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THIS WEEK



heARTfelt Christmas will be coming to Waitsburg on Dec 18.
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This week's recipe is perfect for holiday desserts., Eggnog Panna Cotta.
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For this year's Holiday Special our Waitsburg Elementary School students provide holiday stories, poetry and riddles for our readers.
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Christmas in Waitsburg

The Times presents holiday writing by students from Waitsburg Elementary School

Mrs. Montgomery's Preschool students answer "This Christmas I want Santa to bring me"



A magic book that can write for me.
-Elizabeth Hays



A magical teacup that can pour water, milk and orange juice for me.
-Foster Richardson



A princess toy that can sing with rings on her hands and long hair that I can brush.
-Sydney Smith



A toy cat with magical legs so I can play with her.
-Maddison Miller



A very big toy dinosaur, a racecar and a big real lizard.
-Forrest Afdahl



A police car, a monster truck and a big semi-truck like the one my dad drives to work.
-Charlie Knighton



A Spiderman toy with a venom web.
-Harper Williams



A fluffy bear, a big monster truck and a real motorcycle for my brother Ryden to ride on the road.
-Finley Huxoll



A Muppet toy.
-Chloe Abel



A purple pony.
-Gemma Pennington



A Bronco truck.
-Flint Abel



A toy store.
-Ember Adams



A pink little pony.
-Gracie Compton



A real Toyota truck.
-Myles Grende



A big train with tracks.
-Lynlee Henry



A coloring book.
-Avery Janovich



A big dollhouse
-Kennedy Henze



A little puppy.
-Israel Stahl



A new baby.
-Phoenix Stahl



A real tractor to ride with Mom.
-Kinsley Tate



A big monster truck.
-Jax Wood



A tractor with a hook on the back.
-Aiden Zuger



A car.
-Corben Brock

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NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY:

Encanto

DAYTON—Encanto, is the tale of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called an Encanto. The all-new original Disney film (with a screenplay by Lin-Manuel Miranda and others) features the voice of Stephanie Beatriz as Mirabel, an ordinary 15-year-old who's struggling to find her place in her family. "Mirabel is a really funny, loving character who also deeply yearns for something more," says Beatriz. "She's also not afraid to stand up for what she knows is right—something I love and relate to very much."

This Disney animated film is rated 90% favorable by the critics at Rotten Tomatoes, and 93% by the audience. The critics consensus is that this movie is an enchanting, beautifully animated film for the whole family. The audience assessment is that Encanto delivers gorgeous animation, catchy songs, and a heartwarming message. It is rated PG for some thematic elements and mild peril, with a runtime of 109 minutes. This movie shows at the Liberty Theater DEC 17-28 (2 Weeks, but not on the Friday the 24th or Saturday the 25th) on Friday and Saturday (Dec. 17, 18) at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 3 pm, and on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm (not 7:30).

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ENCANTO

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DAYTON—With 30 inches of snow at the summit, 24 inches at the base, and more in the forecast, Bluewood is excited to announce that the 21-22 season kicks off this Friday, Dec. 17.

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The staff is busy shoveling, plowing, grooming the runs, and getting final lodge prep dialed in as they count down to the big day.

Bluewood will be open daily from 12/17-12/24, closed Christmas Day, and then open again every day from 12/26-1/2/22. You can find their operating schedule online at <https://bluewood.com/schedule> See you on the mountain!



AMERICAN LEGION POST 35 ESSAY CONTEST

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Post 35 sponsored an American Essay Contest to students at Waitsburg Schools. The contest was a way for students to think about their country. The theme for this year's competition was "Our American Flag."

For the competition, students in grades 1 through 3 were challenged to use the image of our flag to create an art project. Students in grades 4 through 12 were asked to write an essay about the history of the flag, the way to display the flag properly, or other facts about the flag. Each of the winners received a \$100 gold bill awarded in four age groups.

On December 10, the middle school and high school students met in the high school auditorium, where local commander, Ron Standing, thanked the students who participated and shared some great essays submitted. Standing spoke to the students about Pearl Harbor Day and shared some facts about the American flag. Stranding was accompanied by his wife, Cindy, who is also a veteran.

The Standrings announced that 10th grader Abbi Paolino won the \$100 gold bill in the 9-12 grade group. The gold bill for the 6-8 grade group was awarded to 7th grader Hannah Peralez.

Later that afternoon, the elementary assembled in the multi-purpose room with the Standrings. Ron shared facts about the flag with the students. He awarded a gold bill to 3rd grader Byron Boshart for his drawing of a flag on a combine. In the 4-5 grade group, Ollivyr Dahlby had the winning essay and was cheered by his classmates when he received his \$100 gold bill.

Cindy Standing said she was inspired by the students' heartfelt love for our country and respect for those who fought and died for our great country. She also loved how the students' knowledge of our flag, its origins, and our country's history and heritage were instilled in the essays.

The Standrings encouraged all students to participate in next year's contest for a chance to win a \$100 gold bill.



Above: Ron and Cindy Standing awarding the award for the 1-3 grader prize to 3rd grader Byron Boshart.

Left: 10th grader Abbi Paolino won for the 9-12 grades.



Photos by Karen Huwe

The award for best essay submitted by 6-8 graders went to 7th grader Hannah Peralez at a school assembly on December 10.



4th grader Ollivyr Dahlby was the 4-5 grade winner.

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The kindness of Waitsburg

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Kindness is alive in Waitsburg. It seems like a prerequisite to becoming part of the community. It comes in all shapes and sizes, in acts big and small. From receiving an unexpected smile on a bad day or heading up an event, kindness is everywhere.



Food- 2,000 pounds of food were given away to anyone who could make it in March, 2021.

The year started strong, with more than 2,000 pounds of food distributed to Waitsburg and surrounding community members. The Waitsburg Christian Church, then led by Pastor Matthew Wyatt, helped organize the day-long event, partnering with Restoration Community Impact and New Beginning Christian Community Church. People went home with as many boxes of food as they could carry. Columbia County Undersheriff Robby Patterson showed up with a trailer to bring dozens of boxes to the Dayton Food Bank.

This summer, the Weller Public Library became a hot topic in the community. The historic library building was in the early stages of being considered for sale as surplus by the city. Starting at the city council's public meeting regarding the potential sale, the community came out to make it clear they wanted the library to stay at the current location.

Since then, the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library have been busy as bees fixing up the aging building, focusing heavily on bringing the building up to American Disability Act requirements. After the Friends of the Library's successful Halloween fundraiser, they could pour a large cement pad behind the building. At a recent city council meeting, Marie Gagnon shared updates about the wheelchair lift that would allow even more people access to the thousands of books hidden inside. The city has offered city funds, and donations have been steadily pouring in, getting the library closer and closer to the



Doug Biolo clearing snow downtown. He had help from Bill Moran keeping roads safe after the storm earlier this year. Above: Sisters Cindy and Beth Daves get out and get things done.

goal of letting everyone enjoy a good read.

This year saw residents volunteer to be on the library board and run for Waitsburg's Parks and Recreation. New members for Parks and Rec are Bart Baxter, Leroy Cunningham and Beth Daves.

It's the neighborly care that stands out in Waitsburg. One resident recently saw Kathy Mason helping Anita Baker pump gas and added that Mason and her husband, Gerald, help care for Jack McCaw's lawn. It's what neighbors do in Waitsburg- we take care of those who built the town that we know and love.

Last Christmas, the Henze family had quite a tasty surprise. Their neighbors from across the street, the Constantino family, brought the family a fresh batch of tamales on Christmas Eve.

"It was the pandemic, so Dane and I were home alone with 3-month-twin boys and a 3-year-old," Jillian Henze shared in an email. "It was not an easy time for us. That meal changed our whole (sleep-deprived) holiday."

Doug Biolo, co-owner of Nancy's Dream Garden Center, is always willing to help where he can. When snow-covered our streets and made for dangerous driving conditions, Doug was out on his tractor, moving snow, clearing sidewalks, and lending a hand where he could. The little garden shop supports the community, from unexpected donations to heavy lifting.

December 12 was Poinsettia Day at the Waitsburg Christian Church when members bring poinsettias to the church in memory of a loved one. When City Councilmember Henze went to the garden center to purchase a memorial poinsettia, she said she struck up a conversation about the upcoming holiday celebrations in town.

"Without me asking or mentioning the Christmas Light Contest, Doug said he was donating a \$20 gift card as a contest prize and made out the transaction on the spot," Henze said. "I lovingly deposited this act of goodwill into the hands of Cindy Daves the next morning. He is a treasure."

The businesses of Waitsburg are some of the most supportive small-town businesses you can find. It's

not a surprise to see Waitsburg Grocery's name on a Tee-ball jersey or a youth soccer uniform. The crew at Ten Ton Coffee doesn't hesitate to whip up hot chocolates for the local preschoolers as they decorate the Downtown Christmas Tree.

The giving starts early in this town. In November, the Waitsburg Elementary second grade class held a canned food drive and donated over 200 pounds of canned and boxed food to the Waitsburg Resource Center, just in time to help with holiday baskets and meals.

Long-time resident Cindy Daves has stepped up to bring holiday cheer back to Waitsburg. In November, she announced the Christmas Light Contest for the town. Daves gathered sponsors, created contest rules, and organized judging for the contest she hopes will become an annual event. More than 180 houses joined the competition, and the sparkling lights have been greatly appreciated by the locals and drivers just passing through.

The light contest was just the start of Daves' holiday projects. She has helped spearhead the upcoming parade with former Commercial Club President Joy Smith. After the uncertainty of the past holiday season, residents and businesses have come together to help create the heARTfelt Christmas celebration for December 18. The parade will start at 5 p.m., following a slightly different route than past parades. Please check the map to plan the best location to view the parade.

Downtown, Markeeta Littlewolf will kick off the procession with her rendition of National Anthem as the first of the floats turns left out of the Banner Bank parking lot onto Main Street. The parade will continue a route down Main to 4th street, to Orchard, left on 7th, and back to the elementary school parking lot on Main.

This is just a glimpse of what Waitsburg does best. The kind spirit of Waitsburg shines bright- even through a two-year-long pandemic. Our community spirit is stronger than politics, brighter than viruses, and thicker than floodwaters.

We are all Waitsburg.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.
Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

Waitsburg Gun Club
TBA-General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Walla Walla County Commissioners
Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
Call-in information is available at https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php

Friends of the Weller Public Library
TBA Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting
TBA
Location to be announced

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners
First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council
Second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

Dayton School Board
Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners
Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online
Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

Starbuck City Council
Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.
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Thursday, December 16
TBA
Tuesday, December 21
TBA

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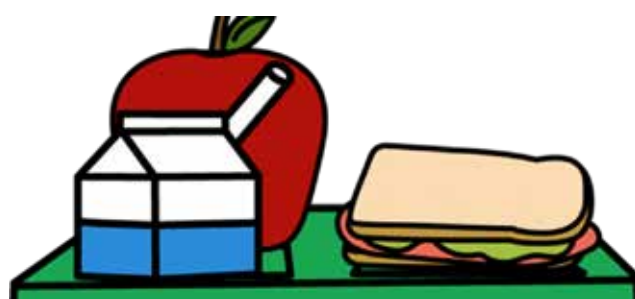
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11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 21
Roast beef
Potatoes
Vegetable
Bread
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Cookie

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, December 16
B: Breakfast pizza
L: Ham & potato casserole
Garlic bread
Veggie
Fruit

Friday, December 17
B: Strawberry pancakes
L: Joyce's choice

Monday, December 20
No School: Winter Break
See you next year!



Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
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Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
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Waitsburg Elementary School Winter Program

THE TIMES

Waitsburg Elementary students danced and sang Christmas songs in front of a full crowd on December 14. The students practiced for weeks, led by music teacher Elizabeth Jagelski. Mrs. Jagelski was hired at the beginning of the school year, and has revived the entire district's music programs, including the pep band which plays at home sporting games. Classic holiday songs, including Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman, were the stars of the show on Tuesday night.



Lots of singing while a the Nutcracker supervised.



Preschooler antics on stage, with choreography.



