



Merry Christmas. Let the spirit of love gently fill our hearts and homes. In this loveliest of seasons may you find many reasons for happiness. Happy Holidays

Helping people stay warm is Taylor Hartley's senior project



Clark High School senior Taylor Hartley stands behind a portion of the 170 baby and adult blankets created last week for her senior project. Students in

grades 8-12 spent a morning helping with this project. The blankets will be given to the less fortunate this week.

"Be kind and give," are virtues synonymous with the Christmas season. Christmas is the perfect time for Taylor Hartley to do her senior project at Clark High School. "Be kind and give" are Taylor's words regarding what motivated her to make 170 adult and baby tie blankets and give to the homeless or less fortunate in the area. Hartley didn't do this all alone, as students in grades eight through twelve helped her, in the C.H.S. gym, last Wednesday morning. "One day I was making a tie blanket and I really like giving things to people, so there it was, an idea for my senior project," said the Clark High School student body president. "The next step will be to package all the blankets and distribute the blankets to local shelters."

In order to graduate, all Clark

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Christians celebrate the birth of Christ

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. on December 24 with Pastor Fawn Lamb.

In Raymond, commissioned ruling elders will lead the Christmas Eve Candlelight service with communion at the First Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m. on December 24.

Also in Raymond at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pastor Randy Bader will lead the Tri-Parish Christmas Day Festival service at 9:00 a.m. in the Raymond church on Tuesday, December 25.

At St. Paul Lutheran, the Christmas Eve Candlelight worship ser-

vice with communion will be held at 6:00 p.m. The service will be led by Pastor Mindy Ehrke.

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

At St. Michael Church in Clark, a Nativity of the Lord Vigil Christmas Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m. on December 24 led by Father Dan Smith.

In Garden City at the United Methodist Church, Pastor Joy Tracy and members of the congregation will celebrate Christmas with an evening Christmas Eve service to be held at 5:00 p.m.

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* Clark Elementary kindergarten students

Dear Santa ...

* Willow Lake Elementary kindergarten students



From a Barbie Dream House to a Nintendo Switch, to a new swimming pool cause the dog wrecked their last one, the kindergarten class at Clark Elementary School shared their Christmas list to Santa with the *Clark County Courier*.

The students' teacher is Stephanie Hagstrom. Lining up for a photo next to their list are, left to right in the front row kneeling: McKoy Forest, Ewan Henning, Case Hartman, Alex Nesheim and Emree Wer-

del. Standing behind them are: Colt Nichols, Paisley Schlagel, Callie Helkenn, Teddy Dandurand, Lucas Helkenn, Daytona Cronauer, Markus Shape, Jayven Dunbar, Reece Knutson, Cohen Stiefel and Hannah Hagstrom. On the loft stairs, top row, left to right: Peyson LaPlante, Kennedy Stern and Champ Lee. Loft stairs, middle row, left to right: Archer Lenzen, Paisley Repp and Chas Beving.

Dear Santa,

Chas Beving, son of C.J. and Kelsey Beving: I'd like a monster truck. I'd ask for a blue one. And when I turn seven, I want a motorcycle and then I want to win a championship and a little trampo-

line.

Daytona Cronauer, daughter of Mark and Tammy Cronauer: I'd like a walking and talking doll and I'd like to name her Melissa,

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The ever popular Legos, LOL dolls, farm toys and if possible - a kitten that never grows up were among the requests from the Willow Lake elementary kindergarten students when asked what they would like from Santa.

The students' teacher is Emily Koenig. In the back row from left to right are Libby Hymans, Claire Vandersnick, Madelynn Johnson, Westyn Hofer Na-

talie Roberts, Adrienne Glanzer and Myles Wendling.

In front are Garrett Koskiniemi, Logan Bronemann, Judd Vandersnick, Rustin Nelson and Bree Tellinghuisen.

Not pictured is Lauren Larson who was absent on the day the photo was taken but her list is included below.

Continuing a tradition in the *Clark County Courier*, we asked some kindergarten students what they wanted from Santa this year. The following are their answers.

Dear Santa,

Logan Bronemann, son of Kasandra Bronemann: I want a big

huge train that can go around the house - that goes to the ceiling and fills your whole entire house and a Lego set - like a car one with a person and a big huge train calendar with Thomas the Train and their faces and all the trains on there. He's probably got 100 friends, you never know. It would take a long,

long time to count them.

Adrienne Glanzer, daughter of Alex and Ann Glanzer: I would like a LOL surprise doll house - they are for the babies called LOL and they have a big sister, too. And a little

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