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THIS WEEK

DAYTON



COMMISSIONER

Col. Co. Commissioner Dwight Robanske steps down after 16 years as commissioner.

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WAITSBURG



CHA CHA CHA

Junior high students learn dance during homeroom sessions.

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SPORTS



BASKETBALL

The Dayton boys fall to River View, 62-48. Ben Kleck scores 18.

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OH HOLY NIGHT!



Courtesy Photo

Angels and wise men surrounded Mary and Joseph at a living nativity scene, sponsored by the Waitsburg Christian Church, on the the Bruce Museum lawn Sunday evening.

Town Hall Board Remains Unchanged

Board is forced to consider rental rate increases for Waitsburg event facility

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – With no one, aside from one board director's wife, willing

to brave the cold and attend the Dec. 7 Town Hall Association Annual Meeting, the board remains unchanged for 2017, according to board secretary Jim Davison.

The 2017 board includes: President Ron Standring, Vice President Jim Romine, Secretary Jim Davison, Treasurer Larry Johnson, and board members Ron Griffen, Karl Newell, and Jim Walsh.

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COUNTY, CITY SETTLE PROSECUTION SERVICES LAWSUIT

COMMISSIONERS ALSO WRESTLE WITH REVENUE SHORTFALL OF MORE THAN \$86,000

By Michele Smith THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Commissioners have signed off on the City of Dayton's proposed lawsuit settlement agreement regarding prosecution services. Commission Chairman Merle Jackson signed the agreement during a budget workshop meeting on Dec. 5.

"The agreement is settled with the city and we can move on," Jackson said.

On Dec. 8, Judge Jackie Shea-Brown ruled that the county is not responsible for County Prosecutor Rea Culwell's legal fees associated with the

lawsuit, because Culwell could have represented herself, at no cost.

The majority of commissioners' chambers the past few weeks has been devoted to an \$86,755 revenue shortfall in the preliminary budget for 2017.

Revenue is down by 46% in the District Court, and state funding for law and justice has been down, because of lower than normal filings, according to Commissioner Dwight Robanske.

To a degree, the county's monetary legal obligations associated with the city's lawsuit have also added to budget woes, said Robanske.

Cuts have been made in all county departments as the commissioners continue to work on the budget issues.

Funds in the Sheriff's budget to hire another deputy have been cut, and the legal assistant position in Culwell's of-

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Waitsburg Kindergarteners Write to Santa



Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a nice day with your elves. I hope you have a nice Christmas with your elves. I hope your elves like making toys. Goodbye,
Gage Dentinger



Dear Santa,
Are your elves working? I like Santa. Can you get my sister a Minnie Mouse blanket? My brother, Alex, wants a Spiderman blanket. I want a flying Batman blanket for Christmas.
Hayden Gascon



Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas up in the North Pole. What I want for Christmas is a big Joker set, and a Batman set, and a sled, and I also want a Curious George, and I want the Man with the Yellow Hat. There's one more thing that I really want for Christmas; I want a Robin set. And that's all. I'll see you next Christmas,
Carter Barron

what I want yet for Christmas. From,
Olivia Kiefel



Dear Santa,
Hello. What are you doing today? I want cars and Legos for Christmas. From,
Carsyn Pennington

thinking a 22-- a real gun. Cuz we're both cousins, you know, Santa. So I wish you could get me a target turkey, so I can shoot it and a real small 22 for me and Judson. And make a heart on it, so I can shoot out the heart.
This is from Rowdy Cole



Dear Santa,
When's my Elf on the Shelf gonna come? I want for Christmas American Girl Doll clothes. That's it. Love,
Stella Pearson



Dear Santa Claus,
How are you, Santa? I want a dirt bike and a trumpet. I want a new bike, cuz all my bike tires are flat. I like a friend.
Braxton Bly



Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Are you doing good? I want a real Mustang for Christmas. I like Mustangs. I love 'em. See you soon, Santa,
Gus Johnson



Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I don't really know



Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you had a good day at the North Pole making stuff. And I guess I want to tell you I want to give to my cousin, Judson, I was

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

WINTER IN THE VALLEY



Courtesy Photos

Winter hit the Touchet Valley hard last week with more snowfall than has been seen in recent years. Area schools were even closed on Monday. Many people took to Facebook to share photos of beautiful, snow-covered scenery, rulers and measuring tapes with snow hitting the 9" mark, and fun times building snowmen, sledging, and snowmobiling. Above left: Sarah Boudrieau of Waitsburg captured this shot of her son, Colt, treasure hunting for his toys in the snow on Saturday. Above right: Zane Patton of Dayton took the photo above saying the cows appeared more than eager to move out of the pasture and go on "welfare" for the winter.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago December 21, 2006

The edge of the storm system that blasted Portland and Seattle last week also did some pruning around Waitsburg. At numerous locations around town, branches were down in streets and yards. The Presbyterian Church manse, residence of Rev. and Mrs. Bret Moser and family, received some structural damage when a main branch off a maple tree landed on the roof of the house.

This Christmas edition of The Times is dedicated to fifth grader Rodrigo Espana who recently passed away. Rodrigo's story is with his classmates' on page 7.

Another positive story comes right out of downtown Waitsburg where the hardware store has undergone a transformation. IT has always been somewhat of a center for advice (bad or good) but it now boasts an active social club with ample cookies and java, combined with a pet rescue service second to none.

Twenty-Five Years Ago December 19, 1991

More than 250 people turned Sunday for the annual Hometown Christmas celebration, which kicked off with a handicrafts show at Ye Towne Hall and ended with a song-filled community church service. In between, there was a bigger-than-ever-lighted-floats parade up Main Street, with 16 entries, one from as far away as Milton-Freewater.

Tom and Anita Baker will be honored on their 40th wedding anniversary at a reception on Monday, Dec. 23. The event will be hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Mike Henry of Richland, at the Baker home, 404 Main Street, between the hours of 7 and 9:30 p.m.

The school board has lost its touches of femininity. "You have done an excellent job," school superintendent Ed Larsen told Barbara Abbey and Kathie Payne, school board members who retired from the board Nov. 11. "At times it has been a trying job," Larsen said. "You have done it with courage."

Fifty Years Ago December 15, 1966

Mrs. Earl Smith brought in a championship parsnip to The Times office some time ago. It weighed 4 and three-quarter pounds, was 15 inches long, and 6 1/2 inches across. (We think maybe it has been eaten by now.)

A new eight (8) snipped green bean plant will be added to Green Giant Company's Waitsburg plant during 1967, according to William Dietrich, Regional Production Manager. Lima bean production will be increased and pre-cleaner added, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCaw entertained a number of friends Thursday morning at a festive holiday coffee hour. The newest addition to the McCaw family, a poodle pup, was much admired by the ladies in attendance.

Seventy-Five Years Ago December 9, 1941

As an added feature of entertainment, it has been arranged to operate a bingo game on Saturday evening in connection with the Christmas Cheer party. The game will be operated in the show room of the Waitsburg Garage Merchandise prizes will be awarded.

A discussion of the green pea industry and the probability of the location of a canning plant here in Waitsburg was the main topic discussed at weekly meeting of the Waitsburg Commercial Club on Tuesday evening.

One Hundred Years Ago December 22, 1916

Miss Loretta Loundagin entertained a number of her schoolmates on last Friday evening in honor of Miss Madeline Clay, who accompanied her parents to Prosser.

Louie Andrews left Tuesday from Coppei with a load of Christmas trees for Walla Walla.

John Clodius killed 18 head of hogs Tuesday. Lewis (Toots) Atkinson arrived home Thursday morning of last week from San Francisco, where he has been attending business college for several months.

Leo Simmerman, who left here last summer for southern Idaho and purchased a ranch, has returned to Waitsburg to spend the winter, having placed the farm in the hands of a good tenant for the winter.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago December 25, 1891

Preston Avenue is sadly in need of attention from the Street and Alley Committee. But a little while longer without attention, and that popular thoroughfare will be impassable in one or two places.

Farmers assure us that the ground is wet to a greater depth than it has been in the past four years. This means an abundant harvest next year.

Levi Ankenny, the successful banker, was in the city last Friday and Saturday, full of business as usual.

There will be preaching in the Neace school house by Rev. S. Cook, next Sunday, Dec. 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Christmas is actually upon us and farmers are still plowing and seeding. In fact we have not had a day of winter weather so far.

NEWS BRIEFS

JANUARY GARDEN PLANNING CLASS

DAYTON – Dayton's Blue Mountain Station will host a Planning Your Garden class on Sun., Jan. 8, from 2-4 p.m.. Retired OSU Professor of Botany and Plant Pathology, Fred Crowe, and Lydia Caudill of Pedal & Plow will cover topics such as how to lay out your garden, ideas on companion planting, what to plant by seed vs. planting starts, and much more.

Bring a paper and pen and something to write with. The class is FREE for BMS Co-op members and \$5 for nonmembers.

BEST WESTERN RECEIVES CHAIN AWARD

DAYTON - The Best Western Plus Hotel in Dayton received the hotel chain's highest award for quality. Eleanor Specht, General Manager of the hotel called the Chairman's Award from Best Western a "tremendous honor."

The Chairman's award recognizes Best Western hotels with a cleanliness and maintenance inspection score of top five percent of more than 2,400 North American properties in cleanliness and maintenance. Hotels must also meet Best Western's requirements for design and high customer service scores to qualify for the award.

Touchet Valley Weather

Dec. 14, 2016

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Snow Possible High: 23 Low: 13	Thursday Cloudy High: 29 Low: 13	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 22 Low: 6	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 18 Low: 7	Sunday Mostly Cloudy High: 21 Low: 2	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 22 Low: 4	Tuesday Mostly Cloudy High: 19 Low: 5

Weather Trivia

Are tornadoes unique to the United States?
ANSWER: No, but three out of four tornadoes are spawned in the United States.

Weather History

Dec. 14, 1924 - The temperature at Helena, Mont. plunged 88 degrees in 34 hours. The mercury plummeted from 63 above to 25 below zero. At Fairfield, Mont., the temperature plunged 84 degrees in just 12 hours, from 63 at noon to 21 below zero at midnight.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	41	28	43/31	0.05"	0.36"
Tuesday	32	19	42/31	0.02"	0.60"
Wednesday	25	13	42/31	0.00"	-0.24"
Thursday	20	15	42/30	0.11"	25.1°
Friday	23	21	42/30	0.10"	36.2°
Saturday	31	20	42/30	0.04"	-11.1°
Sunday	40	24	41/30	0.04"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
12/20	Wednesday	7:29 a.m.	4:06 p.m.	5:28 p.m.	7:51 a.m.	1/5
	Thursday	7:29 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	6:32 p.m.	8:50 a.m.	
	Friday	7:30 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	9:40 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:31 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	8:48 p.m.	10:22 a.m.	
	Sunday	7:31 a.m.	4:08 p.m.	9:54 p.m.	10:57 a.m.	
	Monday	7:32 a.m.	4:08 p.m.	10:59 p.m.	11:28 a.m.	
New	Tuesday	7:32 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	No Rise	11:56 a.m.	Full 1/12

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

Waitsburg Resource Center

106 Preston Avenue
2-4 p.m.

Prescott School Board

School Board Room
6 p.m.

Dayton Writer's Group
Dayton Memorial Library
6:30 p.m.

Waitsburg Elementary Winter Program
WHS Auditorium
6:30 p.m.

Prescott Friends of the Library
Prescott Library
7 p.m.

Greg Blake Trio Concert
Dynamite Art + Coffee
7 p.m.
Tickets are \$10.00

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Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue
9-11 a.m.

The Center provides food and resources to families in the Waitsburg and Prescott School Districts.

Home Lighting Contest and Bus Tour

Depart from Elk Drug, Dayton
7 p.m.
Bus departs on Sat. and Sun. nights through Dec. 24. \$1.50/person; \$1 for over 60

Karaoke and Christmas Party

Tuxedo Bar & Grill,



School Lunch Menu
Breakfast listed first.
Fruits & vegetables, non-fat chocolate milk and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

16: Pancake on a Stick; PB&J Uncrustable, Sun Chips
19: Cook's Choice

Luches will be served by the Waitsburg Resource Center on Tues., Wed., Thurs (Dec. 20, 21, 22 and 27, 28, 29) at the Christian Church (corner of Main and 6th) from 11 a.m. to noon during winter break.

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Prescott
8 p.m.

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Caroling Party
First Christian Church in Dayton (410 S. 3rd)
3:30 p.m.
Caroling followed by chili and games.

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Waitsburg Story Time
Weller Public Library
10:30 a.m.

Dayton City Council
Dayton City Hall
6 p.m.

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Prescott Library Story Time
Prescott Library
11 a.m.
Crafts and stories geared to preschool children, but all ages are welcome.

Kids Lunch and Activity
Waitsburg Christian Church
11 a.m. - Noon

Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7

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Dayton School Board
District Board Room
6 p.m.

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Dayton Library Story Time

Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.
Storytime is free to the public and no library card is needed.

Kids Lunch and Activity
Waitsburg Christian Church
11 a.m. - Noon

Blue Christmas Service
Dayton First Congregational Church Fireside Room
6 p.m.
Soup and bread supper followed by a brief service.

Waitsburg School Board
Preston Hall Board Room
7 p.m.

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Waitsburg Christian Church
11 a.m. - Noon

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Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue
2-4 p.m.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

DECEMBER 7, 2016

Arraignments

- Marshall Hernandez, 56, Dayton; charged with first degree burglary and assault in the second degree - strangulation. Charges stem from an incident on Oct. 29 in which Hernandez is accused of kicking open the door of a home and accusing a woman of taking his hair conditioner. He allegedly became enraged and pushed and strangled the victim. Hernandez reportedly told officers he suffers from blackouts when stressed and may have blacked out during the incident. He entered a plea of not guilty. Omnibus and trial setting are scheduled for Dec. 21.

- Richard D Streck III, 41, transient; charged with one count of identity theft in the second degree, and one count of obstructing a law enforcement officer. He entered not guilty pleas to both charges.

Sentencing/Plea Agreements

- Christopher James Martin, 32, Kennewick; charged with one count of violation of controlled substances act - possession of methamphetamine and one count of violation of controlled substances act - possession of Quetiapine (Seroquel). He accepted a plea agreement in which the second charge was dismissed in exchange for a guilty plea to the first charge.

- Donovan S. Bray, 25, homeless; charged with possession of morphine and use of drug paraphernalia in an incident that occurred in July. In exchange for a guilty plea, Bray received a two year stay of prosecution and the charges will be dismissed if he complies with conditions that include completion of a drug treatment program and no further legal violations during that time. He must also pay \$1,680 in victim assessment and fees.

