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## Hoxie Takes 2<sup>nd</sup> at Purple and Gold



Second place for the Hoxie Lady Indians (back) Tori Bainter, Josey Kennedy, Ella Zerr, Willow Washington, Kinley Rogers, Hayley Jacobs, Molly Foote, Hailee Scheetz; (front) Baylee McKenna, Paiton Rogers, Lauren Spillman, and Morgan Keith. (Photos by Denise Spillman)

By Denise Spillman

Hoxie Lady Indians headed to WaKeeney last week for the Purple and Gold Tournament. This was the first year they have participated in this event. The tournament was played in an almost empty gym, as no spectators were allowed. Masks were required for everyone except for the players on the court.

Monday, December 7, the Lady Indians battled against the Ness City Eagles winning the contest Hoxie 38 - Ness City 23. Leading the Lady Indians in scoring was Paiton Rogers and Lauren Spillman with 9 points each, following was Baylee McKenna with 7, Hayley Jacobs with 6, Josey Kennedy with 4, and Morgan Keith with 3.

On Thursday, December 10, the Lady Indians headed back to WaKeeney to play against the Oakley Lady Plainsmen in a semi-final matchup. The Lady Indians once again came out on top with the score being Hoxie 41- Oakley 33. This put the #1 ranked Indians in the championship match. Leading the Indians in buckets was Baylee McKenna with 11 points, followed close by Hayley Jacobs with 10, Lauren Spillman and Kinley Rogers each had 6, Paiton Rogers with 5, Josey Kennedy with 2, and Morgan Keith with 1.

Saturday, December 12, the Lady Indians played for first place against the Trego Lady Eagles. The Lady Eagles proved to be too much for the Lady Indians, with the final score of Hoxie 31 - Trego 53. This put the Hoxie Lady Indians in second place for the Purple and Gold Tournament. Top scorer for Hoxie was Paiton Rogers with 13 buckets, followed by Lauren Spillman with 10, Baylee McKenna with 4, Hayley Jacobs with 2, and Josey Kennedy and Kinley Rogers with 1 each.

## Team Places 2<sup>nd</sup> at Scholars' Bowl Tournament

Hoxie Scholars Bowl students placed second at the Hill City Tournament on December 7. Pictured are Maddy Snyder, Troy Swint, Avery Reuber, Levi Gleason, Hannah Eller and Sadie Reynolds. (HHS photo)



By Jackie Campbell

The Hoxie High School scholars' bowl team traveled to Hill City for a Scholars' Bowl Tournament on December 7, 2020. The team consists of one senior Hannah Eller, three juniors Troy Swint, Avery Reuber, and Sadie Reynolds, one sophomore Maddy Snyder, and one freshmen Levi Gleason.

The competition was a round-robin tournament made up of eight teams: Osborne, Plainville, Thunder Ridge, Trego, Stockton, Ellis, Hill City, and Hoxie. Hoxie ended the rounds of competition with five wins and two losses to Trego and Stockton. Thunder Ridge placed third, **Hoxie placed second**, and Trego placed first. The high scorers were Troy Swint with 160 points and Hannah Eller with 50 points.

Hoxie High School will compete again at Quinter on January 25, 2021.

## T-Rexes on Tour at Pauls Furniture Store



Brittany Lewis, Sentinel Staff Reporter

Two T-Rexes stumbled into a furniture store...That sounds like the start of a good joke, but it was the truth last week at Pauls Furniture in Selden. Two T-Rexes did stumble in, to take a selfie for a chance to win \$1000 in Santa Bucks. The selfie contest is being put on by High Plains Radio out of McCook, NE who broadcasts locally on 101.1 KFNF.

What could you do with \$1000? Better yet, what would the two T-Rexes do with \$1000. Locally owned by Renee and Leroy Sprenger of Selden since 2012, Pauls has a massive 17,000 square foot showroom displaying many dining room sets, recliners, bedroom sets, mattresses and flooring. The deadline for the Santa Bucks competition is Christmas Eve.

Other participating businesses can be found at HighPlainsRadio.net

Rich Barnett from High Plains Radio station out of McCook, NE is caught filming a promotional video for the companies \$1000 Christmas Tour. Paul's Furniture Store in Selden is one of the many participating businesses where you can be entered to win \$1000 by taking a selfie in the store and posting it on Facebook. (Sentinel Staff photo)



## Sheridan County Conservation District Poster Contest Winners

(SCCD Photos)



**Top Left:** K-1st grade (l-r) 4th place Aya Slosan, 3rd Joleen Etherton, 1st place-Camille Moss, 2nd Aletheia Dumlur, not present.  
**Top Middle:** 2nd-3rd grades (l-r) 4th place Caleb Oelke, 3rd place Priscila Meraz, 1st place-Elijah Spillman, 2nd place Charlie King, not present.  
**Bottom Left:** 7th-9th grades (l-r) 1st place & HM at State Emily Villegas, 2nd place Adleigh Ziegler, 3rd place Taegan Lindeman, 4th place Kinley



**Top Right:** 4th-6th grade (l-r) 3rd place Harper Mauck, 3rd place Emily Farber, 2nd place Logan Heskett, 1st place Jaylen Herl.  
**Bottom Right:** 10th-12th grades (l-r) 4th place Clay Johnson, 3rd place Karlee Geisinger, 2nd place Jayden Fenner, 1st place & 1st place at State Zoe Gregory. (SCCD photo)



1st Place Winner  
Carley Cooper



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Words of Faith	Grain Report	Weather Report	Contents	Words of Wisdom
Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace and goodwill toward men. ~Luke 2:14	Reported on: Tuesday, Dec. 15 Corn 4.24 Milo 5.34 Beans 10.94 Wheat 5.25	Date High Low Moisture 12/6 60 28 -- 12/7 65 30 -- 12/8 70 37 -- 12/9 70 28 -- 12/10 47 29 -- 12/11 31 25 -- 12/12 36 16 -- ***could use some rain!	Community News 2 Community News 3 Now & Then 4 NWKS/State/National 5-6 Agriculture 7 Area Schools 8-9 Obituaries 10 Public Notices & Obits 11 Fun Page 12 Classifieds 13 Business Directory 14	THE BEAUTY OF Christmas IS NOT IN THE PRESENTS BUT IN ITS PRESENCE.



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**Breakfast Daily**  
Breakfast Sunday Night  
Breakfast Monday Night

6-Meat Sunday Lunch Buffet  
w/sides & 2 desserts

Monday ~ Friday Lunch Buffet & Regular Menu

Sunday ~ 6-Meat Buffet & Regular Menu

Hot Roast Beef Special Nightly

Carry-Out & Dine-In



We received a nice snow with moisture in it. We wish we could have gotten more.

Seven people enjoyed potluck and social time Wednesday, December 9, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Ramona Shaw, Violet Krizek, Stanley Shimek, Martin Titus, Dorothy Shimek, Larry Johnson and Louise Cressler attended. A short business meeting was conducted by Louise while all were eating their desserts. Some people had to leave early because of other commitments. Discussed at the meeting were the insurance we are required to carry on contents of the center. There was no raise in the premium. Also discussed and voted to give a monetary donation to the Oberlin Food Bank. We paid one half of the cost of Peggy Ritter coming to the Library to help people with deciding on Medicare insurance drug plans. Our potlucks are always the second Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to join us.

## Yanez-Perez Makes McPherson College 2020 Fall Honor Roll

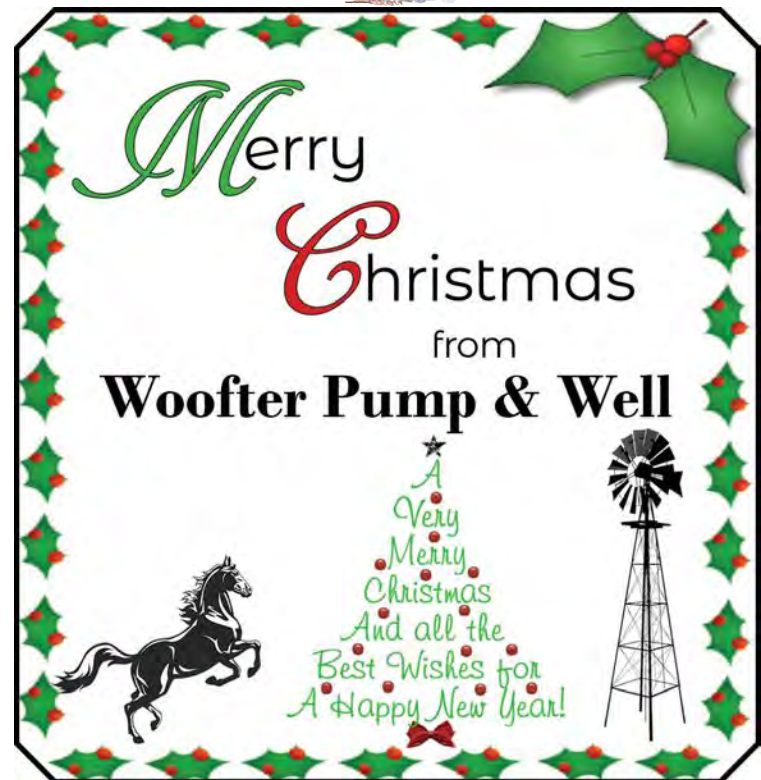
Joseph Yanez-Perez, Rexford, was listed on the Fall 2020 Honor Roll at McPherson College.

McPherson College, a four-year private college located in central Kansas, recognizes its highest academic achievers in its fall 2020 Honor Roll and Honorable Mention.

To qualify for the honor roll, students must be a full-time student and earn a grade point average of 3.55 or higher during the previous term. Students earning a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.54 are named to the honorable mention.

McPherson College offers more than 20 bachelor's and pre-professional programs with curriculum that emphasizes entrepreneurship and career-focused education. It was ranked this year by U.S. News & World Report on its "Best Colleges" list and recognized for the sixth year in a row as a "Great College to Work For" in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Visit www.mcpherson.edu to learn more about McPherson College.



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### Every Tuesday:

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### Every Wednesday:

9am Commissioner Mtg  
7:30pm Hoxie United Methodist Church Community Worship

### Monthly:

1st Monday - City of Hoxie  
1st Tuesday - HAMA  
1st Wednesday - Chamber of Commerce  
2nd Monday - BOE Mtg

Hospital Board of Trustees - 4th Monday, 12pm  
FQHC the following Wednesday, 8am

What do you have happening soon?  
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## Winterfest

- \* Virtual Online Drawings
- Last One - Friday thru Dec. 18 at 7pm
- \* Business & Residential Decorating Contest
- Winner announced Dec. 18



**COOKIE WALK**

Thursday, Dec. 17 10am-2pm  
Hoxie Methodist Church



**Star of Bethlehem**  
Visible Monday, Dec. 21 for 45min after sunset, first time since 1226AD.

**Taxes Due**

1st Half of 2020 Property Taxes Due Monday, Dec. 21



Mealsite Menu

Reservations Call 675-2154

Dec 21 ~ Dec 25

Monday:

Chicken Strips, Hashbrown Casserole, California Blend Vegetables, Bread, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday:

Ground Beef Vegetable Soup, Ambrosia Salad, Crackers, Brownie

Wednesday:

Sausage Gravy, Tator Tots or Triangles, Strawberries & Bananas Biscuit, Cookie

Thursday:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Friday:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 675-2154 by 11 a.m. the day before, to make reservations. Home Delivery is available to those not able to dine in. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. Patrons over 60, a \$3.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.50. A monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMEHEAD Nutrition Project.

the boy sitting to my right to read, he butchered every other word. The boy to my left started giggling. And guess who burst out laughing next? Well, that did it for Miss Karnes. At nearly 6-foot tall and sturdy, she asked the boy to stop reading.

Looking straight at me, she belted out, “Donny Follis.” I froze. From her booming she said, “Do not ever, ever (greatly emphasizing “ever”) make fun of someone who is trying his best to read.” She paused and looked at me before asking, “Do you understand me?”

Sitting in my car outside the school last summer, Miss Karnes’ voice came pounding back into my memory. A simple “yes” squeaked from my voice that December morning.” Last summer while I looked at the school building, I thought of what I might have said. “Miss Karnes, I am sorry for giggling. I was not making fun of his reading. Two of us here on the back were ornery 9-year-olds. Please forgive me. It won’t happen again.”

I imagined me turning to the boy to my right and saying, “I’m so sorry I giggled. Will you please forgive me?”

But of course, what 9-year-old would think to say those words with a teacher breathing fire down his neck? In fact, the little red-headed Frosty-the-Snowman named Donny Follis completely melted.

Fortunately, the class broke for lunch. As we cleared our trays and headed out for recess, Miss Karnes grabbed my arm. “Say there, Mr. Follis. I need a little help. What do you say that you and I go pick out a Christmas tree for the class during recess?”

I was bewildered and scared but compliant. The next thing I

knew, Miss Karnes and I were standing outside Getz’s IGA looking through the green pine trees standing against the outside wall of the store.

Miss Karnes was exceptionally soft spoken and gentle. But even my 9-year-old self-wondered if it wouldn’t have been better if she had asked both the poor reader and me to go together with her. I picked out a tree. We loaded it in her car and were soon hauling up to the classroom.

Late that December, my dad got transferred to a new town and we moved in early January. I never saw Miss Karnes again. When I looked her up last summer, I discovered that she taught school for nearly 40 years, never married and was retired for many years before her death in 2003.

Was my giggling wrong? Of course. Was Miss Karnes’ response too severe? It was. I said I was not the first to giggle. But memory is notoriously faulty. Maybe I did giggle first. As I returned from Kansas to my home in Illinois last summer, I started thinking about “total depravity, a phrase first used by Protestant reformation-era theologians in the 16th century. I kept pondering these words from the prophet Jeremiah: “The heart is deceitful beyond all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”

While I was raised out on the High Plains to believe that all people generally are good – you do right by people; they will do right by you – when I grew up, I came to believe, as total depravity teaches, and as David writes in Psalm 51, “I was born in sin and in sin did my mother give me birth.”

I no longer see people as humans who are good but occasionally mess up. Rather, I view people as broken but with God’s help are still able to do good deeds. But even our actions never are entirely good. Therefore, it should come as no surprise to any of us to feel that so many of our endeavors are tinged with impure motives. Not only is it hard to love everyone we meet, it is impossible to untangle our individual lives from systems of injustice that surround us.

So, if Miss Karnes comes at you in the days before Christmas, don’t be surprised. And if you start giggling at someone’s misfortune, well, you might remember that every human heart is deceitful. And now you know why this is one of my Christmas prayers this year: “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

NEWS from the OUTSIDE with John Liester

Yesterday saw the end of regular firearms deer season. To say it was interesting is an understatement. There sure wasn’t a shortage of deer! We saw deer everywhere we hunted. Shooting them however was not easy. Ended the season with one broken off buck for three of us hunting. I posted on Facebook a rant, so I’ll go over it briefly here. If you see someone set up hunting a trail from a bedding area, do not set up between those folks and the bed zone. Linda and I had this happen to us Saturday evening. What really burns me is it was an older man with his granddaughter! Fine ethics he’s teaching the youth of today! And people wonder why today’s youth just don’t care? It comes from above people, and remember, there’s always someone who sees what you do.

A miracle has happened! I finally got a couple of geese with my new shotgun! I was beginning to worry it was jinxed. But no, just a lot of operator error.

While deer hunting, we saw huge numbers of both pheasants and quail! I am very excited! Today, on my way home from work I guess I saw fifty or so pheasants. Makes me happy to see these numbers.

I see the media is trying to convince us Biden is the president. Do they honestly think Trump doesn’t have an ace up his sleeve? But so far, we have not heard one

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St. Frances Catholic Church

924 17th

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Selden United Methodist Church

Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church

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Don Follis

This past summer my siblings and I stood in the Hoxie Cemetery and buried my mom’s ashes next to where my dad and grandparents are buried. On that hot afternoon after everyone had left, I drove by the Hoxie Elementary School, sat in my car and remembered when my 4th-grade teacher, Miss Karnes, asked me to go with her during lunch recess and choose the class Christmas tree from Getz’s IGA.

To understand what led up to this, you have to go back with me to a December morning when our fourth-grade class was engaged in reading time just before lunch. Going up and down the rows, Miss Karnes had each student read aloud.

When it came time for

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## The Hoxie Democrat Friday, December 24, 1886

Prepare your turkey, etc., for the donation supper Christmas evening.

F. A. Boller, of the Palace drug store says to the people in this weeks issue that he has some Christmas goods at his place of business.

R. H. Chapel bought 900 bushels of corn last week.

The first of January the Post Office will be called Hoxie.

Charlie Johnson looked in on us Friday.

O. W. Evans was in town last week and spent a couple days.

John E. R. Ewing is learning the printer's trade in this office.

James W. Huff is in town and will stay until after the wedding.

Fred got home all right and had ten dollars left after he got here.

Gene King has been sick for the past week. He is now convalescent.

J. P. Ford is at home again and will spend the holidays with his family.

H. Patterson talks of going to Old Mexico and going into the horse business.

Sam Morgan and Charlie Johnson were taking in the town last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Jennings, county treasurer elect, was in our office Saturday and wrestled with our exchanges.

Miss Fannie Huff came to Hoxie last Monday to attend the marriage of her cousin, Miss Julia. She was accompanied by her aunt.

Howard Carpenter is living at Sheridan now, on his pre-emption. This will certainly be a queer kind of life for Howard and family.

Mr. George Pratt, our city butcher, has been spending a few days down on the ranch. Theo Koll has been making the bologna sausage in Pratt's absence.

Last week we had the pleasure of shaking hands and enjoying a few minutes conversation with brother Wright, of the Lenora *Leader*. Time has dealt kindly with him and he is surrounded by everything which indicates prosperity and good luck. We found him very busy with a saw in one hand and miter box in the other chopping out well written editorials that are furnished by the Kellogg News Union by the column and can be cut to fit. They are a great invention and saving of brain and muscle.

We are in receipt of an invitation to attend the marriage of Miss Julia Huff to Mr. Robert Dakens. Miss Julia is the eldest daughter of our fellow townsman J. H. Huff, and one of the belles of our city. Mr. Dakens is located at Clay Center and comes to this place highly recommended, while many of the young men of our town will be grieved and sorry to see Miss Julia change her name The *Democrat* extends its best wishes and hopes the seas of matrimony may be smooth and that the best of this earth may be theirs until called to that unknown world beyond.

## 125 Years Ago December 19, 1895

John Foster and wife of Saline township were in Hoxie, Saturday.

Italian chestnuts to stuff your turkey with on Christmas at the postoffice.

Hoxie has seven hundred dollars wrapped up in her water works and not a drop of water in them.

Bear in mind that one bushel of corn will pay for the *Sentinel* two and one-half months.

Dave and Jake Mosier, who have been in Osborne county all fall, taking care of and selling their corn crop, returned Friday and will remain the remainder of the winter.

Miss Mae Hedge and the Misses Rena and Lillie Lahman were callers at this office Saturday.

Mrs. A. Russell who has been absent the past two months on a canvassing tour returned last week.

A. E. Saathoff left a sample of the finest wheat we have seen this year, at this office Monday morning. It is of Red Turkey variety and the yield was exceptionally good.

County Commissioner Hill was in town again Monday. Mr. Hill was fast recovering from the jollification at Charley Foster's, but said he had a great time. He is not only a successful farmer, but a fiddler of no mean ability.

Report of Hoxie schools for month ending December 6, 1895.

The new room is doing well with Miss Jennie Freeman as teacher. Its work began December 9.

The attendance has been irregular this month. Parents should realize the importance of their children being in school every day.

Miss Davison has been drilling a large class for the entertainment.

There will be only one week of vacation during Holidays.

Do not fail to help the library fund what you can. It is important that your boys and girls have the best works to read.

## Studley

J. Fent Pratt has without doubt the best improved and the prettiest ranch in the county and his brother Tom are making considerable money in the sheep business, notwithstanding the ravages of the Gorman Tariff Law.

Little Tom Pratt is another most hospitable resident of this vicinity, who owns a beautiful

ranch which lies about a half mile west of the station. On Tom's ranch is the largest and best stocked fish pond in the county, it being stocked with German Carp.

Merchant Turtle has under construction what will be one of the largest barns and granaries in the county when completed. It will be 50x100 feet in the main with an "L" 50x50 attached. He also has an ice house and cold storage nearly completed. When Mr. T. has all the buildings he has in view completed he will have a veritable village all of his own. In conversation with your reporter Mr. Turtle stated that he was enjoying a very good trade in the store at present.

## 100 Years Ago December 16, 1920

### Christmas Program

There will be a Christmas program and box supper at the Guy schoolhouse, on Friday evening, December 24. Proceeds of the box supper will be used to purchase school equipment. You are cordially invited to attend. Wilma Brown, teacher

### Local News

George Easton, of the Park neighborhood made a business visit here the first of the week.

