



## Four Homes to be Toured at Willow Lake

On Thursday, December 22 is the Santa Day event in Willow Lake with the Tour of Homes from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. One may stop at Lake Grocery for a map of the participants, those being the homes of John and Julayne Thoreson, Matt and Kristin Vandersnick, Justin and Lynnea Seivert and Kyle and Jody Peterson. The tour is sponsored by the seventh and eighth grade students who are planning their Washington, D.C. trip the end of May 2017.

### John and Julayne Thoreson

This home was completed in 1990, built across the road from the original family farm. The basement was redone in 2008 to include an African game room and all three floors in this two story home are inclusive in the tour.

Eight inch baseboards and corner and crown molding in the house give a vintage look to the interior's woodwork. Vintage and Victorian describe Julayne's decorating style throughout the house, including her Christmas decorations and trees. Golds and beige colors predominate with vintage wallpaper in the dining room. It has an open staircase and the owners depression glass and ruby flash glassware is on display throughout the home. The exterior is a dark brown color with Georgia Brownstone trim on the porch.

### Matt and Kristin Vandersnick

This home is a century home, built in 1905 and moved to its current location in 2005, from the Hazel area.

Matt has done a lot of the remodel-

ing and upgrades himself on this three bedroom home. Two years ago he partnered with a construction company in adding additions and remodels to the home. The couple has focused on keeping the heritage of the home, being respectful of its original style with the wider window casings, moldings and woodwork.

Kristin likes mixing antiques with new pieces in her home such as: the antique ceiling tiles from a building in Willow Lake; a kitchen island top from the former Anderson country school where her father attended, using the slate chalkboard; vintage choir music from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church as wallpaper in the powder room; antique doors from the house made into a bench and coat rack; her aunt Ruth Hamre's organ and antique chairs from the Vienna American Legion.

They also added a porch with white columns on the house bringing back its original look before being moved. Jadeite dishes and Norwegian rosealing add to the decor in the dining room and Matt's handiwork with white kitchen cupboards with inset doors and a copper farm house sink give a country feel to the cozy kitchen.

### Justin and Lynnea Seivert

This home built in 1978 is a very familiar home to Lynnea as it is a home she spent her childhood visiting. It is the former home of her grandparents, Loren and Laurene Thoreson (now deceased).

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John and Julayne Thoreson



Matt and Kristin Vandersnick



Justin and Lynnea Seivert



Kyle and Jody Peterson



## Winter Program 2016 is "Crazy Carols"

Grades one through six at Clark Elementary held their Christmas program Monday evening, Entitled *Crazy Carols*, arranged by Sally K. Albrecht and directed by Tera McDonnell, the seven numbers performed included: "The First Snowfall", "They Test You, Merry Gentlemen", "Our Good Principal Looked Out", "Clean the Halls", "Why Can't You Just Sit Still?", "Joy to the World My Shopping's Done!" and "Rap

on the Rooftop".

The above photo was taken from "Why Can't You Just Sit Still?".

A nice crowd was in the Clark High School gym for the Winter Program 2016 and many complimentary words were heard following the performance.

## Dear Santa . . .

\* Clark Elementary kindergarten students

Continuing this Christmas season in the Clark County Courier is a feature of kindergarten letters to Santa.

All children's letters to Santa pretty much say the same thing about the child's behavior this year but when it comes to what little ones want, they are very specific when they write to Santa. The kindergarten classes at Clark Elementary were asked what they wanted from Santa this year and here are their answers.

**Dear Santa,**  
"I want a toy train with stuff to haul somewhere, a toy tractor - a John Deere one, an umbrella, a belt and a toy frog. I can make him jump." - **Ethan Zemlicka**, son of Andrew and Melissa Zemlicka.

**Dear Santa,**  
"Cause I really want a new Monster High House or a Barbie house cause I have a lot of Barbies so all my Barbies have to share the Monster House and it's kinda too much. There's too many Barbies to count." - **Chloe Hagstrom**, daughter of Shane and Stephanie Hagstrom.

**Dear Santa,**  
"A remote control car with a bulldozer trailer and a toy car. One more a mote control car with a bull-

dozer and dump truck with a snowplow that you can put on a trailer and then you can put the snowplow on the truck. And two packs of Legos - the boy ones - so I can share with my brother." - **Gavin Werdel**, son of Tony and Angie Werdel.

**Dear Santa,**  
"Ummm a Barbie and an Elsa doll - that's it. I hope you have it cause that's all I want." - **Ella Hartman**, daughter of John and Tara Hartman.

