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ONE DOLLAR

THIS WEEK

DAYTON



MANAGER

Patricia Sacha is the new Market Manager at Blue Mountain Station.

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DAYTON



SENIORS

Waitsburg volunteers are looking for more seniors to join them for Senior Round Table meals on Tuesdays.

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SPORTS



BARREL RACING

Valley Girls Barrel Racers finish season and present awards.

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Photo Courtesy of Roger Tumbocon

Young Alexis, daughter of Roger Tumbocon and Justin Jaech, enjoyed a visit with Santa (Val Kiefer) at Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Dayton First Congregational Church on Sat., Dec. 9. The church has been hosting the free breakfasts for over 30 years.

Dayton School District Approves \$800,000 Capital Projects Levy

Levy to complete current projects and fund heating system upgrades will go before voters in February.

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—A special meeting was held on Dec. 6 in the school district board room to discuss how the Dayton School District can best meet some newly-identified school facility needs as well as how to finish currently-identified facilities projects.

Superintendent Doug Johnson said due to the increasing cost and scope of the projects the current capital project levy falls short of being able to complete all of the projects.

“In addition to the projects already on the table, the heating system, district-wide, has become very problematic,” he said.

Johnson's recommendation to the board is that a two-year capital project levy be placed on the Feb. 2018 ballot, asking for \$400,000, to be collected in 2019 and in 2020. The funds will allow the district to complete the projects already identified and make the necessary improvements to the heating system, which are substantial, he said.

“I come to school with my fingers crossed that we have heat,” Johnson said.

Johnson said projects identified in the 2016 capi-

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Waitsburg Kindergarteners Write to Santa



Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the North Pole? How are your reindeers? I know it's pretty cold there.
I want a Hatchimal. I'll bake cookies for you and put milk with the cookies.
The Birthday Girl,
Laila Long



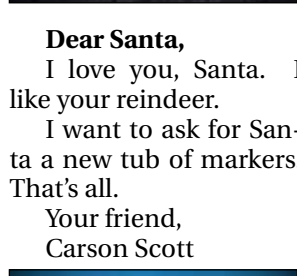
Dear Santa,
Santa's awesome. I like your suit.
For Christmas I want a TrackMaster. And for Christmas I want a flying thing. I see them at Waitsburg Store. It glows in the air, and you try to not make it go down.
By, Arrow Groom



Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I want a trick saddle for Christmas, and Orbeez.
See you soon,
Ashlyn Brooks



Dear Santa,
I like your hat. I like your shoes.
I have something for Christmas, too, -- a pretend coffee machine with a pretend cup. I also want a FlipaZoo, and a Flip Zee Girl, and a toy unicorn.
Love, Ivy Johnson



Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. I like your reindeer.
I want to ask for Santa a new tub of markers. That's all.
Your friend,
Carson Scott



Dear Santa,
I love Santa. He is the greatest bringing us presents. You're so nice, Santa.
I want a unicorn that can talk and copy me. It can copy what I say. And it has a button so it can move.
You are so nice,
Brailyn Stearns



Dear Santa,
Where do you live?
I want a remote control airplane, because I already have a remote control helicopter from the other Christmas last year.
From,
Sidian Stegall, Waitsburg



Dear Santa,
How are your deer?
I want LEGOS for Christmas and toys.
Your friend,
Pedro Vasquez Borrego



Dear Santa,
I feed your reindeer.
I like the toys with the batteries and the remote controls. And I drive it, and it moves by its own. I turn this way and this way. And I want a flying baseball. You tape a fan to a stick and tape it to a baseball. You turn the fan on, and it flies in the air.
I love Santa,
Kallen Vinti



Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? And I wish you have a good Christmas.
I want a phone, and I want a baby kitten.
See you at night,
Lilli Carpenter



Dear Santa,
Do you get your reindeers carrots? I want to give you cookies.
I want a toy and a Christmas tree.
I love Santa Claus,
Angel Basulto



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BIRTH



Dane and Jillian Henze of Tumwater, Wash., announce the birth of their daughter Kennedy Mae Henze, born Oct. 19, 2017. Kennedy Mae was born at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, Wash., weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measuring 18 inches. She is the Henzes' first child. Grandparents are Dan and Diane Henze, Nicholas and Jan Kovach and Paul Beaudry.

EXCHANGE CLUB AWARDEES



Courtesy Photo

Chloe Pearson and Robert Walsh were selected as the 2017-2018 Waitsburg High School Exchange Club Youth of the Month. This selection makes them eligible for the Exchange Club Youth of the Year \$1,000 scholarship.

County Looks at Dispatch Needs

SALES TAX FUNDS WILL BE USED TO UPDATE AGING EQUIPMENT IN 2018

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--County Commissioner Merle Jackson would like to express his gratitude to the voters of Columbia County for passing Proposition 1, the one-tenth of one percent county wide sales tax for the purpose of providing for ongoing, stable funding for improvements and maintenance of the radio system and 911 Emergency Services Operations.

"It's gratifying to start on this road of upgrading the equipment," Jackson said.

Replacing the eleven-year-old analog radio console in the county's dispatch center is priority number one for the commissioners. One hundred ten thousand dollars has been identified in the county's 2018 capital budget for its replacement, said Emergency Management Services Director Lisa Caldwell.

"It is failing and has to be replaced. We were having trouble with it again, today," she said.

The radio console is the "hub" for dispatching calls going out from the dispatch center and for field units talking to the dispatch center, Caldwell said.

Once the new radio console is installed, the radio technician will identify the next steps to build on it.

Caldwell said there is also a need for an additional repeater to be located on the west side of the county, in an area where there are dead zones in communication. Building a new repeater has been identified by the commissioners as priority number two.

That project will be a collaborative effort with Fire District No. 2, and paid for through rural excise taxes, she said. The one-tenth of one percent county-wide sales tax will be used for the all the rest.

Repeaters, site equipment, dispatch consoles and site infrastructure have a 10-15 year lifetime. Mobile radios have an 8-10 year lifetime. Mobile radio microphones, mobile antennas and site batteries last two to three years. Portable radios have a five to seven year lifetime, and they need batteries and pager batteries, each year, according to Thor Wegman, a radio technician with Industrial Communications. Wegman has been working with the county to help identify and solve the issues created by outdated equipment.

Caldwell said she and Sheriff Rocky Miller, Fire Districts No. 1, 2, and 3 staff, and Public Works Director Andrew Woods have been in regular meetings to discuss ongoing problems with the equipment and work on solutions.

Once the commissioners adopt the 2018 budget, the group will meet in January to discuss other priorities, Caldwell said.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago December 20, 2007

To get into the Christmas spirit, there's nothing like the sights and sounds to be experienced at the Waitsburg Community Choir cantata. "Once upon a Miracle" - A Christmas Musical, by Marty Parks, was performed last Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church in Waitsburg, to a full house. The performance was directed by Melissa Ferrians and narrated by Chloe Pearson and her grandfather John Knowles, with her dad Randy Pearson as organist.

Lacey Mayberry of Touchet will be the Queen of the 2008 Pendleton Round-Up. Mayberry, 21, the daughter of Mike and Patty Mayberry, served as a princess during Round-Up 2007.

The Walla Walla Elks Lodge-sponsored Hoop Shoot involved additional youngsters from Waitsburg and here's how they did. In the Boys (8-9 year-old) Division, Nicolas Kitselman came in third and, Kyle Gradwohl finished fourth. In the division for Girls (ages 8-9), Jaidyn Brown came in second. Stacia Deal, competing in the Girls (age 10-11) division, placed third out of 20 shooters.

Twenty-Five Years Ago December 17, 1992

Waitsburg's Hometown Christmas celebration Sunday, Dec. 13, was a huge success. Rose Englebrite, one of the event's chief organizers, said more people than last year turned out for the crafts bazaar and prize drawing in Ye Towne Hall. Additionally, the after-dark, lighted parade attracted 18 entries, more than last year, and many more than the seven entries for the first Christmas parade three years ago.

A Waitsburg third grade teacher electrified members of the school board last week. As part of a demonstration of what is taught in the third grade, Sandy McCaw, handed each member of the board a battery, clothespin, strip of tin foil and a light bulb. Her instructions were simple: Try to get the bulb to light.

Waitsburg came out looking good in a housing survey being prepared in Walla Walla County. Karen Stroobants, of Waitsburg, one of the volunteers who spent a half-day last month doing the survey, said the survey of more than 400 homes showed that most homes in Waitsburg are well-kept and in good condition. "I was actually very impressed," said Stroobants.

Fifty Years Ago December 14, 1967

Miss Fanny E. Weller, lifetime resident of Waitsburg died in a Walla Walla nursing home Tuesday, Dec. 12. Funeral services will be at eleven o'clock Saturday morning in the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church.

Julie Stonecipher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stonecipher, won the title of Touchet Valley Junior Miss at a pageant held in Dayton on Tuesday, December 12. Loravee Bowles, daughter of Mrs. Lora Mae Bowles and James G. Bowles of Prescott, was first runner-up in the contest.

Seventy-Five Years Ago December 18, 1942

A Christmas gift of a six months subscription to The Times, the home-town newspaper, will be sent to all boys in the service, beginning Jan 1.

According to word received here Thursday morning, Lt. Tony Lloyd is reported to be held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese on the Philippine Islands.

The sunshine we have enjoyed the past few days is typical only of Waitsburg. The surrounding territory is reported to be blanketed in fog while we enjoy spring weather.

Work in the seed peas began Tuesday and Mrs. Earl Fisk, Mrs. Robert Huwe, and Mrs. Oakley Blize are again regular travelers on the bus to Dayton.

One Hundred Years Ago December 21, 1917

A Christmas Masquerade Ball is to be given under the auspices of Delta Lodge No. 70, Knights of Pythias, Tuesday night, Dec 25th.

The Preston-Shaffer Milling Co. extends to all the friends an invitation to call at the Mill office for their annual calendar.

A marriage license was issued by the County Auditor Wednesday morning to Loyd V. Johnson and Priscilla Lotspeich, both of this city.

Born at the farm home on Monday, Dec 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bachmann, a son and heir. Weight 10 pounds.

Farmers have rain enough now. All they ask is a few fair days in which to finish plowing. Altho we are thankful for the open winter we have so far it hardly seems it is Christmas time.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago December 23, 1892

The cold weather has caused the mill to be closed down for an indefinite period.

The welcome and musical sounds of the merry jingling sleigh bells constantly fill the air with their joyous melody.

Farmers in the Fields Gulch and Eureka Flat sections are rejoicing in the fact that their country is blessed with a covering of eight inches of snow.

E. R. Burk, the rustler, was in the city a few days ago, looking like a new man—as if he bathed in the historical sought-for fountain of perpetual youth. The cause of the wonderful transition is that many months he has allowed no intoxicant to cross the threshold of the opening of his countenance.

Touchet Valley Weather

Dec. 13, 2017

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Cloudy	30	22
Thursday	Cloudy	31	21
Friday	Scattered Rain	41	34
Saturday	Isolated Rain	46	37
Sunday	Scattered Rain	48	36
Monday	Few Showers	47	35
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	51	39

Weather Trivia

Which continent receives the least amount of precipitation?
Answer: Antarctica.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	40	28	40/30	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	30	26	40/30	0.00"	0.58"
Thursday	30	26	40/29	Trace	-0.58"
Friday	30	28	39/29	0.00"	29.6°
Saturday	31	29	39/29	0.00"	34.4°
Sunday	31	28	39/29	0.00"	Departure from normal
Monday	30	28	39/29	Trace	-4.8°

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Moon Phase
New 12/18	7:27 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	2:43 a.m.	2:01 p.m.	Full 1/1
Day	7:28 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	3:45 a.m.	2:29 p.m.	
Thursday	7:28 a.m.	4:08 p.m.	4:46 a.m.	2:59 p.m.	
Friday	7:29 a.m.	4:08 p.m.	5:45 a.m.	3:33 p.m.	
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	4:08 p.m.	6:42 a.m.	4:12 p.m.	
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	7:36 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	Last 1/8
Monday	7:31 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	8:25 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	
Tuesday					

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The City of Waitsburg, an equal opportunity employer, is currently taking applications for a full-time public works employee.

Nature of Work

Under the guidance from the Public Works Director, this is a non-skilled, primarily out-of-doors position in the maintenance of City-owned

utilities, streets, facilities and vehicles, and mowing grass or doing grounds maintenance as directed. Applicant should be knowledgeable of material and equipment commonly used in construction, maintenance and repair activities as related to assigned areas. Work requires some physical exertion such as long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven surfaces; recurring bending and crouching; stooping and reach-

ing; and occasional lifting of moderately heavy items. Work requires average physical agility and dexterity.

Qualifications

Minimum of 18 years of age with a Valid Washington State driver's license High school diploma or GED CDL and Public Applicator Pesticides License are highly preferred, and will be given extra consideration, but are

not required.

Position closes on Friday December 29 at 4pm. Anticipated start date is Monday January 15th. Application and full job description are available M-F 8 am - 4 pm at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or at the City website www.cityofwaitsburg.

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 (side of Banner Bank)
2-4 p.m.

Waitsburg Town Hall Board
Town Hall

7 p.m.
PJPRD Board Meeting
District Office (101 S. D. St., Prescott)
7 p.m.

