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WAITSBURG'S CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST HAS ITS 2023 WINNERS.



Lane Gwinn

(Above) The Charles Home on 5th and Orchard won the "No Place Like Home" Award. The abundance of lights and colors embrace the warmth of the stately home.

(below right) The Messengers' home on 10th won the award for "Christmas Carol." Lighted spiral trees, reindeer, and snowmen make the peaked house inviting and cheerful. A perfect Christmas story.



(middle, near left) The Kiefel Home won for the "Reason for the Season" Award. With lots of lights, friendly figures, including a Cardinal for Waitsburg pride. Honorable Mentions are Joseph and Irene Selby for "Reason for the Season," and Simply Sawdust as the Business Honorable Mention.



THIS WEEK



Christmas writing by Waitsburg Elementary students (See page 7)



Chewy Chocolate Peppermint Cookies (See page 6)

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Stakeholders vote on top three priority projects at Port's planning meeting

Touchet Valley Trail still on the list.

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Each year in December, the Port of Columbia holds its Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) meeting for stakeholders in the community to review and update an ongoing five and ten-year project list, cast ballots for the three projects each of them deem most important for the community, listen to guest speakers about progress on current projects, and learn about specific economic indicators for Columbia County.

This year, stakeholders voted for their top three project priorities in the following order:

1. Affordable, workforce, senior, and mixed-use housing.
2. Touchet Valley Trail and walking paths.
3. Pool, community or event center.

The top three were followed by education, workforce training, and internships.

The spotlight at this year's meeting was on the City of Dayton's Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Jake Hollopeter, Project Manager and Engineer with Anderson-Perry & Associates, said a purchase and sales agreement is in place for a property located 2.5 miles west of Dayton, at approximately Rose Gulch Road, south of Hwy. 12. The goal is to build a new mechanical wastewater treatment facility and constructed wetlands there.

The city would treat wastewater at this facility, which will aerate, settle, and fully disinfect incoming wastewater, after which it will go through a series of polished wetlands to infiltrate into the shallow groundwater.

"It has to meet groundwater standards, with no degradation to the area groundwater," said Hollopeter.

The city has had the site surveyed, and groundwater sampling is taking place. Data has been sent to the Dept. of Ecology for review and analysis. Groundwater monitoring wells are being installed. A conceptual design of the transmission pipeline has been completed and talks with the Port of Columbia on licensing are ongoing. A cultural study, the Phase I environmental study, and a wetland determination investigation have all been completed. A hydrology study and updated engineering report are yet to be done.

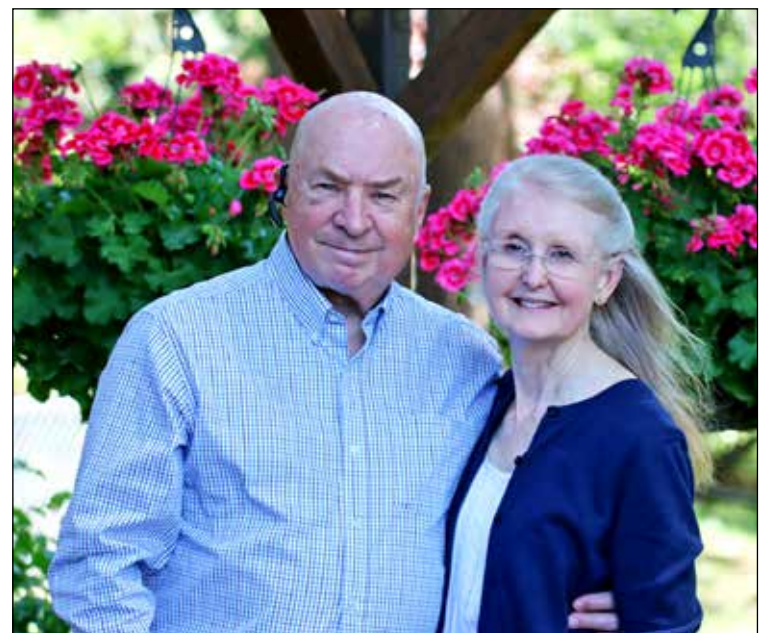
He said the next hurdle will take place at a public hearing on Dec. 12 when a Columbia County Hearing Examiner reviews the Conditional Use Permit application.

Executive Director of the Port of Columbia Jennie Dickinson spoke to last year's top-voted priority projects.

The number one top priority for stakeholders who attended last year's CEDS meeting was a Park and Recreation District and Pool. In the November 2023 General Election, voters approved the formation of the district and elected five members from the community to serve on the board.

Dianne McKinley, one of the five board members, spoke on the project's progress. She said there are many hurdles to overcome before a community pool is a reality.

First, the county commissioners will need to pass a resolution forming the district. And because the board is its own municipal corporation, legal representation is required. The board must hire a bookkeeper, elect a chairperson, set the time and place for public meetings, and develop policies, procedures, and bylaws. The new board also owes the county \$7,000 for placing the proposition on the



Submitted photo

Dr. Lewis and Gwynneth Neace

Physicians Neace are retiring

Columbia County Health System wishes a happy retirement to Drs Lewis and Gwynneth Neace, Dedicated Physicians

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Columbia County Health System announced the retirement of esteemed doctors Dr. Gwynneth Neace, a board-certified pediatrician, and Dr. Lewis Neace, a board-certified emergency medicine physician. The two talented physicians chose to come home in 2016 to lend their considerable skills to the communities they love. Giving back to the towns where they were raised has been the capstone of their accomplished medical careers. After eight years of devoted service, they have decided to retire.

Throughout their time at Columbia County Health System, Dr. Gwynneth Neace and Dr. Lewis Neace have touched the lives of countless patients and families in the community. Their dedication and expertise have significantly impacted the well-being of those they have cared for and have elevated the quality of the care provided by the Health System.

Starting January 1, 2024, Dr. Lewis Neace will no longer be on the Emergency Department schedule. However, he will remain involved in a supportive capacity for the hospital and EMS on an administrative level, helping as needed.

Dr. Gwynneth Neace will continue serving patients in the clinic until March 1, 2024, allowing for a smooth transition to other providers. Both Doctors have expressed a willingness to help out when and where needed and will maintain their physician credentials.

Expressing her gratitude, Dr. Gwynneth Neace said, "This decision has not been easy, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your unwavering support throughout the years."

Columbia County Health System is immensely grateful for the exceptional service rendered by Dr. Gwynneth Neace and Dr. Lewis Neace. The hospital extends its warmest wishes to them as they embark on a well-deserved retirement from regular work.



NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY:

"The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Return to The Hunger Games, the landmark film franchise that has earned over \$3 billion globally, with Lionsgate's adaptation of Suzanne Collins' #1 New York Times Bestseller - "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes."

Years before he would become the tyrannical President of Panem, 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow (Tom Blyth) is the last hope for his fading lineage, a once-proud family that has fallen from grace in a post-war Capitol. With the 10th annual Hunger Games fast approaching, the young Snow is alarmed when he is assigned to mentor Lucy Gray Baird (Rachel Zegler), the girl tribute from impoverished District 12. But, after Lucy Gray commands all of Panem's attention by defiantly singing during the reaping ceremony, Snow thinks he might be able to turn the odds in their favor. Uniting their instincts for showmanship and newfound political savvy, Snow and Lucy Gray's race against time to survive will ultimately reveal who is a songbird, and who is a snake.

"The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes" does a great job of adapting the book, adding depth to a central character while giving fans a look at how it all started" states the audience summary from the Rotten Tomatoes website. The critics there only rated this movie at 64% favorable, but audiences liked it and gave it an 89%. The IMDb website rates this movie as 7.2/10. This movie is rated PG-13 (strong violent content and disturbing material). The IMDb website's Parents Guide lists this movie as moderate for violence and gore, and for frightening and intense scenes. All other categories are shown as mild or none. Runtime is 2 hours and 37 minutes.

Please note that we have experienced many last-minute attendees to movies, which creates issues for us to adequately serve everyone and start the movie on time. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the show is scheduled to start. We appreciate your cooperation.

DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED PLACING LEVIES ON BALLOT

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton School Board met in the high school library at 6:36 p.m. on December 6, 2023. School Board members present were Chair Jeffrey McCowen, Zac Fabian, Aneasha Dieu, and Grant Griffin. Superintendent Rich Stewart was also present.

Matthew Smith, who briefed the Dayton City Council on the Community Needs Assessment the previous evening, gave essentially the same briefing to the school board.

The board turned its attention to EPO (Educational Programs and Operation) Proposition 1 and Capital Levy Proposition 2.