Trials Set

- Casey J. Lynn Dunn, 23, address unknown; charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana, and one count of possession of stolen property. She failed to appear for her pre-trial hearing and a bench warrant was issued. The warrant was served on Dunn in Nez Perce County Jail in Lewiston, Ida. Defense requested a continuance, which was granted. Trial re-set or resolution is scheduled for Dec. 21.

Other

- Kyle R. Jamerson, 32, homeless; charged with possession of methamphetamine, violation of order of protection from civil harassment and contempt of court for allegedly trespassing on property he had been trespassed from. Jamerson is in drug and alcohol treatment and was excused from appearing. A status hearing was set for March 1.

BIRTHDAYS

December 15: Agnes VonCadow, Jason Henderson, David Hevel Jr., Carl Smith Jr., Stacie Huwe, Betty Young.

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

December 17: Matthew Ted Baker, Rex Munden, Jane Butler, Merle Bickelhaupt, Kerry O'Brien, Chelsea Logemann.

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

December 19: Lexus Ann Benson, Jack Maxwell, Shirley Cummings.

December 20: Kellie Rarick, Margaret Naumann, Melanie Land, Jeff Gusse, Nathaniel Abel, Bitsey Harshman, Christy House.

December 21: Jamie Kibler, Katy Hofer, Loren Davis, Jenny Devine, James Adkins.

December 22: Micah Winnett, Kara Largent, Calie Dueñas, Forrest Mock, Gordon Bateman, Suzanne DeCoria.



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Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church

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337-8898

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**KEN GRAHAM:
FROM THE PUBLISHER**

Christmas is for Kids!

Christmas decorations appear in stores in September. Holiday tunes creep into TV and radio broadcasts soon after. December editions of magazines arrive in the mail in early October, laden with red and green Christmas décor. Ugh!



I'm one of those people who is tired of Christmas by the time Halloween rolls around. (And don't get me started on Halloween, either.) You can call me "Scrooge" or "The Grinch." I'll take it as a compliment. But I think holidays should be celebrated when they arrive, not a quarter of a year before. After all, we don't celebrate the Fourth of July in April.

But then along comes The Times' special Christmas edition, and I get the chance to read what the kids from Waitsburg Elementary School have to say about Christmas. They love Christmas, and are excited about it. Now I feel kind of ashamed.

This week, the second half of our newspaper is taken over by the kids, along with the generous support of businesses who help make this issue possible. Each grade, from K through 5, offers a different take on their feelings about Christmas – from haikus to stories to Christmas recipes.

I'm especially proud that we can continue this longstanding tradition at The Times again this year, because we're able to show off the writing by the young people in our community.

As someone who writes for a living, I think it's important for kids to have the challenge of expressing themselves in writing and then showing off their efforts to the outside world – for better or worse.

Who knows, one of these kids may be filling this space with their own writing a few years from now.

Putting my own Scrooge attitude aside, I hope all of our readers are having a very happy Christmas season, starting as soon as you want it to. And even though I sort of enjoy it, I hope all of you kids out there don't end up grumpy old Grinches like me.

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President Trump Should Tweet Less to be Heard More

By Kara Alaimo, Bloomberg View

Donald Trump won the U.S. presidential election on Twitter. There, he created what the head of a major market-research company called "a continuous Trump rally that happens on Twitter at all hours." He attracted millions more followers than Hillary Clinton, garnered three times more free exposure than Clinton on social media and, according to the social media firm SocialFlow, made himself "the most talked-about person on the planet."

Trump's ability to outsmart other politicians on social media also stands to be one of his most formidable weapons as president. But to be successful in his new job, America's tweeter-in-chief will need to use social media differently than he did during the campaign.

The late political scientist Richard Neustadt famously argued that "presidential power is the power to persuade." The best way for Trump to convince officials to do what he wants will be to persuade them that doing so is in their interests. The same will largely be true for his interactions with foreign leaders.

Twitter stands to be a powerful tool of persuasion, but only if he uses it effectively. Once he becomes president, tweeting less will actually make Trump more influential - for several reasons.

First, one of Trump's promises on the campaign trail was that he would use his business skills to negotiate better deals for the U.S. But he won't be able to do so if he keeps live-tweeting his thoughts. According to Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation, sharing one's thinking early during a negotiation - which they call making "information concessions" - risks giving the other side intelligence it can exploit. For example, if Trump appears too eager to strike a deal, a company or country can force him to overpay for it.

Also, publicly stating his demands at the outset will make it harder for Trump to accept fair compromises later. That's the same point James Madison was making when he reported that the Founding Fathers wouldn't have been able to agree on the Constitution if they had publicly discussed what happened at the convention.

The time for Trump to take to Twitter is immediately after he has successfully negotiated a deal, so that he can claim victory and frame the outcome on his own terms.

Second, tweeting less will give each of Trump's tweets greater authority. A 2016 study by the global public relations firm Burson-Marsteller of the Twitter handles of all 172 heads of state who use the platform found that @POTUS is "by far the most effective" handle, with each tweet garnering an average of 12,350 retweets and 19,600 likes. "What is it that make the presidential tweets so popular?" the report asked. "The @POTUS Twitter account is putting quality over quantity." The second-most retweeted head of state, Saudi Arabia's @KingSalman, also tweets only sporadically.

Retweets and likes are important for Trump because they may be a way to influence people with opposing views. One study found that social-media users will read content by partisan sources with which they disagree if they see

that it is recommended by a lot of other people. If Trump tweets less, the world will take notice when he does.

Third, tweeting less will make Trump more popular. Neustadt explained that high public-approval ratings help presidents achieve their goals in office. This is because members of Congress and others take account of the support the president enjoys when calculating the consequences of disagreeing with him.

But most Americans think Trump tweets too much. According to a Morning Consult/Politico poll, 56 percent of the country thinks he should tweet less. A late-November poll showed that 59 percent of Americans think he should quit Twitter altogether.

According to Politico, Republican lawmakers are struggling with unwelcome questions about Trump's inflammatory tweets, such as his recent false claim of massive voter fraud. This isn't a way to win hearts and minds.

And while Trump's proclivity to pick fights on Twitter may fuel his base, it is rightly perceived by many Americans to be petty and unrepresentative. For example, after Trump attacked an 18-year-old college student in a tweet for saying she didn't think he is a "friend to women," she was flooded with sexual threats. And after Trump tweeted on Wednesday that Indianapolis union leader Chuck Jones is bad at his job, Jones reported that he was barraged by threatening phone calls, including a warning to keep his eye on his kids.

Finally, holding his tweets will give Trump time to get input from his staff - and to cool his jets. Trump's propensity to fire off tweets on his own is highly unusual. Burson-Marsteller's 2015 "Twiplomacy" study found that heads of state mostly entrust tweeting to staff members. And for good reason. Aides can study issues, fact check and consider potential ramifications before a post goes live - such as, you know, whether their country has diplomatic relations with the nation they're tweeting about.

In the past, Trump has often deleted tweets he later came to regret - for example, a tweet offering "best wishes" to "the haters and losers" on the anniversary of the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, another tweet falsely claiming that President Barack Obama lost the popular vote in 2012 (as Trump actually did in 2016) and therefore calling for a revolution against Obama, and a tweet calling Clinton corrupt with a Star of David that was perceived as anti-Semitic. Under criticism, Trump has also often followed up incendiary tweets with more tweets to clarify or contradict his previous ones.

But under the Presidential Records Act, the White House Office of Records Management keeps all @POTUS tweets, so deletions aren't a viable strategy.

Among Trump's recent superfluous tweets was a tweet about a "Saturday Night Live" skit about his excessive tweets. The comedy show's suggestion that Trump ease up on Twitter is some of the smartest advice he could take.

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Grandma's favorite stocking stuffer is this year's most surprising gift

By Abha Bhattarai, The Washington Post

The most-gifted piece of apparel during the holidays? Sweaters? Nope. Scarves? No. Ties or hats? Not those either.

Socks. The dowdy necessity long regarded as one of the most boring gifts ever, is suddenly cool.

Sales of socks -- particularly funky, patterned, novel varieties -- are on the upswing, as more Americans look to express themselves through their footwear, according to market research firm NPD Group. And as the holidays near, retailers say we're approaching peak buying season: Roughly 20 percent of sock purchases take place in December.

"There are no rules anymore: Color explosions, crazy themes, patterns without any rhyme or reason," said Gary Henkin, senior vice president of global sales at Polo Ralph Lauren Hosiery, which includes the popular brand Hot Sox. "Socks have become the ultimate impulse buy."

A decade ago, he says, men might have looked to unique ties to express their personalities. But as business-casual becomes the norm in the workplace -- and athletic-inspired loungewear takes hold everywhere else -- people are increasingly turning to socks to make a statement.

More than 253 million pairs of socks were bought as presents last holiday season, outperforming shirts, sleepwear and sweaters, according to data from the NPD group. And many retailers say this holiday season is shaping up to be the busiest one yet for sock sales.

"Oh my goodness gracious, absolutely, socks are an enormous revenue center for us," said Michele Cosby, owner of Chocolate Moose, a novelty gift shop in downtown Washington. "Christmas and Hanukkah are far and away the biggest sock times for us."

Currently on the store's shelves: 111 varieties, including pairs covered in rolls of toilet paper, pizza slices, cows, penguins and Michelangelo's David that sell for \$6 to \$12. Cosby says holiday demand for socks has been particularly pronounced in recent years, as customers look for inexpensive and practical gifts. Many people, she said, end up buying socks as Secret Santa gifts for colleagues or relatives.

"People are hard to buy for. They have everything," she said. "Socks are practical -- they're useful and fun, and something you can get for someone even if you don't know them very well."

At Joy of Socks, a Massachusetts-based website that carries 2,500 varieties of socks, nearly half of the company's annual sales take place in the last couple of months of the year. The company begins stocking holiday socks in August.

"It does seem awfully early, but guess what? That's when people start buying them," owner Suzanne Hawes said. "By October, it's full-force."

This year's varieties include blue knee socks that say "Mazel Tov," as well as socks with sledding penguins, kittens in stockings and dogs spinning dreidels. Hawes, who founded the company out of her apartment in 1998, says it's not uncommon for customers to buy one of each type of holiday sock to give as gifts.

One of the company's best-selling lines, by Blue Q, comes adorned with sayings like "Duchess of Sassytown" and "Well, this sucks," as well as more profanity-laced designs.

"It's a way to express yourself," Hawes said. "Sometimes having the 'f'-word on your socks, even if nobody else can see them, is enough to get you through the day."

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

OPENING DAY AT BLUEWOOD



Courtesy Photos

Ski Bluewood opened for the season on Friday afternoon. Bluewood will be open daily from Dec. 15 through Jan. 2, with the exception of Christmas Day, when they will be closed. They will also close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Clockwise from top left: Eager skiers were quick to hit the slopes on Friday morning. The first chair of the season heads out on the lift. It's easy to make friends at Bluewood. This group happily posed for a photo saying, "We have no idea who these people are!"

TOWN HALL - FROM PAGE 1



Courtesy Photo

Tim Abel of Tim's Carpentry worked through cold weather last week to complete the replacement of the upper level Town Hall windows. The replacement was made possible by fundraising from a Halloween spaghetti dinner. The Town Hall board is hopeful they can raise enough funds to replace the lower level windows as well.

Waitsburg's Town Hall is operated on a 100-percent volunteer basis, and is supported solely by community donations. Board members frequently perform custodial and maintenance work on the building, as well as cleaning up before and after events.

On Halloween, the board held a spaghetti dinner to raise money for necessary window repairs. The proceeds brought in enough to cover the upstairs window repairs and Tim Abel, of Tim's Carpentry, worked through harsh weather conditions to complete the work.

The board has yet to determine if it has enough money to pay for planned replacement of the street level windows.

The next Town Hall fundraising event will be the annual Valentine's Day Prime Rib Dinner in February. The board is thinking of adding a silent auction to help raise more funds.

The hall is regularly used for community events, meetings, memorial services, church services and more. Most recently, the hall served as the hub for vendors, food, and entertainment during Waitsburg's Hometown Christmas celebration.

Davison said that, due to cost increases in utilities and supplies, the board has been forced to consider a possible rental rate increase.

"The various fundraisers are currently used to help balance the budget as well as to raise funds for specific purposes, such as the recent replacement of the upstairs windows. Every effort will be made to keep rates affordable for our local citizens. It was felt a small increase in the near future would be preferable to waiting until a large increase was made necessary," Davison said.

Currently, Town Hall may be rented by groups and individuals for weddings, receptions, retreats, and other gatherings. The hall is set up with wireless internet, and a wireless projector, microphones and sound system are available for presentations.

Base rental rates range from \$55 to \$250, depending on the number of people attending the event. Additional fees may be incurred for use of the fully stocked full-service kitchen, and cleaning fees.

To rent Town Hall, located at 121 Main Street, call Jim Davison at (509) 337-6110. Additional information may be found on the Waitsburg Town Hall Facebook page or by calling President Ron Standing at (509) 520-9350.

Donations may be sent to Waitsburg Town Hall, PO Box 122, Waitsburg, WA, 99361, or delivered to any board member.

NEWS BRIEFS

BLUE CHRISTMAS AT DAYTON UCC

DAYTON - A Blue Christmas service will be held in the fireside room at Dayton First Congregational Church on Wednesday, Dec. 21. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a soup and bread supper and then move to a time of candlelight, music, readings, prayer, and presence with one another.

This is the longest night of the year, a time to acknowledge that for some this is a long, dark, foreboding season in the midst of all the celebrations and gatherings. All are welcome to join in the gathering.

VETERANS RELIEF BOARD OPENING

WALLA WALLA - Walla Walla County is looking to fill five spots on the Veteran's Relief Advisory Board (VRAB). The board coordinates with the County Dept. of Human Services and advises county commissioners on the needs of local indigent veterans and the resources and programs available to indigent veterans and their families.

Applicants must reside in Walla Walla County and be veterans from either local branches of nationally recognized veterans' service organizations or the veterans' community at large. Members should be able to attend one morning meeting per month, usually the second Wednesday of the month. Terms run for three years.

Applications may be obtained online at www.co.walla-walla.wa.us or at the Walla Walla County Commissioners' Office at 314 W. Main in Walla Walla, or by calling (509) 524-2505. Call or email (wwwccommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us) with questions about the positions.