15

Cocoa with Santa
Waitsburg Elementary School
7:30-8:30 a.m.

"Bot Building"
Dayton Memorial Library
3:15 p.m.
Come build a motorized robot!

16

Prescott Lions Fund-raiser Breakfast
Prescott Lions Hall
8-11 a.m.
Third weekend of each month.

Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue (side of Banner Bank)
9-11 a.m.

Stocking Stuffer Saturday
Waitsburg Main Street/Town Hall
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Book Chat
Dayton Memorial Library

The no a book club, book club. Bring a beverage and enjoy dessert.
6-8 p.m.

FrogHollow Band at the Tux
Tuxedo Bar & Grill (Prescott)
8-11 p.m.

Ugly Sweater Party
Whiskey Canyon Sports Bar & Grill
8 p.m.

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Community Christmas Concert
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
7 p.m.

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Prescott School Holiday Lunch with Parents
Prescott School Cafeteria
11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Prescott School Board
District Board Room
6 p.m.

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Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.

Dayton Senior Round Table
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.

Dayton Planning Commission
City Hall
6:30 p.m.

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Dayton Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Dayton School Board
District Boardroom
6 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service
Dayton First Congregational Church - UCC (214 S. 3rd)
6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery
Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Waitsburg City Council
Lions Club Building (Fairgrounds)
7 p.m.

Dayton City Council
City Hall
7 p.m.

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WWCSO PRESS BOARD

Dec. 5:
Malicious/Criminal Mischief reported in the 900 block of Preston Avenue.

BRIEFS

STOCKING STUFFER SATURDAY

WAITSBURG - Looking for last-minute Christmas gifts? Waitsburg is the place to be this weekend on "Stocking Stuffer Saturday," Dec. 16, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Main Street businesses will be encouraging last-minute shoppers to finish up their Christmas shopping. The Waitsburg Commercial will rent Town Hall for vendors to sell their wares as well.

The Whoopemup Hollow Café will be open from 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. for casual drop-in shoppers as well and will also be taking reservations for regular dining. Any shopper with a receipt for a purchase made in Waitsburg on Saturday will be offered a free turkey or pork slider with the purchase of a bowl of soup or entrée.

Cocoa and cider, hosted by the Commercial Club, will be offered, along with adult beverages for purchase. Any business owner/vendor can make a dinner reservation and be included in the free slider and receive a special beverage treat from the Commercial Club.

Watch the Waitsburg Commercial Club Facebook page for updates on business specials and entertainment. Message Joy at waitsburgcc@icloud.com or call (509) 539-8773 with questions or for more information. Dinner reservations at the Whoopemup Hollow café can be made by calling (509) 337-9000.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DAYTON - This season of Advent, Christmas and holly-jollies also offers moments for stillness and contemplation about how we live our lives, the things that bring joy, and the places that feel tender in our hearts and minds. Shorter days, longer nights are obvious and draw us inward. A service that holds all those things called a "Blue Christmas" allows for some space to affirm those very real feels. Join us for a time of candlelight, music, spoken word, and communion on Wed., Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Dayton First Congregational Church-UCC, 214 S 3rd Street.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WAITSBURG - The annual Community Christmas Concert will take place at the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. on Sun. Dec. 17. Enjoy an evening of Christmas carols performed by the Waitsburg Community Christmas Choir and many local musicians.

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.

Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Rev. Bret Moser

Waitsburg Chapel
320 W. 2nd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

New River Fellowship
121 Main St, (Town Hall)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
www.newriverfellowship.org
520-5676

School Lunch Menu

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

15: HOT COCOA WITH SANTA 7:30-8:30 A.M.; PB & J
Uncrustable.
18: Cook's Choice; Chicken Drumstick, BBQ Beans, Roll
19: Biscuit & Gravy; Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
20: Long John; Chicken Fried Steak; Gravy
21: Cook's Choice; Cook's Choice

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LAFF - A - DAY



"None of my socks match!"

GRIN and BEAR IT



"She comes with a list of things SHE wants for Christmas."

THREATS RESULT IN STUDENT ARREST AT DHS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON - The Columbia County Sheriff's Department has released a statement to the press about an incident that occurred last Tues., Dec. 5, when the Sheriff's Department received a call from the Dayton School District regarding threats made against the school by a student.

The Sheriff's Department press release stated that Deputy Jeff Jenkins met with Superintendent Doug Johnson and High School Principal Paul Shaber. After determining the threats were credible, Sheriff Rocky Miller and Prosecutor Rea Culwell were asked to join the meeting.

The student was placed under arrest at 1:10 p.m. at the student's home and taken to the Juvenile Justice Center in Walla Walla, booked, and charged with harassment, threats to kill, which is a Class C felony, and threats to injure any public building, which is a Class B felony.

The Sheriff's Department also stated that on Dec. 4, the same student was overheard saying they would "shoot up the school."

During the investigation, the school district determined that previously threats had been made against a fellow student "to stab them and cut their head off".

The student had been expelled from school earlier that morning, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Superintendent Doug Johnson said, "The safety of students and staff is a district priority. The allegation was taken seriously and immediately investigated . . . This is now a public safety matter," he said.

"The district will cooperate with law enforcement and the justice system as needed," Johnson said.

"The district will consider what, if any, actions to take regarding the incident, based on the Dayton High School student handbook, and district policies. . ."

"The district remains committed to providing opportunities for all students to achieve academic excellence and the opportunity to become productive members of our communities, state, and country.

"During challenging times we are reminded of the importance of each and every student and the need to help them acquire positive character traits, such as respect, perseverance, and empathy. We are dedicated to supporting the needs of each child and every family, in our community," Johnson said.

The investigation is ongoing.

GUEST COLUMN

KEEP THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT ALL YEAR LONG

By Don C. Brunell

During the holidays, our thoughts naturally turn to giving — not just giving gifts, but donating our time and money to charities, disasters and community programs.

We're reminded that, with all our frailties, we, Americans, are a pretty generous lot. According to the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, 88 percent of our households donate to charity. In 2015, our total was more than \$375 billion in cash to non-profit organizations.

Cash contributions are only part of the story. Many businesses and those they employ, have jumped in with donated services and products which are not included in the Center's calculations. In many ways, that generosity and willingness to help people in need is what defines America.

As it turns out, philanthropy is an old as civilization itself.

One of the earliest recorded donations was in 375 B.C. when Plato willed his house to his nephew with instructions that the proceeds be used to support students and faculty at the academy he founded.

In America, the controversial and hard-charging industry titans who came to power in the 19th century began a tradition of philanthropy that created some of our nation's most prestigious institutions.

For example, steel magnate Andrew Carnegie built 2,800 free public libraries around the world, and many of America's greatest universities and

art institutions were founded by industrialists: Carnegie-Mellon University, Duke University, the University of Chicago, Rockefeller University, Stanford University, the Getty Museum, the Guggenheim and the Smithsonian.

While banks are a target of much criticism, it is important to point out that in 2015, Wells Fargo, JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America were among Forbes top 20 contributors, donating over \$677 million nationally and \$13.2 million in our state.

One of today's best-known foundations is the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation which is Seattle based. It was founded with earnings from Microsoft and generously supported by business mogul Warren Buffet.

Gates is part of a movement that has supported work in more than 100 countries that face challenges in education, poverty, hunger and health. By 2020, it aims to have prevented more than 11 million deaths, 264 million illnesses and 3.9 million disabilities by providing sustainable vaccine coverage and medical support.

This year saw powerful and destructive hurricanes smack into Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico and massive wildfires sweeping across the West.

Corporations such as Walmart and Boeing are among those generously responding to disasters. Walmart, the second largest corporate philanthropic company, and the Walmart Foundation have donated more than \$35 million to 2017 disaster relief efforts while Boeing chipped in with \$3.2 million.

Those contributions have greatly augmented our military and FEMA work in feeding, clothing and sheltering people who lost everything.

As generous as our large companies are, the vast majority of charity in America — and here in Washington — is quietly donated by small businesses and individuals who never make the headlines.

One of the most notable examples is Jim McIngvale, owner of Gallery Furniture in Houston. When Hurricane Harvey devastated the Gulf Coast, he opened his bed and mattress stores to those left homeless. He did the same when many New Orleans residents retreated to Houston after Hurricane Katrina because, as he put it: "It was the right thing to do."

In our region thousands of citizens and small businesses jumped in to assist those displaced by massive wildfires.

These volunteers deserve our thanks and support. Their efforts are a reminder that all of us, regardless of income or status, can contribute to our communities in some way — and, in doing so, we make ourselves and our communities better.

While some may focus on what is wrong with America, our philanthropy is what we do well.

Don C. Brunell is a business analyst, writer and columnist. He retired as president of the Association of Washington Business, the state's oldest and largest business organization, and now lives in Vancouver. He can be contacted at theBrunells@msn.com.

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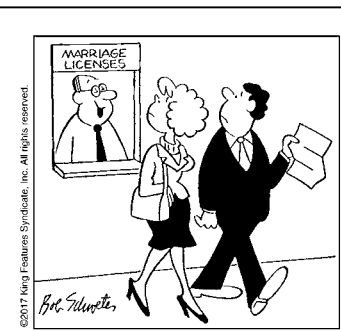
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



"Remember, that's just a license, it's not a _____!"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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- Carry: **LAYER** [] [] [] [] []
- Mix: **LEMING** [] [] [] [] [] []

TODAY'S WORD

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Letters Welcome

The Times invites readers to share their thoughts on our Opinion Page. Letters to the Editor can be emailed to us at editor@waitsburgtimes.com, or mailed to The Times at P.O. Box 97, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Letters can also be hand-delivered to our office. Deadline for letters is Tuesday at noon.

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NEWS BRIEF

MICHAEL BATES RETIRES

WALLA WALLA - Walla Walla County Commissioners invite the public to attend a retirement open house for Michael "Mike" Bates on Tues., Dec. 19 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the County Public Health and Legislative Building located at 314 W. Main.

Bates, who currently holds the position of Director of Corrections, plans to retire on Dec. 31. Bates began work with the county as an adult probation officer in 1975 and was promoted to assistant director in 1978. In 1989, he became the Director of the Walla Walla County Court Services Department. The Juvenile Justice Center was opened under his direction in 1997.

In 2015, Bates was named the Director of the Department of Corrections, which includes the Walla Walla County Jail and the Juvenile Justice Center.

Americanisms



"Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own."
—Doug Larson

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Council to Decide Parking Issue

APARTMENT MANAGER SAYS OVERNIGHT PARKING AT RESTAURANT DISTURBS TENANTS

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – At the request of City Manager Randy Hinchliffe, the Waitsburg City Council has been asked to determine, at their Dec. 20 meeting, whether or not semi trucks can park overnight in the Whiskey Canyon Sports Bar & Grill parking lot.

Hinchliffe explained that, since the restaurant was built, the city has received multiple, sporadic complaints from the onsite manager of the apartments located behind the restaurant. The former Waitsburg Inn, owned by Kieth Parkins, was converted to apartments several years ago.

“Apparently, trucks pull in and stay all night with their engines cycling on and off, which disturbs the residents,” Hinchliffe said.

Hinchliffe said the city’s noise ordinance is vague and states that noise is prohibited if it “reasonably disturbs” a person. He said the restaurant is located in a commercial zone where temporary parking is allowed.

The restaurant, which opened in June of 2015, was built with a large parking lot and a family bathroom with a shower, specifically to attract truck drivers.

“At this time, there is no good scenario for us. We’re not going to be able to please either side. The council needs to decide,” Hinchliffe said.

Mayor Dunn asked how the council could prohibit parking on private property.

“We can’t control who the restaurant allows to park on their property. Nor can we put a sign up saying they can’t leave their trucks running overnight. That’s out of our control,” Dunn said.

Hinchliffe said the city does have the ability to impose certain restrictions in any zone if they believe the activity violates the noise ordinance.

When asked, Hinchliffe said that no other neighbors had complained of noise.

Hinchliffe requested that the council think about it and plan to decide the issue at the Dec. 20 city council meeting.

Patricia Sacha is New BMS Market Manager

EXPERIENCED BMS SUPPLIER WILL MAKE FOR EASY TRANSITION

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Patricia Sacha is a natural in her new role as the Blue Mountain Station’s Market manager.

Sacha farmed the garden at the Blue Mountain Station in 2015.

Since 2016 she and her husband, David, have been operating Hidden Gardens Farm, supplying microgreens and herbs to the BMS Market and to local restaurants.

Sacha said is familiar with what running the market entails.

“I used to help Melissa (Weatherford) with packaging products and stocking shelves,” she said. “I already know a lot of the vendors. So, it made it easier to transition.”

In her role as the new market manager Sacha is responsible for promoting the market and the businesses in the BMS.

She is also responsible for daily operations, which include: stocking shelves, placing orders, and keeping the market in tip-top shape, she said.

She said she is not responsible for cooking delicious soups and breads, because Mandi at the Weinhard Café is.

Sacha said she will be more than just a little busy.

In the middle of January she hopes to begin moving her farming operation from two acres in Dixie, to five acres, in Waitsburg.

Sacha also has a 3-month-old daughter, Kimberly, a 4-year-old



Photo by Michele Smith

Patricia Sacha was preparing Hayshaker Farm produce for sale at the Blue Mountain Station. Sacha is the new Blue Mountain Station Market Manager.

son, David Jr., and an 8-year-old daughter, Kahlynn, to care for at her home in Dixie.

