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MEET YOUR ELKS



Kolby White

High School



Vance Stewart

Kolby White is the boys' basketball coach and teaches high school math and history. There are many teachers in his family, and he always wanted to be a coach. He likes steak and potatoes, the color red, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and rock music. He has a German Shepard named Dottie, and his favorite season is summer. In his spare time he enjoys watching sports, golfing, solving puzzles, and hanging out with his wife, Emma, and his son Tate.

-RF

Vance Stewart is in the 9th grade. He enjoys dirtbikes and working on his four-wheeler. Some of his favorite things are pancakes, the color green, country music, and the movie *Cars*. He dislikes school and is looking forward to graduating. His family includes his parents, Shawna and JC; his sister, Angel; and his brother, Paiton.

-ES



MEET YOUR ELKS



Bentley Udovich

7th grader, Bentley Udovich, has attended three different schools: Ozark, Cherokee, and now Burlington. He enjoys playing basketball and doing math in his free time. His family consists of his mother, Kimberly; his dad, Gerald; his three siblings, Spencer, Faith, and Tamiya; and his three dogs, Max, Nala, and Baylee. He participates in track, basketball, and music. His favorite season is summer. A movie he loves is *Shrek 1*.

-CF



Apryl Burleson

Elementary



Hunter Johnson

Apryl Burleson has taught Pre-K at Burlington for nine years. Her favorite season is fall, her favorite food is steak, her favorite movie is *Emma*, and her favorite book is *Something in the Water*. For fun, she likes to explore with her three grandsons. Her favorite color is pink, and she dislikes pickles.

-EP



Hunter Johnson, a Pre-K student, dislikes oranges and pineapples. However, he does like cheese pizza, Christmas, the book *12 Days of Christmas*, the color blue, and the television show *Bluey*. His parents are Jamie Jacobs and Jade Johnson. In his free time he enjoys fishing with his dad.

-EP

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Where is this
in BPS?

Last month's
location was...
By the auditorium

-LT

ASK A JUNIOR HIGH ELK...

Who is on the naughty list this year?



Hayle Smith - Brantley

Lauren Thomason - Carleigh

Garrett Sims - Me and Newt

Jaxon Elliott - Bentley

Zoey Graham - Savelina

Savelina Ofiu - My shawty Lauren

Brantley Penner - Me

Larry Heatherman - Haven Stoner

Newt Heatherman - Brantley

Wyatt Morgan - Brantley

Kaydance McGee - Brantley

Emmalynn Stoner- Lauren

Maddox Morgan - Larry

Owen Bellamy - Wyatt



-LT

"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."

-Burton Hillst



I think this is a really good quote. It is something people overlook often. -RF



A senior tradition, decorating the Burlington Christmas tree is fun for the whole class. It's nice to look back on ornaments students made in their younger years. Every year the tree looks as different as the class who decorated it. Many classes even make their own senior class ornament. The class of 2025 is currently using the many talents of Haven Stoner to create the perfect class ornament. -HM



MR. SPEARS'S THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"You cannot stand backwards on stairs."

-LT



Tis' the Season

Tis' the season for cold weather
 Lights presents and candy canes
 Santa Claus and Rudolph too
 The Birth of Jesus Christ
 Singing of Christmas carols
 Going house to house
 The season of giving and snow
 We might be lucky to get snow
 The Christmas tree's up
 Stockings by the fire
 All that is left to say is
 Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night

Poem submitted by Marie McGee

Jokes of the month

How did the snowman pay for his groceries?.....cold cash

How did Scrooge win the football game?.....the ghost of Christmas passed

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?.....nothing, it was on the house

What was Santa's favorite class in school?.....Chemis-tree

Why do elves like Beyoncé so much?.....because she sleighs -CF



HM

-HM

Back in 1943 mechanical engineer Richard James invented the neat little toy called the Slinky by accident! He was working to create springs that could keep ship equipment steady while at sea. After accidentally knocking some test projects off a shelf, he watched in amazement as they “walked” down instead of falling.