HEART HEALTHY COOKING

WALLA WALLA - A free holiday cooking demonstration, featuring holiday recipes that are both delicious and healthy, will take place Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott, 550 W. Rose St. The event is sponsored by Providence St. Mary Heart and Vascular Center.

Providence café's executive chef, Norman Shaw, will prepare four festive heart-healthy vegetarian dishes, appropriate for holiday parties. Attendees will be able to see the dishes prepared, taste them, and receive recipes. There will also be door prizes.

Registration is requested by visiting <http://washington.providence.org/HealthyHolidayCooking> or calling 509-942-2286.

EXCHANGE HOSTS NEEDED

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is looking for local families to host boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 18 from a variety of countries including: Norway, Denmark, Spain, Italy, and Japan.

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ROBANSKE STEPS DOWN AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DWIGHT ROBANSKE HAS SERVED AS COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONER SINCE 2001

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Commissioner Dwight Robanske is calling it quits after 16 years of service to the county. Robanske said there have been many ups and downs during that time, but he has mainly enjoyed working with the citizens and employees of Columbia County.

Robanske said his interest in promoting economic development in the county and in Dayton was the reason he ran for a seat on the board in 2000.

"I served on the Dayton Economic Development Steering Committee with Jennie Dickinson in 2004," Robanske said. "We pushed hard for economic development.

"The County was struggling. Revenues were down. We laid off seven people and were looking for an avenue to increase revenue sources," he explained.

"We met with those folks at RES and gave them tours," Robanske said about working with Renewable Energy Systems, the wind farm construction firm.

"We were fortunate to get the windmills. Each windmill farm added \$240 million in increases to property values," Robanske said.



Photo by Michele Smith

Retiring Columbia County Commissioner Dwight Robanske is pleased with the decrease in juvenile incarceration rates experienced over his sixteen-year term as commissioner.

Robanske said a special passion of his was to decrease juvenile incarceration rates in the county.

"There were 60 to 70 juvenile incarcerations a year," Robanske said. "I tried to develop a plan to reduce that."

Robanske said that he worked with the school district to get Americorps volunteers in place in the hours after school, and that helped.

"More recently I have worked with the after-school program to keep youth

active in the after school hours," said Robanske, pointing to a dramatic decrease in juvenile incarceration rates. "It is half of what it was when I came on board as a commissioner," he said.

Robanske said he also enjoyed representing the county as a member of the Dayton Columbia Fund.

"We helped with scholarships, The Missoula Children's Theater, and other things to benefit the community," he said.

Robanske also pointed to his role in helping developmentally disabled people receive training for employment through the Lily Rice Center in Walla Walla.

For roughly 13 of his 16 years in office, Richard Jones and Chuck Reeves shared the commission with Robanske.

"It was a great time," Robanske said. "We really worked well together. They were great members of the commission to be associated with."

Robanske said the hardest part of being a commissioner has been the lack of state funding for the county after passage of the \$30 license plate tab initiative in 2006.

The county received an annual amount of \$2.3 million before that initiative passed, Robanske said. State funding for the county is now \$640,000, he said.

"We continue to not be funded," Robanske said. "The county has more expenses than revenue. This year it's concerning because layoffs are possible," he said.

Don't expect Robanske to rest on his laurels anytime soon after he retires from the BOCC. "I hope to do more traveling," he said.

Robanske plans to visit his daughter's family in Lawrenceville, Georgia sometime in the near future. And he will be around town, and at the golf course, when he isn't working on his place, he added.

A retirement party for Robanske is planned for Dec. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the commissioners' office at the courthouse.

Dayton Chamber Presents Tourism Survey Results

RESULTS SHOW THAT MOST DAYTON VISITORS HAVE A VERY POSITIVE VIEW OF THE TOWN

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton Chamber of Commerce presented results of their recently completed "Tourism in Dayton" survey on Tuesday evening. The event was held at the Liberty Theater.

The Chamber's tourism survey was conducted in the late summer and fall. Questionnaires were given to visitors in town, and sent by email to people who have previously visited Dayton in the past two years. According to Dayton Chamber Director Andrew Holt, more than 1,000 responses were received, including 300 locally and more than 700 online.

To help gather and analyze the survey results, the Chamber hired A.L. Baker Consulting, of Lake Oswego, Ore. The firm provided a detailed report summary to attendees on Tuesday. Financial support for the survey came from Ski Bluewood, Columbia County, Pacific Power and the Port of Columbia, along with major funding from the Chamber.

"The survey was conducted to help us in our efforts to draw more tourists to Dayton," Holt said. "The results will help us not only determine who we should market to, but also how to effectively market to them."

Survey respondents were asked questions in three broad areas:

- Who are Dayton's visitors?
- What was their experience in Dayton?
- How did they hear about Dayton?

Key findings coming out of the survey results included:

- The typical Dayton visitor is a married couple over 50 coming for a small-town experience. Two in five have an annual income of \$100,000 or more.
- Overall, sentiment about Dayton is very positive and the potential for future growth of tourism is strong.
- Visitors primarily perceive Dayton as a quaint, friendly and historic town.
- Most are likely to return to Dayton and will recommend it to others, especially those who consider Dayton a destination.
- Visitors like what Dayton has to offer and want more of it – more restaurants, shopping (such as local and artisan crafts), movies, events, etc. The primary frustration visi-

tors express is that some businesses aren't open later or more often.

- Interestingly, some visitors want to see more of the historic side of Dayton, such as a '50s-era festival and more historic elements, while others want to see more modern offerings, such as fine dining, outdoor music events, wine tastings, and an active night life.
- Visitors primarily hear about Dayton by word of mouth and research trips online, especially via the website TripAdvisor.com. Facebook also appears to be a valuable source of information, in particular among more local visitors.

About 22 percent of respondents came from Walla Walla and southeast Washington, plus Lewiston, Ida., but not including Tri-Cities. An additional 18 percent of respondents came from Tri-Cities.

About 15 percent of respondents came from the Puget sound area, and another 15 percent came from western Washington and western Oregon, outside Puget Sound. Eight percent came from the Spokane area.

Visitors came for a variety of reasons, including quick visits, day visits, short overnight visits and extended stays.

Survey responses were gathered by many local businesses. The most local responses were received by the Weinhard Café and the Weinhard hotel. Online responses were solicited through email lists gathered by those two businesses, plus the Best Western Plus Hotel, Ski Bluewood and the Dayton Depot.

"These results will provide solid information in assisting our general marketing efforts, as well as specific local businesses in better serving their visitor customers," Holt said. "We will be able to better understand our strengths and recognize potential growth areas."



DECEMBER NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

DAYTON—There are some new as well as some ongoing activities at the Dayton Memorial Library during the month of December, according to library assistant Vicki Zoller.

Binge Boxes, each stuffed with Christmas themed movies and other movie enjoyment essentials, such as popcorn and candy, are available for check-out, Zoller said.

"They are flying off the shelf," she said.

All the boxes have family-friendly movies in them, and patrons may check out one box per household for one week, Zoller said.

Ongoing activities include Book Chat, the Not a Book Club Book Club, where all things literary take place, including games and discussions.

Book Chat will be Saturday, Dec. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"There is always homemade pie and lots of other yummy stuff," Zoller said.

The Dayton writers group will meet Dec. 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Reading with "Tex" the library dog continues on Fridays, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Coffee, Cookies and Coloring also takes place on Fridays, from 3 to 5 p.m.

And speaking of coffee, the Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library is hosting a fundraiser in conjunction with Rey's Roast Coffee. Proceeds from \$10 purchases of Rey's Roast Coffee 50/50 blend in eight-ounce bags will benefit the Friends of the Library, Zoller said.

SPORTS

Dayton Boys Fall to River View, 62-48

TANNER BREN SCORES 18, GETS FOUR STEALS, IN NON-LEAGUE LOSS

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

FINLEY – The Dayton Boys' basketball team led at halftime on the road against River View on Dec. 6, but got blown out in the third quarter and took the loss, 62-48.

Tanner Bren had an outstanding game, notching 18 points, including two three-pointers. He also had four steals for the game.

The Bulldogs had a strong first half, and took a 29-26 lead into halftime. But River View got hot in the third quarter and outscored Dayton, 18-6 in that frame, before cruising to the win.

"Our defense in the first half was solid," said Dayton coach Will Hutchens. "We really tried to get into the passing lanes, and Tanner got several steals which led to some easy baskets for us."

Ben Kleck added 13 points for the Bulldogs, and Lane Wilkening scored 10. Wilkening and Cal Martin each pulled down five rebounds.

The Bulldogs continued to struggle on the boards. "Tonight we gave up 16 offensive rebounds. You cannot beat teams if you give them that many second chances," Hutchens said.

Dayton was set to play Walla Walla Valley Academy on Tuesday. They will travel to Kittitas on Saturday, and then play DeSales in Walla Walla on Dec. 20.



Times File Photo
Dayton's Ben Kleck goes up for a short jumper during a home game against Waitsburg last year.

Dayton 13 16 6 13 — 48	River View 15 11 18 18 — 62
Dayton (48) — Helm 0-0 0-1 0, Dieu 1-1 0-0 2, Martin 1-4 1-4 3, Wilkening 5-5 0-0 10, Willis 1-5 0-1 2, Kleck 4-14 3-4 13, Bryan 0-1 0-2 0, Bren 7-18 2-4 18; Totals 19-49 6-16 48	River View — Khattarong 4-7 5-6 15, Naughton 0-2 0-0 0, Roberts 5-10 1-2 15, Leader 3-7 1-2 9, Westberg 2-6 4-6 8, Lee 1-4 0-2 2, Hamlin 3-6 5-6 11, Sailor 0-0 0-1 0, Lechelt 0-0 0-0 0, Martinez 1-2 0-2 2; Totals 19-43 16-26 62
3-point goals — Dayton (Kleck 2, Bren 2), River View (Khattarong 2, Roberts 4, Leader 2). Total fouls — Dayton 23, River View 20. Fouled out — Dayton (Bren), River View (Hamlin). Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — River View 41 (Lee 11), Dayton 26 (Wilkening 5). Turnovers — Dayton 9, River View 6. Assists — Dayton 4 (Kleck 2), River View 3 (Khattarong 3)	

Lady Cardinals Fall to Mac-Hi, 40-31

TAYLOR HAYS SCORES 10 IN WAITSBURG GIRLS' LOSING EFFORT

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

MILTON-FREEWATER – The Waitsburg girls' basketball team hit the road on Dec. 7, crossing the state line to take on the Pioneers of Mac-Hi. But they came away with a loss, 40-31.

The loss dropped the Lady Cardinals to 0-2 on the season. Friday's game home game against Touchet was postponed until Tuesday, due to weather conditions. Saturday's game at Gar/Pal was also cancelled and will be rescheduled.

At Mac-Hi, the Waitsburg girls kept the game close in the first period, but fell behind, 15-10 at halftime. Waitsburg's offense couldn't get on track in the third quarter, as the Pioneer girls built the lead to 27-15.

For the game, Taylor Hays had 10 points and Lexi Brannock scored nine. Each sank one three-point shot. Devon Harshman had six points.

The Lady Cardinals are scheduled to travel to Pomeroy on Friday night and host Oakesdale on Saturday.

Waitsburg 6 4 5 16 — 31
Mac-Hi 7 8 12 13 — 40

Waitsburg — Brannock 3 2-6 9, Harshman 3 0-5 6, Jones 1 0-0 2, Sandau 0 0-0 0, Hays 4 1-2 10, Pearson 0 0-0 0, Araya 2 0-0 4; Totals 13 3-13 31

Mac-Hi — Martinez 0 0-0 0, Casillas 0 0-0 0, Jones 0 1-2 1, Flores 0 0-0 0, Hair 0 1-2 1, Hernandez 1 1-4 3, Earls 2 0-4 6, Yensen 3 6-10 12, Richwine 8 1-2 17, Holford 0 0-2 0. Totals 14 10-26 40.

3-point goals — Waitsburg (Brannock, Hays), Mac-Hi (Earls 2). Total fouls — Waitsburg 21, Mac-Hi 14. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — Waitsburg (team).

Lady Bulldogs Remain Undefeated with Win at River View

SYDNEY ANDREWS SINKS 18 IN 47-36 WIN, AS DAYTON GIRLS REMAIN UNDEFEATED

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

FINLEY – The Dayton girls' basketball team traveled to Finley on Dec. 6, and came away with a 47-36 win. It was the Lady Bulldogs' third straight win without a loss this season.

Senior forward Sydney Andrews had her best offensive performance of the season, knocking down 18 points, including six for eight from the free throw line.

Dayton maintained a slim lead through the first half, going into intermission up 17-14. A dominant third quarter allowed the Lady 'Dogs to build a 34-22 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Jenna Phillips added 12 points for Dayton, and Josilyn Fullerton scored 11. Phillips also had 14 rebounds.

Dayton players struggled last year with foul trouble, but in this game, they committed only eight fouls, while River-view had 20, including two players fouling out.

The Lady Bulldogs were to play Walla Walla Valley Academy Tuesday and travel to Kittitas on Friday. They will play DeSales in Walla Walla on December 20.