Sacha has hit the ground running with her first newsletter promoting the market as a great place “to shop for holiday meals, winter comfort food staples and handmade gifts” and promoting membership to the Co-op.

“I am very excited about this

opportunity and the chance to be part of the growth of the Blue Mountain Station and to share with you all the wonderful things happening here,” Sacha said in her newsletter.

“I love being part of the community in a different role,” Sacha said.

LEVY - FROM PAGE 1

tal levy yet to be finished are: replacement of roofs, in particular the high school gym roof, phones and communication system, surveillance cameras, exterior doors and irrigation projects.

New projects are: main boiler number two, ag shop boiler, wood shop/bus barn boiler, hot water heater and heating system controls.

Johnson said the estimated total cost for all projects is \$1,065,000.00.

He said collections from the current capital levy will fall short of the total needed by \$652,500.

“Approval of the proposed capital levy would provide an additional \$800,000 in funds and allow all of the projects to be completed, with an acceptable contingency fund. Repairs and upgrades would take place over the next three years with the last of the projects completed in the summer of 2020. The high school roof, and at least some of the parts of the heating system would be done in the summer of 2018, barring any failures between now, and then,” Johnson said.

If support of the February Capital Projects Levy fails, the district would be left with only \$412,500 for needed repairs, Johnson said.

“Decisions would be made regarding which projects to take off the table,” he said.

The Board of Directors emphasized the importance of funding for current needs as well as the need for a larger vision.

In 2013, a Washington State Study and Survey identified these priorities for the district:

Prior renovations to electrical, plumbing, roofing and HVAC are past their life expectancy.

Building safety and security needs are far different from when renovations were completed in 1984.

Instructional needs: including undersized classrooms, science labs, special education facilities, and auditorium or performance space needs.

Significant changes to safety and ADA codes including fire sprinkler systems, alarms, communications, and accessibility.

Need for additional physical education and athletic space, primarily for elementary and middle school students, and upgrades to the high school girls locker room facilities.

Early learning opportunities (pre-school and kindergarten instructional spaces).

In 2013, the district and a committee made up of interested citizens identified a district-wide renovation and construction project. However, the resulting bond proposal was defeated in 2014, Johnson said.

Voters passed the current two-year capital projects levy in February 2016.

At the end of the Dec. 6 meeting the Board of Directors approved Resolution 2017-03 Capital Project Levy which will appear on the February ballot.

There will be a Special Meeting on Jan. 24, 2018, for the district to receive input from the community, Johnson said.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season.

Please keep safety and efficiency in mind as you celebrate:

- Use caution when climbing ladders to hang or take down outdoor lights. Stay away from all overhead power lines.
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SPORTS

Lady Cards Beat Mac-Hi, Fall to Indians, Gar-Pal

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Lady Cardinals opened their season with a hard-fought, home-court win against Mac-Hi on Tues., Dec. 5. The Cards and Pioneers swapped leads throughout the game until the third quarter when the Cards racked up 18 points to take a 38-35 win over Mac-Hi.

Chloe Pearson lead the stats with 11 points and Ariel Sandau added another eight. DeJa Williams made seven points with Kirsten Miller and Tayler Jones adding another six each. Jones landed the only Cardinal 3-pointer of the game.

On Friday, Dec. 8 the Lady Cards took a 58-16 beating from the Touchet Indians in their first league match of the season, in Touchet. Chloe Pearson scored six points, Tayler Jones scored five, Ariel Sandau added three with Kirsten Miller pulling in two.

On Saturday, Garfield-Palouse beat the Cardinals 62-17, in Waitsburg. The Cardinals will face off against Pomeroy on Fri., Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. at home.

Cardinals 38, Pioneers 35
WAITSBURG (38) — Miller 6, Jones 6, Sandau 8, Williams 7, Larsen 1, Pearson 11. Totals 13-60 11-22 38.
MAC-HI (35) — Martinez 2, Jones 3, Casillas 7, B. Hernandez 11, Hair 2, Yensen 5, Earls 4, Castillo 1. Totals 11-56 12-28 35
Mac-Hi - 8 7 13 7—35
Waitsburg - 9 8 3 18—38
3-point goals — Mac-Hi (Earls), Waitsburg (Jones). Total fouls — Mac-Hi 20, Waitsburg 18. Fouled out — Waitsburg (Pearson, Sandau). Technical fouls — Waitsburg (bench).

Touchet 58, Waitsburg 16
Waitsburg (16) — Miller 2, White, Lambert, Jones 5, Sandau 3, Larsen, Pearson 6, Totals 6 3-8 16.
TOUCHET (58) — Kromm 4, K. Skramstad 14, Luna 2, Orozco 6, E. Skramstad 1, McGreevy 4, Kincaid 7, Contreras 10 Solis, Olson, Jagger 10. Totals 26 5-8 58.
Waitsburg 10 0 2 4—16
Touchet 18 16 15 9—58
3-point goals — Waits 1, Tou 1. Total fouls — Waits 6, Tou 9. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Waits 20, Touchet 29. Turnovers — Waits 25, Tou 9. Assists — Touchet 10.



Chloe Pearson (r) makes the block as Ariel Sandau attempts to steal the ball from a Gar-Pal player during Saturday's home game.

Photo courtesy of Bradley Sandau

Cardinals Fall to Mac-Hi 63-25, Touchet 65-30, Gar-Pal 62-18

By Dena Martin
THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Cardinal boys' basketball team fell hard to the Mac-Hi Pioneers, taking a 63-25 home-court loss in their opener game on Dec. 5.

Cardinal coach Roy Ramirez chalked the loss up to an inexperienced offense, but expects to see improvement as the season progresses.

Braden Kitselman racked up nearly half the Cardinal score with ten points. Cade Branson added five, Brandon Boudrieau and Colton Vanblaricom add four each, and Seamus House scored two.

In the first on-road league match of the season, the Cardinals were outscored by Touchet 65-30 on Fri., Dec. 8. The Indians took a 32-2 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

Johnny Wyatt made 11 points for the Cardinals, with Colton Vanblaricom adding another five. Christian Watson-Solis, Alvin Knowles and Cade Branson made four points each with Seamus House adding two.

On Saturday, Garfield-Palouse took a 62-18 win over the Cardinals. The Cardinals next play Pomeroy at home on Fri., Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m.



Braden Kitselman (12) shoots the basket in the first league game of the season in Touchet on Fri., Dec. 8.

Photo Courtesy of Bradley Sandau

Pioneers 63, Cardinals 25
MAC-HI (63) — Stephens 2, Garcia 7, Gilmore 1, H. Castillo 2, Delgado 17, Pio 15, Hodgen 4, Ruiz 7, C. Castillo 2, Vela 2, Perez 5. Totals 25 9-25 63.
WAITSBURG (25) — Boudrieau 4, Vanblaricom 4, House 2, Kitselman 10, Branson 5, Evans, Bly, Lambert, Knowles. Totals 10 4-8 25.
Mac-Hi 19 18 22 4—63
Waitsburg 5 4 10 6—25
3-point goals — Mac-Hi (A. Delgado 3, Ruiz), Waitsburg (Branson). Total fouls — Waitsburg 20, Mac-Hi 13. Fouled out — Waitsburg (Vanblaricom, Branson). Technical fouls — none.

Touchet 65, Waitsburg 30
WAITSBURG (30) — Boudrieau, Watson-Solis 4 Evans, House 2, Vanblaricom 5, Kitselman, Bly, Knowles 4, Wyatt 11, Branson 4. Totals 11-35 6-8 30.
TOUCHET (65) — Orozco 7, Acevedo 5, McKeeown 11, Gutierrez 13, Warren 9, O. Martinez, Preciado 8, Schaeffer 9, Solis, A. Martinez 1. Totals 23-55 15-24 65.
Waitsburg 2 8 10 10—30
Touchet 32 12 16 5—65

Valley Girls Barrel Racing

by Rosie Gallaher

The Valley Girls Barrel Racing Association has just completed an amazing 55 years of promoting barrel racing in the Walla Walla Valley and surrounding areas.

On Nov. 11, 175 members and friends gathered in Frenchtown Hall in Lowden. Six ladies were honored, who have been in the association for 55 years, along with the six year-end champions in six divisions.

Overall Champion was Nicole Kelly of Lowden, who rode Froghollow Ricochet. Reserve Overall Champion was Julie Williams of Athena, who rode Streakin' to Hollywood. Kelly won a saddle donated by Bordertown Feed & Supply in Milton-Freewater and Williams won the Shirley Dickerson Memorial Buckle.

Shayla Currin, Cody Kessler, Josilyn Fullerton and Sam Ogden were each awarded a \$250 scholarship.

Longtime treasurer Sue Ruzicka received her Gold Card.

VGBA welcomes anyone interested in barrel racing to look for more information at www.vgbra.org or call Debbie at 520-4677.

Open Division Winners

Champion Julie Williams (Athena) 107
Reserve Karen Gleason (Touchet) 100
3rd Nicole Kelly (Touchet) 83
4th Kacey Gartner (Touchet) 83
5th Michele Lyons (Touchet) 73
6th Jamie Thomas (WW) 70
7th Kim Kammezind (WW) 8th Sue Ruzicka (Dixie) 57
9th Jackie Culham (Athena) 56.5
10th Kelli Currin (Dayton) 45

Honors Division

Champion Judy Frazier (Touchet) 153
Reserve Kim Thompson (WW) 151
3rd Rosie Gallaher (Dayton) 114.5
4th Debbie Kentch (Touchet) 101
5th Adelle Smith (Waitsburg) 94.5
6th Janie Maycumber (Lowden) 47
7th Judy Poitras (Touchet) 40

Senior Division

Champion Shayla Currin (Dayton) 129
Reserve Cody Kessler (M-F) 115
3rd Alison Cranor (WW) 105
4th Sierra Bryan (M-F) 78
5th Alysha Farrrens (WW) 60
6th Tommie Hoyecki (Pomeroy) 48
7th Cloey Frazier (Touchet) 41

Junior Division

Champion Elsie Mae Mann (Dayton) 128

Reserve Paige Gartner (Lowden) 116
3rd Hannah Brannock (WW) 98
4th Kristen Sewell (M-F) 97
5th Peytyn Pratt (Touchet) 92
6th Makayah Lawyer (WW) 85

Novice Division

Champion Ashley Lawyer (WW) 109
Reserve Kelli Currin (Dayton) 103
3rd Judy Poitras (Touchet) 90
4th Brenda Lennox (Touchet) 84
5th Cindy Lane (Prescott) 83
6th Tara Lawrence (Touchet) 91

Amateur Division

Champion Dana Grett (Touchet) 164
Reserve Michelle Warren (WW) 129
3rd Tamra Morris (M-F) 110
4th Brooke Martin (WW) 104
5th Kristen Gwinn (Touchet) 78
6th Chelsea Mann (Dayton) 68
7th Jamie Mayberry (Prescott) 63

Rookies:

Open — Brenda Lennox (Touchet)
Honors — Lisa Anderson (Walla Walla)
Senior — Sierra Bryan (Mil-ton-Fr.)
Junior — Hannah Brannock (Walla Walla)
Novice — Brenda Lennox (Touchet)
Amateur — Alissa Morgan (Weston)



Courtesy Photos
Far left: Senior Division Barrel Racing Champion Shayla Currin (l) poses with mom Kelli.

Left: Junior Division Champion Elsie Mann (r) poses with mom Jeni Richie.



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Senior Round Table Wants You!

SENIORS ARE INVITED TO ENJOY FELLOWSHIP AND A HOT MEAL AT TUESDAY LUNCHES

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – For about 30 years, Waitsburg seniors have been gathering to share a hot meal and fellowship together as part of the Walla Walla Senior Citizen Center's Senior Round Table program. Recently, numbers have dwindled and site coordinator Kim Bruzas wants to make sure Waitsburg residents are aware of the program.

"It's the best deal in town! Where else can you get a meal like this for \$4.00?" asked volunteer cashier Doris Huffman.

Residents are invited to the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church basement for a healthy meal and the opportunity to get out of the house, connect with others, and find out what's been going on around town. The Walla Walla Senior Citizens Center (Center at the Park) prepares the meals and delivers them to Waitsburg where local volunteers serve and collect donations.

If an individual is 60 or older, both they and their spouse (regardless of the spouse's age) qualify for Senior Round Table meals. Donations (\$4 suggested) are accepted, but not required and clients are asked to give

only what they can afford. Food stamp Quest cards are also accepted. Those under age 60 are also welcome but must pay the full price of \$7 per meal.

The center puts out a monthly menu in advance. The Dec. 5 meal was meatloaf and gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, fruit juice or salad and pears. On Dec. 12 the center will serve corned beef hash, Riviera Blend vegetables, fruit juice or salad, Hawaiian Sweet roll and baked apple.

Walter and Dorothy Harris are credited with contacting the senior center to get the program started in Waitsburg, years ago.

In addition to the congregate meals, the center provides Meals on Wheels to those with limited mobility and up to seven frozen meals may be delivered. Clients must pass an assessment and can then receive both a hot meal and up to 13 frozen meals each week.

Two years ago, 12 – 18 people attended the weekly lunches and five to 10 Meals on Wheels were delivered. Now, only a half-dozen people show up for lunch and just one couple receives delivery, according to Bruzas.

