler in the upper weights.

Peden got six wins in the tournament, including a technical fall and a major decision.

Goodland came out of Friday pool play in second place in Pool 3 with a 4-1 record against St. Francis, Valley Center, Oakley, McPherson

and Wray.

In the finals on Saturday, the Cowboys were up against Phillipsburg and Colby, all vying for fourth place. First up for Goodland was Phillipsburg.

Tate Withington, 106, pinned his opponent in just 17 seconds. Tristan Cooper, 113, Aaron Avelar, 120, and Tanner Gastineau, 126, all won their matches by fall. Then at 132, Riley Lopez won a 4-2 decision and at 138, Brook Bahe also won a 4-2 decision.

Gerell Miller, 145, lost by fall, then Ricky Milke, 152, and John Peden, 160, each pinned their opponents. Phillipsburg was open at 170, forfeiting to Drew House. Garrett Taylor won a 5-3 decision at 182 pounds, and in the final match, Ian Bonsall, 195, won by fall. The Cowboys forfeited at 220 and 285, but their 11 wins propelled them to a 57-18 win.

Phillipsburg also lost to Colby, placing sixth. The Cowboys would wrestle against Colby to determine who would come in fourth.

The Cowboys fell behind in the lower weight classes. Withington lost a 12-1 major decision and Cooper lost a 7-1 decision. Then, Avelar won by fall and Gastineau won by forfeit. Lopez won by fall and Bahe won a 2-0 decision. Miller lost by fall, but Milke pinned his opponent and Peden won by forfeit. House won by fall.

Taylor and Bonsall each lost and the Cowboys forfeited at 220 and 285, but earlier wins got them enough points to edge out the Eagles 39-34 to claim fourth place.

In pool play: Against St. Francis, Avelar, Bahe, and Bonsall won by fall; Taylor won a 4-8 decision; and Miller lost by fall. The Indians were open at eight classes while the Cowboys were open at 220 and 285. Goodland won 63-12.

The Cowboys lost to Valley Center 35-25.

Milke and Peden won by fall. Withington won a 5-0 decision. Gastineau won a 6-3 decision. Tay-

lor won a 6-5 decision. Bonsall won a 10-0 major decision. Cooper lost by fall. Avelar lost a 6-5 decision. Lopez lost a 7-1 decision. Bahe lost a 10-6 decision. Miller lost a 13-4 major decision. House lost a 12-0 major decision.

Next up for the Cowboys was a 48-21 win over Oakley.

Withington, Avelar, Milke, Peden, Taylor and Bonsall won by fall. Cooper lost a 6-4 decision.

Lopez lost a 6-5 decision. Bahe lost a 9-4 decision. Miller lost by fall. The Plainsmen were open at 126, 170, 195 and 220. The Cowboys were open at 220 and 285.

After a break, the Cowboys were back at it against McPherson, winning 63-18.

Withington won a 10-2 major decision. Peden won a 16-0 technical fall. Cooper, Avelar, Gastineau, Lopez, Bahe, Taylor, House and

Bonsall won by fall. Miller lost by fall. McPherson was open at 152.

In the final pool match on Friday, Goodland faced off against Wray, winning 54-18.

Lopez won by a 15-0 technical fall. Bahe won an 8-6 decision. Peden won a 14-5 major decision. Cooper, Avelar, Gastineau, Milke and Hooker won by fall. Miller lost by fall. Wray was open at 106, 170, 182 and 220.



Goodland's Garrett Taylor picked up Oakley's Garrett Waugh during their pool play match last Friday. Taylor pinned Waugh one minute and 26 seconds into the match.

Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1 School subject
- 5 Wore
- 10 Snakes on the Nile
- 14 Felipe of baseball
- 15 Mozart work, sometimes
- 16 Only Huxtable boy, on "The Cosby Show"
- 17 Some citrus fruits
- 19 Cafeteria holder
- 20 Beatles song about their apparent favorite number
- 22 Perfect score, often
- 23 Business "pay me" notice: abbr.
- 24 Beliefs
- 28 ___ choice (baseball play)
- 33 Land measurement
- 34 Arm bones
- 35 Luau dish
- 36 Beatles song about the square of their number
- 40 Shooting org.
- 41 Argon and krypton
- 42 Provoke
- 43 Oregon Trail folks
- 45 ___ crust (outer layer of our planet)
- 47 ___ Paulo, Brazil
- 48 USNA rank
- 49 Another Beatles song about their number
- 57 Horse's pace
- 58 Introvert, perhaps
- 59 Latin for "I forbid"
- 60 Take time to enjoy
- 61 "Tickle-me" craze of the mid-90s
- 62 Explorer Hernando de ___

- 63 America, familiarly
- 64 Country star Jackson

Down

- 1 Defeat, in chess
- 2 Jai ___
- 3 Handle food with a certain serving tool
- 4 Grant of "Love Actually"
- 5 Masses
- 6 Pertaining to bees
- 7 Say it isn't so
- 8 Mined materials
- 9 Space shuttle org.
- 10 Make an appearance
- 11 Third-largest city in Louisiana
- 12 Mountaintop

- 13 ___ sauce (it's used in Japanese cooking)
- 18 Singer James
- 21 Aviation pioneer Post
- 24 Daybreaks
- 25 Dark yellow tint
- 26 "My heavens!"
- 27 Guys
- 28 Swatted insects
- 29 "Need You Tonight" rock group
- 30 Chow down on
- 31 Not smooth
- 32 Begets
- 34 Superpower disbanded in 1991
- 37 Eskimo house
- 38 West of film
- 39 Cat's cover

- 44 Pirate feature, often
- 45 Mystery awards
- 46 Amo, amas, ___
- 48 "___ Like It" (Shakespeare comedy)
- 49 Popular cookie
- 50 "Hey!"
- 51 Colorado neighbor
- 52 Stash away some cash
- 53 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 54 Ken or Barbie
- 55 Actress Samms
- 56 Light stuff
- 57 Sets in the living room

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Friday, December 20, 2013

Letters to Santa

*Brewster Elementary
Central Elementary
West Elementary*



Dear Santa I
have been
waiting this year

(EDITOR'S NOTE: These Letters to Santa were written by students at Goodland's West and Central Elementary and Brewster Schools. Special care has been made to preserve the messages as they were written by the youngsters.)

Brewster Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want skats. From Paige

Dear Santa, I want Gingerbread. Love Kallan

Dear Santa, I wont te k r From Braxton

Dear Santa, I want the Form From Dane

Dear Santa, I want a scotr From Kamdyn

Dear Santa, I want Iks o BrB Sis little hos. Love Jentry

Mrs. Meier's First Grade

Dear Santa, How is rudeoff the red nose rain deere? I want a murete cenchrotwle dinosor, I-pad 3, new wii game, 200 dollrs, a rase car chtack and a toy spider thet can walk. Love, Devin

Dear Santa, How is rufeoff the red nose rian deere? How is your year? I want 55 doleres, rain deere for crismas. A toy T. rex, and a we game. Love, Sheth

Dear Santa, I waht to how Rudo Is doing? For Crstmas I wunt the moxe frozin and a pohe. Love, Selene

Dear Santa, How ar yur elves doing? I wnt to hav a big doll and a new movee called Ise Age and a str. Love, Kara

Dear Santa, How ar the dere I wont a reel little pupy and a stuft animl but no dinosors. Love Kimberly

Dear Santa, How is your rindeirs? For Cresmis I wat a lego ninja and a toy trafane And a stuft amimal and a game for the Wiy, Love Jackson

Mrs. Meier's Second Grade

Dear Santa, How are your raindeer doing? Is mrs cluase doing? for Christmas I want a marker macker. And a crayn macker. And a tramplean. Love, Blayne Reid

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Clous doing? For xmas i what some play cars, and a big teddy bear, m and m, a ipad and a coloring book. Love, Brynne Purvis

Dear Santa, How are you today Santa? What I want for Cristmis is a boe-and-aroe and a pour rangers and lagos. I rely rely want bionickls and constrockt bots and last T-don.

Love, Carson

Dear Santa, Do you have fun with raindeer? How is mrs. Cluase? For Christmas I want a Karryokey machine and a marker maker. Also the movie Frozen and the movie Smurfs 2. and Despicable me 2. Love Madison

Dear Santa, are the raneders doing? for crismis list i wont T Don and sliver. Love, Brenden

Dear Santa, How is your raindeers? Dear Santa I want lots of cash pleas beacus I want to by a tv and a snake and a huskee beacus I want to freec my mom out. Best regards, Christopher

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I wou like a new army kit. I would like a new fishing Pole. I would like a new nerf gun. Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa, How are youer radee? I wat a American Girl Doll. Love, Charley

Mrs. Schmidt's Third and Fourth Grades

Dear Santa, This crismas i want a pet turtle so i can play with it i promas to feed and care for it and if not just give me a lego set to you santa. From Connor

Dear Santa, I want a American girl doll. I also want a bamboo plant. I also want a lego friends house. And a lego friends party boat. And a lego friends vet. I also want a ipod touch. Brylee McKee

Dear Santa, I wont a i ipd and a lahown and Nike socse and new sows and a choclet bunee and a twonet crickit rifole and Foot boole unuform and a Nike foot boole that is all i wont nutheng else. Michael Hernandez

Dear Santa, All I want is a Nerf mega gun, a kiro, a BB gun, a Rodotic dog, and your phone number to call you to tell you what I want for christmas. and a penguin for a friend, and ice for him. Love Evan Holtz

Dear Santa, I would like a whole big pack of basketball cards. I would also like a basketball hoop and a new bb gun and money to get an xbox 360. And a ipod nano. Sincerely, Joey

Dear Santa, I want your phone number. I want candy and a teloscope and a picture of you and me. Love, Ellie Clymer