Dayton 12 5 17 13 — 47	River View 9 5 8 14 — 36
Dayton — Phillips 3-13 6-7 12, Andrews 6-18 6-8 18, Laughery 1-4 2-4 4, Wanlarb-kam 0-4 2-2 2, Fullerton 5-11 1-2 11, Bryan 0-1 0-0 0; Totals 15-52 17-23 47	River View — Rojas 2-3 0-1 4, Munson 2-8 0-2 6, Dickinson 3-10 1-2 9, Garland 1-3 1-2 3, Henze 0-1 0-0 0, Santiago 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 1-8 3-5 6, Holden 1-7 0-0 3, Kinsey 2-3 0-0 5; Totals 12-43 5-12 36
3-point goals — Dayton (none). River View (Munson 2, Dickinson 2, Anderson, Holden, Kinsey). Total fouls — River View 20, Dayton 8. Fouled out — River View (Dickinson, Holden). Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Dayton 41 (Phillips 14)	

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Public Notice:

The Columbia County Noxious Weed Board is calling for bids for the helicopter applications of the herbicides Picloram, Milestone and other weed control chemicals, under the yellow starthistle control program on approximately 2,500 acres of range/non-crop-land beginning approximately

March 1, 2017. Application to be made as weather conditions allow. A second group of applications will be made in the fall, at the discretion of the applicator and as weather conditions allow. Bids are to be on a per acre basis, applying five (5) gallons of water per acre. Also, indicate discount for large acreage, if applicable, and other pertinent information. Applicator shall contact landowner/operator prior to applying chemical. Georeference application records to be made available to landowners and Weed Board within 60 days after pesticide application. Payment for service will be made directly to the applicator by the landowner or operator, not the Weed Board. Chemical will be furnished by the Columbia County Noxious Weed Board and applicator will pick up at designated area. Bids must be received by the Columbia County Noxious Weed Board, 137 East Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328, by Noon on December 28, 2016. The Noxious Weed Board, on behalf of the landowners or operators, reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Rick Turner, Chairman
Columbia County Noxious Weed Board

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No. 11 3 00284 0
In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla
ELIZABETH BERG, Petitioner
NICHOLAS BERG, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the said NICHOLAS BERG:

You are hereby given notice that there been a petition for a notice of relocation. You are to respond with in 42 days after the date of the first publication of this summons of a notice of relocation, after January 19, 2017 and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, ELIZABETH BERG, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the notice of relocation, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 42 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 42 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response to ELIZABETH BERG at 2222 School Ave. Walla Walla, WA, 99362

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Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016
Jan. 5, 12, 2017
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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOL- OGY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS

TAKE NOTICE:

That Craig & Mindy Nelson of Walla Walla, WA on Nov. 17, 2016 under Application No. G3-30779, filed for permit to appropriate public waters, subject to existing rights, from one well in the amount of 500 gallons per minute each year, for seasonal irrigation of 81.64 acres. The source of the proposed appropriation is an existing well located within the SW¼NW¼ of Section 7, Township 6 N., Range 37 E.W.M., in Walla Walla County.

They are applying for additional gallons per minute (Qi) only, no additional acre-feet (Qa) are being requested.

Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a fifty-(\$50.00) dollar recording fee and filed with the Department of Ecology, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days

from December 15, 2016.
STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOL- OGY
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PROGRAM - ERO
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Return to:
Minnick-Hayner
P. O. Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Recorded October 6, 2016,
Auditor's No. 2016-08245,
Records of Walla Walla County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

GRANTOR: MINN- ICK-HAYNER, P.S., Successor Trustee

GRANTEE: JAMES W. JOSEPH and KIM A. JOSEPH, husband and wife
THE PUBLIC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 6, Block 4, Westdale First Addition

TAX PARCEL NO.: 360730560406

RELATED DOCUMENTS: 2011-09020

Borrower(s) Subordi- nate Lienholder(s)

TO: James W. Joseph
Kim A. Joseph
767 Mule Deer St.

N.W. Salem, OR 97304

I.

NOTICE IS HERE- BY GIVEN that the under- signed Trustee will on January 13, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance to the Walla Walla County Court- house in the City of Walla Wal- la, Walla Walla County, Wash- ington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following-described real property, commonly known as 1359 Callanan Drive, Walla Walla, Washington, situated in the County of Walla Walla, State of Washington, to-wit:

Lot 6 in Block 4 of Westdale First Addition according to the official plat thereof recorded in the office of the Auditor of Walla Walla County, Washington.

Such property is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated November 14, 2011, and recorded under Auditor's File No. 2011-09020, records of Walla Walla County, Washington, from James W. Joseph and Kim A. Joseph, husband and wife, as Grantors, to Land Title of Walla Walla County as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Tyson Basel, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Arnold E. Jones. The beneficial interest under such Deed of Trust is now held by Tyson E. Basel personally pursuant to Assignment recorded on March 17, 2016, under Auditor's File No. 2016-02004. Minnick-Hayner, P.S., has been appointed Successor Trustee under such Deed of Trust pursuant to Appointment of Successor Trustee recorded on August 30, 2016, under Auditor's File No. 2016-06976.

II.

No action is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any court by reason of the Grantor's default on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust.

III.

The debtors have defaulted in making payments on the contract from November, 2015, in the amount of \$817.95 per month. Late charges have accrued. The debtors have not paid property taxes since 2014. The debtors filed bankruptcy in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon under Case No. 16-60519-TMR14. The debtors filed a Plan of Reorganization, and the Plan of Reorganization was confirmed by order of the court on May

17, 2016. The debtors' plan provided that there would be no reinstatement of the debt now held by Tyson Basel, and the home and land located at 1359 Callanan Drive, Walla Walla, Washington would be surrendered to the creditor. In addition, the Plan of Reorga- nization granted relief of stay for foreclosure to be pursued. This foreclosure, therefore, is based upon the full amount due under the loan as herein- after provided.

IV.

The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal, \$151,005.18, together with interest as in the Note provided from October 19, 2015, real property tax delinquencies, insurance premiums, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute, estimated to be \$168,568.00 in total.

V.

The above-de- scribed real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on January 13, 2017. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before the sale, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid.

VI.

A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Successor Trustee to the Bor- rower/Grantor at the following address:

James W. Joseph
Kim A. Joseph
767 Mule Deer St.

N.W. Salem, OR 97304

The Notice was so mailed by both first-class and certified mail, return receipt requested, on August 26, 2016, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has in its possession proof of such posting or service.

VII.

The Trustee whose name is set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale.

VIII.

The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold through or under him of all their interest in the above-de- scribed property.

IX.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.

X.

NOTICE TO OCCU- PANTS OR TENANTS: The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale, the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the unlawful detainer act, Chapter 59.12 RCW.

MINNICK-HAYNER, P.S.

By: /s/ James K. Hayner
249 West Alder, P. O. Box

SETTLEMENT - FROM PAGE 1

rice will go unfilled, according to Robanske.

County officials also said that Deputy Prosecutor Dale Slack's position will likely be cut.

Culwell said that she has been asked to trim her office budget from \$400,000 in 2017, to \$328,000 in 2017. She said there is no money in her budget to retain Slack.

She also said that the number of hours her department is open to the public and to county staff will be shorter.

Culwell's department will only accept calls from law enforcement personnel during non-open times, she said. She also said that her office will be prioritizing civil matters to ensure the most pressing matters are addressed.

In other business, the commissioners adopted the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, which identifies the top 20 road projects for the county for 2017-2022. Funding has been identified for the first seven projects on the list, according to County Engineer Andrew Woods.

Phase III of the Tucannon Road project, to correct some horizontal curves, widen the two lane road, perform full depth reclamation, pave, and upgrade the bridge rail, is first on the list of priorities for 2017. That project has been sent out to bid, according to Woods.

The South Touchet Road project, to improve the intersections of Harting Grade Road and Robinette Mountain Road with the South Touchet Road, is next on the list. The existing two-lane road will be widened. Improved drainage, and full depth reclamation and paving will also be performed. Woods said the South Touchet Road project would begin soon after Labor Day next year.

The Vernon Bridge replacement project and the Starbuck Bridge replacement projects are slated to begin in 2017, he said.

The commissioners also approved the County Arterial Preservation Program for 2017. "We are concentrating on the western part of the county, Woods said.

Projects include Wilson Hollow Road from the county line to McCown Road, Payne Hollow Road, from Lower Hogeey to Harting Grade, and Lower Whetstone Road from McKay-Alto Road to the county line.

A proposal to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior for acquisition and processing of lidar data for use by the Columbia and Garfield counties' public works department was also approved at the Dec. 5 meeting, as was a resolution restricting certain county roads from use during the winter months.

Commissioner Jackson said the conversion from Pacific Power and Light Co. to Columbia Rural Electric Association took place at the courthouse and public works facilities, and there were "no hiccups."

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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that James K. Hayner is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument as the President of Minnick-Hayner, P.S., and
acknowledged it to be the free and voluntary act of such corporation for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.
Dated: September 30, 2016.
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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

TRIMMING THE TREES



Courtesy Photo



Photos by Dena Wood Unless Noted

Top: Doug Hinds from Pacific Power & Light helped Waitsburg Elementary School students hang ornaments on the town's Christmas tree prior to Hometown Christmas. Creatively decorated trees, part of a Waitsburg FFA Festival of Trees fundraiser, line Waitsburg's Main Street. A few especially creative entries include: the 10 Ton Press tree all decked out in bow ties, Waitsburg Celebration Days tree clad in a patriotic theme, as is the Karl Law Office tree. The Waitsburg Third Grade crafted an Elf in a Snowman tree while the Waitsburg Home and School Association turned their tree into a minion. Blue Crystal decorated an impressive Leg Lamp (from A Christmas Story) tree which happened to be covered with snow when The Times attempted to snap a photo.

Dozier to be Interim Fairgrounds Manager

Retiring WW County Commissioner takes over for departed Daryl Hopson

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA – Walla Walla County Commissioner Perry Dozier was appointed to serve as interim manager of the Walla Walla Fairgrounds at the commissioner's regular meeting on Dec. 5. Dozier, who did not run for re-election, will

end his term as county commissioner on Dec. 31 and assume fairground duties on Jan. 1.

A prepared statement from the Board of Commissioners said it is expected that Dozier will serve as interim manager for approximately three months while the search for a new manager takes place. The position has been vacant since mid-October when interim fairgrounds manager Daryl Hopson resigned.

"I believe Commissioner Dozier is uniquely qualified to act as interim fair manager given his understanding of the du-

ties and responsibilities of the position learned during his eight years as a county commissioner as well as his relationship to the fair over his lifetime," said Commissioner Jim Johnson in the statement.

Dozier has already been acting as the Commissioners' liaison to the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board of Directors and overseeing fairgrounds operations. The county will begin conducting an extensive national search for a permanent fairgrounds manager in January, following the holiday.

FAIRGROUNDS FUNDS



Photo by Michele Smith

County Commissioner Mike Talbott and Fair board president Matt Johnson receive a check from Jim Cooper at Columbia Rural Electric Association in the amount of \$10,000. The check will help offset costs associated with the new HVAC system at the Fairgrounds Pavilion.

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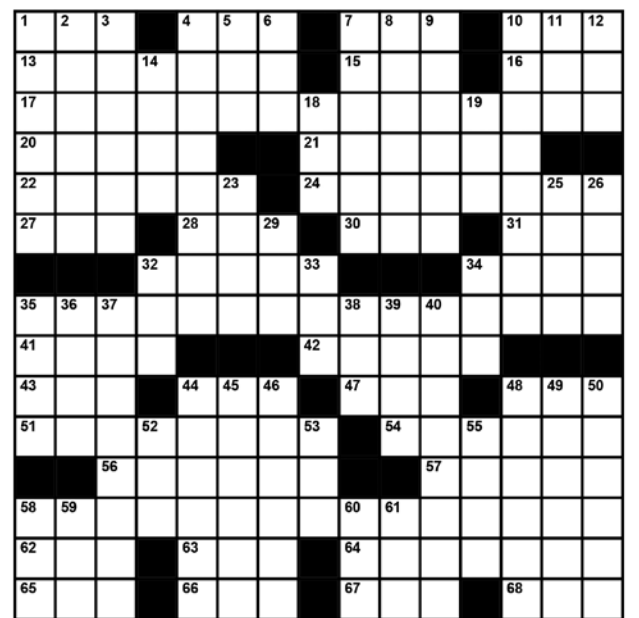
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10. Lingerie item
13. Docking
15. Acquire
16. Speed (up)
17. Way to trick someone
20. Deity to many
21. Caesar's meal starters?
22. Items of little importance
24. Waits
27. Personals, e.g.
28. Kind of chamber
30. Dash lengths
31. Important time
32. Commencement
34. High-five, e.g.
35. Futile efforts
41. Cleveland's lake
42. Kilt pattern
43. Anatomical duct
44. 30-day mo.
47. Banned insecticide
48. Dog doc
51. Required
54. Hear confessions, old word
56. Slips
57. Red dye
58. Acting the fool
62. Cain raiser
63. Bleed
64. Stare down
65. Kind of cabinet
66. Hot springs
67. Long ___
68. Fronted

Down

1. Lion's lunch, maybe
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Animal Attractions

by Myles Mellor

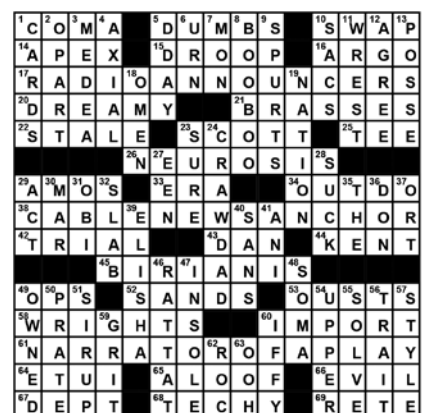


8. Mass confusion
9. Individual souls, in Hinduism
10. Belgian capital
11. Hi-___ monitor
12. Bygone greeting
14. Shag rugs
18. Dolt
19. Eccentric
23. C-worth
25. Slope to the sea, to Sean
26. Blabs
29. Classic opener
32. Laudatory lines
33. Recipe amt.
34. In a funk
35. "___ Only Just Begun"
36. Bit of Kurdistan
37. Audience member
38. Antiquity, once
39. No-goodniks
40. As yet
44. Networks, e.g.

45. Emphasize
46. Focal point
48. Ocular
49. Show
50. Looked after
52. Refuge

53. Rather, for one
55. It may be pitched
58. Kitten's cry
59. Female gametes
60. ___ few rounds
61. Hot time: abbr.

Last Week's Solution



Vance Price Holds Show at 10 Ton Press

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER'S LOVE OF THE OUTDOORS IS EVIDENT IN HIS WORK

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Having spent more than 50 years working as a professional photographer, Waitsburg native Vance Price is at the point in life where he can focus on doing only what he enjoys most – shooting the great outdoors.

"I've never once had a tree complain," said Price, who spent many years working with people, as a portrait and wedding photographer.

Many of Price's photos are now lining the walls of the 10 Ton Press building at 216 Main, in Waitsburg, during a show and sale that will last through the month of December. Building owner and artist Lane Hill approached Price, who tends to avoid publicity, about a show, after seeing his work.

"He really has a good eye. What's here is just a fraction of his prints," Hill said.

Price is a Waitsburg native, and grew up about six miles up Wilson Hollow on Jasper Mountain. He graduated from WHS in 1952 and spent some years in college and the army before returning to the fourth-generation family farm.

In 1962, he left the farm to follow his passion, studying photography at the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, Calif.

"I've always loved photography. When I was 12 years old, a friend in Walla Walla took me into their basement and showed me their darkroom. Watching that first print come out of the developing tray was the beginning of the end," Price said.

Price's first camera was a Rolleiflex. He took pictures as a hobby and set up a darkroom at home where he developed photos.

