



* Mrs. Hallberg's first grade students

Dear Santa ...

* Mrs. Weiseler's first grade students



The first grade classes at Clark Elementary School recently shared with the *Clark County Courier* their Christmas list for Santa. These students are in Mrs. Aleigha Hallberg's class.

From Nerf guns and Beyblades to a real puppy and a dirt bike were among this year's answers from the youngsters who anticipate Santa this year.

In their classroom, from left to right in the back

Continuing this Christmas season in the *Clark County Courier* is a feature of first graders' letters to Santa from Clark Elementary School. Here are their answers on what they would like from Santa, starting with Mrs. Hallberg's class alphabetically.

Dear Santa,

Cali Boykin-Kiers, daughter of Christina Boykin and Skylar Kiers: I would like an Elf on a Shelf, an Elsa doll from the Frozen movie, a real puppy and a Santa Claus decoration and that's it.

Braden Dooley, son of Heather and Shane Patenode: Please bring

me a Nerf gun and some Beyblades and that's all.

Braxton Epps, son of Tina and Don Epps: I would like a skateboard and football stuff like Cyclones team stuff, gloves, a football and some ice skates.

Eve Gaikowski, daughter of Trudi and Kyle Gaikowski: Please bring me some strawberry Chapstick, a fuzzy big blanket, clothes and a book. I like rhyming books.

Emma Huisenga, daughter of Christy Beving and Dan Huisenga: I'd like you to bring the Elf on a Shelf, a LOL doll that has surprises in it and maybe more swimsuits

for my baby dolls. I don't have very many of them. I only have one or two.

Lucas Johnson, son of Amanda and Trevor Johnson: All that I would like for Christmas is a hoverboard. That's it, just a hoverboard.

Railynne Jordan, daughter of Ashley and Tash Jordan: Please bring me some Barbies, some rescue pets - like puppies, some LOL dolls and some clothes for them and a Monster High doll.

Sienna Larson, daughter of Heather and Craig Larson: For Christmas, I would like a real guitar, ballet shoes so I can practice be-



With the first grade class having so many students, there are two classes of first graders at Clark Elementary School.

Mrs. Taylor Wieseler's class had a variety of items including football stuff, Barbies, hoverboards and a real horse and a real cat that they wished for from Santa.

In the back row, left to right are, Haven Thennis,

cause I like to dance, a toy dinosaur that I can ride on and feed it and take it for a walk, a balance beam, a gymnastic mat and parallel bars. Those things are cool!

Gavin Marx, son of Meghan and Greg Marx: Please bring me a Nerf gun, a little puppy - a real one that's a German shepherd puppy and a Lego set that is a Jurassic Park set.

Riley McIntire, daughter of Malory and Kyle McIntire: I would like a Barbie that is a Rapunzel Barbie, a nice fuzzy blanket, books with adventures and a drum to play with.

Lane Niehaus, son of Alyssa

Kaden Wheeler, Hunter Marx, Trynlee Ortberg, Haedyn Rodlund, Tessa Thomas, Abby DesLauriers and Lucas Jans.

In the front row of first graders, are left to right, Tyler Nickeson, Jocelynn Soria Gonzalez, Nate Helkenn, Lucas Mack, Mika Sell, Kaylynn Mack and Adalyn Weber. Not pictured is Gavin Fey although his interview is included in the below requests.

Schumacher and Jordan Niehaus: For Christmas, I would like some Minecraft toys, Pokemon cards, Pokemon toys and all different kinds of Minecraft games.

Avery Olson, daughter of Kimberly and Richard Olson: I would like a dirt bike and a real German shepherd dog, a kitten - a black one with a white tummy, another dog, a blackish whiteish one, a tiny little hamster that is alive, another kitten for my friend that is a blondish-orange one, a dirt bike and four wheels for my brothers and so I can be protective over my little brother, Ninja stars, Ninja nunchucks and a

strong baton.

Carter Severson, son of Beth and David Severson: Please bring me another Nerf gun, a whole big packet of gum, a remote control car, a hundred cakes and a pizza party.

Josue Solano Navarro, son of Paloma and Carlos Solano: I would like you to bring a puppy - a Husky one, one cat, two pizzas and a Nintendo Switch P.S. game.

Ethan Spieker, son of Annie and Craig Spieker: For Christmas, I would like you to bring me a cat

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December weather has been anything but frightful in 2020

This is Christmas week. Can you remember a December as mild, weather-wise, as 2020.