-CF



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A CALM MORNING

Christmas isn't a season.
It's a feeling.
-Edna Ferber

Very true,
Christmas is the best time of the year.

-HS

Elementary Christmas News

1st grade

1st grade finally got the book they wrote (*The Adventures of Walter*) sent off to be published. They have all been challenged to earn 30 AR points for this 9 weeks, and I think they will all do it. 30 points earns the students a Boho drink.

4th grade

The 4th grade class is working on learning their 50 states and capitals. They are also working on fractions in math. The students are looking forward to Christmas break.

5th grade

In 5th grade, we have been finding common denominators to add and subtract fractions. We are also enjoying reading various Christmas themed articles and playing many basketball games! All of us agree that we are excited about Christmas break!

6th grade

In 6th grade we have been doing a novel study over the book *Holes*. We are learning about thermal energy and algebraic equations. Students are looking forward to their class parties this Friday, and of course Christmas Break.

? Ask a 3rd grade Elk...

What would you do if you were Santa for a day?

Praise Moore- Keep the presents for myself

Drake Kisling- Retire

Mya Holderby- Boss my elves around and ditch Mrs. Claus

Olivia Flackman- Not give people presents

Kessler Kolb- Give out presents

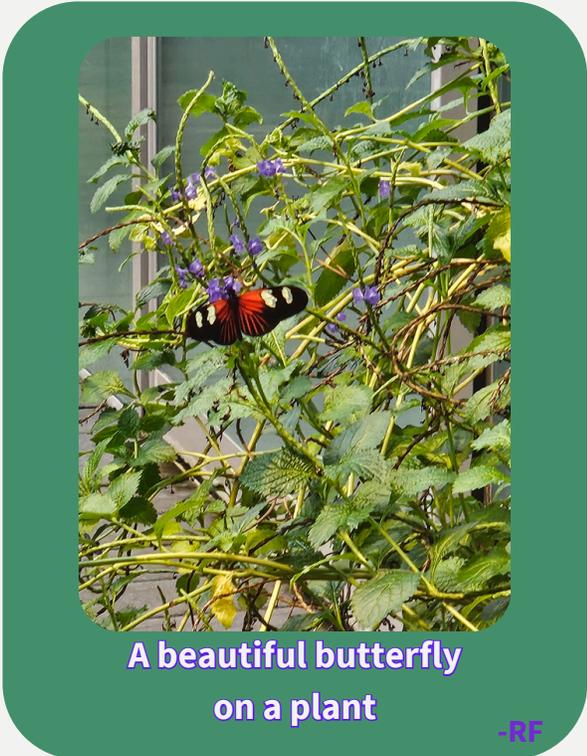
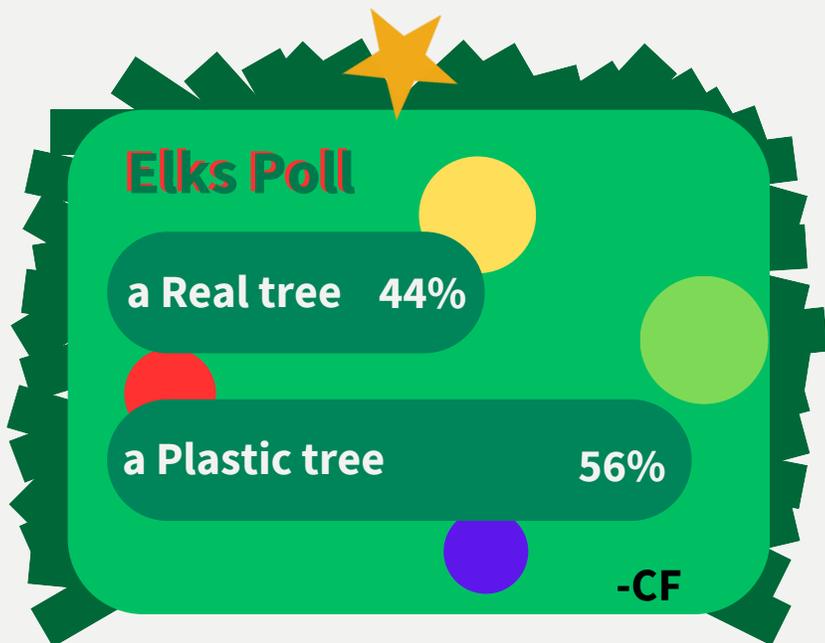
Cooper Shrum- Take all the V-Bucks and scam