**Dear Santa,**  
"I want an American doll or a Barbie or I don't care what you bring me." - **Nevaeh Reitz**, daughter of Sandra Reitz.

**Dear Santa,**  
"Can I please have a robot dog for Christmas, some Pokemon cards, an then a Lego key chain for my backpack and I'm gonna have a snake that you put in water and then it hatches out of the egg." - **Mason Wookey**, son of John and Liz Wookey.

**Dear Santa,**  
"I want a Doc McStuffins cart that has a little handle, some American Girl dolls' clothes, a headband for my American Girl doll - I want a purple one and Barbie clothes." - **Marly Wray**, daughter of Jason

and Michelle Wray.

**Dear Santa,**  
"I want a Christmas Barbie and a light up toothbrush. I can't think of anything else." - **Alayna Arthur**, daughter of Jacob and Kelsey Arthur.



**Dear Santa,**  
"I want a skateboard - one you take off something, a remote control car, a scooter would be good, a toy car I can really get in and drive around - a four wheeler - that's the thing I want to drive. A light up ball when you bounce it - it starts

lighting up - And...I want a toy eyeball that can talk to you and it says I'm gonna pop out and then another eyeball comes out and a mouse comes out and says I'm gonna punch your knee." - **Aiden Bowers**, son of Justin and Tiffany Bowers.

**Dear Santa,**  
"I would like some My Little Ponies, My Little Pony babies, Little Pet shops with kitties, some houses for them or barns for them." - **Payten Bokinskie**, daughter of Chris and Melody Bokinskie.

**Dear Santa,**  
"I want a stuffed lion then a stuffed snowman and umm...stuffed puppy - like a yellow lab. We have one and I want the name Roo and I want a stuffed robot, a stuffed house - a big one like in Cindy's office but stuffed. A train of the alphabet, a stuffed gingerbread man. There's a lot of stuff that I want. Then I want something for my sister, she wants I think an iPad. She likes playing iPads." - **Abigail Sell**, daughter of Jessie and Amanda Sell.

**Dear Santa,**  
"I want a 'puter', a guitar, a dog, mmm... a car - one of those electric

**Dear Santa**  
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## Celebrate Christmas

Like the popular hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful", spend time this Christmas at any one of the following Christmas celebrations in local churches.

Worship services in our area include: In Clark, at the Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, a Christmas Eve Candlelight worship will be held at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Fawn Lamb. No services will be held on December 25.

In Raymond, commissioned ruling elders will lead the Christmas Eve Candlelight service with communion at the First Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m. No services on Dec. 25.

At Bethlehem Lutheran in Raymond, Pastor Randy Bader will lead the children's Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. On December 25 at Peace, the Word and Song service will be held at 9:00 a.m. At St. Paul Lutheran, their Christ-

mas Eve Candlelight worship service with communion will be held at 6:00 p.m. The service will be led by Pastor Mindy Ehrke. Fellowship at 9:00 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. will be held on Christmas Day.

At the United Methodist Church in Clark, Pastors Mark and Joy Tracy invite all to the Christmas Eve Candlelight service held on the 24th at 3:00 p.m. On December 25, an 11:00 a.m. hymn sing will be held at the church.

At St. Michael's Church in Clark, a Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord Mass will be led by Father Dan Smith at 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 25. In Garden City, Pastors Mark and Joy Tracy will be hosting a 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service. No service on Dec. 25.

In Carpenter, the United Meth-



## As predicted: Winter will be colder than average

According to the latest climate outlook released late last week by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), climatologists predict colder than average temperatures throughout the winter in South Dakota.

"Consistent with winters that have had La Nina influences, colder than average temperatures are favored in the northern Plains region through the rest of the winter season," said Laura Edwards, Acting State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist, referencing the monthly and seasonal temperature and precipitation outlook issued by NOAA Climate Prediction Center.

The January outlook suggests colder temperatures for western South Dakota. "If we look at the next three months - January through March - all of the state is predicted to experience colder than average temperatures," Edwards said.

She added that there is less cer-

tainty in the Dec. 15, 2016 forecast than November's outlook because La Nina is expected to fade in the late winter and early spring.

"We depend upon La Nina as our most reliable climate pattern in the winter season. When La Nina fades, it makes for uncertainty because climate computer models struggle with changes in atmospheric pat-

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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
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Dec. 13	8	-9	0
Dec. 14	0	-16	0
Dec. 15	11	-18	tr
Dec. 16	10	-4	.36
Dec. 17	4	-33	0
Dec. 18	7	-33	0
Dec. 19	30	6	0
2016 precipitation to date	21.32		
2015 precipitation to date	22.25		