"It's a wonderful program and we just want to make sure seniors know that it's here and available. We'd love to have more people join us," Bruzas said.

Volunteers begin serving at 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the basement of the Presbyterian Church (504 Main) but diners are welcome to show up early to visit.



Photo by Dena Martin

Volunteers (l to r): Pat Largent, Kim Bruzas and Marianne Newell prepared meals for seniors at a Tuesday Senior Round Table earlier this month. They would love to see more seniors at the weekly round table meals and encourage those in need sign up for the Meals on Wheels program offered through the Walla Walla Senior Citizen's Center.

SENIOR CENTER OFFERINGS

The Walla Walla Senior Center (also known as The Center at the Park) operates in four counties and serves Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Burbank, Dayton, Pomeroy, Clarkston and Asotin. An annual membership is \$20 per individual and \$35 per couple, for individuals age 50 and older. The center provides many services in addition to the Senior Round Table and Meals on Wheels programs. Below are a few.

*The center offers classes, games, health and welfare information, foot care, legal counseling, chair massage, haircuts, and tax preparation for members age 50 and older.

*Facility or room rentals.

*The center installs Personal Emergency Response buttons for people at risk of falling at home.

*The center provides Adult Day Care for caregivers who need respite in caring for seniors. Staff members play games and do activities with seniors while keeping them busy and safe so that family members can get a needed break.

To learn more about the Walla Walla Senior Citizens Center, its programs, or to volunteer, visit wallawallaseniorcenter.org online or call (509) 527-3775.

Be Aware of Fraud

SCAMMERS USE FEAR AND PRIVATE INFO TO INTIMIDATE VICTIMS

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – It's December again; the time of year for giving – and taking. The Walla Walla Police Department recently issued a press release about an increase in reports of scams hitting area residents.

In one scam, residents receive a physical letter in the mail from an "administrative manager" of a financial institute in Barcelona. The letter states that millions of dollars are unclaimed and can be split with the letter recipient, through a "confidential" process. The recipient is told not to discuss the letter with anyone but the sender, who they are to contact via fax or phone.

In another scam callers tell people they owe money to the IRS and will be arrested if they don't pay. They require payment through prepaid debit cards or wire transfers. Attempting to scare people into action is a typical scam tactic.

In a similar scam, Waitsburg resident Karen Gleason recently received a call from an "attorney" back east who had her private information including her date of birth, employer, and social security number.

Gleason was told she had until the end of the day to pay a debt or be arrested for two criminal offenses.

When Gleason requested the name and contact of the law firm and said she would contact her attorney, the caller became foul-mouthed and hung up.

Gleason did the right thing by immediately reporting the call to authorities.

Police suggest entering the phone number of the caller into a search engine to learn more about the caller. Spammers also use caller ID spoofing

to make it look like the number is a legitimate IRS agency or local number and they may use the victim's name, address, or other information to make the call sound official, as they did in Gleason's case.

It is important to know that the IRS will not contact to demand immediate payment, and will always send a letter first. You also always have the right to question and appeal the amount they say you owe. They will also never request a credit card number over the phone, threaten to bring in the police, or require payment in a certain way.

Other common frauds include portraying a family member or grandchild in need of funds and calls advising the victim, especially the elderly, that they have been awarded a monetary prize and need to send funds to claim their winnings.

Judi Pilcher, branch manager of Dayton's Washington Federal Bank, speaks regularly on elder abuse at the Dayton Senior Center and repeatedly warns against giving out personal information over the phone, or via email or text unless you have initiated the call, even if the call or email states they are trying to "update information."

"I know it's restrictive but they need to call the institution directly, instead," she told The Times in a previous interview. She also reminds clients that if something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Individuals can check their credit report annually at www.annualcreditreport.com and can determine if charities are legitimate at www.charitywatch.org. If you think you have been a victim of attempted fraud, call the police to let them know.

"Be very careful, as I have done all my shopping online and also refinanced. Somehow they got all my info. I hope this helps others from becoming a victim," said Gleason in a Facebook post about her scam call.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. TS No.: WA-17-760554-SW APN No.: 350736620408 Title Order No.: 64681 Deed of Trust Grantor(s): VIDAL A LAZARO Deed of Trust Grantee(s): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRY-WIDE HOME LOANS, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Deed of Trust Instrument/Reference No.: 2007-09529 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 12/22/2017, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Walla Walla County Courthouse, located at 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 8 IN BLOCK 4 OF KNAPP ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF COLLEGE PLACE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1 OF ROLL FILES, PAGE C-4, RECORDS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATED IN THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE, COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 1210 COLONIAL DR, COLLEGE PLACE, WA 99324 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 8/15/2007, recorded 8/15/2007, under Instrument No. 2007-09529 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from VIDAL A LAZARO, as grantor(s), to LANDSAFE TITLE OF WASHINGTON, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to Ditech Financial LLC fka Green Tree Servicing LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2015-02302 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$16,418.89. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$153,585.54, together with interest as provided in the Note from 7/1/2016 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 12/22/2017. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 12/11/2017 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 12/11/2017 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 12/11/2017 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the

terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 5/12/2017. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are 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 by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this 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 OCCUPANTS 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 who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/foi/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dcf The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/what-clear. Additional disclaimers provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE Dated: 8/16/2017 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington,

as Trustee By: Lauren Esquivel, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington C/O Quality Loan Service Corp. 411 Ivy Street, San Diego, CA 92101 (866) 645-7711 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 (866) 925-0241 Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Logi n to: http://wa.qualityloan.com Trustee Sale Number: WA-17-760554-SW State of: County of: On before me, ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of WITNESS my hand and official seal. (Seal) Signature IDSPub #0130752 11/23/2017 12/14/2017 The Times Nov. 23, Dec. 14, 2017 11-23-a

Case No.: 17-4-50104-11 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RANDALL PATRICK MARTIN, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 days after the Administrator 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 nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: November 30, 2017.

/s/ Jeffrey Whiston Administrator 8108 Spieden Dr. Pasco, WA 99301

Attorney for Estate: Heidi Ellerd KUFFEL, HULTGREN-N, KLAISHKE, SHEA & ELLERD, LLP Address for Mailing or service: 1915 Sun Willows Blvd. P. O. Box 2368 Pasco, WA 99302 (509) 545-8531 Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Franklin County Superior Court Franklin County Courthouse 1016 N. 4th Pasco, WA 99301 Cause No. 17-4-50104-11

The Times Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2017 11-30-a

NO: 17-4-00221-4

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In re the Estate of: FRED T. MCPHERSON, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070

by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 7, 2017. Fred T. McPherson, Jr. Personal Representative

Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320 Basalt Legal, PLLC 6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630

The Times Dec. 7, 14, 21 2017 12-7-b

Public Notice:

Columbia County Weed Board Herbicide Contract for the 2018 calendar year.

Notice of call for bids for 400 gallons more or less, of the herbicides Picloram @2 lbs./gal. a.i., Milestone, Alligare MSM 60, Curtail, 2, 4-D Amine and the adjuvant R-11 combined. Bids are to be received by the Columbia County Noxious Weed Board, 137 East Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328, by Noon on January 3, 2018. The herbicide is to be delivered to a location in Columbia County designated by the Weed Board within 48 hours of order placement. The herbicide is to be available at a local storage, to be provided by company that is awarded bid, within 48 hours of order placement. Bids to include the price per quart where applicable, and per gallon in one (1) and two and one-half (2 1/2) gallon containers. The Weed Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Rick Turner, Chairman Columbia County Noxious Weed Board

The Times Dec. 7, 14, 2017 12-7-c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a hearing has been established for Monday, December 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Office on the 3rd floor of the Columbia County Courthouse, 341 E Main Street, Dayton, WA to hear comments on the adoption of the 2018 budgets for Columbia County Current Expense Fund, Various Fund, and County Road Fund. A copy of the proposed budgets will be placed on file with the County Auditor where copies of same will be available for public inspection. Final approval is pending this hearing.

By Order of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners:

Leanne J. Peters Clerk of the Board The Times Dec. 7, 14, 2017 12-7-g

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, 2018. 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. Geo-reference 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 January 3, 2018. 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

The Times Dec. 7, 14, 2017 12-7-d

Case No. 17-4-00096-3 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA In Re the Estate of DOLORES IRENE DODD Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: 12/05/2017

Date of First Publication: 12/14/2017 /s/ Bryan J. Ponti BAKER-BOYER BANK By: Bryan N. Ponti Personal Representative

The Times Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2017 12-14-a

NO. 17-4-00215-0 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In the Matter of the Estate of: JEANETTE A. REICHERT, 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.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: November 30, 2017 Date of First Publication: December 7, 2017 Administrator: ROX-ANNE OVERMAN

Attorney for the Personal Representative: /s/ Julie E. Karl Julie E. Karl, WSBA #45950 Address for Mailing or Service: KARL LAW OFFICE PO Box 66 Waitsburg, WA 99361

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NO. 17-4-00028-7 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of CORLEEN E. PITTMAN, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Personal Representative or the attorneys of record at the address stated below and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, or except under those provisions included in R.C.W. 11.40.011 or 11.40.013 of this act, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedent.

DATE OF FILING OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS: December 6, 2017.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 14, 2017.

/s/Donald W. Pittman DONALD W. PITTMAN Personal Representative

c/o MARINELLA & BOGGS Attorneys at Law, WSBA# 2438 P. O. Box 7; 338 E. Main Street Dayton, WA 99328 (509) 382-2541

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LEGAL NOTICE CALL FOR BIDS ON EQUIPMENT

Walla Walla County Fire Protection District #7 is calling for bids on the following:

1 – 1980 INTL 1824 4 X 4 TRUCK

The commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 7 will receive sealed bids until noon Friday, December 15, 2017 – 8 a.m.. Bids may be mailed to WW-CFPD #7, POB 29, Prescott, WA 99348. Mark SEALED BID clearly on the envelope. Bids may be brought to the Bid Opening which will commence at 8:00 a.m. December 15, 2017.

The bids will be opened and read aloud at the SPECIAL meeting of the Commissioners on December 15, 2017 which will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Red Room at City Hall in the town of Prescott, Washington.

The Commissioners of WW-CFPD #7 reserve the following rights:

1. To reject any and all bids
2. To waive any or all irregularities in the bids submitted
3. To make the award to the bidder whose bid, in the judgment of the Commissioners, best serves the interest of the fire district.

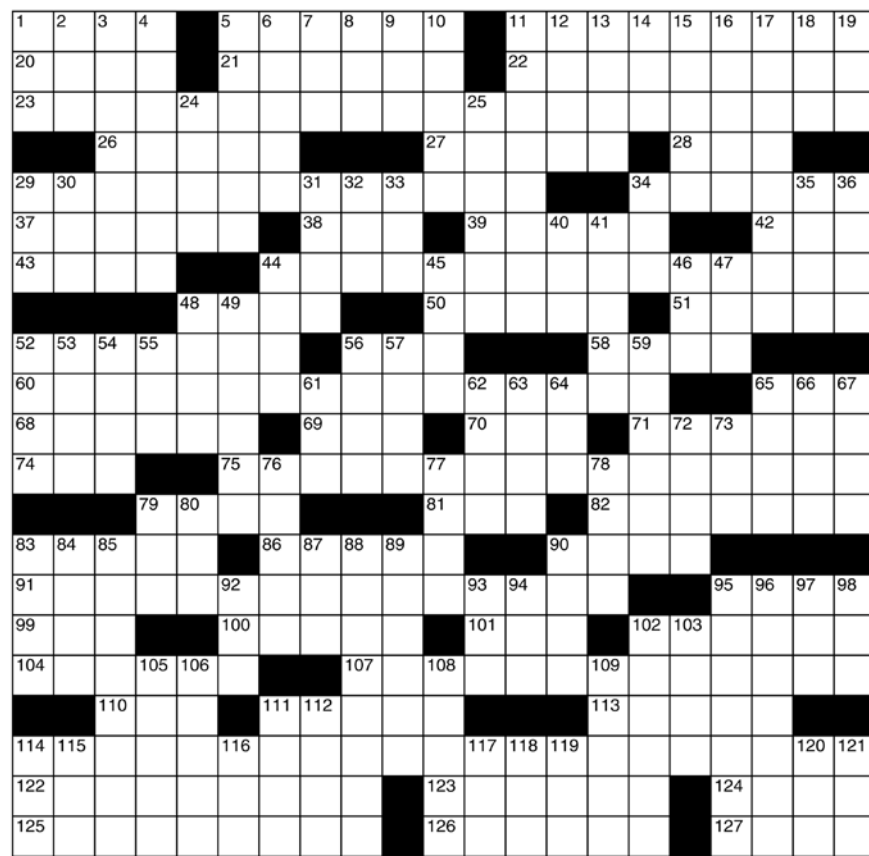
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PUZZLES/RECIPES