West Elementary Mrs. Dautel/Miss Cebula

Dear Santa, I want a iPad. I need a laptop. I would like a book about bugs. I would like a music playing hat. Love, Zachary

Adriana Valdez Dominguez (4th)



Dear Santa, I want cooking toys for Christmas. i need a snow dress for the consrt. I want to read Jonie B. Jones. I want to wear prity boots. How are you Santa. Do you like making toy. Love your friend, Christine

Dear Santa, I want a chief helment my size. I need a new football game. I need a jursey for christmas. I want chief shaefs and a chief shurt. I want a awsome shurt. Abraham Villareal

Dear Santa, I want a forweeler car with a roaf and head lights. I need food. I need size 8 cloths. I need to read books. Love Alex

Dear Santa, I want a DS and i would like the box car children book and I need a new toy for my dog and I would like sum cute boots. Bye Hannah

Dear Santa, I need new shoes and socks. I want a baby alive. I need dres. can I get a choew toy for my dog? Love Josefina Garza

Dear Santa, I what a asum now cranbox for chrismus ples. can I have a now crans. I what a now osum book ples can I have a now prare of show. Love Jacelyn Horinek

Dear Santa, I want a new PSP and a spuge. A dinsore book. A teshrt with flames on it. How are yor Elfs doing? Love Noah Shinette

Dear Santa, I realy wanta a cooking set. I need some new boots with heal. I want poler express to read. I want a big dress. how are your elfs and your ruindeer. Love, Sofia Garza

Dear Santa, I want a I pad. i need sum claws and a hat. What I read poler xprese book. I wear a santa dress and santa shose. How are your raindeer dooing? What are you dooing these year. Love Lexus

I want a teddy bear puppy (gril). I need a robot to play with because sometimes my brother and sisters do not play with me. Some more Jonie B. Jones books. A black or yellow vest. I hope you have a happy Holiday. How are the Elfs and the Raindeer? Love your friend Haley Biermann

Dear Santa, I want a puppy. And I need a shirt. I want to read a chismas Books. I want to wear a new nice shirt. Love Manuel

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Dear Santa, I want a Hlactr. I need new clos. I read Diskvie boy and i want it For crismis. I need new shoes. Love Layton Martinson

Dear Santa Claus, I want a wii u for Christmas. I need a bal for my fourwheeler chane. I want to read Flatstley the three one I want to wear a show that are shine. Love Oscar

Dear Santa Clans! I want a Barbie set. I need a dress. I read a Prinssis. I wud like a boots. Love Natalie Salmans

Deer Santa Claus, For christmas I want socks, and a new trapelean. A book like a game book. Can please have a shert. Love Aaron Owens

Dear Santa, I wont a little Bruthr becus he would make me happy. I nes a dog. I can red a dog buk. I want a gacet. Love Chase Longrear

Dear Santa, I want a football and I want a toy jet. I need a new par of shoe. I will like a book a crismist book. I wood like a vest. Love Sean

I want a Ferby and a BarBies. I need shoos and socks. I want the Three Little Pigs book. I

want a dress and hair stuf. Love Briella Rubio

Mrs. Pearson

I want a iPod. I want a boll. I want a car. I want a game. Thank you. Sincerely, German

I want a ree mote con trol hellecopter and a brolling buddei a stufft moster truck a puppy to and and a Book and a ree mote con trol car. How are your deer. Love, Donoven

I want a pony. I want a zoomr. I want a toy truck with a tralr With a toy bull. I want a toy Fisher Man With a toy Fish. I want a reel Fish in a bag. Love, Alex

How are you boing? I want a new bike. And how are your Reindeer now? I want a little ipad. Merry christmas. Love, Talia Delano

Is Rudolph reel? I would Licke a bady cat. haw is Mrs. Claus. I would licke all the games that exist for a Play Station 3 Zeke was not good so put hem on the notee list. Love, Landon

Dear Santa I want a puppy Dear Santa I want a book Dear Santa I want a xbox 1 Thank you Santa. Love, Destiny Jo

I Want a Big BavBv castle to Be a Bigst one ever and how is Mrs. Claus. to so how or you to ThanKyou, Love, Isabella

I want A Big Barby air plane. how is Mrs. Claus. boing. Love, Savannah

I want a Dog. I want a Rudolph nose. I want to see the elyes. Love, Mary Purcella

I want a Zoomer. How is Prancer doing? I want a Hot weels track. I want a football hellmet. I want my own ipad. Sincerely, Logan Franz

I want a leap pad ultra. I want a Ipod. I also want a new baby I want my own car I also want a new bookbag., I want a 3DS with a new Super Mario The kind of cat one. Love, Ben

Dea Santa how are your elves doing? I want a Hello Kitty Santa stuf animal. Do your cokes tasyte ok? I want a new baby doll. Thank you for presits. I want a ipad. How is Mrs. Claus. Love, Danika Corke

I want a zoomr a pink wan. I want a marcdol I want some sticetac. How is mrs clous Sincerely, Madison Ann

Dear Santa can I plees have a new game and a Pet and a Ninja. Love, Anthony

I wutr a ball and a lock I love u I wish i dot haf to go to my rum st Nick I like my preints Love, Lola

Dea Santa I want a air plane with heloe kettes. hi Santa how are you dooing. Love, Mia

Can I have a ride on youer sled plees. how is Rudolph dowing can i have a puppe and a cat plees. I will tace care plees. and a Doll plees. Love, Adison Sterm

I wat a doll a My little pone a babydoll a catt I wat a ipad How is Mis Claus? How is Rudoph? Love, Phoebe Nachtigall

I want a reel puppy and a mariposa doll and a Move of Dospickabool Me 2 and a move of Cloudi of the chanse of meet ball 2 and a momy cat and a baby cittin with some milke and a little bed for the cittin and a pinck Girl Zoomr and a move of Super budeas and a doll that can fly and you control it I love you Santa Helo Mrs Claus I will make you some cookie and milke and some caritse for you randear. Love, Maria Olivas.

Mrs. Bantam

Dear Santa, Can I pet the riandear sum day? I would like a doll for crismis And a vialon please Because I like vialons. I would also like a chapter book and a cute dress. A want sum maching boots. I need a new per of snow boots. And a new bike pleas. And a ipod. Love

your friend, Venessa Dian Hernandez. P.S. I promis I will leav you sum cookes and milk.

Dear Santa, how are the raindear? I would like a dinosar train set, micirfone and more chapter books. I would also like a pink coat. To read a Pirate School book would be nice. I will bring a caret for the raindear and a lot of cookeys for you! Luv Kristina Dees

Dear Santa, I want a puppy and I want a space rock. I would like a blue pretty jree. I want pretty ble shoes that have sparkels. I want Justen Biber songs and books. I would like pagamas to wear to bed. I will for sure give you some cookes to I will leve the rainders some carerets and Have a merry Christmas. Kiara Bohannon

Dear Santa Klas, I want an i pad please. 5 after braslet please I want to feed your randear. I want to see your elvez pleas. I want to see you. I want new house please. I want an ipad please. I want a farea coat for winter. Thank you. Boots and shos thank you myn ar to small for me. Pants and socks to. Love, Klarissa Nichols

Dear Santa, How are the rain dear dowing? I want a esey dake oven for Cristmas. I need some more hed pands to ceap my hear out of my face. I want some more jeans to were to stay warm. I also want a budy and the beast chapter book to read to my little brother and sisters. I will make you chocolet chip cookeses. Love your friend Kaycelynn Royanne Perry Horinek

Dear Santa, This is foll of all the things i wut for Christmas. I wut a scooder becus it is fun. I nee snow boats becus mine are rooined. I wut to wear overols but mine are to small. I wut to read magic tree house 28. can you give me that book? I will give you los of cookies and I will give caret to your raindear. Your friend, Aiden Miller

Dear Santa, This is waht I want for crismis day. I want a belt with horses on it and a horse belt buk and it has crasis on it. I want a Book named Life of Horses. I want a ipod and a ipad and iphone. And a mariken horse and amarikin gril boll clos and shop. And a Bow. And a Jesuse boll. And a lisrd. And a trutle and a DVD of Thor 2 and Horse hair douts. How are your rainbir? Sinsirle Grace Riedesel

Dear Santa, I have been thenking abawt you. I want a xbox thee sixty. and I would like a comic of iron man and I need some socks and I also need pants. Sinsel Sam Isham

Dear Santa, I want a ipad becasue they are fun to play on. I need a pear of boots and a snow coat. That way I can wear boots and my coat. I would wear a pear of snow pants and a jaket and blue jeans that go with the jaket. I can Read chapter books. I will give you cookies and milk. Love your friend Jenna Dowell

Avery Martinez (3rd)



Dear Santa, I wish you a smooth ride. and a good snak. and I need geens be cus it is cold out side. and winter shoos. and a long gleev shert. I wood alsow like a reemote cuntrole air plane! and a i pad. I alsow wunt a lamp. for win i read! Mary chrismis santa. Love, Kerrek Lockhart

Dear Santa, My list is fild with toys. I want for crismis. I want a play stayshon four and a Football pads. A skatebord. The nerf gun that says mega. A air up punching bag. I want a flat screen tv. I need new shoes. I need a santa cat I'm gung read the miton. Ethan

Dear Santa, I want a barbie house and some more head bans. and some dresses. and JJanie B Jons. books. How are your raindeers doing? I will give them carets and I would give you cookies. Sinsereley Evanie Conde

Dear Santa, I want fore christmas is a legos monster truk new shoos and to read lego city. new colered pintsls new markets and to wear a santa hat and i will set out cookiys fore you. Love Tino

Dear Santa, How are ur rainerd? I want a cot and hats for crismas. I need some more shorts and geans and bots and soxes and shrts and toys trukean trinanna. I like santa and his rriander. Love Myron Miller

Dear Santa,How are you doing? I want more stufft anmls and i Need more lead bans I'll wear a dress I'll Read ane bobane I hope the raindear are filling good on christmas Eve. Your friend, Havon Rickard

Mrs. Ferguson

Dear Santa, Is it cold in the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a iPad. And a apple computer. And tickets to a Denver Nuggets game. And tickets to a Denver Broncos game. Have a Merry Christmas. Jaron Nothdurft

Dear Santa, I've been very good this year. I want a i pod. I want a i pad. I want a jacket from Justis. Have a Merry Christmas. Your Friend, Haley Blochlinger

Dear Santa, Is it cold in the Northpole? For Christmas I would like a iPad mini and a pet fish and a pet horse. Happy Holidays. Your Friend, Witton Peter.