Price said he worked his way through photography school working at a custom color print lab, developing film and printing pictures. He then joined ex-Waitsburg High School math teacher Lloyd Perry in Missoula Mont., and worked with him in a portrait studio.

"I took the job because portraits were one of the few ways you could actually make money in photography back then. The studio had a contract with the Uni-

versity of Montana, so it was fairly lucrative," Price said.

Price said he enjoyed working and learning under master photographers, and spent several years working under one at a studio in Ohio.

From 1970-1988, Price lived in Portland, Ore. where he worked in darkrooms. He spent many years getting commercial labs up and running, even spending a year in Hawaii where he installed three darkrooms, he said.

He spent several years with The Oregonian newspaper, converting their black and white labs to color.

In 1988 Price's wife had a stroke. He had saved up enough money that he was able to quit work and stay home with her until her death in 2000. During that time, the couple traveled extensively, including a three-month trip around the country.

In 2001 Price returned to Waitsburg, where he continues to do what he loves – taking photos and selling his work.

Price said his true love is outdoor photography, and many of his prints are of local sights and vistas.

"When I worked in Ohio, my boss and I would cover seven weddings in a weekend, between the two of us. I think I got enough of people," he said, smiling. "In fact, when I was in Portland, my business was named Tree Pictures," he added.

These days, Price said he shoots with a Leica camera and edits in Photoshop. He said he doesn't spend the many thousands of dollars on equipment that many photographers do.

Price said the biggest change in moving from print to digital photography was that he was able to get rid of his 35-pound camera bag.

"I had the opportunity to visit my daughter, who was a missionary in France, but I would have had to buy a ticket for my camera bag since I didn't want to check it. Instead, I was able to buy a shirt-pocket digital that did just fine," Price said.

Price remarried about seven years ago and has shared his knowledge with his wife, Judy, who has also taken up the hobby. Several of Judy's prints are also on display at the 10 Ton Press show.

"She already had an interest. I just gave her the equipment she needed," Price said.

Price's show will be up through December. He can be contacted at (509) 520-5025.



Photos by Dena Wood

Top: Vance Price (black cap) discusses his photography with an art lover during Saturday's official photography show opening. Above: Samplings of Price's work. Left: Price's "Four Seasons" captures the same view looking down into Waitsburg at different times of the year.

Junior High Students Learn the Cha Cha



Photos by Dena Wood

Above: Junior High teacher and informal dance instructor Ben Christensen gives Lash LaRue (pink) and Brayden Mohney a thumbs up as they practice the cha cha during homeroom on Friday.

Left: Sixth grade teacher Garrett Leahy (right) looks approvingly as Kylie Currin (far left) and Riley Witt concentrate on their dance steps.

MORNING HOMEROOM PROVIDES ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND STUDENT HORIZONS

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – One, two, cha-cha-cha... one, two, cha-cha-cha. Chant that phrase to a Preston Hall middle school student and they will probably grin as they showed you just how it's done.

Waitsburg middle school students spent mornings last week learning the popular Latin dance, the Cha Cha, as part of a holiday homeroom activity geared toward teaching social skills.

This year, middle school students spend the first 20 minutes of each day engaged in a homeroom activity, according to junior high social studies teacher Lynnsey Bailey. Each month was given a theme with September focusing on building community, and October on goal setting. November was spent learning about the election and Veteran's Day and December revolved around the holidays.

The staff brainstormed ways to help students increase social skills and special education teacher, Ben Christensen, suggested dancing. Christensen, and his wife B.J., have a background in ballroom dancing and the

couple was willing to share their skills with the middle school students and staff.

"They are learning social graces. It is an activity that connects their train to their body, which is difficult at this age. In some regards it is more like a fine motor skill," Bailey said.

"It is also important for kids to be challenged on something outside of their comfort level. We hope to increase individual perseverance of each child over the school year and this is one way we are doing that," she added.

Bailey said the students spent a couple of days learning the steps then began dancing with partners. For some, Friday was the first time they had danced with another person.

"The kids were hesitant and guarded at the beginning, but as the week progressed, more and more kids engaged as they became more confident with the dance steps and realized the fun factor," Bailey said.

Students practiced between classes throughout the week and are looking forward to a dance-off planned for this week. Bailey said the students have expressed interest in learning square dancing as well.

"We thought about line dancing, West Coast Swing, and maybe even ballroom dancing if we can find instructors. We are limited in our electives for students and homeroom provides us an opportunity to explore new horizons," Bailey said.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Christmas Special Edition

The Times presents our 2016 Christmas Special Edition, a longstanding Times tradition. As we do each year, we present the poems, stories and letters to Santa from students at Waitsburg Elementary School. A hearty thanks goes out to the Waitsburg staff and students for their help in making this issue possible.

This special edition would also not be possible without the support of the many local businesses whose advertising helps make these pages possible. Please consider these companies, large and small, and remember to patronize them in 2017.

The staff at The Times invites you now to share the joy of Christmas as seen through the eyes of local children, in their own words. We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

~Ken, Dena, Michele and Teeny

Kindergarten ~ Pam Nolan-Beasley ~ Letters to Santa (Continued from Page 1)



Dear Santa,

I wish it was Christmas, and me and my brother want anything. And what do we need for Christmas? My brother wants a Super Hero. He wants all of them, because my brother is 3 years old. And I am 5 years old. And also there is more things I want, so my mom can bake more cookies. So now we need something so important, so my mom can take care of me. I want Santa to give my mommy Vitamin C.

And Christmas is full of joy. And Santa, Christmas comes true of my wish. And also my mom always loves me. And my mom hugs me at night. And I like to meet you sometimes. At night if I hear your voice I'll run out of my bed and say, "Merry Christmas!", and also I will share my cookies with you. And I need to build a snowman with you. And tonight I'll jump out of my bed and also get to work on my snowman.

See you soon,
David Barnhart



Dear Santa,

I wish you had a Merry Christmas. I love you. And I want a snow globe for Christmas with Santa in it. That's it.

Love,
Gracyn Vinti



Dear Santa,

Thank you for filling my stocking up early. I want American Girl doll clothes for Christmas. And I want clothes. And I love you, Santa,
Sophia Castillo



Dear Santa,

I love you. I want a crawling Baby Alive and a toy monkey,

George. I want a baby, but his skin's soft.
Your friend,
Harleigh Webber



Dear Santa Claus,

What is it like at the North Pole?

I want an Elsa skateboard for Christmas. I want to get my brother a skateboard.

See you soon,
Aaliyah Hubbard



Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope you have a great day.

I want Pie Face Show-down for Christmas. And then that's it.

Love,
Colt Boudrieau



Dear Santa Claus,

What are you doing with Mrs. Claus? Are your elves working hard? I hope you have a good day at the North Pole.

I want Ninja Turtle Action Figures for Christmas, and I want the same present as my sister. It's a blue dragon. I seen a commercial of it.

I wish you have a good day,
Liam Kiefel



Dear Santa,

I am learning about Pokémon. And science is so awesome!

I really, really want a Pokémon ball with Pikachu inside.

Shaunna Hilton



Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I want a remote control helicopter for Christmas.

Love, your friend,
Alex Watson



Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer, Santa?

I want Barbie stuff for Christmas.

Love,
Peyton Kaehler



How are you doing, Santa,

I want different colors of nail polish for Christmas.

Nice to meet you,
Sasha Mercado



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Kindergarten (cont.)



Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
How are your elves? Do
elves make presents?

I want a Barbie house
for Christmas with a Bar-
bie Car and new Barbies.
One more thing, and it's
for my brother - a Ninja
Turtle House. He would
love that. Oh, and one
for my mom and dad.
My dad wants a Sea-
hawks blanket with Sea-
hawks sheets and Sea-
hawks clothes. My mom
wants candy, so will you
bring her a bag of Gumi
Bears? And that's it. Mrs.
Beasley helped me.

I love you,
Kyra Karl



Dear Santa,
I hope you have a
good day at the North
Pole. Are the elves doing
good, too?

I want cars, and I want
a Lego Rankor Pit Set, a
toy car, and that's it.

See you soon,
Cody Coulston



Dear Santa,
How's Rudolph doing?
I hope he's doing good.
Can I have a new din-
osaur, please?

I can't wait for Christ-
mas. How are you doing,
Santa?

Signed,
Junior Valdovinos



Dear Santa Claus,
Happy Christmas!
Please help get pres-
ents for my teacher.
See you soon,
Jake Lynch



Dear Santa Claus,
I like my teacher.
I want to ask for nail
polish and make up, too,
for Christmas.

See you soon,
Natalya Judd

First Grade ~ Dinah Lindsey ~ Christmas Haiku



Reindeer

I saw a Reindeer
It was brown with a
white nose

Then I petted him

By Rhapsody Spencer



Sledding

Sledding is fun to do
We get on the sled and
go

I sled down the hill

By Ellie Teal



Snowman

First one big ball
Then a medium ball
Last a big ball

**By Brooklynn Cog-
gins**



Reindeer

Santa has reindeer
They fly with him and
stop there!

Last Santa goes to my
house.

By Makaelyn Mikesell



Sledding

I got a green sled
I climbed up the
mountain

I slid down and said,
"Wheeee"

By Bryer Paul



Decorating

I put ornaments up
They are all circles
Pink and blue and red

By Cheri Mathews



Snow boots

They are brown
They are not fuzzy
I wear them in winter

By Terry Klein



Snowmen

Snowmen are so cute
I put on a hat and
scarf

Last I put on buttons

By Yaneli-Eliz Flores



Decorating

A light in the tree
It blinks lights of red
and green

It makes me happy

By Victoria Whitmore



Skiing

I was six years old
And I slid down a hill
And then I got a milk
shake

**By Madison Strick-
land**



Snowballs

You can roll a ball
And then you can
make it big
And then you can
throw it!

By Chloe McCaw



Sledding

First snow had to fall
Then we used a buck-
et lid to slide
We sled down and
then went crash!

By Juca Beckman



Snow Angels

I love making snow
angels
You get on the ground
and wave your arms
Then you move your
legs

By Camdyn Vories



Decorating

I decorate my tree
I put on decorations
Lights, ornaments
and a star

By Sawyer Harshman



Snow boots

I like red snow boots
I wear them in the
snow

I go outside to play
By Logan Leroue



Reindeer

Reindeer jump funny
Reindeer like to jump
and jump

Reindeer like Santa
By Georgia Reser



Snowballs

Snow falls from the
sky

I roll it up a lot
Then I throw it at my
sister

By Riley Judd

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Second Grade ~ Wenda Parr ~ Winter Poems



Winter
Snow, hot chocolate
Freezing, sledding,
sliding
Santa, night, presents,
cold
Snowing, wrapping,
eating
Marshmallows, sweet
Amazing
By Mason Rosenberger



Winter
Cold, bare
Freezing, slipping,
snowing
Wind, snow, igloo,
night
Falling, shivering,
sparkling
Icy, cold
Lights
By Walker Keown



Winter
Cold, windy
Freezing, snowing,
sledding
Snow, frost, white, ice
Falling, frosting, icing
Cold, bare
New Year
By Hannah Peralez



Winter
Bare, dark
Reflecting, sparkling,
shivering
Christmas, snowballs,
wind, snow
Freezing, sliding,
blowing
Cold, white
New Year
By Brooklyn White



Winter
Cold, icy
Freezing, shivering,
gifts
Snow, snowman,
frost, Christmas
Slipping, falling,
snowing
Bare, windy
New Year
By Ryder Hubbard



Winter
Cold, crisp
Freezing, snowing, re-
flecting
Snow, ice, igloo, ics
Falling, shivering,
sparkling
Bare, magical
New Year
By Tegan Largent



Winter
Magical, frozen
Snowing, falling, shiv-
ering
Snow, igloo, wind,
snowman
Freezing, hibernating,
sparkling
Crisp, chilly
Season
By Melissa Elder



Winter
Chilly, cold
Shivering, slipping,
sliding
Snow, ice, frost, igloo
Freezing, falling,
snowing
Frozen, bare
Season
By Trace Nesje



Winter
Chilly, crisp
Freezing, shivering,
hibernating
Snow, ice, igloo, frost
Slipping, falling,
snowing
Magical, cold
New Year
By Makenzie Castillo



Winter
Cold, crisp
Snowing, slipping,
freezing
Snow, ice, snowmen,
sled
Shivering, falling,
snowing
Magical, cold
New Year
By Layla Booth



Winter
Cold, bare
Falling, freezing,
snowing
Christmas, presents,
snowball, trees
Hibernating, shiver-
ing, sparkling
Crisp, magical
New Year
By Akayden Lewis



Winter
Snow, ice
Snowing, freezing,
shivering
Igloo, frost, sled,
snowballs
Reflecting, falling,
sparkling
Cold, chilly
New Year
By Jayton Gleason



Winter
Cold, bare
Freezing, snowing, hi-
bernating
Snow, ice, igloo, icicle
Sparkling, slipping,
falling
Crisp, chilly
New Year
By Ryleigh Crosby



Winter
Cold, bare
Freezing, snowing,
falling
Snow, ice, igloo, ics
Slipping, shivering,
sparkling
Windy, magical
New Year
By Kaden Tiedemann



Winter
Cold, bare
Freezing, falling,
snowing
Ice, igloo, frost, wind
Reflecting, sliding,
slipping
Frozen, crisp
Snow
By Andrew Wertz



Winter
Cold, frozen
Hibernating, falling,
shivering
Christmas, tree, hot
chocolate, snow
Shivering, sparkling,
blowing
Bare, crisp
New Year
By Ava Atwood



Winter
Cold, crisp
Freezing, falling,
blowing
Snow, ice, frost, wind
Sliding, shivering,
slipping
Bare, chilly
New Year
By Rollin Carpenter



Winter
Magical, crisp
Blowing, falling, freez-
ing
Wind, snow, hot choc-
olate, frosty
Hibernating, shiver-
ing, sparkling
Cold, frozen
New Year
By Natalie Knudson

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Winter
Dark, frozen
Slipping, snowing,
blowing
Frost, igloo, wind,
snowball
Sparkling, blowing,
hibernating
White, chilly
New Year
By Beau Hazelbaker



Winter
Crisp, bare
Sliding, freezing,
blowing
Frost, ice, wind,
Christmas
Shivering, sliding, fall-
ing
Cold, bare
New Year!!!!!!!
By Griffen Hinchliffe



Winter
Cold, snow
Freezing, blowing,
snowing
Frost, igloo, snow,
presents
Slipping, reflecting,
blowing
Cold, frozen
Frost
By Landen Henry



Winter
Icy, cold
Blowing, falling, freez-
ing
Snow, ice igloo, icicles
Hibernating, slipping,
sliding
Bare, chilly
Season
By Rafael Vasquez



Winter
Cold, magical
Freezing, blowing,
sliding
Snow, ice, igloo, snow-
man
Falling, slipping, hi-
bernating
Bare, crisp
New Year
**By Mackenzie Strick-
land**



Winter
Cold, black
Freezing, playing, ex-
citing
TV, ice snow, food
Sledding, snowing,
slipping
White, Scary
New Year
By Vayden Guay

Third Grade ~ Marne Henderson ~ Christmas Stories



Snow Times
By Hagen Taylor
A boy named Logan
built me. At night, I came
to life. I want to tell you
this story.