Photos by Beka Compton

The fifth grade class brought game to the show, with the nights best costumes.

heARTfelt Christmas is coming to town

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Coming out of a pandemic has been no match for Waitsburg's Christmas spirit. With Hometown Christmas, typically held the second weekend after Thanksgiving, on hold, due to the pandemic, community members have come together to bring plenty of Christmas sparkle to our little town.

Waitsburg's heARTfelt Christmas celebration will take place on Saturday, December 18. Enjoy local shopping, food, libations, Santa, and a parade through town. Be sure to take a walk or drive after the parade to appreciate all the lights and decorations in the neighborhoods.

Santa Claus will be in the lobby at the Plaza Theater on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for photos and Christmas wishes.

All along Main Street will be busy! The Weller Public Library will be serving hot cocoa and cookies. Sign up for a new library card or check out a new book while there. The Friends of the Library has been working hard to update the library, so look around and see what is new!

There will be fun holiday gift shopping at Gaudy Gals, Blush Salon, and Ten Ton Coffee.

Bundle up for the Christmas Parade at 5 p.m. Horses, floats, and four-wheelers are just a few of the many entries so far. If you want to ride in the parade, entries will be accepted through Thursday, December 16, late entries will be considered.

The parade route will be different from past years, so check the map in the ad to the right to find the best places to watch the fun.

After the parade, join the new owners of American 35, (the old Anchor Bar) for hot cider around a fire pit at the pocket park on Main Street across from Town Hall. Wrap up the evening with a glass of wine, beer or cider at The Royal Block and enjoy a music with a live DJ from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The music moves to The Plaza Theater from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Waitsburg's heARTfelt Christmas

Saturday, December 18
Parade and Celebration

Santa at The Plaza Theater	1 - 4 p.m.
Cookies and Cocoa at Weller Public Library	1 - 6 p.m.
DJ from Love Craft Events at Royal Block	4 - 8 p.m.
Outdoor Fire Pit & Cider at American 35 (old Anchor Bar)	5:45 - 6:30 p.m.
After Hours DJ at The Plaza Theater	9 p.m.- midnight

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heARTfelt Christmas Parade route and event sites

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Port of Columbia December meeting

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia commissioners held their last regularly scheduled meeting of the year at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 08, 2021, via Zoom. Commissioner Shawn Brown called the meeting to order.

There was no public comment.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting and addressed the monthly budget report. The Port Director, Jennie Dickinson, announced the Port received \$55,000 in tax revenue from the County.

The Port received from the County a bill for the primary election for \$7820, which is about twice the past election costs for the Port. Brown stated that it was his understanding the bill was high because the only race on the primary ballot was for a port position. Typically, other entities would have shared the information pamphlet and ballot printing and mailing expenses. Commissioner Sean Milligan asked the Director to check that the Port was not being billed for both the original and corrected information pamphlet since the errors were not the fault of the Port.

The budget report included \$8,000 paid for an economic impact analysis to be sent to the commissioners and posted on the Port's website. The document looks at direct jobs and indirect jobs created by the Port's activities and discusses how the impact numbers in the report were determined.

The Director said the cash on hand in the budget report might be misleading as it includes \$403,500 earmarked for broadband matching funds, so it is not available to spend. The cash reserves remain at \$100,000.

The Director announced three changes in leases, one new lease, and two renewals. At Blue Mountain Station (BMS), the Co-op has agreed to a slight rent increase and is ready to sign a new two-year lease.

In Suite B of the BMS, Mike Collins, owner of the Bard & Bee Meadery, plans to renew his two-year lease with a two-year extension.

Teresa Rae will rent a recently vacated space for an art studio with a one-year lease at the Port's Cameron Court location.

Dickinson reported a roof leak at the building leased by the hospital, which has been a recurring problem. An estimate to repair the roof came in at \$48,000, which she felt was too expensive. She will investigate other solutions to mitigate the problem.

At another Port property, Dickinson said Lyons Ferry Marina was still planning on adding ten RV pull-through sites, a project she hopes will get started next year. The Marina reported that they had a "great year."

The Director and Commissioners decided to hold their meetings for 2022 on the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. Since the Port conference room is too small to maintain social distancing, the Board decided to hold their meetings using Zoom. The new time and day for Port meetings are the same as Dayton City Council Meetings, so a citizen will not be able to attend both meetings. The meeting time was changed at the request of the newly elected board members.

Genie Crowe was appointed Board Chair to run the next meeting on January 12.

Vicki Zoller addressed the Board, hoping for support planning for a swimming pool in the County. Although she may find funding to build the pool, she feels that long-term maintenance would be a problem to support financially. After researching how similar communities maintain their pools, the Dayton Friends of the Pool concluded that the best way forward would be to form a parks and recreation district. To get the park and recreation district on next year's November ballot, 15% of the registered voters in Columbia County would need to sign a petition, and a feasibility study would have to be completed.

To move forward, the Friends of the Pool needs to have a community assessment and feasibility study to collect input from residents of a potential parks and recreation district. Schemata Workshop has been asked to do architectural work and help develop a scope of work for the project. Schemata Workshop will also help with the community outreach, facilitating three public meetings to gather public input.

The Dayton Friends of the Pool is asking for financial support from the city government, school and hospital districts as the project cannot move forward without the study. Ms. Zoller, on behalf of the Friends of the Pool, asked for \$5,000 from the Port. The Port did have \$3,250 remaining balance in their community support funds budget. The commissioners approved providing the remaining \$3,250 to the Friends of the Pool for their feasibility study. Zoller thanked the Board, saying this would "help educate our county voters and give them the opportunity to decide and put it in their hands."

Next, Dickinson discussed signing the Washington State Department of Commerce Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) contract to support the area's broadband project. The mission of CERB is to "enrich the lives of all Washington state residents and businesses by ensuring they have access to affordable, reliable, redundant and scalable/future proof broadband technologies ensuring the economic viability of both urban and rural Washington state today and into the future." The contract would involve federal funds and include a federal audit. In addition to the CERB contract, the pole attachment agreement with Pacificorp was also ready for the commissioners' signatures. The Director compared this project with the development of the Lyon's Ferry Marina in the 1970s in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Signing the CERB contract would obligate the Port

to provide \$96,500 in matching funds, which has only been an issue since the County has been reticent to announce any plans to provide their share of the matching funds.

The Director also announced that their application to the Public Works board for \$1,165,000 to extend the broadband project coverage westward to the outskirts of Huntsville was successful. This extension requires no matching funds.

There were no significant updates on the trail project except that it has been decided to plan on the Dayton segment to run down Main Street instead of Commercial Street.

As to the childcare facility, the group developing such a facility has submitted their grant proposal to the Washington Department of Commerce. The group has not yet settled on a location for the facility. The Director said that she does not expect the Port to play a big role in the childcare facility.

The next meeting of the Port Commissioners will be on January 12, 2022, at 5 p.m. on Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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December 16:

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Lexus Ann Benson, Jack Maxwell, Shirley Cummings.

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LIFESTYLES

Last-minute gifts for all

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

I have been busy driving around the past couple of weeks, finding fun gift ideas from local businesses. Gaudy Gals on Main is a true gem that is found close to home in Waitsburg. It is the type of store that I visit when I'm not sure what I want to get. I have yet to leave without that perfect, didn't-know-I-needed-it gift from the Main Street store.

Located inside Waitsburg's Town Hall, Gaudy Gals is packed full of unique antiques, gorgeous jewelry, delicious candles, tea towels, and some of the cutest wine bags I have ever come across. The store is owned by talented sisters, Lori Sharp Davis and Kimi Bruzas. Lori is a crafter with an eye for all that shines. Kimi is a collage artist, creating quirky and clever work that is guaranteed to make you stop, look and buy.



Original artwork by Kimi Bruzas.

Some of my favorite Gaudy Gal options are their selection of jewelry including earrings, and brooches, found throughout the shop. You will find colorful, handmade clay earrings decorated with flowers, leaves, and delicate lines. Other handmade earrings handcrafted with pearl, shell, and gemstones are guaranteed to be the most unique at holiday parties. Shiny, golden statement brooches and sparkling diamond clips round out the shop's collection.

In the last guide, I noted a vintage revival trend, and Gaudy Gals has always been strong in that market.



Photos by Becca Compton

Mushroom heads, a jewelry collage and vintage tea services are just some of the treasures you will find at Gaudy Girls on Main.

that market. Their variety of home decor is second to none. Tea sets, with delicately painted florals, weathered silver, and matching cups were some of my favorite things resting on the shelves, but it was the hand-painted mushroom heads that made me circle back three or four times.

A set of thrown-clay storage jugs, featuring wheat stems and leaves, would be the perfect touch to that farmhouse kitchen. If you know someone who loves quirky art, check out the jewelry collage pictures created by Davis and Bruzas.

If you're sending a gift out of town, Gaudy Gals has some fun tea towels. Printed with plenty of sassy sayings they can be paired with one of their Waitsburg mugs to make distant relatives want to visit.

It would be a sin if I didn't mention the candles. I love receiving candles almost as much as I enjoy giving them. Gaudy Gals offers an assortment of scents including Balsam Fir, Freshly Baked Blueberry Muffins, and lightly scented Echeveria candles. I bought a coffee-scented candle for a Mother's Day gift, and when lit it was like walking into a coffee shop.

Gaudy Gals on Main are located at 121 Main Street, Waitsburg, and are open Wednesday- Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. through December 23. Stop by on December 18 for some shopping before the parade!

While talking with coworkers this weekend, someone said they were going to get their parents a tree for Christmas, to replace one that had recently been removed. Trees and plants are the gifts that



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keep on giving, and, lucky for us, we have the cutest little garden center right here in Waitsburg.

Nancy's Dream Garden Center, located on the corner of Second and Warren Streets in Waitsburg has become a bit of a therapy stop for me, especially in the winter. I had never considered giving a tree for Christmas, but the more I thought about it, the better the idea sounded.

Unlike gadgets and gizmos, trees thrive when given care and love. Imagine gifting an apple tree, and years later picking a crop of crisp, sweet apples with your mom. Something as simple as a tree will provide memories for a lifetime.

Nancy's Dream Garden Center has a well-curated and cared for selection of indoor and outdoor plants perfect for those who have everything. If you can't pick out a plant, there are tons of quality soils, mulches, barks, and planters that are available for spring projects, and, if you genuinely can't decide, grab the gardener in your family a gift card.

Owners Doug Biolo, Janet Lawrence, and their team are always so much fun to chat with, and they are all knowledgeable about the plants they have for sale.

They also have Christmas trees, decorations, and supplies for sale, for those last-minute decorators like me!

Nancy's is open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. everyday. As the holiday shopping starts its sprint before Christmas, be sure to check out your local businesses first. Remember- Shop local; Santa is watching!

