



Lane Gwinn

The Waitsburg Elementary School presented its annual Winter Concert on December 16, at the High School Auditorium. Soloist Gracie Compton is joined by her friends and classmates to open the show to a packed audience.

## THIS WEEK



Mexican Wedding Cookies  
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Waitsburg Elementary Holiday fare  
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(above) Brandon Leroue and Griffen Hichliffe provide bass and guitar accompaniment to the evening's performances.



Music teacher Elizabeth Jagelski directs the young singers from the Second Grade.

## Wine of the Week

Lujon 2020 Syrah

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

This is pure Walla Walla Syrah – rich and loaded with black fruits, along with notes of coffee, chicory, graphite and baker's chocolate. Without the usual co-fermentation with Viognier there is little citrus and none of the bitterness, just lush and delicious fruit. Lujon is based in the Willamette Valley but winemaker John Derthick has always made Washington wines as part of his overall program. The QPR (quality/price/ratio) on Lujon wines is exceptional, not only for this holiday-ready Syrah but across the entire lineup. See [www.paulgwine.com](http://www.paulgwine.com) for the rest of my Lujon reviews. 356 cases; 14.9%; \$28 (Walla Walla Valley) 93/100

<https://lujonwinecellars.com/product/2020-walla-walla-valley-syrah/>



## DW Combine survey results show community support

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Results from a community survey sent to the public by the Waitsburg School Board last month showed overwhelming support for continuing the athletic combine severed in November, according to results presented at the December 15 Waitsburg School Board meeting.

Last month, the Dayton School Board voted to end the DW Wolfpack athletic combine, effective January 2023, for middle school programs. This allowed the middle school boys' basketball team to finish the season as a combine but would split the girls' season to their respective schools. The vote was shocking and frustrating to many parents, athletes, and community members, as falling numbers of athletes had challenged the viability of sports teams for both the Waitsburg and Dayton schools.

In response to the Dayton School Board's decision, the Waitsburg School Board sponsored a community survey with five questions regarding the combine. The data were collected from December 2 through 8. The survey was available to parents, students, and community members in Dayton and Waitsburg.

The Dayton School Board and interim district superintendent were made aware of the survey and the intent to share the results publicly at the Combine Committee meeting scheduled for December 12. The chairman of the Dayton School Board acknowledged the receipt of the notice. However, the committee meeting was postponed until January.

The survey received 242 responses. Sixty-eight percent of responses came from Waitsburg community members, with the rest coming from Dayton residents. Most responses were submitted by parents (44%).

Both communities strongly supported the combine for the high school level, with 60% of Dayton and 83% of Waitsburg voting to continue the program. Dayton was less supportive of the combine at the middle school level, with only 25% of the supporting votes.

Dayton had six athletes turn out in the 2022-23 football season, while Waitsburg had nine.

Dayton had 20 middle school volleyball players, and Waitsburg provided 15.

Dayton had 11 athletes for boys' basketball, while Waitsburg had 24. Former DW Athletic Director Sam Korslund provided numbers.

Comments provided by 26 student respondents expressed the importance of thinking about what the students want rather than what the adults want from the combine. This echoed comments from students since the combine first began approximately seven years ago.

Summary of the 54 comments from parents noted that since a decision had been made, it was time for both schools to move on. Comments from residents in both school districts mentioned the need to improve coaching and provide co-op opportunities should either school not have enough to field a team.

Other comments expressed concerns regarding the intent, communication, fairness, and integrity of the adults involved in leading the combine. Of the forty community members who left comments, some referenced the camaraderie and relationships

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### AT THE LIBERTY: "Black Adam"

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Nearly 5,000 years after he was bestowed with the almighty powers of the ancient gods—and imprisoned just as quickly—Black Adam (Dwayne Johnson) is freed from his earthly tomb, ready to unleash his unique form of justice on the modern world.

Rotten Tomatoes critics didn't like the film, giving it only a 39% favorable rating. The audience disagreed, and rated it 88% favorable.

The audience summary on the Rotten Tomatoes website included, "With lots of action, solid effects, and a story you don't have to be a comics fan to follow, 'Black Adam' is one of the best DC movies to date."

This movie is rated PG-13 (for sequences of strong violence, intense action and some language). Commonsense media said the movie "becomes a dull smash-and-bash-fest without much time for character development or anything else. Expect large-scale action violence, explosions/destruction, guns and shooting, and lots of fighting. Many characters (including women and children) are killed, sometimes in gruesome, though bloodless, ways: electrocution, stabbing, etc." It is rated 4 out of 5 for levels of violence and scariness for children. Runtime is 124 minutes.

"Black Adam" will run on Friday, Dec. 23 and Tuesday, Dec. 27, as the theater will be closed on Christmas eve and Christmas day.


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### REBECCA'S LODGE WILL BE MISSED!

Madam Editor,

I write to bid fond farewell to a Starbuck, Washington institution. Rebecca's Lodge closed its doors after serving its last meal on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

Tiina and I drove to Starbuck from Waitsburg that morning to mark the end of an era and to enjoy a great breakfast.

The house was full of folks catching up with family and friends. Being a small town (population 120), everyone minded their own business. More or less.

It was about 9:30 a.m. when a young couple sat with their children at the next table. They began by ordering brimming full "Imperial Pints" (20oz) of Laht Neppur beer, which escaped no one's attention. The couple was joined by a friend who blurted aloud what we were all thinking: "Boy! That's a bit aggressive at this hour".

Licking foam from his upper lip, the fellow responded, "well, we figured this will be the last time we'll enjoy a draft beer in Starbuck any time soon."

Touché! I considered joining them for a toast but stuck to coffee because I had to drive Tiina's '78 Ford F150 on bald tires back to Waitsburg on icy roads.

When Carol Wildman (the owner) asked what we'd like for breakfast, I asked what she would recommend. "Everything!" she replied. With the same well-earned confidence and attention to detail, Carol and her husband, Floyd, did a wonderful job renovating the 1910-era Starbuck Drug Company building -and keeping the lights on in this charming town.

I will miss this warm gathering place, and I hope someone steps in to fill the void. Kindly pass the word: the Wildman's may be willing to pass the baton to the right buyer. The value of safe, warm, and welcoming gathering spaces in rural towns with hot coffee and farm-fresh eggs cannot be overstated.

Perhaps, for this reason, Carol was genuinely interested in what Tiina and I were doing in Waitsburg, but she was too busy taking care of all her guests to complete a sentence. Still, I couldn't help asking why she was closing shop.

"Well," she replied, "I got old. It's just time to do something else." She continued, "...and tomorrow, I'll be a free woman! So, I'll be sure to come out and visit."

If you've enjoyed Rebecca's Lodge or simply grateful for the Wildman's keeping the lights on in Starbuck, add them to your holiday card list. (Rebecca's Lodge, 211 Main Street, Starbuck WA 99359) A simple "Thank You" goes a long way.

With appreciation,  
Joe Roberts  
The Royal Block

### SURVEY - FROM PAGE 1

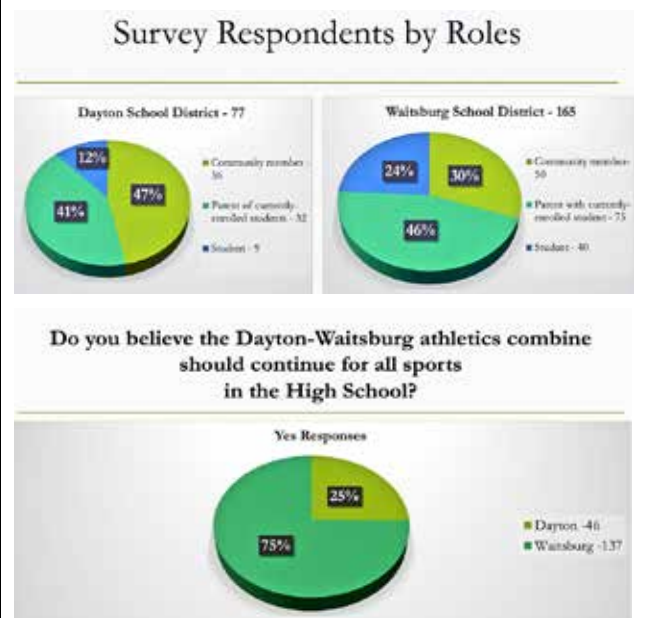
developed between the athletes and concerns that splitting the combine would take that away from the kids.

One commenter wrote, "if the students from both Waitsburg and Dayton express an interest in continuing the DW Combine so they may fully participate in all sports at all levels, then I support them, AND we, the adults need to learn to better communicate, collaborate, and cooperate on their behalf. Let's put aside differences as regards to the past and move forward for our students- our future!"

Two board members from each district will meet to discuss the combine survey results and the future of athletics for the schools. The representatives have not decided when or where the meeting will take place. The Waitsburg School Board is hopeful that the meeting will result in recommendations to be presented at both districts' regular meetings in January.

Preparing to move forward, Waitsburg School District has hired Karen Huwe as the middle school girls' basketball coach and Dirk Hansen as the district's new athletic director. The girls' basketball season will start in January, when schools return from winter break.

A copy of the survey results presentation will be available at [www.waitsburgtimes.com](http://www.waitsburgtimes.com).



(above) Slides from the DW Combine survey presentation given at the December Waitsburg School Board meeting.



### BIRTHDAYS

**December 22:** Paul Gregutt, Micah Winnett, Kara Largent, Callie Dueñas, Forrest Mock, Gordon Bateman, Suzanne DeCoria, and Marell Patricia Hubbard.

**December 23:** Tyler Hofer, Joyce Beckley, Claire Raven, Alta Daniel, Larry Bickelhaupt, Lorene Brown, Kim Douglas, Richard Bessey, Karen Lambert, and Chelsea Gore.

**December 24:** Shirley Kitterman, Carolyn O'Brien, Shane Hilton, Mary Conner, Barbara Wagener, Tracey Harper, and Karen Stroobants.