One snowy night I
heard a noise, it was a
snow pup, and his name
was Wild. We played
fetch with a snowball. We
played for a long time. He
was a fun pal.

One night Logan came
by and saw that I was
alive. We all played fetch
and had fun. The next
few weeks the weather
changed. I said good bye
to Logan and Wild. I'll be
back next year!



Snowman
By Logan Seal
Once I was a tiny
piece of snow falling on
the ground. Two little
boys started rolling me
up and made a big ball.
They rolled up two more
and stacked them on top
of each other. They put
sticks for my hands and
my nose was a carrot.
They used buttons for
my eyes and down my
chest.

When they were going
to leave they put a hat on
my head. It was a mag-
ic hat and it made me
come to life! The next day
at school they said my
name should be Ned Wil-
lis. They asked me to play
at the ten minute recess.

When they went inside
I followed them and we
played hide and go seek.

Soon they were not at
school. It was Christmas
break and I was alone
by myself for seventeen
days! The day they came
back I was kind of drip-
ping onto the ground.
The two little boys cried.
The next day I came back
to life and the two little
boys played with me. Af-
ter a little bit I said "Bye"
and left before I melted
away.



The Little Snowman
By Tyler Coulston

Hi my name is Snow-
ball. Tyler and Victor built
me in the back yard. The
yard is filled with snow.
It was 12:00 a.m. when I
came to life. The kids and
parents were all sleeping.

I saw my friend Solo
over in another yard. We
wanted to see the world
together. We knew Santa
was coming soon, then
we saw him land on the
family's roof. We started
talking to the reindeer
and made friends with
them. They asked us if
we wanted to go for a
ride. We said YES and
jumped onto the rein-
deer's backs. We went all
over the world, it was re-
ally beautiful.

When Santa was done
delivering presents he
dropped us off on the
roof, we slid down, broke
to pieces and fell asleep.
When the kids woke up,
they came outside and
saw us all broken so they
rebuilt us. We played all
day with Tyler and Victor.
It was the best Christmas
ever.



The Little Snowman
By Mayra Vasquez
Borrego

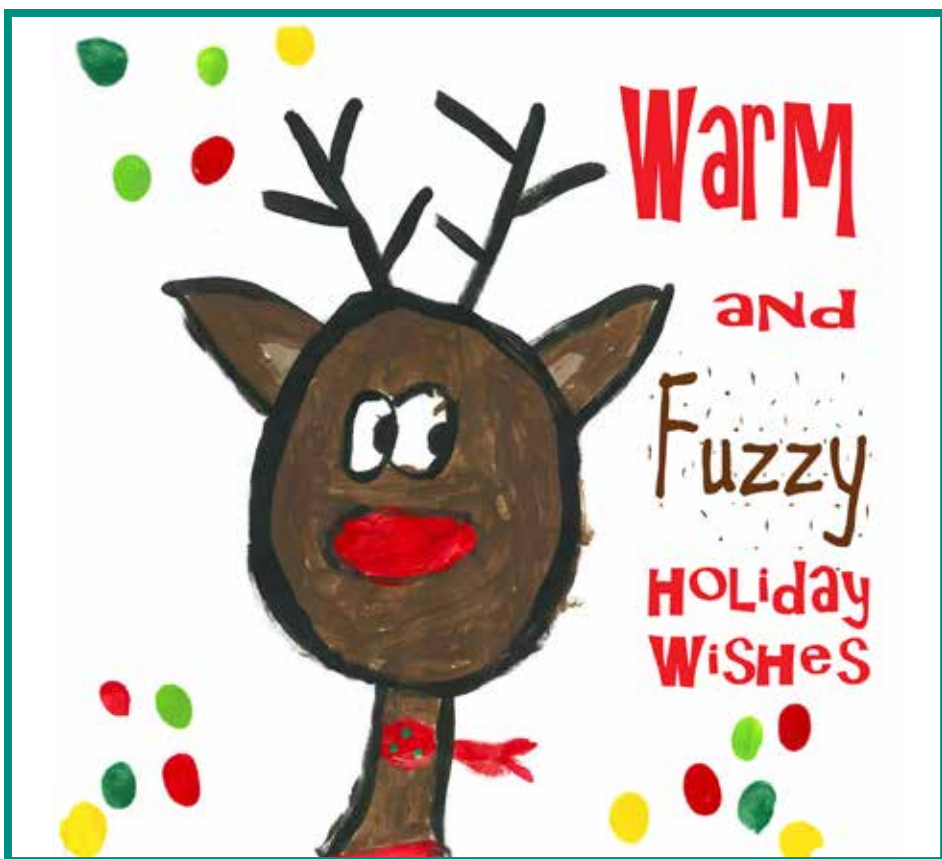
I was built by a lot of
kids who became my best

friends. I loved the hat I
got because it was blue
and black. They played
with me a lot. We had fun
throwing snowballs at
each other. When it was
Christmas the kids got
many presents. I was left
alone outside until they
were done opening pres-
ents. They came outside
again and played with
me. I thought it was good
they were going inside to
bed, because I was tired. I
was scared it was getting
warm and I was melting.
The only thing left was
my hat. The next Christ-
mas, they built me again.
We enjoyed playing tag
all the time. The same
thing happen as last year,
I melted again. I wanted
to cry but I didn't. All my
snowman friends melted
too. See you next year!



Hippo
By Victor Whitmore

Once upon a time
there was a little tree.
"Hey" he said, "My name
is Mr. Hippopotamus,
but you can call me Mr.
Hippo." He told the fam-
ily that cut him down.
They took me to a house
put me up and put dec-
orations on all over my
branches. The kids wa-
tered me, then everyone
went to sleep. The next
morning was Christmas
and the family sat under
my branches, the par-
ents and kids told stories
and opened four of their
presents, and left the
others to open the next
day. It was fun being a
Christmas tree!



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Third Grade (cont.)



The Sweet Snowman By Kyleigh Pennington

Hi, I was built by two girls, Bea and Kyleigh. My name is Snowy. I was just snow at first, then these two special girls came and made me. They left for some hot coco and when they were gone a hat fell on me from the air. Suddenly, I was a live and free. When the girls came back they saw I was not there. So they followed my footprints and they found me, hugged me and went sledding.

Did I tell you I have two coal eyes, a carrot nose, rocks for my mouth and buttons for my belly? One morning the sun came out, I started to sweat and I melted down to my legs. A few days later it snowed again, so the next morning when Bea and Kyleigh came outside they built me back up again. This time I didn't have the magic hat so I didn't come to life. I was sad. All the families came outside to play around me and that made me happy until a little girl came up and pulled my arm out! I tried to hold in my cry the best I could. One of the mom's came and put the arm inside me. I was so happy I started to cry and that made me feel alive so I cried harder. My two friends, Bea and Kyleigh, said please don't cry you'll turn into an icicle. Just then the wind blew and the magic hat fell on my head again. We all laughed and danced together.



My Life as a Snowman By Bea Karl

I am a small snowman. Two girls made me, one of the girls name is Mrs. Schirm, and the other girls name is Marne. They put on two button eyes and a carrot nose. Two stick hands with gloves and a pink scarf. That was how I was made, but that is not all of my story. I stayed alive for a long time. Mrs. Schirm and Marne pretended that they made snow soup in front of me. They played with me everyday. A month later the sun came out and I melted into a puddle. When the blossoms came out the kids cried because they missed me and I missed them too. When summer was over, it became fall. Then winter followed and snow started falling. Mrs. Schirm and Marne made me again, they were really happy. They did everything perfect and also made another girl snowman to be my snow friend. She was pretty and looked a lot like me. We played all the time, until summer came again and then we turned into puddles.



The Christmas tree By Sarah Hong

Hi, my name is Prickles, I'm a Christmas tree. I'm three feet tall. If you want to know how I came

to life, let me tell you how it all happened. I lived at a Christmas tree farm in Cougarville Washington. Then I saw a cherry red truck. The mom and the little girl got out of the truck. The little girl was looking for a Christmas tree for her bedroom. She was excited to decorate her bedroom. She saw me and I saw her, she was happy I was a living tree. Her mom and her carefully dug me out of the ground The little girl loved me because I was green, they put me in the pot. When I got to my new home the little girl put a bow on me then she sat me on a table. There were lots of decorations. That night the mom put presents underneath me and I don't know why.

In the morning the little girl and the brother were so excited to see what was in the presents. She said thank you mom. After she said thank you, she and I went outside and built a snowball fort.

The day after Christmas the little girl woke up. She got dressed in warm clothes and came outside with me. Because it was so cold, she dug a whole and put me in it. Once I was there she built a wall around us. This was the best Christmas EVER!



Tellported Snowman By Jarod Hankins

Hi my name is Michael I was made in Appellation Mountains deep in the woods. Two kids named Danica and Sean took 3 hours to make me. When they were finished their dad, Louis, and mom, Susan, lifted me into their blue truck. I am a large snow-

man. The mom drove the truck to New York where they lived. They all put me in the front yard when we got there, it was night time. The town lights all went off, because everybody was asleep. I stayed awake and saw this man in a red suit with a white beard. He had a reindeer and a sleigh. Maybe it was Santa. He magicaly went into their house and left them all presents. When he came out he put a hat on me and then I came to life. Santa asked me if I wanted to go to the Winter Wonderland and I said of course. Santa snapped his fingers and I teleported to winter wonderland. I was surprised there were other living snowman. I lived forever there. When the family woke up, it was 6:00 AM they looked out the window and saw I was not there. They found the note I had left for them under the Christmas tree. The note said, "I have moved to Winter Wonderland, Merry Christmas".

They were happy for me and decided to open their presents.



Snowman Sara Wilson

Hi, My name is Sara W. I have a snowman friend and one day she came to life. She told me her name is Lunamoon. She is as white as the moon and made of snow. She is nice and loving all over inside. Lunamoon loves rubies. She loves that they are shiny and red. But she hates rats because they are disgusting and gross. She really doesn't like that they eat some of her snow. Her favorite food is catnip and steak. I love her; I think Luna-

moon is fun and playful. When school is closed because of a snow day she and I have snowball fights. One day she melted down to the size of my boot. So I decided to rebuild her again. Mostly we play just the two of us. She loves me and I love her. Every spring she melts and I always find a piece of gold. The gold falls out of her snow when she melts. The gold must have come from my dad's workshop. Each winter when it snows I build her in my driveway. Once again she comes to life and we go all around town having a special time. As long as I believe in Christmas magic we will be together forever. One thing I love about Lunamoon is when I build her I make her eyes out of Lapis Lazuli which makes her eyes blue as the sea. Another thing I love about my snowman friend is that she resembles the moon. She is white, white, white. I hope she and I are together forever.



Special Snowman By Gracyen Teal

Hi, my name is Oliver the snowman but you can just call me snowy. Here is why: I haven't melted for 12 years. One day a little boy named James, who was 6, went up to his tree house in the Blizzrd Mountains. His tree house was 22 yards away from me, an enchanted batch of snow. The tree house was 18 ft high. James was wearing a black & blue jacket, a green shirt, blue jeans, red & orange socks and yellow & gray shoes. 15 minutes after he got out of his tree house he grabbed his bat. He took a little bit of the enchant-

ed snow, which is me. He rolled it into a ball and then hit it. It went 8 yards and it didn't break, but man did it hurt. At first he was confused because that snowball didn't break. He tried something; he took that ball and rolled it into a bigger ball. He ended up making four balls of different sizes. He put the biggest on the bottom and the smallest on the top. He made ME a snowman named Oliver. He rushed back to his tree house and grabbed his microscope. He jogged back to the enchanted snowman. He took about ¼ tsp of snow from the snowman put it on the microscope. It had immeasurable magic in its core. He was surprised that his snowman was so jolly. I am joyful that he still loves me after all these years, even when he's 18.



The Christmas Tree By Tucker Millar

Hi my name is Havic. I live near Seattle in the Cascade Mountains deep in the forest. Shhh-hhh, I see people coming they are getting closer and closer; they have something sharp. They cut me down quickly. It kinda of hurt. The family loaded me on their truck. It was a ten hour drive to Prescott where they live. Their house is a big wooden building. They almost couldn't fit me in the door. I did not

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know how they did it but they did. Both kids put me by a window inside the house. I liked it there because I could look outside, through the window to watch Jayce who is one of the kids who plays outside. The other boys name is Brian. They like to play football with their dad. I liked that people could see me in the window when the blinds were open. It made me happy that they came and cut me down. I liked that I was out of the woods and also the snow. Being a Christmas tree is fun.

I was pretty. They stuck a star on the top of me, it was cool. Then they had dinner and went to bed.

That night I saw someone, he had a red coat and went up and down the chimney leaving presents under me. In the morning the family opened their presents and went outside to play. After a while they came in and took me outside too. They built a fort under me, made a bed and went to sleep. I loved my new home!



Fun Snowman By Alex Sausedo

There was a family with two kids. One of them was a boy and the other a girl. They were outside building a snowman who was me! They put a hat on my head and named me Dave. They gave me rocks for eyes and a carrot for my nose. My favorite thing was the scarf they put around my neck.

We were all so happy. We played together, we were a family and had so much fun. The kids would get on my back and we would slide down a hill.

They kept me in their front yard until summer came and I melted. See you next year!



A Christmas Tree By Shylee Elmore

I was in the Blue Mountains when a kid looked at me and asked "what is it?" The Mom said "it's a tree" then she came over to me, dug me up and put me on top of the car. They took me to their home.

The Dad had shiny Christmas bulbs that they decorated me with.

Fourth Grade ~ Deanna Coulston ~ Christmas Stories



My Favorite Recipe by Sawyer Nichols

My favorite salad is my mom's Grape Salad. One afternoon my mom wanted to make Grape Salad. The Grape Salad turned out really yummy. I really didn't want to complain because I thought it was going to be disgusting, but when my mom was done making it, it was actually good. It was so good I actually ate more! I really liked her salad. I really liked the grape salad because it was so tasty.