Ralph Waite was taken to the Norton hospital last week where he underwent a successful operation for appendicitis.

Henry Ackerman and wife, of Menlo, visited Mr. Ackerman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Ackerman, Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy Wawter-Bell, of Chicago but formerly of Oberlin, was a guest at the C. H. Beers home for several days last week.

Dan Hedge has the frame work all up for the substantial addition he is building to his residence. When completed Mr. and Mrs. Hedge will have a large, modern home.

J. G. Cunningham was up from Saline township Monday paying taxes and attending to some other business. Mr. Cunningham doesn't make Hoxie very often as he does all his trading in Quinter.

Harry Hanshaw, A. B. Person, Carl Butler, Dr. C. L. Pope, Will Sloan and a number of other Seldenites were here Tuesday on business in connection with the rural high school to be established at Selden.

The big barn dance at the Bert Shafer home last Saturday evening proved to be such a grand success that the crowd insisted that Bert repeat the event this coming Saturday evening. To which everybody is invited.

George Shields, of Prairie Dog township, while in Hoxie Tuesday on business connected with the new rural high school at Selden, informed us that he is just finishing a substantial addition to his residence and now has a modern home, Delco lights, furnace and every up-to-date equipment.

### Fairview Items

By Peggy  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Staibus spent the day Wednesday at the Adams home.

Several from this community attended the show at the opera house in Hoxie Saturday night.

Paul and Martin Rottmiller spent Sunday afternoon with their little school-mate, Chas. Adams, Jr.

Mrs. Matt Sheetz and children spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Chas. R. Adams while Mr. Sheets assisted Mr. Adams in killing a beef.

### Valley

By Gleaner  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sinclair have moved onto the Gaston farm and will look after the place for Mr. Runyon, of WaKeeney, who bought the farm.

The Ladies of the Tasco church served dinner at the Gaston sale and the people of

the community are to commended for their liberality in pies, doughnuts, sandwiches, coffee, bread, buns, butter and help to make the dinner a success. The proceeds net of all expenses was \$47.00 and Mr. Gaston said the dinner helped his sale so he donated \$10.00 which makes a total of \$57.00 for the church treasury. Very good.

## 75 Years Ago December 13, 1945

### Local Happenings

A card from Wm. H. Schruben wants their mail sent to Box 696, Yuma, Arizona. He says they will probably spend the winter there. The vegetable and fruit harvest has just started. They irrigate there. They had a nice visit December second with Emil Selicher who lives there. Mr. Schruben planned to go fishing the day after he wrote the card. We hope he caught a basketful of big ones!

Mrs. Louis Duesberg returned home last Wednesday from the S. B. A. Hospital at Topeka where she and Mrs. Viola Fossott have been patients. The latter will return home this weekend. She underwent a major operation Monday of last week. Mr. Duesberg and Mrs. Lester Davis went after Mrs. Duesberg and Mrs. Davis was with her daughter the day of her operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mickey, John and Ann, Mrs. E. B. Mickey, Mrs. Earl Leopold and David spent Thursday in Salina on business. This was the first train ride for John and Ann who enjoyed every minute of it. David was just about as thrilled for it was his second trip by train. The three children were also happy over meeting a real Santa Claus while in Salina.

W. B. Woofter has purchased the building known as the John Thew building. He plans to remodel the building and then move his Minneapolis Moline business into it. Harold "Smoky" Holmes and his repair shop will also occupy the building with "Babe." Mr. Woofter made a business trip to Salina the first of the week.

### Society News

Little Tommy Thompson was a year old December 2<sup>nd</sup>. In his honor, Dr. and Mrs. B. V. Thompson entertained friends in the afternoon. The pretty birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Mrs. Violet Pratt entertained with a dinner this past Sunday. Donna Pratt, Pfc. Edwin Pratt, Lieut. and Mrs. Tom Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shatzell and Carolyn Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pratt and sons were the guests.

The Harmony Club met Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Paul Wood. After dinner the group sewed for the hostess. The club will entertain their families this Thursday evening at the George Weeks' home with a Christmas party. Then the club will meet next Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, with Mrs. Wilbur Morgan.

Cultus Club met Tuesday with Mrs. Nelle Cooper. Roll call was responded to by telling of a memorable Christmas in the life of the teller. Mrs. L. M. Suffecool presented the lesson which was "Yuletides in Many Lands." During the business meeting the club voted to buy a five dollar T-B bond in the name of the Cultus Club.

## 50 Years Ago December 24, 1970

### Portable X-Ray Machine is Reality for Hospital Here

The Sheridan County Hospital has needed a portable x-ray machine for many years. 1970 will see the portable x-ray machine become a reality. The machine was made possible by several people in the community.

Total cost of the x-ray machine was \$3,300.00.

### Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. John Pratt of Morland, Mr. and

Mrs. Jess Pratt of Atwood and Miss Hilda Pratt enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kraus and family of near Hays.

Roy Covalt drove to Stillwater, Okla. Thursday night to meet his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Harris as when they arrived there they were having trouble and didn't think they could make it the rest of the way without help.

### Thimble Circle Club

Thimble Circle Club met with Grace Williams on Dec. 17 for our Christmas meeting and mystery pal gift exchange. Two members, Mary Niblock and Lucille Mowry were absent. After a bountiful dinner and the necessary clean up we enjoyed the afternoon visiting, guessing who our mystery pals were, and opening our gifts. The hostess gift was won by Merle Jones. After a short business meeting we adjourned to meet with Mary Niblock on Jan. 7, 1971.

### Items from members:

Mr. and Mrs. David Schlingloff and Steven and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hedge and family were Wednesday evening guests of Mrs. John Hedge, Merle and Clarence.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Treu and Carol spent Saturday evening in Hays where they visited Shelley Treu.

### Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Reichert and Mrs. Mary Reichert went to Boulder, Colo. Thursday to visit the Fred Reichert family. They planned to return home Saturday.

Mrs. Ray Jacobs is a patient in St. Joseph's hospital in Concordia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bruggeman and the Don Bruggeman family plan to go to Larned and have Christmas dinner with the Alvin Hutflus family.

### Broadway News

Rev. and Mrs. Remick called at Albert Smiths Tuesday afternoon.

Club will meet with Mrs. Bill Minium.

The young people placed a tree in the church Saturday evening. It is a beautiful tree given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. McClelland.

### Seguin Items

Mrs. Margaret Stephens had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Schlageck and family Saturday.

Fairview 4-H Club had their December meeting at the Alfred Rietcheck home. After the meeting all members went Christmas caroling in all the homes of Seguin.

A group of people went caroling Sunday evening in and around Seguin. Elmer Rietcheck furnished the truck and hay rack. After the caroling they all gathered at the parish hall for hot chocolate and cookies. It was cold but a lot of fun.

## 25 Years Ago December 14, 1895

### Jennings-Allison

For Thanksgiving, Lois Scott drove to Manhattan on Monday to pick up her son, David, and the two of them visited Mr. and Mrs. Alan Scott and family at Libertyville, Ill. On Saturday they met Ann Scott in Topeka and then Lois returned to Kansas City, where early Sunday morning a group of eight flew to Miami and then boarded the Norwegian ship "Majesty of the Seas" for a week cruise in the Western Caribbean. They flew back to Kansas City, and returned home on Dec. 4.

Betty Fitzgerald of Glen Elder, and Janette Kadel and son Jacob from Des Moines, Iowa were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Guamer.

### Selden

The Selden United Methodist Women met in the church on Dec. 6 for their monthly meeting. The meeting opened with Carol Hill giving the devotions. Roll call was answered by nine members telling of a childhood Christmas memory. The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given. For the business, it was discussed that they have the basement rewired for electricity. The group voted to help pay for a copy machine that the parish needs. Vesta Shea gave the lesson and had questions and answers on the Bible. The meeting closed with a prayer from Rev. Jarboe. After lunch they fixed 11 fruit and cookie plates for the shut-ins.

### McGraw

Thursdays callers of Russel Bainter were his nephew Bryce Snellgove of Denver, Colo. and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter. Monday visitors were Darwin Smith, Mrs. Jerome Mazanec and Danyelle, and Jim Bainter. Bill Bainter called on Russel Friday evening.

### Rexford

The Worthwhile Club met for their Christmas dinner meeting at the home of Dean and Glendora Bastin on Saturday. Jim Cheney was a guest. Christmas gifts were exchanged and names drawn for another year. The club sent \$10 to the Beamgard Learning Center in Atwood for a Christmas gift.

The annual senior citizen Christmas dinner was held at the Shepherd's Staff Center on Dec. 5 with 57 present. The choir from the Golden Plains School presented an outstanding program of music at noon followed by the turkey dinner prepared by the Shepherd's Staff cooks and served by some senior citizens. A solo by Peg Greenwood, group singing and several readings ended the meeting.



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Gift of Tradition

*By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau*  
As Christmas draws closer, I can't help but think of the many holiday traditions my family has generally followed over the years. Some are strange, some are widely shared, but they're all unique markers of how we spend our time together marking the birth of Christ.

Perhaps the most fleeting tradition was when my brother and I were younger, and our parents would affix bells to our bedroom doors on Christmas Eve. It was an early-warning system for Santa to scramble back up the chimney, or at least alert my parents that someone was trying to sneak a peek into their stockings or get a glimpse of any new presents under the tree.

Another staple of Christmas was always finding the right red cedar in some forgotten corner of a pasture, where it had escaped fire just long enough to be cut down, hauled home and adorned with ornaments. In addition to adding a festive fragrance, it was always the center of attention on Christmas morning with a bounty of gifts beneath its branches.

Of course, the tree hunt itself was a tradition prone to the occasional hiccup, like the time we got stuck before finding the perfect tree. I was young enough I don't remember all the particulars of exactly how we got stuck, I just know the winch on my father's Toyota FJ40 wasn't enough to break us free.

We sat there for what seem like hours as he walked to my grandparents' house to fetch my grandfather and a tractor. He might have been gone all of 30 minutes before returning with his head a little lower. My grandfather, however, was grinning ear to ear knowing the story would become fodder around the dinner table for years to come.

Stories weren't the only traditions around the table either. Every Christmas Eve featured shrimp cocktail for dinner, a legacy from my mother's family. The next night, prime rib was the ritual delicacy.

I know most of these customs are shared widely, with the exception of the shrimp cocktail, and I recognize how fortunate I am to have a family with the time and resources to devote to such endeavors. As a kid, I equated Christmas with gift-giving because that's what kids do.

Now that I'm older and have a family of my own, I've come to treasure not the gifts themselves, rather the time together they represent. I've forgotten most of the toys, clothes and other tokens I've received over the years, save for a smattering of sentimental gifts. While gift giving is still a central tradition, I'm more interested in seeing the reactions of others opening their gifts.

I'm also more cognizant of the work necessary for traditions to develop and flourish. Like everything else, Christmas as I know it didn't just happen. My parents, with my mom doing the heavy lifting, spent countless hours planning, shopping, cooking, baking, wrapping and organizing to make those traditions happen.

I count these moments among the greatest gifts I've received. My wife and I have passed down some unchanged, mixed others from both our families and created some out of whole cloth. This year may require some tweaks to certain traditions, but it's also a good opportunity to reflect on what's important and evaluate if anything could be improved upon.

While we will still exchange gifts, this year has made me ever more thankful for our traditions. Even if they will be modified, it's a reminder that presence is far more rewarding than presents. For that, I'm forever grateful for the gift of tradition.

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Chasing Clovers:  
Is It the Gift That Matters?

*By Patsy L. Maddy, Twin Creeks Extension District, 4-H Youth Development Agent*  
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Silent Night and so many other familiar songs can be heard with small children anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus! With the past nine months of watching everyone on a roller coaster ride, the holiday season is witnessing many different emotions. Excitement for something positive, but fearful of allowing one's self to physically gather, even with family. Our 2020 Covid-19 Christmas!

The chance that someone might contract the virus unknowingly and the outcome of how the virus might affect other loved ones is uncertain. Some families are living life as they always have, others are riding the fence with some caution taken and others are fearful for themselves and others and are following all guidelines to do what they can to slow the spread. There are as many different thoughts as there are individuals who can think, right or wrong! This holiday season we will need to adapt "To Make the Best Better".

Holiday gift giving is that one thing that can either invigorate you with so much eagerness in that you just can't wait to see the response of those you have gifted; OR, there are some in which "shopping" can send them over the edge worrying whether the gift will be just right? Do they already have it? Will it fit? Is it the right color? What if they don't like it? And the questions are endless!

Does holiday gift giving really need to include "shopping"? Family and friends often report that holiday foods or other activities, rather than purchased gifts, can make for a happy holiday in and of itself.

Take the time to visit with family members. How does everyone want to spend that hard-earned money? Should families give small, meaningful gifts and save up for a nice family vacation or special event?

Consider these additional suggestions:

1. Purchase a "family" gift, such as a card or board game or basketball goal in which the entire family can participate.
2. Volunteer, as a family, to do something for the community: assist with a curbside pick-up holiday meal, help at a local movie theatre or food pantry or help local organizations pack and deliver holiday care boxes.
3. Reinforce in children that we don't always get everything that we "want" in life, but we should be thankful for what we do have and feel blessed to be able to spend time with each other.
4. Most importantly, almost everyone would rather have "presence" than "presents". Make time during the holiday season to spend some quality time with children and family members. Find an activity where you actually have to communicate with each other and share ideas, whether that is cooking a meal together, playing a game or going for a drive.
5. The gift of love is the most personal and special present anyone can give. Share this gift with your family and friends during this unusual holiday season. Make the most of what you have and cherish your memories made during 2020!

This article was adapted from a fellow Extension Agent, Berny Unruh, who at the time was a 4-H Youth Development Agent for Barton County.

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Safety Considerations for Gifts  
of Home-Canned Foods

Home-canned foods are thoughtful gifts during the holidays or anytime. But how do you know if the food product you received as a gift is safe to eat? Use these tips based on National Center for Home Food Preservation guidelines to evaluate the safety of home-canned gifts.


- Fruit jams and jellies and whole fruits like peaches and pears are low risk because their natural acidity and high sugar content provide an extra measure of safety.
- Low-acid meats, vegetables and mixtures pose a higher risk, because, if improperly processed, they can support the growth of the botulism bacteria. These products must be prepared following tested recipes in a pressure canner.
- Mixtures of acidic and low-acid foods — such as salsas and some pickled products — are also a potential risk for botulism if they are not properly processed. Jar size is important to home-canned food safety, as well. For example, while you can safely can salsa in pint jars, you won't find any tested recipes for safely canning salsa in quart jars.
- Not everything that is made commercially can be safely canned at home. For example, there are no tested procedures for home canning the following products:
  - Pesto
  - Pumpkin butter or other vegetable-based butters
  - Cream soups
  - Hot fudge sauce
  - Canned breads and cakes
  - Herbs or vegetables in oil
  - Gifts canned in decorative untested jars

A sealed lid doesn't mean a product is safe. It is best when the gift giver uses recommended recipes, procedures and equipment. Ask a few kind questions, if necessary. Be gracious and thankful for the gift, but if there is any doubt about a product's safety — throw it out.

*Source: Andress, Elizabeth L. 2010. "Be Safe Eating Your Homemade Gifts." National Center for Home Food Preservation. <https://nchfp.uga.edu/tips/winter/gifts.html>.*



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Kansas Farm Bureau  
Health Plans Announces  
No General Rate Increase in 2021

Members of Kansas Farm Bureau Health Plans will see no general rate increase for the 2021 coverage year meaning the more than 7,000 Kansans covered will continue enjoying savings when compared to traditional insurance.

“Members have reported saving up to 60 percent on their premiums while choosing coverage to best fit their lifestyle,” says Erin Petersilie, KFB Health Plans manager. “Members have reported they’re using the savings to invest in their operations, are starting retirement accounts or using the extra money to add flexibility to their budgets.”

KFB Health Plans also offers flexibility for members like Amanda Atkisson and her family, though she admits affordability is what drove her to consider options other than her employer-sponsored plan to cover their family of three. Her husband farms and she’s a nursing home administrator in Rooks County.

“We have a relatively healthy family so what I was paying my employer for benefits — it was too much for us,” Atkisson says. “My premium through KFB Health Plans is half of what my portion would be through my employer.”

The move also saved her employer nearly \$2,000 a month in benefit costs. A portion of the Atkissons’ savings came from increasing their deductible, but they were able to offset the increased risk by using their premium savings to fully fund a Health Savings Account.

“Our full deductible is in our Health Savings Account now,” Atkisson says.

KFB Health Plans offers substantial savings to members because of its underwriting process. In 2020, more than 87 percent of applicants were approved to receive coverage under one of the plans offering access to a nationwide network of health professionals. Additionally, members can choose to add dental and vision coverage if they currently have a plan that doesn’t offer it, and Medicare plans are available for those 65 and older.

Unlike insurance coverage through the health care exchange, there is no open-enrollment period for KFB Health Plans.

“If you miss the December 15 deadline to sign up for an exchange plan, we accept new members every day,” Petersilie says. “Even if you currently have an exchange plan, I’d be happy to help you compare cost and coverage to see if we could help you save hundreds of dollars each month, possibly more.”

A Kansas Farm Bureau membership is required to begin enrollment. Visit [www.kfbhealthplans.com](http://www.kfbhealthplans.com) for more information or visit your local Farm Bureau Financial Services agent.

Wheat Scoop: Not Quite the Kitchen Sink

Kansas Yield-Enhancing Strategies Project Identifies Best Management Practices to Close the Bushel Gap and Maintain Profitability

The gap between published potential yields and how many bushels go in the hopper is a function of environment and management. Kansas wheat farmers cannot control the weather, but K-State researchers are tackling what strategies farmers can realistically use to both maximize yield and make a profit.

“There is a huge investment in wheat breeding and genetics in Kansas, and the yield potential of those varieties is much higher than what the majority of growers are producing,” said Romulo Lollato, a wheat production specialist with K-State Research and Extension. “So how do we fill that gap? That’s agronomy.”

Now in its sixth year, the Kansas Yield-Enhancing Strategies project — funded with support from the Kansas Wheat Commission — aims to identify which combination of management practices makes the most agronomic and economic sense to improve yields and quality.

The project started in 2015 with a “kitchen sink” approach. Lollato and his team went into the literature and identified 14 different management practices — from seeding rate to fungicide treatments to nitrogen application and many more — and put them to work in the field. In three locations and over two years, researchers tested out each practice on its own and combined together in one massive management system.

“On one end, we had very low input,” Lollato said. “On the other end, we had an extreme high input, where we essentially put everything

down that could make the crop yield more. And then we had a lot of treatments in between where we tested each of those practices individually.”

One result for this phase of the project was the importance of fungicide application in wet years. In the two harvests during this phase, fungicide application had a very large impact — 15 to 20 bushels per acre in yield gain — due to an increase in stripe rust in years with ample moisture and high yield potential, such as 2016 and 2017.

Researchers then took that data and expanded the project in 2017 to include four varieties. The project also shifted to layering practices up one-by-one from a low input management system all the way back up to the kitchen sink, testing out which combination of practices had the best results. One interesting finding from this phase was to see some varieties were actually well suited to low-management systems, while others were racehorses that were very responsive to more resources.

Both of these phases of the project were replicated trials, meaning they could provide clear cause-and-effect answers for the results. The next phase, however, involved learning directly from farmers how they are managing their wheat fields. A survey of 20-30 questions about management was distributed to farmers for them to provide input on a single field and how it was managed. The end result was a database of 700 commercial fields with complete information from planting date to final yields. This data allowed researchers to characterize how the average Kansas wheat grower is managing his or her wheat fields and identify management practices associated with higher yields in commercial fields. For instance, researchers identified the optimal sowing date for each growing region in the state and the associated yield penalty per day due to delays in sowing date.

Based on this snapshot, the researchers are now taking the most common practices back into field trials, divided

into the bottom 20 percent, average, top 20 percent and top five percent. Now the team is investigating how these different management systems will perform, as well as if they will break even or generate a profit.

These trials are already yielding results. Stand counts show a visible difference between the management systems tested, and researchers will continue to evaluate the trials in the ground as the crop matures next spring.

The combination of these years of work will be even better recommendations for growers to follow to capitalize on the yield potential of the excellent wheat varieties available to Kansas farmers.

“By the Kansas Wheat Commission funding agronomic research, it is getting farmer dollars invested back into the farm,” Lollato said. “The type of information we are developing is really applied and gives value back to the growers by helping them better manage their crops.”

2020 Farm Profitability:  
A False Positive

Most agricultural economists and policy wonks saw this coming. USDA’s September 2020 farm income projections suggested net farm income (a broad measure of farm profitability across the entire farm sector) would reach \$103 billion this year, up 23 percent from the prior year and the highest level since 2013’s record high.