**December 25:** Solon Pietila, Donna Manley, Les Richardson, Sonia Borrowdale, Annette Becker, Carol Hevel, Dalton Carlisle, and Neil Maxwell.

**December 26:** Sandra Farley, Sydney Claire Brook-

shire, Jennifer Nielsen, and Margie Douglas.

**December 27:** Everett Wright, Laura Keyser, Veronica Hartwell, Adam Branson, and Marcus Mead.

**December 28:** Brendan Donovan, Peggy Baker Mudd, Marie Leonard, Nancy Otterson, Jo Ann Perry, Ellie McWilliams, Scott Huwe, Gail Harshman, Sarah Chromy, Kelly Jo Lyons, Janice Mason Eather-ton, Christopher Danforth, Richelle Coleman, Jayce Gleason, and Jay Dimak.



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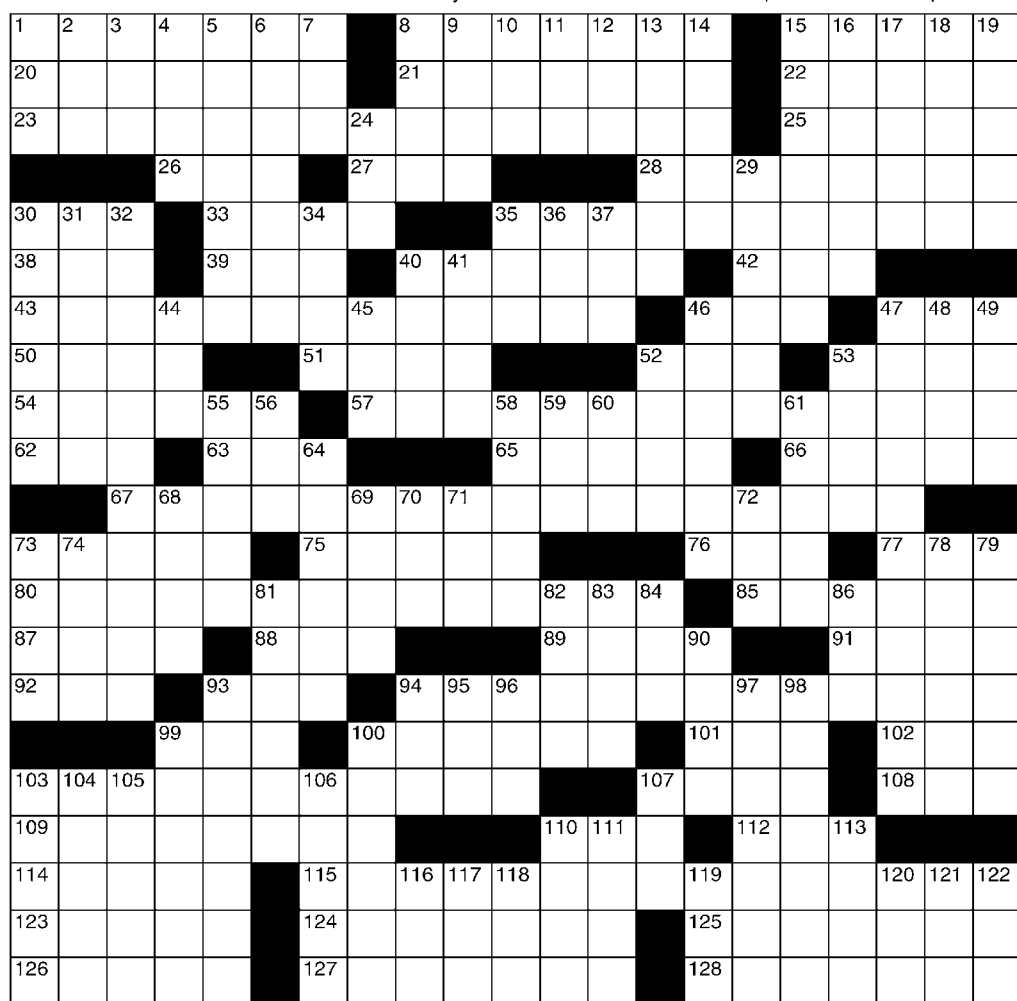
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## Super Crossword

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- 1 Many musical mélanges
  - 8 Modular homes
  - 15 Two-time Washington senator
  - 20 Airplane flier
  - 21 Cannes area
  - 22 Relaxes
  - 23 Wife of Henry VIII who was always mimicking people?
  - 25 One of five womb-mates
  - 26 Cookout pest
  - 27 Photo — (PR events)
  - 28 Ripen
  - 30 Suffix with govern
  - 33 Computer game family
  - 35 Guy who directs films in a very mechanical manner?
  - 38 Bashful
  - 39 Intensely cold
  - 40 "Falstaff" and "Fidelio"
  - 42 Madrid cheer
  - 43 King Arthur's chauffeur?
  - 46 Pro song selectors
  - 47 Giant bird of lore
  - 50 Rock concert gear
  - 51 Dog command
  - 52 Python's kin
  - 53 Je ne sais —
  - 54 War general
  - 57 Apportion something erroneously?
  - 62 Glam rocker
  - 63 XI less IV
  - 65 Actress
  - 66 Young girl
  - 67 What Archie Bunker said when a discriminatory comment got him in trouble?
  - 73 Up until now
  - 75 Stood up
  - 76 Auditing gp.
  - 77 Year, in Rio de Janeiro
  - 80 Walk around with a voting slip?
  - 85 Einstein's language
  - 87 War deity
  - 88 Reel go-with
  - 89 Singer
  - 91 Omar of "Juice"
  - 92 Mao — -tung
  - 93 Coll. dorm monitors
  - 94 High rubber footwear item worn while catching crustaceans?
  - 99 Jan. preceder
  - 100 Food scarcity
  - 101 High no. for a valedictorian
  - 102 Suffix with pay
  - 103 Wine with a childproof lock on its bottle?
  - 107 Get really wet
  - 108 Knight's title
  - 109 Primitive calculators
  - 110 Valuable strike
  - 112 Parlay, say
  - 114 One staring
  - 115 Actress
  - 123 Didn't dine out
  - 124 Subscription extension
  - 125 High-fat fruit
  - 126 Hatchlings' hangouts
  - 127 In the optimal case
  - 128 Made a duplicate of, in a way
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Buddy
  - 2 Gardner or DuVernay of the screen
  - 3 Dog command
  - 4 "Funny!"
  - 5 Ladle, for one
  - 6 Colonnaded entrance
  - 7 — Lanka
  - 8 Get set, for short
  - 9 Splits
  - 10 Actress
  - 11 Pine relative
  - 12 — Lingus
  - 13 Fizzy stomach settlers
  - 14 Occupied, as a booth
  - 15 Films with a "II" appended
  - 16 "House" actor
  - 17 Chinese, e.g.
  - 18 Al — (pasta order)
  - 19 Aromatic compound
  - 24 Rejections
  - 29 "Iliad" figure
  - 30 Bust out of
  - 31 Tribal healer
  - 32 Enjoying the benefits of an effective medication
  - 34 Folklore tale
  - 35 Give gas to
  - 36 Valuable strike
  - 37 Gin mill
  - 40 Hershiser of the diamond
  - 41 Tylenol unit
  - 44 Part of i.e.
  - 45 Drug bust gp.
  - 46 Scale starter
  - 47 Liquid carpet cleaners
  - 48 — and aahs
  - 49 Dot on a map
  - 52 Nut go-with
  - 53 Conk out
  - 55 Female organ
  - 56 Diarist Anaïs
  - 58 Balcony window
  - 59 Dress smartly, with "out"
  - 60 "Alice" spinoff
  - 61 Tickle
  - 64 Popular potatoes
  - 68 Acoustic pair
  - 69 TV horse of the '60s
  - 70 Age-revealing stat
  - 71 Troop gp.
  - 72 Pt. of NOW
  - 73 Sing jazzily
  - 74 Boat movers
  - 78 Port of Italia
  - 79 GM
  - 81 Actor Morgan and singer
  - 82 Been abed
  - 83 "It's either you —"
  - 84 Bit of advice
  - 86 Yank's foe
  - 90 Name in frozen waffles
  - 93 See 119-Down
  - 94 — Remo
  - 95 Med. plan
  - 96 Household dye brand
  - 97 In heaven, say
  - 98 Go toward
  - 99 Subterfuge
  - 100 Did some angling
  - 103 "Cosmos" author Carl
  - 104 Drop off
  - 105 Unsettles
  - 106 — dish
  - 107 — -pitch
  - 110 Using speech
  - 111 In a lazy way
  - 113 Tortilla snack
  - 116 Ethyl ending
  - 117 TV's Arthur
  - 118 Piercing tool
  - 119 With 93-Down, many mid-April mailings
  - 120 Preventive shot, for short
  - 121 Lofty verse
  - 122 Drop off



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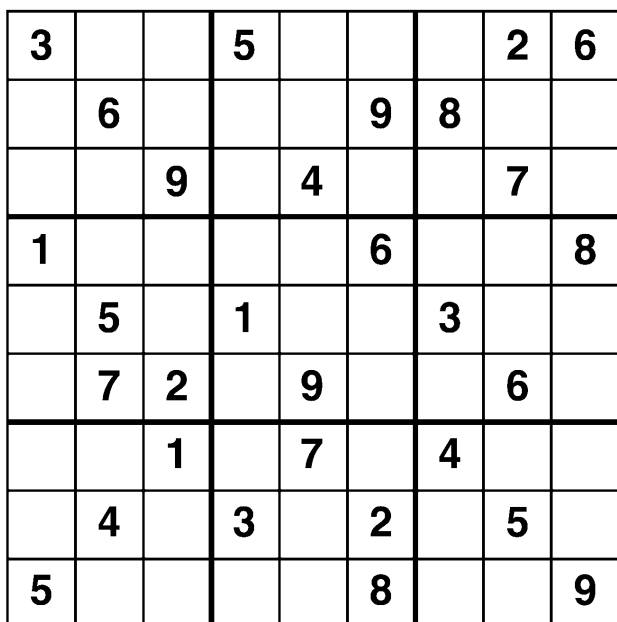
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by Linda Thistle