Ingredients:
2 cups of grapes
18oz cool whip
18oz cream cheese
¾ cup brown sugar
1 package of slivered almonds

Directions:
Wash and cut grapes in half. Mix together cream cheese and brown sugar. Stir in remaining ingredients.



My Favorite Recipe by Race Hubbard

My favorite holiday recipe is Dutch Apple Pie. Why I like it so much is because my mom makes it every Thanksgiving.

My family also cooks it at my grandma's house for Christmas. That is why Dutch Apple Pie is my favorite holiday recipe.

Ingredients:
1 pre-made pie crust
6 granny smith apples (peeled, cored, sliced)
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
½ cup of granulated sugar
¼ cup of brown sugar, packed
3 Tbsp. flour
½ tsp ground cinnamon
¼ tsp of nutmeg

Topping:
¾ cup of flour
¼ cup of granulated sugar
¼ cup of brown sugar, packed
⅓ cup of butter or 1/3 cup of margarine, room temperature

Directions:
Preheat oven to 375 degrees
Lay crust in pie pan
Mix all the filling together
Put filling in pie pan
Mix all of the topping with a fork until crumbly
Sprinkle over apples
Bake for 50 minutes



My Favorite Recipe by Alyssa Hollingsworth

My favorite holiday recipe is my grandma's apple pie. She makes the apples soft but the crust crunchy and so when you mix it, it is really good! One year, I got to help make it. We did really well; it was moist and looked pretty.

INGREDIENTS:
½ cup of sugar
¼ cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
⅓ teaspoon salt
8 cups sliced peeled apples
2 tablespoons butter or margarine

DIRECTIONS:
1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Prepare double crust pastry.
2. Mix sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and

2 tsp of salt
1 ½ cups of water
2 Tbsp. olive oil plus 2 tsp

Directions:
Mix flour, sugar, yeast and salt in a bowl of a stand mixer. While mixer is running, add water and 2 Tbsp. of olive oil and mix until dough forms a ball. Flour surface and knead into a smooth firm ball. Grease a large bowl with 2 Tbsp. of olive oil and place dough in bowl and cover with plastic wrap and put in a warm area. Place dough on floured surface and roll to a thin piece. Brush dough with a little melted butter and add sauce, cheese and toppings. Cook in a preheated oven at 500 degrees on a pizza pan that is covered with parchment paper. Cook 10-15 min and then enjoy.

salt in a large bowl. After well mixed, mix in apples. Get pie pan and put the crust in and have the sides hang off the edge about ½ inch.

3. Roll another round of pastry lay over top after you put in filling. Cut 3 lines on the top. Cover with aluminum foil.

4. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until crust is brown and juice is bubbling out of slits. CAUTION will be very hot.



My Favorite Recipe by Jason Watson

My favorite recipe is Strawberry Cheesecake. It is so good. My mom made it and it is really good. It took a long time to make it. This cheesecake is a good dessert because it brings my family to pure happiness. My mom made it with all of her heart and her soul. It is one of her most popular foods in our family. She got the recipe from one of her recipe books.

Ingredients:
10 strawberries
2 bananas
1 container of whipped cream
1 thing of cheesecake pudding
2 things of strawberry yogurt

Directions:
1. get a bowl
2. put the cheesecake pudding in the bowl
3. put in the strawberry yogurt
4. stir it up
5. put the whipped cream in
6. cut the strawberry and bananas
7. fold in the strawberry and bananas
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Fourth Grade (cont.)



My Favorite Recipe by William Hong

My favorite food is lasagna because it is a pasta to my family. My mama loves lasagna. I love lasagna. Papa loves lasagna. Grandma and Grandpa love lasagna too.

Ingredients:
 1/2 c chopped onion
 1 clove garlic, minced
 2 tbsp. olive oil
 2 cans golden grain marinara sauce
 1 tsp salt
 1/4 pepper
 1/2 pkg golden grain lasagna

1 lb. mozzarella or Monterey jack cheese, sliced thin

4 hard cooked eggs, sliced

1/4 c grated parmesan cheese

Directions:

Sauté onion and garlic in olive oil; add ground beef and brown. Drain off excess fat. Stir in marinara sauce, salt, pepper; simmer 15 minutes. Cook lasagna as directed. Layer in (11x7) baking dish: sauce, lasagna, sliced cheese, eggs and parmesan cheese. Repeat layers; top with sauce and cheese, eggs and parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 400F for 20 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

My Favorite Recipe by Katie Elder

My favorite recipe is oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. We call them Grandma Elder cookies. My family calls the



cookies Grandma Elder cookies because every time we go to grandma's house she makes them.

Ingredients:
 1 cup brown sugar
 1 cup white sugar
 1 cup butter or shortening, softened
 2 eggs
 1/2 tsp vanilla
 1 tsp baking powder
 1 tsp baking soda
 2 cup flour
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 1/2 cups oatmeal
 2 cups shredded coconut

1 pkg chocolate chips
 1 cup nuts (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375. Put the brown and white sugar in a bowl, add the butter, and mix together until creamy. Next add eggs and mix until combined. Then add the baking powder, baking soda, flour and salt; mix till combined. Add the rest of the ingredients until thoroughly mixed together. To bake the cookies, scoop balls into 1 inch in size, and bake on a ungreased cookie sheet for 9 to 11 minutes or until slightly browned.

My Favorite Recipe by Lucas VanHoose

My favorite recipe is my Grandma Sandy's sticky buns because they are so sticky.

Also everybody likes them in my family. She also makes them a lot and like three pan's worth.

She usually makes them when we go to the cabin.

Ingredients:
 2 Frozen bread dough
 13 by 9 pan
 1 cup of butter



1 c brown Sugar
 2 T cinnamon
 2 T+ milk
 cook n' serve vanilla or butterscotch pudding
 2 pieces of bread.

Cut frozen bread dough. Mix remaining ingredients, melt in sauce pan.

Cut on loaf 8 slices put them in the buttered pan add your cook n serve pudding.

Pour this over 1st bread.

Cut the second the same way, put around and in between 1st loaf; cover and refrigerate over night.

Bake at 350 for 25 minutes



My Favorite Recipe by Cooper Selph

I like Ant on a Log because it's crunchy and sweet and it sticks to your tongue. It's important to my family because I ate it every year and I had it win I was little. Also I can make it for my family.

Ingredients:
 Celery
 Peanut Butter
 Raisons

Directions:

Get a bunch of celery
 Add peanut butter on the celery
 Put raison on the log
 Enjoy!



My Favorite Recipe by Paighton Webber

My favorite holiday recipe is our holiday cookies! I love my cookies because we as a family make cookies. We even leave cookies for Santa! Then next morning we see if Santa eats our cookies that we made. Then we open our presents. Sometimes we bring them to THE GAME at nana's and papa's. It is really fun. The ingredients you need to make the holiday cookies are:

2c sugar
 1c butter
 1c milk
 6c flour
 1/2 tsp salt
 2 eggs
 2 tsp baking soda
 4tsp cream of tartar
 2 tsp vanilla

The directions are to cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and milk. Sift dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Add vanilla, roll and bake at 350 for 15-20 min. And there you go! Good cookies, nice!



My Favorite Recipe by Madison Kaehler

My favorite recipe is Cheesecake. My mom makes the best Cheese-

cake in the world! Sometimes my mom lets me help her, it's hard work. We usually eat it after dinner.

Crust 1/2 c graham cracker crumbs, 5 Tbsp. sugar, and 1/3 c melted butter

Filling 3-8 oz. packages cream, softened, 1/2 c sugar, 4 eggs separated, 1 Tbsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp Vanilla

Preheat oven to 325
Crust: combine all ingredients and press against.

Filling: in a bowl, use an electric mixer to mix together cream cheese, sugar, 4 egg yolks, lemon juice and vanilla.

In another bowl, beat 4 egg whites until stiff and creamy. Fold egg white into cream cheese mixture.

Pour filling in crust.

Bake for 35 minutes. Turn off oven and leave the cheesecake in the oven for 1 hour with the door closed.

Freeze several hours before serving. Remove from freezer and remove from pan before allowing the cheesecake to thaw

Enjoy!



nana make them I always want more. Here is the recipe:

1 cup oil
 4 eggs
 2 cups sugar
 1 15 oz. can pumpkin
 2 cups flour
 1 tsp baking soda
 2 tsp of baking powder
 2 tsp cinnamon
 1 tsp vanilla
 1 1/2 tsp salt

Here is how you make them. First you pour 1 cup of oil, 4 eggs, 2 cups of sugar, 1 15 oz. of can pumpkin, 2 cups of flour, 2 tsp of baking powder, 1 tsp of baking soda, 2 tsp of cinnamon, 1 tsp vanilla, 1 1/2 tsp salt. Then put the pumpkin mix into a pan. Then put the oven at 350 degrees. When it's done take it out of the oven. Then let it cool down. When it is done cooling down put cream cheese frosting on then enjoy!!!!



My Favorite Recipe by Cedar Stegall

My favorite holiday recipe is rainbow cupcakes. I like them because on my seventh birthday my mom made me rainbow cupcakes. We ate the cupcakes and I didn't even know but my teeth turned the color of the cupcakes! After the party was over we went home. The party was so fun I started to smile. My smile got bigger and bigger and then before you knew it you could see my teeth. When my mom walked in she jumped and told me my teeth were rainbow! So now on every birthday I ask for rainbow cupcakes.

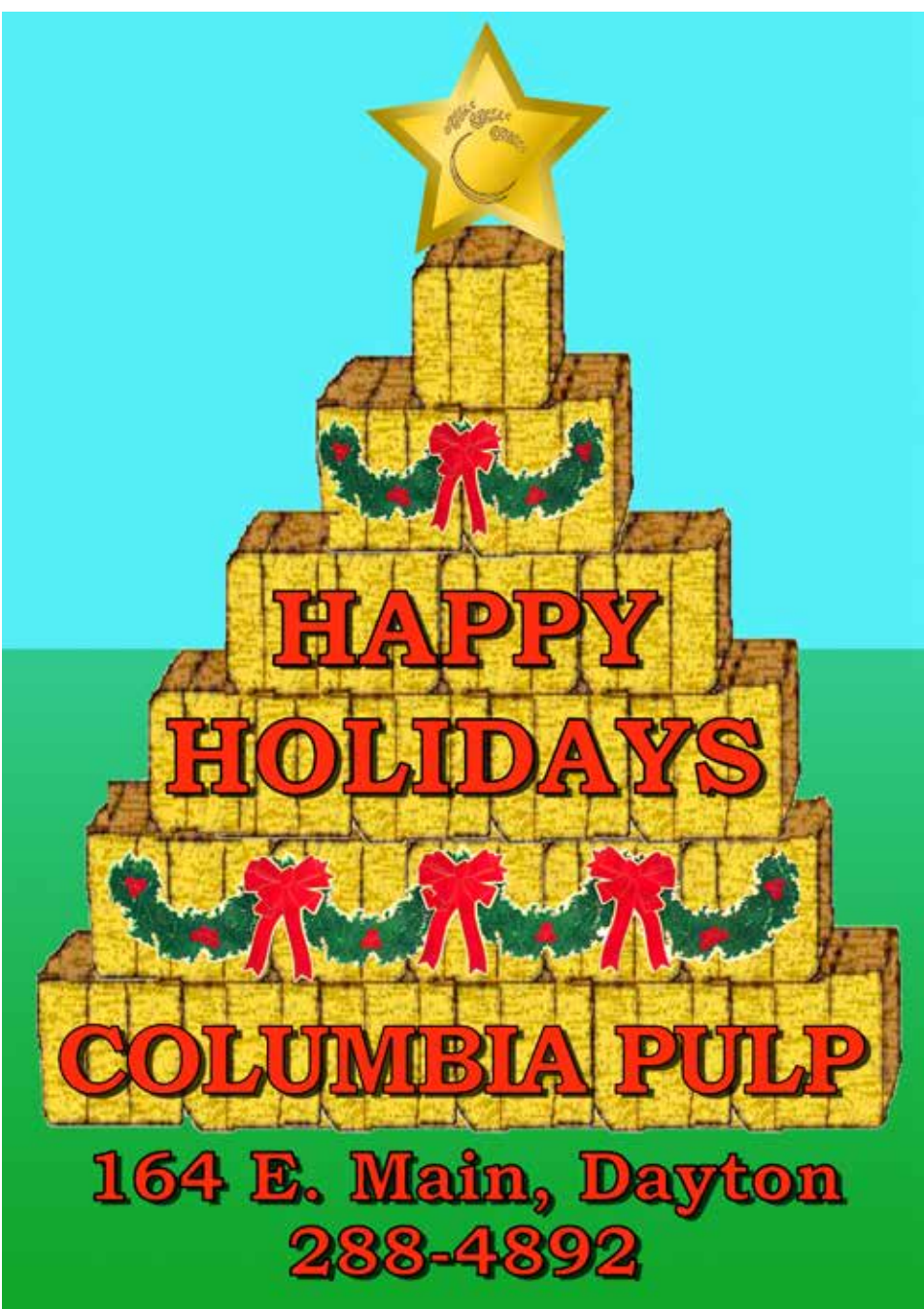
My Favorite Recipe by Paighton Webber

My favorite holiday recipe is pumpkin bars. When I was a little girl, me and my nana had a tradition. It was making pumpkin bars on the holidays. They are very good. Me and my whole family love them. They are my favorite dessert. Me and my nana usually make them around Thanksgiving and Christmas. When me and my

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Fourth Grade (cont.)

Ingredients:
 1 c. flour
 1 ½ tsp. baking powder
 ¼ tsp. salt
 ½ c. sugar
 2 large eggs
 ½ melted butter
 ½ c. buttermilk
 1 tsp. Vanilla extract
 red yellow green blue food coloring

How to:
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 12 cupcake liners in muffin tins. Mix dry ingredients. Then in a large bowl mix sugar, eggs, melted butter, buttermilk and vanilla. Add dry to wet and stir until just combined. Divide batter even out into 5 bowls. Mix each color in a separate bowl, layer and bake about 15 min.



My Favorite Recipe by Chasity Paddock

My favorite recipe is my aunt's ash cakes. One time she cooked them way too long. My dad tried to eat them. They were good and a little sour. They tasted weird. Ash cakes are good. You should try them.