That was before the second \$14 billion Coronavirus Food Assistance Program and before new crop inventories began to shrink as the outlook for U.S. agricultural exports improved, i.e., China and Phase 1. Assuming those export sales are realized, USDA’s December 2020 Farm Income Forecast confirmed what many expected — nominal net farm income in 2020 will reach nearly \$120 billion, up 43 percent from 2019 and the second-highest of all time. Yet, farm cash receipts from crop and livestock sales are down \$3 billion and the lowest since 2016. A recent [Market Intel update](#) reviews USDA’s most recent farm income projections.

2020 Small  
Grain County-  
Level Estimates

County-level estimates for 2020 small grain acreage, yield and production are now available, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The estimates, based primarily on surveys conducted with farmers and ranchers last fall, can be accessed using the Quick Stats online database at:

County-level small grain estimates are not published if any of the following conditions exist:

- Estimated harvested acres are less than 100.
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- Estimate would not guarantee confidentiality of reported data from an individual producer.

The commodity estimates released today (Thursday, December 10) include winter wheat and oats.

Kansas Crop  
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Report

Cotton production in Kansas is forecast at 320,000 bales, up 14 percent from last year according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics. Acreage for harvest, at 195,000 acres, is up 44,000 acres from 2019 and record high if realized. Yield is forecast at 788 pounds per acre, down 102 pounds per acre from a year ago.

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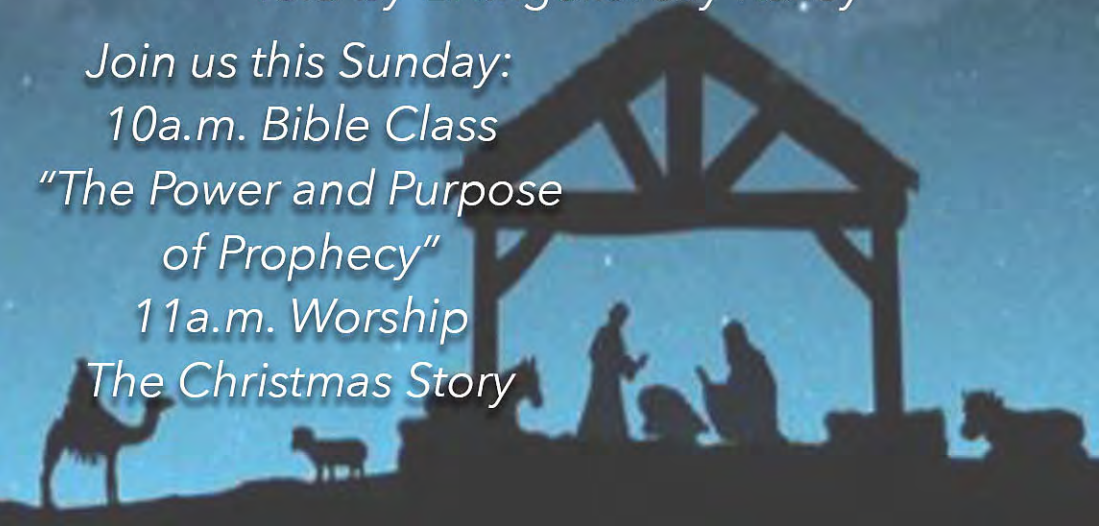


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# Hoxie - Champions at Clay Center



Hoxie Wrestling Team at Clay Center, Saturday, December 12. (Sentinel Staff photo)



Ryan Shaw earns an escape with a jaw dropping flip. (Photo by Coleen Shepard)

## Indians Take Championship with 61-50 Win



**By Jodi Rogers**

Hoxie Indians improved their overall record on the season to 4-0 after their debut appearance in the Purple and Gold tournament in WaKeeney this past week.

First round, the Indians won 66-44 over Ness City, followed by a second-round win as they dominated the LaCrosse Tigers 58-23. The final game of the tournament was played Saturday against Trego Eagles.

The Eagles were ready for Hoxie as they came out strong in the championship game proving to be the better 1st quarter team, leading 17-10 at close of the 1<sup>st</sup>. The Indians however didn't take but 2 minutes into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter before going up 20-17 after back-to-back 3-point shots drained by senior, Gavin Tremblay. The Indians went into halftime with a 2-point lead.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter proved to be a battle with numerous lead changes until the 2-minute mark when Hoxie gained the lead for the final time of the game. This last lead change was gained by an epic give and go play from Harlen Obioha to sophomore, Miles Baalman, as Miles completed the layup and one at the foul line. The Eagles were not showing any signs of giving this game up yet, but when Junior Ashton Dowell drained a 3/4 court shot at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> buzzer, it definitely dampened Trego's optimism.

Although the Eagles gave a hard fight all the way to the end, they just couldn't get the shots to fall when they really needed them. The Hoxie Indians were able to capture the Championship with a 61-50 win.

Senior Caden White was the leading scorer for the Indians in this championship game with 16 points followed by Obioha with 15 and Tremblay with 14. The Indians will finish their pre-holiday break with a game on the road at Hill City this Friday.

## Hoxie Wrestlers Continue to Dominate

**By Coleen Shepard**

The Hoxie High varsity wrestling team's success continued as they traveled to Rock Creek and Clay Center this past weekend. Meeting Rock Creek and Riley County Friday evening at the Rock Creek double dual, the Indian wrestlers dominated their opponents. Against both teams Hoxie was open at the 170, 182, and 220-pound weight classes resulting in forfeit losses. Despite this, the Indian wrestlers won all wrestled matches except one by fall,

coming away with a 66-12 win over Rock Creek and 60-21 victory over Riley County.

Hoxie's domination continued the next day at Clay Center where their varsity wrestlers decidedly defeated all four teams dualled and claimed the Clay Center Pool Team Tournament Champions plaque. Earning seven pins and one win by ultimate tie breaker (1-0), Hoxie defeated Eldorado 63-18. Next the Indians defeated Salina-South 57-18, with 8 wins by fall and one by decision. In their third dual against Burlingame-Osage City the wrestlers earned 4 wins by fall, one win by technical fall, three wins by decision and a 50-24 victory. The final dual win of the day would come against Marysville where the Indian wrestlers would earn seven falls and two wins by decision, defeating Marysville 60-18. Competing on the mat adjacent to her teammates, Marissa Porsch would finish the day 5-1. Earning three falls and one win by major decision, Marissa claimed a second-place finish at the Clay Center Girls tournament.

Traveling to the Onaga Invitation on Saturday the Hoxie junior varsity team would bring home second and third place winners at 113 and 120 pounds, respectively.

Hoxie varsity wrestling will continue on Thursday with a dual against Plainville, followed by the Goodland Tournament on Saturday. You can watch the Goodland tournament on [openspaceports.com](https://www.openspaceports.com).



Ethan Brousseau picks up win by fall. (Sentinel Staff photo)

Osage City vs. Hoxie @ Clay Center December 12, 2020	
Hoxie 50 Burlingame - Osage City (OSCI) 24	
106: Tate Weimer over (OSCI) (For.)	
113: Wayne Shepard over Seth Quaney (OSCI) (Fall 0:19)	
120: Carson Ochs over Trevor Woodward (OSCI) (TF 16-0 4:38)	
126: Dayton Bell over Conner Collins (OSCI) (Dec 6-3)	
132: Drew Bell over Garett Patrick (OSCI) (Fall 1:08)	
138: Drew Bretz over A.J. Wyatt (OSCI) (Fall 0:47)	
145: Derek Johnson over Elijah Collins (OSCI) (Dec 3-2)	
152: Ryan Shaw over Noah Smith (OSCI) (Dec 4-2)	
160: Aidan Baalman over Jose Arevalo (OSCI) (Fall 1:31)	
170: John Heckman (OSCI) over (HX) (For.)	
182: Cooper Burns (OSCI) over (HX) (For.)	
195: Donovan Balluch over (OSCI) (For.)	
220: Garrett Crouched (OSCI) over HX (For.)	
285: Dane Whalen (OSCI) over Gavin Schippers (Fall 1:07)	
Hoxie 60 Marysville (MARY) 18	
106: Tate Weimer over (MARY) (For.)	
113: Wayne Shepard over Gable Fredrickson (MARY) (Fall 3:55)	
120: Carson Ochs over (MARY) (For.)	
126: Dayton Bell over Tristen Schaefer (MARY) (Fall 2:54)	
132: Drew Bell over Ian Detimore (MARY) (Fall 0:09)	
138: Drew Bretz over Kai Barton (MARY) (Dec 9-2)	
145: Derek Johnson over Haiden Gibbs (MARY) (Fall 1:18)	
152: Ryan Shaw over Ayden Price (MARY) (Fall 3:12)	
160: Aidan Baalman over Jacob Haeefe (MARY) (Fall 2:38)	
170: Keith Johnson (MARY) over HX (For.)	
182: Beau Wassenberg (MARY) over HX (For.)	
195: Donovan Balluch over Garrison Craig (MARY) (Fall 2:28)	
220: Jack Lott (MARY) over (HX) (For.)	
285: Gavin Schippers over Juandre Walton (MARY) (Dec 5-0)	



Hoxie-Champions at the Clay Center Pool Team Tournament December 12, 2020	
Hoxie 63 El Dorado (ELD) 18	
106: Tate Weimer (HOXI) over (ELD) (For.)	
113: Wayne Shepard over (ELD) (For.)	
120: Carson Ochs over Javier Hughes (ELD) (Fall 1:07)	
126: Dayton Bell over William Gomez (ELD) (Fall 5:22)	
132: Drew Bell over Jett Roberts (ELD) (Fall 2:49)	
138: Drew Bretz over Rhet Briggs (ELD) (Fall 1:03)	
145: Derek Johnson over Gunner Owens (ELD) (Fall 0:43)	
152: Ryan Shaw over Gabe Krug (ELD) (UTB 1-0)	
160: Aidan Baalman over Terrick White (ELD) (Fall 1:19)	
170: Blaine VanAkun (ELD) over HX (For.)	
182: Levi Wittenburg (ELD) over HX (For.)	
195: Donovan Balluch (HOXI) over Brock Schell (ELD) (Fall 4:44)	
220: Collin Scott (ELD) overHX (For.)	
285: Gavin Schippers over (ELD) (For.)	
Hoxie 57 Salina-South (SASO) 18	
106: Tate Weimer over Trevor McMurray (SASO) (Fall 5:22)	
113: Wayne Shepard over Wyatt Vorarath (SASO) (Fall 1:40)	
120: Carson Ochs over Isaac Martinez (SASO) (Fall 0:57)	
126: Dayton Bell over (SASO) (For.)	
132: Drew Bell over Deacon McDonald (SASO) (Fall 0:28)	
138: Drew Bretz over Seth Robben (SASO) (Fall 1:13)	
145: Derek Johnson over Logan Burr (SASO) (Fall 1:22)	
152: Ryan Shaw over Trent Wellbrock (SASO) (Fall 1:37)	
160: Aidan Baalman over Peyton Augustine (SASO) (Fall 0:51)	
170: Double Forfeit	
182: Connor Allin (SASO) over HX (For.)	
195: Brandon Jeffries (SASO) over Donovan Balluch (Fall 1:56)	
220: Mason Jones (SASO) over HX (For.)	
285: Gavin Schippers over Brandon Fletcher (SASO) (Dec 8-4)	
Results for Hoxie @ Clay Center Girls December 12, 2020	
Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Marissa Porsch over Bella Wernli (El Dorado) (Fall 3:35)	
Marissa Porsch over Morgyn Baker (Burlingame) (MD 18-5)	
Elise Rose (Marysville) over Marissa Porsch (MD 9-0)	
Marissa Porsch over Cadie Eastman (Burlingame) (Fall 1:23)	
Marissa Porsch over Ashley Lawler (Salina-South) (Fall 1:13)	

Results for Hoxie JV @ Onaga Invitational December 12, 2020	
113: William Meyer (Hoxie) - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
William Meyer over Theron Meyer (Meriden-Jefferson West) (Dec 5-2)	
Round 1 - William Meyer over John Langill (Nemaha Central) (Fall 3:48)	
Round 2 - William Meyer over Matt Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:33)	
Round 3 - William Meyer received a bye 1st Place Match - Jesse Thacher (Oskaloosa) over William Meyer (Dec 6-1)	
120: Ivan Kaus (Hoxie) - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Round 1 - Ivan Kaus over Cole Murphy (St. Marys) (Fall 0:52)	
Round 2 - Isaac Hayes (Oskaloosa) over Ivan Kaus (Dec 5-0)	
Round 3 - Kameron Banks (Manhattan) over Ivan Kaus (Fall 1:48)	
195: Ethan Brousseau (Hoxie) - 8 <sup>th</sup>	
Round 2 - Taelur Barnes (Meriden-Jefferson West) over Ethan Brousseau (Fall 0:40)	
Round 3 - Levi Kraisinger (Nemaha Central) over Ethan Brousseau (Fall 3:09)	
Round 4 - Ethan Brousseau received a bye	
Round 5 - Cooper Bittle (St. George-Rock Creek) over Ethan Brousseau (Fall 0:47)	
7th Place Match - JC Cummings (Topeka-Hayden) over Ethan Brousseau (Inj. default)	

Friday Nights Double Dual Results @ Rock Creek HS	
Hoxie 66	
St. George-Rock Creek 12	
106: Tate Weimer over (SGRC) (For.)	
113: Wayne Shepard over Trenton Buckman (SGRC) (Fall 1:35)	
120: Carson Ochs over (SGRC) (For.)	
126: Dayton Bell over Spencer Bard (SGRC) (Fall 1:55)	
132: Drew Bell over Ian Clark (SGRC) (Fall 0:23)	
138: Drew Bretz over Gavin Shoup (SGRC) (Fall 2:00)	
145: Derek Johnson over Tanner Shoup (SGRC) (Fall 0:53)	
152: Ryan Shaw over Caleb Purvis (SGRC) (Fall 1:33)	
160: Aidan Baalman over John Wilson (SGRC) (Fall 1:08)	
170: Brendan Smith (SGRC) over (For.)	
182: Drew Burenheide (SGRC) over (For.)	
195: Donovan Balluch over Dayton Bittle (SGRC) (Fall 1:21)	
220: Double Forfeit	
285: Gavin Schippers over Cooper Bittle (SGRC) (Fall 0:48)	
Hoxie 60	
Riley County 21	
106: Tate Weimer over Anthony Cervantes (RICO) (Fall 2:34)	
113: Wayne Shepard over (RICO) (For.)	
120: Carson Ochs over Tyler Fief (RICO) (Fall 3:35)	
126: Dayton Bell over (RICO) (For.)	
132: Drew Bell over Alosha Abernathy (RICO) (Fall 0:38)	
138: Drew Bretz over Kristian Weston (RICO) (Fall 0:23)	
145: Derek Johnson over Luke Hebert (RICO) (Fall 0:35)	
152: Grayden Jackson (RICO) over Ryan Shaw (Dec 2-1)	
160: Aidan Baalman over Samson Waggoner (RICO) (Fall 2:44)	
170: Brogan Schuh (RICO) over HX (For.)	
182: Jackson Shanahan (RICO) over HX (For.)	
195: Donovan Balluch over Eli Sias (RICO) (Fall 1:02)	
220: Ethan Shanahan (RICO) over HX (For.)	
285: Gavin Schippers over Chance Thomas (RICO) (Fall 1:54)	



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## Lady Bulldogs Defeat Weskan in Season Opener

By Carli Nieman

The GPHS Lady Bulldogs started their season on the road against the Weskan Coyotes on December 4 in Weskan. "We have been working the past two weeks in practice and making each other better," said senior Brooke Stoll. "We are excited to finally show all of our hard work and get the season started."

The Lady Bulldogs started the first quarter with a strong 9-0 lead before the Coyotes got on the board, extending their lead to 15-7 by the end of the first quarter. The Coyotes came on stronger in the second quarter but were soon shut down after Brooke Stoll and Kassie Miller together put up four three-pointers. The Dogs continued to keep their lead and went into halftime 33-22.

The Lady Bulldogs kept up their energy in the third with an additional 14 points with their defense holding Weskan to 11. The Coyotes added 10 more in the fourth while Golden Plains finished with 16 for the 63-43 win. "It felt good to be back on the court," said senior Ashley Stoll. "I think we played really well and found new things we need to work on in practice."

Golden Plains was led in scoring by Kassie Miller with 17 points, followed by seniors Brooke Stoll and Ashley Stoll both scoring 12 points each. Other points came from juniors Morgan Wark 11 and Lauren Patmon 2, sophomore Breanna Rath 7, and freshman Emma Weiner 2. Wark led the team with 8 rebounds along with Ashley Stoll 5, Rath 4, Miller 4, Brooke Stoll 3, Sidney Taylor 2, Rayna Taylor 2, and Jordyn Fleckenstein 1.

Ashley Stoll had 4 steals and 2 assists. Rath had 1 steal and 3 assists; Miller had 1 steal and 4 assists; Wark had 1 steal and 2 assists; Brooke Stoll had 1 steal and 1 assist; and Sidney Taylor had 1 assist.

The girls will travel to Brewster to compete in the Sagebrush Shootout on December 8 and will face the Triplains/Brewster Titans in the opening game.



Golden Plains Senior Brooke Stoll attempts a three-point shot in their season opener in Weskan on December 4. Brooke made four three-pointers in the Lady Bulldogs 63-43 win over the Coyotes. (Photo by Dez Wark)



## Greeley County HS Scholars Bowl

By Austin Miller

The Golden Plains Bulldogs headed to Tribune for their 5th scholars bowl this year on Tuesday, December 1. They went won 2 of their 7 rounds but did not get out of Pool play.

They lost the first four rounds to Sharon Springs, Wheatland, Goodland, and Weskan. Following a bye round to regroup, they defeated both Greeley County and Wichita County before losing to Quinter.

Competing for Golden Plains at this meet were Alisha Brantley, Wyatt McDonald, Joshua Yanez, Memo Aragon, and Mia Rogers. Their next meet will be in Colby on December 7.

## WHS Scholars Travel to Tribune

By Mary McDonald, Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, December 1, the WHS Scholars Bowl team traveled to Tribune to participate in their fourth Scholars Bowl meet. WHS brought five scholars to compete, Senior Elliot Godek, Senior Jailey Gallentine, Sophomore Mary McDonald, Freshman Jordyn Beckman, and Freshman Madison Zerr. There were sixteen teams at this meet. Tribune had a total of eight rounds at their meet, and the last round for WHS

was a bye round.

The WHS Scholars won two of their seven rounds. Elliot answered the most questions overall, and also got the most correct. All of the other scholars answered one question. Since WHS only won two rounds, they left Tribune early.

Jordyn said, "I thought that this meet was a lot of fun, even though we didn't do as well as we hoped. I am excited to go to more meets in the future!"

## WKLL League Testing: Wheatland Competes in Showing Their Smarts

By Livia Schultz, Co-Editor  
On Wednesday, December 2, 2020, Wheatland High School competed in the WKLL league testing. This competition is between all of the league of schools and takes place every year. The morning test is made up of 5 individual subjects: writing, reading, mathematics, social studies, and science. Each one is timed for 40-minutes and between 40-60 questions. Representing the freshman class was Jordyn Beckman, Hunter Stroup, Marsha

## Christmas Fun Day

Four Art Club members Freshman Lake Nelson, Sophomore Mary McDonald, Freshman Marsha McDonald, and Junior Tyra Shultz help the younger kids with their projects. (WHS photo)

By Nevaeh Nelson, Staff Reporter

On Saturday, December 5, the Art Club at Wheatland Grinnell High school hosted a fun day where ages 3 - 11 came to the high school. The kids arrived at noon to create two Christmas gifts to give to their parents on Christmas morning. The Art Club members spent weeks in advance to prepare for the day for they were all excited to spend the day having fun.

A total of 41 kids arrived at the high school at 12 for lunch. They ate pizza and juice boxes for lunch and spent the day working on their gifts, eating snacks provided by the Art Club members, watching Christmas movies, and playing fun games and activities in the gym during free time. Everybody had a great time! After 5:00 pm came around all the kids were tired and worn out. They went home with a t-shirt in remembrance of this fun day and to put their presents under the tree.

"I am so proud of the high school Art Club students. They did a wonderful job taking care of thirty-eight young students for five hours. The high school students helped them create projects and hosted fun activities in the gym. Needless to say, we were all tired at the end of the day and thrilled that so many kids participated in this activity. We hope that the parents got a little time to themselves and that the kids had a great time. Thanks to the parents, and students, for supporting WHS Art Club. Have a very Merry Christmas," said Mrs. Schultz the Art Club Leader.

"It was amazing seeing those kids' eyes light up when we did all the activities. I hope that we will do it again next year!" stated Vice President Tyra Shultz.



