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Local businesses, clubs, and individuals sponsored and decorated trees as part of a festive fundraiser that supports Waitsburg FFA students and activities. This Christmas cow keeps an eye on Main Street action, including admiring a classic car parked in front of Waitsburg Grocery.

THIS WEEK

Cardinal High Fall Sports Awards presented

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg High School held its fall sports awards on December 5 to honor athletes who competed in cheerleading, volleyball, and football. Secondary Principal Joe Wirtzberger opened the ceremony, welcoming the parents and community members.

Cheerleading coach Vickie Hamann recognized fifteen cheerleaders who she said worked well together and had a fun season. She thanked the parents for providing team dinners and support.

Cedar Stegall *, Marion Duncan, Chasity Paddock *, Mylie Jones *, Mattilynn Carter *, Bea Karl *, Hope Adkins, Karissa Potts *, Sarah Daves *, Ava Childers, Pilar Diaz-Easton, Emerson Underwood, Chloe McCaw, Madison Strickland, Victoria Whitmore.

Team captain Stegall was named Most Valuable. Madison Strickland received the Most Improved Award and, Marion Duncan was voted Most Inspirational.



Madison Strickland, Cedar Stegall, and Marion Duncan with their awards for cheerleading.

Volleyball Coach Jamie Smit introduced her team's athletes and presented the following honors:

- Emma Hays – Most Improved,
- Jessika Lambert – Best Serve
- Morgan Lindsey and Makenzie Castillo – Most Encouraging
- Makaelyn Mikesell – Best Bump and Jump Serve.
- Madison Kaehler – Hardest Kills, Most Valuable Player, and honorable mention for All-Opponent Player.
- Teammate Alyssa Hollingsworth – Most Competitive
- Cheri Mathews – Coaches Award
- Kayla Mikesell – Most Accurate Sets.



Madison Kaehler and Alyssa Hollingsworth receive volleyball awards

After thanking parents, staff, and community members, Football Coach Gabe Kiefel gave kudos to his players. The team finished the season in third place with a 6-4 record.

Players Leif Heckman, Dylan Gutierrez, JJ Gleason, Isaac Mahre*, Landon Henry, Isa Reyes, Martin Vazquez, Koyen Fortune, Brenton Segraves*, Tucker Hamilton, Victor Whitmore, Kyle Lindsey, Graycen Teal, Jarod Hankins, William Daves, Lucas VanHoose*, Jack Karl*, Will Ahler, and Cougar Anderson were acknowledged.

Players who received special awards were:

- Jarod Hankins – all-opponent offensive line and defensive line and Lineman of the Year
- Tucker Hamilton – all-opponent linebacker and Defensive Player of the Year
- JJ Gleason – All-Opponent Wide Receiver, Defensive Back, and Special Teams Player of the Year
- Brenton Segraves – all-opponent linebacker
- Koyen Fortune – all-opponent linebacker
- Isa Reyes – all-opponent athlete/kicker/punter and Offensive Player of the Year
- Teegan Kenney – Scout Player of the Year
- Lucas VanHoose – All-Opponent Wide Receiver and Cardinal of the Year.

WHS Scholar athletes *



Five of the seven Cardinal Football players receiving awards were Tucker Hamilton, Isa Reyes, JJ Gleason, Koyen Fortune, and Brenton Segraves.



Christmas writing by Waitsburg Elementary students (See page 7)



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NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY:

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Based on the beloved book, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" centers on the Herdmans -- absolutely the worst kids in the history of the world. But this Christmas, they're taking over their local church Pageant -- and they just might unwittingly teach a shocked community the true meaning of Christmas. The cast includes Lauren Graham, Judy Greer, and Pete Holmes.

The Rotten Tomatoes critics' consensus says, "Decking the halls with unflappable charm and sincere spiritual conviction, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever is winningly wholesome family entertainment." Critics on that website rate this movie 91% favorable, and the audience gives it a very positive 97%. This movie is rated PG for thematic material and brief underage smoking. Its runtime is 99 minutes.

Stop by the theater for "Guys Night" on December 17 and pick up some movie passes for date night! Our gift certificates make great Christmas gifts as well.

There has been a change in our movie lineup starting December 13 with "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on December 20 – 29, and "MOANA 2" for two consecutive weekends. There will be NO Tuesday movie on December 24, a special New Year's event December 31, and the movie "WICKED" on January 3-7.

Celebrate an "East Coast" New Year's Eve at The Liberty Theater on Tuesday, December 31. More information to follow.

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FOAM FINGER FRIDAY ON DECEMBER 13

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WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Booster Club invites supporters to come out for Foam Finger Friday as the Cardinal basketball teams take on the Oakesdale Nighthawks at the Waitsburg High School Gym on December 13.

Show your pride and help the booster club back student sports and activities. Foam fingers will be available at the door for only \$10, and all proceeds go back to student programs.

Join the boosters at 6 p.m. for the girls' game and 7:30 p.m. for the boys' at the Waitsburg High School Gymnasium and wave a foam finger to cheer on the hometown Cardinals.

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Monday, December 16 **Wednesday, December 18**
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DAYTON CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER MEETING UPDATE

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON- Mayor Roger Trump called the Dayton City Council meeting to order at 6 p.m. on December 3, 2024. Trump and council members Teeny McMunn, James Su'euga, Laura Aukerman, Joann Patras, Kyle Anderson, and Shannon McMillen were present at City Hall. Michael Smith was not present.

Sheriff Helm kicked off the meeting by reading monthly statistics. He mentioned positive comments he'd received regarding the city's new radar speed signs installed at both ends of Main Street.

Helm said the sheriff's office is participating in "Toys for Tots," and donations can be made at the drop box in the sheriff's office lobby.

The emergency calls for last month were 290 Sheriff's calls for the city and 103 for the county. The city had six fire calls, and the county had four. Emergency medical calls were 35 for the city and 15 for the county. Commissioner Ryan Rundell also mentioned the purchase of three portable Starlink units for use by emergency services or other departments when operating in an area with poor communications coverage.

The council quickly handled administrative matters before closing the regular meeting to open a public hearing on the Preliminary 2025 Budget. The public can contact the city staff to review the Preliminary 2025 Budget. The Preliminary Budget includes \$15,605,558 in planned expenditures. Council members and city staff discussed the proposed water/sewer rate hikes needed to maintain services for residents and maintain lawns in the city's parks and the cemetery. Su'euga said there were some things we cannot continue to ignore. The public hearing closed without any comment from the public, and the regular meeting resumed.

After the meeting resumed, the council approved a new 2025 Master Fee Schedule. The latest schedule aligns more with those in similar-sized, nearby cities. The council also approved an updated 2025 salary schedule for non-contractual employees.

McMunn announced her intention to attend the December 17 meeting using Zoom and to resign her position on the council beginning January 1, 2025. McMunn is moving out of state.

Council members decided to hold a workshop on the preliminary budget at 3 p.m. on December 10, 2024. The council will vote on the budget's adoption on December 17, 2024.

Ryan Paulson, the Dayton Public Works Director, said that Anderson Perry continues flow testing to confirm feasibility of the proposed location for the wastewater treatment plant. He said he was working with the Port of Columbia to ensure the easements for the sewer lines along the railroad track would remain should the port sell the railroad property.

Paulson said a CCTV system has been purchased and will soon be installed at the city park to deter vandalism and mischief in the park. In addition to the speed monitoring signs on Main Street, he said he will install three button-activated crossing signals, starting at the intersection of Third Street and Main.

Dog licenses are now on sale at city hall. The price will increase after January 1, 2025.

City Planner Clark Posey said he was expecting a demolition permit for Ray's Drive-In to be submitted soon. He said the McQuary's Grocery and Woody's buildings are both under new ownership.

The council meeting adjourned at about 7:28 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6 p.m.

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Hometown Christmas brightened Waitsburg with lights and holiday cheer



Lane Gwinn



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Lu Morano

(top right) Library assistant Erin Elsey was visited by Batman, Ella, and The Grinch.
 (top left) Celebration Day Royalty was in the house at Ten Ton Coffee. I-r Paytyn Hayda, Barista Cheyenne Frohreich, Jemma Anderson, Barista Kitty Long, and Hadley Fullen.
 (right) Simply Sawdust owner Gloria Wilson brought sparkle and pedal power to Charles Stanger's Bicycle Parade of Light on Sunday night.
 (below) Charles Stanger's Bicycle Parade of Light included friends, family, and others on lighted bikes.
 (bottom right) Town Hall hosted a bustling craft bazaar and live music from TVAMP musicians, including I-r, Marion Duncan and Ethan Goodridge.



Lane Gwinn



Kate Hockersmith

Cardinal basketball looking for wins after two losses

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg High School basketball teams will be looking for wins against Highland on Tuesday, December 10, after losing two games to Mac-Hi and Garfield-Palouse last week.

Playing their first home game on Saturday, December 7, the Lady Cardinals struggled to get the ball in the hoop and lost 66-10 against a fast-paced Gal-Pal team.

Alyssa Hollingsworth hit for 10 points and had five rebounds. Jessika Lambert rebounded three.

Coach Waggoner said that Gar-Pal was a formidable team. "We are hopefully going to learn from it and secure a win at our Tuesday's home game against Highland."

The varsity boys lost by the same score: 66-10. JJ Gleason led the team with six points, two rebounds, and one steal. Logan Seal and Blake Benavides each scored two points. Jack Karl contributed four rebounds and a steal, and Isaac Mahre had three rebounds.

Coach Wallace was proud of Issac Mahre's effort. Mahre started as a junior varsity player and is now playing varsity.

"Most of our kids have no varsity experience, so we are figuring out what we need to rebuild our culture and confidence. There is a lot of potential here but I do not think the kids realize it yet. So, we need to keep finding those hard workers and come back stronger next week with a winning mindset and attitude," said Wallace.

The junior varsity boys lost against Gal-Pal 53-22.

The Cardinals play at Prescott on December 12, in Waitsburg on Friday, December 13, and at Colton on Saturday, December 14.



Karen Huwe



(above) Teegan Kenney defends a Gal-Pal shooter

(bottom left) Alyssa Hollingsworth shoots for two against Gal-Pal



LEGALS

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Small Works Roster

Columbia County Health District (CCHD) maintains a Small Works Roster which the District may utilize and update annually. Small Works contracts are for projects up to \$350,000.00 in value in accordance with RCW's 39.04.010, 39.04.155, and 36.32.250. This policy may be used as an alternative to formal advertisement and bidding of Public Works. Companies that have previously submitted applications and have been listed on the Small Works Roster, should submit a new application to update the information in our records. CCHD complies with the Prevailing Wage Law of the State of Washington (RCW 39.12) and requires all contractors to comply. All applicants must be properly registered and licensed to perform such work in the State of Washington.

To obtain a Small Works Roster Application, Contact Columbia County District Administration Department, shellie.mcleod@cchd-wa.org or call (509) 382-9353.

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The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to create a Local Drought Preparedness Plan (LDPP) for all areas of WRIA 32.

Scope: The consultant selected for this project must have the ability to guide a coalition of stakeholders, including agencies and the public, through a series of meetings and planning sessions. The consultant should have a solid understanding of the Walla Walla Watershed and how climate change and drought will impact the region. The consultant will be responsible for crafting a plan that safeguards the Walla Walla Watershed from climate change and drought.