The ingredients:
 1 cup buckwheat flour
 ½ cup muffin mix
 ¼ cup chopped walnuts

Directions:
 Mix the buckwheat and muffin mix in a bowl. Then add the walnuts and the water.



My Favorite Recipe by Preston Hinchliffe

My favorite recipe is my Mimi's macaroni salad. One Thanksgiving my Mimi made seafood salad instead of macaroni salad. I thought it was macaroni salad. I got some and I put some in my mouth then I spit it out on my plate. I thought it was nasty, but my family liked it. I was still glad Mimi brought it. Here is my Mimi's recipe for macaroni salad:

Ingredients
 1 box of salad macaroni
 6 hardboiled eggs (chopped small)
 ½ cups sweet pickles (cut small)
 ½ of chopped sweet onion (diced small)
 1 ½ cups of mayonnaise
 3 Tbsp. sweet pickle juice

Directions
 Mix cooked macaroni
 Add eggs
 Add pickles
 Add onions
 Mix together
 Add 1 ½ cups mayonnaise
 Add 3 Tbsp. sweet pickle juice
 Add salt and pepper to taste enjoy



My Favorite Recipe by Leah Long

Every year my mom and I make Peanut Butter Rice Krispie treats and they taste really good. We

like to wrap them up and then we pass them out to my family. And that's our tradition.

Ingredients:
 3 Tbsp. butter
 1 pkg. 10 oz. marshmallows
 6 cups of Rice Krispie cereal
 3 Tbsp. of peanut butter

Directions:
 Melt butter over low heat, add marshmallows and peanut butter. Stir until melted. Add peanut butter and squish into a pan. Let it cool and then cut into squares.



My Favorite Recipe by Antonio Sausedo

My favorite food is pizza because it is good. And it is my favorite food. My favorite type is pepperoni and I like it when we go to Pizza Hut.

Ingredients:
 1 ½ cups Original Bisquick™ mix
 ½ cup very hot water
 1 can (8 ounces) pizza sauce
 1 package (3 1/2 ounces) sliced pepperoni
 ½ cup sliced fresh mushroom
 ½ cup chopped bell pepper

Directions
 1. Heat oven to 450°F. Grease 12-inch pizza pan. Stir together Bisquick mix and very hot water; beat 20 strokes until soft dough forms.

2 Press dough in pizza pan. Spread pizza sauce over dough. Top with remaining ingredients.
 3. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until crust is golden brown and cheese is bubbly.

<http://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes/extra-easy-pizza/689039a4-8c43-4a9e-9d48-27b1b0dda2c3>

Fifth Grade ~ Gabe Kiefel ~ Letters



Dear Grandma,

The family is doing well and so are all 7 of the pets (2 dogs, 2 birds, 2 guinea pigs, and 1 rabbit). Our dogs sure have gotten bigger since the last time you saw them. Rocky (the reddish brown one) is taller than me if it stands on its back legs. Buster (the black and white one) is still kind of small, though. We are getting ready for the holidays, are you? Hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

From,
Julio Mercado



Dear those who read,

During April Fool's Day, my dad pranked me by getting a chocolate bunny and filling it with ranch dressing and I took a bite of it, it was nasty, but funny, too. In February, we went to Chuck E Cheese's for my brother's birthday. In January, it was my birthday and I had a birthday party at my Grandma's house. On Christmas, I got a watch, roller skates/blades, new clothes, a Sky Viper, and about 2 or 3 video games.

Sincerely,
Ben Gascon

Dear Waitsburg,

This year has been great. I went on a trip to Yellowstone. There were lots of animals and bison. My birthday is coming and I'm kind of excited to turn 11, but I don't really want to get shots and stuff. I figured out that I have a sister named



Chloe and she's 13 and she's a little crazy on a motorcycle, but I still like her. I played football on the Seahawks. Although we didn't do so well, it was still fun to play. One bad thing is that I chipped my tooth two times; one time when my cousin kneed me in the face and another time I face-planted on a longboard. I did 4-H and I raised two pigs named Kevin and Brian. One weird thing is that Brian was a girl. These things helped make the year of 2016 really fun.

Sincerely,
Jayce Gleason



Dear people,

This year has been pretty good so far. My favorite thing I did over the summer was go to the Enchanted Forest in Portland, OR. I went with my grandpa and my cousin. They are my favorite people in the world. The rides I went on were not that scary. I mean I thought they weren't but my cousin thought they were. We didn't go on a lot of rides, though. However, I still had a lot of fun. One of the rides we rode was a little scary but not really scary. I had really fun going to the Enchanted Forest. Anyway, I hope your year went well and you have a good year to come.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Garcia



Dear Family and Friends,

This year I started 4-H and it's already fun we have been in the Dayton parade and the Waitsburg parade. Also my dad is on the Walla Walla fair board so I camped there for a week and spent time with some friends and go on all sorts of rides. In school we all got new Chromebook this year and that's what I typed this on. Today December 1 we all made a portrait of are self and we also mad cup bells for the downtown Christmas tree and what I want for Christmas is an Xbox 1.

Sincerely,
Amy Bly



Dear readers,

This year was crazy, fun, and eventful. I went to the Pendleton Water Park with my cousin Alyssa. I also won a costume award at 4-H camp on sports night. My costume was borrowed, so I gave the prize to the person I got the costume from. I was a good goalie in this soccer season. I was in the Umpa Lumpas soccer team. I got to see my Uncle Gobo (Collin) in Davenport last spring. I made 11 things for thanksgiving, which included pie and beans dip. Lastly, I got to shoot targets and shaving cream with my father. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Sincerely,
Adelaide Johnson

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Fifth Grade (cont.)



to my summer included my two pigs, Breakfast and Brunch, both making weight at the Walla Walla Fair and the Dayton fair. I'm excited to see what the 2017 year brings as I count down six days from Christmas to a "Happy New Year!" Hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Makenna Barron
2016-2017 5th grader at Waitsburg Elementary School

Dear Waitsburg,

This year has been fun. I spent a month of the summer in Oregon with my mom and sister, visiting my grandma. During that month, I spent a lot of it at the beach. When I got home I stayed home for a week then me and my family went back to the beach and my brother and sister buried me in the sand from neck to toe. I also went on a pirate ship at the Pirate Days in Oregon. This year I was in The Christmas Story play. Not too long ago, I joined a 4-H group called Pen Pals. I went to my mom's family reunion for the first time. At the family reunion there was a lady that said "No jumping in the bounce castle." I thought that was weird. Even though I couldn't jump I had fun. This year has been fun.

Sincerely,
Laney Crow



Dear people that read this,

I had a pretty good year, if I do say so myself. My favorite thing this summer was winning the title of 2016 Washington Little Rodeo Queen. The events that followed this honor included going to Canada for the Calgary Stampede and a variety of different events as well. This was a very fun experience for me. Another cool thing about this year was my grandma getting a new puppy and naming her Binky. She is a Blue Heeler and is ADORABLE! A good end



Dear friends and family,

This year has been eventful. Last year, in 2016, I was in 4th grade and I moved to 5th grade, it was hard because Mrs. Coulston was my favorite but, I like Mr. Kiefel too. When I was at my Grammy's for Thanksgiving for two days, then I went to Potlatch Idaho with my dad, Hoile and her son Ben. My dad and Hoile got engaged last summer but they haven't married yet and I really like Hollie, Hollie makes really good food. When it was summer I went to the pool and I went to Clarkston and swam with my dad, Hollie and Ben. My summer was fun!

Sincerely,
Teighan Anderson



Dear people of Waitsburg,

Lots of things happened this year. First of all, I raised a pig and sold it for around

\$825. For my birthday, I went to a family fun center and I played LOTS of laser tag, and I rode the go-carts. That was my favorite part of the summer. After that, I went to

Silverwood and I rode the Round-up ride seven times! I also went to the Waitsburg pool a lot and got a lot better at jumping my bike this summer as well. I also went to two weddings. One was in Idaho, at that same wedding, my uncle and I hiked a trail that was really cool. My grandma came all the way from Texas this year to visit. Shortly after, I went to a birthday party with Daniel Foley. 2016 was a very fun year.

Sincerely,
Joshua Reser



Dear Waitsburg Citizens,

It has been a good year. I hope you have had good year, too. This year I was on the Dayton Swim Team and went to the championship and almost broke a record in Colfax. I'm really excited for next year. Maybe I'll be able to break the record. Every Wednesday I go to Awanas, which is in Walla Walla. At Awanas I do games like Shipwreck and Rat Race and sing and study the bible.

Sincerely,
Jady Martinez



Dear Readers,

This year has been eventful! I harvested a bear in Idaho. I went on an elk hunt, but came up empty. It was a lot of fun! I saw lots of elk, but I couldn't get a bead on any of them. I went on a duck and goose hunt which was great, we shot 19 ducks. It was my dad, his buddy Todd, and me. He had a really good retriever! It retrieved 16 of

the ducks! My dog was being weird and only retrieved 3. It was embarrassing. We have trained every night since. Hi, Mom! That is what I can remember at this very moment, everyone. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Jasper Morrow



Dear Family and Friends,

This year was somewhat eventful. I got two new pairs of glasses just recently, which will improve my life significantly. I might go and look at a horse. I've ridden my cousin's horses. I will look at this horse on the way back from Leavenworth. I might buy it with the pig money I earned from selling two pigs at the Walla Walla and Dayton Fairs. Okay, I have to get back to my stories now.

Sincerely,
Kylee Henry



Dear friends and family,

I'd like to talk about hunting and fishing. This summer I went to the river by my house. I got a lot of fish and I saw a muskrat. I went hunting this year. I shot a five-by-five buck, which was my fourth deer. I also shot a pheasant with my shotgun; I shot 4 more of them at my ranch. I shot 10 grouse with my 243 rifle and shotgun. I also caught a 29 pound fish in a little pond in Dayton and it was 35 inches. I caught 19 or 20 fish in the river by my house; they all were trout. This is what I did this year so far.

Sincerely,
ZACK NORRIS

Dear Reader,

Last summer, while camping with my grandpa, I shot a bird with the pellet gun I got for Christmas. It fell to the ground. One day, my mom took me to Bicycle Barn and bought me a Redline for \$350. I was on an undefeated soccer team until we lost the last game which made us sad. During summer break, I went to California with my mom, her friend, and his daughter. We were in the car for 16 hours straight. It wasn't that fun in the car. When we got there, we unpacked our things in a hotel room, stretched our legs, and went to lunch. In November, Johnny, Vanessa, Vaida, and I took a 4 hour and 27 minute trip to Portland for the weekend to visit my mom. We all liked my mom's place.

Sincerely,
Cohen Allen Vails Rauch

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Fifth Grade (cont.)



Dear people of Waitsburg,

This year has been eventful. I almost got bit by a snake. I've seen 8 of my cousins. We built forts and played games. I went to Disneyworld and Universal Studios. I got to go trick-or-treating in Disneyworld. I've been shooting with my grandpa. I hit a can every time. My sister had a birthday on December, 3. These are a few reasons my year has been eventful.

Sincerely,
Wyaitt Booth



Dear Family and Friends,

One time this summer I when to a birthday party and we all had a lot of

fun. The most fun thing was that we jumped on a bouncy house and got soaked because it was raining that day. When the birthday girl opened her presents and read her Uncle Jason's card, everybody started crying because it was so sweet. After everybody went home, I stayed the night with them and her cousin stayed, too. We stayed up all night. The next day when their cousin went home we went to Pioneer Day and listened to the Switchgrass Delta. After we had a little more fun I went to their grandma's house with their cousin. Then my step-dad came and picked me up and I went home.

Sincerely,
Marahsyn Russell



Dear Family and friends,

Do you wonder what I did and am going to do this year? This year has been fun. I have had a lot of fun playing with my friends Weston, Kairi, Natalie, and Cohen. One day, my Dad surprised me at school and took me to lunch. My Mom and my brothers are the best family anyone could

ask for. I'm going to the "North Pole" on a train on December 18th. I got a video game I wanted recently for my birthday. I got two cooler nerf guns. That's what I did and am going to do. Looking forward to next year!

Sincerely,
Blake French



Dear family and friends,

This year has been so fun. One of the things me and my family did in 2016 is white water rafting with our friends. We had very crazy times. On our three day rafting trip I fell off the raft and it was pretty funny. We had a really good times jumping off bridges and hitting lots of rocks. My rafting trip was fun and crazy but I had lots of fun with my family and friends. (It's all about family and friends.)

Sincerely,
McKenzie Miller

Dear Patrons of Waitsburg,

This year has been fun. First, I went to Great Wolf Lodge. I had my birthday party and turned 11. I like hunt-



ing and fishing. I got a new room and my friend helped me decorate it. My brother turned 4 on Halloween. I raised two pigs; I got Grand Champion in Dayton. My Walla Walla pig's name was Porky Junior and my Dayton pig's name was Felicia. I loved Felisha more because she got me grand champion and I got to spend time with my friends and family. I shot a three-by-three deer and I went to the river a lot. I cracked my phone so I got a new phone, which I dropped in the river. And Donald Trump got elected President. I had a good year.

Sincerely,
Peyton Struckmeier

Dear family and friends,

This year has been eventful for the following reasons. It's going to be exciting this year because we are going skiing in the winter. This year I quit soccer. I raise pigs and made \$600 which was good. I went to the fair and went on the rides I never have before, for example: The Zipper, Fireball, and Rockstar.



Last summer, I got a concussion from football so that was bad and good because I got to skip a whole bunch of school. Last summer, I jumped off a ladder going up to a bridge into water so that was fun. I shot my first deer this year, which was exciting. Last year, I past 4th grade which was good. And that's what I did over this last year.

Sincerely,
Cyson Morris



Dear people of Waitsburg or any other readers outside of town,

This year has been a blast and I bet Christmas is going to be even better. This year I am in the 5th grade. This summer was

my first summer going to the Prescott pool. I went to the Walla Walla Fair for the first time, as well. My favorite part was going to Silverwood. During the school year I was hopping for coach Bartlow but there is a new coach and his name is Mr. Mauri. The first science kit was fun because we got to build dams and villages during school. My group's dam did hold against the river when we tested it. In Girl Scouts I got a pin to put on my sash because I have been in Girl-Scouts for a year now. The 2016 year has been really fun.

Sincerely,
Kairi Dahlby



Dear readers,

I regret to inform you that this year has been quite uneventful. First, it rained for the second year in a row on Halloween. I ate some cereal. I played at Blake's house. My grandma's cat died. Oh yeah, Trump was elected. That's about it. Here's to next year.

Sincerely,
Weston Keown



Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!
From Wilbur-Ellis