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer fly? For Christmas I would like to have a new Ipod and a baby doll. And a tiny Christmas tree. And for Christmas I would like a toy reindeer and more toy horses and a puppy and a mermaid doll. Happy Holidays Your Friend, Taryn Shaw.

Dear Santa, How are you? For Christmas I would like a toy for my new brother Luke. Also I would like a squishv football. Mav I

have a Mitch Unrein jersey? Have a Happy New Year! Cole Linton

Dear Santa, How are you today ? I want a new dog. and a New Neckline. and Sum New Cloths. and a New Pairs of Boots. Your friend Elaina.

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer fly? I want an iPad for Christmas. I want a play airplane. I want a play truck and play car. Your friend, Lupe Ramierez

Dear Santa, I wish for monster high doll. I wish for a horse water bottle. I wish for a 3ds. Have a Merry Christmas! Brianna Anderson

Dear Santa, How are you today? I wish for a new toy. I wish for a new iPod. I wish for a new hat. I wish for a new stuffed cat. I wish for a new car. Have a Merry Christmas. Your friend, Serena Craig

Dear Santa, How are you today? Is it cold at the north pool? I wish I had a iPad For Christmas. I wish I had a toy roller coaster for Christmas. I wish I had a Helicopter for Christmas. I wish I had legos for Christmas. Happy Holidays Have a jolly Christmas, From Hayden Arnold

Dear santa How are you today. Here are some thing I want for christmas. I want a dall. A Americam dall. And one more thing a broncos teashirt. Happy now year. Your friend, Hadyn Blochlinger

Dear santa, I have been really good this year. I hope are family has a good time at Christmas. I hope for a iPad and a electric car for Christmas. I hope for no one gets hurt at Christmas. i can't whate for Christmas. Happy Christmas. Happy Birthday Jesus. Nathaniel Salmans

Dear Santa, I want a toy dog as a friend. I want the biggest Barbie ever, like 6 feet high! I want a Bratz toy. I want a little tiny Christmas tree and you on it. I want another Snug Buddy and a real dog too. I want a toy cat, or dog, or alligator, and also fish. I want a Sophia doll too. This is the best Christmas ever. I want a coloring book and crayons. I want markers and Santa that's all I want for Christmas. Merry Christmas, Kylie DeHoyos

Dear Santa, I want a keep safe journal box. I want a keep safe journal. I want an iPad for mom. I want angrybird for Joshua. I want angry bird go pirit pig atack for Lucas. Your friend, Avery Aguilar.

Mrs. Fulwider

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? Can I have an ipod and sum head phones please. Love

Kya Conger

Dear Santa, Do you like me? Will you please give me a i Pod? Makalynn Spresser

Dear Santa, How do you use your magic? Love Billy Eckhardt

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph real? Was his mom magical? a race car. Can i have shoes and clothes for a build a bear? Love Sheridan Townsend

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? Can I have a ipad and a pink ipad case? Can I have some barbie dolls? Love, Autumn wynn

Dear Santa, I Wonder is Rudolph is real? Can you please git me an ipad and land. Can we git ti with horses and cows? Sincerely, mason Berls

Dear Santa, Where do you get your powers from? Please can I have a coloring book, a puppy, sum books, a bigger TV. Love Maddy Murry

Dear Santa, Is rudolph the second fastest? wut cotor is Dasher? I want a oregon Ducks silver helmet with Silvr wnigs with mini ipad with iphones and ipod 5. Love Linkon Cure

Dear Santa, How have you ben? I don't no what I want. I want a bolloon. And I want a K-state helmet for my Dad. And a puppy. Can I Please hall this? thank you. Love Tessa Gerber

Dear Santa, Santa how is your reindeer? Please can you get me Techno? Pleas can you get me Zoomer, Ipad, can you get me a Irex. I luv your reindeer. Ethan Goadl

Dear Santa, Happy cristmas I hop you do. Pleac can you give your phone Number please. can I have a American Girl doll - voice activated notebook - a bike-a Zingo i Love you. you are my friend i pad a i Pod. Love Jadyn Nelson

Dear Santa, Which reindeer is the fastest? Who is the lead reindeer: I want an Oregon

Ducks helmet? Ipad 5? How's Dasher? I want a Oregon Duck jersey? I-tunes card? I pad 2: Kacen sederstrom

Dear Santa, haw are you doing? Happy Christmas! I Like you. Please Giv me a American doll. baby doll. Voice activated notedook phone. Ipad. From Logan,

Dear Santa, How is your reindeer Santa? Please can you give me an Ipad wif a card that downloads games. and voice activated notebook. Bike. Phone. Love Amanda Armknight

Dear Santa, How is your randeer Rudolph? Plees giv me a fone. and a im 4 Plaer plees. Sincerely, Zach Hilbrink

Dear Santa, Is Rudolph magk. Wil you pleases giv me a race car? Will you please giv me a ortgan Duck helmet. Love Rhett Ihrig

Dear Santa. How are you? I wonder if the Reineer is real? How do you control the reindeer? An American Girl doll would be nice too. Love Kamie Purvis.

Mrs. Laughlin

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been really good this year. I hope you have a good year. I would like a phone. I had a good year. I'll leave cookies and milk on a plate. Happy Christmas. Your friend, Braden Bergsma

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How is Rudolph and the rest of the reindeers?

Can you get me a remote control car? Love, LJ Purvis

Dear Santa, I will Lick a tow car and a remote control car. How are you doing Santa? You are my friend. You friend , Nat Vasquez

Dear Santa, I wonder if you still drink milk and eat cookies. I was a little bit good. Please give me a coat, an ipad, boats that have high heals , pretty dresses, and new shoes. Have happy holidays. Love, Anahi Hernandez



Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you a great year. I have been a nice girl. You are a good man. Would you please bring me some dollies that have glasses? Would you please bring me legos with humans, dogs and the holl box fill with legos? Love, Allison Rager

Dear Santa, How are you doing santa?I could give you cookies and chocolate coco. Santa can you give me a toy horse, a mini ipad, and an awesome car? That's all that my uncle wants for Christmas. Merry Christmas. Love, Mia Hernandez

Dear Santa, How are you and Rudolph doing ? I have been really nice this year. I would like new shoes and playdow. I would like a bunny.I think I will leave cookies and milk on the tabel. Good luck mary Christmas. Love, Adamaris Romero

Dear Santa, How are doing? I been nice. I want a dig iPad, a Xbox 2, a Remate control truck, a ninja turtle, Legos of ninja turtle, and new shoes. Happy holidays! Love, Alvaro Soto

Dear Santa, I hope the elf are helping you. I was a good boy. Can you give me a nerf gun and a toy car box? Happy holiday. Your friend, Diego de la Cruz

Dear Santa, How are Rudolph and Clarice doing? I hope you have a nice year.I have been been very nice my family!Would you give me a real baby husky please?Would you give me all the monster high dolls and there clothes ?Would you give me a Xbox 360?Would you give me a iPod, an a iPad and a computer?Would you bring me just dance 2014 and can you bring me just dance 4. Love, Lesly Dominguez

Dear Santa, How are you Doing Santa? Hey do you now wen I's Christmas it's my mom happy birthday. Santa can I have An iPod With a plastic case, even some shos, and 4 Ninga turtle and a hoes like in tv a motorcycle and a rell car? Love, Juan Hernandez

Dear Santa, How are Rudolph and Clarice

doing? I hope you have had a great year. Would you bring a real baby husky please? Would you give me all the monster high dolls and there clothes? Would you give me a Xbox 360?Would you give me a iPad and a iPod and a computer? Love, Idania Mendoza

Dear Santa, How are you And How You're Rane Dear? For crismis I who'd like a air Rifle and a Remington Shotgun And Fishing lurs. You'r friend, Kaden Dorn

Dear Santa, How are Vixen, Dancer, Doner, Routoff, and you? I hope you hade a grate day! So you are ready for Chrismis. Can you please geve me a D.S for Chrismis? Love, Jazmon Rickard

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have been good all tho I have been a little bad. Sorre. I want a dirt bike and a remote control car. How is Mrs. Santa? How about can I have a remote control monster truck? Love, Tanner Gorostiza

Dear Santa, I hope your year has been great and how's the rain dears?There's some cookies at my house.Ive been good this year and I want a puppy for Christmas with a dirt bike with some Legos. Your friend, Paul Anthony Medrano Jr.

Mrs. Smith

Dear Santa, I love you Santa. Hal is Mrs clos? have a good Crismis. ples can you bring a ipad and ps3. and ps4. I have bolnd good. Sincerely, Nick Schnug

Dear Santa, I love you Santa. Have you bin good? I plese wut a tablet. I also wut shooth and ladr. I have bin good. Love, Austin Schnug

Dear Santa, I lik you Santa. I love you. I wode like a ipade. I wode like a ranedr. Ples I wode like a truck. I have Ben god. I love you. Love, Preston Helderman.