## Tipping Off the New Season the COVID Way



Junior Livia Schultz shoots the ball. (WHS photo)

By Anna Godek, Staff Reporter

On Friday, December 5, the Thunderhawks traveled to Logan for their first game of the season. The low numbers on the girls' team and boys team only allowed for half a JV game of boys and two full Varsity games. With the COVID restrictions made by KSHSAA, there weren't any fans allowed. Only a few cheerleaders could go, but some moms were able to volunteer for little jobs so they could attend.

To start off the night the JV boys played a two-quarter game. The final score ending up being 20-11 with a Thunderhawk win! It was a great start to the night. Next up were the Varsity girls. They played hard and at halftime, the score was 13-2. The game ended up going into overtime. Sadly, the team lost by only 3 points with an ending score of 26-29. The Lady Thunderhawks had a total of 13 steals throughout the game.

Junior Isabella Ostmeyer says, "Having small numbers this year will be challenging but I wouldn't want to be on a team with any other girls. There is so much potential on this team and I am excited for what this year will bring."

Finally, it was time for the boy's game. Logan is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in preseason rankings, and we are ranked 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a very intense game and by half time the score was 20-25 with Logan ahead by 5 points. The boys lost to Logan/Palco with a final score of 47-51. They ended the game shooting 36% from field goals and 24% from 3 pointers. Junior Tyrell Chapin says, "It was a rough way to start the season, but we will learn from it."

Although the games did not end as we wanted to, it was a great way to kick off the 2020-21 season. The next games will be in the Castle Rock Classic at Quinter. The boys and girls will both play Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday. Support the Thunderhawks from home!

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By Chris Lee

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December 18th at 5:00 P.M. To be eligible, students must first complete the K-State Scholarship Network (or KSN) and the supplemental competitive scholarship application. These Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$80,000! Students can learn more information and apply by visiting [www.bit.ly/kstatecompetitive](http://www.bit.ly/kstatecompetitive).

Be sure you are paying attention to the priority scholarship deadlines wherever you plan to go to school. And you can apply to multiple schools. The priority deadline for scholarships at Colby Community College is December 31.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 18: Competitive Scholarship deadline at KSU
- December 31: Priority deadline to apply for scholarships at Colby CCC
- January 5: Priority deadline for General Scholarships at KSU
- January 8: Registration deadline for Feb. 6 ACT test
- January 15: Priority Scholarship Deadline for NCKTC
- February 1: Deadline to apply for Break the Rules Scholarship (Nex-Tech)
- February 15: Final deadline for scholarships at FHSU and CCC
- March 12: Registration deadline for April 17 ACT test
- March 15: Masonic Foundation Scholarships due
- May 7: Registration deadline for June 12 ACT test
- June 18: Registration deadline for July 17 ACT test

## Fred Johnson

April 15, 1925 ~ December 9, 2020



Fred A. Johnson, age 95, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

Fred was born on April 15, 1925, at Grainfield, KS to Fred A. Johnson and Veronica Johnson (Vedder). His father died when Fred was age 8 during the Great Depression. He completed the 4th and 5th grades in one year and studied one year in a pre-seminary program in Conception, MO before moving to Hays, KS with his family. Upon graduating from Hays High School in 1942, at the age of 17. He eventually enlisted in the Army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division, 517th Parachute Combat Team serving in France. After returning home from the war, he met and married Marilyn T. Adler. They were married for over 73 years and raised two sons on the family farm north of Grainfield, KS. Playing cards was a regular occurrence. Fred was a life-long farmer, and like most hard-working farmers, he was a "jack of all trades".

He and Marilyn traveled to numerous foreign countries and took many cruises, some with their children and grandchildren. He piloted his own twin engine Piper airplane for years and was an accomplished skier on the Colorado slopes.

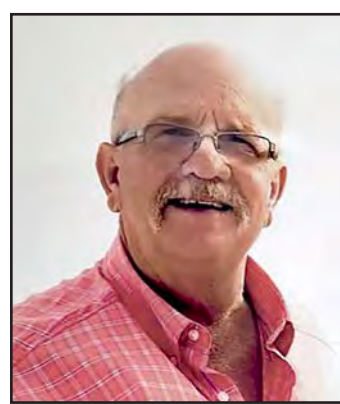
He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children, Fred A. Johnson, Jr. (Mary) of Wichita, KS, and Dr. Casey T. Johnson (Patty) of Shawnee, KS. He leaves grandchildren, Nicole M. Johnson (Zachary Arnold) of Kansas City, MO, Bridget T. Falk (Ben) of Denver, CO, Laurie Ray of Lawrence, KS, and Austin C. Johnson, of Eugene, OR; and great-grandchildren, Max Ray, Bryce Arnold, Dominic Arnold, and Sloane Arnold.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Johnson; sisters, Agnes Johnson, Emma Boyd, Thelma Zerr, and Bessie Goodgion.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [skradskiffh@msn.com](https://skradskiffh@msn.com) and further updates to his services will be posted.

## Butch Minimum

May 3, 1957 ~ November 30, 2020



Raymond L. "Butch" Minium, 63, passed away Monday, November 30, 2020 at the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie, KS. On May 3, 1957, Butch was born in Hays to William D. and Margie (Shipley) Minium. He attended Hoxie Grade and High School graduating with the class of 1975. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and a 4-H member. After graduating from high school, he attended one semester at Kansas State

University. Butch had the opportunity to rent some farm ground and purchase some farm equipment; so, he moved back home to begin his farming career. In 1979, he met Lisa Wilson, and on October 3, 1981, in Gove, Butch and Lisa were married.

Butch and Lisa lived on the family farm southeast of Hoxie. They were the proud parents of two children, Cody and Ashley. Butch spent his life as a farmer and rancher. He prided himself on always having a strong work ethic, a healthy cattle herd, and well-maintained equipment. He was passionate about coyote hunting and made many friends throughout all his years of hunting. He was the type of person who never knew a stranger and could always visit with anyone. Butch always had a smile on his face, and with a strong sense of humor, a joke to tell. Butch and Lisa loved to travel with their camper and Harley, joining friends every summer to visit new places. Absolutely, the most important things to Butch were his family, and he adored his grandchildren.

Butch is survived by his wife, Lisa of Hoxie; son, Cody, and wife, Sunnie, Selden; daughter, Ashley Williams, and husband, Chris, Overland Park; sisters, Vicki Wagoner, and husband, Melvin, Lenexa, Kay Shafer, and husband, Steve, Beaver City, NE, and Janet Johnston, and companion, Bill Seeney, Wichita; grandchildren: Archer James and Krayton Lee Minimum, and Bella Joy Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Margie Minium.

A funeral service was held Friday, December 4, 2020, at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in rural Sheridan County, 1:00 P.M. Interment immediately followed the service in the Hoxie City Cemetery. Visitation was held Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 11:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. with family greeting friends from 4:30 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Benefit Walk or Sheridan County Health Complex and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. The visitation and funeral are open to all family and friends. The funeral will be livestreamed on the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Hoxie Facebook page.

Butch was a man with a smile and happy heart. His time on this earth was far too short. He will be missed by his loving family and friends. All will grieve yet know that he is at peace. So, when you see something that reminds you of Butch remember him and smile.



## WHS Scholars Travel to Tribune

By Mary McDonald, Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, December 1, the WHS Scholars Bowl team traveled to Tribune to participate in their fourth Scholars Bowl meet. WHS brought five scholars to compete, Senior Elliot Godek, Senior Jailey Gallentine, Sophomore Mary McDonald, Freshman Jordyn Beckman, and Freshman Madison Zerr. There were sixteen teams at this meet. Tribune had a total of eight rounds at their meet, and the last round for WHS was a bye round.

The WHS Scholars won two of their seven rounds. Elliot answered the most questions overall, and also got the most correct. All of the other scholars answered one question. Since WHS only won two rounds, they left Tribune early.

Jordyn said, "I thought that this meet was a lot of fun, even though we didn't do as well as we hoped. I am excited to go to more meets in the future!"



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of JEROME HEIM, Deceased

Case No. 2019-PR-14

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on December 4, 2020 in said Court by the undersigned, executor of the Will of the decedent, praying for final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance of fees, expenses and costs of administration, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of the decedent. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Hoxie, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Pauline Heim  
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of LARRY SNIFFIN, Deceased

Case No. 2020-PR-27

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by the undersigned, as an heir of the decedent, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

An undivided 1/15th interest in all of Section Two (2), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-seven (27), West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Sheridan County, Kansas

An undivided 1/15th interest in all of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-seven (27), West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Sheridan County, Kansas

The Petition also requests a determination of descent of all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. of said day in said court, in the city of Hoxie, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Karen Rossetter  
Petitioner

Ken Eland, #12054  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of HARM LIPTON BRIERY, Deceased

Case No. 2020-PR-30

NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 14, 2020 a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition states that the undersigned is an heir, devisee and legatee, Harry Joe Pratt named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent dated November 17, 2005 and the Petition requests that the Will be admitted to probate and record; that Harry Joe Pratt be appointed as Executor and be granted Letters Testamentary without bond.

You are further advised that the Petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. of said date, in this court in the city of Hoxie at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Harry Joe Pratt  
Petitioner

Ken Eland, #12054  
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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1030, the board of directors of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 will conduct on January 6, 2021, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the groundwater management district offices, 1290 West 4th, Colby, Kansas, a public hearing to hear testimony regarding revisions to the 2021 operating budget. Should a board quorum not be possible on January 6, 2021, the alternate date will be January 13, 2021. Said revisions consist of incorporating all 2020 unexpended funds into the previously approved 2021 operating budget. Copies of the proposed revised 2021 budget will be made available at the hearing.

Attest: Lynn Goossen,  
GMD 4 Treasurer



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of MARTIN EHRESMAN, Deceased

Case No. 2020-PR-28

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by the undersigned praying that the foreign Will of said decedent be admitted to probate and record in this court; that no administration of this estate is necessary; that the Will be construed; and that the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will, to-wit:

An undivided 1/12<sup>th</sup> interest in all of Section Two (2), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas

An undivided 1/12<sup>th</sup> interest in the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Commission Minutes 12/2/20

Now on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2020, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, MaryEllen Welshhon, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Reba White, Doyle Kauk, Carolyn Meyer, Buck Mader, and Rachel Farber.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Joe Herskowitz presented the Prairie Land Agreement. The line is currently on the construction line for the bridge that is going to be replaced. They will move the line before construction begins and after the job is completed. The \$5,310 is our expense. Welshhon made a motion to approve and sign the Agreement for Prairie Land. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

At 9:09, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Welshhon seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the board, Bracht, Pratt, Herskowitz and Kane. The door opened at 9:19 with no decision.

Pratt distributed the Agreement between Vic's LLC and Sheridan County as it pertains to repairs on the transmission of grader #250, 2008 JD in the amount of \$25,000. Vic's LLC also agrees to guarantee the life of the parts for up to 4,000 hours from the completion date of the repairs. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Agreement, seconded by Welshhon. Carried 3-0.

Herskowitz opened the bid from Vic Winter for the

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of CLARENCE WILLIAM VICKERS, Deceased

2020-PR-25

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated November 30, 2020, has been filed in this court by Billi Beckman, Kelly Vickers, and Becky Vickers, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of those three individuals as co-executors of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Personal Representative or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Kelly Vickers, Petitioner  
Billi Beckman, Petitioner  
Becky Vickers, Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch  
Steven W. Hirsch #12789  
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Attorney for Estate

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purchase of the 2008 JD in the amount of \$45,000 and the 2007 JD in the amount of \$50,000. Pratt discussed a lease/purchase possibility and will talk with the bank and see if this is something they still do.

Bracht had distributed to the Board and Herskowitz the total amount spent for mowing less one that is still outstanding. Total was \$382,830 and this was for seven individuals mowing. Joe Bainter asked why we don't hire part-time employees at \$25/hr. use our equipment and all they do is mow county roads. It would cost the county a whole lot less than \$382,000. There is a lot of interest in mowing the county and Wes Bainter stated it is the only time the entire county has gotten mowed. A plan will made so that in 2021 the mowing jobs can potentially be put out for bid with a very specific job description. Welshhon stated that the Board needs to be mindful of getting bids for anything over \$25,000.

Melinda (Mindy) Harting and Melanie Rowilson entered the meeting. Harting has applied for the County Appraiser's job. Harting gave a brief history of herself. She has been with the Norton County Appraiser's office for 27 ½ years and is certified to become a County Appraiser and feels ready for the responsibility. She feels she will be in the Hoxie office two days a week. She will maintain her job in Norton and be there three days a week. Wes Bainter asked if moving forward she would potentially take on more counties and Harting responded possibly.

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Harm Briery

November 17, 1924 ~ December 5, 2020



Ship to New Guinea where he was permanently assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division as a Machine Gunner. The 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry division was sent to Manila. While Harm was on a perimeter outpost in the foothills, he was wounded by the Japanese. After his recovery, he was reclassified as non-combative. He returned to the United States Christmas Eve 1945 and discharged January 1946. On October 13, 1946, in Kanarado, KS Harm married Cleo Hatten. They lived most of their lives in Hoxie where they raised a family of four children.

Harm and his father, Les, built and ran the Play, described as a good clean place where people could come in and relax and enjoy an evening of fun. The north side of the Play was a barber shop and shower room, and the south side housed a lunch counter and recreation parlor. Les and Harm were both barbers and worked out of the shop. This building, which is now the Bottle Kap Studios, is owned by Harm's great-nephew, Karl Pratt. Besides eventually owning the Play, Harm was a barber and rural mail carrier. He was one of the individuals who brought cable TV to Hoxie in the '80s, founding the cable company.

Harm would do most anything, but his main hobby was fishing. He was a member of American Legion, Grinnell VFW, and Hoxie Elks. Harm was a member of the Honor Flight that visited Washington, D.C. October 7-9, 2009. On Saturday, October 16, 2019 Harm was honored with a Quilt of Valor to honor his service to the United States. Above all, he loved his family very much. Harm lived a long and storied life.

Harm is survived by his children, Ronald Briery (Georgia) of Norton, Pamela Bryant (Fred) of Bellevue, WA, Debra Briery of Kerrville, TX, and Rick Briery (Diane) of Corvallis, MT; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cleo; parents, Lester and Hazel Briery; brothers, Howard "Bud" Briery and Lester Dean Briery; and sisters, Helen Pratt, and Harriet Neal.

A funeral service was held Thursday, December 10, 2020, at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home. Interment immediately followed in the Hoxie City Cemetery. The Grinnell VFW Post #2864 and Kansas Army National Guard provided Military Honors. Visitation was Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Amusement Company-Hoxie or the Hoxie Main Street Arts Council. Memorials may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of Comfort may be left at [www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com](http://www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com).

Death Notice: Jace Lobato

Jace F. Lobato, 36, of Selden, Kansas, passed away on December 10, 2020, at the Sheridan County Health Complex, Hoxie, Kansas. He is the son of Joseph, Sr. and Carol (Smith) Lobato. Memorials are suggested to the Jace F. Lobato Memorial Fund and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Due to the Covid Crisis, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

City of Hoxie Minutes 11/9/20

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2020

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Office.

Present were: D a r r i c k Zerr, Mayor, Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner, Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner, Janet Bainter, City Clerk, Fred Washburn, City Superintendent, and Ken Eland, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Darrick Zerr at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular meeting and the October 23, 2020 special meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Mayor Zerr and a second by Commissioner Schoendaler. Motion carried 3-0.

Conflict of Interest Hearing

A legal hearing was opened to discuss potential conflicts of interest concerning Hoxie's project #20-CV-031. Corina Cox, NWKPDCC was present via telephone and explained the State of Kansas Conflict of Interest Policy and the process to request a waiver for eligible persons. The following conflict of interest was discussed:

1) Ken Eland, Owner of Eland & Pratt, LLC is a potential CV grantee. Mr. Eland is the attorney for the City of Hoxie.

There were no public questions/comments. Mayor Zerr motioned, and Commissioner Erwin seconded a motion to approve requesting the conflict of interest waiver. Motion carried. Corina noted the following items are needed to submit the request: notarized affidavit of

publication for the conflict of interest hearing, unofficial typed minutes of hearing and the attorney's original determination letter. The public hearing was closed.

CDBG-CV Grant

CDBG-CV Grant Drawdown #5 was presented. Erwin made a motion to approve CDBG-CV DD #5 in the amount of \$13,479.05. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Erwin made a motion to approve the Determination of Level of Review. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Forms were then signed by the Mayor.

2019 Audit

Jim Myers, CPA with James V. Myers, Chartered, joined the meeting via telephone to present the 2019 Audit report to the Commission. Mr. Myers informed the Commissioners that a Federal Audit was required this year due to the federal funding that was awarded to the City for the Wastewater Systems Improvements project, as well as the regular audit. Mr. Myers stated that there were no statute or budget violations. Erwin made a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0) Myers exited at 6:33 p.m.

Bainter informed the Commission that they had excess funds in the City's regular checking. Bainter was instructed to call the 3 local banks to get interest rates and to put \$500,00 into CD's.

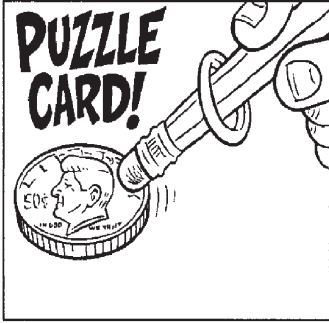
Hoxie Golf Board

Jason Weimer and Meghan Weis entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m. They stated that the Golf Board didn't have enough money to make it through the end of the year because of the golf tournaments that had to

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**PUZZLE:** Place a half-dollar and a finger ring on the table and bet your friends that they can't push the coin through the ring without bending the coin.




**A TIGHT SQUEEZE!** Hold the ring on edge and shove a pencil through it. Using the end of the pencil, you "push" on the coin and win another bet.

Illustrated by David Coulson

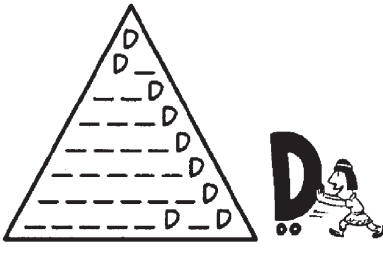
**A POSTAL WORD RIDDLE!** Where, and to whom, should our postman deliver this letter?

Answer: To John Underwood, Andover, Mass.



**THE 'D' PYRAMID!** Each word, as you go down the pyramid on the right, contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all of the D's. Here are some hints from the top down.

- Lowest passing grade (given).
- To perform.
- Seed home.
- To walk heavily.
- Rode with an easy gait.
- Slanted downward.
- What a brat is.
- Leaning to one side.



The words are D, do, dog, pod, plod, sloped, spoiled, lopsided.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



**ZOO WHO?** Fred, the local zookeeper, is telling his friends about the different "sayings" that they have inspired. Below is a list of 14 sayings that contain the names of various animals and insects. See if you can complete at least 12 of them before feeding time.

- Snug as a \_\_\_\_\_ in a rug.
- It's a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- See you later, \_\_\_\_\_.
- In a \_\_\_\_\_ eye.
- I'll be a \_\_\_\_\_ uncle.
- Crazy as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ for punishment.
- Busy as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Crooked as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sly as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Wise as an \_\_\_\_\_.
- He's sitting in the \_\_\_\_\_ seat.
- An \_\_\_\_\_ never forgets.
- Stubborn as a \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: 1. Bug, 2. Dog's, 3. Alligator, 4. Pig's, 5. Monkey's, 6. Loom, 7. Bear, 8. Bee, 9. Snake, 10. Fox, 11. Owl, 12. Catbird, 13. Elephant, 14. Mule.

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## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

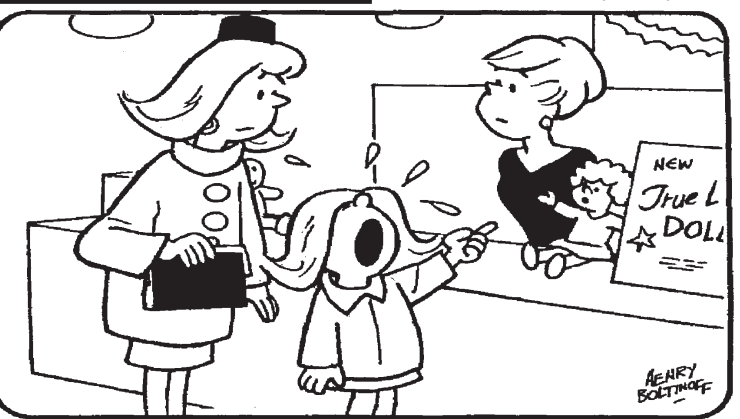
### WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

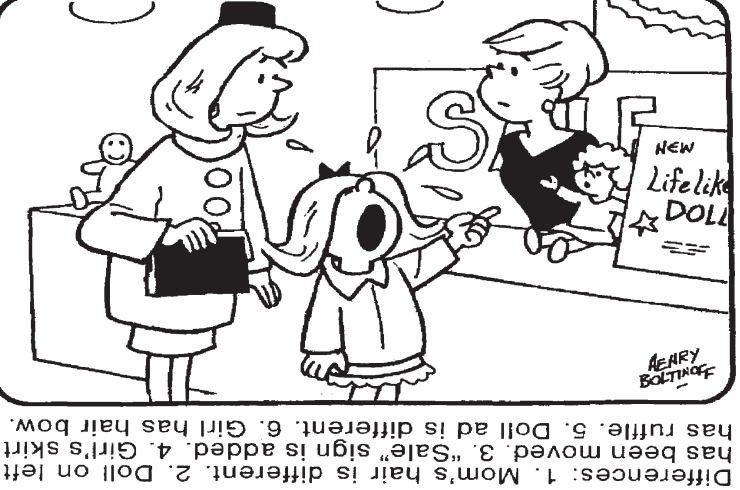
WHAT DID ONE CHRISTMAS ANGEL SAY TO THE OTHER?