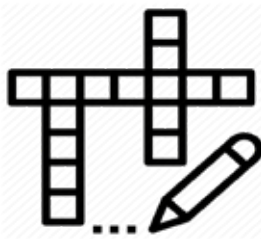


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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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

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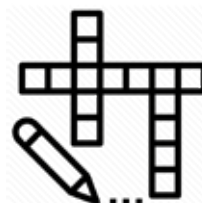
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 CAROL CHANNING TBILISI  
 STAG OOPSOT BAR ACE  
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 MARCIA CROSS ONEILL  
 OMAHA HYDE JANCLAYTON  
 NAMATH ARMENIA NARY  
 ITOR ISM INE EYEPIECE  
 CINDY CRAWFORD ALS  
 ASA AKITA ATARI ATA  
 EMO GREGMORTENSON  
 PARTSKIM OVA YEA ISLA  
 ALEC GOPHERS GOSEEK  
 PETERLORRE BOAS MARDI  
 TOATEE BOBBYVINTON  
 ALICEWALKER ASNIT  
 NUN ONS TEE TON PEAS  
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 MINICAM ANDREI LENORE  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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8	3	9	6	7	5	2	1	4
7	4	1	3	2	9	8	6	5
6	5	2	4	8	1	7	9	3



## MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

# Mexican Wedding Cookies



While I love sharing treats from my kitchen throughout the year, there is something extra satisfying about gifting edible delights during the winter holiday season. Baking batches of assorted cookies while humming Christmas carols to myself (and sipping boozy eggnog) in the kitchen is a guilty pleasure. From ginger-spiced cookies and chocolate crinkles to colorful iced sugar cookies, I have collected several recipes over the years that always make beloved gifts.

These tender cookies, which have several alternate names including polvorones or Russian tea cakes, are the perfect balance of buttery shortbread and rich chopped pecans. To elevate this classic cookie, I have added bright orange zest and a pinch of spice. Finished with a generous rolling in powdered sugar, these lovely confections look like they have been dusted by fresh snow.

### Ingredients:

- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- Zest of one orange
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup pecans, finely chopped
- ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 to 2 teaspoons ice water, if needed
- Powdered sugar for rolling

### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the ½ cup powdered sugar with the butter and cream together with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Mix in the vanilla and orange zest until fully combined.

Next, add the flour, pecans, salt, and cloves. Mix until a crumbly dough forms. If the mixture is too dry, add a little ice water, 1 teaspoon at a time until the dough just begins to clump together. Don't overmix. Cover and chill for at least 15 minutes in the refrigerator.

Use a tablespoon to scoop dough, then use your hands to gently press and roll into 1-inch balls. Don't overwork the dough. Place on baking sheets an inch apart. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until cookies are set and just beginning to lightly turn golden around the bottom edge. Rotate pans halfway through the baking time.

Remove from the oven and allow the cookies to cool for 2 to 5 minutes on the pans. In a shallow bowl, roll the still warm cookies in powdered sugar. Sugar should lightly melt into thin glaze. Place cookies on a wire rack and allow them to completely cool. Finally, re-roll cooled cookies in powdered sugar, making an even coating all around the cookies.

### Notes:

Of course, substitutions are allowed so long as the basic ratios are honored. Instead of pecans you could use walnuts, hazelnuts, or even toasted almonds. You could also increase the spice notes by adding some cinnamon or nutmeg.

These delicate cookies will melt in your mouth and are particularly lovely served with tea or coffee. They are a wonderful choice to be part of a large holiday cookie spread. Wishing my readers a safe and joyous holiday season. Enjoy.



# LEGALS

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 22 4 00233 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of RUSTY BUTLER, Deceased.

The Administrators named below have been appointed as co-Administrators of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator, or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Administrator served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice.

If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

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Superior Court Cause Number: 22 4 00233 36  
DATED this 14 day of November, 2022.  
/s/ TIFFANY BUTLER, Co-Administrator  
/s/ MISTY BUTLER, Co-Administrator  
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**Superior Court of Washington, Walla Walla County**  
No. 22-4-00253-36  
Probate Notice to Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)  
In re the Estate of Amy Melissa Armstrong, Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must

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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

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In Re the Estate of WILLIAM DEAN STONECIPHER, Deceased.  
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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 22-4-00252-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: JAMESETTE DEE RUKAVINA, Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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## Superior Court of Washington County of Walla Walla

No. 22 4 00250 36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)  
In re the Estate of: DAVID DUANE BLANKENSHIP, Deceased.  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE  
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Attorney for the Personal Representative: David M. Rose  
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Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Walla Walla County Superior Court # 22 4 00250 36  
SIGNED THIS 1st day of December, 2022, at Walla Walla, WA by: /s/ Darrell K. Unrue,  
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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 22-4-00238-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of:

RCW 11.40.030  
LARS DAVID DYBALL, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
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Attorney for the Personal Representative: Julie E. Karl, WSBA #45950  
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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 22 4 00256 36 PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of DAVID L. FRASCO, Deceased.  
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented

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Personal Representative: EMILIE GWYN FRASCO  
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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE NO. 22-4-02569-0 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES D. PLANK, Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

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## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE/TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHT UNDER THREE (3) SURFACE WATER CERTIFICATES

TAKE NOTICE: That WA DNR of Ellensburg, WA, has made an application for change/transfer of water right in order to change the point of diversion, and a portion of the place of use, as granted under Surface Water Certificate Nos. 11863, S3-22838(B) and S3-26456.

That Surface Water Certificate No. 11863 authorizes the diversion of 7.34 cubic feet per second, 1864 acre-feet per year, from January 1 to December 31, each year for the irrigation of 466 acres.

That the authorized point of diversion is from the Snake River (Lake Sacajawea), a tributary of the Columbia River, within Gov't Lot 6 of Sec. 19, T. 9 N., R. 32 E.W.M., Walla Walla County, WA.

That the authorized place of use is Section 36, T. 9 N., R. 31 E.W.M.; All less roads and rights of way, Walla Walla County, WA.

That Surface Water Certificate No. S3-22838(B) authorizes the diversion of 8.62 cubic feet per second, 1802.25 acre-feet per year, from January 1 to December 31, each year for the irrigation of 388.01 acres.

That the authorized point of diversion is from the Snake River, a tributary of the Columbia River, within the NE¼ of Sec. 19, T. 9 N., R. 32 E.W.M., Walla Walla County, WA.

That the authorized place of use is all of Section 16, T. 8 N., R. 32 E.W.M.; less that portion of the NW¼ that was deeded to Washington and Columbia River Railway Company on January 7, 1901, recorded in Volume 1 of Deeds, page 152; and less right of way and waste lands; Walla Walla County, WA.

That Surface Water Certificate No. S3-26456 authorizes the diversion of 3.69 cubic feet per second, 415 acre-feet per year, from January 1 to December 31, each year for the irrigation of 166 acres.

That the authorized point of diversion is from the Columbia River (Lake Wallula) within the S½SW¼ of Sec. 3, T. 7 N., R. 31 E.W.M., Walla Walla County, WA.

That the authorized place of use is the N½ of Sec. 16, lying north of the Pacific Power and Light Powerline in T. 7 N., R. 32 E.W.M., Walla Walla, WA.

That they propose to change the point of diversion to the SW¼ of Section 21, T. 9 N., R. 31 E.W.M., Franklin County, WA.

That they propose to change a portion of the place of use to Section 16, T. 9 N., R. 31 E.W.M., Franklin County, WA.

All within Walla Walla and Franklin County, Washington. 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 29, 2022.

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# Christmas in Waitsburg

The Times presents holiday writing from Waitsburg Elementary School students.

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

## Eleanora Montgomery's Waitsburg Pre Schoolers send Santa their lists

"This Christmas I want Santa to bring me:"



A toy Lambo car and a big remote control car.  
Myles Grende



A big new dollhouse.  
Lynlee Henry



A purple doll and a pink one too.  
Adilyn Knighton



A police car that goes fast.  
Phoenix Stahl



A big boy-fishing pole like my dad.  
Legend Richards



A girl doll and a paw patrol toy.  
Kinsley Tate



A brand new real john deer tractor.  
Aiden Zuger



A big train with tracks.  
Ethan Hays



A motorcycle racer  
Jesse Giacalone



A big truck like my dad.  
Axel Stenson



A remote control monster truck with a crane digger.  
Lane Eastman



A mother and sister toy.  
Sophia Chavez



Paw Patrol transformer car.  
Emerson Hahn



A big garbage truck.  
Landon Long



A big police motorcycle  
Israel Stahl



A big fire truck.  
James Watson



A remote control shark toy.  
Elijah Dahlby



Lots of rainbow toys.  
Ember Adams



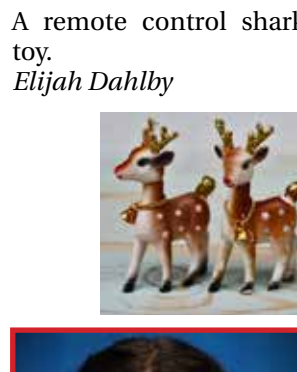
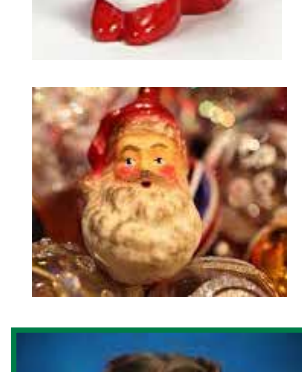
A remote control crane with tracks and a new bull for my herd.  
McKinley Melcher



American girl doll, the surprise one, and a nice dress.  
Kairi Schavrien



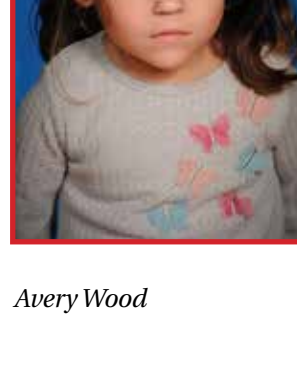
Stem Tron remote control off road monster truck.  
Flint Abel



Two pretty America doll.  
Kennedy Henze



A purple and pink doll-house with dolls.  
Olivia Leroue



Avery Wood



Rainbow roller skate.  
Chloe Abel

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# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

## Mrs Trump's Kindergarten class wrote letters to Santa



**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Michael, and I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg.