Dear Santa, How have you been Santa? I have been a little bad summer days. can i plece have a ipad and can i have a Santa tois. and can i have a Mis clos. Love Hayden Mann

Dear Santa, How was your summer are you good? are the ran ders good? plece can i have a Amaeracan girl horse and slipper i have bin good Love Sarah Nemechek

Dear Santa, How the randers doing? How are you doing to day! I have ben good thst yeer. ples can I have a zoomer. ples can i have a minee ipad. Love, Taylon Finley

Dear Santa, How are you and mrs santa and randere and the elvs and How was your sumr a i have bin and I wunt a tablit and a iphone and a najck it i Love santa Love, Brei Carmichael

Dear Santa, How is randers doing? How are you doing? I have den good. Can i ples have a ipod Love, Allison Daise

Dear Santa, How was summer sannta? may i Have a dog and a iphone 4s and a ipod case a globe and a cat I have benn Good santa Love, Mason ames Simoneau

Dear Santa, How are your Efs? How are you Sants? I have been good some days. I have been bad some days. Please bring a cars2 wii game. Please bring me a Kieby stuf Animal. I love Santa Love, Dallynn Dinkel

Dear Santa, hao are you? bo you fil god? Hao are the rodir? Pleas can i get a magik kit Pleas can I get a Babe drem haoes Love, Addison Owens

Dear Santa, Haow are you duing are the elfs duing thair jobs? How is Miss Misis. Clos? Plese a doll. Plese a doll uth you Love LayceiaraRoseelee Horirek

Dear Santa, I want a Sharth toth Neckuluse and I waunt clcamo cklose I love Santa Your friend Barrett Schlosser

Dear Santa, How are the reindear going? How are the elfs going? Plaes bring me a DS. And a Barbie tent. And a magic kit. I have been a little bad and a School Teacher kit. Thank you! Love Faith Ditmars

Dear Santa, How have you ben boing i hope yourorrewel i Ben bord for to days i bet my Elf Have toldge you plese can you get me or Rarmdo youn coorne. I love you Love Suri Dorn

Dear Santa How have you ben doon? I am not shir if i ben bad or good. ples can I have zoomr and a ipod for crismis. I like your randeer! have a Happy crismis. I like you santa Love, Olivia Erhart

Dear Santa, Haw are the. randeer are. you glad. that i benn. gooid wolat a Bardey dree m Haws ples been tiyra. Love Aaliyah Jade Medrano

Dear Santa, How are you? How are the

raindeer? How are the elfs? How is Mrs. clas? Do you work Hard? I have been good. Plese bring me a little car plese Love Zach Thorson

Dear Santa, Haow is rodove boine Haow is miscklos boine I bin a littleo notey. I,m sorey ples can I have a facke cat and can I have a happe chrismis. Love Baleigh Frazier

Mrs. White/Mrs. Cox

Dear Santa, Have I been naughty or nice? For Christmas I want playdough and a american doll. Love Aubrey

Dear Santa, How are you? Have I bin good I hope? Wat kine of cookes do you like? I wunt a marek gral doll. Love Ainsleigh

Dear Santa, How are you going? How are you? hav i Being god? I hope im a being gud. Thacke you for bring Jack Jing bells back I hope you are feelling well. For Christmas a Umarkin girl doll. Love Ella

Dear Santa, How are you? what kind of cookies do you like? I have been trying to be good. Love Ashger

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a mine I pad to marican Gril dols and a tent tv on my bed. Iv ben good. wat cookes do you like? have I bin good? Love Olivia

Dear Santa, I want matching cloth with my doll. I want a real puppy. Have I been good or bad? Thanks for the best techers. Merry Christmas. Love Brylie

Dear Santa, I wont a monstr truc. How or you bin doing? Love Ty Ketter

Dear Santa, Am I on the good list or the bad list? How are you today. I want a star wars lego set. where do you get your presents? Love Blair

Dear Santa, Have i bin good? What cind fo coockes do you like. I wuld lik a ds for Christmas. Do you like Christmas. I am sure for beening band. Love Mirari

Dear Santa, How do you make presents? How long dus it take to deliver presents? Love Marie

Dear Santa, How are you? Have i ben good. I want a cat. Love Emily

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is a lot of lego sets. A lot of dinos, and a lot of K-astat wildcats football. Love Jared

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine. I like food for my dog. Love Caralyn

Dear Santa, I want an ipad. Love Ethan

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How



are your elvs? Have I been good? I want for Christmas is a american girl doll. I want a elf on the shelf. Thank you. Love Jerzie

Dear Santa, How are you? Im wundreeing how you macke the tos? I like that you sint Felix back to Santa. Love Jackson

Dear Santa, I wont amirkin Dol and a guitar. I went lev yor milk and kuces. Love Faith

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Mrs. Boyington/Mrs. Bellis**

Dear Santa, I want a K.State rug, and a K.State blanket. Can I have a new football? Can I have a new case for my Ipad? And I also want new baseball cletes. Can I have a control helicopter for christmas? I will have stawberry cake for you left from my birthday! Can I have Basketball toys Whith some close. What dose your Rain Deer like to eat? Maybe I will leave a carrit for your rain dear! Can I have a Xbox? I love Christmas. Can I have some laze tag stuff? And I will leave you some hot choklet. Your friend Taylce

Dear Santa, Can I please have a cot, boots, cloths, shoes, family, friends, compioter, food, movie, and a bike! I will leave you Oreo cookies and milk! Mary Christmas. How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? Can I've a skatbord too? How is shop going? How old are you? How are you? P.S. A ipod iphone ipad would be nice! Love, Elisa

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How are your reindeer? I think you are awsome! For Christmas I would like a Xbox one and NCAA football 14. Do yo need food for your reindeer? I will leave you cookies. Before you leave, would you mind if you see my room when I'm asleep? How are your Elves? Are you looking forward to Christmas? Can you leave a picture of your reindeer? If you can't thank you any way! Your friend, Tristan

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a iphone and a ipad and a computer and a 3ds and a nook and a kindle fire. I want to go to the Noth pole to see your reindeer. I will leave your cookies on my table. How many redeers do you have? How tall are you? How old are you? How many elfs do you have? Your friend Rebecca

Dear Santa, I'll like a normol Lego set, and a Airhog stunt set, and a wii u. for christmas I hop I see you soon. How old are you? How many rander do you have? How are your rander? How are your elves? Thank you for everthing! Dose Danser really Dance? Mary Chishmis! Love, Titus

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a new book, a new baby sister, a big sister, a baby brother. I have lots of milk and cookies for you. I have carrots for all of your raindeer. I allso want a ipad, I want a iphone. I like school. How is Roodoff? I allso want a new real ginny

pig. I love Chrismas! I love roodoff. Is he funny? Christmas is fun. How are the elfs? Are they funny? how old are you? How many elfs do you have? Have a marry Chrismas! Love Peyton

Dear Santa,What I whant for Christmas is an elf on the shelf, phone, ipad, color book, reading book, bean bag, and stickers. Santa and that is what I want for Christmas. Santa how are you this year? Santa what kind of cookies do you like? Santa are you going to send me anouther Christmas card this year? Santa how long dose it take to go all around the world? Love, Aundria

Dear Santa, I hope I get a Ipad or an Ipod for Christmas. I hope I do good at school. I want to get good grades and get A+ on all my work. I hope I have a good Christmas. I hope I get a lot of presents. I hope I get a lot of friends at school. I would want a new bike, babies, a new book, phone slide. How is Mrs. Claus? P.S. I would want a I-phone, computer, and some good warm clothes! Your friend, Angela

Dearest Santa, This year can you get me a wii-u. Maybe a Mario cart wii too. Could you get me a pool. Please get me a I-phone 5. Could you get me 12 not-ebooks. Maybe 10 pencils too. Could you get me 2 packs of colored pencils. Maybe a hotwheel truck. How does Roodofs noes light up? Do your reindeer like apples. Do elves have magic Hats? How old are you. Do you like your suit? Your friend Tristin

Dear Santa, I would like Hot wheel. A car maker. A 2ds case. A hot planes for D.S. And supper Mario bros for ds. How many raindeer do you have? How tall are your raindeer? Slepes, and blue mater. And an i-pad. And a phone. What kind of cookies do you like? I'll save some for you. Your friend, Jason

Dear Santa, I would like to have a remote contrail car for chrismas. I would also like a xbox 1 I would like chiefs football gloves to. I would like a Iphone5. I am going to leave lots of carrots for the reindeer. How old are you. How old is your reindeer? How are your reindeer. How many cookies do you eat? I want a elf on the shelf. I will go to bed on time. I hope you have a merrey christmas. Marrey christmas to all. Love, Maverick P.S. I would also like to have more arrows for my bow and arrow.

Dear Santa, I want mortal kombat, 2ds, 3ds, call of duty world at war, Beyblade, I-pad, X-box1 , Mine Crafte foam pickaxe or sword, ipod5, beanbag chair, and headphones. I will leave milk and cookies. Come to my house first before my brother eats them! How are your reindeer. P.S. I still beleave in you! How old are you? How long is your beard? Your friend Dalton

Dear Santa, I think yoru cool and nice. I like yoru rander. I want to be an elf for I can help

you, I wold like for Christmas a razer phone, pogostick, skate bord, iphone, forwheeler, and a biger dirt bike. I'll leve an apple for the raindeer. I'll make you some cookies. I forgot to ask you for more arrows for my bow and arrow. Wat kind of cookies do you like? Your friend, Marcus

Dear Santa, I want a ds and a light saver. I want my own Xbox 360. I want an ipad and a ipod. I want a psp. I want a wii-u. I want legos. I want a medl combad. I want a transformer. I want a dog of my own. Your friend Ricky

Dear Santa, I want for cristmas is a ipad that has skolls on the back of it and a skoll on the safely cover. I also want 10 sets of cars, remote controll rase car, and I want a lasr. And a I-fone. And i will give you goodes do you like? Do your dears like apples or carrots? Your friend, Jonathan

Mrs. Blochlinger

Dear Santa, I hope you had a great year. How are the elves doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are you doing? One thing that I really want is for more people to start beliving in God and Jesus. I also would like people to stop bullying. Love, Caleb Dechant.