CHOSEN	___	CONES	TAMEST	___	TEAMS
PRAISE	___	SPIRE	SHIFTS	___	FISTS
FLIERS	___	FIRES	BARGES	___	GRABS
OODLES	___	DOLES	ALERTS	___	STALE
			ERASED	___	DEARS

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mom's hair is different. 2. Doll on left has ruffie. 3. "Safe" sign is added. 4. Girl's skirt has been moved. 5. Doll ad is different. 6. Girl has hair bow.

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals E

XS V WRVY NRYR VQQLNRU PL  
KYRKVYR JLSSRR LY PRV, JLGQU  
ALG PMRH OVA MR NVO WYGXH?

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## Kids' Maze




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**SCRAMBLERS**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Best WEAKS  
Pop TRUBS  
Defend DELISH  
Bottom NDURE

TODAY'S WORD



"I can't cook, but my husband says I'm the best little \_\_\_\_\_ in the world."

## Mega Maze

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## Super Crossword

### POP TRIOS

**ACROSS**

1 Dreamworld  
9 Pa  
12 Incline  
16 Big — whale  
19 Person copying another  
20 Straight-ahead view  
22 Dandy sort  
23 "That raving guy is lying!"? [1958, 1999, 1983]  
25 Regret a lot  
26 Mythical ship  
27 Plane-related  
28 Compass dir.  
29 Growing field  
30 Franklin brought a certain continent's nations back together? [1972, 1979, 1983]  
36 Very reactive element  
40 Actor Ely  
41 Inflexible  
42 Assist an unwise fugitive? [1965, 2002, 1961]  
49 Like cold fish  
50 Muscular jerk

**DOWN**

1 Mother of Helen of Troy  
2 Love deity  
3 Chest organ  
4 Choir voice  
5 Test facility  
6 Gobbled up  
7 Actor Lloyd

8 Less sweet, as wine  
9 Gobbles up  
10 In-favor vote  
11 JFK, e.g.  
12 High-strung  
13 Vine-covered  
14 Grassy area  
15 Mom's skill, in brief  
16 Fright-filled  
17 Wellspring  
18 Epithet for Tarzan  
21 Most recent  
24 Before  
29 Sorbet alternative, for short  
30 Shine up  
31 Broody rock genre  
32 Japanese dance-drama  
33 Concerning  
34 "So cute!"  
35 Beer bubbles  
36 "— ching!"  
37 Slim fish  
38 — -Blo fuse  
39 NYSE debut  
43 Of ears  
44 Jaunty tune  
45 Frosts  
46 Modular part  
47 Ark-itect?  
48 Charity  
53 Katy Perry's "I Kissed —"  
54 Toy truck maker

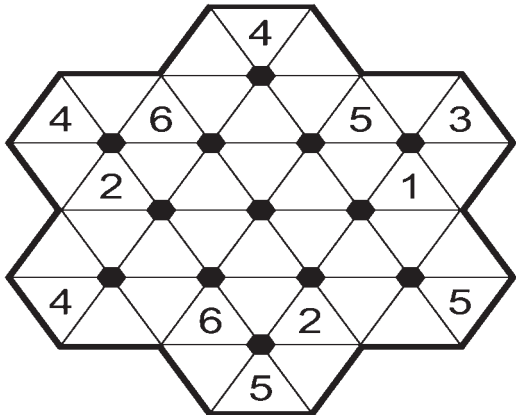
55 Wise guy  
56 Cola biggie  
57 Actor Epps of "Shooter"  
58 "Ora pro —" ("Pray for us")  
60 Root beer brand  
62 Filmmaker Pier — Pasolini  
63 Nile's home  
64 Stephen of "Ondine"  
65 Suffix with play or faith  
66 Kick out  
67 Debt slip  
68 Chou En — composer  
69 Soho stroller  
73 Roman 350  
74 Consecrated  
75 Sufficient, in poetry  
76 Lamarr of "Comrade X"  
77 Ticked (off)  
78 Accordingly  
83 Prefix with botany or biology  
84 "— Little Tenderness"  
86 Lightest coin  
88 Actor Griffith  
89 Dol. parts  
90 Farming tool  
91 Barn percher

92 Slip — (mules, e.g.)  
94 D.C.'s land  
95 Silent "OK"  
96 Santo —  
97 Diminutive  
98 Audiophile's storage item  
99 Danny of "Ruby"  
100 Wrap, as a weak wrist  
104 Papas' partners  
105 Activist Hoffman  
106 Final letters  
107 Chemical suffix  
108 "Over There"  
109 Kevin of "Silverado"  
113 Pitcher — Wilhelm  
114 Central Sicilian city  
115 Golden — (senior)  
116 "Hey ... over this way!"  
118 "Car Talk" network  
119 "Mystifier" Geller  
120 Chest bone  
121 Artist Yoko  
122 Job for AAA  
123 1960s univ. radicals

## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦♦  
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		7		6			8	1
5			4			3		
	1				5		4	
	2			8		4		
	7	9			3		6	
4			5					9
2					4	7		
		1		9	7		3	
	3		8					6

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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---11/13---

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---49/TFN

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---41/TFN---

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the meeting. The Board will take applications for a few more weeks and will make a decision at a later date for the Appraisal Clerk position.

Sheriff Brandon Carver entered the meeting. Carver presented bids for tires on the Tahoe, the pickup, and the Durango. The bids received were from Weis Tire, Bainter Oil, and Allie Repair. Wes Bainter made a motion to purchase a set of the Cooper 10-ply tires from each of the businesses for each of the three vehicles. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Carver is working on a press release for the newspaper. The Sheriff's Office received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for three digital cameras, a \$1,975 grant from KCAMP to purchase equipment on the new 2021 Tahoe and a \$3,960 grant from the KS Dept. of Health to offer the injury prevention course. This is the certified ATV course for kids (age 16 and older) and adults, and furnishes pads, helmets, etc. The course is tentatively planned for May.

Through the SPARKS money, locking mechanisms were installed on the doors so now individuals have to be buzzed in and out. The officers have started receiving the information on the DigiTicket program this week. Carver asked about raises and was advised the Board has just started working on that. Carver stated that he believes that due to the mowing of weeds, accidents in the country are down.

Wes Bainter made a motion the November 25, 2020 Minutes be approved as presented. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Welshshon, to approve the warrant as presented. Carried 3-0

By consensus, the last meeting of the year will be Tuesday, December 29.

Bracht will contact Blue Cross/Blue Shield and ask they present a renewal with current employee census as there were several on the renewal that are no longer employed and several that have been added. The BCBS representative will also be asked to have a conference call next week.

Bracht distributed Brad Weese's request for The Hoxie Times to become the official Sheridan County Newspaper in 2021.

Bracht advised the Board that all documentation had been received by the State, so the CDBG-CV monies were to be released to the County early next week, to be distributed within three working days to the applicants.

The following warrant was audited and approved:  
General \$4,575.00

No further business, Welshshon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 9:00 at the regular place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Wes Bainter, Chairman

## City of Hoxie Minutes 11/9/20

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be canceled this year because of the Coronavirus. Those tournamenta, being their big money maker, and declining membership has put them in a financial bind. Weimer and Weis exited at 6:55 p.m. Erwin made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to the Hoxie Golf Course to help with expenses. Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### Hitchin' Post

Janice Lewis entered the meeting at 6:50 p.m. to ask for help in repairing the parking lot at the Hitchin' Post. She was told that the City would put in new curb and guttering but that the Hitchin' Post would have to pay for the cement to replace their parking lot since it is on private property. Mayor Zerr will talk to Jay Lewis about this issue. Janice exited at 7:05.

### Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

Mayor Zerr made a motion to pass Ordinance 719 adopting a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and designating a Neighborhood Revitalization area. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0) Mayor Zerr made a motion to approve the Sheridan County, Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Interlocal Agreement. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0)

### Holiday Bonuses

Erwin made a motion to pay \$150.00 to all employees and Commissioners as a holiday bonus. Mayor Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. It was also decided that the City would have a Christmas party for all employees at a date to be determined.

### Outstanding Court payments

Bainter presented the Hoxie Municipal Court monthly report to the Commissioners and informed them that there was \$13,000 in outstanding court payments. Court Clerk Kandi Washburn has sent letters requesting payment and is working to collect these past due payments.

### Chief of Police Business

The Commissioners were informed that the Police department qualified for \$1000 in free equipment for participating in the STEP program through the Kansas Department of Transportation. Chief Boese ordered \$1000 worth of eligible equipment.

### Storage shed at 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Sheridan

Washburn discussed a complaint that he received about a storage shed at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Sheridan. The concern was that water would run down the driveway and wash out the road and requested that the property owner put in a ditch.

### GSI Engineering

Washburn informed the Commissioners that GSI Engineering received the funding to take Nitrate samples in Hoxie. Testing will begin next week. He also stated that the wastewater samples taken by KDHE showed that there is evidence of COVID in the community.

### Warrants

The warrants and overtime for the month of October were reviewed, approved, and signed by the Commissioners.

### Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Zerr made a motion to adjourn. Schoendaler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.  
Janet Bainter, City Clerk

## Fun Page Solutions

### Kids' Maze Solution



### Puzzles4Kids

Answer

CHOSEN	H	CONES
PRAISE	A	SPIRE
FOLIERS	L	FIRES
OODLES	O	DOLES
TAMEST	T	TEAMS
SHIFTS	H	FISTS
BARGES	E	GRABS
ALERTS	R	STALE
ERASED	E	DEARS

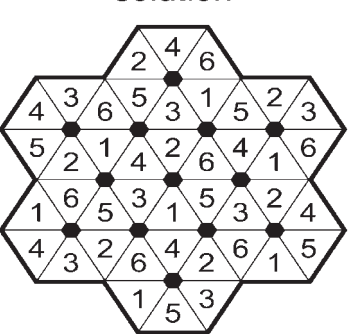
### CryptoQuip

answer

If a bear were allowed to prepare coffee or tea, could you then say he was bruin?

### SNOWFLAKES

solution



### SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Askew 2. Burst;  
3. Shield; 4. Under

Today's Word  
**THAWER**

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

3	4	7	9	6	2	5	8	1
5	6	2	4	1	8	3	9	7
9	1	8	7	3	5	6	4	2
6	2	5	1	8	9	4	7	3
1	7	9	2	4	3	8	6	5
4	8	3	5	7	6	1	2	9
2	9	6	3	5	4	7	1	8
8	5	1	6	9	7	2	3	4
7	3	4	8	2	1	9	5	6

### Super Crossword

Answers

L	A	L	A	L	A	N	D	D	A	D	T	I	L	T	A	S	A					
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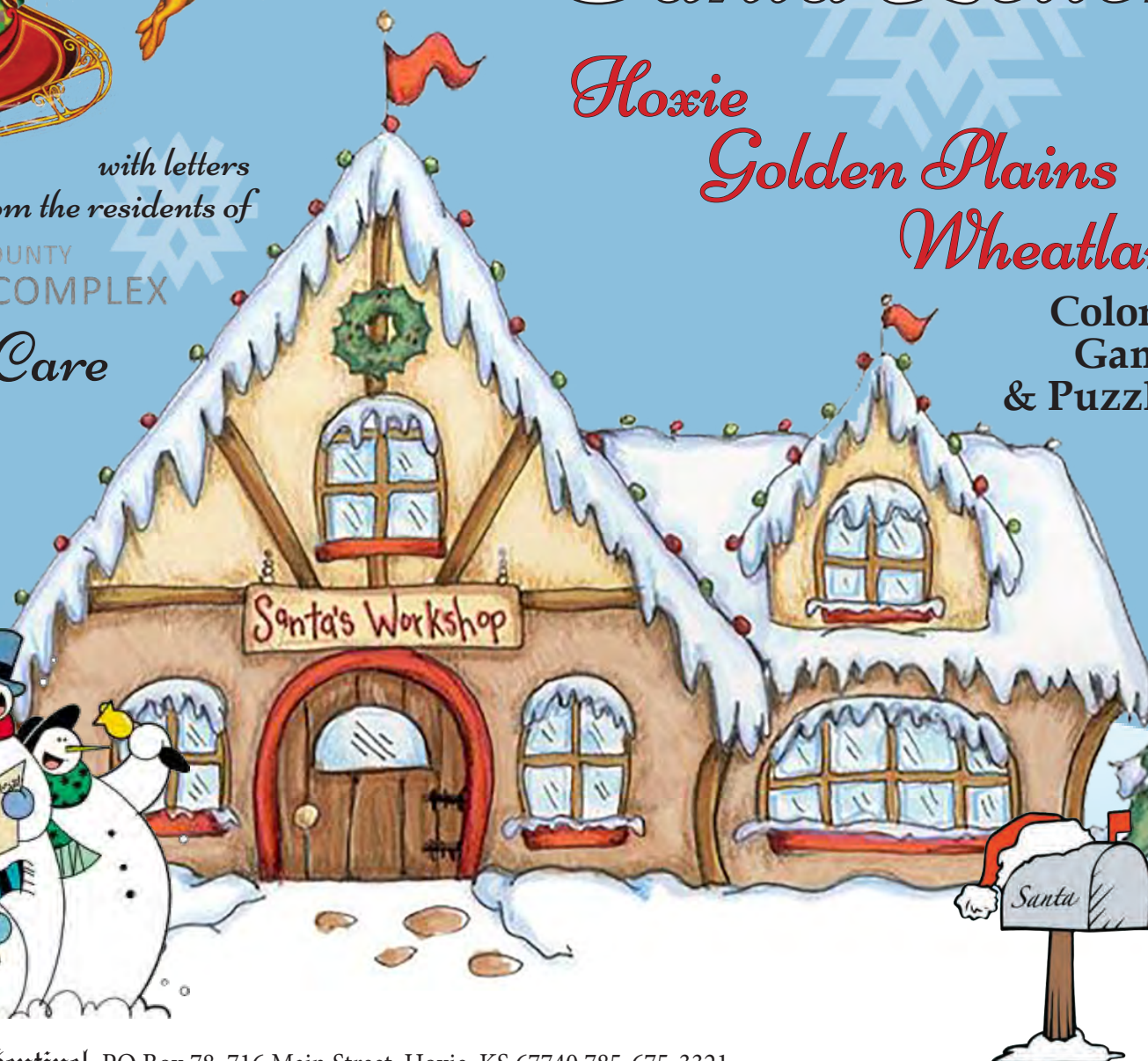
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Dear Santa,

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I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Beat the Wolf
2. Barbie House
3. Scarf and Tree

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Zippah

Dear Santa,

My name is Dallas.

I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☐

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Mosaurus
2. Boy Boy
3. Nascar

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Dallas

Dear Santa,

My name is Vivian.

I am 8 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Guitar
2. Mr. Bell
3. American Girl

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Vivian



Dear Santa,

My name is Danielle.

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☒ nice ☐

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Purple Unicorn
2. Yellow Unicorn
3. Pink Unicorn

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Danielle





Dear Santa,

My name is Alec Walker.

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Mickey Mouse
2. cookies
3. milk

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Alec Walker

Dear Santa,

My name is Nora.

I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. snake
2. water gun
3. toy sword & bunny

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Nora

*'Dear Santa,*

All I want for Christmas is a set of hearing aids!

Although I don't mind tuning out the women barking at me!

Elery  
Aumiller

SHERIDAN COUNTY  
HEALTH COMPLEX  
Long Term Care Unit



Dear Santa,

My name is Deanna.

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☐

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Christmas tree
2. toy car
3. toy car

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Deanna





# CHRISTMAS MAZE



Dear Santa,

My name is Nash.

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐  nice ☒ 

These are three things I am wishing for:

1.  Country

2.  LOL Doll

3.  American Girl Doll

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.



From, Nash 

Dear Santa,


My name is Nash.


I am 5 years old.


This year I have been:

naughty ☐  nice ☒ 


These are three things I am wishing for:

1.  Dynamite

2.  Beyonce Toy

3.  Sawhorse Toy

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Nash 



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

**PSI**  
TRANSPORT

**H**OXIE  
FEEDYARD

**OSCAR'S**





Dear Santa,



My wishlist is a MUST this year! My 100th birthday is coming up in March, so I would love to dance the Blue Skirt Waltz with my friends and family. I also wouldn't mind singing and drinking 100 Bottles of Beer on the wall!

Florence Vahling



THURSDAY COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX  
Long-Term Care Unit

Dear Santa,

My name is 5441072

I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Drone 2. Teddy bear 3. bicycle

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Santa



Dear Santa,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☐

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Electric Sprockets 2. Scooter 3. Armadillo

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Santa,

My name is Agar

I am 5.8 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☐

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Violin 2. My phone 3. Trampoline

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Agar

Dear Santa,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. 100 2. Barbie 3. My phone

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Santa,

My name is Kanor

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. toy car 2. Legos 3. bike

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Kanor

WISHING YOU  
A  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS



Watkins Realty and  
Ins. Agency, LLC  
"Your Crop Insurance Headquarters"

Dear Santa,

My name is Liah

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Toy car 2. Toy car 3. Toy car

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Liah

Dear Santa,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. I-pad 2. Bunny 3. Little Sister

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Liah



# Kindergarten: Lisa Weimer

Dear Santa,

My name is Sawyer

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. to see my family 2. Legos 3. a stuffed dog

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Sawyer

Dear Santa,

My name is Travis

I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. a cap outfit 2. a real dog 3. a Santa

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Travis

## Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I wish for a date with Sarah Palin. First, I'll need a jet to fly to her in Alaska. Then, maybe some cash to take her out for a couple beers. Yet again, maybe she could buy this time!

I've been a little less ornery this year, so please grant my wishes!

Matt Finnesy

SHREVEPORT COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX  
Long Term Care Unit

Dear Santa,

My name is Brynn

I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. head phones 2. a notepad 3. a broom

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Brynn



### Christmas Read and Rhyme

a game for 2-4 players  
Need: counters, dice

Each player puts a counter on START.  
Take turns to roll the dice. Move the number of spaces on the dice, read the word and give a word that rhymes, e.g. land on wish and you could say dish.

If you can't give a rhyming word, go back to the last space you were on. Land on an elf - go back to the start. First to the FINISH is the winner.

START

card love lights bells pie candle wish red wrap joy gold hope box holly green berry star merry elf elf elf elf

FINISH

Dear Santa,

My name is Colin

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. a grain cart 2. a combine 3. a tractor

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Colin





Dear Santa,

My name is MURPHY.

I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. a doll
2. a planter
3. a cat

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, MURPHY

Dear Santa,

My name is Blake.

I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Zoo bat + Pokemon cards
2. a Velociraptor
3. a real gecko

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Blake



Dear Santa,

My name is EVA.

I am 5 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. a Minnie Mouse
2. real cookies
3. a doll

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, EVA



Dear Santa,

My name is Jace.

I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1. Leaps
2. a dog
3. a robot

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Jace







MERIDIAN COUNTY  
HEALTH COMPLEX  
*Long Term Care Unit*



FROM, Kyrie



## Great Plains Hardware





Dear Santa,

My name is Katie.

I am 6 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1.  a doll
2.  a cat
3.  a dog

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Katie



Dear Santa,

My name is Joleen.