Proposals must include the following components and will be ranked accordingly: Qualifications of key personnel (90 pts), relevant project experience (90 pts), experience working with state agencies (30 pts), and previous performance (90 pts). The RFP will be available starting December 5, 2024. For questions, please reach out to Annie Byerley at annie.byerley@wwccd.

net or call 509-956-3764 or Renee Hadley at renee.hadley@wwccd.net or 509-956-3756. 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 12 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2024.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 24-4-00020-7 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of: MARILYN L. MCKINLEY, 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

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Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: November 26, 2024

Date of First Publication: December 5, 2024
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Address for Mailing or Service: KARL LAW OFFICE, PLLC, PO Box 66, Waitsburg, WA 99361

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

Dryland Ag Lease Auctions Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offers for lease at Sealed Bid Public Auction on January 14, 2025 the following leases in Walla Walla County, Washington. All three leases have crop share rental structure. State's total crop share is 22.81%, including the value for leasehold tax

Dryland Agriculture Lease No. C1200F60526

Nine-year seven-month lease for a tract of land containing 640 acres, and described as all of Section 16, Township 7 North, Range 33 East, W.M., Walla Walla County, Washington, containing 471.74 acres dryland agriculture. Lease auction will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Dryland Agriculture Lease No. C1200I56223

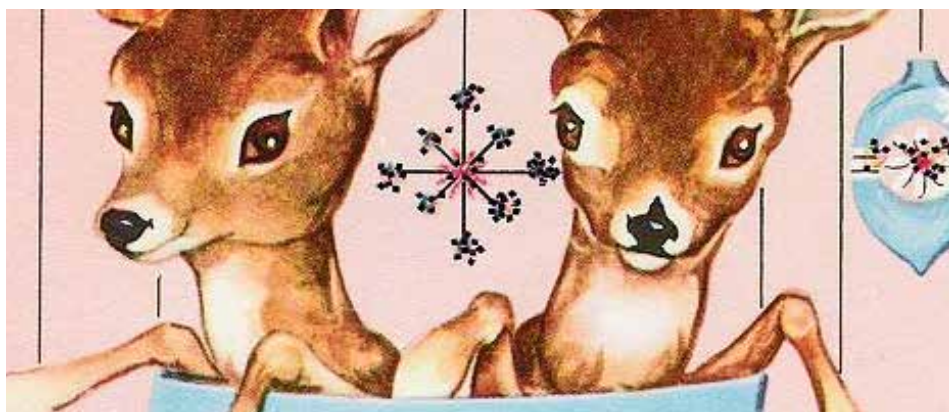
Nine-year seven-month lease for a tract of land containing 638.82 acres, and described as all less portion of SE1/4NW1/4 conveyed to Washington & Columbia River Railway Company of Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 33 East, W.M. Walla Walla County, Washington, containing 613.81 acres dryland agriculture. Lease auction will be held at 2:15

p.m. Dryland Agriculture Lease No. C1200G69268

Nine-year seven-month lease for a tract of land containing 200 acres, and described as portions of the NW1/4, NE1/4, and SW1/4 as recorded with the Walla Walla County Farm Service Agency, Farm Number 2290, Tract 10396, Fields 1 and 2, and Tract 10464, Field 1, and that part of Farm Number 2801 in the NE 1/4, Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 34 East, W. M., Walla Walla County, Washington, containing 185.10 acres dryland agriculture. Lease auction will be held at 2:30 p.m.

Lease covenants may be examined at the Walla Walla County Courthouse in Walla Walla, DNR's Southeast Region office, 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926, or the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands, Olympia, WA. Sealed Bid Lease Auctions will be held at the DNR's Southeast Region office on January 14, 2025. For bid packets call 360-338-2397.

HILARY S. FRANZ, Commissioner of Public Lands
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GENEROSITY AND FUN MADE POOL FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — On Friday, December 6, the Friends of the Waitsburg Pool and Waitsburg Parks and Recreation hosted a fundraiser, successfully raising over \$16,000.

The evening began with a concert, by The Frog Hollow Band at The Plaza Theater. The band generously donated their performance, raising funds from general admission and VIP tickets.

After the concert, The Plaza opened its doors to kids for a free movie, including adult supervision, allowing parents to attend the after-concert events at The Royal Block.

With music provided by the Walla Walla DJ, there was dancing, laughter,

Bacetto Detroit Pizza, and a competitive silent auction.

"We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who attended the fundraising concert, participated in the after-party events, donated to the silent auction, and all those who continue to support the pool project. Your generosity and dedication are making a lasting impact.

"Our team shares the passion and vision of this community to bring a pool to Waitsburg, and we are making incredible progress because of your support. The amount of time and effort our volunteers have invested throughout the year—fundraising, planning, and beyond—is immeasurable. We truly would not be where we are today without them.

"If you see one of our volunteers, please take a moment to say thank you. Their hard work and commitment are driving this project forward," said Wendy Carter, President of the Waitsburg Parks and Rec.



Lane Gwinn

The Frog Hollow Band played at The Plaza Theater for the fundraiser. Keeping the music flowing, some band members dropped in at the Bluegrass Jam at American 35 and Ty Lane performed acoustically at Whiskey C during its Ugly Sweater party.

BREAKFAST AND FUN WITH SANTA AT DAYTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Join Santa for Breakfast at the Dayton First Congregational UCC Church on December 14 at 8 a.m. The congregation invites the public to participate in this holiday tradition, which has been hosted by the church for over 40 years.

"No charge for lots of fun and breakfast too," said Rev. Deborah R. Tyler.



Submitted photo

Santa visiting with Nina Jaech at last year's breakfast.

BIRTHDAYS

December 12: Ernest Brunson, John Archer, Allen Huwe, Chad Fry, Dawn Ronning, Patricia Thomas, Ben Antonius, and BethAn Wood.

December 13: Patsy Weber, Marilyn Wilson, Elena Perry, Richard Done, Donald Thiery, and Helen Duckworth.

December 14: Shirley Wilson, Joy Leisure, Susan Herion, Heather Harris, Jay Lewis, Sasha Sickles, Rick Turner, and Imbert Matthee.

December 15: Agnes VonCadow, Jason Henderson, David Hevel Jr., Carl

Smith Jr., Stacie Huwe, Rick Turner, and Betty Young.

December 16: Alaia Gagnon, Katie Ford, Perry Dozier, Samantha Henze, Christopher Holmes, Lesli Crawford, and Kenna Larson.

December 17: Matthew Ted Baker, J Merle Bickelhaupt, Kerry O'Brien, Chelsea Logemann.

December 18: Corrie Berneking, Sharon Richter, Cindy Pettichord, Liz Quigg, and Kelli Pettichord.

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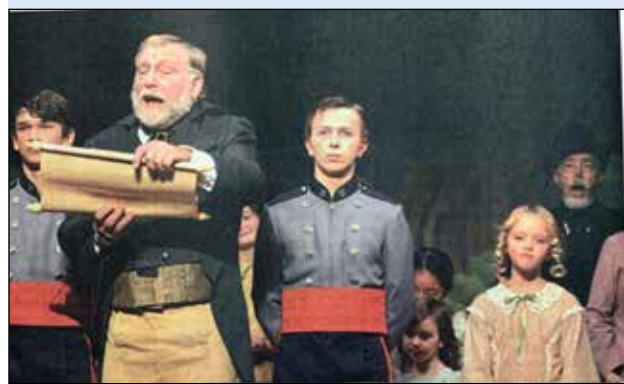
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
December 11, 2014



[Photo Caption] Chuck Reeves (front) and Jack McCaw (right) performed in this year's fall musical production of Cinderella at the Liberty Theater.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 9, 1999

Home for Sale Waitsburg: Four bedrooms, 2 baths, 3-year-old manufactured home, \$92,500.

Home for Rent Waitsburg: 1 bedroom house, fenced yard, carport/storage. All appliances, including washer & dryer. Senior discount available. \$350 a month.

Home for Rent Waitsburg: 2-bedroom house, all appliances including washer and dryer, central heat, A/C, attached garage. Senior discount available. \$575 a month.

Fifty Years Ago

December 12, 1974

Gil Sharpe, sole director of the Flood Control District, told The Times Wednesday that property owners should be aware that the district assessments are due and payable yearly. They are not like other county taxes with a 5-year grace period, Sharpe said.

The Flood Control District assessed a \$4,800 budget for 1974, but Gil says it will probably not make any assessment at all for 1975. Sharpe recommended that property owners pay the amount due to avoid any legal problems with the County. Treasurer Harmon Johnson said that several accounts have not been paid. Sharpe has appealed to John Biggs, Olympia, to name two additional directors for the board. Bill Zuger and Jerry Vollmer resigned last year rather than submit the information required under Ref. 276.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

December 16, 1949

J. S. Arnold, 78, of Prescott, who has been county road superintendent of District 4 for the past 31 years, will retire on December 31. He will be replaced by Joe Phelps, who has been with the state for 11 years.

The PP & L Co. decorated the Huntsville Christmas tree last week, which will be lit until the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wills are the parents of a daughter born December 10 at the Walla Walla General Hospital.

One Hundred Years Ago

December 19, 1924

The Evergreen Confectionery, M. H. Cox, proprietor, is getting back to normalcy this week after having been in the hands of painters for a week or more.

The J. U. G. Club held the last regular meeting at the home of Miss Carolyn Bickelhaupt. On the suggestion of the secretary-treasurer Mrs. L. V. Strom, the name of the club was changed to the Nesika Club.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 22, 1899

A Whist party and dance was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harper last Saturday evening. The party was in the nature of a "housewarming," Mr. and Mrs. Harper having just finished their handsome new house on Sixth Street.

The case of Lewis C. Shell and wife against Marcus Zuger for \$75 damages for his hogs trespassing on Shell's corn crop, was tried before Judge Brents and a jury in Walla Walla on Monday, and resulted in a verdict for Zuger. W. L. Brown this week purchased the Waitsburg Express and Delivery from John Moore and has taken possession.