Lisiate Ofiu- Keep all the gift cards then throw all the other presents on top of houses

Emmaline Sternberger- Sleep and eat

Mazie Ferrell- Tell everyone to come give me presents because I want Christmas, too





Trends

We Listen and We Don't Judge

You may have seen videos of people saying the phrase, "We listen and we don't judge." This trend involves two or more people, regularly friends, saying embarrassing things they have done. No one is allowed to judge that person.

Each time after confessing everyone says, "We listen and we don't judge."

-LT



? ASK A 6TH GRADE ELK...

What holiday movie could you watch over and over again?

Carlee Graham - *Christmas with the Kranks*

Jordyn Matzke - *The Grinch*

Cody Stewart-Moore - *Either A Christmas Story or The Grinch*

Kaylee Cumbie - *The Grinch*

Brea Moffatt - *Home Alone*

Grayson Campbell - *The Grinch*

Carly Cass - *The Grinch*

Gunner Obiero - *The Grinch*

-HS



What's Cooking in Family & Consumer Science?

In Mrs. Bird's FACS class this month, they learned how to make a pineapple cheese ball with pecans and also how to make homemade gummies and Jello jigglers in holiday molds. On top of all that, they made sugar cookies which were rolled out and cut out with various Christmas cookie cutters.

-HS



4-H News



At the December meeting, the Burlington 4-H kids made a holiday treat for the teachers.

-EP

? ASK A TEACHER...

What gift do you wish you could give to students?

Mr. White - Longer attention span

Mrs. Newlin - The gift of love for science

Mrs. Bird - The gift of seeing into their futures and how their choices can impact their futures in a bad or good way

Ms. Lindley - The gift of staying off the naughty list

Mr. Pederson - The 3 p's (patience, positivity, and perseverance)

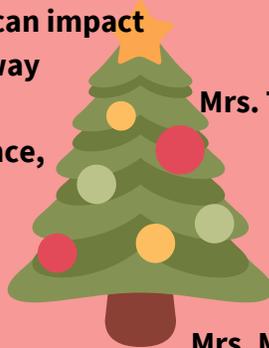
Mrs. Thomason - The gift of paying attention to the teacher and getting along

Mrs. Spears - The ability to bring a charged Chromebook

Mrs. Sims - The gift of confidence

Mr.O - The gift of OBEDIENCE, they do what I say when I say it Muahahaha

Mrs. Mccullough - An "Aha moment" -- that moment when you finally grasp a concept you've worked hard on. It's a beautiful moment



-RF



Artwork submitted by Rane Russell

Elks Radio

Last Christmas - Wham!

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas - Frank Sinatra

Like it's Christmas - The Jonas Brothers

white xmas - Sabrina Carpenter

Xmas Time of the Year - Green Day

Underneath the Tree - Kelly Clarkson

Spidey-bells (A Hero's Lament) - Chris Pine

All I Want For Christmas is You - Mariah Carey

Wonderful Christmastime - Paul McCartney

This Christmas - Donny Hathaway

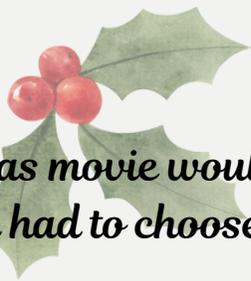
It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year - Andy Williams

Happy Xmas (War is Over) - John Lennon, Yoko Ono

I Am the Grinch - Tyler, the Creator

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BPS Poll



Which Christmas movie would you keep if you had to choose?