Do you make computers? I have been very good and kinda naughty!  
One thing I am very excited about is getting my computer because I like computers.

I would like to give Oliver a gift that both he and I would like, like police cars!  
Love,  
Michael

**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Elizabeth, and I am 5 years old. I live in Washington.

What do reindeer eat? I think they eat carrots. Tell me about Mrs. Clause! How is she doing?

I have been very good! One thing I am very excited about is getting presents because I like giving them to other people.

One gift I would like to give is some jewelry to my mom and sister because they like jewelry.  
Love,  
Elizabeth



**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Oliver, and I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg.

What do reindeer eat? I think they eat carrots.  
I have been kinda good & kinda naughty!

One thing I am very excited about is the presents because I like opening them and being surprised!

One gift I would like to give is a monster truck that has this ladder and these sirens on the front and the middle side, and it sprays water...like real water! I would give it to (looking around the room) Charlie because he is a nice friend.  
Love,  
Oliver

**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Cheyanne, and I am 5 years old. I live at home.

How are the elves? I have been good.  
One thing I am very excited about is Pooh. I like Pooh books.

One gift I would like to give is this.  
Love,  
Cheyanne



**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Charlie, and I am 6 years old. I live in Waitsburg.

Are the elves really busy? I think they are busy making toys for kids like special trucks and skateboards.

I have been kinda good & kinda naughty!  
One thing I am very excited about is setting out cookies and milk for you because it is my favorite thing to do!

One gift I would like to give is a hug to you because you are my favorite!  
Love,  
Charlie

**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Maddison, and I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg.

I love how your reindeer fly! I think they fly because they have a magic star on the sleigh. I know a lot about reindeer.

I have been good!  
One thing I am very excited about is when you give us presents because I love when you go down the chimney and you put the presents by the fireplace at my house.

One gift I would like to give is a hug to you because I love you so much!  
Love,  
Maddison



**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Sydney, and I am 5 years old. I live on Coppei Rd.

Where is Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer? I think he might be in the snow.

I have been very good!  
One thing I am very excited about is my presents and the Elf on the Shelf because I'm super excited for Christmas!

One gift I would like to give to Maddison is a stuffed animal unicorn that talks a little bit, because she likes unicorns!  
Love,  
Sydney

**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Avery, and I am 5 years old. I live next to Jennifer my neighbor.

What is your favorite toy? I think you like Santa toys!

I have been naughty!  
One thing I am very excited about is you bringing me presents because I love you!

I have a whole bunch of books (I have a Baby Jesus book that is really long, I'll have to find it) I would like to share to you, just "because".  
Love,  
Avery



**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Gracie, and I am 5 years old. I live here, in Waitsburg Washington.

What's your favorite cookie santa! I think you'd like chocolate chip. That's my favorite.

I have been really good.  
One thing I am very excited about is seeing you Santa! I am excited that you're going to get a new toy for me.

One gift I would like to give is a heart drawing because I like heart drawings.  
Love,  
Gracie

**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Gemma, and I am 5 years old. I live right by my two neighbors.

What's your favorite cookie? I think you would like a big heart cookie.

I have been happy. And I've been good.

One thing I am very excited about is magic toys. I think I'm going to get magic toys for Christmas.

I want to give my brother legos because he's a boy so he loves legos.  
Love,  
Gemma



Merry Christmas, from Jax

**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Foster, and I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg, and in Starbuck and I live in walla walla.

How do you eat all of those cookies? I think you would get a tummy ache.

I have been really good. Wait, like mostly good.

One thing I am very excited about is having Christmas with my family.

One gift I would like to give is a pair of black Nike crocks to my brother. Because he doesn't have crocks so I really want to get him some.  
Love,  
Foster



**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Brooklyn, and I am 5 years old. I live over here.

What do your reindeer eat? They eat apples.

I have been good. just good.  
One thing I am very excited about is Christmas and presents.

One gift I would like to give is... I don't know. Santa gives all the presents.  
Love,  
Brooklyn

**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Corben, and I am 6 years old. I live in Waitsburg.

Do you like Lego Super Heroes? I have been kinda good this year!

One thing I am very excited about is getting a Lego Hulk for Christmas.

One gift I would like to give is more coffee and hugs for mommy and daddy  
Love,  
Corben



**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Finley, and I am 6 years old. I live, like, here, in this town.

Tell me about Rudolph! I think he has a red nose, and that's all.

I have been very good!  
One thing I am very excited about is a Lego set, like I've never had a Lego Venom Hulk set!

I would like to give Mrs.Trump my brother's Lego Starwars set because its so cool and she would have fun with it! I just have a lot of Legos!  
Love,  
Finley

**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Talen, and I am 6 years old. I live out of Waitsburg and Dixie.

Do reindeer fly with magic powers? I think you give them Christmas powers.

I have been really good!  
One thing I am very excited about is to see my aunt LoLo because she plays with me.

One gift I would like to give is a book about tractors to my brother because he loves tractors!  
Love,  
Talen



**Dear Santa!**  
Hello, my name is Asher, and I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg.

Is your favorite cookie sprinkles or chocolate? My favorite is sprinkles! I would really want to see your reindeer.

I have kinda been good and probably a little bad, but not a lot!

One thing I am very excited about is getting to see your reindeer!

I would like to give you one of my toys to fix...my Chase Truck, because it got broken because my sister broke it.  
Love,  
Asher

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## Cinquain Poems by Stephanie Hinchliffe's First Grade class

Presents  
Square, colorful  
Buying, searching, unwrapping  
Santa brings me presents.  
Gifts  
by Catelynne Gascon



Reindeer  
Brown, magical  
Flying, delivering, prancing  
Reindeer fly Santa's sleigh.  
Caribou  
by Cannon Abel

Skating  
Hard, fast  
Turning, standing, falling  
Ice skating is fun!  
Gliding  
by Avery Hofer



Snowballs  
White, round  
Rolling, throwing, catching  
Snowball fighting with ELO-die!  
Snow  
by Annika Botts

Hot chocolate  
Delicious, yummy  
Warming, stirring, drinking  
Santa likes hot chocolate!  
Cocoa  
by Henley Hayes



Elves  
Fast, tricky  
Building, decorating, helping  
They wear pointy shoes.  
Helper  
by Mason Day



Santa  
Red, jolly  
Giving, helping, delivering  
He eats my cookies!  
Claus  
by Vaida Langford

Santa  
Giving, Jolly  
Driving, delivering, eating  
Santa flies a sleigh.  
St. Nick  
by Cooper Smith



Snowflakes  
White, pretty  
Falling, creating, floating  
Snowflakes are super cold.  
Flurry  
by Peyton Brunton



Elves  
Nice, helpful  
Spying, building, moving  
Watching me be good.  
Helper  
by Samson Hamilton



Elves  
Red, skinny  
Singing, playing, wrapping  
Elves like helping Santa!  
Elfies  
by Avery Spring

Snow  
White, cold  
Falling, drifting, piling  
Let's make a snowman.  
Snowflakes  
by Levi Dean



Reindeer  
Big, antlers  
Flying, prancing, jumping  
Reindeer fly at night.  
Elk  
by Jesse Jadin



Snowboarding  
Fast, cold  
Jumping, slipping, turning  
I'm good at it!  
Boarding  
by Michael Richards



Christmas Tree  
Green, lit  
Stringing, hanging, enjoying  
Christmas trees are awesome!  
Spruce  
by Carmine Pastorino

Bells  
Silver, gold  
Ringing, decorating, hanging  
I hear them ring.  
Sleigh bells  
by Cash Grende



Cookies  
Sweet, yummy  
Eating, mixing, baking  
Baking cookies for Santa.  
Sweets  
by Jace Jadin



Elves  
Colorful, tiny  
Building, watching, hanging  
Watching me be nice.  
Elfie  
by Noah Hatch



Reindeer  
Big, strong  
Running, prancing, flying  
They help Santa deliver.  
Rudolph  
by Quill McLaughlin

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# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

## Wenda Parr's Second Grade class wrote Diamante Poetry



Winter  
Cold, fun  
Snowing, singing, blowing  
Hot cocoa, blizzard, family, snow  
Sledding, sparkling, playing  
Icy, wet  
Season  
by Clive Bye



Winter  
Cold, icy  
Giving, snowing, caroling  
Snow, reindeer, Jesus, God  
Sledding, snowboarding, shivering  
White, snowy  
Season  
by Reagan Miller

Winter  
Sparkly, fun  
Giving, cooking, snowing  
Hot cocoa, Arctic Wolf, family, Christmas  
Playing, laughing, rolling  
Cold, snowy  
Season  
by Amelia Nesje



Winter  
Snow, hot cocoa  
Playing, rolling, building  
Santa, God, Jesus, Frosty  
Snowing, singing, blowing  
Music, candy cane  
Christmas  
by Gavin Watkins



Winter  
Cold, snowy  
Snowboarding, snowing, playing  
Snow, God, snowball, presents  
Shivering, freezing, sledding  
Frosty, cloudy  
Snow Days  
by Charlie Reger



Winter  
Cold, snowy  
Giving, loving, snowing  
Family, snow, presents, Santa  
Singing, trying, playing  
Cold, snowy  
Holiday  
by Olivia Long