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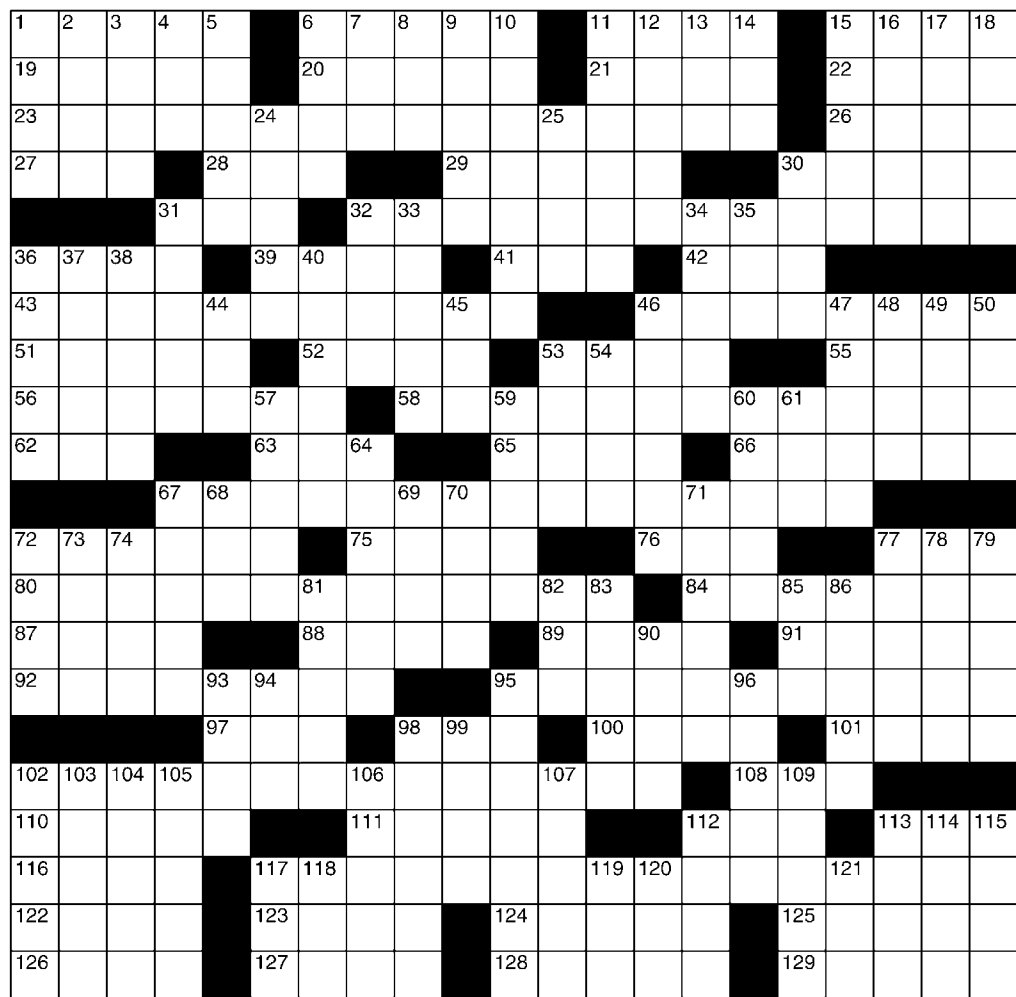
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 - 15 Ellipsoidal
 - 19 Earthy tone, to a Brit
 - 20 Magazine release
 - 21 Irene of "Fame"
 - 22 Central point
 - 23 He played Jim Dial on "Murphy Brown"
 - 26 Kazan with three Tonys
 - 27 Carp in a garden pond
 - 28 Football's Manning
 - 29 "— my way!" ("Scram!")
 - 30 Cathedrals' main areas
 - 31 Necklace of 12-Down
 - 32 Strong product-selling influence
 - 36 Toon skunk Le Pew
 - 39 Nonstick cookware brand
 - 41 Ending for priest
 - 42 In-favor vote
 - 43 Partly joking
 - 46 Shabby hotels
 - 51 Striped stone
 - 52 "Are you — out?"
 - 53 Currency of Belgium
 - 55 Dormant
 - 56 Able to feel
 - 58 Taking a rolling pin to
 - 62 Period
 - 63 Add- — (extras)
 - 65 Brings a civil action
 - 66 Snare loops
 - 67 What the Australian Open is played on
 - 72 Druids, e.g.
 - 75 Burn soother
 - 76 Bruins' Bobby
 - 77 Purpose
 - 80 Black Protestant denom. since 1821
 - 84 Have coming
 - 87 Green shade
 - 88 Blood-related
 - 89 Daddy
 - 91 Pond buildup
 - 92 Expected saviors
 - 95 Gave a worthy effort
 - 97 — ray Disc
 - 98 Long-headed antelope
 - 100 Florence's river
 - 101 Pod items
 - 102 Franz Liszt piano piece in 3/4 time
 - 108 Purpose
 - 110 In regard to
 - 111 Conga relative
 - 112 Standoffish
 - 113 Animal kept in the house
 - 116 Feudal VIP
 - 117 Crossing during a journey
 - 122 Balladeer Burl
 - 123 Green shade
 - 124 Ho-hum feeling
 - 125 Volunteer's offer to be sent
 - 126 Disaffirm
 - 127 Male tabbies
 - 128 Regards as
 - 129 Sequence found in this puzzle's nine longest answers
 - 6 "Yes, yes!" in Mexico
 - 7 "For shame!"
 - 8 "Just — suspected!"
 - 9 Bit of hearsay
 - 10 Reprimands
 - 11 Actors Baio and Wolf
 - 12 A Hawaiian Island
 - 13 Work unit, in physics
 - 14 Sound of a crying baby
 - 15 Ryan of "Love Story"
 - 16 Swedish vehicle make
 - 17 Ta-ta, to Tati
 - 18 Most minor
 - 24 Aristocratic
 - 25 Numbered hwy.
 - 30 Scholastic sports org.
 - 31 Some turns and jabs
 - 32 Principal
 - 33 Standoffish
 - 34 Tarp material
 - 35 "I didn't know that!"
 - 36 Period
 - 37 Avid
 - 38 First strategy
 - 40 Buddy
 - 44 Viking locale
 - 45 E-address
 - 46 Plaster painting
 - 47 Archie Bunker, e.g.
 - 48 Hubbubs
 - 49 Model binder
 - 50 U.S. Open units
 - 53 Sewing case
 - 54 Beehive State college team
 - 57 Bodily trunk
 - 59 Ed of "Roots"
 - 60 Habituate (to)
 - 61 Negative conjunction
 - 64 Neat piles
 - 67 Visibility reducers
 - 68 DiFranco of song
 - 69 Pre-coll., in education
 - 70 Pluralizable word
 - 71 Appoint to holy office
 - 72 Oahu tree
 - 73 French gal pal
 - 74 Tiara stones
 - 77 Have a tiff
 - 78 She divorced Donald
 - 79 Intersects
 - 81 Bible book after Micah
 - 82 Tax form pro
 - 83 Went to town on
 - 85 Plant pouch
 - 86 Run off to tie the knot
 - 90 Cuzco locale
 - 93 "Likely story!"
 - 94 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
 - 95 Spoke indistinctly and softly
 - 96 Put one's finger on, say
 - 98 "R.I.P." sites
 - 99 City in Alaska
 - 102 Legitimate
 - 103 Superior to
 - 104 Sophia of "Two Women"
 - 105 Froth-filled
 - 106 Pious song
 - 107 "Common Sense" writer Thomas
 - 109 Aleppo locale
 - 112 Possible reply to "That so?"
 - 113 Hungarian sheepdog
 - 114 Kellogg's waffle brand
 - 115 Holier-than- —
 - 117 Blast source
 - 118 — Grande
 - 119 Dir. from Little Rock to Chicago
 - 120 Juicy Fruit, e.g.
 - 121 Bullring yell



MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Eggnog Panna Cotta

Among the things I love about living in Waitsburg are the packages of homemade Christmas cookies that we receive from several of our neighbors this time of year. Brightly frosted sugar cookies, chocolate crinkles, and spiced oatmeal raisin are just a few of the sweet delights already lovingly gifted to us this holiday season.

A simple but thoughtful gesture, the sharing of treats from home kitchens is the kind of thing that gives small towns such big hearts. With platters of assorted baked confections on hand, I am always looking for fun and creamy things to pair them with. One of my favorites is always eggnog, with or without the addition of a little boozy merriment. For an unexpected twist this week, I combined the spiced richness of eggnog with the silky texture of an Italian style panna cotta.



Ingredients:

- 2 cups eggnog, full fat
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 ½ tablespoons powdered gelatin, unflavored
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg, plus more
- 7 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons spiced rum
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

Combine eggnog and cream in a heavy-bottomed saucepan. Sprinkle top evenly with the gelatin and set aside for ten minutes to bloom.

Set saucepan over medium heat and stir in the nutmeg. Heat eggnog mixture to 145 to 160 degrees, stirring constantly to prevent burning, about 8 to 10 minutes. Allow mixture to just come almost to a simmer, but do not allow to boil. When it reaches the correct temperature, whisk in the sugar to dissolve.

Remove from the heat, then whisk in the rum, vanilla, and salt. Pour mixture through a mesh sieve into a large measuring cup or bowl with a spout for pouring.

Place six ramekins, teacups, or decorative dishes on a sheet pan. Carefully fill each cup with mixture, pouring slowly to prevent large bubbles from forming. Gently tap bottom of cups. Use a toothpick to break up any bubbles that form on surface. Garnish tops with a sprinkle of nutmeg.

Set tray in refrigerator and chill uncovered. Once dishes are cool to the touch cover with plastic wrap and continue to chill until set, about 6 hours total, or overnight. Serve chilled.

Notes:

Use the highest quality eggnog you can find, made with real dairy and full fat. Or better yet, use homemade eggnog. If your gelatin comes in envelopes, 2 envelopes should be enough.

I used a set of vintage teacups to hold my panna cotta, for a fun presentation. You could also try decorative stemmed cocktail glasses or colorful ceramic ramekins. If you feel comfortable, try unmolding the panna cotta for an elegant dessert. Lightly oil the ramekins before pouring in your cream mixture, then chill and set. When ready to serve, carefully run a knife around the sides of dish to loosen panna cotta. Then place a plate over top and quickly flip right side up to release panna cotta onto plate. Gently remove mold and serve.

Serve this as a delicate and creamy accompaniment to a platter of Christmas cookies. Lovely after a large holiday feast, with a pour of cognac or spiced rum on the side.

Enjoy!

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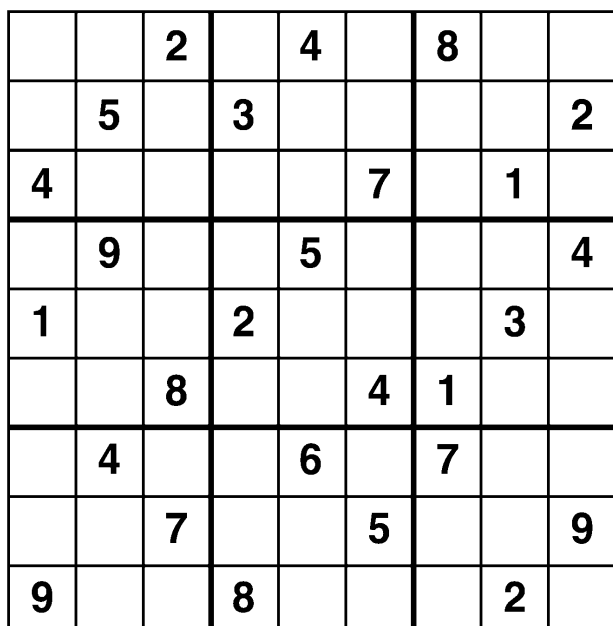
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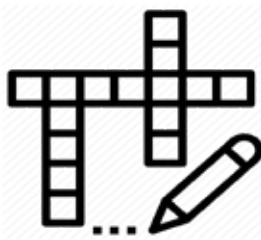


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Women on the Wing Lands in Walla Walla

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

While hunting is still largely viewed as a man's activity, the number of women hunters increased 25 percent between 2011-2016, according to US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the numbers continue to climb. Embracing women in the outdoors is not news to Pheasants Forever (PF), but their "Women on the Wing" (WotW) initiative is relatively fresh.

"In 2018, Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever's Women on the Wing Initiative officially kicked off in response to the rapid interest and engagement among women conservationists [and those] that wanted to learn more. The vision of the initiative is simple: To expand and diversify those who hold an appreciation for the uplands, and to increase opportunities to share our passion with others," writes Marissa Jensen, PF's Education and Outreach Program Manager.

The WotW initiative has boomed since its inception, with chapters springing up across the nation devoted solely to providing hands-on programming for women in the outdoors. Given founding members of our local Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever chapter (Chapter) included conservation-minded women like the late Bertha Hinchliff, developing a local WotW program has become a top priority.

In December 2021, a young lady from Tri-Cities, Kelly Merrick, stepped up to give the program wings. Kelly volunteered to officially form the Chapter's WotW Committee and take the reigns as the Committee Chair. As an enthusiastic upland hunter and conservationist, Kelly has a background in training and hunting pointing labs and is active in the Columbia Basin Pointing Labrador Club and other outdoor programs.