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus doing and you too? Are the elves ready for Christmas? Are the reindeer ready to go on a long ride? I'm excited for Christmas. Are you excited for Christmas? I've been 80% good this year. Well on Christmas Eve I will leave out some cookies, milk and carrots for the reindeer. We what I want for Christmas is a nice pair of headphones. Love, Mia Hamilton


Dear Santa Claus, How are you doing at the workshop? Can I tell you something? I haven't been very good this year. I have been in the middle, but if you decide to give me something than thank you. Can I ask you something again? Why don't we have day where we celibrate your birthday! I bet it would be fun! Can I tell you what I want for Christmas? I would like some really cool under armor things and a new electric scooter charger. I would also

like to be good at school work. I would like some under armor sweats. Love your friend, Olivia Bassett

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Is Mrs. Clause bakeing a lot of cookies? Have you gotten sick this year? I have. Is it getting warmer or colder at the North Pole? I can't wait until Christmas. So I wanted to tell you what I would like to get. I would like to get some new clothes. Maybe some new shoes. I bet you get tired because you drive your slay every year on Christmas on Christmas Eve. What would you like for Christmas? Maybe a new suit or a box of cookies? I have been prettie good this year and Christmas is my favorite holiday. I would really love it if you could get a new phone dog bones for my dog. A new guitar for my dad, some new jewelry for my mom, and movies for Destin, and a winter coat for me. Could you get me some arts and crafts supplies? And there is one thing I want most of all. My family together? That would be the best gift ever. Thank you Santa Claus and Mrs. Clause. Love your friend, Nicole Eli

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? Is Mrs. Clause making cookies? Hey mom needs earrings and a chimney so you can come down it. Can I please have new nike shoes? And Please a xobx 360 and a few games for the xbox 360 like the new need for speed? Their will be cookies and milk on the table for you. Their will be carrots for your raindeers. Hey can you please bring me a new camra? One that can record and you could put it on youtube. I can't wait till Christmas. Christmas is my favirote cause you get to give everyone some presents. So are the elves making presents? I bet the elves are working hard and they might be tired. Hope you bring me and my family some presents. Love your friend, Chandler Clayville


Dear Saint Nick, How are you up at The North Pole? I hope your doing find. I don't have a chimney but I'll leave my front door open. I haven't been good this year but if you decide to bring me something that's fine. How are the elves and Mrs. Clause? Oh, how are your raindeer? I can't wait for Christmas.



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I hope you get me what I want. I would like an Iphone, laptop, Ipod, Just dance Disney chanel and a movie like How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Would you buy my grandma a new phone? My cuzin Nancy an Ipad cause she doesn't have any electronics only a phone but she cant play games on her phone Just UNO, but That's a boring game. She would like to play other games And me well I have a laptop that doesn't really work. It studiers and takes a long time. I try to play games I hope you get me good things like I want. I will leave you cookies and milk jfor you and carrots for your raindeer. Love your friend, Laura Ledesma

Dear Santa, How are you? How are the elves and raindeer? How is Mrs. Clause? Sorry I am starting off with so many questions. I just really want to know. I think I have been good so far, but that is your job. I will leave carrots for the raindeer, and milk and cookies for you. I hope you have a good Christmas and a good trip. I don't want anything to good just three books. Your friend, Rhiannon Cacavio

Dear Santa Claus, How are you this year? I have ben grate this year. How are your raindeer? Say hi to the elves for me! I hope Mrs. Claus is having fun baking cookies and all the candy! Well Santa I would like some more acrylic paint for Chistmas! Hope you have a grate Christmas! Your friend, Athena Armstrong

Dear Santa Claus, How are you and the raindeer? I hope they are OK. What about you? Have you been sick this year? How many cookies do you want? I can make a lot. What part of the world are you seeing first? For Chirstmas I want the Hunger Games movie. I've been ok this year. Your friend, Layla Miller

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. How is Mrs. Santa Claus doing? Will you have warm clothes on when you come? How are the elves doing? Have you ever watched the movie ELF? If you can get me a Xbox One that would be awesome! But the most important things are for my Grandma Avis to get feeling better, and my Grandpa Kenny for his ankle surgery to get better. If you can

I would like a dirt bike, a 2.5 stroke. And for Mrs. Blochlinger to get better. Have fun going to every buties houses! Love, Ethan McDaniel

Dear Santa Claus, How have you been doing lately? I hope you are good. I have a questionHow do you land your slay on our roof without it breaking threw? How are the elves doing? For Christmas I would like a smart phone, ipad, ipod, iphone, and computer. I really have been trying to be good this year. Your friend, Cody Cox

Dear Santa, How have you and the elves been doing? I think I've been really good this year. But if you think I haven't been good that's ok. If I been good this year would it be ok if you could get a few things? I would like some artupplies for Christmas and thats all. And when you come Christmas Eve night I won't forget to get you a coak and some cookies. I will also get carrots for the raindeer. I hope you have a verry merry Christmas! Your little elf, Raelyn Hillmer

Dear Santa Claus, How have you been? Are the elves doing good? Is Mrs. Claus cooking up some cookies? How do you fly all around the world in one night? Would the raindeer like some carrots? This Christmas I would like to be with my friends and family. Your friend, Bryson Terry

Dear Santa, I have been waiting for Christmas all year and it is finally here. I have been working on presents for my sisters and brother. Could you bring my Grandpa some new furniture? That would be great. Thank you. Have you been sick I am still. Your friend, Jaycellia Rochelle Horinek/Perry

Dear Santa, I've been pretty good this year. So the main thing I want is a pair of beats a red pair. And now about you, so have you been? And the raindeer like Rudolph the Red nose raindeer? And Mrs. Claus and the cookies and the elves? Make sure to have plenty of toys. Love, Dane Shores

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a lego set? Please make the theme lego city or the Hobbit or the lord of the Rings. Please and

thank you. Say hi to the rain deer. Your friend, James Isham

Dear Santa Clause, How have you been? I have been good. May I please have a new psp with Call of Duty. And may I have a new bb gun, and I need some new clothes. Love, Kadon Rickard

Dear Santa Clus, I really hate to be needy, but I'd like a 3DS with Pokemon X. I'll try to leave milk and cookies for you and Mrs. Claus. Are the elves and raindeer doing good? Have you been sick? I have. I'm so glad it's this time of year again. Oh! Sorry to be needy again, but my sister, Mallory, needs a new journal. I know your far away, but I'd hug you if I could! I even made a song it's about you, Santa! I goes like this But It's short, I'll write it anyway. "Santa brings joy, joy, joy to the world! Bringing gifts to good boys and girls! Ho, ho, ho I hear through the chimney. Cheering boys and girls everywhere!" I hope that song becomes a carol! Well, thanks for reading my letter, Santa. Happy Holidays! Love, Kaitlyn Dible

Dear Santa, How have you been? Have you been sick this year? It's been chilly outside. I have been sick this year. How are the elves? How has Mrs. Claus been also? Are her cookies delicious? They probably are. I hope I am not on the naughty list and on the nice list! I don't ask for much. But this is the list of what I want for Chistmas is an electronic mortorcycle and a football and a electronic scooter. Your friend, Andrew Trejo

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you will make it I will give you a surprise. I will also give you tow packes of cookies. I hope you give me a Xbox 360. With call of Duty Ghost. I hope you give me OS iris shoes and that will be very good. I hope I will get a iphone 4. I hope you get stuffed with cookies. I love cookies. My best friend hopes he gets a xbox 360, my sister Taylor wants a bunch of iphones. My other sister wants a xbox to. I hope my step dad gets a car. And my mom a mansion. My real dad is in Oregon. And I want Jordans and a go cart. Love, Seth Dowell

Dear Santa, How have you been?? How has Mrs. Claus been? Today I had a very good day. How was your day? I hope you had a good day. Hey there's a few things I want for Christmas. I would like a Call of Duty ghoust please. I would really like a I phone 5. Well that's all. Your friend, Danny Esquivel

Dear Santa, How are you doing this year? How is Mrs. Claus this year? Are the elves being good this year? Have you or Mrs. Claus been sick this year? Have the raindeer been good? Have you been eating yummy cookies from Mrs. Claus? Have you ever got stuck in a chimney on Christmas? How do you get to every ones house on Christmas for Christmas? I want a xbox and a new baseball bat and a ipad. Love, Brock Ferguson

Dear Santa, How have you been doing this year? I really want a toy derby car. My mom and dad looked all over the place but they can't find one. So that is why I'm asking. Can you make one just for me? That's one of the presents I've wanted all my life so if you don't that's ok. I'll still leave cookies and milk and carrots for the raindeer. Finially, Caleb Duell

Dear Santa, I wanderd how are you doing? How mutch dues the slay way? What kind of coukes does Mrs. Clause make? Are Mrs. Clauses cookies dowy our crunchy? How many cookies do you want next year? How old are all of your raindeer? Santa what games do you play? How cold does it get at the North Pole? How long can the raindeer last without carrets and whater? Do the raindeer eat cookies and milk? What side of the world do you go to first? How old are you? Have you been sick this year? Santa do you know what I want? I want an ipad4 and a tablet and a iphone5. The last thing I want is for my parents to get along. Santa I always wanderd what do you want for Chrismas? Please rite back soon. Love, William Schaffer

Mrs. Loudon

Dear Santa, I live on 1870 RD 73 goodland ks. I want an x.box 360, with every halo game exept for Halo Wars. and I might be at my dads house and I have splinter cell blak list thats all