The EPO would fund extracurricular activities, including athletics and custodial activities. The cost to property owners would be about \$1.42 per \$1000 valuation.

The capital levy would fund a long list of needed projects such as technology, security, a new gym roof and floor, and others. This levy would cost property owners about \$1.50 per \$1000 valuation.

The district will not be asking for a bond for cap-

ital improvements. Both levies would appear on the February 2024 ballot.

The resolutions to put these levies on the ballot were approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

The board was set to approve the appointment of citizens to committees, both for and against each of the levies. These committees would draft arguments to be included in the voter information booklet mailed before the election. Since no citizens volunteered to be on the four committees, there will be arguments in the voter information booklet.

The board approved the surplus of a 1974 Ford pickup owned by the district.

Stewart led a discussion on requirements for a new superintendent, including 225 working days a year. Stewart said they wanted a well-rounded individual with a lot of experience. McCowen said he valued the idea that the superintendent lives in the district.

The board members considered enticements for candidates to live in the district. Ideas were discussed and brainstormed for more than half an hour.

Stewart announced that Sam Korslund had been elected as Athletic Director of the Year in District 9 by his peers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.



Karen Huwe

Kids Day to Shop was a success. It was held in the Waitsburg Town Hall and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Kids of all ages picked out their gifts and Waitsburg FFA and American Legion Auxiliary members assisted with wrapping the gifts.

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

Fun opportunity to join a motivated team of library professionals providing excellent service to the community. The Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a flexible, reliable, and organized individual for the position of Library Assistant I. Position is full-time (38-40 hours/week) at the Dayton Memorial Library in Dayton, WA. Full job description available at crrld.org. Contact Ellen Brigham, director@crrld.org or 509-382-3169.

The Columbia County Rural Library District in southeast Washington State is seeking a Director of Library Services. The Director will be responsible for the day to day operation of one central library serving a population of approximately 4000 people and 2500 active patrons. Full job description available at crrld.org. Contact Ellen Brigham, director@crrld.org or 509-382-3169.

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CITY COUNCIL COVERED YEAR-END BUSINESS

Council member Dain Nysoe and Mayor Zac Weatherford say farewell

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON- Mayor Zac Weatherford called the Dayton City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on December 5, 2023. Council members Teeny McMunn, James Su'euga, Michael Smith, Kyle Anderson, Dain Nysoe, Laura Aukerman, and Shannon McMillen joined Weatherford at City Hall.

Jasmin Helm presented results from the Community Needs Assessment completed by the Coalition for Youth and Families under the Columbia County Department of Public Health. She said the coalition hired Tanner Accountants & Advisors (TAA) to help the department address the issues identified in the survey. Matthew Smith from TAA said community participation in the survey was higher than he usually sees. He said the study showed residents were happy with Dayton's hospital but wanted urgent care services. Respondents desired more specialists at the local hospital, substance abuse services, and affordable childcare.

Smith spoke on the community's shortage of therapists and youth activities, which could help keep kids out of trouble.

Smith said he and the coalition held their first planning and implementation session earlier that day to assign tasks for completion to coalition members. The information presentation required no action on the part of the council.

In his report, Sheriff Joe Helm spoke about a conference he attended sponsored by the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs. He said topics focused on increased crime rates and a declining number of law enforcement agents in Washington State. Though violent crime increased in the past two years, it remained just

below the national average at the end of 2022, according to FBI statistics. Helm encouraged citizens to contact their state elected officials to seek a workable solution to this troubling trend.

Helm reminded citizens to prepare their vehicles for winter by carrying tire chains or cables and appropriate emergency equipment.

After the Sheriff's report, the council approved the consent agenda.

Weatherford opened a public hearing on the City of Dayton 2024 budget. There was no public comment, and the mayor resumed the regular meeting.

The council adopted the budget by unanimously passing Ordinance 2006. Next, the council approved Ordinance 2009 to amend the 2023 budget to reflect income and financial transfers not known when the budget was passed last year.

After some discussion, the council voted to name December 26, 2023, as a holiday for city employees.

Weatherford said that as of midnight on December 31, 2023, the duties of mayor would be transferred to Mayor-elect Roger Trump.

Ryan Paulson recognized Trent Leseman and his family for donating this season's Christmas tree to the city.

Paulson said the first bid for repairs to the cemetery caused by lightning damage came in for \$126,000. The insurance company has asked for more bids. He also said the pump and motor for the city's water well #2 returned from repairs in Texas, and the city will install them soon, bringing the well back into service after months of being inoperable. He said Third Street has re-opened; however, stop bars and crosswalk markings won't be added until Spring since application requires warmer weather.

County Building official Clark Posey said that the retailer, Dollar General, has dropped plans for now to build a store on the property occupied by the former Ray's Drive-In and the two adjacent residences. The reason given was rising costs.

The meeting closed with Mayor Weatherford and Dain Nysoe making farewell speeches as their terms will end this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6 p.m.

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ballot, money they have yet to identify.

McKinley said the goal is to seek grants for building the swimming facility. The board will create a budget each year and run a special excise levy to pay for pool operation and maintenance. 2024 is the earliest a levy can be on the ballot. The levy is limited to twenty cents per thousand.

Columbia County Health System (CCHS) CEO Shane McGuire addressed the number two top-voted priority: affordable senior and assisted living housing. He talked about progress at the new assisted living facility, Rivers Walk, located just north of Dayton General Hospital.

Currently, three of the four assisted living cottages are housing residents. Each had a 90 percent occupancy rate within a few weeks of opening. Cottage D needs two more staff members before its doors can open.

"Our project goals were to increase access, make services sustainable financially, and prepare for future growth of the aging population," said McGuire.

He also spoke about the number three top-voted priority for an early learning and childcare center. CCHS is constructing a new childcare center in Hall 1 that once housed Booker Rest home on the Dayton General Hospital campus. The Walla Walla YWCA will run the center and has opened a waiting list.

RoseMary's Place is slated to open in April next year, serving eight infants, thirteen toddlers, and nineteen preschoolers in three classrooms. Depending on community needs, a fourth classroom can serve four infants, seven toddlers, or ten preschoolers.

McGuire highlighted the importance of the four pillars of healthcare: stable housing, adequate and robust nutrition, social connectivity, and access to physical and mental health services.

"We will provide all of these things within the infrastructure we are building," he said.

There was a virtual tie for the number three top-voted priority, including Broadband service.

Dickinson said the Dayton Community Broadband project is 100 percent complete as of Nov. 30, and roughly half of all customers in town have been connected through the services of three internet providers. The project came in slightly under budget.

Work started in October on the Touchet Valley Broadband Project, extending fiber from the City of Day-

ton west six miles along Hwy. 12 to 60 properties, including a cell tower and the state park. That project should be completed by January 31, 2024.

There are still 749 premises in the county where long spaces, high hills, and deep valleys make them difficult to serve.

She said extending fiber up the North Touchet, South Touchet, and Wolf Fork Roads makes sense where fiber is already partially installed. But, there is no market case for extending the cable fiber service to many customers.

She said she had contacted the state about subsidizing Starlink, a satellite internet service, for some customers. The Port will continue to determine how best to reach sparsely populated areas in the county's more rural areas.

Dayton Chamber Manager Belinda Larson discussed the importance of the Dayton Development Task Force efforts on Main Street. This year, façade improvements totaling a little over \$50,000 came about through those efforts.

She touched on other improvements on Main Street and the importance of the Main Street Tax Credit incentive program.

"Those dollars create funding for change and growth." The Chamber continues to work with organizations like the Dayton Kiwanis Club and sponsors annual events, including All Wheels Weekend, Ladies Night Out, and Christmas Kickoff.

She noted that All Wheels Weekend will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary next year.

At the end of the meeting, Dickinson shared some important economic indicators for the county, which the Port will post on its website.

Dickinson shared that employment numbers remain strong. The unemployment rate is historically low, below full employment, meaning businesses struggle to fill job openings. For instance, the Dayton Mercantile recently closed the Subway shop inside the store because they couldn't find people to work.

She said an increase in housing inventory is needed so the community can remain affordable, attract new people, and enhance the workforce.

Although there are several businesses for sale on Main Street, she said the economy seems to be stable.

Dickinson also pointed out the importance of tourism dollars to the economic health of the community.

This year's CEDS meeting generated more interest than in past years, with fifty-six people attending.



Merry Christmas

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Yolanda Zuniga Contreras, Petitioner,
No. (23-3-00201-36)
Wenselado Solorio, Respondent.
The State of Washington to the respondent Wenselado Solorio :

You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the DATE, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Petitioner's name, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure, to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Yolanda Zuniga Contreras at 61 Farmland Rd Apt 101, Walla Walla, WA. 99362

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 23-4-00251-36
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RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of: MAXINE F. AMEN, 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.