Super Crossword

LINKING VERBS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Defers (to)
 - 5 Pretenders
 - 11 Animistic religion of northern Asia
 - 20 Adored star
 - 21 How bed linens are often sold
 - 22 Audio product introduced by Bose in 1993
 - 23 CHARM
 - 26 Spending jag
 - 27 — ed
 - 28 "Ben- —"
 - 29 SEE
 - 34 Citi Field MLB team
 - 37 Clothed very shabbily
 - 38 Prefix with color
 - 39 Fleecy beast
 - 42 Lose vigor
 - 43 Not difficult
 - 44 HEIGHTEN
 - 48 Grows older
 - 50 Daisy cousin
 - 51 California's Point —
 - 52 Was of use to
 - 56 See 29-Down
 - 58 "Nothing — it seems"
 - 60 FALL
 - 65 Suffix with host
 - 68 Certify
 - 69 Actress Ortiz or Gasteyer
 - 70 Ghost shout
 - 71 Marketing space in a newspaper, e.g.
 - 74 "Li'l ol' me?!"
 - 75 STEAL
 - 79 Donne, e.g.
 - 81 Lead-in to history
 - 82 E.T.'s
 - 83 Ranch rope
 - 86 Fizzy drinks
 - 90 Holiday song
 - 91 SUPPLY
 - 95 "Aloha Oe" instruments, for short
 - 99 Crux
 - 100 Czar's edict
 - 101 See 103-Down
 - 102 Mint-family herbs
 - 104 Gets more narrow
 - 107 CHANGE
 - 110 "... — mouse?"
 - 111 Davis of "Hot Stuff"
 - 113 Eventual oak
 - 114 ERASE
 - 122 Proper noun in an atlas
 - 123 Ripped thoroughly
 - 124 Huge-scale
 - 125 Person on both sides of an issue
 - 126 Treats with malice
 - 127 Gas brand
- DOWN**
- 1 Spill-catching wear
 - 2 Poem of laud
 - 3 "Amazing!"
 - 4 Ramp for accessing a ship
 - 5 Gem sides
 - 6 Ghostly pale
 - 7 Jay-ell linkup
 - 8 Psychic "gift"
 - 9 Stimp's bud
 - 10 Small porch
 - 11 Small bird that builds edible nests
 - 12 Visible air
 - 13 Chevy's Sonic, before 2011
 - 14 Many adults
 - 15 Don Marquis' — and Mehitabel
 - 16 Poet Tate
 - 17 "It really seems to me ..."
 - 18 Moral failure
 - 19 Pithy remark
 - 24 Math subj.
 - 25 Cave beings
 - 29 With
 - 56-Across, compete to obtain
 - 30 Suffix with czar
 - 31 LAX info
 - 32 Madras "Mr."
 - 33 Female sib
 - 34 Turner of an insurrection
 - 35 "Tall" story
 - 36 Mil. officers
 - 40 Rd. relative
 - 41 Physicist
 - Curie
 - 44 Funny Foxx
 - 45 English noble
 - 46 Special time
 - 47 Strikes (out)
 - 48 Heady drinks
 - 49 Docile
 - 52 Actor Driver
 - 53 "No" from a higher-up
 - 54 Italian wine area
 - 55 Luge surface
 - 56 Ariel, e.g.
 - 57 Large elliptical fish
 - 59 Not volatile
 - 61 Flying British mil. branch
 - 62 Ridesharing app
 - 63 Stir
 - 64 Curly's bud
 - 65 Ferrari who founded
 - 66 Riverbed deposit
 - 67 "Keep it in"
 - 72 Secluded valley
 - 73 Arm of Israel
 - 76 "Don't worry"
 - 77 — dixit (unproven assertion)
 - 78 Cat cry
 - 79 Chi-omega linkup
 - 80 Alley —
 - 83 Gave temporarily
 - 84 Kind of blue
 - 85 Of the region just north of the Antarctic Circle
 - 87 Female gametes
 - 88 Catastrophe
 - 89 Antarctic penguin
 - 90 Scale part
 - 92 Toys — (chain for kids)
 - 93 TV "Science Guy"
 - 94 Ruhr article
 - 95 Turnpike toll, e.g.
 - 96 Takes for ransom
 - 97 Wallach of "Nuts"
 - 98 Old aviation inits.
 - 102 What pull-ups work
 - 103 With
 - 101-Across, thus far
 - 105 Actress
 - 106 Evaluated
 - 108 Sends cell messages
 - 109 Unclear
 - 111 Kind of gel
 - 112 Unchanged
 - 114 Photo —
 - 115 Deli staple
 - 116 Cut off
 - 117 Fizzy drink
 - 118 Geller from Israel
 - 119 Bottom-line
 - 120 Prefix with gender
 - 121 Prefix with friendly



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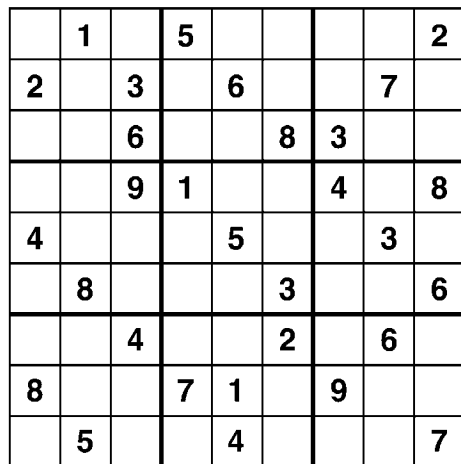
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

AMOR	MACRAME	HOP	RASH
ROVE	ETHICAL	ANA	ETTA
THE	CALL	OF	THE
WILD	STUN	ERROL	APT
CITTI	TICING	JULES	SITTING
DUCKS	ATONAL	SAUL	ERLE
RHYTHM	AND	BLUES	AERATE
MOSES	OR	ELI	SILLOP
SHOD	AS	FAST	SLIGHT
TING	REPEL	DEES	ALLI
TINGE	AMERIC	A	NHL
ECOTOUR	MEAN	ABBA	OMEN
PERES	MR	POPPER	SPENGLINS
EICO	RELACE	GOTO	OOPS
REDSEA	CHEVY	AV	LANCHE
ACNE	EIERO	TRITODE	GOUPIN
FLAMES	FREDON	ELLIS	FORA
SCUE	ENNUIT	TINE	PACIFIC
ISLA	WIDERS	TIVAN	RCA
IRATELLY	ILSA	NEST	EEL
ASPERSE	PLAY		

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX Christmas Recipes

ALMOND ROCA

- 1 c. butter
- 1 c. blanched, toasted almonds, toasted
- 1 1/3 c. sugar
- 3 Tbsp water
- 4 (4 1/2 oz) Hershey bars
- 1 Tbsp light corn syrup
- 1 c. finely chopped almonds



Melt butter, add sugar, syrup and water. Cook to hard crack stage, 310 degrees (do not cheat on temperature). Quickly stir in coarse chopped almonds. Spread on ungreased pan. Pour 1/2 of chocolate on top. When it is set, turn and put chocolate on other side. Add finely chopped nuts. When chocolate is set, break into pieces. Whenever making candies, a heavy duty pan is a must

FREDA BRAUN'S SOUR CREAM SUGAR COOKIES

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2/3 cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla or lemon extract
- 4 cups all-purpose flour



In a large mixing bowl, cream together sugar and shortening. Stir in sour cream and eggs until smooth. Add dry ingredients and mix until well combined. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease (or line with parchment paper) cookie sheets and set aside. On a floured surface, roll out dough, 1/4 at a time to 1/8 inch thick. Cut into desired shapes and place 1 inch apart on prepared cookie sheets. Bake about 10 minutes, until just beginning to brown. Cool completely before frosting. Yield 5 to 6 dozen (more or less depending on size of cookie cutters used). This recipe is forgiving of imperfectly measured ingredients. Does not need to be chilled. It may be rolled and rerolled without becoming tough. A great recipe to use with your children or teens helping with the cookies!

STRANGE BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

* It was noted American journalist, satirist and cultural critic H.L. Mencken who made the following sage observation: "Whenever 'A' attempts by law to impose his moral standards upon 'B', 'A' is most likely a scoundrel."

* You're certainly aware that the Middle East has large deposits of petroleum. It makes a kind of sense, then, that one of the first uses early discovers put the substance to was to treat their camels' mange.

* As the holiday season approaches, there are some interesting traditions you might want to keep in mind:

--You'll have bad luck on Christmas Day if you refuse mince pie on Christmas Eve.

--If you eat an apple on Christmas Eve, you'll have good health throughout the following year.

--If you eat a raw egg before eating anything else on Christmas morning, you'll be able to lift heavy weights.

--If you don't eat plum pudding on Christmas Day, you'll lose a friend within a year.

* Those who study such things say that Julia Grant, the wife of Ulysses S. Grant, our 18th president, initially refused when it was assumed that she would be interred beside her husband. She didn't change her mind until she was assured that Grant's Tomb would never be equipped with public restrooms.

* The first state to declare Christmas an official legal holiday was Alabama, back in 1836.

* You might be surprised to learn that the best-selling flowering potted plant in the United States is the poinsettia. You probably won't be surprised to learn, however, that the best-selling Christmas song of all time is Bing Crosby's "White Christmas."

Thought for the Day: "The people of these United States are the rightful masters of both Congresses and courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution." -- Abraham Lincoln

LEGAL NOTICES (Cont.)

Any bid received after the hour specified in this announcement will not be considered.

For more details call 509 849-2716 – Greg Fletcher, Commissioner.

Aj Jacobson
Secretary
WWCFPD#7

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Puzzle on Page 4

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Alert; 2. Wither; 3. Relay; 4. Mingle

solution

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MURRAY FISHER

APRIL 27, 1921 - DECEMBER 2, 2017

Murray William Fisher, 96, of Walla Walla died December 2, 2017 at Wheatland Village in Walla Walla, Washington. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 9 at 11 AM at Pioneer United Methodist Church, Walla Walla, Washington. Reverend Juli Reinholz will conduct the service. A private inurnment at Mountain View Cemetery will be held prior to the service. Memorial contributions can be made to Fort Walla Walla Museum (Note: WWII Memorial on check memo line) in care of the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.

Murray Fisher, the eldest of four children, was the son of Guy Ragan and Ruby Lavinia Bunt. He was born on April 27, 1921 in Walla Walla, Washington. He grew up in the small town and Waitsburg, Washington. He graduated from Waitsburg High School in Waitsburg, Washington.

Murray was drafted by the Navy in 1944, in the middle of WWII. He was trained to break a top secret code at Farragut Naval Base in Farragut, Idaho. While stationed at Aiea Naval Base on Oahu, Hawaii, he was sent out on several missions. Aboard ships and submarines, he broke the top secret "Katakana" code at both Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. It was aboard a ship off of Okinawa that he experienced a great loss that would stay with him the rest of his life; the death of his friend and comrade, Mal.

Murray returned from the war and began a career as a telegrapher for the Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern Railroads. He was set up on a blind date with a pretty blonde girl who had just moved to Walla Walla from Florida. It was a double-date with her sister and another young man. When it started to snow, it was the first snow the southern girls had ever seen. When they said they wanted to stop the car so they could "catch a snowball" the young men couldn't stop laughing. They were married on September 9, 1950 and soon-after moved into the house he built.

Murray was always interested in the newest technology. He was a ham radio operator and had a whole room in his basement full of equipment he used to talk to people all over the world. He attended Ham radio festivals. He was active in the W7DP radio clubhouse. When technology advanced, he was the first person in Walla Walla to have internet. His love of the unique and of technology didn't fade with age; he rode a Segway, drove a DeLorean, and his most recent phone was an iPhone 7.

Murray and Bettye were active members of Pioneer United Methodist Church. They went on a mission trip to Jamaica, holding vacation bible school for children and adults. He loved going to vintage car shows and could recite every fact about every car. He and Bettye went to Camp Farthest Out (CFO) for many years.

Murray loved camping – graduating from a tiny Aloha trailer to a large motor home. His favorite places were the Oregon Coast and Wallowa Lake, Oregon. He also loved Hawaii and visited many times.

He was a builder. He built the house that he and



wife lived in for 66 years. He was always putting around – adding on and thinking up new projects. He was never without a project or two going. He built a "go-cart," and a playhouse for his daughters, and made his lawn mower into a remote controlled one. Much to his brother's chagrin, he once made a tandem bike out of his brother's bicycle.

In 2002, at the age of 81, Murray began experiencing symptoms of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder from his time during the war. When he handed over more than 400 pages of letters he wrote to his folks during the war, his daughter, Karen began to read them and take notes. Over the next eight years, he slowly revealed the story of his time during the war. It was a story he'd kept secret for more than 60 years. The story was written by his daughter into a memoir, Breaking the Code, which was published in 2011. Murray was interviewed by newspapers, television, and NPR. He was proud to finally tell the story of his work as part of a team of codebreakers whose stories had remained untold until then. He enjoyed going to book events, signing autographs, and talking to other veterans. In 2007 he visited Hawaii with his family to have a memorial for his friend and comrade, Mal who died in his arms during WWII. He stood at the end of a pier and said, "Never goodbye. Just see you later."

Family meant the world to Murray. He loved being a part of his grandchildren's lives. He attended their dance recitals, baseball games, football games, musical performances, school programs and many more. He paid \$1 for every time their name or picture was in the newspaper. He had waffle feeds. He loved having the family near.

He is survived by his wife, Bettye, and daughters, Susan, Kathleen, and Karen, his sister, Iris Giordano, sister-in-law, Dana, and grandchildren; Joshua, Danielle, Micah, and Caleb, and great-granddaughter; Charlotte Bettye. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Raymond and Gerald. He was also preceded in death by his dear friend, Mal.