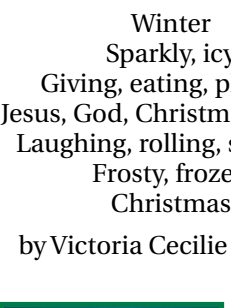
Winter  
Cold, icy  
Snowing, giving, singing  
Family, hot cocoa, Santa, music  
Playing, eating, sleeping  
Snowy, frozen  
Christmas  
by Dori Lynn Adkins



Winter  
Snowy, windy  
Sledding, giving, snowing  
Santa, snow, snowball, reindeer  
Sliding, glowing, rolling,  
Frozen, wet  
Santa  
by Isaac Knudsen



Winter  
Cold, icy  
Snowing, singing, giving  
Snow, Santa, snowball, hot cocoa  
Laughing, playing, rolling  
White, frozen  
Snow  
by Jase Brunton



Winter  
Sparkly, icy  
Giving, eating, playing  
Jesus, God, Christmas, family  
Laughing, rolling, snowing  
Frosty, frozen  
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Winter  
Snowy, blizzardy  
Sledding, eating, rolling  
Santa, music, popsicles, pool  
Sweating, playing, going  
Bright, sunny  
Summer  
by Sawyer Harvey



Winter  
White, icy  
Snowmobiling, snowboarding,  
rolling  
Jesus, Santa, Frosty the Snow-  
man, reindeer  
Eating, cooking, skiing  
Frosty, snowy  
Christmas  
by Stephen Lee Gillentine



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Bright, pool  
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Sledding, freezing, sharing  
God, snow, sled, elves  
Eating, giving, snowing  
Icy, white  
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Winter  
Cold, white  
Snowing, giving, throwing  
Lights, snowman, family, blizzard  
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Snowy, bright  
Season  
by Grace Eastman



Winter  
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Sledding, snowing, playing  
Elves, Santa, pool, water  
Sweating, running, swimming  
Sunny, bright  
Summer  
by Elise Pearson



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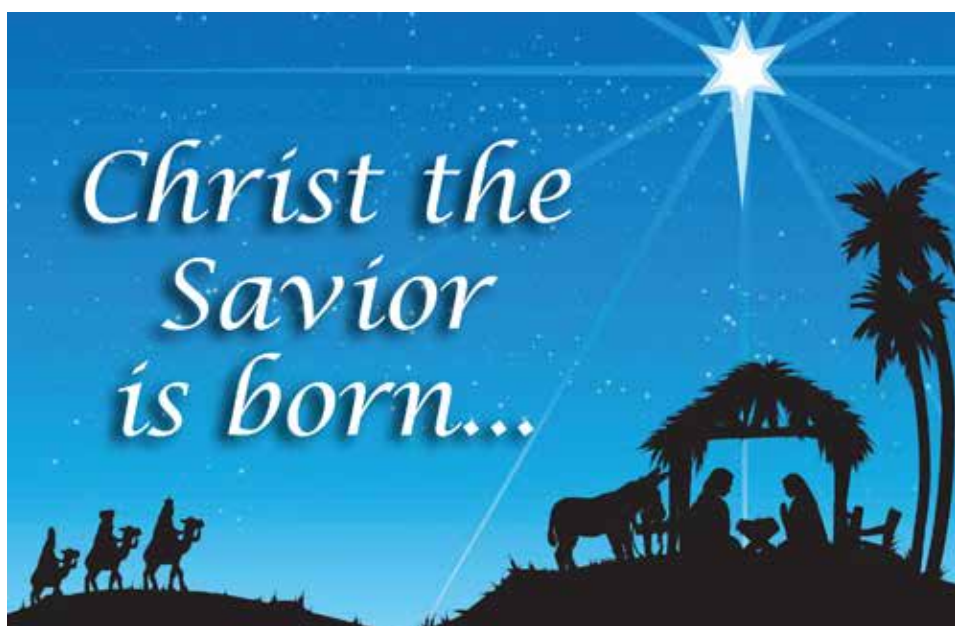
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## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
December 20, 2012



[Photo Caption] (Left) Sledding – I go in the ditch. I ride on a blue sled. It is very fun. By Baily Standring (Right) Hot Chocolate – It is good and sweet. We make hot chocolate at night. It fills up my tummy. By Peyton Struckmeier

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
December 25, 1997

Cindy Daves of Waitsburg who plays alto saxophone in the WSU Cougar Marching Band; Jonathan Counts, trumpet and Timothy Counts, trombone, both of Prescott, will be participating in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on January 1, 1998. They will be playing during the WSU-Michigan game that afternoon also. The game will start at 2 p.m. and will be televised nationally on ABC.

Navy constructionman Joseph R. Leroue, son of Raymond O. and Ginger L. Leroue of Waitsburg recently completed a seven-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seven (NMCB7), homebased in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Fifty Years Ago  
December 21, 1972

Dear Santa, Please bring me a gorilla and some more toys for Christmas. Thank you, Don.

Dear Santa Claus, I'm glad that Christmas is here and the people at your place work for you. How are your reindeer? I want an easy-bake oven. I would like my own jump rope and a rocking horse. from Kim.

The Christmas Kitten – Once upon a time there was a kitten. She wanted a home to live in. One day she was walking down the road. She saw a house. She saw a man in the yard. He turned and saw a kitten. He stopped working. He got the kitten and wrapped him in a box for his girl. "Christmas has come the girl called she grabbed the box and opened the box at Christmas time. And when the old man had seen what was in the box he was as happy as the girl. - By Trulie.

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
December 26, 1947

Waitsburg community collected a total of \$184.50 with which 45 sacks of flour was bought at a discount from the Preston Shaffer Milling Co. to be sent to Europe on the Pacific Northwest Christmas Ship.

Schools were closed Friday, Dec. 19, by the State Health officer, and city officials met Friday afternoon to discuss the cases of polio in Waitsburg.

One Hundred Years Ago  
December 29, 1922

The ladies Progressive Club as has been their custom for several years now will hold an informal New Year's reception on the afternoon of New Year's Day.

C. A. Woodard who for the past two years has been Street Commissioner and day marshal, has been selected by the City Council to be City Clerk and water superintendent after January 1.

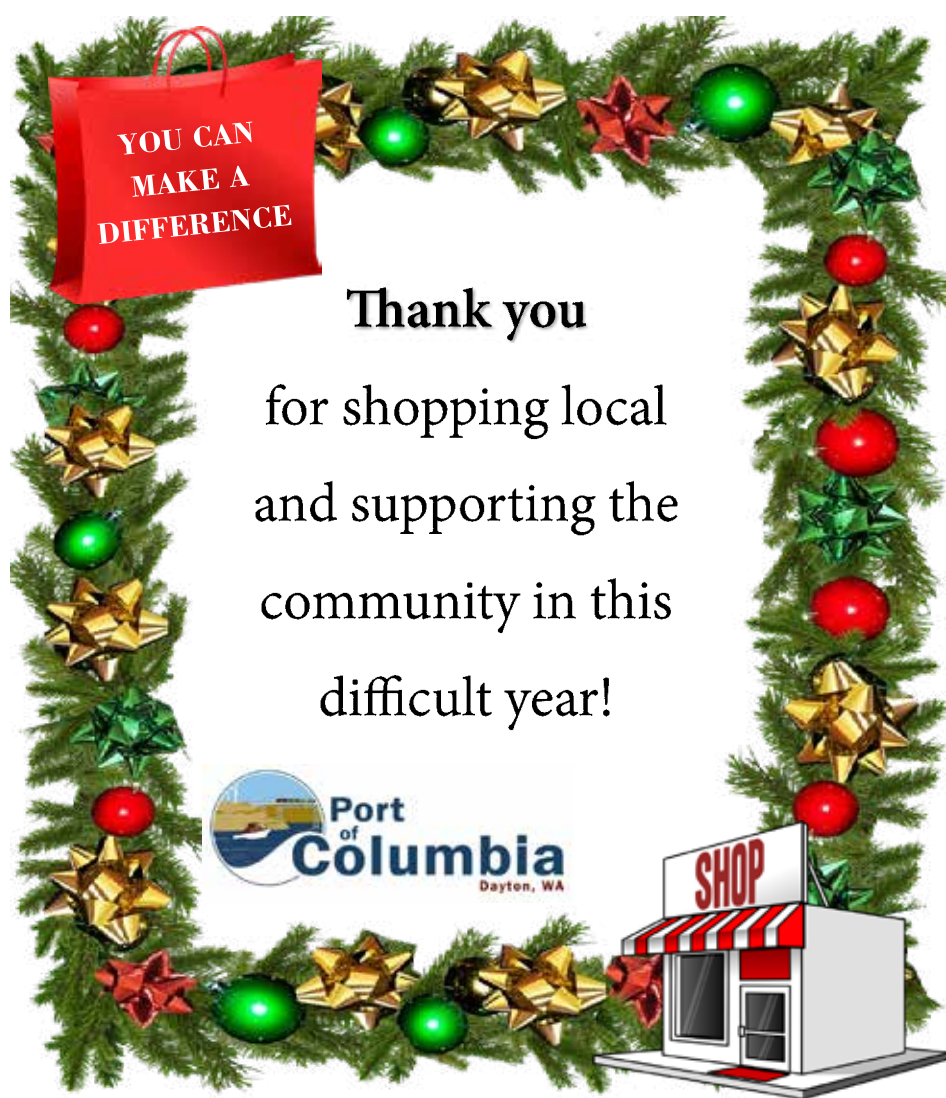
R. M. Breeze, well-known pioneer citizen and for many years a resident of this city, was instantly killed and his son Henry injured seriously about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning when their automobile was struck by Pendleton freight No. 361 at the 9th Street crossing on the outskirts of Walla Walla.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
December 24, 1897

Harvey Stonecipher, Lute Ingalls and Bascum Gerking had a combination hog killing Tuesday.


We are having a taste of delightful winter weather. The thermometer does not register many degrees below the freezing point and it only takes a couple of inches more of snow to make things perfect.

Mrs. Wm. H. Brewer would announce to the ladies of Waitsburg that she is now ready to do anything in the line of hair dressing, stamping, and decorative painting; will also give lessons in painting at her residence on Main Street.