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In re the Estate of: RICHARD L. ARMSTRONG, Deceased.
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Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 6

Notice of Solicitation for Professional Services
Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 6 "District", a municipal corporation, is soliciting Statements of Qualifications for Professional Services for the remodel of an existing building into a fire station. Interested parties should obtain the Request for Statements of Qualification from the District by contacting Rusty Waite, at rm.waite@hotmail.com or 509-386-8423 and by submitting a statement of qualifications in accordance with the RFQ and chapter 39.80 RCW by 6:00 p.m. on December 20, 2023.
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NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Council of the City of Waitsburg is working on a budget for fiscal year 2024 starting January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.
The Council will hold a final hearing on this matter at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter and all interest citizens are invited to attend the hearing, at which time the meeting will be open for public discussion on the proposed 2024 budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com on Friday December 15, 2023

Dated this 12th day of December, 2023
City of Waitsburg
By: Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk
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There is a mandatory, in-person pre-bid meeting and site visit beginning at 10:00 AM on December 19, 2023 at the WWCCD office. The in-stream work window begins July 15, 2024 and concludes Sept 15, 2024.

Proposals will be for materials, labor, equipment, and appurtenant items required as per project plans and specifications. Bids must be guaranteed for 60 days from Project Award Date. The complete bid packet is available at the WWCCD office; materials will be available on a drive, or via email at annie.byerley@wwccd.net. Proposal will include a statement of qualifications and the elements of which will be used to award the bid. A 5% Bid Guarantee or equivalent will be required. The project will follow Davis-Bacon wage determinations (Prevailing Wages required). WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all bids and to waive minor irregularities in the bidding process. Bids must be received at the WWCCD office by the designated date and time.

For questions, please contact Annie Byerley at annie.byerley@wwccd.net or (509) 956-3764.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO. 23 4 00258 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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In the Matter of the Estate of Steven Leon Olsen 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. 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(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this 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 decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
December 12, 2013



[Photo Caption] Eastern Star members Marilyn Wilson (l) and Lenore Krom (r) enjoy showing their Christmas swags to an interested customer at Sunday's Hometown Christmas event.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
December 17, 1998

St. Mark's Altar Society met at the White Stallion for a no-host luncheon on Thursday, December 10. Twelve members were present. A meeting followed at Betty Jo Donnelly's home. Winners of the Christmas Raffle Basket drawing at Hometown Christmas were: Ashley Janovich, the basket; Anita Baker, the Afghan; Therese Overfield, the Beanie Baby family. B.A. Keve reported taking a trunkful of food to the Waitsburg food bank recently, which had been donated by the church. The food bank was glad to receive the dry cereal, as they were completely out.

Bands from the high school, junior high, and sixth grade gave a Christmas performance Monday at the Waitsburg High School auditorium. The bands, under direction of Brad Green, presented several holiday numbers, with a number of solo performances during breaks between sessions. Carla White performed a piano solo.

Fifty Years Ago
December 13, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Harold "Dick" Roberts who were married on Thanksgiving Day fifty years ago, celebrated the occasion with a cocktail party in the Coral Reef Room of the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney, Australia this past November 29. The affair was hosted by their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Hesper Archer of Walla Walla, Mrs. Harold Gwinn of Dayton, and Waitsburgites, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harris, Mrs. J.A. Wright and Mrs. Lewis Patton. The localites are part of a tour group that has been visiting New Zealand, Australia and other points of interest "down under." They are expected home this week having been on tour since November 7. Harold Roberts and Lydia Beckley were married on Nov. 29, 1923 and have lived in this area ever since. They are the parents of three children, Richard Roberts of Vancouver, Wa.; David Roberts of Waitsburg; and Mrs. Ralph (Muriel) Hamilton of Coos Bay, Or. The goldenweds have seven grandchildren.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
December 17, 1948

Returning home after seven-weeks vacation and tour of the States are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Abbey, Arlene and Bobby; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leid of Huntsville and Mrs. Margaret Rizzuti of Walla Walla.

Sorotus and A.T.E. Clubs enjoyed a joint Christmas party Tuesday evening at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. LaMay were pleasantly surprised when employees at Maybac Inc. dropped in for a potluck dinner Dec. 3. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bachtold, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Mock, Delbert Mock, Velma Mock, and Bob Sickles.

One Hundred Years Ago
December 21, 1923

The A.M. Jensen Co., Walla Walla's largest department store this week purchased the entire stock and fixtures of the Perrine-Jonas Co. of this city.

The Waitsburg team lost their basketball game to Dixie High School 27-12. The lineup of the boys were Kanz, McConnell, Roberts, Milligan and Kenaston. Playing for Dixie were M. Brunton, M. Roff, D. Roff, Brunton and Ray.

Mrs. A. Minnick who has been in this city visiting at the home of her daughters, Mrs. Walter E. Price and Mrs. Mary Hubbard, returned to her home Saturday afternoon with her son Clifford Minnick.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
December 23, 1898

Mr. William D. Pettycord and Miss Geneva H. Fry both of Alto were married last Sunday. Rev. McCallough of Dayton performed the ceremony.

About twenty young people of the Coppei and Wilson Hollow district thoroughly enjoyed themselves Friday evening at a "candy pulling" party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor in Wilson Hollow.

Ira Chew and Jim Mitchell have opened up a turkey shoot on Main Street.

LIFESTYLES & SPORTS

Basketball Season Has Begun

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg High School basketball teams had a busy first week, playing three away games. They traveled to Pomeroy on December 5, went to WWVA on December 7, and played at Touchet on December 9. They will play their first home game on Friday, December 15.

Jayton Gleason scored seventeen points in the junior varsity game at Pomeroy. Tyler Coulston scored two points, and Rollin Carpenter had seven rebounds in the 64-19 loss.

At WWVA, Teegan Kenney had two steals and three rebounds in the 50-22 loss.

The JV team played only two quarters at Touchet and lost 29-15. Logan Seal led the team with 8 points, Coulston scored 3, and Carpenter and Trace Nesje scored 2 points each.

The Waitsburg varsity girls are young this year, with only two players with high school basketball experience.

"They are getting better and growing every single game," said Head Coach JJ Calzadillas. "For only having six players right now, they are showing mental and physical toughness. I am really proud of how they are playing," he added.

At Pomeroy, Alyssa Hollingsworth scored 5 points and had three rebounds. Abbi Paolino scored three and had three steals. Makenna Barron scored 2 points in the 52-10 loss.

Paolino scored eight points and rebounded nine at WWVA. Hollingsworth scored eight and had two steals, Cheri Mathews scored two points, and Kadance Tiner had six rebounds in the 49-18 loss.

The young Cardinal team scored first at Touchet when Paolino hit a three-point shot. Touchet won the game 53-24. Hollingsworth led the Cardinals with 14 points, Paolino scored 10, and Sarah Daves had four rebounds. Victoria Whitmore played tough defense as the team improved on positioning and communication.

Blake French scored 11 points in the boys varsity game, and Ryland Kilts added 10 in the 58 to 31 loss at Pomeroy. Logan Seal scored 5, Lucas VanHoose scored 4 points and rebounded three, and Jack Karl scored one.

Kilts lit up the scoreboard with 27 points at WWVA. The Cardinals won the game 51-42. French scored 12, Reuben Yutzy 7, VanHoose 4, and Wyatt Booth scored 1 point. Kilts and French had six rebounds each, and Yutzy had two steals in the win.

Touchet came from behind to beat Waitsburg 50-48



Karen Huwe

(above) Victoria Whitmore (1) and teammates on defense (l-r) Daves (4), Mathews (22), Paolino (3), Hollingsworth (11)



(left) Logan Seal (20) shoots for 2 points. (10) Fredy Chavez, Kenney, Carpenter



Karen Huwe

CARDINALS BEAT LC

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Middle School boys basketball lost both games at Desales on December 6.

The "B" team lost 28-11, with Damien Karl scoring seven points and Arrow Groom and Carsyn Pennington scoring two points each.

Alex Zuniga scored 11 points in the 52-27 loss for the "A" team. Jake Lynch

contributed with six points, Liam Kiefel scored four, and Carter Barron and Rowdy Cole scored three each.