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BETTY KELLOGG JACOBSON

NOVEMBER 15, 1929 - DECEMBER 4, 2017

Betty Jacobson passed away on Monday, December 4, 2017 at Rosetta Assisted Living in Kennewick, WA.

Betty was born to Roy and Irene Kellogg of Spokane on November 15, 1929. Betty was later joined by a sister, Mollie ("Peach") Kellogg (Winnett) who preceded her in death in 1982. Betty had very fond memories of her time spent at the family's property on Benson Lake, North of Spokane.

The Kellogg family moved to Waitsburg in 1946, where she graduated from WHS later that spring. It was there that she met Bob Jacobson and the two headed off to Eastern Washington College in the fall. They married in 1948 and moved to Bob's home state of Wisconsin and began their family of 7 children. They both told stories of what was surely a lively household (a 21' trailer actually) with 3 young boys, roughly a year apart...in snowy Wisconsin.

The family returned to Washington where they lived and worked on wheat farms, enjoying fishing whenever possible. Betty remained in the Walla Walla and Prescott area and was able to enjoy traveling from time to time with her children and their families, and always enjoyed gardening.

Betty was a great cook, a voracious reader, a talented seamstress and in at times, was a pretty competitive pinochle player as well.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Bob and her son Bob (Val) as well. She is survived by sons Steffen (Sheila), Danny (Jeannie), Mark (Gina), John (Linda) and daughters Nancy Gregory (Mike) and Tammy Parkhurst (Dan), as well as several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her sister's sons Andy and Lee Winnett and their families.

We are grateful, as we look at this picture of a young, spirited couple in the late 1940's, both coming from small families (Bob was an only child) and realize just how lucky they were to add so many branches to their family tree.

No funeral is scheduled, as the family will have a private graveside service. If you are considering a donation in her name, please consider the Friends of the Library, Walla Walla Public Library, 238 E Alder St, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Betty enjoyed the library services for many, many years.



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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Christmas Special Edition

The Times presents our 2017 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 2018.

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)



Christmas?

I want a stuffed animal horse and a butterfly necklace, a dolphin ring, and new blue lipstick.

Love, Audrey Kiefel



Dear Santa,

You're nice, and you are sweet.

I want a new Christmas tree with lights and with light bulbs. And I want a new t.v. for my uncle. I really wanted to give my dad a rocket ship. And I want to give my mom a castle. I really wanna give something to my sister. I bet she wants a toy princess car. Just one more - I guess my sister wants a castle with princesses in it. I wanna give my sister Ariel.

Love,
Damian Brown



Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing and the reindeer?

Can you get my mom and dad a coffee pot to share? And could you get my sister a game for her t.v.? And I do wanna also get my brother, if you can make a Disc for Diablo for him. And then get me, if you can, a video game.

Love,
Ollivyr Dahlby

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing at the North Pole? Where do you keep them?

I want a dirt bike for Christmas and a train set, a big, metal basketball hoop and a basketball.

I love you, and I like your boots,
Braxton Bly



Dear Santa,

I want a toy water gun for Christmas and a pencil when you're in the pool you have to suck up it and you have to squirt it. And I want a computer.

Love,
Lencio Flores



Dear Santa,

I love Santa. I like to play with you. I love eating cookies with you, Santa.

I want a unicorn that flies. It has like a fan that goes straight down on the unicorn. I want a toy that has wings and a unicorn.

Your friend,
Lux Layes



I love my Mrs. Beasley, Holley Jensen



Dear Santa Claus,

You're nice. You bring us presents.

I want train tracks for Christmas, and a toy for my video game, and Ninja Turtle toys and blocks.

From, Nolan Smith

Dear Santa,
I saw your sleigh at my house before.

I want a real horse and a hover board for Christmas. How are your reindeers doing?

Love,
Maeci Strickland



Dear Santa,

I'm going to get Santa a gift, and it is cookies.

I know what I really want for Christmas. It's an orange garbage truck, and it's a LEGO one. The top opens up. It's really cool. The back of the truck opens up to dump garbage.

Love,
Callen Lynch



Dear Santa,

I love you. And when you come at my house you can get my sister something, and my mom, and my brother, and my 'nother brother. And you can get something for my Pop-pa and something for Dad and Grandma.

And me . . . I want a LEGO Batman and a Play Station. That's it.

Your friend,
Hayden Gascon



Dear Santa,

We like your elves. Today it's my special evening in December, because it's almost Christmas, and my elf is here at my house.

I want a Barbie House for Christmas.

See you soon,
Kaitlyn Paul



Dear Santa,

What are your elves making? What are your elves doing? What do you do, Santa?

What do you do for



Dear Santa,

You're nice. I want a piano for Christmas.

Love,
Emily Knudson



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

First Grade ~ Stephanie Hinchliffe ~ Christmas Poems



Elf on the Shelf

White, Round
Hiding, Sitting, Tricking
He's on the shelf
Elf
By: Harleigh Webber



Stockings

Red, White
Hanging, Stuffing, Falling
Hanging on the fireplace
Sock
By: Shaunna Hilton



Baby Jesus

Powerful, Little
Saving, Caring, Loving
He is very strong
Lord
By: Jake Lynch



Baby Jesus

Baby, Little
Crying, Crawling, Sleep-
ing
He lives in the sky
Lord
By: Rowdy Cole



Snowflakes

Cold, Icy
Falling, Sparkling, Freez-
ing
The snow was falling
Snow
By: Colt Boudrieau



Santa's Workshop

Dusty, Noisy
Working, Building, Sing-
ing
Santa's workshop is big
Toy shop
By: Sophia Castillo



Sleighs

Red, Gold
Flying, Sledding, Slipping
Sleighs go very fast
Sled
By: Gus Johnson



Elves

Small, Green
Working, Wrapping, Tap-
ing
They're quick and fast
Helpers
By: Carsyn Pennington



Bells

Loud, Long
Shining, Sparkling, Ring-
ing
Santa always has them
Jingles
By: Cody Coulston



The Grinch

Green, Mean
Stealing, Sledding,
Grumbling
Has a little heart
Nasty
By: Gage Mynear



Baby Jesus

Nice, Boy
Healing, Caring, Loving
He was born on Christ-
mas
Christ
By: Olivia Kiefel



Christmas Trees

Green, Bushy
Hiding, Sparkling, Smell-
ing
They're big and green
Tree
By: Aaliyah Hubbard



The Grinch

Green, Mean
Stealing, Sneaking, Grin-
ning
He is a meany
Grump
By: Jeremiah Collins



Christmas Tree

Pretty, Bright
Decorating, Hanging,
Lighting
A place for presents
Pine tree
By: Carter Barron



Reindeer

Antlered, Brown
Flying, Running, Eating
Reindeer are very fast
Deer
By: Brooklynn Coggins



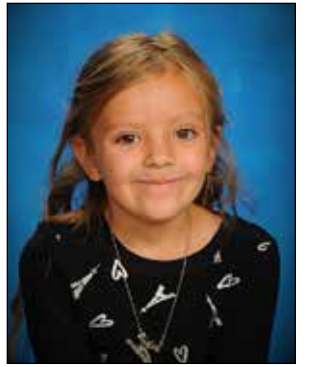
Ice Skating

Icy, Beautiful
Twirling, Running, Jump-
ing
Dancing on the ice
Skater
By: Kyra Karl



Ornaments

Red, Shiny
Hanging, Sparkling, Dec-
orating
Ornaments can be a
horse
Beautiful
By: Joy Nechodom



Santa

Jolly, Fat
Building, Giving, Loving
He gives us presents
St. Nick
By: Natalya Judd



Snowballs

Round, Cold
Rolling, Throwing, Splat-
ting
Snowball fights are fun
Balls
By: Alex Watson



Elf on the Shelf

Small, Tricky
Hiding, Surprising,
Laughing
He always wears red
Helper
By: Peyton Kaehler



Snowman

White, Balls
Rolling, Sticking, Stack-
ing
Snow balls connected to-
gether
Frosty
By: Liam Kiefel



Candy Canes

Red, White
Tasting, Crunching, Lay-
ing
Candy canes are stripped
Candy
By: Gracyn Vinti



Candycanes

Stripped, Sweet
Breaking, Poking, Fatten-
ing
They taste very good
Candy
By: Stella Pearson



Santa

Jolly, Old
Eating, Drinking, Stuff-
ing
Santa brings me presents
St. Nick
By: Sasha Mercado

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Second Grade ~ Wenda Parr ~ Winter Diamante Poems



Winter
Cold, windy
Freezing, melting,
throwing
Hot cocoa, penguin,
flower, dirt
Growing, swimming,
planting
Hot, sunny
Summer
By Makaelyn Mikesell



Winter
Fun, slippery
Baking, ice skating,
freezing
Ice, icicle, snowball, hot
cocoa
Shivering, icing, blowing
Frozen, frosty
Snow
By Alan Gomez



Winter
Cold, windy
Hibernating, sledding,
freezing
Snowman, igloo, lemon-
ade, grass
Swimming, watering,
planting
Hot, green
Summer
By Addie Kessel



Winter
Frosty, fun
Freezing, baking, sled-
ding
Hot chocolate, parka,
cookies, icicles
Exciting, shivering, icing
Frosty, frozen
Season
By Jazlyn Lopez



Winter
Icy, fun
Sliding, snowing, ice
skating
Boots, jacket, scarf,
gloves
Freezing, snowing,
sliding
Cold, white
Snowflakes
By Blake Merrick

Snow, hot cocoa, ice,
snowman
Sliding, snowing, eating
Frozen, slippery
Snow
By James Smith



Winter
Cold, wet
Sledding, freezing,
skating
Snowman, frost, scarf,
ice
Sledding, hiding, hiber-
nating
Icy, snowy
Snowball
By Madison Strickland



Winter
Cold, wet
Ice skating, hibernating,
melting
Snow, igloo, flower, lem-
onade
Swimming, shining,
sunning
Hot, warm
Summer
By Juca Beckman



Winter
Snow, white
Baking, exciting, eating
Frost, snow, ice, hot
chocolate
Shivering, giving, icing
Happy, fun
Christmas
By Sawyer Harshman



Winter
Cold, frost
Snowing, amazing, hiber-
nating
Snow, ice, bear, hot
cocoa
Freezing, snowing,
skating
Icy, white
Snow
By Terry Klein



Winter
Cold, icy
Sharing, freezing, sled-
ding
Hot cocoa, snow, sun,
water
Swimming, tubing,
fishing
Hot, sunny
Summer
By Cheri Mathews



Winter
Fun, white
Singing, ringing, hiber-
nating
Mistletoe, snowman,
fish, water
Fishing, swimming,
boating
Hot, sandy
Summer
By Bryer Paul



Winter
White, slippery
Snowing, hiding, playing
Penguin, blizzard, pool,
popsicle
Swimming, tanning,
floating
Hot, sunny
Summer
By Ellie Teal



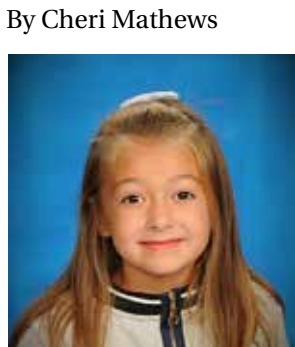
Winter
White, cloudy
Ice skating, snowing,
freezing
Snowballs, snowman,
snowflakes, frost
Sledding, singing, hiber-
nating,
Icy, wet
Scarf
By Yaneli Flores



Winter
Cold, windy
Singing, playing, snow-
ing
Snow, frost, boots, bliz-
zard
Cracking, sliding, freez-
ing
White, clear
Christmas
By Alek Herrera



Winter
Icy, cold
Snowing, eating, icing
Snow, snowman, snow
angel, snow fort
Exciting, baking, freezing
White, snow
Christmas
By Logan Leroue



Winter
Cold, white
Freezing, shimmering,
hibernating
Snowman, snowball,
trees, blossoms
Playing, swimming,
sunning
Hot, bright
Summer
By Chloe McCaw



Winter
White, cold
Hibernating, sledding,
freezing
Santa, hot cocoa, flow-
ers, lemonade
Swimming, playing,
vacationing
Hot, sunny
Summer
By Georgia Reser



Winter
Snowy, frosty
Harvesting, building,
making
Snowman, frost, sun, hot
Swimming, sweating,
amazing
Sweat, play
Summer
By Victoria Whitmore



Winter
Icy, white
Sledding, baking, excit-
ing




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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Third Grade ~ Marne Henderson ~ Who Am I?



Who am I?
I like living in Oklahoma. My owners dug me out of the ground from my roots. The snow fell off my branches. The kid's parents put presents under me. When Christmas day came, the kids unwrapped all the presents under me. One of the kids got a RC car. I am a Christmas tree. William

Who am I?
I am really common. I can be fake or real. There are drawings of me too. I am a present for Bob, I am a car. By Noah Carney



Who am I?
I love the snow. My arms are sticks. I have a black top hat and a red scarf. I have rocks for eyes. My name is JJ and I am a snowman. By JJ Gleason



Who am I?
I have a red nose. I am made of snow. I have a black hat. I slide in snow. My name is Frosty The Snowman. By Rafael Vasquez



Who am I?
I'm green, Presents are under me, Snow is coming. Pink shiny ballet slippers are dancing. I don't have a star, instead an angel on top of me. My name is Ballerina. I'm a living Christmas tree. By Natalie Knudson



Who am I?
I love to play in the mud. I have a motor. I like to get revved up. I am blue. My brand is Yamaha. I have two tires. I am a present for Bob. I am a dirt bike. By Akayden Acevado

Who am I?
I smell fresh. I get decorated. I can't move. I am green. I drink water. I'm a Christmas tree! By Alivia Herrera



Who am I?
I am green and red. I am rectangular. I have paper on me. I go under a tree at Christmas time. I am a present. By Andrew Wertz.