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# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

## Christmas Riddles from Tabitha Jadin's Third Graders

I am covered in wrapping paper. I sit under the Christmas tree until Christmas starts. Lots of kids unwrap me on Christmas day. What am I?  
-Syrenity Richardson



I have brown fur. I have a red nose. Others call me names. Who am I?  
-Ethan Mahre



I slide in the snow. I like to eat fish. I have a beak. What am I?  
-Tyr Elmore



I hang on the fireplace. I am soft. Santa fills me with gifts and we take the things out on Christmas. What am I?  
-Kaitlynn Miller



I am covered in wrapping paper. I sit under the Christmas tree on Christmas day. Lots of kids unwrap me on Christmas day. I have a special surprise inside. What am I?  
-Nyla Hatch



He has a white beard and knows when you are sleeping. He says ho ho ho. Can you guess who?  
-Rylee Cole

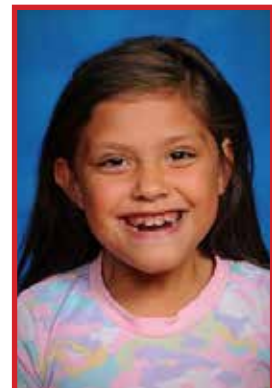
I have lights. I have ornaments hanging. I have a star on top. What am I?  
-Malcolm Ledford



I am hot and yummy. I'm good at Christmas year. I'm very sweet.  
-Rhett Eastman



I have beautiful wings. I wear a dress or a robe. I bring peace and harmony. I make friends with many animals. Who am I?  
-Oneika Bye



I am cold. I am white. I come from the sky. What am I?  
-Adalynn Canites



I'm on the ground. I'm really cold. I cannot move. And I have a magic hat. What can I be?  
-Adeline Brock



I am white. I fall from the sky. You can build a snowman with me. What am I?  
-Hudson Lynch

I have a red hat, white beard, and give out presents to nice children and coal to naughty children. I say, "Ho ho ho." Who am I?  
-Oaklee Adams



Happy Holidays  
-*Ryden Huxoll*



It has bells on it. It has reindeer pulling it. It has red and white on it. What is it?  
-Emma Langford



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# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

## Deanna Coulston's Fourth Grade class share what they love about Christmas

One thing I like about Christmas is you get a lot of presents. Another thing is hot cocoa because I love chocolate. I also like cookies because they are very good. Stockings are fun because you get candy and I love candy. Santa is another thing I like because he gives you presents and I love opening presents.

By Alex Weis



Here are some things I like about Christmas. The first thing is I like stockings because I like to see what is inside of them. The second thing I like is the Elf on the Shelf because I like to look for them in the morning. The third thing I really like is hot chocolate because it's hot and it is chocolate. The fourth thing I like is reindeers because they are really cute and they are Santa's pets.

By Ava McCaw

Christmas is a special time of the year, and it wouldn't be Christmas without... family because if I had no one to share Christmas with I'd be sad. Also, it needs snow because if there is no snow how can kids have fun? I also like getting buried under snow because I like to have some fun with it. Finally, presents are an important part of the holiday because what would Christmas be without presents? And that is what Christmas means to me.

By Gannon Pennington



What I like about Christmas is all the presents that you get. It's just so fun opening all those gifts. I also like Elf on the Shelf because every morning you have to find him. Also all the snow and sledding and snowboarding and stuff like that. That is what I like about Christmas.

By Kacen Hubbard

There are lots of important things about Christmas. Presents are very important for Christmas. I love opening big presents most. I also love hot chocolate. Mostly with a little milk. And it wouldn't be Christmas without Santa. Lastly, I really like having fires on Christmas. Those are things that make Christmas.

By Liam Vasquez

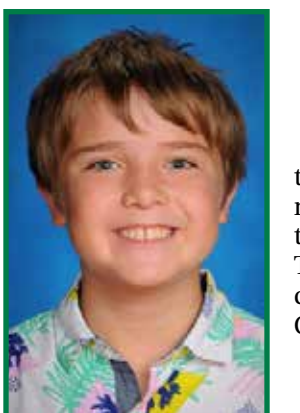


Christmas means a lot of things to me but here are a few of those things. One thing it means is family because Christmas wouldn't really mean anything without them. It also means presents because I like to get new stuff. Another thing it means is stockings because I get a lot of fun stuff. Christmas time means snowmobiling and that's fun because once in a while we stop and go sledding. That's some stuff Christmas means to me but there's lots more.

By Rylan Struckmeier

I love Christmas because it's my 2nd favorite holiday and here are the reasons why. I love having milky eggnog because it's the best drink ever. Another reason is I love decorating the Christmas tree because trying to hide mine on the back of the Christmas tree is awesome. Then the ham is so good too. Christmas is about St. Nicholas. Finally, the presents are the main reason I like Christmas.

By Robert Chavez



Christmas is the best time of the year. First, on Santa day I love to put ornaments on the tree. Ornaments make the tree look way better. Also, on Christmas I like to put up twinkly lights. It also looks very interesting. To sum it all up, the very last thing I like is Santa because of presents. Those are some of the things that Christmas means to me.

By Emerson Kiefel

Christmas is around the corner, and here are some things that make it special to me. First thing is drinking warm hot cocoa after having a snowball fight cold in the snow. Next one is opening presents with my family around the beautiful tree. My last one is spending time with family and friends. As you can see, Christmas is an amazing holiday.

By Murdoch McLaughlin



There are lots of important things about the winter day. For example... I like stockings, candy, Elf on the Shelf, Santa and more. One thing is presents along with love. I enjoy playing in the snow and sledding. I like all things, but my favorite is presents. Finally, this month of the year is the happiest time of the year to me.

By Wyatt Parrish



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! One thing that is important about the holiday season is family. Family is important because you share Christmas with them. Another thing important about this fun holiday is my mom's sweets. She makes the best chocolate covered cherries and sugar cookies ever!!! Something that is also important to me is hamburgers. They are our traditional Christmas dinner. The last one I'll put is Jesus. He is important because it is his birthday. As you can see, Christmas is super special to me.

By Katherine Roberts

Christmas is an important holiday. One reason is because we get presents. The presents are always fun to open! And Christmas is never complete without hot chocolate! Hot chocolate with marshmallows! One other thing is that Christmas has to have snow! Snow is fun to play in! The last thing the winter holiday needs is an Elf on the self. How else is Santa supposed to know if you've been bad or good without an elf? These are the things Christmas needs to have!

By Wyatt Vasquez



Christmas is a very important time of the year. Here are some of the things I like about Christmas. First, I like the family gathering. Next, I like the presents under the Christmas tree. Yay. Next, I like chocolate fudge. It is so good. Yum. Also I love eggnog. It is so good. If you do not like eggnog, I do not like you. Unless you're my brother, Oliver, then it's cool. But he can be a pain; it's a down side to him. As you can see I love Christmas.

By Owen Harvey

There are a lot of important things about Christmas. It isn't Christmas without eggnog because it tastes good. Christmas is spending time with my family. Christmas is fun because you can go on the sled. Christmas is fun when we get presents from my grandpa.

By Bentley Hill



I like Christmas. It means a lot to me, but I am only going to tell you a few. I like ham. I like ham because it tastes good. I also like my family and they like me too. I also like my friends. I like to play with them. I also like to have presents under the tree because I like to have toys. Christmas is special to me in so many ways.

By Oliver Harvey

Christmas is a very important day. Here are some things I love. One is that my Grandma's muffins are the best because they're blueberry. Also my Grandpa's cake is almost the best because it's gooey. One of my favorites is mom's turkey is one of the best because it's good. Also Dad on the other hand is the best toy buyer in the town.

By TJ Hollingsworth



Christmas is my favorite holiday. I like sledding the best! Also I like having a lot of presents... I like presents because I get cars, tech decks, and shirts. Another reason is Santa is coming with his elves. I get to find them. Lastly, I like looking at Christmas lights. Then Santa flies away.

By Jace Grende

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## FOURTH GRADE STORIES CONTINUED...



Christmas is a special time of the year. I love to

open my presents. Also, my elf goes to the North Pole. Another thing is I get to decorate my Christmas tree and I get to go sledding with my cousin. I ride horses in the snow and I get to go to my stepmom's mom's house and I get to open my presents there. One last thing is I get to spend time with family.

By Haven Henry

There are many important things about Christmas. One thing is cousins. I love spending time with my cousin on Christmas. She's the best. Another thing is buying other people gifts. I like buying other people gifts because I like being nice. I also like buying my teacher gifts. Also I love riding horses in the snow. I like riding horses in the snow because my horse is my best friend. Sometimes I will ride her for hours! Lastly and most importantly my family. I love my family so much. They are the best and I don't know what I would do without them. For all these reasons, you can see why Christmas is so special to me.

By Jaylynn Gleason



What Christmas means to me. Holiday time is very important to me! One thing that I like about Christmas is you get to spend time with your family. I like to spend time with them, because we get to have a bunch of fun together! Another thing that is important to me is you get to celebrate Jesus' birthday. I like to celebrate his birthday because he is the healer of all and forgives you for what you have done wrong. Finally the last thing that is important to me is getting presents. I like to get presents because it is very heartwarming to see what new stuff you got! I love Christmas very much, it is the best holiday besides Easter, Halloween and my birthday! I love everything about Holiday time! Christmas wouldn't be the same without celebrating these things!

By Shylo Hedges.


Christmas is about family and what do with your family. We like to play in the snow and build a snowman. My family and I play games with hot chocolate. We love to open presents at the end of the day. We love Christmas so much. This is what Christmas means to us.