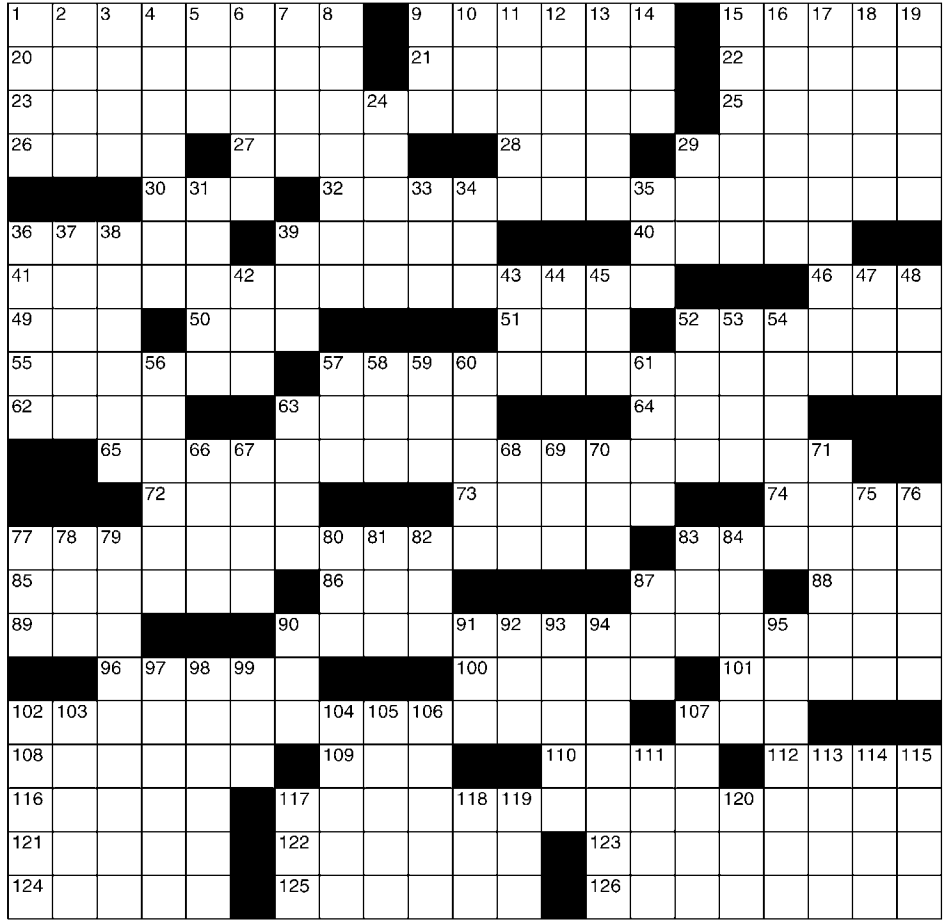


PUZZLES & LUNCHES

Super Crossword

TEEPEES

- ACROSS**
- 1 The United States' landmass, with "the"
 - 9 Rafter's challenge
 - 15 Shul scroll
 - 20 Another similar thing
 - 21 Barack and Michelle
 - 22 Give the slip
 - 23 Like babies who throw tantrums when you try to put diapers on them?
 - 25 News outlets
 - 26 FBI or ERA
 - 27 Film lead-in to "Cop"
 - 28 Photo —
 - 29 More nimble
 - 30 Trellis climber
 - 32 Having a sore mouth from working long hours at a kissing booth?
 - 36 Joint a sock often covers
 - 39 Chipped in, in poker
 - 40 Beckett title character
 - 41 Intense fire used as an energy source?
 - 46 Pie — mode
 - 49 Abbr. on a road map
 - 50 With 44-Down, decay of building timbers
 - 51 Colon part
 - 52 Communist Joseph
 - 55 Egyptian god of the dead
 - 57 Declaration while pointing at a group of workers on strike?
 - 62 Scent sensor
 - 63 George at Gettysburg
 - 64 Airy melody
 - 65 Statement when you're nearly ready to complete a collage?
 - 72 The "A" of "A-Rod"
 - 73 Depart
 - 74 Air out
 - 77 Mesmerizing horse movement?
 - 83 Limb-bending muscle
 - 85 Is theatrical
 - 86 Pod item
 - 87 Color grade
 - 88 Actress Gasteyer
 - 89 Tangle of hair
 - 90 Inherent hanging-down position?
 - 96 SeaWorld whale, once
 - 100 Fake identity
 - 101 Fuels (up) in vinegar
 - 102 "It won't hurt a little!"?
 - 107 Body of eau
 - 108 Kind of acid in vinegar
 - 109 Debt note
 - 110 Architect Saارين
 - 112 "Slung" food
 - 116 St. — (Caribbean getaway)
 - 117 Hasle of tracking down a missing retirement payment?
 - 121 Vintage song
 - 122 Stress
 - 123 Spiritual self
 - 124 Foundations
 - 125 Peanut butter cup brand
 - 126 Bread browners
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Cobra types
 - 2 Castle ditch
 - 3 Avenger Peel
 - 4 Lizard, e.g.
 - 5 British verb suffix
 - 6 Indian dish
 - 7 Height: Prefix
 - 8 The whole —
 - 9 King, in Caen
 - 10 Belly muscles
 - 11 Jean — (perfume brand)
 - 12 Windows ad catchphrase
 - 13 Language of Copenhagen, to locals
 - 14 New jet in '68
 - 15 Worked as an office sub
 - 16 Carry too far
 - 17 Howard Stern's area
 - 18 "Bye, Brigitte"
 - 19 Bodily pump
 - 24 Conductor Georg
 - 29 "Every seat sold" abbr.
 - 31 "La Traviata" composer
 - 33 Spy novelist Deighton
 - 34 Shareable PC file
 - 35 Vainglory
 - 36 Chef's tie-on
 - 37 "Untrue!" congressman — Mfume
 - 39 Even a bit of
 - 42 Taxing gp.
 - 43 Mag bigwigs
 - 44 See 50-Across
 - 45 High degree
 - 47 Falsification
 - 48 Cookout pest
 - 52 BBQ rod
 - 53 Mosaic piece
 - 54 On the go
 - 56 Withdraw
 - 57 — Aviv
 - 58 Deli meat
 - 59 Foofaraw
 - 60 Model S car
 - 61 Otherwise
 - 63 Long skirt
 - 66 Balm plant
 - 67 Meshes
 - 68 A fifth of fifty
 - 69 D.C. donor
 - 70 Abbr. on a road map
 - 71 Dallasites or Houstonians
 - 75 — word (single-occasion coinage)
 - 76 Plate holders
 - 77 Skirt edge
 - 78 Diva Sumac
 - 79 Broken bits of ceramic material
 - 80 Tax doc. pro
 - 81 House animal
 - 82 Novelist Santha Rama —
 - 83 Festivity
 - 84 Pigeon perch
 - 87 Males
 - 90 Rapa — (Easter Island)
 - 91 Solar beam
 - 92 Frazier foe
 - 93 Sheet fabric
 - 94 Website visit unit
 - 95 Pilot Amelia
 - 97 Actress McDaniel of "Gone With the Wind"
 - 98 Comes up
 - 99 Nero's 2,100
 - 102 Bigwig
 - 103 Florida city
 - 104 "Uncle!" crier, perhaps
 - 105 Explorer — de León
 - 106 Stratagems
 - 107 Disney film of 2016
 - 111 Nevada city
 - 113 Highest point
 - 114 — -Pei
 - 115 Mama birds
 - 117 Golf average
 - 118 Ending for opal
 - 119 Extra NBA periods
 - 120 — Plains



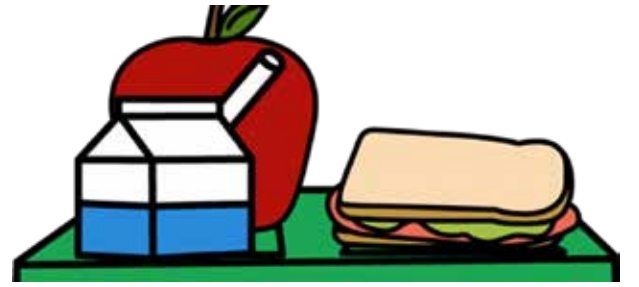
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 MOW: Vegetables
 Coleslaw
 In-House: Salad bar



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Thursday, Dec. 12
 Breakfast
 French Toast & Bacon
 Lunch
 Macaroni & Cheese
 Chicken Nuggets
 Broccoli, Pears

Friday, Dec. 13
 Breakfast
 Scrambled Eggs & Hash browns
 Lunch
 Corn dogs
 Caesar Salad
 Carrots, Apples
 Something crunchy

Monday, Dec. 16
 Breakfast
 Bagels & Yogurt

Lunch
 Cheeseburgers
 French Fries
 Celery & Carrots
 Oranges
 Flannel or Plaid Day

Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Breakfast
 Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch
 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla
 Refried Beans
 Sweet Peppers
 Pears
 Ugly sweater Day

Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Breakfast
 Muffin & Scrambled Eggs

Lunch
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 Green Beans
 Mixed Fruit
 Grinch Day Brynne's House Salad
 Mixed Fruit

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Super Crossword

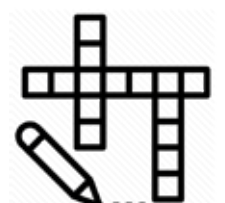
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Waitsburg students share holiday cheer

Many thanks to the teachers at Waitsburg Elementary School for sharing the creative writing from their students. It is a busy time for all, with last minute shopping, wrapping, and visiting family and friends. Take a little break to enjoy these wishes, poems, and riddles, they will put you into the holiday spirit.

Eleanora Montgomery's Waitsburg Pre Schoolers send Santa their lists

"This Christmas I want Santa to bring me:"



A train set and a sling-shot.
Abel Caiden



Farm trucks.
Tony Copple



Notebook and a skateboard.
Axel Lachowicz



A big monster truck.
Rhett Elsey



A bicycle and a dinosaur kit.
Bode Brannock



Teddy bear, a tablet, and a scooter.
Lillian Cole



Unicorn make up.
Jane Ely



A real horsy and a rainbow unicorn.
Joanna Giacalone



A toy tunnel, and play kitchen.
Adalyn Gleason



James Griffen



A snowman and reindeer.
Lowden Henze



A racecar and choo-choo tracks.
Pierce Henze



A swimming mermaid.
Kimber Hofer



A pony and Barbie.
Davina Hopkins



Anna and Else dress.
Olivia James



A pink watch and little squishes.
Juniper Langford



A lion and two motorcycles.
Cian Ledford



A dinosaur book with buttons and a laptop.
Makenzie McNichol



A car wash, pirate ship.
Cash Noble



A monster truck play set.
Asher Richards



A big train with toy train tracks.
Soren Schavrien



Stetson Watkins



A bunch of pranks.
Eberleigh Watson



A toy robot.
Abraham Wright



A baby sister and a wish for Murphy.
Brielle Zuger



A dinosaur toy and a small bear.
Emma Zuger

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dear Santa from Jordan Greer's Kindergarteners



Dear Santa!
My name is Adi, I am 5 years old, I live in Waitsburg. For Christmas I would like toy make up and a rainbow to hang on my Barbie house. One question I have for Santa is, when do you and the reindeer start flying to people's houses?
Love, Adi Knighton



Dear Santa!
My name is Alayna, I am 5 years old and I live in Dayton in a new house. Something I would like for Christmas is a picture of my whole family and a pretty bracelet with my mom's picture. One question I have for Santa is, what is your favorite cookie? I think it is something chocolate.
Love, Alayna Dean



Dear Santa!
My name is Axel, I am 5 years old and I live in Waitsburg. I would like a Bone Shaker racecar for Christmas, and a Bone Shaker Monster truck. One question I have for Santa is, how do the reindeer know where they are going?
Love, Axel Stenson



Dear Santa!
My name is Bryson, I am 4 years old and I live at my Meemaw's house. For Christmas I would like presents, green, red, yellow, red, blue presents. One question I have for Santa is can you please bring me some yellow presents?
Love, Bryson French



Dear Santa!
My name is Dax, I am 5 years old and I live in Waitsburg. Something that I would like for Christmas is slime, probably purple and green, that's it. One question I have for Santa is, how did Rudolph get a red cherry nose?
Love, Dax Scoles