Who am I?
I melt when it is hot. I am made of snow. I have a carrot for a nose. My eyes are made of coal. I am a snowman. By Ava Atwood



Who am I?
I am a green thing. I come from a mountain. I have birds fly around me. I am covered in snow. I like to drink water. I am a Christmas tree! By Beau Hazelbaker



Who am I?
I have ribbons and bows. I like to make people happy when they see me. I get delivered on a sleigh. I am a present for Kaylee. By Brooklyn White



Who am I?
I'm made out of snow. I have 2 sticks for my arms. I have 2 buttons for eyes. I have 5 rocks for my mouth. I have a black scarf. I am a snowman. By Isaac Mahre



Who am I?
I am alive. I am brown. I can jump a six-foot fence. I like to visit neighbors. I like to go to work. My name is Huntyr. I am a present for John, I am a purebred German Shorthair. By Hannah Peralez



Who am I?
I am not a living thing. I am many colors. I am as big as a lap top. I come in a Lego box. I am a present. By Griffen Hinchliffe



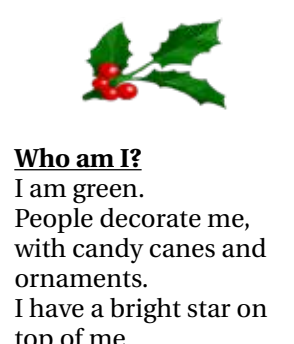
Who am I?
I love to be decorated. I always have presents under me. Sometimes I have strings of popcorn on my branches. I have shiny ornaments on me. I am a Christmas tree. By Kenzie Castillo



Who Am I?
I am green. I am tall. I have lights. I have red balls. I have a star on the top of me. I am a tree. By Landen Henry.



Who am I?
I'm made of snow. Kids and their family make me in winter. I melt when winter ends. My arms are made of tumbleweeds. My nose is made of a flower. My eyes are pieces of candy. I have a pure white scarf. I'm a snowman!!!!!!!!!!!!!! By Layla Raenn Booth



Who am I?
I am green. People decorate me, with candy canes and ornaments. I have a bright star on top of me. Sometimes I have snow on me in the winter. I am a living Christmas tree. By Makayla Mikesell



Who am I?
I am cute. I love to play.

I am snuggable. I am the same size as a toaster. I am yellow. I am present for Christmas. I am a puppy. By Mackenzie Strickland



Who am I?
I like to fly. I like to hold Santa. I have six magic reindeer to make me fly. I love Christmas. Elves put presents in a bag. Santa puts the bag on me. I am a new magic sleigh for Santa. Mason Rosenberger



Who am I?
I have a 5" trak for climbing on deep snow. I am black I go vroom. My brand is Yamaha. I am a present. A snowmobile for ME! By Rollin Carpenter



Who am I?
I am green. I got chopped down. I get decorated. I have a star on top. I am a Christmas tree. By Ryder Hubbard



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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Third Grade ~ Cont.

Who am I?

I am alive.
I smell fresh and good.
I often have snow on me.
I'm green.
People put candy canes and other decorations on me.
I am a living tree from the Blue Mountains.
By Ryleigh Crosby



Who am I?

I am green.
I am 3 ft. tall.
I love Christmas; it is my favorite time of the year.
I have shiny ornaments on me.
I have presents under me.
I am a Christmas tree from the snowy mountains.
By Taysiah Layes



Who am I?

I'm green.
I'm always decorated
Sometimes I am fake.
I need to get watered twice a day.
I sometimes like to be trimmed.
I like to be by the window.
I am a Christmas tree!
By Vayden Guay



Who am I?

I like living in Oklahoma.
My owners dug me out of the ground from my roots.
The snow fell off my branches.
The kids parents put presents under me.
When Christmas day came, the kids unwrapped all the presents under me.
One of the kids got a RC car.
I am a Christmas tree.
William



Who am I?

I like to keep people warm.
I am big and black.
My brand is Nike.
I made for adults.
I am a jacket for a man.
By Tegan Largent



Who am I?

I'm made of snow.
My nose is a carrot.
My arms are twigs.
I have buttons on me.
My eyes are butterscotch candies.
My smile is made with an apple slice.
I am a snowman.
Melissa Elder

Fourth Grade ~ Deanna Coulston

What Christmas Means to Me



What Christmas Means to Me

By Allyssa Green
Christmas is hanging out with friends and family and eating chocolate chip cookies with eggnog.
Christmas is reading Christmas books with my grandma and playing Christmas games.
Christmas is playing with friends in the ice cold snow, making snowmen together.
Christmas is being with my friends and family which makes me happy no matter what happens.
Christmas is staying up late and watching Christmas movies like The Grinch who Stole Christmas.
Christmas is the best time of the year for singing Christmas songs.
Christmas is a good time for giving to people.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Shylee Elmore.
Christmas is making sugar cookies with Grandma and Mom.
Christmas is being with family.
Christmas is watching TV with my family.
Christmas is getting a tree with my family.
Christmas is play game with friends.
Christmas is making

Christmas things.
Christmas is getting stuff for family.
Christmas is opening presents from people.
Christmas is being nice to people.
Christmas is having a feast.
Christmas is having fun too.
Christmas is decorating the tree.
Christmas is having time with the family.
Christmas is opening presents with family.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Sara Wilson
Christmas is giving Pixie, Bobo and Frafra a treat on Christmas Eve.
Christmas is NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK, until it is over (SIGH...).

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What Christmas Means to Me

By Graycen Teal
Christmas is spending time with family and friends.
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Christmas is thanking Jesus for giving us food.
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Christmas is opening presents with family.
Christmas is sledding with friends.
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What Christmas Means to Me

By Victor Whitmore
Christmas is unwrapping presents on Christmas morning and having fun.
Christmas is having fun sledding down the hill while my dad watches us having fun and laughing.
Christmas is playing with what you got for Christmas and having fun with it.
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Fourth Grade ~ Deanna Coulston ~ What Christmas Means to Me (Cont.)



What Christmas Means to Me

By Hagen Taylor
Christmas is opening presents with my dog on Christmas morning. Christmas is sledding with friends and family at dad's work. Christmas is building a snowman with my brother and sister. Christmas is baking cookies with my sister and brother. Christmas is spending time with family and friends. Christmas is having a snowball fight with my brother and sister.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Mayra Vasquez
Christmas is spending time and having fun with my family. Christmas is getting to open presents and watching my family open their presents. Christmas is watching

Christmas movies like the movie Elf. That is the one we always watch on Christmas. Christmas is going outside and building a snowman and having snowball fights. Christmas is the day Jesus was born. Christmas is the day your parents don't have to go to work. Christmas is the time you get to sleep in and you get a break from school.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Tucker Hamilton
Christmas is opening presents with my family and friends on Christmas morning. Christmas is having songs to listen to. Christmas is to eat a lot on Christmas. Christmas is going out to play with your family. Christmas is having dinner at my cousin's house.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Logan Seal
Christmas is having fun by sledding with friends and family at the steep hill we can slide down. Christmas about opening presents with family and giving present to homeless people. Christmas is about no school and that means having a lot of fun. Christmas is about making cookies with mom to give to Santa. Christmas is about seeing your family. Christmas is about getting a lot of whisked hot cocoa. Christmas is having friends come over to play. Christmas is going by the burning fire outside.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Tyler Coulston
Christmas is getting up early and opening presents with family on Christmas morning. Christmas is spending time with your grandpas and grandmas, aunts, uncles, and cousins, your mom, dad, brother and sister. Christmas is having no school and sleeping in. Christmas is asking

Santa what you want for Christmas. Christmas is visiting other people far away. Christmas is sitting by the burning fire and watching movies with my family. Christmas is opening presents and seeing new jammies and being excited to wear them. Christmas is getting our tree decorated and putting the ornaments on the tree. Christmas is cuddling with my family and watching the crackling fire.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Bea Karl
Christmas is when you spend time with your family and have fun. Christmas is when you try to make a snowman with your brother. Christmas is when you decorate the tree and put the star on the top of the tree. Christmas is when you open the presents with your family.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Jarod Hankins
Christmas is celebrating Jesus' birthday and Christmas. Christmas is about having fun with family. Christmas is opening presents and having people be happy. Christmas is when you tell Santa what you want if you have been good.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Kyleigh Pennington
Christmas is spending time with family. Christmas is spending time saying thank you to family. Christmas is watching movies with friends and cousins. Christmas is having turkey dinner and more good foods. Christmas is more about giving than getting. Christmas is listening to my favorite Christmas

music. Christmas is being happy not grumpy.



What Christmas Means to Me

By Sarah Hong
Christmas is when the Lord gave Jesus to the world. Christmas is being nice and getting a gift for family and friends. Christmas is getting a big green tall tree 17 days till Christmas. Christmas is decorating the tree 5 days till Christmas. Christmas is being all happy with family and friends all together. Christmas is a heart-warming moment with family and friends. Christmas is being with family and friends on Christmas day. Christmas is having fun with friends and families all together having happy, mushy feelings. Christmas is when the world can have a night and day time of fun. Christmas is when someone and you can build a snowman and dress him up. Christmas is having fun making cold snow angels in the chilly snow. Christmas is a happy, happy holiday.

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Fifth Grade ~ Bailey Carlson ~ My Perfect Christmas (Cont.)



My perfect Christmas morning

By Race Hubbard
I'm as quiet as a mouse, still snuggled in my cozy warm bed. Dreaming of dancing candy canes and swimming marshmallows in a pool filled with hot cocoa. I wake with my little brother shaking me saying "wake up, wake up!" we run down stairs there are presents everywhere. We look outside; the snow is taller than the porch!!! "This is the perfect time to use my new sled!" I exclaimed. The Christmas lights reflecting off the beautiful snow. I smell the smell of hot cocoa and biscuits and gravy. Soon we open up presents. Me and my dad open are stockings first. Are stockings are filled with candy and miscellaneous stuff. This is my perfect Christmas morning.



My Perfect Christmas

By Giselle Lopez
I wake up and check the time on my alarm clock, its 7:00 am. I get up in my warm pj's and go into the kitchen where I see my mom making hot cocoa with marsh-

mallows on top. I ask my mom to serve me a cup of hot cocoa. And she said "Ok."

Then I ran to my room to get my phone to play a game. A minute later I look out my window and saw my dad pulling up into the driveway with my cousins and grandparents, I ran outside and hugged them. "Want hot cocoa?"

They said "sure let's go inside it's cold."

I said "yea it's chilly out". We finally get inside and we all gather around the couch. First we all got our stocking and then we opened our stockings also our parents, grandma and grandpa after we were done opening them we got our presents from under our Christmas tree and opened them with joy and we then we got done with our presents. Then gave our parents, grandma and grandpa their Christmas presents and they opened them with joy and we all drank our warm hot cocoa.



Christmas Morning

By Sawyer Nichols
Every Christmas morning I wake up my brothers and my mom and dad at 5:00 in the morning. I usually ask my mom to make me Hot chocolate every Christmas morning! She puts it in my dinosaur cup that has dinosaurs that turn into dinosaur bones when there's hot liquid in the cup. My family sits by the Christmas tree and opens up presents it probably would take about 20 or 25 minutes

to open up presents. I usually open up my stockings first and my big presents last, it's usually quiet when we open up Presents.



The perfect Christmas morning

By Paighton Webber
I wake up with my mom standing right there by the side of my bed with hot cocoa she gives me the hot cocoa with a bunch of whip cream on it. I took three sips. Then we go into my sisters room woke her up and gave her some hot cocoa. She took two sips with a smile on her face. We walked into the hallway of the living room. After that my mom said "give me your hot cocoa so you don't spill it!"

My mom told us to turn around and grab her hands and close our eyes. She took us into the living room. She sat us down on the ground when we opened our eyes we saw a bunch of presents in front of us. When we got done opening the presents me and my sister both counted our presents. We each had one hundred presents it looked like my dogs ripped up a bunch of wrapping paper. When we got done mom gave me and my sister a Christmas card it said "go to the back door and open it when you open it look to your right". Then we did what the card said. When we got the door we opened it and looked to the right there was a trampoline. We ran to our mom and gave her

a hug and said "Merry Christmas Mom" with a big smile on our faces.



A Long Wait

By Tanner Atwood
Once I woke up this morning, I ran and woke up Ava my sister. She groaned and mumbled "Tanner, I do not want to play ps4"...

I interrupted her and explained "It's Christmas!!!" Before I knew it she was out of bed. By the time mom and dad got out of bed and got the camera I was sitting with a half-eaten cookie in my mouth. When my mom said "ok start opening presents" I got mostly closes but when I got a bag of puppy dog food and a bowl I got suspicious. By the time I was done with my last present, Dad brought out one more but with holes in it. When I opened it I almost past out it was a dachshund with its two hind legs missing but I didn't care.