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santa thanks santa. Love, Aidan Barnes

Dear Santa, How are the elves? Are they hard workers? ok, I want for Christmas and xbox 1, call of duty ghost, minecraft and cool boots. So ye thats all that I want for Christmas. Santa how are the raindeers? Dose Rood off still have a shinny nose santa? So mary Christmas santa by. Love, Rebekah Joy Galindo

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer santa. For Christmas I want a new pink 3D D.S and a mini I pad and some new dresses too please. And I also want hot huze and just dance 2014. And have a merry Christmas. Love, Destiny Brashear. Merry Chrismas

Dear Santa, How are you and your raindeers and Mrs. Claus. For Christmas this year I would like new shoes and boots. I'd also like clothes and beats. A puppy would be nice for Christmas. I'd also like and Ipad. Ipad or an Iphone for Christmas. Love, Ashley Rodriguez

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Sabian Mills whute I whont for Chistmasis is a xbox 360 and Lago Dinisors, Sky lander gients connect, a Merry Christmas. That is all. Thank you Santa. Love, Sabian Mills

Dear Santa, This is what I want for Christmas. I want beats, Iphone. And Nike Shox color Red, Size 7. You don't have to get me these but I would like these things. How are you doing, I'm doing good. Love, Justin Saxe

Dear Santa, I hope you come to all the kids. I love your way of going to everbody house. I would like a new Iphone case. An Iphone is an phone but If you do not get me It all be ok. Whatever you bring me I will love it so much. I would like to also have Diasy come back to my house. I would like a life doll and x-box but it would be ok If you did get me anthing like that. I would like you to get me some stuff. Love, Miah Hackney

Dear Santa, How are you, because I'm fine. May I please have a x-box live card, and a hunting bow? Santa I have a few more

questions. How many elves do you have? Do you have more reindeer besides the ones you take out around the world with you? How do you get around the world in one night? Thank you Santa. Merry Cristmas. Love, Dexter Dautel

Dear Santa, I want an xbox one. I want new socks! I want to see my cousuns on Christmas. I want to see my Grandma and Grampa on Christmas too. I want to git a lot of presents and give presents also. I want to stay in my pjs all day long with my famly. Love, Eli Greene

Dear Santa, How are the raindear. Can I peas have a dirtbike and a tv for my bedroom. Can you you also bring me mario cart wii game. How are you and Mrs. Claws? Can you pleas bring me a picture of the north pole. Love, Chase Conger

Dear Santa, Are you real Santa Claws? I want a Ipad for Chrismas and I want a pomkemon card. I want a game called skylanders swap force. And Santa does Rudolph talk to you? Do your Elf work hard? And how do you go around the world in one night? Love, Ezra Thompson

Dear Santa, What I wunt for Christmas is a tractor with a skoup. And a bigger dirtbike track razer. cowboy bots, football, fox racing hat, fourweeler. I wunt to know how the fost do the raindeer and how are you. Have a great Christmas! Love, Reid Fritz

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a xbox 360 with the game mindcraft. And a pare of nike shock that are orange with a ipod touch. Have a great Christmas. Love, Wyatt Shoup

Dear Santa, Hi how are you? I hope you are doing well. For Chiristmas is a laptop, tow tickets for a plane, the last thing is I want a nerv gun for girls. Make sure Mrs. Clause makes you hot chocolate it is going to be supper cold well I hop you have a merry Christmas. Love, Destiny Helpingstine

Dear Santa, How are you? You and your elves are very hard workers arnt you? and can you tell mis calws and the elves that I said hi.

Than hear is what I want a xdox 360 thank you. Love, Miles Gould

Dear Santa, Hey how are you doing? My name is Cassidy Mitchek. I want close, new cowgirl boots, A new brittle for my horse and rope. And stuff for my goat. Please and thank you. Love, Cassidy Mitchek P.S. And a new saddle. And a stir fish. thank you

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Riley. How are you and your wife Mrs. Clause and all of your raindeer? So Christmas is coming up and I am going to tell you a few things I want. I pod touch and come tome to see my family. So Santa that's all that I need. So have a super good Christmas and be super careful. Love, Riley Frazier

Dear Santa, I hope you have a merry Chirstmas. Santa how are you? I'm good. What I would like for Christmas is Zebra print saddle, Ant farm, Rain bow loom. That is it. Hope you and Mrs. Clause have a merry christmas. Love, Natalie Dorn

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus and your wonderful reindeer? How are the hard working elfs? I want orange beats and beat skins como. I also want a tv and Ipad. Love, Walker Eslinger

Dear Santa, Have you had a good winter so far? Well Chrismas is almost hear so I will tell you what I what. What I want for Chrismas is an Ipod tuch! Love, Hailey Kent

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want new basketball, k-state Ipod case, new shoes. I'd use the basketball to practice with. I'd put the case on my iPod. I'd wear the shoes to school. Have a happy Christmas! Love, Matthew Nemechek

Dear Santa, How have the elf's been this year? Have I been good this year at all? I wold love for you to get me a sword, because I want to start collectiong them. Can I get some new headphones? My dog ate mine. How has Ruldolph been? Can you get me some Under Armour and Nike shoes. Love, Xander Thompson

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? How is the raindeers? I want for Christmas is a Ipod touch and a American girl doll and some uggs. I hope you get to have a fun Christmas! Love, Emmi Ensign

Dear Santa, I know that I have been bad lately but I'll try to behave the rest of the year. What i want for Christmas is an psp, 12 gages, xboxone, ipad, iphone, ipod, forweeler, dirtbicke. Love, Malaki Young

Dear Santa, I want a ipod, xbox 360, a game and some jordons shoes for Christmas. Love, Javy Conde

Mrs. Mull

Dear Santa, I want an Ipad, and a game called Turbo. Love, Sabastian Musgrave

Dear Santa, I want a white Christmas and to spend time with my family. I want my own little kitchen in my bedroom and my own Keurig please. a play statio3 please. Love, Anna Jostes. P.S. Santa save some cookies for the evels!

Dear Santa, will you bring me a play stachion 3 and a Ipad5. How old is rudolph and the other raindeer. Dose rudolph really have a red nose? How long dose it to take to get around the world? Love, Jarek Crow

Dear Santa, I want a stuffy. They are stuffed animals. I can't wait to see you on Christmas! So how are your reindeer doing? How old are you? I'll put some sweet cookies out for you. Have a merry Christmas santa. God bless you. Love, Lindsey Cure P.S. I want prancine the unicorn stuffy.

Dear Santa, How have you been I hope you are happy. I want a scooter and Tecno, case and bage for my tablet. I really want a phone and maby some books called WORLD WAR II PILOTS. And Sea Demon and hunger games book, huger games caching fire and both of the movies. P.S. lay down on the cookies and save some for the elves. Love, Hayden Terry

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Dear Santa, I want a computer for christmas and I also want a ps4. Santa do you like cookies and milk? How old is rudolph? I want a computer because I have an awesome game for it. I want a ps4 so I can play it with my brothers and friends and my cousins. p.s I also want k-state tickets in the club level for next year at the k-state game and 5 tickets to the Denver Broncos game. Love, Gentry Deeds

Dear Santa, I want a beanbag chair and a golden retriever. I also want a racing goat cart. Why do you come in the morning but you come at night? Do you have a dog? Love, Isaiah Shinette

Dear Santa, I want a ordes foot spa. Thank you for last years presents. I also want a valleyball. A padded volleyball. Merry Christmas. How are the reihdeer? How does rudolphs nose glow? Save some cookies for the Elves and Mrs. Clause. Can you get my mom a new Keurig. Love, Allyson Sheldon

Dear Santa, Can I please have a sinence kit? can I have a tyrdy? can I have a magnet kit? Why do you eat a lot of cookies on Christmas Eve? can I have one of your reindeer? can I have one of your Elves? Love, Karisethen

Dear Santa, I want a k-state blanket and some stilts. They are what you stand on and hop ball thats is a ball that you sit on and hop. I want to ask you how old you are? I love chistmas. It is my favorite. I want k-state sweats with pockets. Love, Mya Nemechek

Dear Santa, I want a k-state hoodie and a zomer Dog and a frby. How do you come up with all of the reindeers names? Anather question is how do you fit in the chimany? P.S. tell prancer Hi for me. Love, Lexi Rubio

Dear Santa, I want a kraangaction figure for christmas please, my mom cant afford it and my mom is going to say "ask santa for it." (P.S. save the cookies for the elves) Love, Emilio

Dear Santa, I want a huntting dog that is a pointer and emot controll helicopter. How id you name all the reindeer? I want a iphone

five and a computer. And a basketball. How old are you? and a x-box. And a farm toys. Love, Strid Loudon

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas isa ningago lego set and stuff to fix my bike and I just want to know what the reindeer are doing. Love, Ashton Erhart

Dear Santa, I want a Electric Kitt and mind craft Legos. I want a star wars Legos and a new mimery card. Love, Tucker Adams.