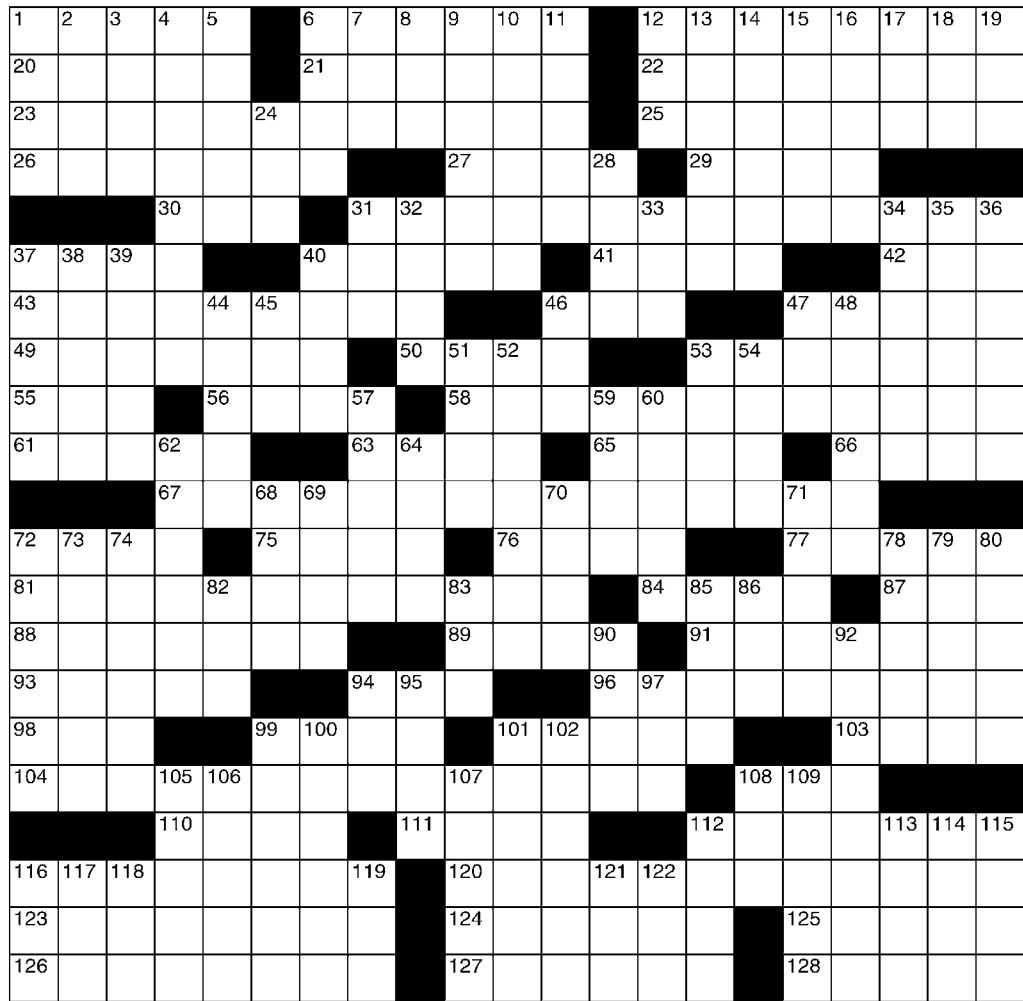
The "A" team got revenge on Liberty Christian of Walla Walla on Monday, December 11. The last time the two teams met on November 14, LC beat the Cardinals 33-29. Waitsburg won the second matchup 26-23 on Kison Court. Lynch scored 10 points, Kiefel 9, Zuniga 4, Alex Watson 2 and Cole 1.

(left) Kiefel shoots for two

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword LOVE OF SOLVING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Picked instrument
 - 6 Type of small grocery store
 - 12 Bloppy light source
 - 20 Viva voce
 - 21 Spoil, as "my parade"
 - 22 Roast joke
 - 23 Like baggy clothes
 - 25 Winter wreath ornament
 - 26 Gave away temporarily
 - 27 Money, informally
 - 29 Jagger of the Stones
 - 30 "Raggedy" doll
 - 31 Monty Python tune about a logger
 - 37 Addams who created Morticia
 - 40 Quick attack
 - 41 Cover girl Macpherson
 - 42 "— gratia" ("by the grace of God")
 - 43 Dwell in the company of
 - 46 Outer: Prefix
 - 47 "— the Night" (2007 Joaquin Phoenix film)
 - 49 Had to admit a goof-up
 - 50 "Behold!" to Caesar
 - 53 Totally bummed out
 - 55 Stuff in a sty
 - 56 Avian hooters
 - 58 Texas banner
 - 61 Big twitch
 - 63 Safari sight
 - 65 Envoy's asset
 - 66 "There — comparison"
 - 67 Chinese black tea with a smoky flavor
 - 72 Anita of jazz
 - 75 Env. notice
 - 76 Estrada of TV
 - 77 Ones staring
 - 81 Best Actress winner for "The Farmer's Daughter"
 - 84 Grammy winner
 - 87 "And how!" as an "encore"
 - 88 German city on the Elbe
 - 89 With 115-Down, "Piece of cake!"
 - 91 Web page
 - 93 Slacks
 - 94 Extra charge
 - 96 Pea-souper in England
 - 98 Anticavity gp.
 - 99 Supreme Norse god
 - 101 "I love you," to Luisa
 - 103 Jane in an 1847 novel
 - 104 Go bankrupt, say
 - 108 Del.-to-Vt. direction
 - 110 Bakery treats
 - 111 Snootiness
 - 112 Noisy tigers
 - 116 Cite famous people as friends
 - 120 Method for calculating a quotient ... or what occurs eight times in this puzzle?
 - 123 Accepted, as conditions
 - 124 Made flush
 - 125 Maggot, e.g.
 - 126 Sailor's dining place
 - 127 Shows as an "encore"
 - 128 Clifflike
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Tennis need
 - 2 Skin soother
 - 3 Lunch hour
 - 4 "Be right there"
 - 5 Classic theater
 - 6 Liverpool or Leeds native
 - 7 Horse bit
 - 8 Morse bit
 - 9 Conundrum
 - 10 Of yore
 - 11 Trig measure
 - 12 Slice (off)
 - 13 Zoo attraction
 - 14 Gondola city
 - 15 Smart — (cocky sort)
 - 16 Guitar riffs
 - 17 Year, in Brazil
 - 18 Roughly half of all adults
 - 19 Beginning to mature?
 - 24 Amusement
 - 28 Frightful dino
 - 31 Chilling Chaney
 - 32 Strong desire
 - 33 "Selena" actress, to her fans
 - 34 Nonalcoholic beer brand
 - 35 Georgia city near Atlanta
 - 36 Ornamental street tree
 - 37 Bivalve mollusks
 - 38 Ask for moola
 - 39 Brand of skin care and cosmetics
 - 40 Turkey, e.g.
 - 44 Pleasant odor
 - 45 Do some yard maintenance
 - 46 Poet's twilight
 - 47 Major battle
 - 48 Crude model of a despised person
 - 51 Choke up
 - 52 Give the OK
 - 53 Strong desire
 - 54 Big mil. alliance
 - 57 Dull, dark bluish-gray
 - 59 Decorative sewing case
 - 60 Burlap bags
 - 62 Most cunning
 - 64 — uncertain terms
 - 68 Pricy liver spread
 - 69 Superhero creator Lee
 - 70 Agcys., e.g. "Nifty!"
 - 72 Chum from way back
 - 73 El — (treasure city)
 - 74 Vying venues
 - 78 Uplift
 - 79 Whirlybird blade
 - 80 Drawn-out battle
 - 82 Six-pt. scores
 - 83 Driver's 180
 - 85 Year, to Caesar
 - 86 Garnet, e.g.
 - 90 Ladd of "Shane"
 - 92 Shows lip-curling contempt
 - 94 Holiday tree
 - 95 "Orinoco Flow" vocalist
 - 97 Texter's "I'm shocked!"
 - 99 Carry to excess
 - 100 Spanish explorer
 - 101 Grew vigorously, old-style
 - 102 Former Disney exec
 - 105 Sword types
 - 106 Duck type
 - 107 Mosaic maker
 - 108 Autumn mo. file them
 - 109 Manicurists
 - 112 Divests (of)
 - 113 Ireland, in Ireland
 - 114 Be a drifter
 - 115 See 89-Across
 - 116 "Rambo" setting, briefly
 - 117 Era or eon
 - 118 "— Doubtfire"
 - 119 Fluffy lap dog, for short
 - 121 Safari sight
 - 122 Safari sight



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

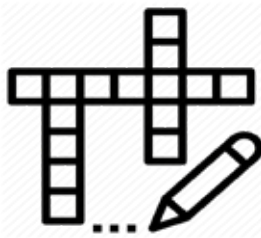
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Chewy Chocolate Peppermint Cookies

In a season of sparkling extravagance, I have always felt that it is often the simplest gifts that can have the sweetest impact. A box of homemade cookies or candy from a neighbor or friend is always among my favorite parts of this time of year. It is always a delight when I am surprised by a new flavor, or a twist on a classic, in an assortment of holiday treats. These playful cookies have the chewy texture of the best fudgy brownie with a perfectly balanced zip of peppermint. The crushed candy canes on top give a festive burst of color, and a satisfying crunch.



