

# 'A Vintage Christmas on the Prairie' is a hit

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Prairie City was abuzz with activity Saturday for "A Vintage Christmas on the Prairie."

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrived on an old-fashioned horse and buggy at the Prairie City Teen Center with a long line of children waiting, eager to share their wishes with the jolly ol' elf.

Halle Armichardy, 6, of John Day said she asked Santa for a Barbie DreamHouse, and her younger sister Finley, 4, asked for a guitar.

Anna Jacobs, 9, of Prairie City asked Santa for a real hedgehog.

"They really soft and cute, and they're nocturnal," she said.

Anna's cousin Blake, 6, said a set of face paints is on her list, and her sister Reece said she would like to find a Fitbit under the tree this year.

Cole Stoneman of Prairie City, 2 1/2, told Santa he'd like a play horse, and his brother Miles, 4 1/2 said he'd like a train.

A Christmas bazaar, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 106, was a hit at the Prairie City School cafeteria with an array of potential gifts and stocking stuffers, including wood crafts, decorations, hand-sewn or crocheted items, essential oils and more.

This year's event also featured a wreath crafting activity; pets photos with Santa, benefiting Hope 4 Paws; and tours of historic homes, including Hotel Prairie.

The annual event has been a tradition in Prairie City for over 20 years.

**Drawing winners:**  
Spa basket: Laura Saul  
Beverage basket: Ali Lenz  
Spice basket: Barbara Voigt  
\$100 gift certificate Huffman's: Murray Alexander  
\$100 gift certificate Chester's: Jana Lee

Ninja Foodie: Cyndi Nelson  
Cord of wood: Sophia Morris



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**Jerry Wilcox of Wilcox Horse & Buggy from Vale holds the reins, driving his pair of Percheron thoroughbred draft horses. He offered rides during A Vintage Christmas on the Prairie on Saturday in Prairie City. His wife Sylvia Wilcox (not pictured) was also on hand helping passengers.**



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**Halle Armichardy, 6, of John Day visits with Santa Claus at the Teen Center.**



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**Linda Kinnaman of Prairie City, right, shows Audrey Lallatin of John Day her handmade Christmas decor and jewelry at Saturday's American Legion Unit 106 Christmas bazaar held at the Prairie City School cafeteria. In back, Kim Heathcote, selling baked goods and decor, visits with customers.**



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**Shylah DesJardin, 5, and her sister Briar, 3, of John Day enjoy decorating gingerbread cookies at the Teen Center during A Vintage Christmas on the Prairie.**



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