Mrs. Sowers

Dear Santa, How are you doing because I am doing good, and how are your reindeer doing. And how is Mrs. Claus doing and how are your Elfs doing are they making a lot of toys because I bet it is hard to make toy for a lot of kids. Are you getting ready for Christmas because you are going to be really busy, I and hope you have a good Christmas have fun. From Cade Mitchek

Dear Santa, I'm going to tell you two things I want for Christmas. I want zebra boots and and a iphone. I'm wanting you to u know. I've been good so far. I love Christmas a whole lot because I like opening presents and goind to my yamil's house and open more presents. We also have Christmas dinner it is real good. I love Christmas a whole lot and it will never change it will always be the same. I wish you a merry Christmas. Love Morgan Barnes

Dear Santa, I am having a great day. I hope you are. I hope you have the best cristmas ever. What I want for Christmas is the McDonalds snack maker. By Ayden Burke

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Clause, and the elves are you keeping them busy. What I want for Christmas is clothes and a snow globe. How are the reindeer? I want every body to have a good Christmas, and a wonderfull New Year. I like to go to my grandmas for Christmas, what would you do if you got the day off or do you celebrate Christmas a couple days before or after. Write back soon. Your friend Alexis Franz

Dear Santa, How is it at the Northpole is it cold. Hot or cool and what kind of cookie is your favorite kind please tell me so we know what kind to make for you when it's Christmas. Oh and do you like are Christmas tree. And are Christmas lights and how do you make the dogs not bark at you please tell me is Roldoph still lead the sleigh. You friend, Baylee Hillmer

Dear Santa, Hi name is Meadow. I am 10 years old. You are very cool. How old are you? My sisters name is Natasha. I would like a kitten, puppey and a lot of toys. Have a merry Christmas! P.S. by toys I am big toys! Love, Meadow Hillman

Dear Santa, Hi Santa How are you and how is your Elf and your deers so now I would want to get a lots of stuff like a bike and a lots of Xbox games I would want a smart phone like an iphone. I would want a lots of cats with dogs awesome braned like a pit bull is a dog but big ones. Merry Christmas. Your best friend, Jay Rodriguez

Dear Santa, Have you gone on any vacation? If you did then will you tell me about where you went? I have went to Flordia, Texas, Denver, Washington and Branson , Missouri that's about all. I was going to ask you for a kitten but I just got one so I guess I'll ask for a puppy instead. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Is she doing good? Are the raindeer ready to go? Are you getting presants for the raindeer? I think that they need something special, and are you going to to get something for Mrs. Claus too? Lets talk again. Your friend, Logan Ihrig!

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a 3rd controller for xbox, mcdonald hamburger snack maker and a mcdonald drink fountain, gtn5, dispickbul me2, a disco light, dead pool the game, and to see my dad in Texas. From Juan Guzman

Dear Santa, I hope you have a merry Christmas. I don't know if I ben good or bad if you can plees could get my a play station 4 but if you cant get my it okay and I think I been good at my house, bu I don't know if I been good at school. Love, Diego Bencomo

Dear Santa, Hey Santa how old are you? You may not know what I want for Christmas I want a new nike basketball. How is Mrs. Clause is she feeling well? Is the North Pole ok are the evles ok? Are the reindeers ok are you having trouble with the m. An other thing I want for Christmas is a xbox 360 and a ipad. I want to ride on your sleigh. And one more I wish you a Merry Christmas! Love, Asap Garcia

Dear Santa, I am doing good. How are you effs doing at the north pole? I wish you could give me a big snow board that has four jets on my snow board that hold a xbox 360 and had some viedos on my awesome snow board that is very cool. From: Darian Michaud

Dear Santa, Merry christmas Santa. I'm telling you 1 thing I want for Chrismas. I want a diary. I wish you a merry christmas. How are your reindeer? How are your elves? I have been a good girl so far. I love Christmas because I get to spend time with my family and open presents. Have a good Chrismas. Love, Teagan Vaughn

Dear Santa, My cousins, Mathew and Miles, have moved in with my family. The tv that we play games on has broken. John, who is my brother, came to visit during Thanksgiving. He lives in Colorado and I don't get to see him very often. My cousins snake broke out of its cage. The snake tried to bite me. John gave me his X-Box. Your friend, Jesse Gould

Dear Santa, I would like lego Helms deep with legoles and men in my stocking. I hope I am not on the nauty list! Are you making presents for the children? Do the elves make the toys? Is Frosty the snowman real? What if the fire is lit under the Chimney? Please write back. Your nice kid, Gantzen Miller

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Have you been keeping the Elf busy? Do you get cold when you deliver the gifts? Do you ever ride Rudolph the rednose reindeer for fun? Have you ever fell off a roof? Have a great Christmas! By Blake Dreman

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Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer and the elves? I have been good. I help my mom clean the house. Also, I keep my room clean all the times. I would like a smart phone, a playstation 4, and a new X-box 360 with connect. I would also like a wii-. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Your friend, Wyatt Hall

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? What are you doing? Can you give me a smart phone. A ipad. Dog. A artwork supply. A dress. A ipod. A cowboys jursy. A makeup. A direy of the wimpy kid book. How is your wife? How are the elves. I hope you have a graet christmas. You'r friend Melinda Vasquez

Dear Santa, I want a good time with my family. I wish you a Merry Christmas and have a good time. It's going to be a good time. I hope you have fun time Santa. I think this Christmas is going to be good. Am I on your good list or bad list I will want to be on the good list very good. Am I on your good list. This year some of my classmates are asking how old are you Santa? From: Elise Ortner

Dear Santa, How's your year going? Are you really busy? Well I am. But may I please have Saige the American girl. May I also have some more shrinkie dinks and an elf on the shelf? Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year! Love Eve Cole

Dear Santa, I was just wondering how are you and Mrs. Claus I hope you are doing fine. I am doing fine. Are your reindeer doing fine? I hope they are doing fine. I am hoping to get a Pomeranian pup. I hope you have fun making really cool toys for all the good kids. Your friend Tori Ketter

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a 20 dollar iTunes card. How is Ruldolph the red nosed reindeer? How are you doing this year? How are the reindeer that guide your sleigh with the magic dust? How are all of the elves on the toys that the elves are making? It would be fun to ride in the sleigh with you. How is Mrs. Claus doing? The last thing I would like is a remote controlled monster truck. Sincerely Nathan Gillming

Dear Santa, I do not believe in hate. I want one of these games by the way 1 animal crossing new leaf, 2 Sonic lost world. 3 super Mario 3d Land, and last but not least Mario Party island tour. I only want one. Like before I want M and Ms but I'm asking for too much. Oh well I can't have everything right. From Matthew Lalicker

Dear Santa, How old are the raindeer and does Rudeoffs nose still glow. My mom said that she saw you on the rufe. And She hard the reindeer on the rufe. I would like a 50 doller Itunes cards. And a bow in arrow a real bow in arrow. Your friend, DJ Knox

Mrs. Stasser

Dear Santa, How are you? Do you like cookies? What I want for Christmas is an Iphone, a LalaLucy Dall, purple and blue earphones, and a DSI 2 with a game. Would you like a present? How is Mrs. Claus? Would Mrs. Claus like a present? Love, Sara Riley. ps. write me back please

Dear Santa, Since I sent my letter already. Here's an other letter, but I would love a beautifyl and extremely cute puppy. My mom and dad said I could keep it and send me a letter back so I know what your saying and I am putting the milk and cookies on the fireplace. Please give me a puppy. Oh! and the puppy is really, really, really, really nice and I don't have a puppy and its a girl thats all that I want for Christmas. Oh you can send me a letter or I will give you milk and cookies. Your friend, Briana Rodruiguez

Dear Santa, This year I hope ou can get me some beat. I also hope that I can get two teddy bears one with a payton maning jersey with pants and a helmat and a steelers bear with a jersey and helmet to. And that is all this year how a is roudofos noise red. But budy how or mrs. clouses cookies are they good can I have some pretty plese. your friend your the best, Kyan

Dear Santa Hi! Santa are you ready for Christmas. How are your raindeer and elves doing. Is it busy at the North Pole? Do

you like to diliver presents to people? Is your house big does it have a basement in your house? I am hoping I am getting a pair of blue beats. An elf on a shelf. A playstation four with two remotes and three fighting games. A Wii U with super, mario brose and three remotes. Merry Christmas. Love Octavio

Deat Santa, How is Rudolph? What kind of cookies do you like the most? This is what I want for Christmas I want a pair of beats and a vison a hand wormer for football next year. I allso I want Iphone 5S and a Santa hat please. thats all I want for Christmas. love your friend Mason. P.S. please write back

Dear Santa, Are your raindeer ok? Can Dancer dance? Do you like to have days off? Everyone gives you cookies so this year I will give you lemon meringue pie. I know what I want for Christmas so I am hoping you can give me one of the bells on your sleigh. Merry Christmas. love John Coumerilh

Dear Santa, I want to give my mom a ring for Christmas because she is the nicest person ever. And I want an Elf on the Shelf for Christmas. Can I have a DS2? And can I have a Wrestling bag to? Can your reindeer talk? How is the wearther in the north Pole. are the Elfs rely rely small am I on the nice list. love Devontay. P.S you are Awesome

Dear Santa, Hello! It's really close to Christmas, What I'm wondering is it ok I give you some thing to eat other than cookies to eat. What I want for Christmas is a nintendoe 3DS, the new last battle Kia the lego ninjogo one, and the new version of jinjago masters

Jose Cortez (4th)



of spinsitsou rebooted and Loyd and the nindroud version of sensay, wu, and donkey kong country returns 3D and mario carts seven. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Sincerely Damion Taylor

Dear Santa, I would like if you would tell your Elvs and Reindeer that I said "Hi". For Christmas I am hoping that I can get a necklace that says Merry Christmas and at the side some bells with bows. If you could ask Mrs. Clause how her Christmas is going? I am hoping you can get me a puppy that is a pug. I am hoping that I can get a gold bracelet? like cookies and milk? I will be watching for you on Christmas! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love, Makenna. PS. you don't have to get that stuff for me

Dear Santa, Hi, How are you? When is youre Birthday? Is it Budy at the North pile? Am I on the naughty or nice lest? I hop you like my cookies, I think it is gowing to be coklet cip cookies. I want to receive some riding bootoes, and some skirts and a Barbie ball. My dad whold like a cowboys hat and a Blue stript tiy. my sister will like a Barbie house! My grandma will like a ordomet. My grampa will like a cofe mug. Mary Chrismas Love Rilynn F



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Dear Santa I would like anything you can get me. It doesn't matter if you can't get it but there is something I need to ask you do you like cookies? cause I am going to leave you some on my table so if you come. And you have some cool names for you'r reindeer's. O and I need to ask Another question. Do you want a present because I think you are sweet. And I think you are nice. Can you please write me back? Merr Christmas. Love, Janie

Dear Santa can I have a Ipod for Christmas and please can I have a Ipad to and How's the weather. I hoping for a jar of pickles not to hot or cold. How was your day. I can't wate for christmas. your friend Devon

Dear Santa, All I hope you can get my for Christmas is a Raiders jersey. I would like it to be a sweat. If so, make it Madden or Woodson. The size needs to be M 10-12. I have loved Christmas all my life because I get to spend it with Grandma and Granpa and all the other people in my family. PS please write back and Merry Christmas! Love, Claire Scheopner

Dear Santa, Do you go on vacation in the Summertime? Do you like chocolate chip ice cream? Every year when I go to my gandm's house we eat ice cream. What are your favorite thing to eat? Do you like to go in your sleigh? Do you get tired on Christmas Eve? Happy New Year. Love Caden

Dear Santa, I would like to recieve a furbie Please. I would like you to get me and Donnie

an Ipad if you can. What would you like for Christmas? How are the reindeer, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Cupid, Vixen, Blitzen and Dasher. How do they talk? Do you lik peanut butter Cookies? Thank you. Love, Adonika Daub. ps. Marry Chrismas!!

