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Clark Elementary School first graders are pictured, Mrs. Taylor Wieseler's class on the left and Miss Jennifer Jensen's class on the right. The students were festively dressed in these photos that were taken prior to their Christmas concert earlier this month.

Photo Courtesy of Taylor Wieseler



## Dear Santa Claus, please bring me....from Clark Elementary School first grade students

By Carolyn Olson

Continuing Christmas tradition in the *Clark County Courier* is a feature of first graders' letters to Santa Claus from Clark Elementary School. Here are the students' answers on what they would like from Santa Claus.

### Dear Santa,

Mrs. Wieseler's class:

Leroy: I would like a dirt bike, toy nerf gun and a four wheeler.

Olivia: I don't really want presents; I want my dad home for Christmas.

Kristen: I want a hover board, Nintendo Switch, nail polish and Legos, please.

Camden: Please bring me a PS 5,

PS 4, headphones and a Nintendo Switch.

Roberto: I would like dinosaur Legos and Mario Brothers Legos.

Ember: I want the Lion Guard movie, a toy Elsa that's really tall, a Barbie hair salon doll and a really big toy unicorn.

Taytom: Please bring me a horse, tractor, semis, a Peterbuilt truck and a pair of new tennis shoes that I don't have to tie.

Afia: I would really like a Barbie doll and a baby doll.

Macklin: I want a real four-wheeler and dirt bike and Nike Air soft shoes.

Hadley: Bring me a cell phone, Ipad and a Furbie, please.

Callie: I would really like a watch, some Barbies and a small cell phone.

Ariah: I want a pet bunny, a makeup set and a toy veterinarian set so I can play vet.

Owen: Please bring me a black lab puppy, the new Iphone 16 Pro and new black and white Nike shoes.

Christopher: I would like vblocks money for Fortnite and the Iphone 16 Pro-the new one.

Rowan: I want a camera, cell phone and Legos, please.

Marie: I would like a mermaid house with furniture, a mermaid and village, please and a makeup kit.

Ava: Bring me a Barbie set, a basketball and soccer ball, please.

Miss Jensen's class:

Emma: Please bring me a baby doll, a new bicycle, a new pair of snow boots and a new baby crib for my babies.

Landyn: I would like a toy truck and horse trailer.

Charlotte: I want a hover board, a Cars Lego set and a white board.

Brooks: Please bring me PS 5, Pokemon cards, Fortnite and Hot Wheels cars.

Jolie: Bring me a piano keybard, Cocker Spaniel puppy and a PS 5.

Trigg: What I really want Santa to bring me is a Mexican cook book, a virtual video game set and a radio

headset.

Flor: Please bring Pokemon action toys for me.

Pricilla: I would really like a pink Stanley cup, a Barbie dream house and a secret room in my house with a lot of snacks.

Waylon: I want two remote control cars.

Trate: I would like a PS 6 and snow shoes, not boots - shoes.

Aurora: Bring me a red or purple sled, some shirts, socks, pants, sweatshirts, two unicorn Squishmallow pillows, a dodge ball and a trumpet - that's what I really need.

Sophia: Bring me a cheetah stuffy, hover board and a black kitten, please.

Roni: I would like a really big Hatchable egg, an orange newborn kitten with black stripes, a charm bracelet set and a Barbie RV camper.

Oliver: I want Fortnite, a pet peacock bird and a roller coaster.

Whatever dreams and visions fill your heads as you get tucked into bed on Christmas Eve, the *Clark County Courier* staff hope they all come true. We hope the magic and excitement of the season lasts all year long for you and your families. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

**The Clark County Courier office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 in observance of the holiday.**

*The deadline for the January 1 edition will be Friday, December 27 before 5:00 p.m.*

## Courier Christmas and New Year's editions to be published on Tuesday instead of Wednesday

With the Christmas and New Year's holidays falling on Wednesdays this year, the last edition of 2024 and the first edition of 2025 will be sent out on Tuesday instead. This means, of course, the newspaper has to be ready for print by Monday afternoon (a day earlier than usual) so it can be delivered to all county subscribers on Christmas Eve (Tuesday, December 24) and New Year's Eve

(Tuesday, December 31). These editions will also be available for counter sales on Tuesday.