I am 56 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1.  a dog
2.  a horse
3.  to see my family

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Joleen

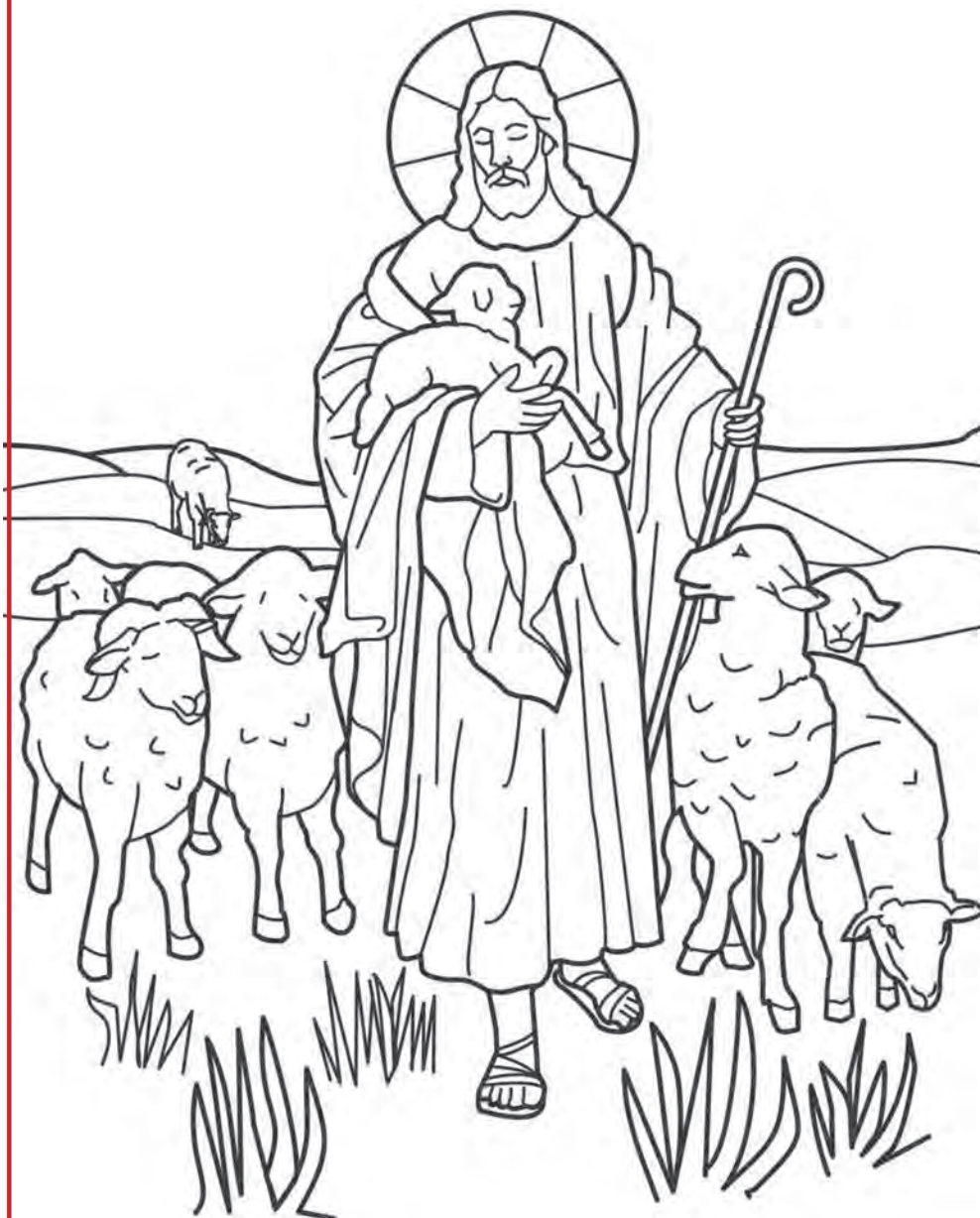



'Dear Santa,

*This year for Christmas I wish for everyone in the world to be healthy again.*

*Rosella Heier*

HEALTH COMPLEX  
Long Term Care Unit



Dear Santa,

My name is Sophie.

I am 15 years old.

This year I have been:

naughty ☐ nice ☒

These are three things I am wishing for:

1.  a kite
2.  a cat
3.  a water bottle

I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From, Sophie




*Merry Christmas*



Hoxie Veterinary Service



## 1st Grade: Tiffni Carter

I like Rudolph's red nose! I would like some perfume for my mom. Thank you. Jayden Mishler

How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a hover board and a LOL camper. Thank you. Arabella Baalman

Do you like cookies and milk? I would like a big stuffed animal jaguar. Thank you! Jemma Cooper

How are your reindeer? I like Rudolph's red nose!! I would like a big teddy bear and I would like the teddy bear to be taller than me. Thank you! Ariell Pratt

How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? I like Rudolph's red nose! I would like a teddy bear taller than me. Thank you. Camille Moss

How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? I would like cleats. Archie Schippers

Do you like cookies and milk? I would like a blue hover board for Christmas. Thank you! Alex Bland

I like Rudolph's red nose. I would like Legos, D-day toys and Disney

airplanes. Thank you. Hunter Mader

I like Rudolph! Thank you for all the presents and gifts. You are nice to every boy and girl. Thank you! I would love for Christmas. Emelita Rogers

Do you like cookies and milk? I like Rudolph's red nose. I would like cleats, a remote controlled truck, NFL football and an elf for Christmas. Thank you! Brady Juenemann

How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? I would like bakugan for Christmas. Thank you. Eli Baker

How is Mrs. Claus? I would like Pokemon cards for Christmas. Thank you! Bentley Slaubaugh

How old are your reindeer? How old is Mrs. Claus? I would like a LOL winter set and a hover board. Thank you! Lorelei Brocklehurst

How are your reindeer? Do you like milk and cookies. I would like new tennis shoes. Thank you. Hudson Moss





## 1st Grade: Christine Heim

How do the elfs fly? A chinchilla. A boy elf. And 2 twin elfs with a toto. You are amazing Santa. Kymber Wagoner

I love you. Can you bring me a bablade? How do your raindare fly? Asher Rhodes

You are my frend. Can you bring me a

portabl dvd playr. I love you. Aidryc Beekman

I love you. I want a toy Gazdilla. I want to know how you do mag-ic? Dax Cook

I love you Santa Clas. You are the best. Can you bring me a tine phone. I love you. Paytan Diddle

You are good. Can

you bring me a sprise? Have a Mere Crismiss. Merne Geer

I love you Santa. Can you bring me a camra? What else can you bring? Thank you. Ellie Weimer

I hope you have a good chrismis. I do not no what I want but can you bring me a supris plees. I am wun-



## Dear Santa,

This year I would love to be back on the farm checking cattle again



Phil Heier

SHRIMP COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX  
Long Term Care Unit

drng how your randeer. Kyrie Schwarz

How do you get here? Can you bring me a nerf gun. How do the rander flie. Chance Af-folter

You nare the best. Can you bring a xbox. How do the randeer flie. Bowden Keiser

How do you get here with your slay and how do your elfs fly? I want a hoverboard. Have a happy new year! Molly Roudybush

I love you. I re-ally want a tablet for Crismas! How do you fly your slay??? Walker Moss

I love you. Yourae my frend. You are good. Can I have a large PS4? Jayden Calles

I love you Santa. Can you bring me a blablade? How are randr? Alan Wilt-iams



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL

Jennifer's

Hoxie  
657-7062



## 2nd Grade: Lichelle Baar

Are all the reindeer teasing Rudolph again? I like your suite. Is Mrs. Clause making a lot of cookies? Can you please give me a cop motorcycle and cop clothes. From, Lydia Pratt

I hope you are having a good Christmas. Are you good at the North Pole? Can I

please have Ohuhu markers and a pair of new head phones? From, Chloe Pope

How is Dasher? I hope you are doing well. For Christmas this year I would like some Pokemon cards and a star for Mrs. Baar. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love, Dylan Mader

How is Dasher? I hope you are doing well. I would like to have new shoes and a ball. I hope you are having a good time. You stay out of trouble. From, Brayden Stewart

How are the reindeer? I hope you are doing well. For Christmas I would like ripped jeans that are sevens and

cool shirts. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love, Tatumn Kaiser

How is Rudolph the red nosed reindeer? I want a hover board please. I would also like some socks. From Xaiver Leiweke

How are Dasher and Rudolph doing. I hope the elves are being nice. Can I please have a new bike and bearings. Hope you have a Merry Christmas. From, Trace Ziegler

How is Rudolph? I would like a set of Legos and a real camera. I hope you will come to my

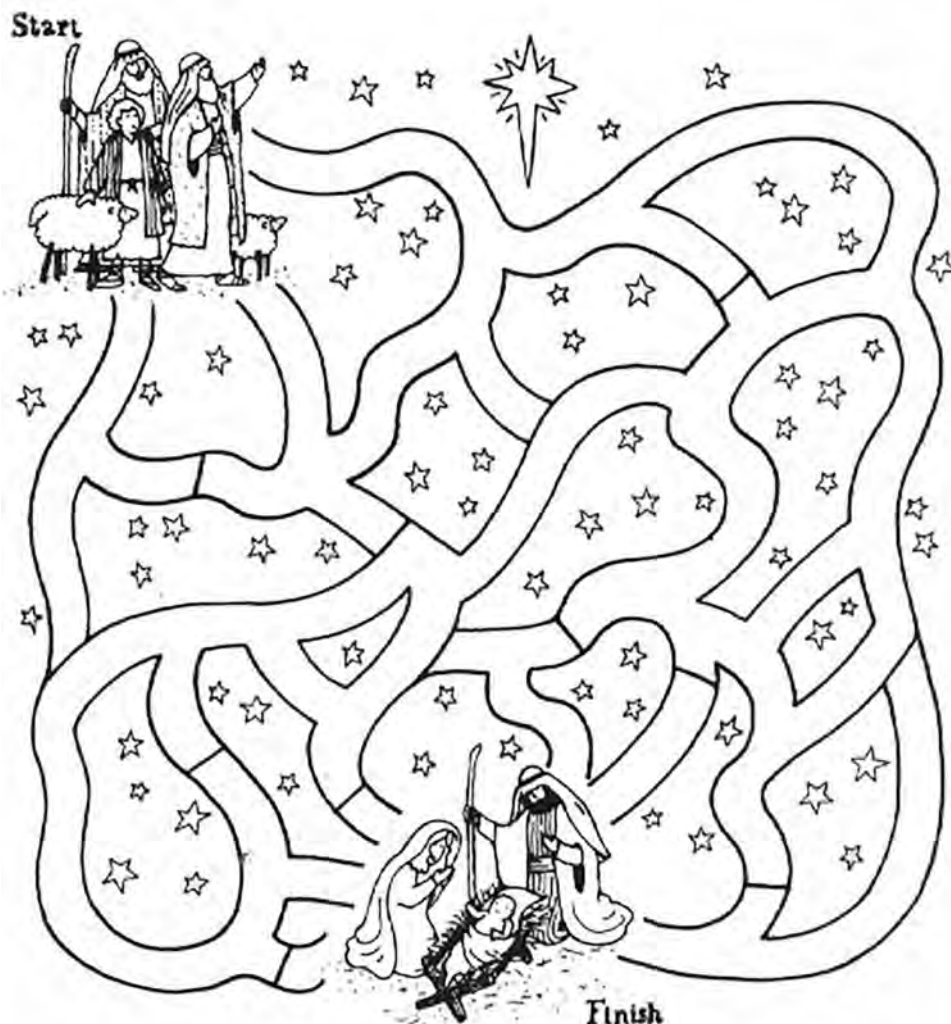
house. Love, Finley Schippers

How is Vixon? I hope your reindeer are doing well. For Christmas I would like a lego set and Pokemon cards. Merry Christmas. From Egan Farber

How is Rudolph? I hope you are doing well. For Christmas this year I would like a stuffed animal dog and a Junie B Jones book. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. From, Mallory Wade

How is Dasher?

*Help the shepherds find the path to Jesus.*





I hope you are doing well. For Christmas this year I would like a remote controlled robot dog and something fun for Foster. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. How do you make a Kleenex dance put a little boogie in it. From,

Sutton Schwartz.

How is Comet? I hope you don't get Covid-19! I would like some legos and a big nerf gun. From, Ethan Bainter.

How are your reindeer? I hope you don't get Covid. For Christmas I want an iphone 12 for my

mom and a Switch for my friend. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. From, Damien Carmen

How is Dasher? I hope you are doing well. For Christmas I would like a new blanket and some new bedding. Merry Christmas! From, Amelia Gaede

How are you? I hope Mrs. Claus

and you are well. For Christmas this year I would like Vans and a TV in my room. I hope you have a holly, jolly Christmas. Love, Madi Watkins

How is Mrs. Claus? Are you doing well? For Christmas this year. I would like a lego elf club house and new socks. I am snow excited to see you. Merry Christmas. P.S. I left you a card. From, Cain Saint

'Dear Santa,

*Thank you for helping grant our wish to make it to 75 years of marriage.*

*This year, we just wish to keep loving each other and loving other. We are very blessed*

*Bill & Maxine*

*Palmer*

EVERETT & LORRY  
HEALTH COMPLEX  
Long Term Care Unit





## 2nd Grade: Kellie Tice

How is Rudolph? Can I have slime? Can I have a cat? Can I have a bag for school? Can I have a iPhone 12? Have a great Christmas. Love Maelynn Myers

How are the elves? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? Can I please have a sled, bike, dolls, some arrings and back pack? I hope you have a good Christmas. Love Allie Shober

How do you deliver all of your presents? Please can I have a calico critter hamster. Have a good Christmas. Love, Kynnedi Brown

How much toilet paper do you have? Don't let the elves play hide and seek in

the snow. Can I have a grey blade set? And can you get my sister a gun? Can I have some pokemon and a remote control car? Merry Christmas! From, Ryan Bird

How are you doing Santa? Can I please have a Zelda Breath of the Wild and a lot of pokemon? Can I also have a pet and a Nintendo Swich please? Have a great Christmas. From, Walter Weis

How are the elves! I hope you have toilet paper. Can I please a new book bag? Can I have a LOL doll? Have a great Christmas. Love, Sydnie Scheetz

How are the elves doing? How is the North Pole? Can I please have a new bike? Can I please have

Jordons. Can I please have an electrical bike? Tell Rudolph I said Hi. Love, Trevyn Pratt

How are the elves! I hope you are doing good. Can I please have some LOL stuff? My dad needs a new toolbox. Have a great Christmas. Love, Hayden Beckman

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus doing? Thank you for the presents. Can I please have some magnet earrings and some legos. Have a great day! Your friend, Emma Worley

I hope you are good. How is Rudolph? Can I please have a scooter. Have a great Christmas! Love, Abby Schutte

How is Rudolph? How are you doing? Can I have a new BMX bike. Can I have a new truck and new dirt bike can I please have a new Iphone lpro? Have a great Christmas. Love Ethen Lerma

How is Rudolph? I hope you are doing good. Can I please have a TV, beanbag, video games, Logos, pokemon, hoverboard, puppy, doghouse. How do you fly in the sky? From, Dominic Mishler

How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? Can I please have some airpods. Can I please have some new fly boots. How are you? Love, Demi Schippers

How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? Can I please have new snow boots? Can I please have a new hat? Can I please have a

new Christmas shirt? Have a great Christmas. Love Tucker Armknecht

How do the elves get around? Are you doing good? Can I please have a toy combine. Can I please have an iPhone 12? How is Mrs. Claus doing? From, Caleb Oelke

How long does it take to make toys? How is Rudolph? May I have an RC car? Can I please have some toy dinos? I wish you a Merry Christmas! Love, Derek Schaffer

How many elves do you have? Can I have an Xbox controller and a Kindle please? Have a great Christmas! From Lynden Dickinson

*Happy Holidays*





3rd Grade: Samantha Hernandez

HOW are THINGS at the NORTH POLE? HOW are the reindeer? WHAT KIND OF COOKIES do you LIKE? ALSO, ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS LED LIGHTS AN XBOX AND WORK BOOKS. PLEASE. Merry CHRISTMAS! Love, Aubree Carver

HOW are the reindeer doing? I HAVE been a good boy THIS year. Here are SOME things I WOULD like. I WOULD love a gaming keyboard and mouse

For My computer. A New basketball and a hover board. That is all I would like for Christmas. Love, Kye SCANLON

HOW are you doing? I HAVE been a good girl THIS year. IF possible I WOULD like a HOVER board. IF NOT I WOULD like a NINTENDO SWITCH or an Ipod aka a PHONE. Merry CHRISTMAS and THANK you. LOVE, KENZIE NONDORF

HOW IS THE NORTH POLE?  
I HAVE BEEN A GOOD BOY  
THIS YEAR. MAY I PLEASE

Have these toys for Christmas. I would like a Amibo hover board and a stuffed animal. That is what I would like for Christmas. Love, Colton Shipley

Hi HOW are things at the North Pole? Are the reindeer doing good? Do you still love milk and cookies. If possible could you bring me a few toys? I would like LED lights, KC Football and a gymnastics air track. THANK you so much. Merry Christmas. Love,

**Gabby Schamberger**

How are your reindeer doing? Is your Workshop okay? If possible I would like a Snap Rover Model SCROV-50, MinecraFt Lego Set Model 21155 and a MinecraFt Figure, a black cat. Merry Christ-Mas, Silas Wessel

HOW are you? HOW are the reindeer? IF you could I WOULD like a FEW presents, like a HOVER board, MAKE your OWN Soap, and a BIKE. I WISH you a WARM CHRISTMAS. LOVE Jenna Herl

**HOW** are the reindeer? Are you staying **WARM**. **HOW** are you? IF possible I want a hoverboard and a RC car **THAT'S** it. Have a Merry **CHRISTMAS**. Love, Hadley **JUENEMANN**

**HOW** is it up on the **NORTH** pole? **HOW** are the **ELVES** and the **REINDEER** For **CHRISTMAS**? Can I have a **RC** car, a **HOVER** board and a **FOOTBALL** **HELMET** For **CHRISTMAS**? Have a good **CHRISTMAS**. Love, **TJ Myers**

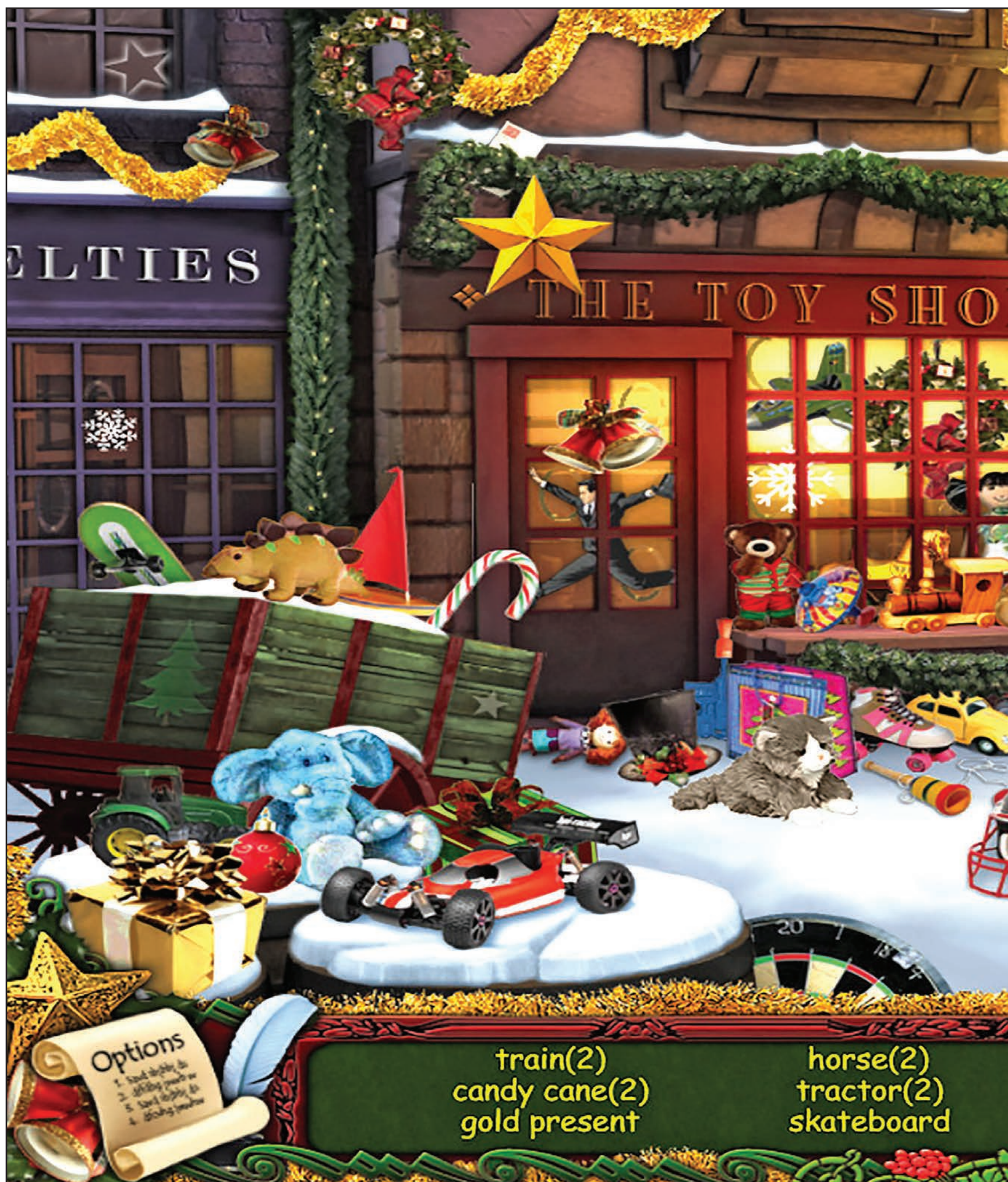
HOW are the reindeer? I HAVE bin a good boy THIS year I AM Hoping you are Staying WARM THIS year. IF you HAVE enough time THIS year, I WOULD Like a Skateboard, giant STUFFED animal tiger and a basketball. Say HI to Mrs. Claus For Me. Love, Isaac Gi-  
ancola