Christmas Eve is forecast to get down to 3°, but other than that, Clark County has been above average the entire month. Christmas Day is to rebound to 30°.

Winter began Monday and only once, on Monday, Dec. 14, was that high temperature below average since Thanksgiving. This warm air has helped keep the snow away.

The other thing keeping the snow away is the lack of moisture. The last time Clark had measurable precipitation was back on Nov. 9. There have been precipitation or snowfall free Decembers, but it is quite uncommon.

In looking back through precipitation records, the city has only recorded five Decembers without measurable snow. This December could make it number six.

But with the latest forecast it will probably remain at five.

An Alberta Clipper is coming through as the newspaper goes to mailboxes. East of Clark County a

blizzard could happen Wednesday into Thursday. Two inches of snow is predicted for Clark County along with high winds.

While the overnights have been chilly as of late and cold enough to support snow, the afternoon temperatures have been a different story and except for Christmas Eve and the Alberta Clipper associated with this 36-hour period, above normal weather is predicted.

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Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer				
	HI	LO	PR	
Dec. 15	19	5	0	
Dec. 16	22	17	0	
Dec. 17	29	14	0	
Dec. 18	40	15	0	
Dec. 19	38	4	0	
Dec. 20	37	14	0	
Dec. 21	40	27	0	
2020 precipitation to date	18.23			
2019 precipitation to date	37.14			

Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of Christ

Christmas worship services in our area include:

In Clark, at the Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, a Christmas Eve Candlelight worship will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 24 with Pastor Fawn Lamb.

At the Assembly of God in Clark, Pastor Mark Cronauer will be leading a 7:00 p.m. candlelight Christmas Eve service.

In Raymond, commissioned ruling elders will lead the Christmas Eve Candlelight service with communion at the First Presbyterian Church at 5:00 p.m. on December 24.

Also in Raymond, Pastor Randy Bader will lead the 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight service on December 24 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Members of Peace Lutheran in Clark will join them for their Christmas Eve service.

At St. Paul Lutheran, the Christmas Eve Candlelight worship services with communion will be held at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. being led by worship leader Jody Peterson.

At the United Methodist Church in Clark, Pastors Mark and Joy Tracy invite all to the Christmas Eve Candlelight service held on the 24th at 3:00 p.m.

At St. Michael Church in Clark, a

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The Clark County 4-H Leaders Association presented the 2020 Meritorious Service Award to Mario Guzman, above left.

Guzman receives 2020 4-H Meritorious Service Award

▲ Three 4-H graduating seniors honored

Said Clark County 4-H adviser Kim McGraw, "The year 2020 has been anything but normal, that goes for our local 4-H program as well. While everyone had their challenges, we do want to recognize a few individuals.

"The Clark 4-H Leaders Association awards their Meritorious Service Award for 2020 to Mario Guzman. Mario has supported the local 4-H youth and volunteered his time for many projects over the years. In 2020 Mario played an important role in making it possible for the public to watch the 4-H Achievement Day Livestock shows," said McGraw.

Club leaders play an important role for the 4-H families and youth. Gale and Mary Filipek were recognized for being leaders for the past 20 years for the Raymond 4-H Club.

Senior members

In 2020 three Senior members graduated out of the 4-H program. "We were unable to have a program during Achievement Days, but we still asked our graduates the typical questions we would have asked them on the stage at the evening program," stated McGraw.

What is your favorite 4-H Memory?

Cutler Michalski: My favorite memory of 4-H is being able to



In 2020, three senior members Tavie Guzman, upper right and Cutler Michalski and Rachel Blue graduated out of the 4-H program.



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participate with my friends during the 4-H games at the Clark County Achievement Days. It's always fun to be competitive with the other 4-H members outside the show ring.

Rachel Blue: My favorite 4-H memory would be getting up early at 4-H camp to go running and jump into the freezing cold lake water at seven in the morning for the polar plunge, just so we could eat breakfast first.

Tavie Guzman: My favorite 4-H memory is when I made it on the SD 4-H Livestock Judging Team to compete in Denver, Colo. at the National Contest my senior year of high school. This was such a great

ending to my judging career because as a team we made the top 10 in the nation. But I also got to meet so many amazing members of the 4-H organization also from across the nation.

Advice you would give those just starting out their 4-H Career.

Cutler Michalski: The best advice that I could give the younger members just starting out is that it is okay to lose during a show, but don't lose the opportunity to meeting people through 4-H. Because

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