For these editions (12/25/24 and 1/1/25), our holiday deadline will be before 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior to printing.

**\*The deadline for the December 24 edition will be Friday, December 20.**

**\*Friday, December 27 will be the deadline for the December 31 edition.**

## 2024 in review, the first six months

How will 2024 in Clark County be remembered? Let's reflect on the first six months of 2024.

### January

Alan Luckhurst retired after 46 years in the auto parts business. Luckhurst began his career at then Olson's Motors in Clark on February 1, 1978 working for the company through the years and more recently as it transitioned to Sturdevant's Auto Parts. His last day on the job was December 29, 2023.

Clark Area Snow Queen Festival's senior talent winner, Kaylynn Hofer of Carpenter was awarded third place at the South Dakota Ju-

nior Snow Queen Festival in Aberdeen. Junior Miss Clark Area Brynn Roehrich competed in the state festival.

The South Dakota Snow Queen Festival took place in Aberdeen. Neveah Rusher, Miss Clark Area was among the competitors.

Results were tallied from the Clark Area Day of Giving that took place in November of 2023. Fundraising efforts totaled \$28,155, an increase of almost \$6,000 from the previous year.

Jeffrey Wade Yexley, age 49 of

**2024 Year in Review**  
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## Clark third graders explain "What Christmas means to me"

The Clark Elementary third grade classes were asked, "What Christmas means to me?" Their answers to this question follow. Heather Spieker and Raegan Karber are the third grade teachers at Clark Elementary School.

### What Christmas Means to Me,

Mrs. Spieker's class

**Jaziel:** Christmas is a holiday about joy and also Jesus' birthday. But, the thing I love is that you get presents. Sometimes Christmas is most likely to be a snow day filled with lots of snow! My favorite memory is shopping with cops.

**Jace:** It means to see my family. Christmas is special because we have blueberries.

**Isabella:** It's special because your family loves you and that's great because holidays are all about love. Also, my favorite memory is having Christmas with my dad.

**Wyatt:** It means joy to me. I like that we build snow forts. My favorite memory is when I went skiing. Merry Christmas!

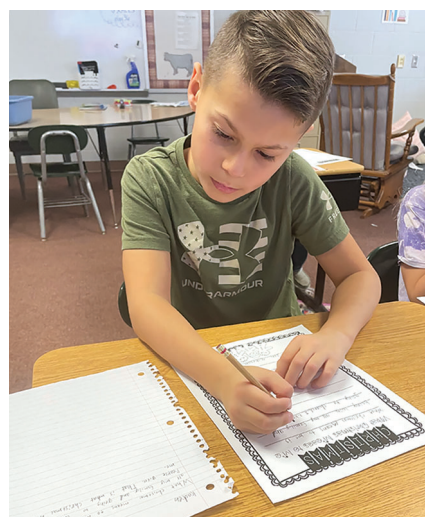
**Jonah:** To me, Christmas means we celebrate Jesus's birth, and I stay home and eat food. That is what Christmas means to me.

**Everleigh:** First, it is a holiday when you and your family come to celebrate this special holiday. Second, you can have hot cocoa to keep you warm on this cold day. Third, you have a Christmas break so you can enjoy this special holiday. Lastly, Christmas is the closest holiday to my birthday. Merry Christmas hohoho!