Dear Santa!
My name is Emmett, I am 6 years old and I live between Dixie and Walla Walla, but I would say closer to Dixie. For Christmas I would really like a 4-wheeler. One question I have for Santa is, what do the elves like to eat?
Love, Emmett Kibler

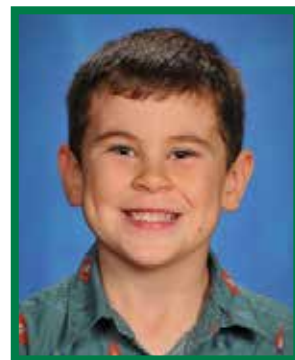


Dear Santa!
My name is Ethan, I am 5 years old and I live in Waitsburg past school with my mom and dad and my sister. For Christmas I would like a new Hot Wheels track with loop de loops and jumps so that the car can jump really high. One question I have for Santa is, what do you do when it is not Christmas time?
Love, Ethan Hays



Dear Santa!
My name is Greyson, I am 5 years old and I live with my family. Something I would like for Christmas is a monster truck toy with a remote control on it and glowing wheels. I don't really want to ask Santa anything.
Love, Greyson Moore

Dear Santa!
My name is Jesse, I am 5 years old and I live in Waitsburg with my mom, dad, and my brothers and sisters. Something I would like for Christmas is a new remote control monster truck and a remote control tractor trailer. One question that I have for Santa is, what do the reindeer eat?
Love, Jesse Giacalone



Dear Santa!
My name is Landon, I am 6 years old and I live in Waitsburg. For Christmas I would like a blue motorcycle. One question I have for Santa is, what is your favorite color? I think it is white and red.
Love, Landon Long



Dear Santa!
My name is Lane, I am 5 years old and I live in North America. For Christmas I would like an RC Megalodon monster truck- it's at Wal-Mart. One question I have for Santa is do you like to play any games?
Love, Lane Eastman



Dear Santa!
My name is Legend Richards, I am 5 years old and I don't know where I live. For Christmas I would please like a drone thing for my hand. One question I have for Santa is, how do you make all the toys at the North Pole?
Love, Legend Richards



Dear Santa!
My name is Mac, I am 6 years old and I live in Prescott. One thing I would really really really like is a horsey toy, like Spirit because he is my very most favorite horse and a Lucky toy to ride him. I would also like a toy Santa house with elves and reindeer and snow all over the carpet. My mom and dad said that if I get coal they are going to have a talk with me. One question I have for Santa is, how do your reindeer fly? Do the bells make them float, or does a genie come and make them magical floating?
Love, Mac Melcher



Dear Santa!
My name is Oliver, I am 5 years old and I live at my grandma's house. Something I would like for Christmas is a toy bell and a unicorn. One question I have for Santa is, can I have a picture of your reindeer?
Love, Oliver Poole



Dear Santa!
My name is Vera, I am 5 years old and I live across the street. For Christmas I would like a unicorn. One question I have for Santa is, what is your favorite color?
Love, Vera Ahler



Dear Santa!
Love, Harley Childers



Dear Santa!
My name is Tegan, I am 5 years old and I live right across the street. For Christmas I would like a Freddy Fazz Bear and Foxy. One question I have for Santa is, how long did it take you to grow your beard?
Love, Tegan Huxoll

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Karla Mike
Steve
David
Karen Zack

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Clara
Connie
Melissa F
Jeff
Ivan

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Cinquain Poems by Stephanie Hinchliffe's First Grade class



The Grinch
Green, Hairy
Stinking, Stealing, Yelling
He doesn't like Christmas!
Mean One
by Elijah Dalhby

Christmas Tree
Beautiful, Sparkly
Cutting, Decorating, Admiring
Christmas trees smell good!
Evergreen
by Valynn Nokes



Santa's sleigh
Big, Red
Carrying, Flying, Delivering
Santa delivers presents fast
Sled
by Myles Grende

Snowman
Round, Cold
Rolling, Stacking, Decorating
Building snowmen is fun!
Frosty
by Alaia Gagnon



Reindeer
Big, Powerful
Jumping, Flying, Landing
They help Santa deliver.
Deer
by Ember Adams

Presents
Exciting, Fun
Wrapping, sparkling, Giving
Giving Presents is so fun
Gift
By Elodie Botts



Snow
White, Sparkly
Falling, Drifting, Playing
Eating snow is yummy!
Snowflakes
by Kennedy Henze



Reindeer
Cute, Fluffy
Running, Jumping, Flying
Reindeer fly Santa's Sleigh!
Animal
Kairi Schavrien



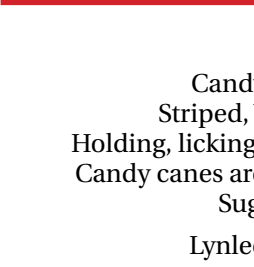
Santa
Tall, Friendly
Giving, Flying, Baking
Santa has red clothes
Claus
Maverick Dean



The Grinch
Mean, Sneaky
Stealing, Sledding, Celebrating
He's a mean one!
Grump
Chloe Abel



Presents
Cool, Fun
Wishing, Unwrapping, Playing
I Love Getting Presents!
Gifts
Cole Lockard



Family
Big, Kind
Loving, Supporting, Caring
My Family Likes Christmas!
Tribe
Israel Stahl



Christmas
Snowy, Trees
Fun, Decorating, Celebrating
I like Christmas time
Xmas
Nolan Dross

Candy Canes
Striped, Yummy
Holding, licking, Eating
Candy canes are sweet!
Sugar stick
Lynlee Henry



Candy Canes
Sweet, Colorful
Sucking, Eating, Decorating
Eating them is fun
Candy
Flint Abel



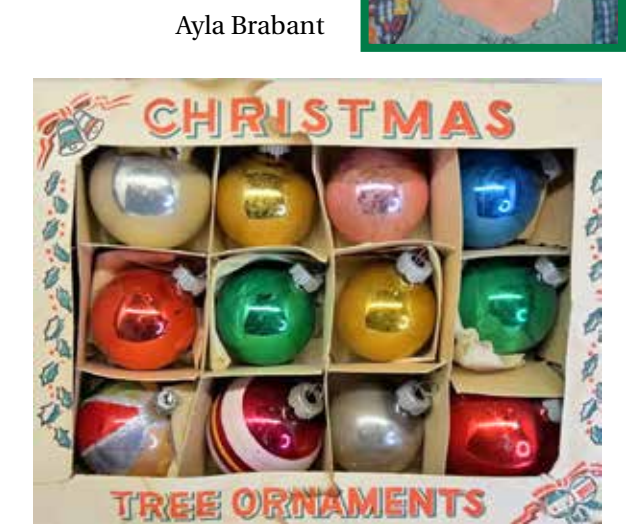
Santa
Claus
Jolly, Nice
Eating, Drinking, Delivering
He gives us presents.
Saint Nick
Skylar Ruth



Snow
Cold, White
Snowmobiling, Sledding, Rolling
I like the snow
Water
Aiden Zuger



Cookies
Chocolate chips, Round
Eating, Baking, Decorating
The cookies were yummy!
Sweets
Sophia Chavez

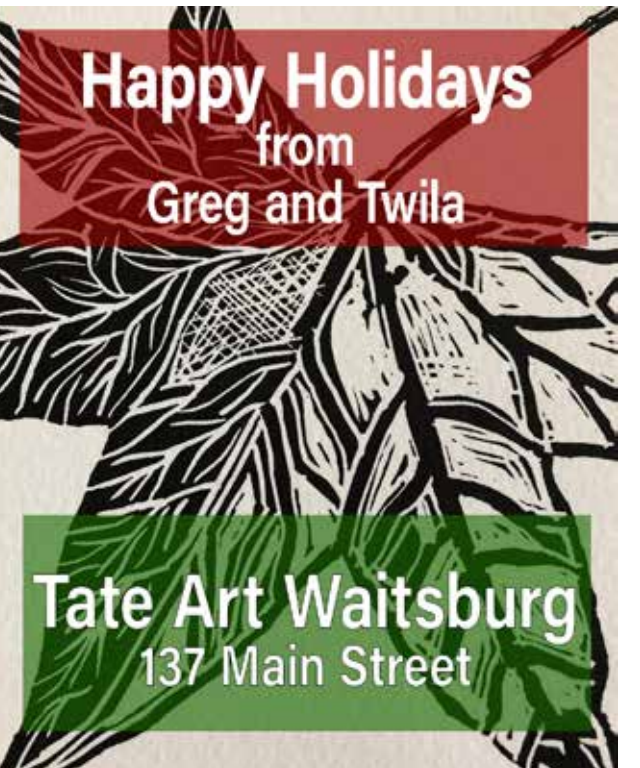


Elves
Small, Helpful
Building, Painting, Wrapping
We are Santa's helpers
Buddy
Daniel Childers



Santa
Big, Happy
Flying, Delivering,
Sneaking
Goes down the chimney
Mr. Claus
Enzly Foersterling

Presents
Pretty, Square
Wrapping, Opening, Playing
Getting presents is
awesome!
Gifts
Ayla Brabant



Happy Holidays

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Wenda Parr's Second Grade Winter Haikus



Snowman
Frosty the Snowman
Frosty and I love to play.
We drink hot cocoa.
by Corben Brock



The Winter
I love hot cocoa.
Playing with my family.
I like snowball fights.
by Oliver Castillo



Winter
I love hot cocoa.
Making snowmen in the snow.
I like snowball fights.
by Richard Chavez



Christmas Joy
Drinking hot cocoa.
Christmas is joy and goodness.
Spreading happiness.
by Alyssa Cole



Winter is Fun
I love when it snows.
I like to make snow angels.
I play with my friends.
by Gracie Compton



The Winter Season
Drinking hot cocoa.
Sitting by the warm fire.
Riding sleds on jumps.
by Ryker Frasco



Winter is Cold
Winter is so cold.
Freezing snowflakes are coming.
Today is snowy.
by Elizabeth Hays



I Like Snow
Snow is cold and white.
I love snowmen and cookies.
I sled down big hills.
by Asher Hilton



Winter
Snow falling today.
I like to drink hot cocoa.
Time to throw snowballs.
by Brooklynn Hopkins



Tis the Season
Santa is coming.
Cookies and warm milk left out.
Lights shiny and bright.
by Cheyanne Hopkins



Snowing Hard
It is snowing hard.
I like building snowmen.
I like snowball fights.
by Finley Huxoll



Winter
Frosty the snowman.
Jesus was born on Christmas.
You won't see Santa.
by Talen Kibler



All About Winter
You can get a cold.
Will I be on the nice list?
I love the white snow.
by Kaidence Wilcox



I Like Winter
Santa is coming.
Santa delivers presents.
It is cold outside.
by Avery Janovich



The Snow
I like crunching snow.
Love to sit by the fire.
I like hot cocoa.
by Charlie Knighton



Winter
Drinking hot cocoa.
Playing in the snow is best.
Snowflakes falling down.
by Gemma Pennington



Winter Snow
I like snowballs, too.
The snowflakes are on the
ground.
Lights on the windows.
by Maddison Miller



Christmas Time
Hot cocoa is good!
Santa is coming to town!
You won't see Santa!
by Foster R. Richardson



Frosty
Snow is cold and white.
I like to make snowball forts.
Winter is so fun!
by Sydney Smith