19%

Christmas Vacation

5%

Christmas Story

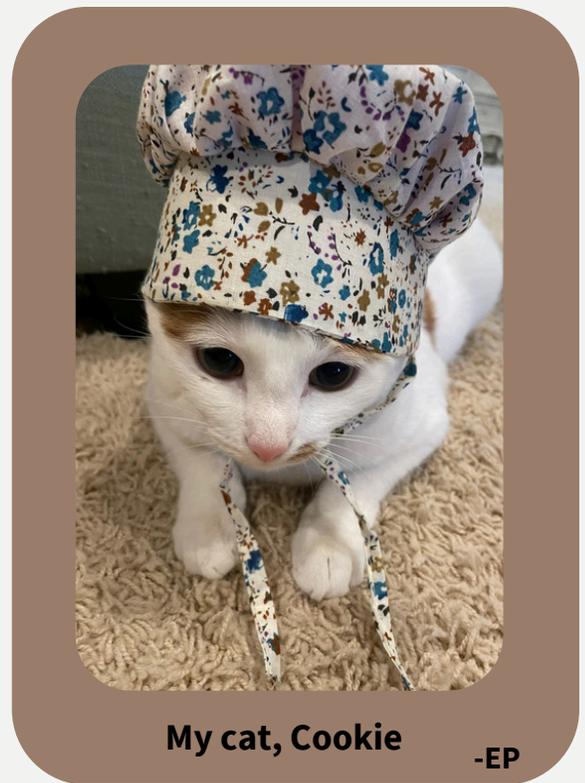
24%

Elf

52%

Home Alone

-LT

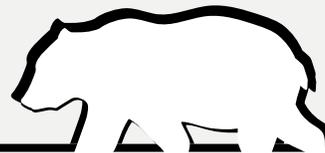


My cat, Cookie

-EP



Did you know?



A polar bear's fur is actually clear. Each strand of hair on a polar bear is hollow, allowing light to bend in the right ways to reflect back as white.

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GREMLINS



Gremlins Movie Review



This movie is a fun switch-up from traditional Christmas movies. *Gremlins* is a horror/comedy Christmas movie rated PG. The process of making this movie is almost as entertaining as the movie itself. I'd say this is a holiday classic. If you're looking for something different, this is an amazing choice. The gremlins can freak people out, but it is also a movie you can watch with family and friends.

-HM

FROM THE KIDS...

How many elves does Santa have?

Grayson Bellamy (3rd) - 30,000

Olivia Flackman (3rd) - 16

Stella German (4th) - 500

Emmett Morgan (4th) - 999,999

Claire Pray (5th) - 28

Dax Kisling (5th) - 10,586

-HS

Slang Terms

Shawty

Shawty is a slang term to refer to a young attractive female, it was used most in the 1990s to 2000s. Now, it is more used by friends joking with each other.