"Building relationships with working dogs through upland hunting has opened a whole new world to me. It's allowed me to share more deeply in outdoor experiences with my husband and my dog and has now become my favorite past-time. I want to introduce other women to bird dogs and the uplands and help them experience the same joy and excitement that I do when hunting behind my dog. Women on the Wing is a perfect outlet to encourage and grow our hunting and conservation community, and I am proud to be a part of the initiative," Kelly said.

Kelly's tenacity spurred WotW to life by drafting a 2022 Chapter program agenda. Events will include shooting clinics and firearms safety, hunting dog demonstrations, habitat and conservation workshops, and wrap up next fall with a "Women, Wine and Wild Game" event that provides a "field-to-table" experience and promotes pride and delicacy that is sourcing one's own wild food.

To learn more and get involved with WotW, email Kelly at WoW@bmpf258.org, and visit the Chapter's WotW webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/57mm3m53>

Brad Trumbo is the Advisory Board Chairman and Public Relations Officer for Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever.



(Photo courtesy of Kelly Merrick) Kelly Merrick and her pointing lab Nelli chasing roosters on the Palouse.

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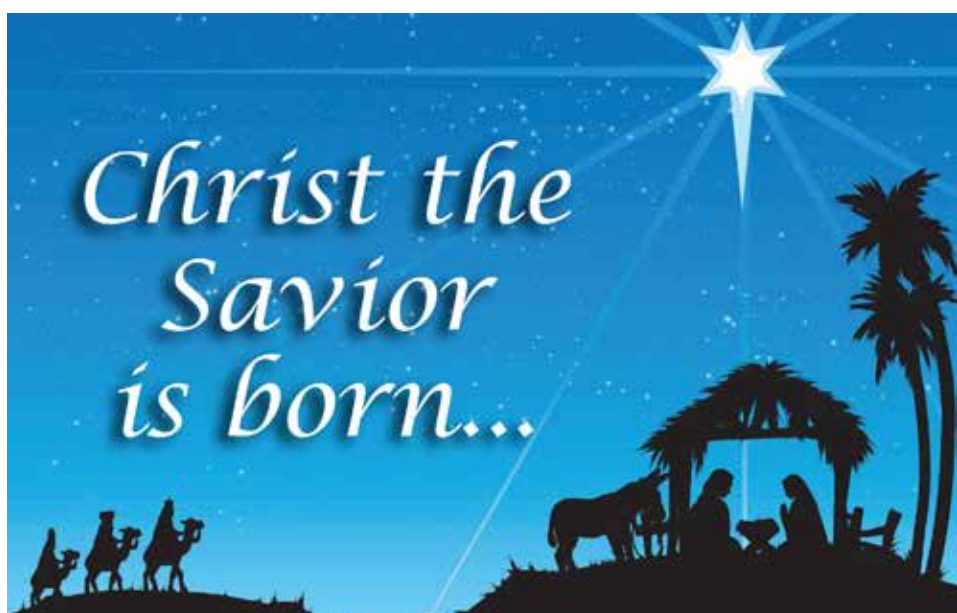
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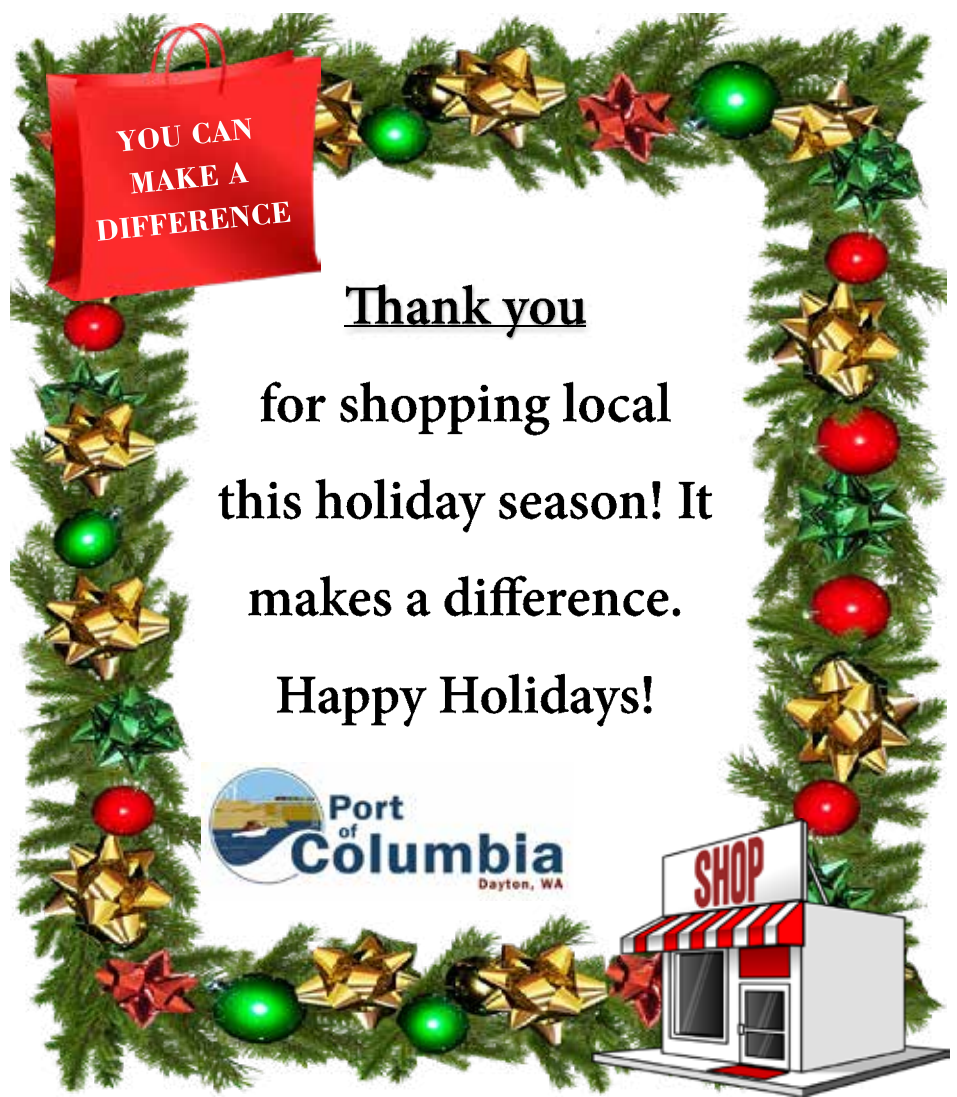


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Ten Years Ago

December 15, 2011

Waitsburg's Town Hall was turned into a child's Christmas-shopping paradise last Thursday night. For about 15 years, community volunteer Rose Englebrite said the hall has played host to vendors who set up tables and sell gifts for \$10 and under for the community children to purchase as gifts for their families. "It's just a night for the kids to come out and shop for what they want to," Englebrite said.

[Photo Caption] Friends and family are invited to share in celebrating the 60th wedding anniversary of Tom and Anita Baker at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, in the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church. The couple were married in Denver, Colorado and moved to Waitsburg in 1963 where Tom started his career as publisher and editor of The Times. The couple has been members of the Presbyterian Church for many years.



Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 19, 1996

What's 83 years old and just as handsome as ever? Waitsburg's venerable gentleman Ralph Rankin? No. Ralph is 92 and just as handsome as ever. And he is nine years older than Preston Hall, the answer to the above riddle. Cheney Cowles Museum in Spokane has named Preston Hall a winner of its Historic Preservation Award for 1996. Preston Hall, built in 1913, was recently completely renovated and returned to regular use by the Waitsburg School District. The award was made "to honor individuals who have completed historic preservation projects, and also raises community awareness of this region's rich architectural heritage."

Fifty Years Ago

December 16, 1971

The night of Dec. 13th 1971 was stormy. A blizzard was blowing, but the storm didn't keep a good-sized group of local Masons from attending the annual past Masters night. This special event is a long-standing tradition of Waitsburg Lodge No. 16. An oyster supper arranged by the stewards of the lodge with the assistance of Mrs. Henley was enjoyed by all. The supper preceded the formal meeting of the lodge which was presided over by past Master Ernest Mikkelsen. He was assisted by a full compliment of officers, the entire team being former Masters of the lodge.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

December 20, 1946

About 30 enthusiastic young men of this community have organized a Junior Chamber of Commerce to sponsor civic and community enterprises. Virgil Bode was elected president; Stanley Seaton, vice president; John Hixon, secretary-treasurer.

One Hundred Years Ago

December 16, 1921

The boys and girls in Central School established a record this week in \$70.55 worth of Red Cross Anti-Tuberculosis Christmas seals in four days. The fifth grade disposed of 1800 seals for \$18 and was awarded the privilege of a half holiday.

The annual letter-men's banquet will be given Friday night, Dec. 16 at Preston Hall in honor of the football men who will receive letters. The banquet will be under the supervision of Miss Ward assisted by Isla Hales, Aletha Harsh and Opal Mock.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 18, 1896

Architect Bell having finished his labors at the Waitsburg Academy will leave for his home at Spokane the first of the week.

A marriage license has been issued by County Auditor Cahill (Columbia Co.) to Marion Groom and Miss Clara Daniels of Huntsville.

A much - enjoyed surprise party was given at the L. T. Parker residence on Wednesday evening, in honor of Miss Lizzie Parker. The guests assembled at the home of Miss Theresa Tucker and at about 8 o'clock marched to the Parker residence in a group. Their coming was a complete surprise to Miss Lizzie but she received them in her own pleasing manner and the evening was pleasantly spent by all.



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 Jose L. Lopez, Respondent.
 The State of Washington to the respondent Jose J. Lopez:
 You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the 11/11/2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Maritela A. Lopez, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Maritela A. Lopez at 127 W. Tietan Street, Walla Walla, WA. 99362.
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 11-11-a

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services on the RCO 21-1016, Coppei Creek Project Area 07 Design. The project area is located between RM 6.5 and RM 8.11 (approx. 46.1904, -118.1103), just north of the confluence of the North and South Fork of Coppei Creek.
 The engineered design will focus on improving habitat conditions for salmon and reducing flood impacts to personal property. Design elements may include a series of bioengineered wood structures, reconnection of historic side channels, or other practices. Engineered designs must adhere to the guidance included in the RCO Manual 18, Appendix D.
 The RFQ can be obtained through the WWCCD office. For questions, please contact Grant Traynor (509) 956-3767 grant.traynor@wwccd.net or Renee Hadley at (509) 956-3756 renee.hadley@wwccd.net.
 WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the selection process. Documents must be received at the WWCCD office (via email or in-person delivery) before 1 p.m. Thursday, December 23rd, 2021.
 Walla Walla County Conservation District
 325 North 13th Ave.
 Walla Walla, WA. 99362
 The Times
 December 9, 16, 2021
 12-9-a


IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 21 2 00517 36 SUMMONS ERIC AND MARGARET ANDERSON, as Trustees of the EMA Trust, Plaintiffs, V.
 A 26 FOOT CIRCULAR PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY QUITCLAIMED TO GEORGE B. DAGUE AND BERTHA L. DAGUE ON JUNE 8th 1917; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO GEORGE B. DAGUE and BERTHA L. DAGUE; and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants.
 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE SAID DEFENDANTS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO GEORGE B. DAGUE and BERTHA L. DAGUE; and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN:
 You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 18 day of November, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The nature of the action is as follows:
 Plaintiffs seek to quiet title to a 26-foot circular parcel of real property ("the Subject Property") located in Walla Walla County in the State of Washington, which parcel of real property was quitclaimed to George B. Dague and Bertha L. Dague on June 8, 1917. Plaintiffs, together with their predecessors in possession, have been in the actual, open, adverse, notorious, and uninterrupted possession of the Subject Property for more than ten (10) years immediately prior hereto, and are entitled to a judgment of the court establishing the validity of that title and barring any further claim of any person or entity to the Subject Property.
 DATED this 16th day of November, 2021.
 HAWKINS LAW, PLLC
 By: /s/ Brian H. Andrews, WSBA #57791
 Of Attorneys for Plaintiffs
 The Times
 November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021
 11-18-c