By Nick Reger



**As the Yuletide bells resound,  
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# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

## Tracy Barron's Fifth Grade share their perfect Christmas

**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Emily Knudson

My perfect Christmas was about two years ago, when my grandma, who I miss terribly, was still here. I was extremely close to her. If I had to wish for only one thing, it would be to talk to her one last time. If I could talk to her one last time, that would be my perfect Christmas. I miss her a lot. Something else that would be a perfect Christmas, would be spending my Christmas in a small cabin in the woods. The woods make me feel safe and protected. The woods are calm and peaceful, and nobody can disturb or hurt me. Just deep in the woods. That would be a lovely Christmas. My last example of my perfect Christmas would be spending my Christmas in Australia because part of my family is in Australia. I never get to see them because they are so far away. Part of my dad's side of the family is in Australia. The only time I really get to see them is on Facetime. If I were to go to Australia, it would be my perfect Christmas.



**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Ollivyr Dahlby

To me the perfect Christmas would be seeing family you don't see often and having fun with your family. Second would be having a ton of fun because that may be the only time you have to see them. Third, I'd say having a lot of snow to play in. Then just being happy and thankful. Last but not least, one being nice to everyone. Next I think that the best dinner for Christmas would be ham, eggs, toast, mashed potatoes, and much more. Also the next best thing would be having presents for everyone. Next I'd say that giving toys to daycares, schools, parents, and kids around the world. Also I'd say that giving and helping everyone. If you enjoy giving you'll be happier I promise. Lastly I love the presents because they are one of the best parts. I love eating the amazing food my mom cooks. Next I love the snacks we eat before dinner on Christmas. Also I love cookies and ice cream. Lastly, I love helping and cooking food.



ents I get are fun. I get books and clothes and maybe sometimes I get games. Sometimes we have a friend over. We have fun on Christmas. Some of our family like Nana and Papa come over. When they do come over and play more games. Our Nana win a lot of games It's a fun Christmas because we do a lot of fun stuff. If we get something for our family and it's like a game we play it. And on Christmas you get to spend time with family. And sometimes I get something for my sisters. And my sisters get something for me.

**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Harlee Coulston

My perfect Christmas is spending time with my family. I also like the food. This is all about my perfect Christmas. I wish Christmas was every day. To be honest my two favorite parts are telling people about God. It is a very good feeling. And, if I am being honest it is also the present. My favorite time of Christmas is when we go to see my grandmas. It is so fun for my whole family. They make us hide so Santa can come even though we know that they just want us to leave but we do not say we do not want to hurt their feelings. One year they got us these huge paper gingerbread houses that you could color. I took mine very seriously even though I hate coloring. I am so bad at it. I love so many things about Christmas. It is my favorite holiday. What is your favorite part about Christmas? Have a good day and Merry Christmas. One more thing. What is your favorite Christmas movie? Mine is Home Alone. It is so funny. You heard so many things, but my favorite is God. He is the reason we have Christmas. These are all my favorite things to have a good day.



**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Arrow Groom



A long time ago it was Christmas. I was a little boy just waiting to open my presents. When it was time I kept on ripping to get to the inside. There was one present left, it was the biggest. When I opened it I was shocked to see what was inside. It was a Thomas bike and I kept saying Thomas bike, Thomas bike, Thomas bike I loved Thomas and bikes. Another time a long time ago there were presents under the tree and there were lots of presents. When I say a lot of presents I mean a huge amount like a mountain. At the end of opening the presents the floor was covered with no sight of the floor. It was covered in wrapping paper. Not able to see the floor at all just wrapping paper covering it. Also on Christmas I got lots of cool toys. A RC monster truck, Legos, fishing pole, and a bike. But a Lego set I got was a type where you can make three different sets in one with the same pieces. On that one day I built all three sets. For some reason I have a gift so I can build Lego sets really fast.



**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Laila Long

My perfect Christmas would be waking up to 6 inches of snow. The reason I want 6 inches of snow is because I love sledding. My second reason is so we can have a big snowball fight. My final reason is so we can make a ginormous snowman. This is why 6 inches of snow would make a perfect Christmas. The second thing that would make Christmas perfect is my dad's cinnamon rolls. The first reason why this would be a perfect Christmas is the smell of the cinnamon rolls. The second reason is the taste and the feel of the cinnamon roll. With the hard outside and the soft inside. The best part is it is not too sweet but not too plain. This is how the cinnamon rolls make a perfect Christmas. The final thing that would make my Christmas perfect is extra sleep. What I mean by extra sleep is a nice cozy area to rest after a long day. The reason you are going to be tired is from the snowball fight and cinnamon rolls. Also unwrapping all the gifts under the tree. This is what a perfect Christmas is like for me.



**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Hayden Gascon

My perfect Christmas was when I got two Lego sets and a box for them. I have big plates that I can use to make houses. I once made a police house that got broken by my brother, he broke a lot of my projects. Also, I got to eat cookies, we left some cookies out with a note on them and it said "Thank you for the Christmas presents Santa". Then the next morning the note said "You're Welcome!" For Christmas, I love drinking hot cocoa and spending time with my family. My favorite kind is with marshmallows in it. I also like when my Mom and Dad take pictures with everybody. We have all of my grandparents, my brothers, my sisters, my uncles, and my aunt all together in one picture! That is my perfect Christmas. I hope you have a great Christmas this year.

**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Flynn Richardson

My idea of a perfect Christmas is to have a Christmas where there is no stress. One of my least favorite things about Christmas is that there is so much stress to get stuff right and on time, so to have a perfect Christmas there would have to be no stress. The second thing that I would need for a perfect Christmas is for everyone to be there. This is necessary because my family is the most important part of Christmas, so if any of them were missing, it would be bad. Those are the necessary requirements for the perfect Christmas. During the perfect Christmas, I would wake up and run downstairs to open presents. First, though, we would open up our stockings to see what's inside them. After we open our stockings and present, we would go to eat breakfast. For breakfast, we would have crepes with a lot of fillings. After we are full, we would just hang out and have fun. Then I would have to go to my dad's. At my dad's, I would wait for everyone to arrive then I would start opening my presents. Once all the presents are open, we would scramble around for batteries while some of us are already playing with our presents. After this, we would have a Christmas feast. The last thing that we would do would be to sleep. This is my idea of a perfect Christmas.



**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Sidian Stegall

I imagine a perfect Christmas in Florida because I love the ocean. It's one of my favorite places to go. My dad and my mom lived in Florida but I was not born yet, sadly. So that's my perfect Christmas but I'm not done. I also think Florida would be a good place to go for Christmas because of all the wildlife. There are really big catfish. Another reason why I would spend Christmas in Florida is because my aunt lives there. I've never seen my aunt in Florida because it is really far from here and all of us just don't want to go except me. Our aunt only visits us. I'm usually mad, sad, confused and happy so it's just a mix of feelings. It's fun when she comes. I'm really sad Florida got hit by hurricane Ian but my aunt is ok. That's why I would go to Florida and because it does not snow there. That's why I would like to spend Christmas in Florida. Florida is such an interesting place. My aunt had a boat there. I've never seen it but they took it down the river sometimes. I don't know if she still has it because of hurricane Ian. But if she still has it, it was probably ruined. So that's my perfect Christmas.



**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Maeci Strickland



My sister's and I usually wake up our Mom and Dad around 5:30 am. It takes a while for them to get up. When they do, we open presents. We would get 1 game and play, 90% of the time I lose because I'm bad at games! I win 1 or 2 games when I play with my family. Sometimes, we make cookies and my Mom makes good food. I love the presents I get because the pres-



**My Perfect Christmas**  
by Audrey Kiefel

My perfect Christmas is when we all wake up super early and go open presents, but we have to wait for my Grandma and Grampa. We all open our gifts and then after we all our stuff away like our toy's. Then we can do whatever we want, like sleep. Then at 10:00 we go to my Grandma's house and wait for the whole family to come and then we can open gifts there. After we are done opening gifts we put them all in the car. Then when we get home we can open some of the toy's that we got. I also like to Facetime Emily to tell her what I got and hear what she got. After that me and my brother played with our toy's, then we put them away. Then I just like to lay down and chill, everyone also likes to do that too. We clean the whole house after every thing and we sometimes have treats from christmas eve that I have. I like to sometimes play games on the phone with friends. It's fun when we have Christmas dinner with family. The cousins come and we play together. Its just fun spending time with family.

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# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

## FIFTH GRADE STORIES CONTINUED...

### My Perfect Christmas

by Kaitlyn Paul

My perfect Christmas is being with my family. It can be loud with seven to ten people in the house. At least it's not really quiet in there though. My sister will come over for Christmas most time, so that's nice. I like being with my family at Christmas. Another idea of my perfect Christmas is sitting next to a fire. I feel like it would be really relaxing. It seems like it would be nice to be up in the cabin, next to the fire. Fire is pretty in my opinion, so I feel like it would be nice to be next to a fire. I think that a fire is fitting for Christmas. My last idea of a perfect Christmas is sledding. I think that sledding is fun around Christmas. Last year, me and my sibling went all around town finding places to sled at. That was my favorite time sledding so far. That's my idea of a perfect Christmas.



### My Perfect Christmas

by Madyson Potter

My perfect Christmas would be perfect in every way for me. Christmas is my favorite holiday so for it to be perfect it would be the best Christmas ever. Any perfect Christmas is being with loved ones and people you care about. Just being with family would be great for any holiday even.

These three paragraphs are all about what my perfect Christmas would be. The perfect Christmas for me would be going to see family members and all opening gifts together and giving gifts. Going to see family and unwrapping gifts and wrapping gifts for people just feels good because we're giving love into the present we're opening. Christmas is not only just putting love into a gift, it could also be showing our love face to face and telling people how we care about them. This holiday is for giving our love and how much we care for one another. Being with family, showing love are good on Christmas, so on Christmas tell your family how much you care about them. For me, all of that is my perfect Christmas. What is your perfect Christmas and why? On Christmas, be very grateful for what you have because your family is all you need to have a perfect Christmas. In conclusion my perfect Christmas is being with family celebrating and being grateful.