Ingredients:

- 4 ounces semisweet chocolate, finely chopped
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder, divided
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt (or ½ teaspoon fine sea salt)
- 1 ½ teaspoons peppermint extract
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup crushed peppermint candies, or candy canes

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a small heatproof bowl, combine the chopped semisweet chocolate with ¼ cup (half) of the cocoa powder. Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium-low heat until bubbly but not browned. Pour the melted butter over the chocolate and allow to sit without stirring. The residual heat of the butter will melt the chocolate.

Meanwhile, combine the eggs, both sugar and the salt in a mixing bowl. Use a hand mixer or stand mixer with the whisk attachment to whip the eggs and sugar. Whisk on medium-high speed until the mixture is pillowy and the sugars have begun to dissolve, about 6 to 8 minutes.

Next, use a spoon to stir the chocolate mixture until it is glossy and smooth. With the mixer on low speed, add the peppermint extract and the melted chocolate. Use a spatula to scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl. Add the flour and the remaining ¼ cup of cocoa powder. Continue to mix on low until just combined. Be careful not to overmix, there will be a few streaks of flour remaining. Turn off mixer and use the spatula to gently fold in the remaining dry ingredients. The dough will have a loose texture, in between traditional cookie dough and brownie batter.

Use a ¼-cup scoop to measure out 12 balls of batter and arrange on the prepared baking sheets. Bake for an initial 10 minutes then take the sheets out and bang them once lightly on the counter. Sprinkle a bit of the crushed peppermint candy in the center of each cookie then return to the oven to bake for an additional 2 to 3 minutes. When done, pull out and allow the cookies to cool completely on the baking sheets.

Notes:

If you can find it, Dutch-process unsweetened cocoa is perfect for this recipe. Otherwise, look for any high-quality unsweetened cocoa. I used Ghirardelli brand cocoa and semisweet baking chocolate.

If you like, you could increase the peppermint extract to 2 teaspoons. The crumbled candy on top adds a lot of wonderful flavor and texture to these chewy cookies.

Enjoy.

Waitsburg students share holiday cheer

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

Eleanora Montgomery's Waitsburg Pre Schoolers send Santa their lists

"This Christmas I want Santa to bring me:"



Bluey toys, a bunny and a fan for my room.
Harley Childers



A piano, a Star Belly Dream Lite and my own kitchen.
Lillian Cole



A remote control monster truck, a racecar and a reindeer.
McKinley Melcher



A new red puppy with batteries.
Joanna Giacalone



A drone and a monster truck with a remote control.
James Griffen



A four-wheeler, a monster truck, a nerf gun and a remote control tank.
Landon Long



A pink unicorn with a horn and pink wings and a new Barbie with batteries.
Tegan Huxoll



A Monster truck launcher with fifty-monster cars.
Emmett Kibler



A magic wand and a Barbie.
Mackenzie McNicol



Monster trucks and a big boy bike.
Asher Richards



An electric motorcycle and a Hulu hoop.
Legend Richards



Lots of toys and a big, big T-Rex.
Bode Brannock



A plane with big wings.
Soren Schavrien



A space ship and a dinosaur.
Abraham Wright



A remote control jeep and some kind of monster truck like Max-D.
Lane Eastman



A book, an alligator and lots of presents.
Bryson French



A remote control racecar and a Megalodon monster truck with a remote control.
Jesse Giacalone



A real train, a real tiger, and a fishing pole.
Ethan Hays



A big, big fire truck.
Lowden Henze



Mickey Mouse toys.
Pierce Henze



Lots of color legos and cupcakes with pink sprinkles.
Jane Ely



A big truck and Peppa pig.
Rhett Elsey



A big pink bear, a pink doll and a pink kitten.
Kimber Hofer



A big racecar, a monster truck and a four-wheeler that is all I want for Christmas.
Axel Stenson



A doll with pink hair and for my brother Jimmy a dinosaur.
Everleigh Watson



A big rocking horse and a monster truck that I can drive around my house.
Adilynn Knighton

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Dear Santa from Jordan Greer's Kindergarteners



Dear Santa!

My name is Chloe, I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg by my teacher. Where do the reindeer sleep? I have been nice, I help my little brother when he gets hurt and I help my mom do the dishes. I am most excited to see my Auntie at Christmas. For Christmas I would like a baby nursery.

Love, Chloe

Dear Santa!

I am 6 years old and I live in Dayton, Washington. I would like to know what the elves like to eat, do they like bagels and fruit snacks? I like bagels and fruit snacks. I have been nice, because I put my clothes away. I am excited to get candy at Christmas. One gift that I would really like is an RC Boat with a truck and trailer.

Love, Flint



Dear Santa!

I am 5 years old but I will turn 6 on December 13th, I live in Waitsburg, Washington. I am wondering how you make the toys, do the elves make them or do you help too? I have been mostly naughty because I hit my sister and my mom yells at me. I'm not sure if I should get presents, but if I do, I would like a drone. I am really looking forward to going to Kansas for Christmas to see my dad's family.

Love, Ember



Dear Santa!

My name is Elodie, I am 5 years old, I live in Prescott Washington. How do you make all of the toys? I have been nice, I tell my parents when my sister is doing things she shouldn't be doing, like watching YouTube. I am looking forward to playing in the snow and for my elves to come at Christmas-time. I would like a phone for Christmas.

Love, Elodie



Dear Santa!

My name is Ayla, I am 6 years old, I live in Waitsburg with my mom and dad. What is your favorite cookie? I have been a little naughty and a little nice. Sometimes I don't clean my room, but I do a good job of sharing my toys. I am most excited to see all of my family at Christmas-time because Christmas is not just about presents, it's about spending time with family too. For Christmas I would really like some more puzzles.

Love, Ayla



Dear Santa!

My name is Sophia and I am 5 years old. I live here in Washington. Do you have any magic? I have been nice, because my brothers are naughty. For Christmas I would like a Barbie.

Love, Sophia



Dear Santa!

My name is Daniel and I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg behind the store. Do the reindeer sleep inside or outside at the North Pole? I have been nice, I give my sister toys to play with. I am most excited to get candy in my stocking on Christmas morning. For Christmas I would like a trampoline.

Love, Daniel

Dear Santa!

My name is Elijah, I am 6 years old, I live in Waitsburg. Where is the North Pole? I have been nice by doing nice things like not picking up people. I am most excited to get presents on Christmas. I would like a Lego Sonic set for Christmas.

Love, Elijah



Dear Santa!

My name is Maverick Lee Dean and I am stilllllll 5! I live in Walla Walla, Washington. I want to know what the reindeer eat, do they eat salad? I have been nice. For Christmas I would like a Hot Wheels set.

Love, Maverick



Dear Santa!

My name is Nolan and I am 5 years old. I live in Dayton, right in the middle of town! I want to know how you get your magic? I have been nice because I help my brother. I am excited to decorate Christmas cookies with my grandma. I would really like a telescope so that I can look at the stars and the planets.

Love, Nolan



Dear Santa!

My name is Brooklyn, I am 5 year old. I live in Waitsburg. Where is the North Pole? I have been nice. I am most excited about getting presents for Christmas. I would like a teddy bear.

Love, Brooklyn



Dear Santa!

My name is Myles and I am 5 years old. I live in Waitsburg by a dead end sign. How do you make the presents? Are the elves magic? Can elves actually come to our house and be funny? I have been nice, but my brothers have been naughty. I am nice because I do my chores and listen to my mom and dad. I make them happy by helping them cook and help my dad make steaks. I would like a phone for Christmas and a real motorcycle, not a toy one.

Love, Myles.



Dear Santa!

My name is Lynlee, I am 5 years old, but almost 6. I live in Waitsburg, Washington. I am wondering if the elves have magic? I have been nice because I help my mom clean the house and I help my teacher at school. I am excited to get presents at Christmas. For Christmas I would like a blue Stanley cup.

Love, Lynlee



Dear Santa!

My name is Kennedy, I am 6 years old and I live in Waitsburg, Washington. I want to know how you get around the whole world in one night? I have been a little bit of both, naughty and nice. Sometimes I push and kick my brothers, but other times I do what I am told and I don't touch things at museums. I am looking forward to getting presents and having my elf steal my toys from my room. For Christmas I would like a Rudolph costume.