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTED ELECTION RESOLUTION:

A combination mail-in and poll-site election for a board seat on the Walla Walla County Conservation District will be held on January 27, 2022 at 45 Terminal Loop, Walla Walla, Washington in the conference room. Polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 12:00 p.m. Registered voters who reside within the Conservation District boundary are eligible to vote. Candidates must be registered voters residing in the conservation district, equating to unincorporated areas in Walla Walla County. The candidate filing deadline is December 27th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Election procedures are available at the district office. Ballots are available upon request for eligible voters, but must be requested on or before 4:00 p.m. on January 6th, 2022. Please contact the District office at 509-956-3758 or by email at cat.garza@wwccd.net for a ballot or if you have any questions.
 Aviso de Elección:
 La elección anual de La Junta de Supervisores del Condado Distrito de Conservación Walla Walla se va a realizar el 27 de enero en persona, desde las 8 en la mañana hasta las 12 en la tarde (45 Terminal Loop, Walla Walla en la sala de conferencias), y por correo también. Contacte Grant Traynor por correo electrónico (grant.traynor@wwccd.net) o teléfono (509-956-3767) para más detalles.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00255-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
 In re the Estate of: SHIRLEY M. BEALS, Deceased.
 The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 2, 2021.
 Valerie J. Neuschwander, Personal Representative. Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415
 Basalt Legal PLLC
 6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200
 Walla Walla, WA 99362
 509-529-0630
 The Times
 December 2, 9, 16, 2021
 12-2-a

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services on the RCO 21-1015, Touchet River Mainstem Project Area 1 Design. The project area is located between RM 41.14 and RM 51.33 (approx. 46.2927, -118.3200), west of Prescott between the Highway 125 bridge and Prescott High School.
 The engineered design may include a series of bioengineered wood structures, and other practices that provide increase habitat for salmon.
 Engineered designs must adhere to the guidance included in the RCO Manual 18, Appendix D.
 The RFQ can be obtained through the WWCCD office. For questions, please contact Grant Traynor (509) 956-3767 grant.traynor@wwccd.net or Renee Hadley at (509) 956-3756 renee.hadley@wwccd.net.
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ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-1987

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE 2022 SALARY SCHEDULE FOR NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF DAYTON.
 The full text of Ordinance 1987 adopted the 1st day of December 2021, is available for examination at the Dayton City Hall, 111 South 1st Street, Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full text of the Ordinance shall be mailed upon request.
 By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor
 Attest: /s/ Debra Hays, Interim City Clerk
 Approved as to from: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney
 Published: By: The Times, December 16, 2021
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ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1986

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.
 The full text of Ordinance 1986 adopted on the 1st day of December 2021 is available for examination at Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 7:00 am. to 4:00 pm. Full text of the Ordinance shall be mailed upon request.
 By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor
 Attested/Authenticated by: /s/ Debra Hays, Interim City Clerk
 Approved as to form: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney
 Published: By: The Times
 December 16, 2021
 The Times
 December 16, 2021
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Announcement of a vacancy:

The Walla Walla County Conservation District is announcing a vacancy of a mid-term elected position on the Board of Supervisors, the current term of this position is from December, 2021 through May, 2023. Supervisors are public officials who direct the activities of the conservation district. Although they serve without compensation, they are eligible to be reimbursed for appropriate expenses. Interested candidates must be registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the District, equating to unincorporated areas in Walla Walla County. The Application period is open from December 16th, 2021 through January 13th, 2022. Interested candidates must file their required candidate information at the following location: WWCCD, 325 N. 13th Ave, Walla Walla, WA, no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 13th, 2022. For more information, please contact the Walla Walla County Conservation District via phone at 509-956-3758 or email at cat.garza@wwccd.net, or visit the Walla Walla County Conservation District website at <http://www.wwccd.net/>

Aviso de Vacante:
 Hay una vacante en La Junta de Supervisores del Condado Distrito de Conservación Walla Walla para un periodo desde el 16 de diciembre de 2021 hasta el 13 de enero de 2022. Contacte Grant Traynor por correo electrónico (grant.traynor@wwccd.net) o teléfono (509-956-3767) para más detalles.
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 December 16, 2021
 12-16-d






Mrs Trump's Kindergarten class wrote letters to Santa.



Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Aiden and I am 5 years old. I live in Washington. What do reindeer eat? I think maybe they eat snow. I have been a little good and little bad. One thing I am really excited for is my birthday after Christmas! One thing I would like to do is play in my room

with Legos because I have a big ginormous box of Legos!
Love,
Aiden

Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Avery and I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg. What do reindeer eat? I think maybe they might eat carrots or hay, or something, but I don't know. I have been kinda good and kinda bad... One thing I am really excited for is a Baby Yoda Lego Set because I've never had one before and Baby Yoda is CUTE! One thing I would like to give you is a new sleigh because maybe yours breaks-down sometimes?
Love,
Avery



Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Cannon and I am 5 years old. I live by the football field. "How is Mrs. Clause? Does she make you dinner?" I have been very good...I've been nice to my sister! One thing I am really excited for is my presents

because I might get a Sea Dinosaur, T-Rex and a Zip-Line and maybe a big train set! One book I would like to read is a book about a bull shark because I love bull sharks and when I seen it in a movie a bull shark bit an alligator's body off and 2 people saw it and took a picture. They are very interesting because they are big and fat - their heads are big and fat.
Love,
Cannon

Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Cash and I am 5 years old. I live over there by Momo and Papa's house in Waitsburg. Its so close. Its like a little bit far from Cannon's house but it is soooo close. Momo and Papa's is to like to that window...it is not that far away! Could you tell me about the reindeer collars and how the reindeer can fly? I maybe know that it is magic...maybe, but I just don't know. I have been kinda good. One thing I am really excited for is my iPod coming for Christmas because that is what you are giving me because I can text people and download games! One thing I would like to give Cannon is a big toy shark with wheels because he likes sharks and he's been looking for one.
Love,
Cash



Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Catelynne and I am 6 years old. I live in Waitsburg. Where do you live? I think you have snow. I have been good. One thing I am really excited for is Christmas. It is almost Christmas and we get toys. One thing I would like to do is play with toys at your workshop because

you have so many!
Love,
Catelynne

Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Cooper Kyle Smith and I am 6 years old. I live in a house with a really big red roof like a triangle with horses and cats. How do the reindeer fly? I have been very good. One thing I am really excited for is my presents because sometimes in my stocking I get little Hot Wheel cars! One thing I would like to do is see your sleigh because I just wanna ride in it.
Love,
Cooper



give is my old book to Mason because he is my best friend.
Love,
Annika

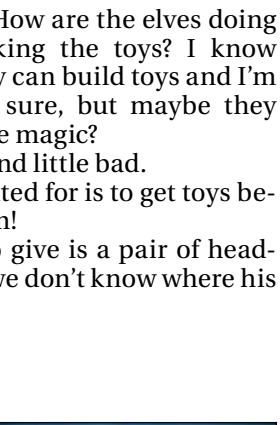
Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Jesse and I am 5 years old. I live in school. Do you like hot cocoa? I have been extremely good. One thing I am really excited for is snow and trucks. One thing I would like to give Miss Kelsey is a picture.
Love,
Jesse



Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Micah and I am 6 years old. I live close to the school. How are the elves doing making the toys? I know they can build toys and I'm not sure, but maybe they have magic? I have been a little good and little bad. One thing I am really excited for is to get toys because you can play with them! One thing I would like to give is a pair of headphones for my dad because we don't know where his headphones are!
Love,
Micah

Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Peyton and I am 6 years old. I live behind some trees. How is Rudolph doing? Is he well? I have been good this year! One thing I am really excited for is you coming with your sleigh and reindeer to give us presents. One thing I would like to give is a cash register to my sister, Riley, for Christmas.
Love,
Peyton

Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Samson and I am 6 years old. I live in Prescott. What do your reindeer eat? I think they actually eat apples. I have been a little bad... One thing I am really excited for is Christmas! I love you, Santa, and you are the best man ever. I loved getting pictures with you. One thing I would like to give my friend Chunk is one of my toys because one of them is really fun! My T-Rex playset that I got for my birthday is really fun and I would like to share it with him.
Love,
Samson



Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Quill and I am 6 years old. I live here. You take a left, a right, and a right again and then you go down and there is a yellow and red house. That's where I live. Why does Rudolph have a really shiny red nose? Why do all the other reindeer call him names? I really like his red nose. I have been alotta good... like 100% good...maybe 200%...maybe 300% good... actually probably more like 400%.



One thing I am really excited for is Plant Vs. Zombies stuffies. There is this one alive guy who is alive and he is a crazy science guy who made these crazy plants. My favorite Legos is Star Wars Legos, a phone, an iPad and a computer. One thing I would like to give you is a cool thing with 2 stuffs inside it. It would be a necklace that I want to give to you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Quill



Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Levi Michael Dean and I am 6 years old. I live in town. How is Rudolph? I know he pulls your sled! I have been a little good and little bad. One thing I am really excited for is a four-wheeler because I saw one in WalMart. One book I would like to read is a dinosaur book because dinosaurs are my favorite one. When I don't find one I just look at another book.
Love,
Levi



Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Vaida and I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg. What would YOU like for Christmas? I would like to give you a new Santa Hat because maybe you don't have a washing machine since it might be covered in snow. I have been EXTREMELY good. One thing I am really excited for is Christmas because I like Christmas with the colors green and red. I also like being able to see my family. I also love a beautiful Christmas Tree. One book I would like to read with my dad is a Christmas book about Jesus.
Love,
Vaida



Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Wyatt and I am 6 years old. I live by 2 houses by a bunker, near the high school. Where do you live? I think you live by the Elves Workshop. I have been extremely good. One thing I am really excited for is Christmas because I like Christmas trees and a train. I wish I has a Nerf Mini Gun. One book I would like to read is a "We Will Rock YOU" book.
Love,
Wyatt

Dear Santa!
Hello, my name is Jase and I am 6 years old. I live by 2 houses by a bunker, near the high school. I think you live by the Elves Workshop. I have been extremely good. One thing I am really excited for is Christmas because I like Christmas trees and a train. I wish I has a Nerf Mini Gun. One book I would like to read is a "We Will Rock YOU" book.
Love,
Wyatt



Noah



Mason



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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Mrs. Hinchliffe's first grade class presents winter cinquain poetry



Jesus
Tall Old
Creating, loving, helping
Jesus is our Savior.
Protector
By Amelia Nesje



Mistletoe
Sharp Green
Hanging, decorating,
kissing
Hanging from the door.
Plant
By Julian Gillentine



Eggnog
Sweet Yummy
Mixing, drinking, enjoying
Drinking eggnog is fun.
Nog
By Aalaura Rooper



Snowflake
Wet Small
Drifting, falling, landing
Every snowflake is different.
Snow
By Sawyer Harvey



Elf
Silly Green
Running, helping, building
Creating toys for kids.
Worker
By Victoria Roberts



Snow
White Cold
Piling, Shoveling, Clearing
Playing in the snow.
Flakes
By: Maddox Lachowicz



Christmas Presents
Tall Pretty
Wrapping, taping, opening
A fun Christmas surprise.
Gift
By Olivia Long



Candy Cane
Red White
Licking, breaking, eating
Candy canes are yummy.
Sugar
By Scarlett Scott



Bells
Loud Shiny
Hanging, ringing, jingling
Bells make beautiful sounds.
Instrument
By: Bridger Abel



Snowman
White Tall
Rolling, building, decorating
They're fun to make.
Frosty
By Elise Pearson



Ornaments
Colorful Shiny
Sparkling, hanging, decorating
Dressing the Christmas tree.
Decor
By Kymber Garcia



Christmas Tree
Tall Green
Decorating, Twinkling,
Admiring
Christmas trees are beautiful.
Pine tree
By: Reagan Miller