I Love Winter
I love the cold snow.
Sitting by the warm fire.
Hot cocoa is good.
by Michael Vixie



Winter
I like snowball fights.
The night is freezing and cold.
I like the bright lights.
by Violet Watkins

Children's Christmas Play
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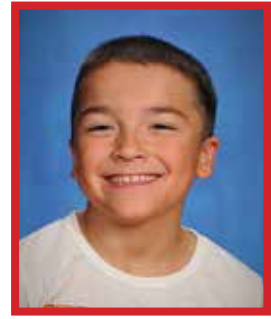
Christmas Riddles by Tabitha Jadin's Third Graders

A snowman stores his money here, I am a type of bank, And I have "bank" in my name. What am I?
-Malyn Gagnon



I'm cold, I'm shaped like a person, I'm made of snow. What am I?
-Micah Richards

I wrap around a Christmas tree, Plug me in, I glow. What am I?
-Carmine Pasterino



I am something in the snow. I have to eat meat to live. I live in a cave. I can have cubs. What am I?
-Marcus Reynolds

I am outside your door, I fall out of the sky, and I am white. What am I?
-Jake Lockard



I am cold, I am blue, I am sometimes under you. What am I?
-Samson Hamilton

I check my list twice. I look to see who is naughty, and who is nice. Who am I?
-Jace Jadin



I am kind, I am happy, And I love my family. What am I?
-Ethan Grabinski

I am tall and green. People put candy canes on me. People put lights on me. What am I?
-Jesse Jadin



I am cheeky. I am tasty. I am fast. Who am I?
-Annika Botts

I am small, round, and in your room. What am I?
-Cash Grende



I am someone who is as sneaky as can be. I put presents under your Christmas tree for free. But if you aren't good, Then there will be dull coal Under your Christmas tree. Who am I?
-Cooper Smith

I'm a snowman I have a magical hat (not a rat, a hat) And a pipe. What am I?
-Clay Katsel



I'm green, I'm grumpy, And I live on a mountain Who am I?
-Soren Nokes



I am outside, I fall from the sky, I am white. What am I?
-Levi Dean

I am fuzzy I'm warm I have a red nose What am I?
-Avery Spring



I help Santa wrap gifts and I load his sleigh. Who am I?
-Catelynne Gascon

I help wrap presents and load the sleigh. I am small. Who am I?
-Vaida Langford



I am green, I am ugly, I am mean. Who am I?
-Cannon Abel

I am happy, And I make people happy. I start with the letter "C". What am I?
-Avery Hofer



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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Deanna Coulston's Fourth Grade class share "What Christmas means to me."

Christmas is a good holiday for Jesus. I like Christmas. I like to get presents on Christmas. Also Christmas is a holiday to be with family and to be with your whole family. Some kids do not have family so you should be grateful that you even have a family to spend Christmas with.

Christmas is a special day because Santa will put you on a nice list. You get presents on Christmas if you've been good. Christmas is a good day and in my opinion because I love Christmas.

Christmas is a wonderful time. It's a winter holiday when you can have a snowball fight and hot cocoa. And to snuggle with your mom or your dad and to have a snowball fight and two weeks off. So you should have a happy Christmas week everybody!

By Ephraim Tarrance



I love spending time with my family on Christmas. I also love spending time with my pets too on Christmas. I really love getting gifts from everyone and I love giving gifts to everyone too. I Love hanging our stockings up on Christmas too. I love Christmas all the time. I love spending time with my family on Christmas.

By Reagan Miller

Christmas is important to me. One important thing is Jesus's bday. Another awesome thing is family. Lastly seafood, it tastes so good. That's why Christmas is cool.

Jesus's b day is important. One reason it's important is peace. Another reason is it is important to Mary and Joseph. Lastly is the celebrations. That's why Jesus is the season.

Family is also important. One reason is eating. Another reason is spending time with them. Finally, I love reuniting with my family. That's why family is important.

Seafood is also important. I love eating crab and shrimp on Christmas. Also, we crack whole crabs. Lastly we make delicious shrimp salad. That's why seafood is important.

Christmas means so much to me. The reasons are Jesus's birthday, family, and seafood. That's why Christmas is special.

By Charlie Reger



What Christmas means to me. I like crafting with my mom. It's really funny when we mess up. I also like making/printing water bottles, sweaters, and t-shirts. And I just love Christmas crafting.

I like Christmas decorating with my mom. It's pretty, cute, cozy. I like setting up the tree and decorating. It gets me in the Christmas mood. I like decorating.

I also like Christmas food/drinks. Because at Starbucks it has Christmas drinks & snacks. My mom also makes good Christmas cookies. I like it when I go to McDonalds & Burger King and when they have Christmas decorations on the bag. I like the smell.

By Dori Adkins

This is what Christmas means to me. Jesus's b-day, when he was born and three men came with stuff. Food is a part of our survival. Especially mashed potatoes, Yum! Celebrating is cool because youtube, eggnog and making a snowman. I love Christmas and every other holiday.

I love wrapping presents but everyone else thinks it's boring. I think wrapping presents is cool because it's pretty fun. I like it when I get to spend time with my family. I even get to have some candy canes. I love giving and receiving presents.

I love eggnog and other things like mashed potatoes. I love my grandma's cooking. I love mashed potatoes and gravy, it's the best. My grandma makes some of the best food I've ever had. Christmas is my favorite Holiday.

Celebrating is supper fun. I like it because we build snowmen at my house. And we go sledding which is fun. We get to decorate. Put lights on the Christmas tree. And play in the snow.

Christmas is a special time of the year. It's special to me because we Celebrate Jesus' birthday. Another way it's special is the food, eggnog and other goodies. Celebrating is awesome because of presents, and I can go on forever. That is why Christmas means alot to me.

By Azaliah Flores



Christmas means so much to me. Jesus, my elves, and presents are all important things. Jesus is first. My family celebrates by going to let off lanterns. You will hear more about Jesus later. Next to my elves I love that they're funny and kind. Their names are Buddy and Stella. We are moving on to the next thing: presents. I love opening presents and giving presents.

Let's get back to Jesus. It's Jesus's birthday; Christmas was made in remembrance of him. One thing he had to do, he moved to Bethlehem. His parents' names are Mary and Joseph.

Next is my elves. Like I was saying, my elves are crazy and fun. They cheer me up when I'm sad. Buddy pooped on toilet paper once. It was funny. They brought us early presents. They even wrapped my shoes in wrapping paper. They are creepy. The last thing is presents. I love wrapping presents. I love giving presents and receiving them. I love Christmas because I can show my creativity. Seeing people's reactions when they open their gift is wonderful. Me and my dance group do gifts for each other and we choose one person to do it with. It is so fun, we love it. This is why I love Christmas.

By Olivia Long

Christmas is the best time of the year. You get to spend time with family and friends. Snowball fights are fun because snow is soft and you shape it in a sphere. And then you throw it at someone. Sleep is a nice thing about the holiday. I get to stay in bed as long as I want. I need time to hibernate. My favorite part is I get to sleep on the couch. Warmth is really nice because there is no fighting. So we watch Deadpool and it's so fun to watch. Lastly, relaxing is the best because it's so easy to sleep. That's why I like Christmas.

By Clive Bye



Christmas means alot to me. Family is a special thing because you get family time and you get to open presents. It's fun to do and also you even get to watch Christmas movies too. What I like to do on Christmas Eve is to bake cookies and I like to decorate them. I also make presents for my family. The day Jesus was born, Jesus' birthday. It is important to Jesus. When it is Christmas Eve, me and my family go to my grandparents house. My whole family is there. What we do there is we pray first and then we eat and we open presents. My three favorite things on Christmas holiday is to throw my little brother in the snow. Me and my brothers like to sled down our hill. Friends are someone who is with you all the time and you can do a snowball fight, have hot chocolate together and build a snowman, have snowball fights too! Something that a friend would love is getting them a gift. My friends and I do it every year. That's why I think Christmas is special.

By Grace Eastman



Christmas means a lot to me. You get to drink hot chocolate. Another thing I love about Christmas is all the big presents. The last thing that is my favorite is sledding. I love Christmas.

Hot chocolate means a lot to me for Christmas. One thing that I love about hot chocolate is that it's really relaxing. Another thing that I like about hot chocolate is that it tastes so good. One last thing I love about hot chocolate is it's fun to watch a movie with it. I love hot chocolate.

I love Christmas when you get big presents. One thing I love about big presents is that they are so exciting. Another thing I love about big presents is you always get what you want. One last thing I love about presents is you can never take your eye off it. The big presents are my favorite.

One of my favorite activities on Christmas is sledding. One thing I love about sledding is you can go down big hills. Another thing I love about sledding is you go so fast. One last thing I love about sledding is you can do a lot of tricks. I love sledding.

For these reasons I love Christmas.

By Isaac Knudson

Christmas means a lot to me. I never get to see my mom or dad. It would be nice. Now on to Jesus' birthday. He saved a lot of lives. He is the best. We get to live because of him. The things we can do for him. Now time for my dad's mom. We never get to see her. I cry when I can not see her because of her condition, but I get to see her on the phone on Christmas. It makes me happy. That's all that means something to me on Christmas.

By Scarlett Scott



Christmas means alot to me. One reason why Christmas means alot to me is my family. On Christmas Eve, my family leaves out cookies and milk for Santa. Another reason is the snow. I really love the snow because me and my brother like to have snowball fights. It's pretty intense. We also like to make snow angels and make a snowman! One more reason is my family, my aunt and cousins like to come on Christmas Eve. This year we are doing secret Santa and I'm nervous, but anyways that's why Christmas means so much to me.

By Lili Grabinski

Christmas means family time. I can spend time with my family. I can also do snow ball fights with my dad and brother. I don't have to go to school. I celebrate Jesus' birthday. I also get presents for my family.

Another thing is I can have alot of candy. Also I can have alot of fun. I can watch movies with my mom, dad and brothers. Spending time with my family means alot to me. Christmas is so fun and means alot to me.

Presents are fun to get and I like them. Also I like getting presents for my family. Wrapping them is fun too. When I get presents I love it. Presents make Christmas so fun. Christmas is my favorite holiday.

On Christmas Eve I like to watch The Night Before Christmas. The Polar Express is also fun to watch. Elf on the Shelf is my second favorite movie to watch. Another thing, Home Alone is cool and fun to watch. Movies are so fun to watch.

Christmas is my favorite holiday because I can celebrate Jesus' birthday. Snowball fights are fun to have. Candy and movies are fun to eat and watch. Presents are fun to get for my family. On Christmas eve, The Night Before Christmas is fun to watch. Christmas is fun and means alot to me.

By Maddox Lachowicz



Let me tell you what Christmas means to me. To me, Christmas means Jesus's birthday. I like spending time with my family. I also love decorating. Christmas is such a special holiday.

Jesus's birthday is so awesome. It is so cool how Jesus was born in a barn. And that the three kings gave them gold. Also on that day the angels said he was the son of God. I am so glad that Jesus was born.

Family is so special to me. I love to play games with my wonderful family. I also love to watch Christmas movies too. And I really love having presents with them. I love spending Christmas with my cool family.