Love, Kennedy



Dear Santa!

My name is Skylar and I am 6 years old. I live in Prescott. I would like to know how you make all the toys? I have been nice this year because I pick up my toys and I clean up my messes. I am excited to get presents at Christmas. I would like a pink and red sweater for Christmas.

Love, Skylar



Dear Santa!

I am Kairi, I am 6 years old. I live in Waitsburg, Washington close to downtown. I want to know if I could come to the North Pole sometime and see the reindeer because I have never seen one before. I have been nice because I listen and do what I am told. I am excited to get roller skates for Christmas.

Love, Kairi



Dear Santa!

My name is Phoenix, I am 5 and I live in Waitsburg. I would like to know how the reindeer have magic? I have been nice this year because I take people to the office when they are hurt. I am excited to get presents for Christmas, I would like a teddy bear.

Love, Phoenix



Dear Santa!

My name is Israel, I am 5 years old and I live in Waitsburg, Washington. One wish I have is to ride in your sleigh and see the reindeer. I have been nice, because when my dad asks something, I do it. I am excited for presents at Christmas. One present I would like is a drone.

Love, Israel



Dear Santa!

My name is Aiden, I am 6 years old, I live in Waitsburg far from town. I would like to know, where do the elves live when it is not the Christmas season? I have been very good, I always clean up and help my sister at home. I am most excited to see you and your reindeer when you come to my house. For Christmas I would really like some new crayons.

Love, Aiden



Dear Santa!

My name is Alaia, I am 5 years old and I live in Waitsburg. I want to know why Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer is so important? I have been nice this year because I do a good job listening to my family and to my teacher. I am looking forward to helping my mom wrap presents. One present I would like is a Barbie house.

Love, Alaia



Dear Santa!

My name is James and I am 6 years old. I live in Waitsburg, Washington on Eighth street. I want to know how you get into houses without chimneys? I have been nice, because I help my mom and dad with the Christmas tree. I am really excited to build snowmen at Christmas time. One present I would like is a Nintendo Switch.

Love, James



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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Cinquain Poems by Stephanie Hinchliffe's First Grade class



Santa
Happy, Kind
Flying, Checking, Petting
Santa's a jolly elf.
Saint Nick
by Corben Brock



Cookies
Yummy, Warm
Decorating, Baking,
Cooling.
Cookies cool before
decorating.
Dough
by Oliver Castillo



Family
Loving, Caring
Decorating, Cooking, Laughing
My family decorating together.
Tribe
by Richard Chavez



Reindeer
Fluffy, Loving
Flying, Walking, Eating
Reindeers fly at night.
Elk
by Alyssa Cole



Presents
Orange, Blue
Wrapping, Opening, Playing
Throw the wrapping every-
where!
Gift
by Charles Knighton



Presents
Red, Smooth
Wrapping, Giving,
Unwrapping
Opening presents on
Christmas.
Gifts
by Gracie Compton



Happy Holidays
Christopher Childers



Santa Claus
Caring, Giving
Eating, Sleeping, Laughing
Santa is always jolly.
Saint Nick
by Ryker Frasco



Christmas Tree
Green, Bright
Shining, Decorating, Glowing
Christmas trees shining
bright.
Tree
by Elizabeth Hays



Snow
White, Cold
Falling, Building, Compact-
ing
Christmas snow is best!
Precipitation
by Asher Hilton



Santa
Giving, Loving
Eating, Drinking, Flying
Santa Claus is loving.
Saint Nick
by Brooklynn Hopkins



Family
Loving, Caring
Cooking, Decorating, Laughing
Family decorates for Christmas.
Tribe
by Cheyenne Hopkins



Family
Loving, Nice
Hugging, Sharing, Decorating
My family's the best.
Tribe
by Violet Watkins



Apple Cider
Warm, Sweet
Steaming, Boiling, Pouring
Delicious warm apple cider.
Drink
by Kaidence Wilcox



Santa
Big, Fat
Eating, Helping, Watching
He flies the reindeer
Elf
by Michael Vixie



Friends
Fun, Caring
Playing, Laughing,
Decorating
Friends laugh while playing.
Pals
by Finley Huxoll



Santa
White, Hairy
Working, Flying, Delivering
I love Santa Claus
St. Nick
by Avery Janovich



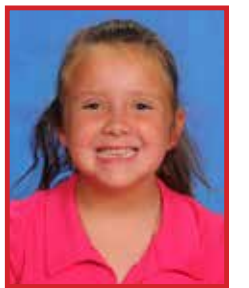
Reindeer
Calm, Furry
Flying, Landing, Jumping
Reindeers flying on Christmas.
Deer
by Talen Kibler



The Grinch
Funny, Furry
Stealing, Keeping, Loving
The Grinch steals Christ-
mas.
The Grump
by Maddison Miller



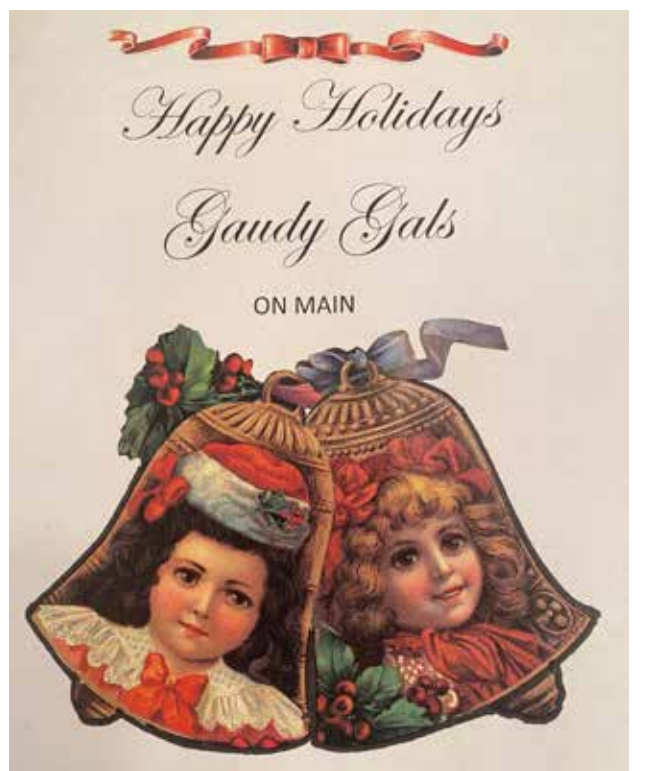
Cookies
Gingerbread, Sugar
Cracking, Pouring, Mixing
Making cookies is fun!
Sweets
by Gemma Pennington



Christmas Tree
Beautiful, Colorful
Glistening, Swaying, Twinkling
Christmas trees are shining
Plant
by Foster Richardson



Snow
Soft, Fluffy
Skiing, throwing, sledding
Falls down from the sky.
Cold
by Sydney Smith



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Winter
Snow is falling down.
I play with my family.
We drink hot cocoa.

by Carmine Pastorino

Winter
Snow is cold and white.
Snowflakes, icy and frosty.
Family, friends, play.

by Quill McLaughlin



Winter
Light snow is falling.
Christmastime is coming soon.
The snow is freezing.

by Jace Jadin

Winter Season
Winter comes with frost.
Christmas is chilly and cold.
I skate on the ice.

by Ethan Grabinski



Cold Winter
It is cold outside.
Warm and cozy in the house.
Baking with my mom.

by Marcus Reynolds

Winter
A blizzard comes through.
Ice is very slippery.
Building a snowman.

by Cash Grende



Santa is Coming
Santa is coming.
Tonight I am excited!
I feed his reindeer.

by Cannon Abel

I Love Winter
Winter is coming.
I like to play in the snow.
I drink hot cocoa.

by Catelynn Gascon



Winter
White and soft snowflakes.
It is snowing very hard!
White snowflakes are cold.

by Malyn Gagnon

Frosty
Snowflakes are pretty.
Ice covers houses and trees.
Ice is slippery.

by Micah Richards



Winter
Snowflakes falling down.
North Pole has a blizzard now.
Drinking hot cocoa.

by Henley Hayes

Christmas Eve
Chilly Christmas Eve.
Listening for Santa Claus.
I like to snowboard.

by Vaida Langford



Snowing Hard
Snowflakes are pretty.
The snow makes my fingers
cold.