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clause, It's getting close to Christmas, and I would like to receive a furby boom or Candylander or boom boom balloon. How are you and the reindeer. How is the weather at the Northe pole. I would like I hope you can get me a elf on a shelf. How are the elfs. Sincearly, Alicia Pena. P.S. I bet your busy and Merry Christmas and A happy New years would you like a presan this year please write back as soon as you can.

Dear Santa, The only thing I want for Christmas is hunting gear the size is Medium. what time do you get back from delivering all of thos presents. Is Rudolph ok is mrs. claws fine and most in portine is your deer fine is the factory fine I wish you a merry Christmas. PS I go hunting a lot. PPS I memorize all of the reindeers names hear I will say them Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and the most in porten Rudolph your friend, Grant Fritz

Mrs. Olson/Mrs. Whitmore

Dear Santa, Can I have an iPad with a Portal of Power and a xbox 360 Kinect? Are the reindeer magic or does the sleigh magic wear off on them? Can you get me Skyrim and Skylanders SWAP Force? Can you get me my sister a shotgun with a really

great scope? Please can you get my dad two packs of ten targets? Sincerely Kade H. Belden

Dear Santa, Santa, how do you get money? I want three puppies and three kittens. How do you keep yourself warm? Is it cold at the north pole? I want a three DS and new games. Do you like cookies? I want all the Barbies. I believe in you. What is my elf's name? I want grandpa back for Christmas please. Sincerely, Natalie

Dear Santa, This year for Christmas I would like a special colorful rock kit. How are you? I've been wondering

what is your secret to all those toys in one bag? One more thing how do you get through my chimney? Sincerely Harrison Bhend

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? Is Mrs. Claus and your elves okay? For Christmas I want a laptop and a puppy. I hope you give my family what they want to. Are you tired of eating cookies and milk? How are your reindeer? Santa, you are the best. Love, Freddy

Dear Santa I would like Halo Reach and I also would like Borderlands 2. How do you get elves to every house? Another thing I want for christmas is an Xbox One. Also I want a Playstation 4. How many houses do you have to go to on Christmas Eve? The last thing I want for Christmas is Skylanders Swap Force. Sincerely, Tyson

Dear Santa, this christmas is coming up and I want red boxing gloves because I love boxing. Red boxing gloves are the main ones. That is all I want for Christmas. My mom will get me whatever she wants. Love, Angel

Dear Santa, Santa, why do you live at the North Pole and not in the Antarctic or on the continents? Santa, I would like a new game card for Christmas. Santa, how do you go around the whole world in one night? Also for my second present I would like to go to your workshop. What do you eat at your workshop? Why do we not know when your birthday is? Sincerely, Julian

Dear Santa, It has been a good year. If you can I would like an iPod. My brother is one year-old and he wants a Lightning McQueen chair. Plus my mom wants a new jewelery box. How is your top elf? Love, Lexus McCord.

Dear Santa, This is Jordin. For Christmas I would like a teddy bear as big as me. If you would I would like everyone to get what they want. Why did you choose this time of year to have Christmas? Love Jordin

Dear Santa, I want a PS4 so I can play Shadowfall. I want to know why you like cookies so much. How do you give everyone in the United States presents in one night? And I want a 2DS for Christmas. How do your reindeer fly? How are your elves so sneaky? Sincerely Tre McTorry

Dear Santa, I want an iPod for Christmas. I also want Skylanders Swap Force. Santa how big does your bag have to be? What I really want is a remote controll helicopter. Santa, what kind of cookie do you like? cc pbcc cc = chocolate chip pbcc = peanut butter chocolate chip. Love, Colin

Dear Santa For Christmas I would like a skateboard or a Nerf gun. How's Rudolph? How are the elves? How's Mrs. Claus? Do you fight evil to save Christmas? Sometime I want to see you guys! Where is the Workshop located? Do you have a Magic bag? Do you have a Main elf? It was good talking to ya Santa. Bye! Sincerely Jonathan Sturm

Dear Santa, I would like a Denver Bronco blanket, a lot of candy, some gum that is called Big Red, and a car charger for an iPad. I want some owl Stickers. The thing that I want the most is a phone. I want an I Sound speaker, and a desk for my room. Can you come on my porch with your reindeer? I will have cookies for you and some carrots for your reindeer. I want a baby, some diapers and some Baby Alive food. I want some baby clothes for it. I want a diamond ring that has three diamonds, two white and one pink, the pink one in the middle. Sincerely your friend, Kristina Holub. ps Have a good holiday

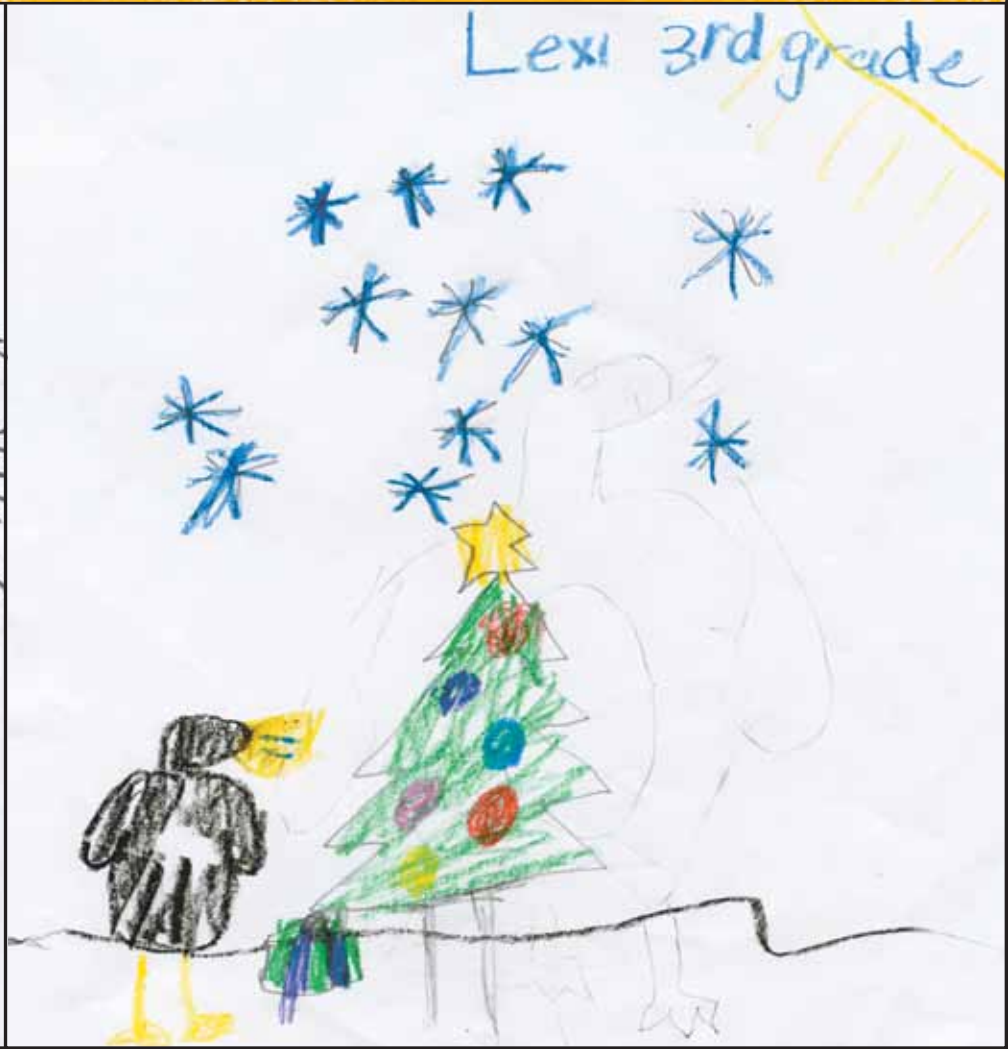
Dear Santa, I want something you can give me. I want an iPad or an iPod. I want pink or black Cortez shoes. I want a TV. I would like clothes or shoes. How old are you Santa? Do you really like chocolate cookies or do you just give them to your reindeer? How did you get names for your reindeer? Was it hard to find those names? Will you just give me one thing. I don't care which one but it has to be in the letter. Please and thank you! Santa Claus, how is Mrs. Santa Clause doing Santa Claus? Sencerely Brenda Rodriguez



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