**Dilam:** A time to be with family and enjoying the holiday.

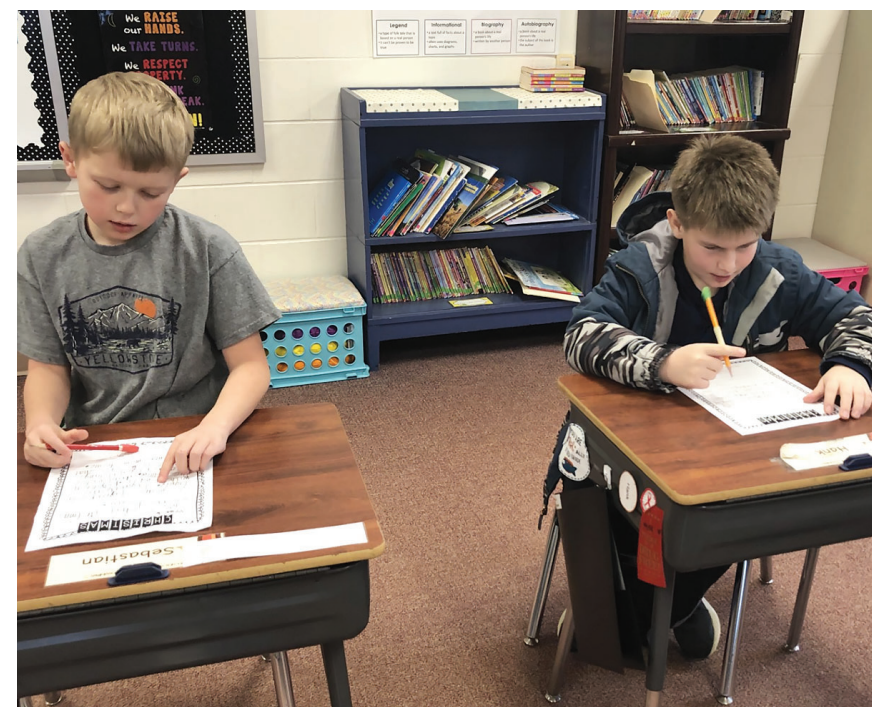
**Leonardo:** I get to open presents with my family. We play snowball fights. We go sledding.

**Abigail:** It means family and friends coming over and having food with them. It also means gift switching at school. At Girl Scouts, we play saran wrap game. If you get something out, you keep it.



Clark third graders Kaden Nickerson, Brayden Nelson and Hank Osterloh work to answer "What Christmas means to me?"

Photos Courtesy of Mrs. Spieker & Mrs. Karber



**Sebastian:** I hang out with family, mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, papa and nana. It's special because we open presents.

**Brayden:** It means staying with family members, playing in the snow and drinking hot cocoa. Lastly, it means watching fun movies together. That's what Christmas means to me.

**Hank:** It means I get to see my family. My favorite memory is playing the saran wrap game. It's special because it's Jesus' birthday.

Mrs. Karber's class

**Abram,** What Christmas means to me is that we make cookies and see my family together.

**Ella:** What Christmas means to me is Jesus' birthday, love gifts and family time.

**Dylan:** What Christmas means to me is getting presents, giving presents and spending time with family.

**Ellie:** What Christmas means to me is spending time with my family and my cousins. I spend time with Jesus on his birthday. We go to church. I like to sleep in and get presents.

**Nolan:** What Christmas means to me is seeing family, presents and Jesus. That is what Christmas means to me.

**Tren:** What Christmas means to me is getting to see family and presents. Getting my favorite presents.

**Piper:** What Christmas means to me is having Christmas with both sides of the family and opening presents.

**Hunter:** What Christmas means to me is having a lot of family time, celebrating Jesus and opening presents.

**Robert:** What Christmas means to me is family time. Christmas is 10 days after my birthday.

**Jack:** What Christmas means to me is Jesus. Because he is the Lord's son.

**Raegan:** What Christmas means to me is spending time with family, giving presents and cooking for family. Spending time with family is like doing something you love and sharing it. Giving presents means you really care about them. Cooking for family is so we can share recipes.

**Kaden:** What Christmas means

to me is being with all my family and going to church. I like getting people gifts.

**Erving:** What Christmas means to me is giving and getting presents from family.

**Hadley:** What Christmas means to me is going to church to celebrate Jesus' birthday, opening presents, stockings and spending time with my family on Christmas.

**Gentry:** What Christmas means to me is seeing family and opening gifts and Jesus.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

WEATHER			
Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer			
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December 10	29	23	0.01
December 11	29	-6	0.07
December 12	1	-5	0
December 13	7	0	0
December 14	24	4	0
December 15	30	24	0
December 16	34	30	0
2024 precipitation to date 20.93"			
2023 precipitation to date 18.47"			

**CLARK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
LEAVING A LEGACY

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CLARK AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!

Members: Gayle Wookey, Tom LaBrie, Chad Fjelland, Susan Fjelland, Diane Varilek, Greg Furness, David Warkenthien, Nicole Nelson and student members Raigan Flatten, Lauren Luvaas, Lincoln Reidburn and Yeleiny Ramirez Gonzalez.