It is snowing hard!

by Cooper Smith

Wintertime
Igloos are the best.
The bright lights are beautiful.
Igloos are so cool.

by Clay Katsel



Winter
I like to snowboard.
The Northern Lights are pretty.
I like hot cocoa.

by Avery Spring

Winter
I love wintertime.
I'm waiting for it to snow.
Santa Claus will come.

by Annika Botts



Winter
Ice is very fun.
Sliding and skating on ice.
Slipping and sliding.

by Levi Dean

Winter
Chilly, cold, white snow.
Blizzardy, softly, igloo.
Family, winter.

by Jesse Jadin



The Snow
Winter is coming.
Christmas is coming tonight.
The snow is falling.

by Avery Hofer

Winter Fun
Sledding on the snow.
Christmas cookies on the stove.
Drinking hot cocoa.

by Samson Hamilton



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Christmas Riddles by Tabitha Jadin's Third Graders

I am mean.
I stole Christmas.
I have a mean smile.
Who am I?

-By Victoria Roberts



It is my birthday
I am in the sky.
I'm right by you some-
times.
Who am I?

-By Amelia Nesje

I live in the arctic.
I'm furry.
I dive in the snow.
What am I?

-By Isaac Knudson



I'm something that you
drink.
You might drink me
during Christmas.
I'm guessing Santa likes
to drink me.
What am I?

-By Julian Gillentine

I am green.
I hate christmas.
I don't like Whoville.
Who am I?

-By Sawyer Harvey



I was born on Christmas.
I created the world.
I love everyone.
Who am I?

-By Charlie Reger

I am black & white.
I waddle.
I slide on my belly .
What am I?

-By Elise Pearson



I'm lovely to look at.
You see me every year during
Christmas.
I'm green.
What am I?

-By Gavin Watkins

I pull Santa around on his
sleigh.
I have a bright nose.
Sometimes I get left outside.
Who am I?

-By Olivia Long



I am white.
I am fluffy.
I am around in winter.
What am I?

-By Bridger Abel

I taste good.
I have egg in me.
You get to drink me at
Christmas.
What am I?

-By Scarlett Scott



I am round.
I am put up on a tree.
I am colorful.
What am I?

-By Grace Eastman

I am white with stick arms.
I have a top hat.
I also have a scarf.
Who am I?

-By Kimberlynn Garcia



I am as cuddly as a cactus.
I'm as charming as an eel.
I stole Christmas.
Who am I?

-By Liliana Grabiski



I'm on the ground.
My nose is red.
I can fly.
I help santa.
Who am I?

-By Dori Adkins

When snow falls, kids come
and they make a snowball.
And roll it on the ground.
Three more come.
And that makes me.
What am I?

-By Clive Bye



I am brown.
People like to eat me.
I have candy on me.
What am I?

-By Maddox Lachowicz

You put me in a cup.
I am brown and warm.
You put marshmallows on
top.
What am I?

-By Reagan Miller



I am hard,
I can fit something inside.
I am square.
What am I?

-By Kaylee Harrison

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

Christmas means a lot of things to me. Something that is special to me is friends and family. Another thing that is important to me is the Santa tracker. One more thing that means a lot to me is Jesus' birthday. I hope these things mean a lot to you.

Friends and family are one of the things that make the holiday special to me. I love when they spend time with me. We give gifts to each other. I like to play games with them too. Friends and family mean a lot to me.

This is something that's very fun to do on Christmas Eve: the Santa tracker. One thing about the Santa tracker is that you can play games on it. It has the countdown for Christmas. You probably know that it tracks... Santa. Don't you like the Santa tracker?

Jesus' birthday makes me happy. Jesus saved us from our sins. Did you know that he was born in a manger? You can learn more about Jesus in the Bible.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

By Kaitlynn Miller



Christmas is special to me for many reasons. One is when I see Bacca on Christmas Eve. And at bed time my family reads the Polar Express book to help me go to sleep in probably 10 seconds before I fall asleep. My last thing is the ones I love my family. Christmas should be special to everyone.

One reason Christmas is special is because when I go to my GGs house I get to see Bacca. Sometimes when I see Bacca she barks a lot when I see her on Christmas Eve (I think she is saying hello). On Christmas Eve or Christmas day I go to Bacca's nose and she

will lick me. Sometimes when I lay on my uncle's lap Bacca comes and snuggles me and Uncle Josh. I love Bacca with all my heart.

Another reason Christmas is special is when mom and dad read my polar express book so me and Finn go to sleep fast. When I first got it I thought it was long like the movie but it skipped lots from the movie. When you get through it you get calm and sleepy. When dad finishes reading it, Finn and I get so sleepy that we go to sleep in a snap. You should get the Polar Express book on amazon and read it to your children for Christmas Eve.

I saved this one for last because I love my family so much! My family will love me forever and they will never hate me. Sometimes they take me and Finn to their bed when we are fully asleep. All the time mom and dad let me and Finn wake them up on Christmas day so we can open presents. I hope you love your family with all your heart.

What Christmas means to me is my pets (Bacca), Polar Express book and my family. My dog (Bacca) I love her so much that Bacca loves me too. My Polar Express book is so calming. The last one is my family. I chose them last because I love them the most. I hope you enjoy your Christmas.

By Ryden Huxoll



Christmas is a special time of the year for many people. One of the reasons is because of the gifts you get. Another reason people love Christmas is the fun we can have in the snow. Hot chocolate is also one of my favorite things to have during the holidays. I hope Christmas is special to you too.

By Andre Navarrette



Christmas means a lot to me for many reasons. I love snow at Christmas. I also love getting gifts. The best part though, is being with my family. I hope you have a special Christmas too.

One reason why Christmas means a lot to me is because of the snow. I love playing in it. I also love making snowmen.

Another reason I love Christmas is the gifts I get. I love having a great time opening gifts. And it is exciting to see all of my family opening their gifts too.

I love my family because we all care for each other. I also love my nana and papa. We like having hot cocoa. We like to go sledding which is always a good time. I love spending time with all of them.

Let me tell you more about these things. I love the snow because it is cool to play in and when it snows it is so pretty. I also love making snowmen. I enjoy having hot cocoa in the snow. I love gifts. They are cool and opening the gifts can be good and fun. My family brings happiness and fun. They are kind, happy and funny all the time.

Christmas means a lot to me. I hope we get some snow. I'm glad I get to spend time with my family. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas too.

By Khloe Pennington

Christmas is very special to me for many reasons. One reason Christmas is special is because of snowboarding. Another reason is cousin Christmas. Lastly, is my stocking that my mom made. I hope Christmas is important to you too.

I love snowboarding. Snowboarding is special because it is fun even though it is very cold. The thing that makes this so special is because my best friend Emma, her dad and mom John and Natasha. Lastly it is very entertaining especially when Emma comes speeding down the hill on her skis. I wish for you to have a favorite snowy sport too.

I love spending time with my cousins. I love spending time with them because we have a family tradition called "Cousin Christmas." We play lots of games like where you scoop bows into a bowl with a spatula blindfolded. There is lots of laughing. Last year we did a scavenger hunt for candy canes in the snow. Do you have a family tradition too?

Stockings make me happy inside. I love my stocking because my mom made it. Mine has a unicorn on it.

There are so many things that make my Christmas special. I hope you have a special Christmas too.

By Rylee Cole



Christmas is special to me for many reasons. One reason my family means a lot to me on Christmas is because they love me. Another reason is that my dogs are awesome and because they are funny. My home is the best because it is so tall and safe. I love Christmas so much. I hope you like Christmas.

I love my family. On Christmas I don't need the fireplace because I have my family's warmth of love. My family is always nice on Christmas. Awesome families on Christmas are the best. I hope you like to spend time with your family too.

Dogs are the best. I like how dogs are happy on Christmas. Dogs are so smart on Christmas because they're going to get treats sometimes. On Christmas, the most helpful animals are dogs because they get the gifts for you. Having our dogs with us means so much to me.

A home at Christmas is full of warmth and safety. Our home is big and full of love. My home keeps me safe because of our dogs. On Christmas my warm home keeps me safe from the snow. I love my home.

Christmas is awesome. What Christmas means to me is family, dogs and my home. I hope you like Christmas too.

By Adalynn Canites

Christmas means a lot to me and this is why. For one, my family makes it a great holiday. Jesus is the reason we celebrate. Candy canes are one of the best things about the holiday. Because of these things, Christmas is the best.

Family makes Christmas special. I love spending time with them. They always give me presents and hugs. It is so fun to spend time with my family when we go up to the mountains. I hope you have fun with your family.

Another reason I love Christmas is because of Jesus. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Jesus. Jesus was born on Christmas and that makes Christmas special. I am thankful for everything Jesus has given me. I hope you believe in Jesus too.

Candy canes are delicious. I really like the stripes on them and when you lick it a lot it gets sharp. The red and white peppermint ones are my favorite. Do you like candy canes too?