**HOW** are you? **HOW**  
are the reindeer? I  
**WANT** a Scooter and a  
SKateboard and a bike.  
**HAVE** a great **CHRIST-**  
**MAS.** Merry **CHRISTMAS,**  
**BLAKE DORENKAMP**

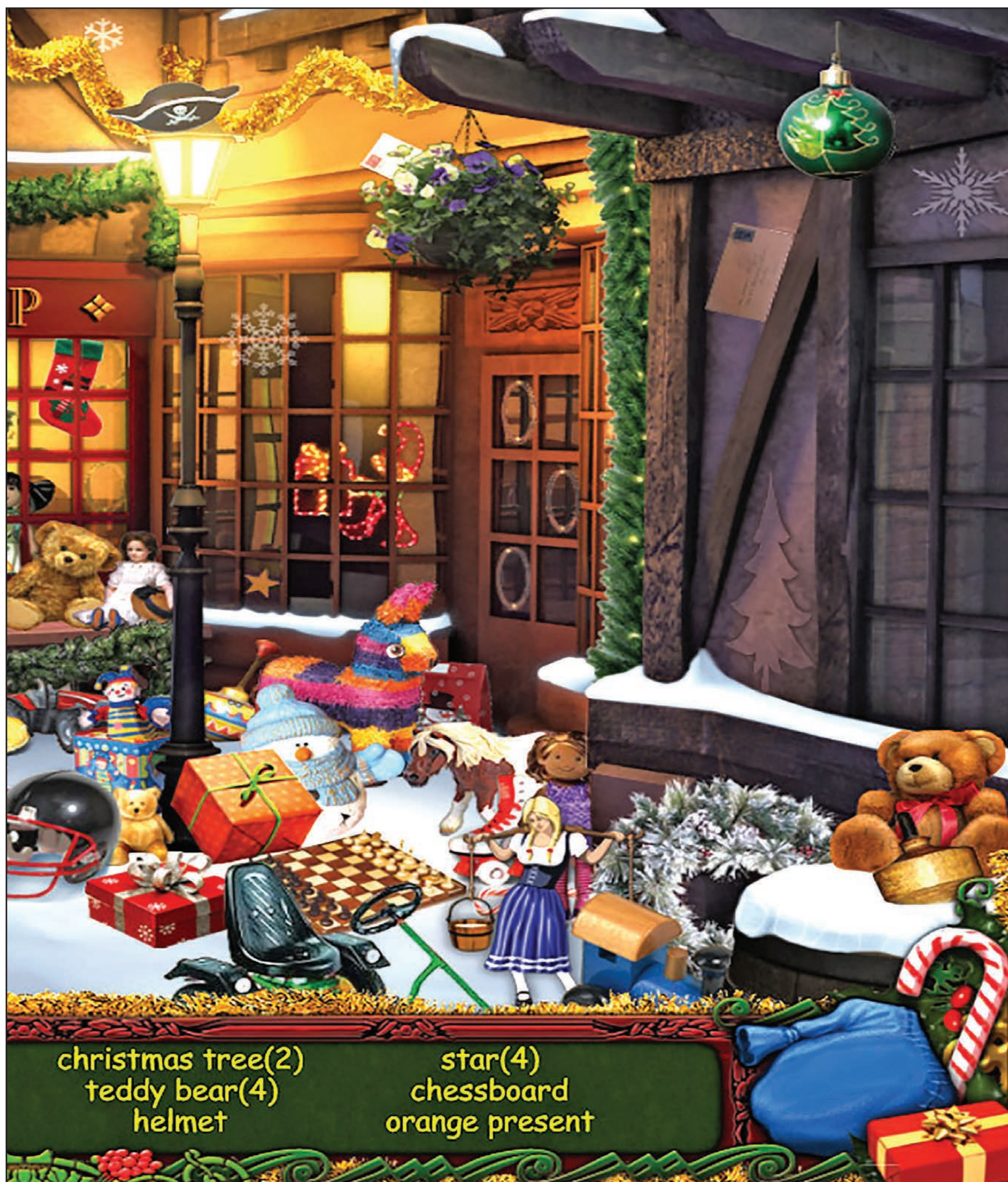
HOW are you  
elves? I THINK I'M ON  
THE NICE LIST. HOW are  
you SANTA? I WOULD  
LIKE KORBOTS, a drone  
and a robot. Merry  
CHRISTMAS and stay  
WARM. Love, AXEL ES-  
cobedo











christmas tree(2)  
teddy bear(4)  
helmet

star(4)  
chessboard  
orange present



### 3rd Grade: Gina Schamberger

Hew Santa what is Blitzen doing right now? Sant what I want for Christmas I want binoculars please. I also want a Mahomes Jersey. For my mom she would like a new necklace. For my dad he would like a chainsaw and a drill and I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Be careful Corbin

How are you? I would like a Ameican Girl doll. Also a Barbie Camper. For my sister for Christmas please can you bring a coconut bath set for her. Have a Happy New Year. Love, Sarah Rachel

Hi Santa how are the reindeer? This year I would like a gooes call Captain Underpants books and some Pokemon cards. Merry Christ-

mus Santa. Love Knox

Hi how ae you? How is Mrs. Claus? This is what I want for Christmas I what a Huskey and a cor-ga and a white cat please. Merry Christmas. Love, Elijah Spillman

Hi Santa. What kind of cookies would you like? This year for Christmas I would like an American doll roome. I would

also would like some clothes for my American doll. I hope you have a awsome Christmas! Love you, be safe, Priscila Meraz

I hope you are having a fantastic day! Thank you for our presents! What I want for Christmas is some Legos, chocolate, and a puppy. Can you please get my mom chocolate and can you get my some tools to build with. I hope you have a great Christmas. Love Aubrey

Hi Santa. How are you and the reindeer? For Christmas I would like a gymnastics bar and some fuzzy crocs. Can you get my cats Leo and Snowball a cat tower? Also can you get me and my brother a trampoline? Love, Lexi

How are you? I would like a basketball and some gymnastics mats. I also would like white crocs with some jib-bitz and a scratch-board, Please! Merry Christmas!! Love, Blayke

Hi Santa! How are you? For Christmas can I have a drone? For my DaD could you bring him a dril. Hope that you have a great Christmas San-

ta. Love, Brody

How are you and your reindeer? I will have some goodies for you. This year for Christmas I would like a bunny. For my mom I would like some earrings. For my dad I think he would like a new tool box. I hope you are ready for Christmas. Love, Camden

Hi Santa are the elves having a great great great day? Can I have monkey bars, remote control car, and a necklace that says love for my mom for cristmas please? Love you, Kacen Bieker

Hi! How are you doing? How are the reindeer? For Christmas I would like a stuffed animal sea turtle. For my mom could you please bring a blue blanket and also for my dad a black hat? Stay safe! Love, Inara Cooper

How are you doing? Are you excited about Christmas? I know I am and what I want for Christmas is a guitar and a drone, please. Happy holidays! Love, Brett Koster



UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS BELOW.

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## 4th Grade: Casey Johnson

Can I please have a Chromebook. The reason I want a Chromebook is because I want to be able to use my Gmail when I'm at home. I think you should get it for me because half the time I'm ok the other half I'm good. I want to thank you for all the other gifts you gave me all these years. By the way how bad would it be if I asked for an elf on the shelf for the next Christmas. One more question how is Rudolph doing? Is he going to guide your sleigh

this year. From: Zoey Bland

How are the elves and Raindeer? I would like a chromebook so I can do homework and books so I can read them in class. I have tried to be good this year and thank you for the ipads you gave me cousins. I think I have been good this year because I have helped my friends a lot. Sincerely, Kimberly Cano

Hello! Is Blitzen doing ok? P.S. He's my favorite reindeer. For Christmas I would like a pocket guide for animals in Kansas. I have

one for the USA but I only use that for deer. I want one so I can identify animals I see or catch. I think I've been good almost all year. (for the most time). I also want to thank you for the sewing machine last year. I know I haven't used it yet but let's be honest, I lost it. Have a holly jolly Christmas. Sincerely, Jordan Dardis

How is Jimmy doing? Is he working hard? I would like for Christmas this year is a 12 gauge shotgun that is black because the one I have is a double barrel and I

don't like it. I also want an American knife because the other ones I have I keep losing them. So I would appreciate if you get me these two things. Sincerely, Gage Epp

I hope your raindeer are doing well this year because you wouldn't be able to fly your sled without them. I would like legos for Christmas because they are fun to build. I think I should have legos because are my favorite thing to do and it's kinda the only thing I have on my list. Sincerely, Evan Farber

Santa I hope the reindeer are ok. I would like some airpods for Christmas because my dog chewed the up please. I have made a few mistakes this year but I have been good. Thank you for all you have given me, for the presents you have given me in the past. Sincerely, Brindle Floherty

How have your elves been? I would like to have a gymnastic mat and leotard. I would like to have that because I love gymnastics but I can't go. I think I should have it because I have been good and nice.

Sincerely, Sofia Garcia

Hello, Santa how are you doing? I hope the reindeer are happy and healthy. One thing I would like is paint and paint brushes. I would like those things because I need some new paint and paint brushes. I think I deserve these things because I have been nice. Thank you for everything. Sincerely, Brylie Lindenman

I would like a phone please. I believe that I deserve a phone because I have good grades. I hope the reindeer are doing awesome and are ready for this Christmas. The reindeer are amazing. Riley Milton

Hi Santa how are the reindeer? Santa can you please get me some Beyblades, so I can battle with my family. The reason you should get me Beyblades is because I help people out. Thank you for the cardboard castle. Sincerely, Kooper Moss

### Christmas Brain Teasers A

#### 1. Elves and Reindeer

The elves and reindeer are getting ready for a meeting with Santa. 14 of them have arrived. If they have 38 legs between them, how many reindeer are at the meeting and how many elves are at the meeting?



#### 2. Santa's Elves

Each elf can wrap 1 gift in one minute. How many gifts can 5 elves wrap in three minutes?



#### 3. Christmas Cards

Four friends, Tom, Lisa, Braydon and Peta give each other Christmas Cards. If each one of them gives out a card to each of their friends, how many Christmas Cards are given out altogether? How many cards would be given out if 7 friends each give each other Christmas cards?



#### 4. Gift Wrapping

Jenni and Marcus are wrapping Christmas gifts. Jenni has wrapped 5 more than Marcus. Together they have wrapped 17 gifts. How many gifts has Marcus wrapped?



#### 5. Decorations

Henry and Liza are decorating the Christmas tree. Henry took half of the decorations out of the box and put them on the tree. Liza took half of the remaining decorations and put them on the tree. Then there were 3 decorations left. How many decorations were in the box to begin?



#### 6. Snow Friends

The Snowmen and Snowwomen are comparing their heights. Frosty, Snow White, Jack Frost and Snow Flake are lining up in order from shortest to tallest. Frosty is not the tallest or the shortest. Snow White is taller than Jack Frost and Snow Flake. Jack Frost is shorter than Frosty. Jack Frost is not the shortest. In what order are they standing?





## 4th Grade: Michelle Schippers

This year for Christmas I want a laptop and I also want Madden 21 and Call of Duty Cold War and that is all this year! From: Ethan Baker

For Christmas I would like some books so I can read for school. And please just pick something else for me. From Vri-jah Boggs

To: Santa Claus I would like farm equipment and airplane toys that are commercial airplanes and a Concorde. Could you also get me a laminator. I like to make paper airplanes and farm toys if I had one they would last longer. Thank you Santa. I hope you have a good Christmas. From: Kellen Cressler

This year I want an iPad a set of collector cars and a bag of chocolates. I would like some books and clothes. A PSS and some games would be nice too. Please give books to the kids who don't have any. From Trighton Herskowitz

Can I please have an Airtrack? Can I please have the board game Even Steven's Odd: Also

I would like a swinging chair. Something else that would be nice would be a desk with drawers, so I can do my homework and crafts. From: Madison Mader

I would like some socks. Can you please get me some hangers for my clothes. Also I would like some candy. From: Porter Meyer

How are you Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves doing? This year I would like some books also may I get some AirPods please and thank you. That's all I like this year. From Zove Bailynn Moser

I don't need anything. But I would like a watch. The gifts I don't need, give them to kids who need them. From: Viley Pridey

How is your winter season? For Christmas, I would like a hoverboard. Maybe also the Baby-Sitters Club graphic novels. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I'm wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Love Gentry Rhodes

This year for Christmas I don't need much because I already have so many things. The only things that I want are AirPods and "What Remains of Edith Finch" for

the Nintendo Switch I hope I've been good this year! Love Addison Shipley

How are your reindeer doing this year. I was wondering if I could have an Xbox series. Call of Duty Cold War. And an Alexa. One more thing Air Jordans 12 University Gold. I hope I've been good this year. Hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. From: Davin Wade

I would like new roller skates. And some books. A mirror so I can do my makeup. A new water bottle. A new iPod. And a Barbie and some clothes for my Barbie. I would also like some sweatpants, markers and a white board. And the book Bob. Love Olivia Walker

This year I don't want many toys. I want more books instead. I would like some survival books. Maybe a new Xbox or PSS. I would also like a Ping Pong table. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope you can deliver all of the presents in time. From your old friend Simon Watkins

### Christmas Word Ladders

Turn the top word in each ladder into the bottom word by changing one letter in the word each time. Each time you must make a sensible word. The first one is done for you.

bell
call

hope
care

card
give

bow
boy
toy

gold
food

give
nice

list
card



# Golden Plains Elementary

Kindergarten: Amy Patmon

Dear Santa,  
I would like a unicorn fantasy backpack.  
Love,  
Maggie Focke

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dog and Mickey Mouse.  
Love,  
Dally Hynek

Dear Santa,  
I would like a stuffed animal dog.  
Love,  
Hailey Jackson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a flute.  
Love,  
Kimberlyn Juene-mann

Dear Santa,  
I would like new shoes.  
Love,  
Irlanda Mar

Dear Santa,  
I would like a football helmet.  
Love,  
Jordan Pape

Dear Santa,  
I would like a unicorn fairy set.  
Love,  
Elsie Pfannenstiel

Dear Santa,  
I would like Avenger Legos.  
Love,  
Camden Shaw

Dear Santa,  
I would like a fort.  
Love,  
Dylan Shaw

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dinosaur.  
Love,  
Archer Stoll

Dear Santa,  
I would like a sled.  
Love,  
Elias Weiner

Dear Santa,  
I would like a prize dog toy in a basket.  
Love,  
Eva Wessel



1st Grade: Brandy Spresser

Can I ride in the sleigh? I have been good this year. I would like a real horse. Also want a bike and 8 hot wheel cars. I hope you visit soon. Cort Ziegelmeier

Do you like cookies? I have been good this year. I would like a rapter. I also want a plantain truck. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Dylan Lueo

Can I ride Cupid? I have been good this year. I would like decorations. I also want a train to go around my Christmas tree. I hope to see you soon! Paige Swiegart

Can I ride Cupid? I have been good this year. I would like a hover board. I would also like a telescope and candy land. See you soon. Jesiah Cline

Can I ride Cupid? I have been good this year. I would like an xbox. I would also like gold and a rocket bike. I hope to see you soon. Dominic Benavidez

Do you laugh? I have been good this year. I would like real gold. I would like \$10000 and lots of pencils. I hope to see you soon! Allen Mendoza

Do you like cookies? I have been good this year. I would like a T-rex I would also like Sorry and a slinky. Will leave you cookies and milk. Carson Shaw

Can I ride Cupid. I have been good this year. I would like a lego Bower Boss bottle set. I also want a hover board and a lego Mario. Fly safely!! Jax Stickel

Can I ride Cupid? I have been good this year. I would like a tank. I also want a teddy bear and a dinosaur toy. See you soon! Ryder Hynek

Do you like cookies? I have been good this year. I would like a Woody doll. I want a Buzz and Bullseye. I hope to see you soon. Diego Vargas





2nd Grade: Lori Miller

I want a I want  
a hover board that  
lights up so I can  
practice my tricks.  
I have been helpful  
roude the house.  
My mom thinks  
hoverboards are  
dangerous, but they  
are not! Treighton  
Roach

I whan a xbox  
and my brother

whant a game called  
DTA6 and I waz sum-  
times good. Edgar Hol-  
guin

I want a Bible for  
Christmas and a baby  
Jesus stuffed anmal.  
I'm good all year. I'll give  
you 27 more reindeer.  
Nathaniel Gaede

What I want for  
Christmas is a blue Nin-

tendo Switch and car-  
mal caps lots of them  
and more books. I love  
them a lot they are  
funny. I am a good girl.  
Brookelynn Vahling

I want a light up hov-  
erboard. Here's why. I'm  
always bored. I have  
nothing and I was good  
this year. Kamrie Mar-  
cum

Dear Santa,



I sure would like to be  
younger again and go dancing  
with my husband, Harold!

Arvilla Taylor



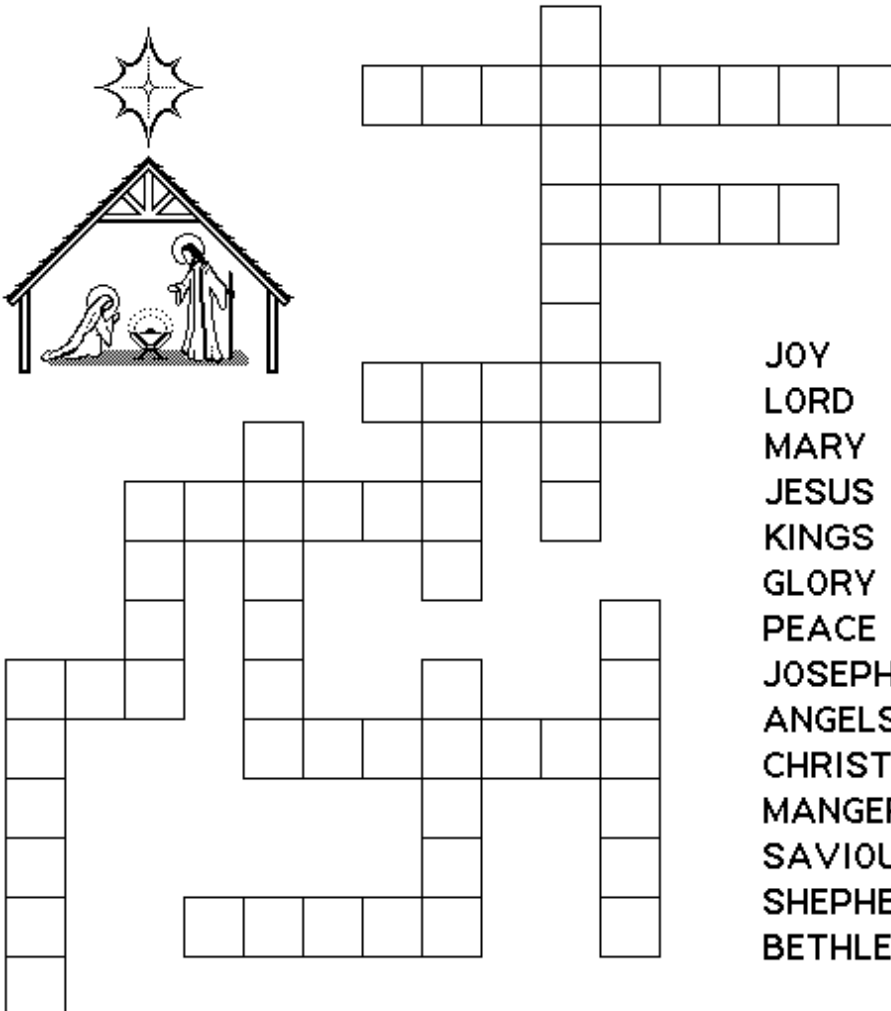
How are the reindeer?  
I would like some can-  
dy and three Minecraft  
Plushies. I'll leave you  
some cookies and milk!  
Mikey Cline

I want ipad stuff if  
you do I will be good. I  
will clean my room and  
I will give you cookies.  
Deagen Hunter

I would like to have  
a birthday party in  
Mexico. I would invite  
the whole school. One  
of your elves has been  
kidnapped by me. So  
if you would like to  
have her back please  
give me my trip to  
Mexico. Sincerely, Is-  
abel Leigh Bieker

## Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.  
Each word is only used once.