Lastly, I love decorating. I love putting lights on the Christmas tree. I also love decorating outside so Santa knows where I am. And then I love decorating with my family. It is so fun to decorate for christmas.

Christmas is so special to me because I love Jesus's birthday, family, and decorating. Those things make me so special. Christmas is the best holiday ever.

By Amelia Nesje

Christmas means alot to me. The family time is priceless. The present opening is breathtaking. And the snow is so fun!

Christmas means family time to me. I love spending time with my family. And I love playing in the snow with them. I also love playing video games with my cousins. I love Christmas!

I like getting presents for Christmas. Santa makes thousands of presents for you and me! And I love the joy of opening presents. And the excitement of what you are going to get. Christmas is the best!

Christmas is all about fun and joy. My favorite thing to do in the snow is making snow caves. And I love playing marco polo in the snow. I like throwing snowballs at my cousins. After that, we go inside to watch a movie.

In closing, Christmas means alot to me. The family time is endless. And the presents are awesome! And the fun I have each and every Christmas with my family. I love this winter holiday!

By Gavin Watkins



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FOURTH GRADE STORIES CONTINUED...



This is what Christmas means to me. First, Christmas means having family dinner. Also Santa comes to my house. Lastly, I watch Christmas movies with my elf, Penelope Peppermint. Christmas is the best.

Family is an important part of Christmas. I like having family dinner on Christmas. I also like making Christmas cookies with my family. Lastly, I like that we can spend more time together. Christmas is so fun.

Santa is another important part of Christmas. I like looking at where Santa is on my Alexa. I also like giving him cookies, milk, & carrots for his reindeer. Lastly, I like putting up the stockings for him to put presents into.

Finally, my elf Penelope is an important part of Christmas. I like getting to find her in the morning. I like going to Lewiston to look at Christmas lights because we ask her to put herself in a jar so we can take her with us. Lastly, I like watching Christmas movies with her.

This is why family, Santa, & Penelope Peppermint are important on Christmas. Without them Christmas wouldn't be as great.

By Elise Pearson

I really like Christmas. In this essay you will learn what Christmas means to me, family and friends. Last but definitely not least, happiness. So sit back, relax and I hope you enjoy this essay.

Christmas means a lot to me. For me it means time to spend with family. Family time is great because I can watch movies with my family. I can also build snowmen with them. This is why I love family time on Christmas.

Christmas is fun. For me it also means time to spend with my friends. My friends are great because I can watch movies with them. Friends are also great because I can build snowmen with them. This is why I think Christmas is about family and friends.

Christmas is a happy holiday. Watching movies makes me happy. Also building snowmen makes me happy. This is why I think Christmas is about family friends and happiness.

In conclusion, Christmas means so much to me. Quality time with family. Quality time with friends. And a lot of happiness. This is why I love Christmas.

By Sawyer Harvey



Christmas means a lot to me. Jesus means a lot to me. I love God. He takes care of me. And I get to spend quality time with my family. I love Christmas.

Jesus means a lot to me. He is important to me. His birthday is the only reason Christmas is a thing. He is my Lord, savior, and my friend. And he's God's son, which is super important!

God is super important; he is the only reason Jesus is alive. If Jesus wasn't alive Christmas wouldn't be a thing. That's why I love God.

I love my family so much. Because we have each other's backs. I get to play games with them. On Christmas we are always joyful! We all love each other. I love this holiday season.

Christmas means so much to me. It's Jesus's birthday. We celebrate for God's son. This is why I like Christmas more than every other holiday!

By Julian Gillentine

Christmas is my favorite season. One reason is that it is my birthday. Also I like to go snowbiking at Bluewood and skiing. I like skiing because I get to go over jumps and ride on the chairlift. I go sledding in fields and I get to fall off my sled. I am lucky Christmas is a thing.

Family is my favorite thing in my opinion. Family is helpful and careful and they buy me food. I always play games with my mom and brother and my dad. I love going hunting with my family and cousin. I have a family that is really nice.

I love going snowbiking in the mountains. It is lots of fun to do with my dad. Also I play at the cabin. Another reason is I get to ride in the beautiful white snow. I am lucky my dad gets me a new snowbike each year.

I like having a tv in my house and downstairs. I watch funny stuff on the tv but my parents don't like watching fun stuff. Also I play games on the tv with my brother. Another reason is my family watches Christmas movies on the tv. I like having a tv in my house.

Family is really important to me. Snowbiking is a tradition for my family. TV is a good thing for my family because we watch Christmas movies. Christmas is a cool holiday for me and it means a lot to me and my family.

By Bridger Abel



Christmas means a lot to me. I like Christmas because I get presents. I like presents because I finally get what I've been wanting for a long time. I also love unwrapping them. I don't know why it's just fun. And sometimes I get big presents. That's why I love Christmas so much.

I LOVE the lights! They're just soooooo pretty. I also love the coziness. Some even animate. It's so cool how they do that. Jesus's birthday is so fun!

Family is fun too. It's not all about the presents. Sometimes we get to celebrate with food, hugs, kisses, and food. I love Christmas!

I absolutely love Christmas. I love family, lights, and presents. These things make Christmas Christmas. Christmas is the best. I love Christmassssss! When someone says Christmas I think of family, presents, and Christmas is my love!!!!!!

By Kaylee Harrison

Christmas means a lot to me. I'm going to talk about Jesus's birthday. Also I'm going to talk about the advent calendar. The last thing I'm going to talk about is presents. Christmas is the best holiday!

On Christmas it is Jesus's birthday. Mary and Joseph are Jesus's parents. He was born in Bethlehem. In Bethlehem, Jesus was born in a barn with a bunch of animals. Jesus means a lot to me.

The advent calendar is fun. We do a lot of stuff together as a family. Also we drive around town. We do a lot of fun stuff. I like the advent calendar.

Presents are fun, too. I love getting gifts for people, but I hate shopping! I'm okay with wrapping them. I really like the excitement when my dad opens his gifts. Presents are fun!

In closing, Christmas is the best day ever! There is Jesus's birthday. The advent calendar. Also presents! Christmas is a special day to me.

By Victoria Roberts



Christ the Savior is born...

May faith guide you, and may joy be your constant companion throughout this holy season. We wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Drs. Randy and Nicholas Pearson, Becky, Shannon, Merrylou, Beverly, Amy, Nikki, Jade, Susan, and Tammy

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Tracy Barron's Fifth Grade: My perfect Christmas



My Perfect Christmas

By: Myles Frasco

I am going to tell you about my perfect Christmas. Did you know that Santa did not wear red. Then jingle bells was a thanksgiving song that's just crazy. Last fact Santa received 8 million letters from kids just from kids. Now time for me to tell my perfect Christmas.

First we go Christmas shopping then food shopping we go home. Then we wrap the gifts and label them. Now we have my grandma's hot coco. It is homemade. I love it when we eat breakfast. We open our stockings and see what is inside. Then we go to my aunt's house then open presents and it is fun we get some family time.

Sometimes I get big ones. I open those last and they are cool after we have a sleepover at my aunt's house where we can stay up as late as we want. Then we will normally play the playstation 5 and I play this lego game which is fun. Now we will go snowboarding which I get hurt every time which is kind of fun. My favorite is country road. I like it because you can go fast on it. This is my perfect Christmas.

My Perfect Christmas

By Karter Keatts

It would be a perfect Christmas for me if I got everything I wanted and if I was really warm perfect temperature warm so when I go sledding I'm not really cold and there was no school the whole month of December would be awesome and it's getting closer and closer every day to December. Stores are already filled up with Christmas decorations it hasn't even been Thanksgiving yet! I just can't wait for Christmas it's always the best time of the year in my opinion.

I love Christmas because I can go skiing and sledding and slide down our ice hill what the ice hill is it's our hill that freezes into ice and we slide down it every year and it gets bigger every year it's just wet dirt that's frozen it's awesome and my dad gets more dirt on it every year it's really fun. Did you know that Santa didn't always wear red for many years Santa wore green, or purple, or blue. He started appearing in red after Coca Cola factories decided he should match their color! Christmas is always the best because you get spoiled on Christmas. It's every kid's dream to be spoiled.

Did you also know being born on a holiday isn't that rare because of the amount of people that live on earth. Did you know that eggnog has been around since the 13th century! Monks enjoyed this festive drink in medieval times. Do you like Christmas if you don't what is your favorite holiday or season? Mine is Christmas also because we actually get to see my Aunt. She is in the military and it's almost the only year I basically get to see her. And remember it's not all about presents it's Jesus's birthday too.

Also if I get my gift card for my game to get really really cool game passes to get cool knives and guns they are so cool one that I want has like a purple and black orb so when you kill them it makes a cool effect one other in a different game has like neon colors in pink yellow and blue and when you kill someone it has an extremely cool kill effect I really want them. This would be my perfect Christmas for me.



My Perfect Christmas

By Kylar Hunt

Did you know that the first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany out of goose feathers dyed green. My perfect Christmas would have the most magnificent Christmas tree ever. My perfect Christmas would have my whole family together and happy. My perfect Christmas would be the best Christmas ever that I would never forget. That is some of the things that my perfect Christmas would have.

Did you know that the classic Christmas song Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving song. My per-

fect Christmas would be the best day that I will ever have. My perfect Christmas would have a lot of money so that I can give some to my family to help them with money. My perfect Christmas would have some of the things that I have wanted forever. That is a few other things that my perfect Christmas would have.

Did you know that there are approximately 2.1 million reindeer in the world. My perfect Christmas would have a present with the cure to the thing that we need the cure to world hunger. My perfect Christmas would be in the most perfect house with everything you could ever want. The last thing my perfect Christmas would have is something that gives you unlimited wishes and I would use it to stop everything bad in the world. That is everything that my perfect Christmas would have. It would have those things because I want the world to be a better place.



My Perfect Christmas

By Hudson Lynch

Did you know that Santa wasn't always red and he was green because Coca Cola wanted him to match their product. Another fact about Santa is he receives 8 million letters every year from children from around the world. I am going to

tell you what my perfect Christmas would be like. I am going to put two paragraphs of what my perfect Christmas. No more wasting time so let's get to it.

My perfect Christmas would be like in the morning go sledding at the semitare. We will take sleds to the semitare and go to the top of the hill and race down the hill. Then we will probably find something dumb to do and then we do it and probably get hurt in some way. Then we go to are gramas house for hot chocolate so we are warm then we do it all over again. then we will most likely start opening presents that is when we will get together as a family.

I love Christmas because I get 3 Christmases but one thing I love most is that I get to spend time with my family. I love to play board games one of my favorite games is charades. The reason is because it is challenging so it almost never gets old. These are some of my favorite things to do on Christmas. Well I guess that is a goodbye thank you for reading my perfect Christmas.

My Perfect Christmas

By: Tyr Elmore

My perfect Christmas is if I will get an accordion, because I want to wake my sister up with it and it'll be fun to play with. I want an instrument and I always wanted an accordion for Christmas and play music and I will learn how to play an accordion. Accordion is a cool instrument that I want and I'll learn different types of songs with it.

My dad's going to get me a video game, and hot chocolate. I like it with marshmallows and it is hot. It might burn your tongue, because it's hot chocolate. We might watch Polar Express or Mickey's Christmas. It will be fun and I'll make a snowman with the help of my sister. It will be cool. We will also break ice with a hammer, it's going to be fun.