Santa
Round Jolly
Traveling, delivering, eating
Big old happy man.
St. Nick
By Jase Brunton



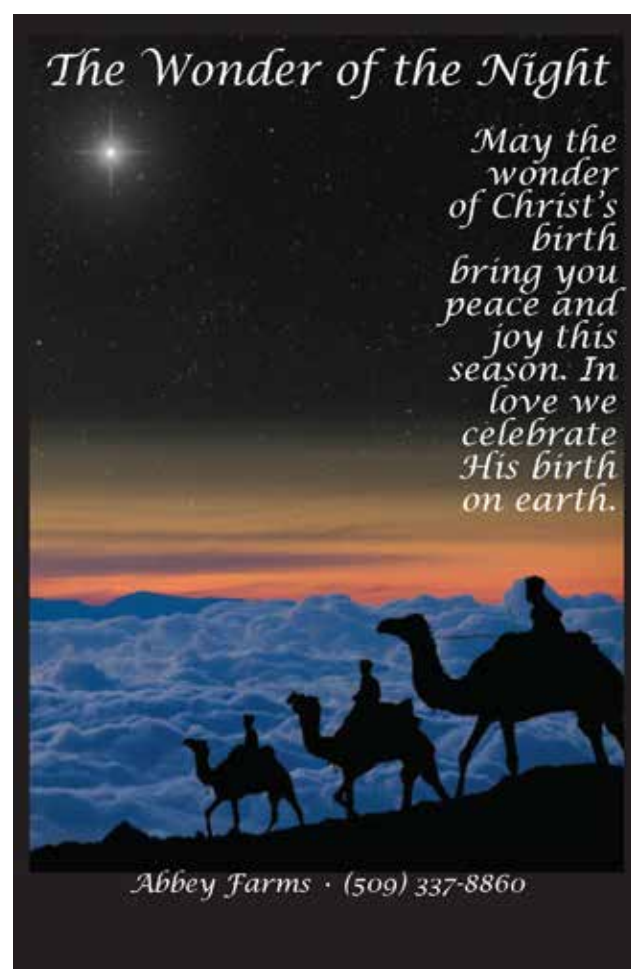
Cookies
Brown Round
Mixing, frosting, sprinkling
Making cookies is messy.
Dessert
By Charlie Reger



Rudolph
Red Brown
Flying, gliding, landing
Rudolph flies up high.
Reindeer
By Ione Harer



Reindeer
Fast Furry
Running, jumping, flying
Reindeer are super fluffy
Animal
By Isaac Knudson



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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Winter Diamante Poems by the Second Grade



Winter
Icy, fun
Playing, eating, sledding
Hot cocoa, snowball, snowplow, Santa
Drinking, snowing, icing
Wet, snowy
Christmas

By Adeline Brock



Winter
Fun, cold
Slipping, sledding, sliding
Sled, Santa, reindeer, footprints
Glimmering, sparkling, starving
Frozen, frosty
Christmas

By Ethan Mahre



Winter
Icy, fun
Sparkling, eating, playing
Snowball, Santa, sleigh, snowflake
Snowing, drinking, icing
Icy, wet
Santa

By Malcolm Ledford

Slipping, sparkling, icing
White, snowing
Christmas

By Ryden Huxoll



Winter
White, icy
Snowing, breezing, freezing
Santa, reindeer, snowball, snowflake
Ice skating, playing, eating
Snowy, sparkly
Holiday

By Rylee Cole



Winter
Wet, cold
Freezing, sparkling, icing
Santa, hot cocoa, sleigh, rainbow
Playing, starving, glimmering
Icy, fun
Holiday

By Adalynn Canites



Winter
Cloud, wet
Freezing, icing, sledding
Snowball, sleigh, Santa, rainbow
Playing, eating, sparkling
Cloudy, icy
Snow

By Hudson Lynch



Winter
Icy, fun
Playing, eating, sledding
Hot cocoa, snowball, snowplow, Santa
Drinking, snowing, icing
Wet, snowy
Christmas

By Nyla Hatch



Winter
Foggy, cold
Playing, snowing, blowing
Reindeer, Santa, hot cocoa, footprints
Slipping, sparkling, glimmering
Icy, frosty
Christmas

By Syrenity Richardson



Winter
Icy, frosty
Playing, breezing, snowing
Snowflake, rainbow, Santa, snowplow
Eating, icing, blowing
Cold, fun
Santa

By Emma Langford



Winter
Sparkly, frozen
Freezing, glimmering, sparkling
Santa, sleigh, reindeer, decorations
Icing, snowing, playing
Frosty, fun
Holiday

By Kaitlynn Miller



Winter
Icy, cold
Snowing, freezing, playing
Snowball, snow, snowman, snowflake
Sleeping, ice skating, sledding
Frosty, frozen
Holiday

By Oaklee Adams



Winter
Cold, white
Shivering, decorating, throwing
Hot cocoa, sleigh, snow, reindeer
Rolling, frosting, baking
Snowy, frosty
Ice

By Tyr Elmore



Winter
Icy, cold
Sleeping, eating, playing
Hot cocoa, snowball, reindeer, Santa



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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Riddles from the Third Grade



I'm gingery and sweet,
I taste good as a holiday treat,
What am I?

- Shylo Hedges

I'm Santa's helper,
And I go on a tree,
But do not touch me,
As my name starts with an E,
that's me.

-Wyatt Vasquez



I have a little jingle,
I have a red nose,
And I will guide the sleigh on
Christmas night.
Who am I?

-Wyatt Parrish



I'm on top of the tree,
I am in the sky,
I shine like a diamond,
What am I?

-Liam Vasquez



I am red and white,
I'm always by your fireplace,
but I don't go on your foot.
What am I?

-Bentley Hill



I have white hair,
I have a staff that shoots
frost,
And I am a guardian,
Who am I?

-Murdoch Mclaughlin



I bring you presents,
I eat your cookies,
I drink your milk,
Who am I?

-Jaylynn Gleason.

I'm black and white,
and live in the south pole,
I waddle.
Who am I?

-Kacen Hubbard



I have a red hat
I have a big belly,
Who am I?

-Cora Harer



I am red and white,
I am shaped like a hook,
I hang on a tree,
What am I?

-Ashton Haury



I am white,
I am cold,
I fall from the sky,
What am I?

-by Gannon Pennington.



You can open me on Christ-
mas day,
Santa delivers me,
Elves make me,
What am I?

-TJ Hollingsworth



I'm bright at night,
fancy as Santa,
beautiful like Rudolph,
only at night.
What am I?

-Jace Grende

I am big,
I am fat,
And I wear a red hat,
Who am I?

-Alexander Weis



I'm white,
I'm fluffy,
And I'm satisfying when you
crunch me
What am I?

-Owen Harvey



I go under a tree,
I get ripped open,
There's something inside,
What am I?

-Emerson Kiefel



I am fat,
I am white,
I eat fish,
What animal am I?

-Cole Goff



I am red and white,
I hang on a fireplace,
I am shaped like a sock,
What am I?

-Haven Henry



I have white hair,
I can make snow,
and I am from a movie,
Who am I?

-Rylan Struckmeier

I hang on the Christmas
tree,
I'm red, blue, and gold,
if you drop me I'll break.
What am I?

-Ethan Watson



I was born on Christmas day,
I am in Heaven with my father,
I am a person that died on a
cross,
Who am I?

-Katherine Roberts



I'm something that falls from
the sky,
I'm white,
I'm flakey,
What am I?

-Nicholas Reger



I'm green,
I'm mean,
I take your presents,
Who am I?

-Oliver Harvey

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Fourth Grade answers "What Christmas means to me"

What Christmas Means to Me
By Mitchell Hays

Christmas means sharing time with my family. On Christmas Eve we get together with my family to celebrate Christmas. We also watch Christmas movies. It is a special tradition

And spending time with Santa, the best toy maker is a lot of fun. It just wouldn't be Christmas without my family.



What Christmas Means to Me
By Damian Brown

Christmas means a lot to me, like spending time with my family. It means Christmas movies and hot cocoa with whipped cream in my Santa mug. Christmas is special because I can play in the snow and make snowmen. It means gifts from my loving family and going to my friend, Braxton's house to play with my toys that I got. It means playing with my sister's toys and making an igloo.



What Christmas Means to me
By Maeci Strickland

Christmas means sharing love with my family. On Christmas Eve we get together with my family and we watch a Christmas movie. It's a lot of fun. We love making hot, soft, good cookies for Santa. I love my family and it's definitely not Christmas without my family.



What Christmas Means to Me
by Ashlyn Brooks

Christmas means a lot to me like cookies for Santa. Christmas means warm hot cocoa on cold nights while watching a movie. One of my favorite things on Christmas is to make loved ones smile by opening gifts and saying thank you to them. I love making warm soft cookies for Santa. It's so fun to spend time with family and friends. Riding horses in the snow is so fun. Staying up till 3am watching scary movies. I love the smell of hot cookies in the oven. It's fun having a pretty tree in the living room.



What Christmas Means to Me.
By Autumn Shelton

Christmas means having hot chocolate with my loving family at my grandma's house. We also sing Christmas songs like Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. We watch Christmas movies and go to bed at 1:00 in the morning. We play reindeer games on Christmas night. We also make cookies for "Santa". And we snuggle with our dogs. As you can see there are a lot of things that make Christmas special.



What Christmas Means to Me
by Tanna Ray

This is what Christmas means to me. Christmas means making cocoa for Santa. That night we have nice, buttery popcorn and cocoa and a movie because that is what my family does for a tradition. Christmas also means getting hugs, loving kisses from fam-



ily. Christmas means making yummy mashed potatoes and shipping Christmas cards. It means taking family photos, making gooey cookies and asking questions on Christmas cards. Christmas means shopping with mom.

What Christmas Means to Me
by Braxton Bly

Christmas means a lot of things to me. The first thing is spending time with my caring family. The second thing that means a lot to me is having a family to take that time off with me. Christmas means spending time with my family, blue and red presents under the tree. The third thing that means a lot to me is getting new things to play with or to wear. In addition, I spend time with my family and animals too. So I hope you have a great Christmas.



What Christmas Means to Me
by Sidian Stegall

Christmas is having fun with my family and trying to catch Santa at night. It's waking up to awesome presents and stockings. Christmas is watching cheesy Christmas movies together at night. We make delicious candy cane shaped cookies and give them to Santa. Christmas means staying up until 10.00. And playing in the snow, building a snow fort and making a snow guy. Christmas means snowball fights and decorating the tree. The last thing is buying a gift for my mom and dad.



What Christmas Means to Me
By Kaitlyn Paul

Christmas means making Santa sugar cookies. Christmas also means drinking hot chocolate by the tree. Something else I love about Christmas is wrapping the presents, gifts we get our family, to lay under the tree. I also love to spend time with my nice loving family. I also enjoy knowing that I can trust my family. This one is one of my favorites: getting gifts for everyone! I also love to make ornaments for my family that's here. So as you can see, Christmas means a whole lot to me!



What Christmas Means to Me
By Ollivyr Dahlby

Christmas, a holiday that means seeing family, means a lot to me because it's spending time with my loving family and watching movies. Another thing Christmas means is having a sharp tree. Also having hot cocoa, a nice drink, which is another thing we do on Christmas. The third is believing that Santa is a nice man and having ice cream. Also having stockings full of candy. Christmas means goofing off with family. One more thing is eating a lot of cookies. Last one is also drinking eggnog. All in all Christmas means spending time with family.



What Christmas Means to Me
by Audrey Kiefel

Christmas means lots of thing, like waking up at 5:00 in the morning.

And the toys I get to open with my whole family. It means chocolate chip cookies with

Gramma, and eating them with everyone. Christmas means the tree we get to decorate, but the thing that is most important to me is spending time with my wonderful family.



What Christmas Means to me
by Arrow Groom

Christmas is a fun time of the year, but Christmas, that is a holiday, is not just about presents. It's about spending time with family, people who are related to you, and friends and having fun. Christmas means spending time with family because you can get gifts, which are presents, from family you haven't seen in a while. You can have fun with them and give them gifts. Christmas doesn't just mean to get presents. Christmas is how good people can be.