The perfect Christmas

By Arek Araya

Right when I wake up from no alarm at 7:00am, I go to the kitchen and get a cup of nice sweet french vanilla coffee. Carefully, without waking up anyone else, I count all my gifts. After that I go in my room and watch TV and wait tell everyone is up. When everyone is up we gather all presents and open them up, when we have all opened our present, I pick one that I really like and I walk over to Jason's and play for a half hour. When we are done playing I walk back home and then we go to Walla Walla. When where in Walla Walla we go to my grandma's house with a couple of gifts and hang out there for a good three hours and wait tell my grandma is done making dinner when my grandma is done making the best food ever we have a feast then the day has past by slowly.



The Perfect Christmas

By Chasity Paddock

I woke up and put on Pandora to make sure I was not sleeping. I look around my room my grandma had put a cup of hot chocolate on my nightstand. There was also a note; it said come down stairs when you wake up. So I went down stairs. Everyone was downstairs drinking hot coco and sitting on the couch.

I saw presents under the tree and remembered it was Christmas morning. We started to open presents. Cassie went first she got a golden feather plate. Then holly got a makeup kit. Nana and papa got lights to put in the driveway. Then I went I got a xylophone.



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The perfect Christmas

By Nova Laws

One Christmas Eve I woke up and it was snowing! I was tired though so I forgot what day it was. I was so so so so so so so so so so tired. *Wait a minute* I said to myself, I looked at a calendar and it was Christmas. So I went to see my parents, they asleep and my brother was too. So I woke them up by an air horn and water so it was so loud they all woke up! We ate afterward and waited for my grandparents and we drank eggnog it was so exciting. *What did I get?* I wondered. When we opened presents we ate after our presents were opened we ate.



My Christmas Life

By Madison Kaehler

"I've been waiting for

this day all year!" I said as I scrambled out of bed. I ran out of my room like I was being chased by a Reindeer coming to poke me. I peeked out of the edge of the stairs and I whispered to myself, "Huh... nobody's awake" ... I said with a sigh. So I walked back to my room kind of bummed. I just layed in bed staring at my alarm clock. "It's 3:45am... no wonder no one's awake" So I went back to sleep for 4 hours. When I woke back up, I thought to myself... "They gotta be up." so I walked downstairs and everyone was awake. I was SO happy I felt like crying, I had no idea why. So me my Mom, Dad, Sister, and Papa started tearing apart our presents with joy...



A Great Day

By Lucas vanhoose

I wake up and there is a small box sitting next to my stuffed bear. I run and wake up my sisters. My mom and dad are waiting for me with hot chocolate the Christmas tree is lit up. There are presents everywhere in the living room. Then I sip my hot chocolate and it is really good. I run

back upstairs really fast, grab my box, run down stairs. I smell pancakes cooking they smell heavenly. My sisters are still drinking their hot chocolate. When my sisters are done with their hot chocolate we speed-walk to the living room, because mom always says there's no running in the house.. I open up my present third and it is a new video game Battlefront Two. We finish opening presents. Then we eat the pancakes that were cooking and they taste amazing. Then we go to my grandma's house. The rest of my family is there. We open our presents slow and steady. We stay there for the rest of the day.



Perfect Christmas

By Jason Watson

One Christmas morning at 10:08 I woke up with my sister Makase with a circular snowball in her cold hands. Then she chucked it at my face but instead I moved and it hit my huskie in the face. My sister ran down the stairs and I rode down the stairs on my dog named Lucky, he was fast. My sister headed into her room with a sniper rifle nerf gun. I jumped off my dog the dog ran into her room she shot the dog right into the heart, he pretend to be dead. Then I heard a loud yelp, so I ran upstairs and grabbed my mega nerf gun. I ran down stairs and hide under my glass table. Then my sister runs outside with gloves and a big jacket so I left my nerf gun and got gloves and a big coat. I ran outside I seen my sister with a big snow ball my mom looked out the window and said "wait for me!" So me and my sister and my mom had fun. We made a snowman and we colored them with food coloring and had snowball fights. We even tied our sleds to a four-wheeler

and went into the ditch and that was my perfect Christmas morning.



Santa's Rest

By William Hong

It is the perfect Christmas morning. It is six a.m. in my house. I hear sleigh bells ring. My t.v. is on who could be playing? Santa is on my ps2 (play station two) on atv2 off-road fury on my profile. I said "hi Santa."

Santa said, "Hi William."

"I am challenging you to a race."

Santa said, "You're on." After two laps I win the race. "I am a pro at this now. Well William see you next year." said Santa.

"See you next year Santa." I said. And just like that he was gone with a ho ho ho.



Christmas

By Katie Elder

My eyes open to an illuminated room, bright as the sun. My Christmas tree is small & bright. I am in my Christmas p.j.'s snug and warm. I jump for joy because it is Christmas morning. Rushing downstairs with delight, I snatch my stocking to see what I got.

In an hour everybody's up. Each of us open presents. Then I make pancakes, my mom cooks sausage, and my brother cooks eggs. Pancakes fluffy and golden brown, with sausage & eggs on the side plenty to go around. My Christmas every year is perfect every year!



The Perfect Christmas for Me

By Alyssa Hollingsworth

I woke up one day to see that it was 6:05 a.m. 3 minutes later my phone went off shouting "it's Christmas!" over and over. I jumped out of bed and snuck into my brothers room and woke him up and told him that it was Christmas. We both tiptoed to my parents room and jumped on their bed and screamed as loud as we can, and we both yell "it's Christmas wake up!"

Once they finally got out of bed we went downstairs to open our stockings. Most of the time we get movies in our stockings and other things... like chocolate and candy canes. When we open all of our presents and stockings there we wait about 1 hour then we go to my grandma and grandpa's house and open presents. Then we hang out for about 1 1/2 hours then we go to my other grandma and grandpas house. Then we open our other presents. Then hang out for the rest of the day because almost all of our family is there. We always have a lot of fun.

other room I hear my bunny thumping his foot for me to feed him. I get a leaf of lettuce and give it to him while he is eating I stuff him into his little sweater then I get my dog into her sweater. I get our favorite Christmas movie ready to play. I grab my bunny and run upstairs to wake up my parents.

I poked my mom her eyes half open quietly she says "what?"

I yell/whisper "it's Christmas!". I show her the little bunny dressed in his little sweater and my dad is already awake from the noise

"Go wake up your brother and we'll go down stairs." I rush into my brothers room he's sitting up in bed ready to go down stairs. When we get down stairs my eye gets caught on a amazingly wrapped present with little snowman on it topped off with a golden bow. My brother has already torn into his stocking and is eating a candy cane. After we are finished with our stockings we start opening presents. When were finished I play the movie. That is my perfect Christmas morning



My Perfect Christmas

By Preston James Hinchliffe

The night before Christmas my family goes to my Aunt Pam's house for a big Christmas Eve party. When it is over we go to my Mimi and Papa's house to stay the night. When we get there I go and get Maggie, my Uncle Jake and Aunt Andrea's dog out of one of the rooms in the basement. Then I go and get my pj's on, get my papa's watch so I know what time it is, put some cookies and milk out for Santa and some carrots for Santa's reindeer, and then my mom reads "The Night Before Christmas" and tucks us in bed.

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at my watch and it says that it is 5:00 in the morning I get out of bed and wake my brother up. Then we go to my mom and dad's room and wake them up. My mom stays in bed for a little while longer with my brother and I and my dad go get something to drink. Then when mom and Griff come down we dump out our stocking and to see what is inside.

Then my Mimi and Papa get up and wish us a Merry Christmas. We also wait for my Uncle Jake and Aunt Andrea to get out of bed. Thirty minutes or so my GG and Grandpa show up and we all get to eat Mimi's homemade orange rolls. After we are finished eating we sit in a circle and take turns opening presents. That is what I call a perfect Christmas!



The Perfect Christmas

By Chasity Paddock
I woke up and put on Pandora to make sure I was not sleeping. I look around my room my grandma had put a cup of hot chocolate on my nightstand. There was also a note; it said come down stairs when you wake up. So I went down stairs. Everyone was downstairs drinking hot coco and sitting on the couch. I saw presents under the tree and remembered it was Christmas morning. We started to open pres-

ents. Cassie went first she got a golden feather plate. Then holly got a makeup kit. Nana and papa got lights to put in the driveway. Then I went I got a xylophone.



My Christmas Morning

By Leah Ray Long
I opened my eyes and walked down stairs everyone was asleep because it was 6:00 I looked by the tree and I saw a bow and arrow it was the coolest thing ever then I looked in my stocking there was so much stuff I thought I was going to scream then I went into the kitchen for some toast then my mom got up she always gets up after me then she made some coffee then she told me to wake up my brother and she will wake up my dad and then my sister then we dumped out our stockings and my brother screamed then we put the stuff back into the stocking then we opened presents the end.



Christmas Morning Present

By Jessica Lambert
On Christmas morning I woke up by my mom coming in and saying merry Christmas. So I got up and went out to the living room I was so excited to open presents. But my dad and brother were asleep still. So I waited until my mom told me to wake them my dad and brother up. When they got up we let them get fully awake when they were ready we opened presents. Half hour later, we were at my granny and papa house I saw all the presents at the Christmas tree and in all the stockings. We ate something then we open our presents that my granny and papa got us. My granny, aunt and papa opened some of their presents. They left some presents so when my dad's brother family got there. than after we left their house we went to my tia's house and we open presents there.



My Dream Christmas

By Cooper Selph
I start to open my eyes and realized it's eleven in the morning. I Crawled out of my queen mattress and ran upstairs. All of the dogs were barking cause it sounded like a herd of elephants going up the stairs I got to the top of the stairs and the tree and the presents were gone so was my family deck a rations I looked for my dad my step mom and anybody else I could find when I finally looked outside my whole family was standing around the family tree it was a reel tree I went ballistic all the presents were by the

garage and the best part was I got to be with my whole family.



My Usual Christmas

By Jack Karl
I wake up with my

giant dogs laying on up against me trying to sleep on me. I try to wiggle my arms free from the weight of Ruca and Stella my Great Danes. After an hour of struggle finale free my arms now it's time to do my legs as soon as my body's free I throw my robe on to the happy yelling of my little sister staring at all the glorious presents under the snowy white tree. We run upstairs and jump in to my mom and dad bed as they both grown just one more hour as we start yelling, "It's Christmas!" After about 30 minutes

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of waiting we run back in to my parent's room and try to wake mom and dad this time it works and they finally wake up and run down stairs and we get breakfast going and start opening the presents after we have our eggnog. First we look through our stockings and grab all of the sweet treats and small toy that lay beneath all of the candy. After we look throughout the stockings and show of the glory in side then we chow down on so pancakes or bacon and eggs. After this we spring in to the living room get on the coach and give out all the presents to each other and start with me or my little sister sometimes we start with my mom or dad too. Then we head to my grandma and grandpas house and have dinner and head back home and play some with our new toys and our family.



The Best Day Ever
By Will Ahler

I woke up by my sister shaking my head back and forth screaming "WAKE UPPPPPPP IT'S CHRISTMAS" and

I leap out of bed and we rush to my parents. After running to the living room but we have to pass by the presents so my sister closes my eyes and we full on sprint across the room.

After the big exercise we finally make it to my parents room and my sister and I jump on my parents then they finally wake up and they say "it's not even 7:00 go back to bed but Marley and I refused, then they say ok "fine we will get up just go open your stockings." My sister and I were filled with joy.

After my parents finally come out of their bedroom and out of nowhere my grandparents and grandparents are holding a hover board I yell "THANK YOU SO MUCH!!" and then we get to the stockings I open it and there is an ornament a Hershey's chocolate bar, a toy truck, and a bunch of socks. Then we get to open the beautiful elegant bright colored presents and oh man they looked beautiful. The first one I unwrapped was a big soft blanket from my dad then I open a bright blue present from my sister and inside was a Mine-craft pig toy.

After a few more presents were unwrapped I finally got to the last present and it was light after I open it there is a game I always wanted GTA I wanted that game since I was 6 how did they know? Eh I'll just go

with the flow I thought. After all that happened we had some hot coco then that night I played GTA all night.



The Best Christmas

By Cristian Gomez-Cisneros

One day at a snowy Christmas morning. I woke up feeling bored and lazy. I went down the stairs to get food. I saw the lights glow and shine. I saw the tree packed with presents. I was going to open one of my presents but I said "If I do I will get in trouble." I woke up my mom, dad, my sisters, and brother it was Christmas. I told my mom let's eat first before we open the presents.

I told my brother and sisters to put on their shoes on and sweaters on so we sled play snowball fights and make a snowman. We opened the door to play. I saw the snow and I got dizzy. I said, "let's start with a snowball fight and call some friends to join us." They went to call some friends I called some friends. I made snowballs and they made the wall to cover us. We were waiting

for the girls to get ready. When my sisters and her friends got done we started to play. We started to throw the snowballs and we won the snowball fight. We started to pack some snow to form a ball to start with the body of the snowman. When we got done we put some decorations on it and it had stick hands, a carrot nose, a tie, a hat, and

gloves. We got bored and went inside and ate. We then got cookies and milk to open the presents. When we finished we went upstairs and went to sleep.



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