-LT

Children laughing bright,
Gifts under the tree at night,
Christmas joy in sight



-HS

Weird History

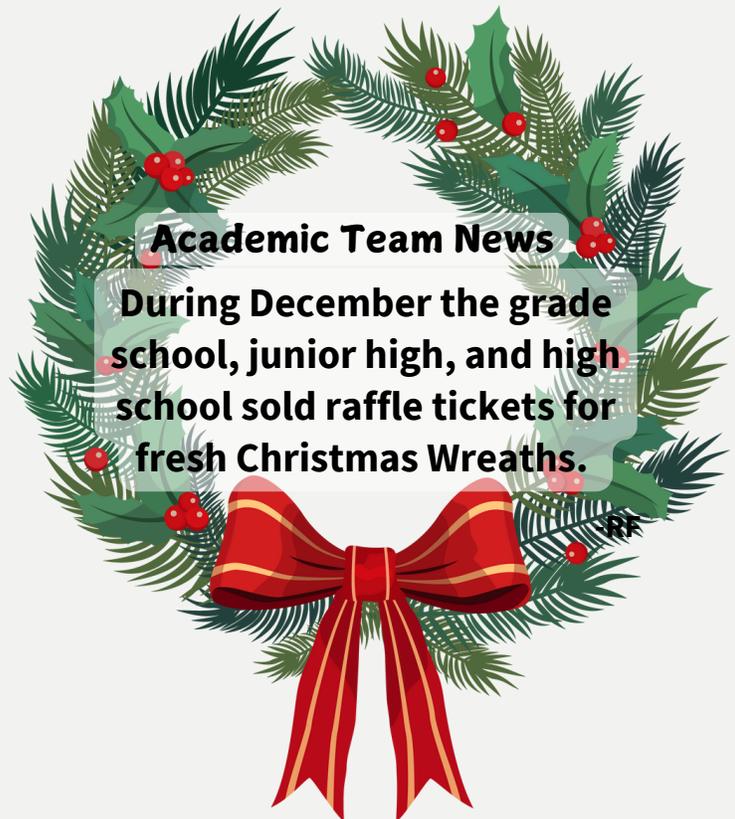
The Origin of Christmas

As most people know, Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus. But, most of the Christmas traditions we have today are stolen from the pagan holiday, Saturnalia, the celebration of the winter solstice.

-ES

Academic Team News

During December the grade school, junior high, and high school sold raffle tickets for fresh Christmas Wreaths.



STEAM Activity... from Mrs. Spears

A holiday-ish steam activity is making the tallest (preferably green) gumdrop tree out of gumdrops and toothpicks. First, take your gumdrops and stab a toothpick into the top.

Stab the bottom of another gumdrop.

Then repeat, slowly making it taller and taller until it falls. -CF



MVP OF THE MONTH

Coach Hamilton chose her team managers, Carly Cass and Jordyn Matzke, for the MVP of the month.

“This is their first year to work as my managers and they’ve done a great job. They’re always asking questions, very dependable, hard working and willing to do what I ask of them.”



THE ELK CALL

A shout-out to invaluable Elks



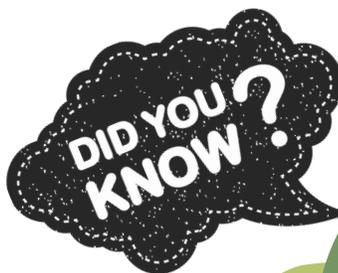
Toni Jacquez

Toni Jacquez is Burlington Public School’s librarian. The thing that she enjoys most about her job is the kids. Her family includes her husband, Jose Jacquez; mother, Terri Pederson; father, Roland Pederson; and sister, Kristy Archuleta. -RF



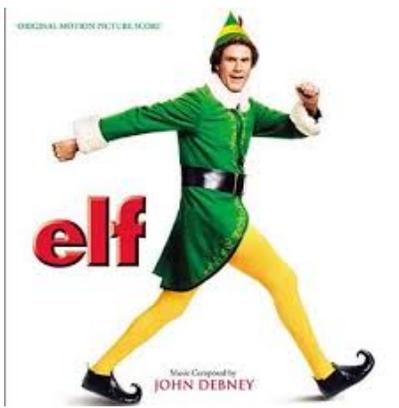
Pretty church in Colorado Springs

-ES



The oldest turtle lived to the age of 192, which means it lived through all the world wars. -CF

-CF



I think that *Elf* is a really good movie. It's funny and a great family show. -RF

“Sometimes the best Christmas present is remembering what you’ve already got.”

-Cathy Guisewite

I think this is a good quote to remember.

-EP



How to Decorate Christmas cookies



1. Get some unfrosted cookies. You can either bake them or buy them.

2. Prepare frosting of different colors -- as many colors as you want.



3. Frost your cookies.



4. Put decorations on them such as sprinkles or whatever you choose.



5. Enjoy your cookies

-RF

ALUMNI BLAST FROM THE PAST

Leysa Diel



Leysa Diel graduated in 1982. After graduation she went one year to OSU then finished her degree at NWOSU. She received a degree in elementary education. Leysa currently helps her husband with their farming ranching business. Her immediate family members are Brook and Kade Keast, Kyden, Kasen, Kodee; Blair and Alex Dyer, Emma and Collin; Brena and Ian McCaslin; her father Glenn Clepper; her sisters Robyn Flanigin, Renae Delamarter, and Debbie Wiese; and her mom, Marge Clepper.

-ES

BPS Poll

Would you rather give or receive the perfect gift?