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What Christmas Means to Me
by Madyson Potter

In my opinion Christmas means spending time with my loving family and friends. Another reason that it means so much to me is that we get to open gifts underneath the beautiful Christmas tree. My third thing that means to me is hanging ornaments on the tree. It wouldn't be Christmas without building a snowman with my awesome family and trying to make igloos out of snow and ice. Another thing that means to me is hanging white stockings on the fireplace. My last thing that means to me is wrapping gifts and making presents. That is what Christmas means to me.



for my loving family and thanking my parents for being kind to me. This is what Christmas means to me.

What Christmas Means to Me
by Flynn Richardson

Christmas means a lot of things to me. Christmas means eating crepes, which are basically just thin pancakes, on Christmas Eve. It also means getting a bunch of cool presents. Having fun and spending time with family is also something that Christmas means to me. I also like eating an unhealthy amount of chocolate chip cookies at Christmas. Christmas also means goofing and having fun. All in all Christmas means spending time and having fun with my awesome family.



What Christmas Means to Me
by Hayden Gascon

Christmas means having family over. It means drinking hot cocoa and opening presents. Christmas means seeing my little brother and wrapping Christmas presents. Christmas means buying presents.

What Christmas Means to Me
by Carson Scott

Christmas means spending time with family and friends. It means watching Christmas movies and when my mom lets me open a Christmas present early. One of my favorite things about Christmas is drinking eggnog. But what I think Christmas means to me is spending time with my family. The fun things that I do are snowboarding, snow ball fights and building a snowman.



What Christmas Means to Me
by Laila Long

Christmas means a lot of things to me. One thing Christmas means is spending time with my family. Another thing Christmas means to me is making sugar cookies for Santa, the best toy maker. Two more things that Christmas means to me is shopping



What Christmas Means to Me
by Emily Knudson

In my opinion, Christmas doesn't mean receiving presents. To me, it means spending time with my uncle Eric. Christmas is the only time of year I ever get to see him. It also means spending the whole entire day with my grammie. She lives very close, but we don't get to see each other often. It also means sleeping in until 9:40 AM.

I and my family eat cinnamon rolls and hot cocoa for breakfast. Every year, when we decorate the tree, me and my brother and my sister take turns hanging up the star to the tree. Christmas would never be fun without my uncle Eric. PS this is the first Christmas without my Nana.

What Christmas Means To Me
by Lillian Carpenter

Christmas means to me having popcorn right from the tin and watching a movie with my family. It wouldn't be Christmas without a bunch of family fun like making a snowman, sleighing, or seeing our friends on Christmas day. That's what Christmas means to me.



What Christmas Means to Me
by Holley Jensen

Christmas means all of my family coming together. Christmas means lots of presents for me and my family. Christmas means getting to eat my Omma's chocolate cookies. They are SOOOO good. I love it when my Omma makes lots and lots of food. Christmas is special because we decorate our tree and hang the star. I like it when we listen to Christmas music. Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without stockings from Santa. We always leave him cookies and milk.



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FIFTH GRADE TELLS US THEIR PERFECT CHRISTMAS

My Perfect Christmas
by Cody Coulston

My perfect Christmas would be waking up and seeing a scooter, a video game and just all sorts of cool toys. Also, we don't have to wait to open presents. We always have to wait because my mom and dad always have to get their coffee before we can open presents. Another perfect thing would be that all my family would come and watch a movie and have donuts. If I could have all that, that would be the most amazing thing that could ever happen in the world.

But that's not all there is lots more we could do. We could have Christmas music and we could just be jamming out, now that would be amazing! Also me and my brother could make a snowman and have a snowball fight. And the more people that come the more presents there will be. Now I know presents are not what Christmas is all about but it is a pretty good part of Christmas.

I can't imagine how my dog is going to react to all the people. Even my dog has his own stockings and all sorts of stuff. I think my last favorite thing is playing with my dog. He is the cutest, lovable thing you will ever see. His name is Thor and he is probably one of the best parts of Christmas.



My Perfect Christmas
by Sophia Castillo

My perfect Christmas would be walking down the hall and having presents under the tree. Hanging out with my family unwrapping presents together. We would also go to my grandma's house to open presents. My family would have a big breakfast and hang out. We would go play in the snow or go sledding as a family.

After we get back from sledding we would have hot coco. Then we would go play with our presents and watch a movie. Every year my family always goes around town and looks at all of the decorations. Then we would get ice cream and we would watch a movie. My brother would always fall asleep on the couch.

After that we get ready for bed. It's going to be the best Christmas ever. I love Christmas. Merry Christmas. This would be my perfect Christmas.



My Perfect Christmas
by Kyra Karl

My perfect Christmas wouldn't be much different than how my Christmas is now but if it were to be a perfect Christmas I imagine it a little something like this. So my alarm goes off at 6:30 then I go to my brother's room to wake him up and tell him it is Christmas. Then my brother and I go to my parent's room and jump on the bed to tell them that it is Christmas. Next my family and I make brownies and eat some. Then all of us go into the living room and my brother and I get to choose one present to open first.

Next my parents open their presents and I video tape it. Next my brother and I open the last of the small and medium presents, then we open the biggest present while my mom videotapes it. Then my brother and I play with all of our stuff then put it up in our rooms. Next my dad starts to cook Christmas dinner and I help. Next my family and I make hot cocoa, popcorn and get warm blankets then watch a Christmas movie.

Then when dinner is done eat and watch another Christmas movie. Then after Christmas and dinner Aaliyah comes over we play with my new stuff and eat some leftovers from dinner. Next Aaliyah goes back home and I go downstairs to hang out with my family. Then we all watch one Christmas movie before we all go to bed. Then finally we all go to our rooms and go to sleep.



My Perfect Christmas
by UriahYork

This is my perfect Christmas, wake up to a huge gift on my bedroom floor but when I open it it's a big box inside the other box and when I open that box it's the ps5! With a headset and a custom controller with Rick and Morty on it and I go to the living room and there's a 100 boxes of gifts but my mom says we can't open them yet because we're going to my great grandma's house and grandma's house was so fun and the food was as good as this Christmas and this Christmas was so good.

And then we had to go to my other grandmas and my mom's car ran out of gas but we filled it back up with spare gas in the trunk but when we were heading back we stopped at the gas station to get hot chocolate and the hot chocolate was free. And we were back home and I had a lot more presents than I had remembered but I was really ok with that. I had maybe 5 at the beginning but now I have like 20-24 well including my brother. I knew which ones were his and most were split evenly. He had 10 and I had 10.

I was tearing through the presents and I heard a thump thump at the door and I answered it there was no one there and I shut the door and went back to opening and I heard like three more thump thump and it was my friends and they asked if I could go sledding I and I got my snow stuff on and went it was so fun we built a ramp I was going full speed I hit the ramp and I swear I saw the moon but I was going so fast I broke the ramp



My Perfect Christmas
by Gage Mynear

My perfect Christmas was when I got another controller and I also got a new video game. The other thing that I got from my perfect Christmas was a VR headset. Another time I got a nerf gun and some really cool nerf guns. I went to the mountains for a couple of years to get my Christmas tree. The tree was beautiful, especially after putting on the beautiful ornaments.

My other perfect Christmas was when it snowed. I would help some people make a whole bunch of snowman. Sometimes people would create a really really big snowman. My favorite thing I got for Christmas was a headset. The other thing is that I got three Christmas trees in one Christmas.

The favorite thing about Christmas for me is the presents. The other thing is probably winter break. My other favorite thing about Christmas is getting to see family cause sometimes you get to see family on Christmas. Another thing about Christmas that I like is the snow because you can go skiing. The other thing is that you could just sit at your house just chilling with hot chocolate.



My Perfect Christmas
by Braden Johnston

My favorite Christmas was when we had our first Christmas in Waitsburg which was in 2019. Also my favorite Christmas was great with lots of presents under the tree and when we finished with opening presents there was a big mess. What I wished for Christmas was a PS5 I think and a game and a lego set. When it was Christmas time we had big presents, small presents and really flat presents. We also put a lot of ornaments on the tree and I mean a lot of ornaments.

Since we came to this town, when it snows we go up to Bluewood to ski and it is fun. During Christmas we do presents at my Cousins house and my Grandparents house to also celebrate Christmas. My favorite Christmas movie is the Polar Express and I also have the set of it too. We always go up to our cabin in the mountains and we have snowmobiles up there. Back in 2019 it was before COVID and it was fun and we watched the ball drop.

We also have an ornament that says our first Christmas in Waitsburg. I hope I will have a great Christmas this year. It's been a long year too and it's not going to get shorter. The reason why 2019 was my favorite Christmas is because I got to meet new people and friends and also get introduced to a new school. I hope you guys had a good time reading this and Merry Christmas.



My Perfect Christmas
by Liam Kiefel

This is what my perfect Christmas would be. First I would wake up, look out my window and it's snowing. There would be at least two or three inches of snow. Then me and my sister would go see the tree with my parents. It's amazing, stockings filled, presents under the tree.

After we open presents we go to my grandma and grandpa. We all have an amazing Christmas brunch. Then we open the presents, and watch the family open their presents. Then we go sledding and have a big snowball fight! You can't forget the hot cocoa after playing in the snow.

Finally it would be around 5:30pm. We would have the most delicious Christmas dinner. All the best food you could want. Then we would play some card games or other fun activities. This is what my perfect Christmas would be.



My Perfect Christmas
by Joy Nechodom

I can't wait for my perfect Christmas! I'm SUPER DUPER excited!! My perfect Christmas is going to be absolutely, positively, PERFECT!! Man, I'm so excited, I wish it were closer to Christmas RIGHT NOW!! I mean, it gets closer to Christmas everyday. Once again, I can't wait for my perfect Christmas!

My perfect Christmas is going to be perfect because I get to go to an aquarium and PET, and take PICTURES with a PENGUIN! I'm really, really, REALLY, excited!! I love penguins, they are my 4th favorite animals! Other than that, I can't wait to see my cousins, aunts, uncles, and my grandma! We get to do stocking exchanges, and fun games, and have a feast in a nice and warm cabin!

In conclusion, my Christmas will be PERFECT!! I love Christmas, I think it's the best holiday! No, I KNOW it's the best holiday! I decorated my Christmas tree just yesterday (December 5th, 2021). I am very proud of what the Christmas tree looks like!

Merry Christmas.



My Perfect Christmas
By Sasha Mercado

My perfect Christmas was when my grandma was up at my house we were all having a good time. We looked in our stockings and at the candy that was in them. Then we made hot chocolate, so me and my sisters and my brother drank it, and then we all passed around the presents that we gave each other. We were all laughing at all of the jokes we made. I love spending time with my family, especially on Christmas. I love spending time with my grandma on Christmas because I don't get to see her that much, she doesn't live near me.

I love Christmas because people give me presents and I give them presents. So not only they give me presents but I'm giving them something and seeing the expressions on their faces it just makes my day. Seeing them happy it just makes me happy. Their faces make me happy because when they smile I smile. That's why I love Christmas so much.

Every time I see my grandma look at the presents I got her she always smiles, and I just love it when my family smiles at the things that I got them. I love seeing my mom open her presents because she's always so happy. I love giving gifts to people. I don't know why but I love giving presents to my family. That's why I love Christmas. I love spending it with my family.



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My Perfect Christmas By Trinity Wellsandt

My perfect Christmas is a nice small cabin in the woods next to a beautiful frozen over lake that you can ice-skate on. It would have a bridge crossing over the lake. The forest would have many animals. The inside would have a couch in front of a fireplace, the Christmas tree would be behind the table. The kitchen would be located in front of the living room when you walk in the house you walk into the foyer were the bedrooms would be to the left and the bathroom straight forward. That is what it would look like.