I will hit the snow with my boomerang. We will build snowmen with funny arms. Me and my family will go to the park and smash more snow with my boomerang. I will go to bed late, so that me and my family can play some video games. That would be the perfect Christmas for me.



My Perfect Christmas

By: Emma Langford

My perfect Christmas would be when all my family members would come to my grandparents house. We would have a delicious breakfast. With pancakes, syrup and whipped cream. I have three uncles Mathew, Mark, and Michel. They all live a little ways away but Mark lives with grandma and grandad. My Mom, Dad, Vaida, Juniper and Lil' John would come.

Then we would open presents and I really hope

I get a stanly. It is a kind of water bottle. I think Vaida wants a stanly too or she will probably wants something Kromi. Lil' John probably wants something like a dump truck or a play tool set. Juniper probably wants a princess set. Mom probably wants a nice calming book. Dad probably wants something like a new weed wacker or something else. Yeah I don't know what they really want but from their personality I think that is what they want.

Next we will go outside or watch a Christmas movie. Like the night before Christmas but that is too scary for the babies so probably the Grinch. I love the Grinch movie and so does my family. That's why it's the perfect movie. Then we would go play outside and have a snowball fight, we would also make snowmen. That's what we would do outside.

Lastly, we would go inside and have hot cocoa. Our hot cocoa would have marshmallows, mint, and whipped cream. We would also play magic. It is a game I am still learning how to play. My uncles said if I get my mom to bring her deck then I can also play. It is also a card game and the cards all have different powers. That's my perfect Christmas, thank you for reading!

My Perfect Christmas

By Oaklee Adams

My perfect Christmas would be awesome! I would wake up early to open presents, and drink eggnog. Do you want to know two of the things that I want for Christmas this year? I am wishing for a dirtbike, and maybe a pet like a puppy or bird. We can't forget the real meaning of Christmas though; we are celebrating the birth of Jesus.

After I open my presents, I will play with my new toys while my mom and dad make breakfast. It most likely won't be anything special; probably pancakes, eggs, and sausage like every year, but if there's chocolate chips in the pancakes, I'm happy. We will eat breakfast while talking about all the presents we gifted each other, and the silly ones we did as a prank too. After breakfast we would all open our stockings. There will probably be lots of candy, but how I love candy, Santa knows that.

Once we're done opening the presents and stockings, we will go to my grandma's and grandpa's house, I call them Amma and Papa. They will probably give us a couple of presents. My cousins will be there and we will all eat Amma's mac and cheese, which is AWESOME! We will all drink some more eggnog and hot chocolate. My aunt always gets the best games to play with each other. My sister always beats me on the puzzles. We will probably play a game that I really like called, Apples to Apples.

After playing games at Amma's and Papa's house, my cousins and I will get our snow suits on to play in the snow in the dark. We will have to blow off some steam after eating all that mac and cheese and drinking all that eggnog and cocoa. After we play in the snow, we will have more steam to blow off because we will eat some Christmas cake. We will play in the snow some more, and then we will have to go back home. That is my perfect Christmas.



My Perfect Christmas

By Caed Gagnon

Did you know that eggnog has been around since the 13th century? I am going to tell you about my perfect Christmas, and why it is perfect to me. Christmas is one of my favorite holidays. What is your favorite holiday? Think about it, and tell me.

My perfect Christmas is this. There would be 2 feet of snow on the ground, and all of my family would be there. Under our Christmas tree would have piles of presents. There would be freshly made hot chocolate for whoever wanted it. We would have a Christmas feast with everything from mashed potatoes to salmon.

I would buy tons of sleds for all the kids. After we all came back, we would open presents. For Christmas I want a Nintendo Switch, Minecraft, and a prodigy membership. What do you want for Christmas, and why? Now to wrap things up.

I am so glad that you could read "My perfect Christmas" today. I really hope you liked it. Tell me about your perfect Christmas. I hope you are telling this story to some of your family. Falice navy dat, and a happy new year!

Perfect Christmas

By: Kaitlynn Miller

I'm going to tell you what my perfect Christmas is like. Seeing people happy and spending time together. People spreading Christmas joy and cheer. Singing Christmas carols with each other. That's one thing of what my perfect Christmas would have.

Seeing my family is another thing my perfect Christmas would have. Playing games with my family. Crafting with them is also something we do. The last thing that us kids do is play in the snow with our siblings and cousins. That's two things of what my perfect Christmas would have.

This is the last thing my perfect Christmas would have. On Christmas eve we go to the church and once you're there you can get a candle to hold. Someone talks about when Jesus was born, and after that, we get our candles lit. Then we sing songs, after that, we put the candles away and go home. I wonder what your perfect Christmas is like.



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FIFTH GRADE STORIES CONTINUED...



My Perfect Christmas

By: Adalynn Canites

Did you know there are approximately 2.1 million reindeer in the world? My perfect Christmas would start like this. I want a big tree with no gaps, decorated nicely with the best star on top. The tree must have lights and, most importantly, the one and only glowing star. I want my whole home to be decorated with candles, and warm blankets.

I want my entire family to come. I want my aunt, my grandpa and my cousins to come. If only my aunt and grandpa come, I have two places for them to sleep. I want all of my family to come, but things don't go as planned so that might not happen. I have so many mugs for hot cocoa and coffee and tea. The best drink is a moca hot cocoa and coffee. Yum!

I want the whole town to be decorated and it to be snowing and lights to be everywhere. For food I want turkey and sweet potatoes. And I want so many presents under the tree. I also want red white, and green all over the town. I want my house to smell good.

This is how my perfect Christmas would go. I think everyone should have a good Christmas. I want to see people giving gifts. I don't wanna see homeless people being left out. This is how my perfect Christmas could be one day.

My Perfect Christmas

By Ryden Huxoll

Did you know that tinsel used to be real silver! Here's my perfect Christmas. It's being with my family, the duck, the turkey, and my mom's mashed potatoes. Sometimes my mom and dad's peach cobbler, the gravy my mom makes, sometimes pumpkin pie with some ice cream on the pie or the side. I forgot being with my 2 cats, and dogs.

Did you know that Santa didn't always wear red? For many years he actually wore green, purple, and blue. Coca Cola sponsored Santa to wear red. Here are some more Hot cocoa, presents, sitting together while watching Christmas movies like Home Alone. Sometimes at the end of the day me, my mom, my dad and my little brother snuggle in our parents bed.

Well here's some more. Sometimes we play video games, sometimes a scary game!

Then the next day we chill while me and my little brother open presents. Sometimes my parents open presents too. That's my perfect Christmas!

My Perfect Christmas

By Oneika G. Bye

My perfect Christmas would have everything any normal Christmas would have and more. Such as a whole zoo to ourselves with a nacho bar and free passes to every enclosure. Then we would go to the kangaroo enclosure and feed them. And maybe we would even see the tigers, and penguins. I hope we go to the zoo.



Next we would have a big Christmas party at my Nana's house with cookies and cake. The cookies would look like Christmas trees, stars, or be a regular cookie with chocolate chips in the middle. But my favorite out of all of them was one of the Christmas tree cookies. It was green and had sprinkles on it to make it look like there were ornaments. And I might help make the cookies this time too.

And then me and my brother would go play in the snow at our Nana's house. We'd go down stairs and then down a hill on our sled. Also we have a construction site across from our house. And we get to go over there and we'd sled down small hills of snow. Once when we were little me, my brother and friends and we were sledding down a hillside.

And then at the end of my perfect Christmas my mom would make hot cocoa and brownies, we would open presents and then go to sleep. And maybe just maybe I will get what I want most for Christmas. Even if I don't, I'll still get to see family. And seeing family is the best part of Christmas.



My Perfect Christmas

By Malcolm Ledford

First we will set up stockings and put our names on them. Then we will put the tree up and decorate the tree. Then we would drink hot chocolate then we would walk over to my grandma's and eat some Christmas food like snowman cookies. My mom would probably have our new baby brother soon to be named. We would probably sit down and watch a Christmas movie like Home Alone And Home Alone 2.

And that's not it. Then we would open gifts and presents and play Christmas games like where we wrap a surprise gift in plastic and we would have big mittens on. We might play with our new toys. Then we go to our house and then on Christmas go home and sleep until Christmas Day. Then when we wake up we will open our house presents and play with them and play with each other with them.

Next we would eat a Christmas breakfast. make an army of snowmen soldiers in a snow car. Then we would have a snowball battle. and also build a snow castle. Last but not least we would sled down a big huge hill.

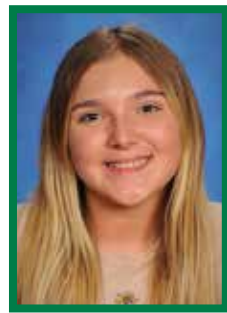
My Perfect Christmas

By Mkyia Mayberry

Did you know that the classic Christmas song jingle bells was originally a thanksgiving song? My perfect Christmas would be hanging out with friends throwing snow at them and them throwing snow at me outside. I would also have all of my family at the family cabin. Another thing is my grandmother would make more food than anyone because she makes the best food. she also makes the best snacks.

Also i would want all my family to do secret santa. Which is a kind of game where you give a present then you get a present from someone. Then we would open our presents that we got each other. Then when you're done opening it you give them a hug and say thank you. After that we would play some board game.

I would like to sit on the couch, watch Christmas



movies and drink hot cocoa. Or i would sit by the fire with family and play board games and go outside and build a fort

that we can hide in. Then we would destroy it and go inside. Then we'd warm up by the fireplace. And say some funny thing to make my family laugh. I want to see smiles, eyes wide open and hear laughter.

One thing that I would really like is to see my family that I don't see often because they live five hours away. Especially my baby cousins because i don't get to

see them much either. One thing that would make Christmas great is to see my great grandfather. Also my great grandmother. These are some things that would make my Christmas fantastic



My Perfect Christmas

By Ethan Mahre

There are approximately 2.1 million reindeer in the world. Santa didn't always wear red. My perfect Christmas is that I need a Christmas tree and light and an angel at the top of the tree. Another reason is that I need presents under the tree and my stocking fall candy. Another reason is that I need mega size presents and something that involves skiing. Another reason is that I need everything on my Christmas list.

My perfect Christmas is that I need to spend time with my family and friends and I need to have cookies out for Santa and have milk too. Another reason is that I need to have cookies for my whole family and friends. Another reason is that I need to have my family to play games like skip bo and sorry and uno and mouse trap. Another reason is that I need to have a nice dinner and good dessert.

My last reason is that I need to have a Christmas movie and caramel popcorn. Another reason is that I need to have snow and I have to sled with my family and my friends. Another reason is that I need to have a good chiasmus and good presents and I almost forgot I need to have my elf on the shelf and have the reindeer. I need to have reindeer food out for them and my curtains closed before I go to bed.