JOY  
LORD  
MARY  
JESUS  
KINGS  
GLORY  
PEACE  
JOSEPH  
ANGELS  
CHRIST  
MANGER  
SAVIOUR  
SHEPHERDS  
BETHLEHEM

Come let us  
*Adore*  
Him





### 3rd Grade: Lori Truethen

For Christmas I want a telescope, binoculars, race-car track, a net so I don't have to chase the basketball after I make a shot, and also a Chiefs players signed jersey. Ruxin Arnberger

I would like 2 packs of Pokemon cards and anything else needs to be toys. Cameron

Sweigart

For Christmas I want a fitbit, sewing splies, phone, shoes, cloths, belts, gloves, hats. Makenlea Focke

I want a big nurf gun  
A dog  
A computer  
Stacy Plays books  
Wild Resoners. Makyn-lai Vargas

For Christmas I want

a drone, legos, puzzles, a triler for a pedal tractor, DS games, looney tunes dvds and scooby doo dvds. Your friend, Issac Carl Gaede

I want 100,000 pokemon, a drone, a nerf gun, a rc car, a electric scooter, 1,000,000,000 nerf darts, a pet frog with food for it, a big Nutella container. Blake Brian Hofobik



Dear Santa,

*I've been a good girl this year. My wish is to have a doll that looks just like me. I would love to have her to keep me company and to snuggle with at night!*



Frances Quakenbush

For Christmas I want poke'mon cards and a Charzard Vmax and a new xbox and a computer and a iphone 12 pro and a Mahomes shirt and Kelce Shirt. Garrison Hunter Marcum

I would love to see you this Christmas. I kowe that a lot uve kid's must have aske it. But it's not that bad. Aoll you have to do is cume to my house. And wake me up. Yan-naira Danelle Dice

I want a exbox l and I want 4 controllers and the last thing is a hot weel track. Jaxon Theo Juenemann

A doll and a TV with xbox l and a new blanket and a mermaid fin and a crown with a dress with sparkle on it. I want a new phone. Breeze Faith Durham

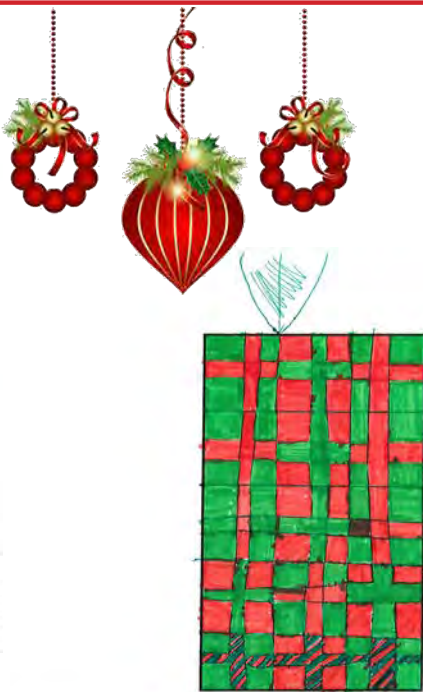




4th Grade: Megan Gaede



STUDENT'S NAME: Olivia Vargan  
GRADE: 4th SCHOOL: Golden Plains 4sd  
TEACHER: Mrs. Gaede



STUDENT'S NAME: Kayence Cregger  
GRADE: 4th SCHOOL: Golden Plains  
TEACHER: Megan Gaede



Christmas Word Search

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CAROLS  
CHRISTMAS  
ELVES  
HOLIDAYS  
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TREE



Dear Santa,

I sure would like to fly my old plane again to check my cattle!

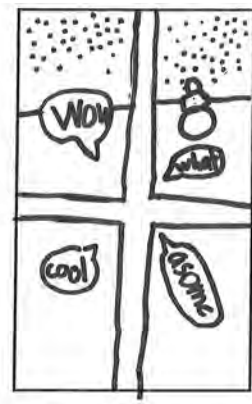
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STUDENT'S NAME: Elizabeth Romero  
GRADE: 4th grade SCHOOL: Golden Plains  
TEACHER: Mrs. Gaede



STUDENT'S NAME: Evan Best  
GRADE: 4th SCHOOL: Golden Plains  
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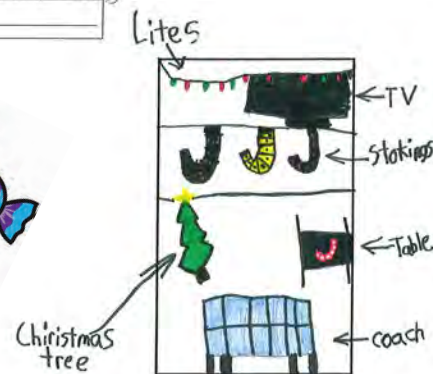
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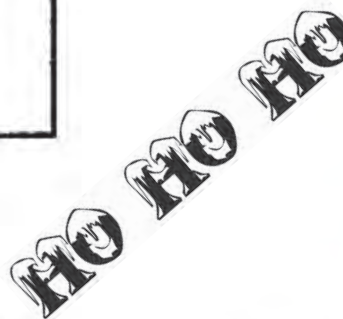
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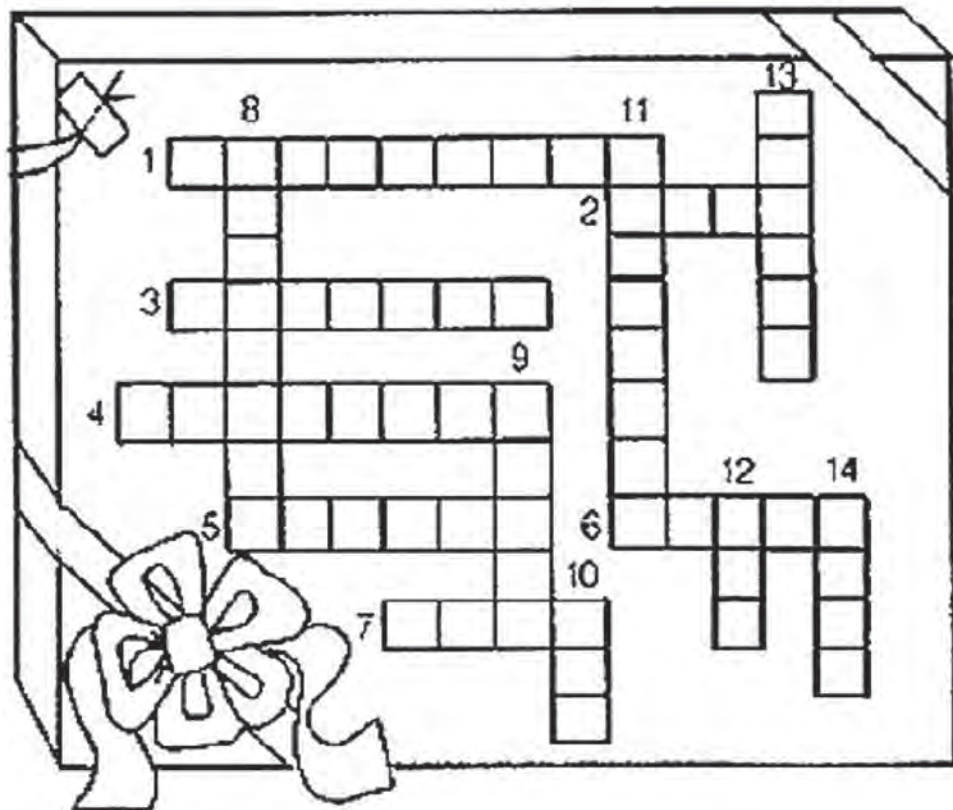


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 TEACHER: Mrs. Gaede



STUDENT'S NAME: Adam Ruch  
 GRADE: 4th SCHOOL: Golden Plains Elementary  
 TEACHER: Mrs. Gaede

# Christmas Crossword



## Across

1. Hang these on the tree
2. Evergreen or pine
3. Frosty is one
4. You give and receive these
5. Tie this on your package
6. A Christmas color
7. For the top of the tree

## Down

8. Rudolph
9. Jolly toymaker
10. Color of Santa's suit
11. Hang this from the mantle
12. Santa's Helper
13. Santa's transportation
14. Christmas carol



# Wheatland Elementary School

Pre-K: Shari Burks, Janice Manhart, Kelsie Herl

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want more pound puppies.  
I need Black Panther toy.  
I'll wear new boots.  
I'll read Captain America book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me army guy.  
Love,  
Joshua

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a goat.  
I need a cat.  
I'll wear new girl cowboy boots  
I'll read a Santa book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me a cow.  
Love,  
Kendall

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a fire truck.  
I need a new grain truck.  
I'll wear jeans (new).  
I'll read a Santa Claus

book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me a new tractor.  
Love,  
Kaliber

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want toy dinosaur.  
I need drawing book.  
I'll wear Christmas hat.  
I'll read a green and blue slipe book.

And I'd really love you to  
bring me dinosaur with a snow-flake.  
Love,  
Eli

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want Grandpa Bear.  
I need candy canes.  
I'll wear kittycat shirts.  
I'll read superheroes.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me glasses.  
Love,  
Avery

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a new big truck.  
I need a forklift and a bucket.  
I'll wear new shoes.  
I'll read a Spiderman book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me a toy gun.  
Love,  
Rhett

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want pink tree.  
I need crayon toys.  
I'll wear Ela shirt.  
I'll read Cinderella book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me the bunny game.  
Love,  
Kaylen

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a puppy.  
I need a bowl for my puppy.  
I'll wear a dress.  
I'll read My Little Pony.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me Everest Tracker.  
Love,  
Bella

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a Santa beard.  
I need game new markers.  
I'll wear a princess outfit.  
I'll read Brown Bear book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me a present A big one!  
Love,  
Braylie

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a Christmas robot with a hat.  
I need a Christmas candy.  
I'll wear a Christmas hat.  
I'll read a Paw Patrol book.  
And I'd really love you to

bring me a school. (My own)  
Love,  
Atlex

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a robot guy.  
I need a car.  
I'll wear a new shirt.  
I'll read a Santa book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me camouflage hat.  
Love,  
Connor

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want toy robot.  
I need Paw Patrol tower.  
I'll wear Christmas clothes (jammies).  
I'll read Santa Claus book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me toy gun.  
Love,  
Tate

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want fingernail polish.  
I need more makeup.  
I'll wear colorful clothes.  
I'll read Pete the Cat books.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me a necklace.  
Love,  
Maddy

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a stuffed unicorn.  
I need a book about snowman.

I'll wear pajamas with reindeer.  
I'll read a Christmas reindeer book.

And I'd really love you to  
bring me a new shirt.  
Love,  
Sarah

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a puzzle.  
I need a box of hot wheels.  
I'll wear new socks.  
I'll read Paw Patrol book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me hot wheels truck.  
Love,  
Western

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want silage cutter.  
I need another combine.  
I'll wear a hat.  
I'll read nothing.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me another truck!  
Love,  
Gavin

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year  
I want a car that turns into robot.  
I need a car that goes really fast.  
I'll wear new boots.  
I'll read Pete the Cat book.  
And I'd really love you to  
bring me Dinosaur clothes.  
Love,  
Caleb





**Dear Santa,**



YOUR ne bests nta  
I want A TRUCK,  
3 fhees, 600 WS,

Draw a picture for Santa!



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Kindergarten: Hadley Thyfault



**'Dear Santa,**

WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE  
TO BE 25 AGAIN! THE  
DANCES AND FUN TIMES I  
HAD WAS SURE A BLAST!

LEONA  
WASHBURN



Long Term Care Unit

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**Christmas Decorations  
What's Missing?**

**a game for 2-4 players Need: Dice and counters**

Each player puts a counter on the START. Roll the dice to move! When you land on a word find the letter or letters in the middle of the board that could complete the word. Cover the letter or letters with a counter. If the letters aren't available, the next player has their turn. If you land on an ornament, you can cover a circle of your choice. The player who covers the last circle is the winner.

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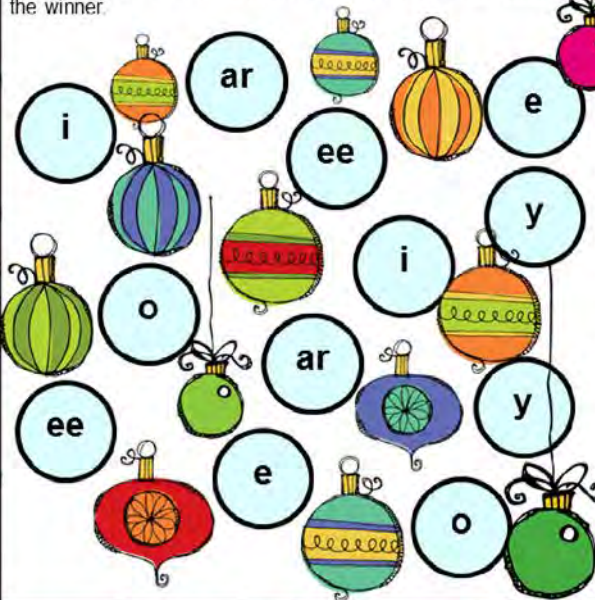
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**Dear Santa,**



Hi Santa you are the  
Nicesst Guy I know  
and I live in a big house  
and I want her clothes shoes  
and I might think I am the  
Nicesst

Love Kyla

Draw a picture for Santa!



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**Dear Santa,**



HOW E YOU FOR  
CHRISTMAS  
I WANT A BIG  
DOLLAR DOLLAR  
HOUSE

Brooklyn

Draw a picture for Santa!



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**Dear Santa,**



I love you Santa  
a fox book a bag of  
box and a small pig  
I would like  
Great Bag Boy

Draw a picture for Santa!



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**Dear Santa,**



I would like  
a bulldozer  
set and a baby  
train and skid steers  
Love,  
Trevyn

Draw a picture for Santa!



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**Dear Santa,**



I will be good. Can  
I have a Lego White,  
Orange and blue  
race car, a new towel  
and rainbow goldfish.  
love  
Clayton

Draw a picture for Santa!



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Wordsearch

Search for the words going up, down, left and right.



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ELVES



**Dear Santa,**



Hi Santa. I am  
Liam for Christ  
mas I would  
like a zoo  
with zebras  
and giraffes  
and lions

Liam

Draw a picture for Santa!



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



Karl's Store

Selden

785-386-4246



**Dear Santa,** 

I Like YOU Santa  
I have been  
a good girl I  
Want a barbie  
house a toy vet  
and barbies  
love Kenzie

Draw a picture for Santa!



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Dear Santa,  
I Will be good, and I Want a JOHN-  
deer Sprayer For Christmas.  
Love, Colten

Dear Santa,  
How are you? For Christmas I  
Want an I pod, red Foot ball gloves  
and CHEFS Football HELMet and NerF  
Ultra PHaraoh  
Love,  
Cale

2nd Grade: Lisa Jacobus

Dear Santa,  
How are you? For CHRIST-  
MAS can you get Me a big UNI-  
CORN STUFFed animal. A JOJO  
bow. A DONALD TRUMP SquiSHy.  
A UNICORN SquiSHy. A JOJO  
STUFFed animal. A Apple phone.  
A UNICORN toy. A cat SquiSHy. A  
SNOW globe. JOJO PJS. A DOLL.  
A Live pet FiSH. ALive bird. A toy  
UNICORN cat. A cat bobble Head.  
A STUFFed animal UNICORN cat.  
Love.  
Addison



3rd Grade: Diedre Zimmerman

**Dear Santa,** 

are you ok? I'm good but I have  
a good day and for Christmas I want  
a xbox1 and a ps4 and a car game  
is santa claus ok? and the  
elk ok? I like you santa claus  
you look cool

sincerely,

K + Katar,

Draw a picture for Santa!



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MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM





**Dear Santa,**



How are your reindeer doing? I would like a xbox one for Christmas. Santa I'm being a good boy. Fly safe in the snow.



Sincerely,  
Braze Sporing

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**Dear Santa,**



Santa how old are you? Because people say your old but I don't think so. Also for Christmas I want a ford flatbed pickup, PS5, farm sim 19, and the newest NBA 2K.

Sincerely,  
Jayson

Draw a picture for Santa!



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*Dear Santa,*

I WOULD LIKE MY 68 BUICK G5 350 RESTORED AND I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON A TRIP WITH MY FAVORITE LADY IN HER 82 MERCURY LIKE WE USED TO DO.

**JIM ROGERS**




SHERRILL HARTZ DVM  
HEALTH COMPLEX  
Long-Term Care Unit



For unto us,  
a Child is born...  
Isaiah 9:6


**MEYER ELECTRIC**



**Dear Santa,** 

I want Form simle PS4, Star Wars battle front 2 PS4, Alvin and the Chipmunks PS4 and Lego Worlds PS4. Santa, I really want an Rc ford f150 rapator that is green and an Lego A-T with a speeder bike with an air speed. Sant how are you and randers.

Sincerely,  
Mitchell



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**Dear Santa,** 

How are your rainders doing? For Christmas I want earrings, a prank kit, and some board games. I have been a good girl at school and home.

Your friend,  
Nafasha




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**Dear Santa,**

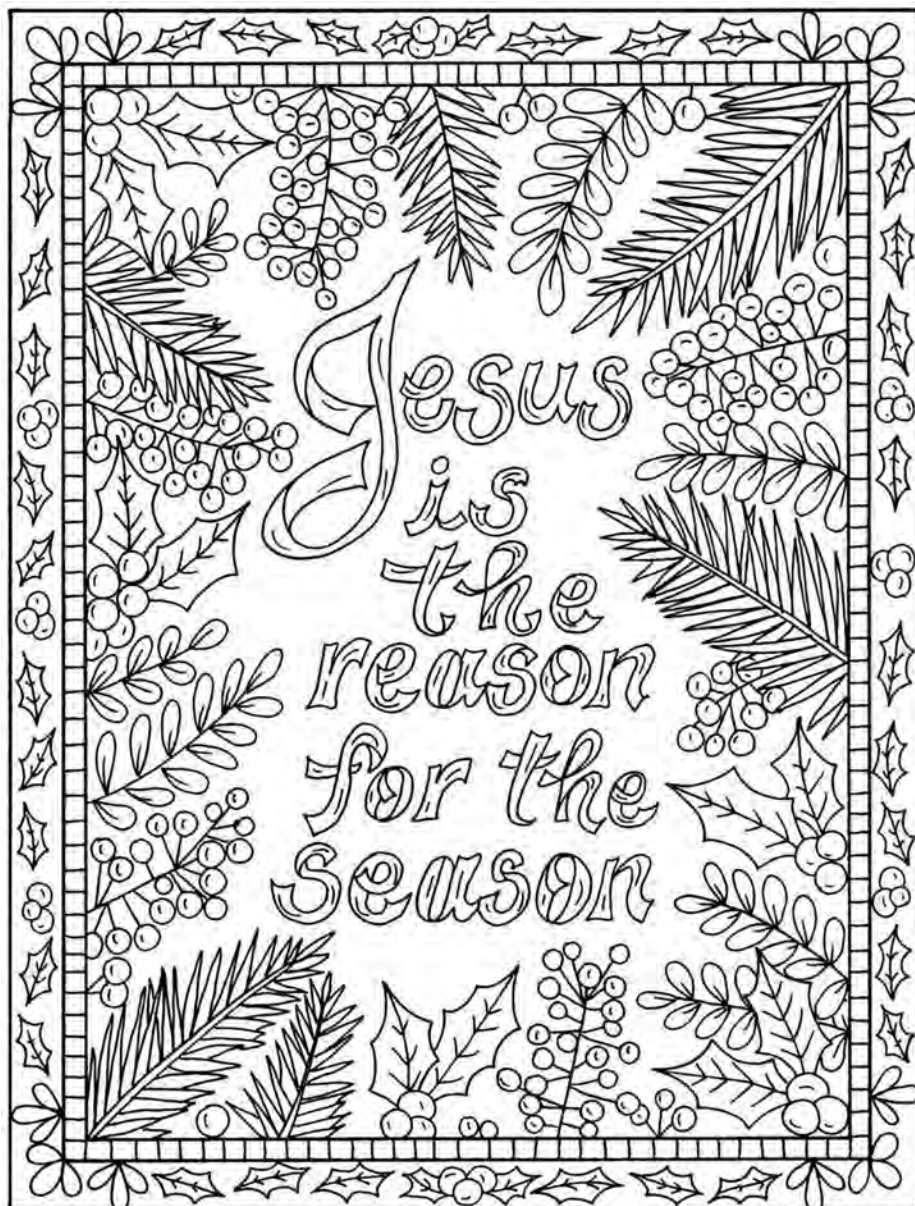
Hi Santa how are you? For Christmas I want a white board and a eraser for my white boards. Some mugs, and a knife, and germx and a new bookbag and a new clock and a new ipod.

Sincerely  
Cooper ☺

Draw Santa's picture!



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Wishing You a  
Merry Christmas



For unto us a child is born... *Isaiah 9:6*