### My Perfect Christmas

by Holley Jensen

My favorite thing about Christmas is food and Oma's cookies. I love her cookies and I love the presents that I get. I enjoy saying hi to my family. My Uncle Paul always asks me for my hair because he is balding, I say NO!!! Also, I love hanging out with my BFF (best friend forever) Astin. He tells me jokes and I think that they are hilarious. When he gets sad, I do not feel happy because it breaks my heart. I eat all of the deviled eggs and I eat all of the jello. I also enjoy jamming out to hard metal with my Uncle Carl. That is what a perfect Christmas is for me!

### My Perfect Christmas

by Autumn Shelton

My perfect Christmas is when my family can actually enjoy it. My mom and dad put in a lot of effort to make it perfect while trying to deal with three autistic children at the ages of six and three, and one normal eleven year old. My mom does all the shopping, makes all the food and takes care of us all day. My dad is important because he helps my mom with my sisters when he gets home from work, makes all the money, and he's my friend. My perfect Christmas is when we get to decorate the Christmas tree and have hot chocolate and butterfinger popcorn and watch a movie. I like spending time alone with my mom and spending time at grandmas and having feasts then opening presents. When we go home it's past 8:00 pm so when we get home we go to bed then start winter break. So in conclusion, my perfect Christmas can be many things but as long as I have my family I'm happy. Maybe one day I can put a dog in a dog sweater and, it on a sleigh and get on then take off downhill. Then I would bring it to play with other dogs at my parents house then my friends house. Then we would go home, get warm and watch a movie, then go to bed.



### My Perfect Christmas

by Carson Scott

My perfect Christmas would probably be me on the couch watching Elf in pajamas with a Ryan Reynolds cup of eggnog. After that go sledding and have a Christmas dinner, with turkey, green bean casserole, ham, and more eggnog also chocolate pie. After that, finally open presents. Then we go to my grandma's house

and open more presents and see my cousins. Then we play with my grandpa's drones. Then we go home. We don't do this but I would like to watch more Christmas movies. I would also like to go wheeling in the mountains. And go snowboarding and also hook up a sled to a four wheeler And have it pull me after that go to silver wood. Then go to triple play Then go spend the night at a fancy hotel. And then go on an airplane and then a helicopter Then go spend the night at a water park. Then we would go camping on the mountains for like three days or so then go to walla walla for chinese food. Then go to Britain and Oregon, Colorado, Carson City, Louisiana, Texas and New York. Then go to a Dunkin Donuts and get donuts and coffee. Then go to ireland and yell top of the morning. Then go back home and play with my stuff. But mostly I spend time with my family and also invite my cousins to go sledding. Also dirt bike with my cousins and have a race with them. That would be my perfect Christmas.



### My Perfect Christmas

by Lilli Carpenter

My perfect Christmas would be the best one ever. There would be fun activities like white elephant, bean bag toss, board games, and maybe even a winter camp for me and my brothers friends. We would do a lot of other things in the snow like sledding, build a snowman, make snow angels, and lots of other fun things. If we got cold outside there would be hot cocoa, hot cider, and other hot beverages. There would be so much fun to be had. We would still have to shovel snow though. I live in the mountains so there is lots of snow. Luckily my dad has a tractor and a dozer. That helps a lot. Since I'm in girl scouts I get to go to winter camp which is so much fun. Except last time I went we were sledding and I hit a bump and landed on my tailbone. (That was fun not) If you ever want to know how to build a snowman here's how. Materials: Sticky snow, 12 rocks, a scarf, a hat, 2 sticks, and one big/long carrot. First you want to roll your snow into 3 snowballs. Make one big, one medium, and one small. Put your medium snowball on top of the big snowball. Then the small snowball on top of the medium one. Put its hat on along with its scarf. Stick 7 rocks on its face for its smile, 2 for its eyes, and three for its buttons. Put the carrot right over the smile for a nose, and the sticks right in the sides of the medium size snowball. And there you have it, a snowman!



### My Perfect Christmas

by Mitchell Hays

In my perspective I think my perfect Christmas is spending time with my family and leaving cookies out for Santa because what is fun without that. Christmas is also about Jesus' birth and he was born. I also like to give people presents because Christmas isn't all about getting presents it is also about giving. You should also be grateful to plus you should definitely be good because if you don't you could get nothing so please be good. I think the best present I could ever get is my family because they help me get through some tough times and they take care of me. That's the best present I could ever get. Another great thing about Christmas is that you might get to see family that you don't get to see as much like my cousin Gaige and Trevor they and they are firefighters and there are always at work so I barely get to see them plus they live in Oregon and in the middle of nowhere. I am just trying to say that Christmas is a great time to see family that you don't really get to see. Christmas is also a great time to be extra nice because it is not fun to watch someone be mean. So just be nice because it is a good thing to do. Please be the best person you can be. Another good Christmassy thing to do is have fun in a good way because I know some people that when they get told that they start to do make bad decision and stated to do some bad things like brake things or draw on walls. Don't ever do that because you can get in really big trouble. Doing that is a lot on the parents because they might have to replace the part you colored on. The kid might also have to clean it up so just be good. That is my perfect Christmas.



### My Perfect Christmas

by Braxton Bly

My idea of a perfect Christmas is to have a lot of presents and a lot of snow. I would like to build a huge snowman in my front yard. I would like to go snowboarding on Christmas because I have never gone snowboarding before. I would love to go and spend time with my brother because he plays video games with me and he is really good at it. I would also love to try and ski this Christmas I would love to spend time with my family and my dogs can't forget them. And another one is my brother's room. He has a little town on his desk. It is very decorated, very nice and organized. I want a new roping setup but I don't think I will get that. I want a roping horse for Christmas. I would like a new pasture for a new horse because why not. I would also like an elephant for Christmas. I also want a zebra too. I also want a hippopotamus for Christmas.



### My Perfect Christmas

by Damian Brown

My perfect Christmas is to hang out with my family and have hot cocoa. Then I would want to watch a movie like the Christmas Chronicles or The Grinch. Then I would want to bake cookies and milk, then I would want to open my presents. And after that I would want to watch the Christmas Chronicles Two, then I would want to play a game like Sorry or Connected Four and other board games. Then I would like to play Go Fish or other games. Then I would want to go play outside and have a snowball fight and make snowmen and snow angels. Then I would open presents and that would take a long long time so it would be like 4:00 Then we all would go to town to see people and then go and eat out. We would go eat at my family's favorite restaurant, "Clare's." Then we would go home and play with our gifts. For a little bit. We would then brush our teeth and we would watch a Christmas movie. Then it is time for bed. Kyra and I would lay down and watch a movie and play Roblox together. We would also play Brookhaven and then we'd watch tik tok together. I would play a bunch and it is very fun then I would play fortnight with dad and his friends. We would have fun playing fortnite. That would be my perfect Christmas.

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# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

## LETTERS

### LETTER FROM SANTA

Dear Editor and readers of The Times,  
As I began my exit through the hallways behind the scenes at a mall last week, I saw my Santa's Helper and asked if the reindeer were okay.

He smiled and said the young ones always think the grass is greener outside the pens. This time not only was that grass greener, but it was artificial. Alas, a learning experience for another young reindeer.

You see, Santa's sleigh is pulled by experienced reindeer, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and of course, Rudolph. Santa's Helpers have a sleigh pulled by reindeer in training.

Back at the sleigh, I had a message from Mrs. Claus to return to Waitsburg and Touchet for the visits with the students at the elementary schools. The kitchen staff at Waitsburg Elementary, always at work in the wee hours, was there to meet me as I greeted them with a Merry Old "Ho Ho Ho."

Santa would be remiss if he didn't mention Mark Pickel (Waitsburg Elementary School Principal and Superintendent) was also there in the wee moments of the day to meet me. He was there to work shoulder to shoulder with the staff to feed and jump-start the students' day with a smile and some positive guidance.

The same thing goes for the staff at Touchet Elementary School, another excellent elementary school. Teachers need your support and praise for all they do. Recently, an elementary school music teacher shared with me that the school's principal had once been one of her students! What a special treat for both.

I am always thrilled to my bones when I hear a small child's sweet laughter and giggling. The joyful sounds remind us of our innocent youth as well. The days when we didn't have a care in the world except for what surprise might be in our lunchbox, like a special sandwich, cookie, or a sweet note from mom.

When you read this, there will only be "three sleeps" left until Christmas morning. That gets me stirred up with the realization that I only have "one sleep" left before I must get all the toys and presents ready and loaded onto the sleigh for the most thrill-packed ride of my year.

Merry Christmas, and don't forget I can't stop at your house until you are asleep. Goodnight sweet children, no matter how old you are! Ho Ho Ho!

Santa Claus  
North Pole



Karen Huwe

Santa visited Waitsburg Elementary on Friday, December 16. Wonder what this little girl wants for Christmas? Shh, it's a secret!



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# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

## Around the Valley: With Karen Huwe

### *Pioneer Park during the holidays*

WALLA WALLA—Pioneer Park in Walla Walla is a place to spend an enjoyable afternoon no matter the season. One of my favorite places in the park is the aviary, where there are various birds, ducks, peacocks, and geese. I once saw a tortoise walking in the avian enclosure. In the springtime, you see numerous babies on land and in the water.

Next to the aviary is a walking path around the pond and benches to relax while watching the ducks. A towering fountain gives ambiance to the area. There are giant, interesting trees in the park and a rose garden.

A historical bandstand in the center of the park has been the site of many events throughout the years. It is an excellent place to picnic under the shade of trees.

For active individuals, Pioneer Park now has very nice pickleball courts. There is a playground, soccer fields, and softball fields. There is plenty of grass to throw a frisbee, play croquet, or other lawn games.

Drive through the park at dark, as this is the first year for a seasonal light display. As you turn off Alder to enter the park, you will drive under a lighted arch with lighted trees on both sides of the



Spring babies are a common site at the park.

road. There are tall, cone-shaped, star-topped lighted displays in different colors all around the bandstand.

No matter the season, Pioneer Park is a peaceful place to enjoy nature.



Karen Huwe


(above) This year, the park has been decorated for the season with lighted trees and this arch at the entry. (left) The pond and fountain are worth visiting all year round.

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