I would like to have these people there for my perfect Christmas: my Mom, my Dad, my sibling Kayler, my Best friend Rozalynn, my friend Joy, my Aunt Lara, Chase, Jessica, Owen, Oliver, Sawyer, Billy, Grandma, Papa Jeff, Alyssa, Aunt Becky, Little Cousin Noah and many more. I would also like to have my uncle Fill but sadly he died a few years ago. The cabin would be located in Japan because I love Japan. I would be there for 1 week with Rozalynn, My mom, My dad, My sibling and many more. Those are the people I would like to be there.

My perfect Christmas is just like that. The one thing I would love to have is hot cocoa by myself alone on Christmas day by the fireplace sitting there and just existing. The last thing I would like to add is what we would do. We would sit on the couch in loneliness and then play some Christmas games. After that we would sit on the couch again in loneliness then play some more games, after we played games we would sleep. When we woke up in the morning everyone would be gone because they went home. I would wake up my parents and we would then open presents and have a nice perfect Christmas.

My Perfect Christmas By Alex Watson

My perfect Christmas was when I was 4 years old and I got a Medical Ditechter from Santa and when I used it I found a 1992 quarter under the couch. Only, it was not a quarter. It was a dollar cent piece. Then I went into my room and used it to find the 50 cent piece. When I went outside my neighbor lost their ring. I found it for them.



My other perfect Christmas is when I was 6 years old. I got a hoverboard from Santa and I asked for one because I knew that I could ride it. Then when I got on it, I ran right into the wall and lost my tooth. Then I got back on it. I did not fall off of it. Then I went on the sidewalk.

After that, my grandma got on and she fell right off it. Then she got us a present: it was a mini basketball hoop.

My other perfect Christmas is when I was 8 years old and I got a ps4. I got the ps4 because I asked for the ps4. When I got it, I was so happy that I got the ps4. It is so fun to play on. Not like a switch. A switch has a tiny screen on it. The screen was cracked but the ps4 is hooked up to the tv. The switch does not have a controller. The controller is in the switch but the ps4 has a controller and the switch can not hook up to the tv.

My Perfect Christmas by Rozalynn Harvey

My Perfect Christmas is amazing!! My friends and family are there. My Christmas tree is decorated. Christmas music is playing. This is my perfect Christmas.

In my perfect Christmas, all of my friends and family are there. My cousins, aunts, and uncles. Friends from school, my siblings, parents, and Grandparents. All of my friends from school and family. Everyone is here!

On my perfect Christmas, all of the decorations are up! Everyone is getting into the holiday spirit, with all of the wreaths, garlands, Christmas trees with ornaments, and lights! At night then the town is beautiful. With all of the trees and lights, it's amazing!

The perfect Christmas has lots of Christmas music and caroling. Every time you go downtown, you see and hear people caroling next to the grocery store. When you go inside, then you hear different Christmas songs as well. Lots of amazing Christmas songs coming from the radio. Because of that, everyone listening is in the Christmas spirit!!!

My perfect Christmas is the best. Friends and family, Christmas decorations and trees, and Christmas music. Christmas time is the best time of the year! It's beautiful! My perfect Christmas really is perfect.



My Perfect Christmas by Aaliyah Hubbard

My perfect Christmas is to spend it with all my family, and probably just stay in my pajamas all day. I would also have Kyra come over and see all the stuff that I got. Then I would probably ask my mom to take me and Kyra to Albertsons to get a huge pie all to ourselves, and maybe a slice for my brothers (but probably not). I'd go shopping at Ross with the money I got, and yes, I would take Kyra with me. Then I would go to Starbucks and get a cup filled with whipped cream for my little puppy Lola, my sweet little Lola.



I would dress Lola up in a little costume and it would be very cute. Even cuter than she already is. I would just spoil Lola, her stocking is going to be more full than mine. I like to spoil Lola, she just is so happy when I do. Also I need more crocs, so I would like to get a lot of crocs for Christmas.

If it were my perfect Christmas Kyra would stay the night. We would go sledding and have a snowball fight. Then get swimsuits on and then just jump in the snow, because y'know why not. We'll probably be freezing for the next hour but whatever. Lastly, I would like to go ice skating with my family.

My Perfect Christmas By Jack Nee

The perfect Christmas would be with exactly what you want for Christmas under the tree with holiday music, eggnog, and all of your family sitting around an open roaring fire. The smell of the tree gusting in your face with every sip of apple cider you take. Snow falling everywhere outside. Warm blankets and Frosty the Snowman playing as you open up that Xbox you wanted. Carolers opening their books to sing Jingle Bells. Having a snowball fight with your cousins.



When you walk outside with your Grinch slippers and your Frosty the Snowman blanket all you see and hear are birds chirping and snow covering the trees. Kids around you are building snowmen and having snowball fights. You get your coat on and go outside to the perfect smell of pine and snow. Even getting snow on your back is fun, pickup that snow and throw it right back. Go inside, be calm, and watch The Grinch.

My Perfect Christmas By Carter Barron

Snow, cocoa, and family are some things that I think of when I think of Christmas. Christmas time is only once a year. At my house, we go all out. From milk and cookies for Santa, to the ornaments on the tree and Christmas music all around, we love Christmas. Today I will share My Perfect Christmas with you.



Gifts under the tree and lights on houses, bundles of fun, love, and coats. I love peppermint cocoa by the fire. Christmas is one of my favorite holidays because we see family. Christmas is not all about presents and toys but it's about family time. Caroling is amazing, as it brings people together.

Christmas day is packed with coolness. One year we went snowmobiling. Which was a lot of fun. Another year I was sledding. Whatever we do, these are memories I will never forget.

My Perfect Christmas. by Jake Lynch

My perfect Christmas started setting up my Christmas tree for me and my brother who wished t.v all mooring. Me and mom put up the Christmas light on the tree after we did it



We put ornaments on the tree. We put up the breakable ornaments on the tree. Mom bought some new ornaments. We have to put strings on them. My brother and I put on our ornaments.

On Christmas night we open our grandma's presents. On Christmas day my brother and I opened mom's presents. We opened our presents and started to play with our toys. Me, mom, dad and my brother went to the coffee shop here in town and my brother and I got hot cocoa. Then we got a photo with santa.

After that we got a treat bag from the coffee shop. Me, mom, dad and my brother go home and play in the snow. My brother and I brought some toys outside. Me and brother play in the snow with dad. This is my perfect Christmas.



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My Perfect Christmas
by Stella Pearson

The perfect Christmas is all of my family coming to my house. Eating breakfast at my house then we open gifts together. But before everyone comes, my mom, my dad, my little sister and I open our little gifts. It would be perfect if it snowed before Christmas. I love getting to see my family because some of them live far away.

It is always super fun and I like waking up early. We like to help each other set up their gifts. We have a lot of fun talking and we play with our stuff and run around my house. We play and take pictures together.



out of bed and in the hallway my dad was up and said "Good morning Colt." Later that afternoon, I was playing with my Xbox360, and heard it's time to open presents. After we opened the presents, I went outside and played in the snow. I had a snowball fight, my base was humongous, I could walk in it, sleep in, even live in it. When I came in I got hot cocoa and sat by the fireplace.

My Perfect Christmas
by Shaunna Hilton

That Christmas was the best Christmas in my life. I mostly have two Christmases but that year was different. I had one Christmas instead of two. Half the family came to spend Christmas with me, mom, dad and Asher. The rest of the family couldn't make it because they already had plans. But we still had a lot of fun. On Christmas eve we went to the mountains and went sledding and to get our Christmas tree. We mostly get our tree the day before Christmas so that the tree lasts longer and also to make the house smell nice. My little brother doesn't listen so we had a pretty hard time keeping him away from the tree.



It was almost time for bed when Asher was trying to dress the dog as a reindeer, and the dog was running around the Christmas tree and the tree almost tipped over. I ran over to the tree so it didn't tip over. The dog was tangled up in garland and the cat was sitting on the table looking down at the bear wondering what happened to him. The cat is named Bella and the dog is named bear. Bella is very funny and talented. She can do backflips off the wall and jump really high. She is the best cat ever.

It was finally Christmas day first we had breakfast, and then we turned on Christmas music and started to open presents and we went back to bed to save energy to go on a walk to the park and to go sledding. It was fun. Then we went to Walla Walla to buy supplies for making Christmas decorations for a family Christmas party. The rest of the family came for the party because they did not want to miss it. Like who would want to miss a Christmas party.

My Perfect Christmas
by Christopher Haury

My perfect Christmas was four, or five years back, we always sang next to each other, and not even one Christmas lacked. We decorated the house and counted 1,2,3 then we sing cheerfully next to the tree. We baked cookies and made lots of food we ate it all it tasted really good. My aunt came to my house, and we opened presents then we got on games we always yelled soul residence. I loved that Christmas there's no gap to that.



My second favorite Christmas was two or three years ago before my dad, and mom got a divorce. We did some things the same besides watching lots of Christmas movies, and shows. We also like to take pics under the mistletoe. Who doesn't like Christmas but the Grinch we do pranks for Christmas my brothers always flinch. We loved the blocks we got we love Christmas Rock.

My favorite Christmas movie was Nightmare Before Christmas, but now it's

My Perfect Christmas
by Colt Boudrieau

Do you want to know how my perfect Christmas was? Keep reading to learn more about my perfect Christmas. My perfect Christmas was in 2019, all of my family gathered in the living room then we were given our stockings. The Elf on the shelf wasn't on the shelf he was in my STOCKING! My elf on the shelf is funny and weird.



Before Christmas he was in a candle holder with sun glasses with a sticky note saying "will you America today". Another time my elf on the shelf wasn't on the shelf was when our elf ate A LOT of MMs and got sick. The next day he found my I-Pad and was playing ROBLOX. I went through my search history and he played ROBLOX, TANK STARS and YOUTUBE. Then I hid the tablet under my pillow, and he found it again.

On Christmas day I woke up early to find the elf on the shelf, but when I got

Merry Christmas!

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the Christmas Chronicles. My middle brother loves the Christmas movie The Grinch. We go to a park sometimes to find sticks. I want a bike that's just what I like. My brothers and I make forts for Christmas, my brother love's shorts. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

My Perfect Christmas
by Peyton Kaehler

My perfect Christmas is when the snow is falling on the ground because it is all fluffy and soft. I also love presents because you get to open a lot. We stay in our pajamas and my mom makes a big breakfast. Another thing I love is the Elf on the Shelf because he is funny and is sometimes naughty. Our elf's name is Max Mistletoe. One time, he put toilet paper all over our tree.

My perfect Christmas is when my whole family is together. Lots of relatives come over for presents and dinner. My Grammy makes lasagna which is one of my favorite dinners. We like to play games while we eat dessert.

One of my favorite things about Christmas is the tree. The colorful lights are so pretty. My Dad puts a lot of lights on our house and the fence surrounding our horses. My perfect Christmas is driving around at night looking at all the lights on all the houses.



My Perfect Christmas
by Rowdy Cole

The tree can go over there. The lights go there. The Angel, where do you think it goes? On the tree. The reindeer go on the roof, wait, no, in the yard. Where do you think Santa and the sleigh go? In the yard with the reindeer.

Do you know why we celebrate Christmas? I do. We celebrate Christmas because it's Jesus's birthday. Santa if you are listening, for Christmas I would like: 500 Zip Ties, Timbersled Track and 2 Timbersled skis, and two 4ft pipes. Don't worry Santa. I will lay out a carrot, 7 candy canes and a cookie or cookies. We have a winter program/play on 12-14-21 at 6:30pm in the HS Auditorium.

This Christmas has to be perfect. The table can go over there. If I could go anywhere for Christmas it would be Yellowstone National Park. If I could do anything for Christmas it would be to go to Colorado. If I could make anything for Christmas it would be mashed potatoes.



Decorating Main Street trees for the holidays



Submitted photo

Burger Hut won the People's Choice Award for 2021 Festival of Trees



Beka Compton

Waitsburg Elementary School students getting a helping hand with decorating the top of the city's tree.



Beka Compton

First grade teacher, Mrs Hinchliffe taking students to place their ornaments on the city's tree in front of The Plaza Theater.

In This Season

of joy, peace and love, we are reminded how very privileged we are to count special friends like you among our many blessings.

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