

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

By car, Kodiak, Alaska, seems to be between 2887 and 2892 miles from Hepner. By air is another story, of course. And that story "Thanksgiving" could tell if she could talk... but Thanksgiving is a pigeon. The Cameron Sweeney family has, as reported in a past GT, ten homing pigeons. On Thanksgiving Day, the pigeons were in the air enjoying whatever homing pigeons do in the air, and when they returned to their pigeon loft, they brought home a visitor they had picked up while out and about! The newcomer seemed totally content to move in with her new-found friends. Since the band on the calm, friendly newcomer's leg identified her as a pigeon from Kodiak, the Sweeneys have tried to contact her owner, to no avail. So, for now, the Sweeney's have eleven pigeons, and one of them – now named "Thanksgiving" – could probably tell some hair-raising stories about her adventurous travels, if only she could talk! David and April Sykes spent Thanksgiving week in Carey, North Carolina, visiting their daughter Allison and her family: husband, Matt, and sons, Sebastian, and August. In addition to enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, they spent time visiting and catching up on news. They also rode along when taking the boys to school and visited the beautiful new city park that had just opened. On the way home, the Sykes's got an unexpected side trip: Because of fog at Pasco, their flight was diverted to Seattle, where they stayed overnight and flew home the next day. The airline did provide accommodation and meals. MaryAnn Elguezabal shares that "Last week I wished Carter Adams good luck on his hunting trip and added that I would love to have some deer burger. Two days later, he showed up at my doorstep with several packages of deer burger and a great big smile on his face!" (Of course, Carter refused remuneration for the meat, but he did finally agree to take some fresh, homemade tortillas.) MaryAnn continues, "Speaking of deer, my granddaughter Emily, who is one and a half, also knows how to say 'deer'! One of the blessings of living in Hepner!" From our Hepner library: "Come join us for 'Crafty Night' next Wednesday, December 13 at 6 PM. This month's craft will be a Reindeer Punch-Needle Wall Art." This program is for adult crafters only, and registration is required by calling the library or stopping in to register. (Sounds like fun, and the picture of the finished product is really cute!) Tonight, Wednesday the 6th, we can go to the annual holiday/winter evening of music featuring grades K through 12, at the elementary school. This will be an opportunity to add to our Christmas/holiday cheerfulness that many, many individuals tuned into at the lighting of Heritage Park and music at the ag museum last Thursday! Such a great job by the City Crew, ag museum volunteers, preschool singers, school choir! This could be the season during which acts of kindness and positive happenings increase, and GT readers hope to read about them, so please share your stories: dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this!

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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DEAR SANTA

"Dear Santa", she wrote, scooted up to her desk.

"Now this ain't the first time I've made this request. You know I've been good, well... far as cow-girls go

But with all due respect Sir, your response has been slow.

Now, I'm guessin' the cowboy I ordered's a hot item

And I've delt with these backorders, best not to fight 'em.

I'm figurin' on makin' it easy on us both

So, I'm changin' my order a bit...here goes.

The part about bein' tall, dark, n' handsome (Not the part about money, 'cause I still prefer he have some)

Well, nobody's perfect, an' what's a few extra pounds.

Don't have to be "show

quality", just long as he's sound.

Hair would be nice, but not a requirement.

Wouldn't mind a guy with a real good retirement.

Teeth need to be clean, but they can be store bought, Long as they work, and he don't take 'em out a lot.

It would be great if he came with a horse...

Boots, chaps spurs... his own tack, of course.

Won't be too fussy 'bout the horse he rides.

If he can get on by himself, I'll be satisfied.

Well, my stocking's hung up, there's room under the tree.

I've left you some cookies, and some real good corn whiskey.

Now, I know you're busy, but please rush if you could

'Cause I'm startin' to worry 'bout what's startin' to look good".

By Susie Crosby

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