Give

83%



Receive

17%

-RF



Burlington Senior Haven Stoner was named the Kendrick Castillo Memorial Outstanding Student Finalist at the recent Robotics competition in Colorado Springs. Congratulations, Haven!



GUESS THE ELF!



JH Poll

Do you prefer your presents wrapped or in gift bags?

100%

Wrapped

0%

Gift bags

-HS



ASK AN ELK...

What's the worst gift you've ever recieved?

Hayle Smith- A drone that didn't work

Lauren Thomason- A brick

Haven Stoner- Younger siblings

Addie Pray- Rocks painted like coal

Tamiya Evans- A box of rocks

Colton Pedersen- Christmas socks

Ranee Russell- Divorce papers

Remington Farney- A calendar

Phog German- Punched in the head

Becky Carlson- Nothing

Corbin Fluman- A deer liver

Owen Bellamy- Socks

Maddox Morgan- Shoddy slippers

Vance Stewart- Socks

-ES

The Scarecrow Yard

Continued from the last issue

Nine years after she first arrived at the orphanage, Patricia sat in her orphanage room, reading a book. She liked to read books. There wasn't much else to do.

She finished the book she was reading and set it in her nightstand drawer to return to the library later. The only other thing that was in that drawer was a little shriveled up black thing in a Ziploc bag. It was her little white pumpkin. She'd tried to preserve it by putting it in the bag, but it still got all musty and crusty and stuff.

As you have probably concluded, her parents never came for her.

Patricia looked at the time. It was eight in the morning. The library opened at eight thirty, so she decided to start walking.

Patricia took hold of her book, slowly opened the door, and snuck through the hallway. She crept down the stairs and slipped quietly out the door. She walked down the road, heading toward the library. She was able to get there at around eight twenty-five, but the doors were still closed, so she sat on the stairs and waited for them to open.

While she was waiting, a scarecrow walked up to her.

"Hello," he said. "So we meet again."

Suddenly, the world twirled around Patricia like a tornado. She screamed. It slowly stopped, and she found herself standing in a patch of scarecrows.

Patricia looked around, feeling a sense of familiarity. She realized this was the pumpkin patch she'd visited as a child.

"Where... how did we get here?" she asked.

"Do you want to see your family again?" he asked.

"I guess," Patricia said.

He led her over to three scarecrows. They were dressed in the clothes her family had worn the day they got struck by lightning. "There they are," he said. "They're part of my collection now."

Patricia stared at them. She struggled to understand what was going on. Finally, she said, "This is weird."

She looked around at the other scarecrows, all wearing the same clothes as they had been wearing when they were caught. At last, she asked, "Why did you turn people into scarecrows?"

"It's getting cloudy outside," he responded. "There will be lightning soon."

Suddenly, lightning struck her. She couldn't move. The scarecrow man, standing right beside her and yet not being stricken, smiled and said, "You're going to be a new part of my collection now."

Patricia was transformed into a scarecrow. She was set by her family.

Day after day, night after night, she waited to be freed from her prison of straw, where she would remain forever.

The End

-EP



ALUMNI'S FAVORITE BURLINGTON MEMORIES

Serena Sinclair, 1980

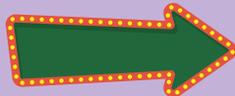
All the aforementioned are sweet memories! I can recall many.

Fondest: singing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* at the Christmas play, 7th through 12th grade with the entire community filling the auditorium and singing along.

#2 All our 6th grade shenanigans.

#3. Making the mistake of rolling my eyes in the presence of Mrs. Hadwiger as she said something. Our class had gathered in the library for play practice, and she made me go to the end of the line as we filed out to lunch:)

#4 Our Senior Play "Ask Any Girl"



Jana Garvie Lindley, 1983

Producing the Elks Gazette in journalism class with Mrs. Hadwiger holds fun memories, especially the anticipation of waiting to read the "Chatter" section. All the shenanigans while traveling to and from tennis matches were "totally awesome." Setting up a huge live Christmas tree in the hallway was a highlight too!



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