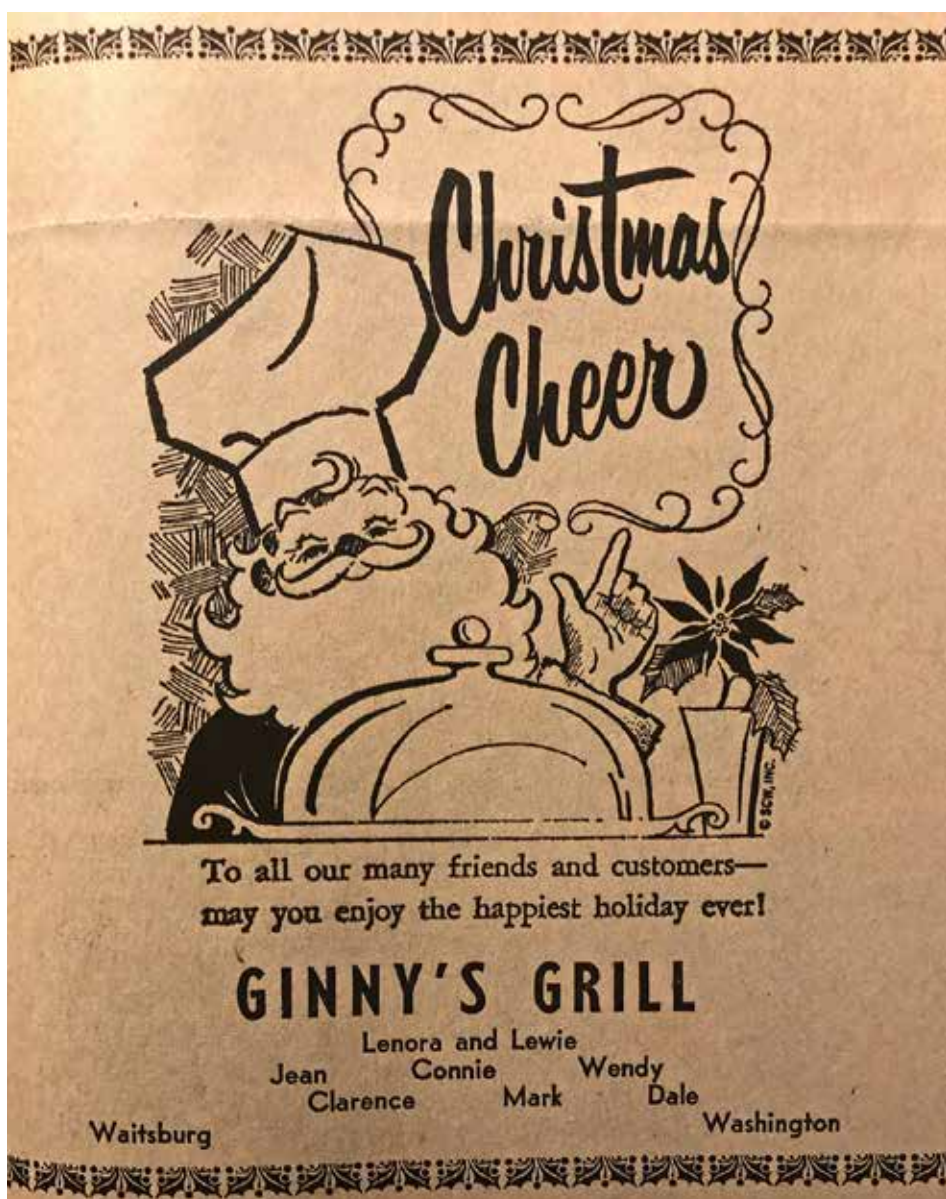
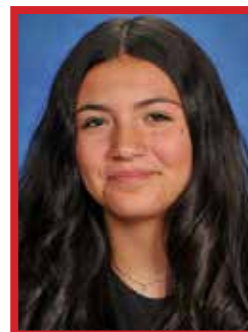
The Perfect Christmas

By Adalin E Acevedo

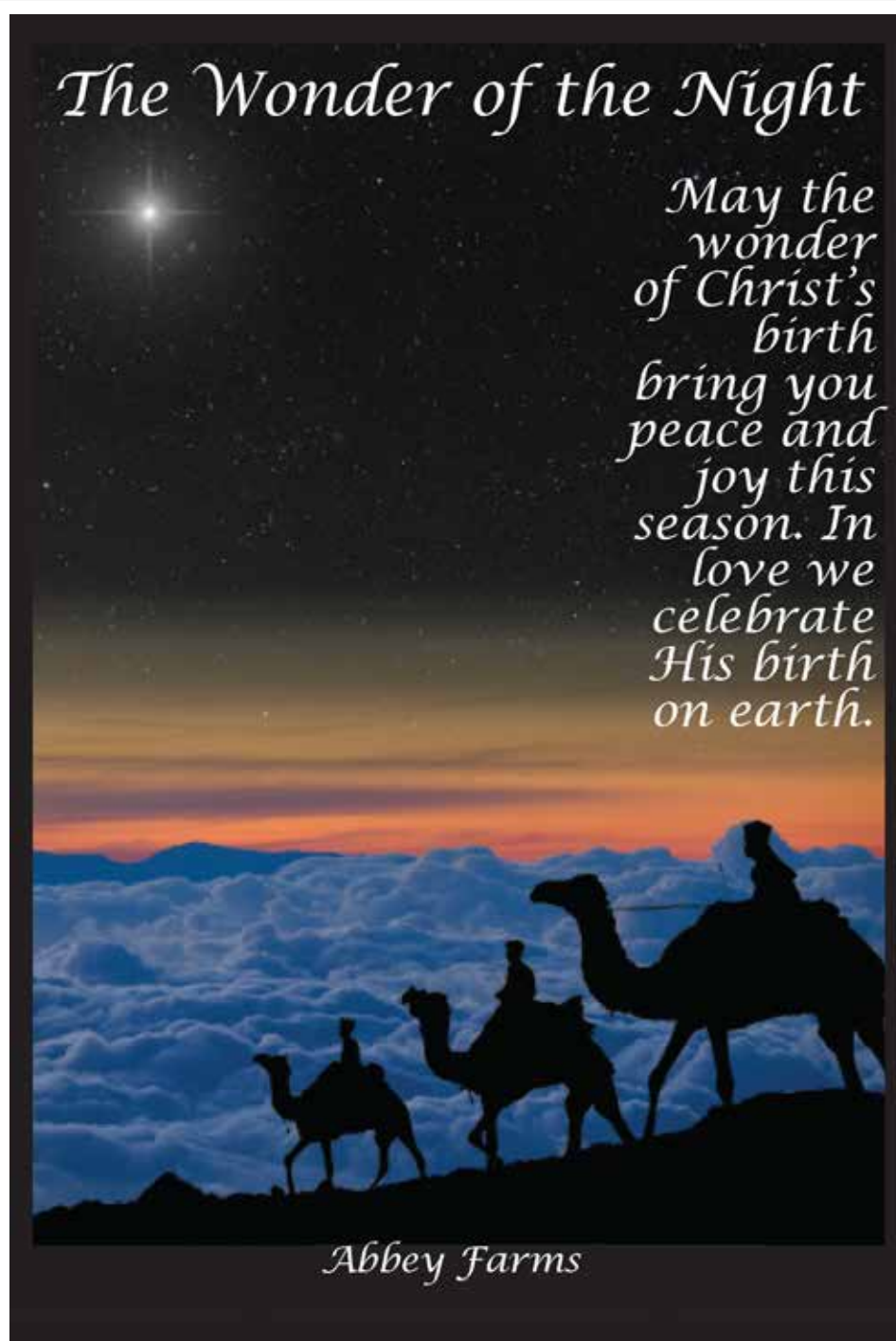
Did you know that the classic Christmas song Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving song? So my perfect Christmas, will be spending time with my family. I would want everybody to get along. me and my sister's to not fight. everybody to like what they got and not complain. The food is really good. I hope I get to see my dad and my best friend and mom.

My perfect Christmas, I hope the snow doesn't melt in december. i have a good time with my family. me and my sister get to make a snowman and throw snowballs at each other. my sister gets to come to my house and hangout with us. and i get to see my brother and his baby.

My perfect Christmas, getting the best food. and i get to go snowboarding. that i don't freeze and i'm warm. and no one gets in a car crash in the snow. that is my perfect Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas this year.



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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



My Perfect Christmas

By Adeline Brock

Santa didn't actually wear red, he wore green, purple, and blue. He only wore red when Coke Cola asked him to match their color. Also tinsel was actually made of REAL silver, not what it is made out of now. Yes this is all true and Christmas is a very special holiday and time of the year, because Jesus was born on this wonderful day. That is why today I will be telling you what it would look like for my "perfect" Christmas.

I would see stars twinkling bright with the one beautiful star gleaming in the middle of the sky. I would see groups of Christmas carolers caroling beautiful songs that objects could not compare to. One precious tree in the middle gleaming so bright and wonderful. No one would be gloomy nor mad, they expectantly would be... happy. Beautiful decor on every door, so pretty, special and nice. Nothing could compare to how beautiful Christmas could be.

In the house I see one gloomy boy, he is sad because he does not know what to do with so much joy in the wonders of Christmas. I tell him, "You know how to sing all the songs, so sing them." he replies, "Okay" as he runs off to sing his heart out.

This boy is my little brother seemingly as can be, I tell the truth. He does not really know what to do, he's autistic. Anyways, I see the pretty tree in the corner of our living room sitting so nicely in our small roomy corner.

Nutcrackers are cool, one looking like Santa and another looking like a British bear protecting Santa's minions. One nutcracker in particular is my favorite. The big British bear is so fluffy and wonderful it looks so nice and seems so sweet. They all sit mostly on windowsills and look so nice and in order. They are all so special and are beloved to my mother. That is my example of a "perfect" Christmas.

My Perfect Christmas

by Rhett Eastman

Did you know Santa didn't always wear red for many years he actually wore green, purple, or blue! He started appearing in red after coca cola decided he should match their colors. So today you are going to know what my perfect Christmas would look like. Let's get started.

My perfect Christmas was I think 12/24/23. It was fun having a lot of family members over you know a big fest pie, cake, chicken, yummy and christmas cookies to eat. Now I'm hungry from saying that maybe you are too. There was this one time on 12/24/22 that there was a big present for me! When I got that present it was a sleeping bag. You might be laughing right now from that sentence.

Here's more I was with my 11 year old cousin Ryan, eating some chicken. We talked about some of the presents, and when we were done eating we went into the living room and tackled. I looked at the presents and tackled Ryan. Then we played catch by throwing a football across the room and catching it by throwing it back. It was a fun Christmas eve that day.

You have learned my perfect Christmas which did happen in real life. It was fun talking to you today, all of that was fun right? Well now you even know about Santa.

"The Times" thanks the students, teachers, and staff from the Waitsburg School District, who contributed to the Christmas Special Edition this year. May all their holiday wishes come true.



Kids Day to Shop

December 15
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Waitsburg Town Hall

- Local vendors
- Volunteers to help kids find the perfect gift
- Gifts for every budget
- Gift wrapping, so no peeking until Christmas



Wishing You Health & Happiness This Holiday Season

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We are deeply grateful for the trust and support you've given us throughout the year. Together, we've faced challenges and celebrated triumphs, showing the strength and resilience of our incredible community.

From our family to yours, we wish you a joyful and peaceful holiday season. Take care of each other, stay safe, and cherish every moment spent with loved ones. Here's to a happy, healthy new year for us all!

Warm holiday wishes,



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