I hope you like Christmas as much as I do. When my family gets together on Christmas it is so much fun. Jesus is the reason we all celebrate Christmas and makes it special. I plan on eating a lot of candy canes this year. I wish everyone could have a Christmas like me. I am thankful for the Christmas that I get to have.

By Hudson Lynch



Christmas is special to me for many reasons. One reason Christmas is special is because of my family. Our tree is special to us. Our family eats ice cream on Christmas.

I love my family. They love me so much and I love them too. Another reason I love my family is they are funny and nice. We like to play board games. I hope you get to spend time with your family.

Next, I love our tree. It's nice to see at night in the dark. Another thing is the tree is beautiful and smells good. Our tree looks different each year.

Making ice cream is fun. I like ice cream because I do the mixing and my grandma does the rest. Sometimes we go to the fire and eat ice cream. I love this soft creamy and cold treat. I love Christmas time!

By Ethan Mahre

Christmas is special to me for many reasons. One reason Christmas is special is because I love putting up our Christmas tree. Another reason is I get to spend time with my family. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

By Malcolm Ledford



Christmas is special to me for many reasons. One reason is that snow makes Christmas special. Another reason Christmas is special is because my family comes over. The last reason Christmas is special is because of hot cocoa.

Snow at Christmas makes it wonderful because it is cold and it's very fun and so pretty. I sure hope we get snow this year.

I love Christmas because my family comes over. We eat good food and we play games. The last reason is hot cocoa. Hot cocoa keeps me warm when I come in from outside. Hot cocoa also makes me happy and it is yummy.

I love Christmas Time because of all of these things. I love the snow. I love my family and I love hot cocoa!

By Oneika Bye

Christmas is great for many reasons. One reason Christmas is great is because of family. Another reason I love this holiday is because of my Christmas socks. Last but not least, I adore hot chocolate. These are my reasons why Christmas is great.

I love Christmas because of my family. The best part is everyone gets together and we all open gifts one by one. We watch the Grinch together every year but sometimes we watch Mickey Mouse Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

By Tyr Elmore



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Christmas is special to me for many reasons. One reason is the snow. Another reason Christmas is special is because of my family. It's fun to give gifts to everyone. I hope that you have a good Christmas with snow, family and gifts!

Snow is fun during Christmas time. I like to make snowballs. I also like to make snow forts. And lastly, I like to make snowmen. Snow is a good part of Christmas.

I love to spend time with my family. One reason I love family is that we get to hang out. Another reason is we get to see our friends. And last we get to play games.

I just love the gifts. One reason I like gifts is I like to give gifts. I also love to get gifts. And I love to open

gifts.

Christmas is special to me for many reasons. Snow is special to me. I love my family. And last but not least, I love to give gifts!!!

By Caed Gagnon

Christmas is special to me for many reasons. One reason is to set up the Christmas tree. Another reason is making cookies. A third reason is spending time with my family. I hope you have a great time this Christmas.

Let's talk about Christmas trees! Setting Christmas trees is fun, putting ornaments and lights is so much fun! Just look at the beautiful tree, the shining lights and the beautiful colors of the ornaments. If you want a real tree it's a lot of work or pay money for a fake tree for only \$25 dollars plus it's easy with no water.

Let's talk about the fun of making cookies. Making dough for the cookies and decorating them... now that's fun! Smell these cookies, mmm that's good, now for the frosting and the sprinkles. Do not eat plain cookies, add some frosting and some sprinkles to make a happy face now that's making cookies.

What do I do with my family on Christmas? We drink hot cocoa on Christmas, yum yum yum, slurp it up. We watch movies. It's fun watching movies together. We sometimes watch Elf. It's fun being with my family and that's great.

You now know what Christmas means to me. Have a great holiday! And Merry Christmas!

By Buck Eastman



Christmas is special to me for many reasons. One reason I love this winter holiday is because it's Jesus' birthday. Next I love Christmas morning. Lastly, I love to see my family. As you can see I love Christmas, and I hope you do too.

One reason I love Christmas is because of Jesus' birthday. I love Jesus' birthday because I am a Christian, in fact my whole family is a Christian. Second, who doesn't love a happy birthday? Lastly I know he is with me for my birthday, so I am with him for his. I hope you wish him a happy birthday.

Christmas morning is another reason I love this holiday. I love this morning because I wake up with energy and I'm really, really excited and

happy. Next, right when I wake up we run to see if Santa came and then we open the presents. After we open the presents I get to play with them while my mom makes breakfast, and it smells so good! I love Christmas morning and I bet you do too!

Christmas wouldn't be the same without my family! First I love my Amma's Christmas dessert. Next I am especially excited for this Christmas because I am going to see my Dad's side of the family in Kansas! Last but not least, everyone in my family, Mom's side or Dad's side, they are always happy. I love my family very much and I hope you do too!

I love this holiday for way more reasons, but these are my top three. Jesus' birthday makes Christmas special. Christmas morning is really, really fun. And my family is a big part of this holiday. I wonder why you like this day!

By Oaklee Adams



Christmas means a lot to me. One reason is if there is snow, I get to play in it. Secondly, I like to eat good treats. Lastly, my family means a lot to me. Christmas is special. I hope you like Christmas too. Now I will tell you about these things in paragraphs

I love goodies. I love goodies because they are yummy. Another reason I love goodies is because fudge is chocolaty. Lastly I like goodies because molasses cookies are creamy with the frosting.

I love my family. I love my family because they are fun to play with this holiday season.

Another reason I love my family is because they are fun to carol with. I also love baking with my family.

Christmas is very special to me. This holiday is special to me because I love to play in the snow. Another reason I love Christmas is because I love Christmas goodies. Lastly, I love this holiday because I like to spend time with my family. I hope you like Christmas too.

By Adeline Brock

Christmas is special to me. One reason I love Christmas is because of snow and snowboarding. Another reason is that I love a warm fire. Last, hot cocoa at grandmas is the best.

First, I really want to try snowboarding. It looks like it would be so fun. It will be my first year snowboarding. I can't wait to go snowboarding.

I love the warm fire on Christmas. I love to sit next to it. It is the best for gathering around to open presents. Lastly, I always sleep next to it.

Hot cocoa that warms me up makes Christmas special. It is always my grandma's homemade hot cocoa. I love marshmallows with it. Lastly, breakfast is the best with it.

And that is all the ways I love Christmas. I really want to snowboard. I Love fires on Christmas. And hot cocoa is the best, especially my grandmas.

Merry Christmas!

By Myles Frasco



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Tracy Barron's Fifth Grade share their perfect Christmas



My Perfect Christmas
by Emerson Kiefel

My perfect Christmas would be waking up on my own at exactly 8:00 in the morning. My family is already awake and ready to open presents. Snowflakes fall from the sky as we open them around our wonderful Christmas tree. After a while, my sister and I decide if we have a snow-

ball fight and have one. After our snowball fight, we would go to our cousin's house to celebrate at 12:00 pm.

When we get to the house, my family and cousins are arriving there, and we get there at exactly the right time. All the children sit at one table and the adults sit at another one. The food that we have tastes amazing and everyone is having a good time. Also everyone is in a great mood to have fun. Then we do fun activities like this game where we wrap some items in styrofoam and you unwrap it with oven mitts. After the wonderful Christmas celebration at my cousin's house we go back to our house at 5:00 pm.

Once we are home, we try to find a good Christmas movie everyone will like. We make some hot chocolate and turn the heater up. We watch that movie until 9:00 pm then play with all the exciting toys we got. Then, I would go to bed and in my mind I'm thankful for having an awesome family. In conclusion, that would be my perfect Christmas.

Perfect Christmas
by Jace Grende

My perfect Christmas would be to have a massive slide! It would have snow so we can go fast down the slide. It would also have lots of circles that would make you dizzy from going around and around. The builders would be the one who would make it. It would be about a half mile tall!

After that whole event, we will be doing a cookie contest on the slide! You have to eat at least 10 cookies. You have so much time to do this anyways, because the slide is half a mile tall!

Lastly but not least... You have to throw snowballs at the person that is going down the slide. If you also drop the cookies, you will lose, but you can still go down the slide. Whoever wins gets what they get and they don't throw a fit, because they will still get a cookie trophy anyways!

Christmas Duck
By Wyatt Vasquez

There are many things that I think the best Christmas has. One of them is that it has to be snowing outside, because without snow, it isn't the same. With snow, you can be nice and warm inside while it's freezing outside. Also, with snow, you can sip hot chocolate while sitting outside which is the best thing ever.

Those are the reasons why I think the best Christmas needs snow, which is reason number 1 of what I think the best Christmas needs.

The next thing the best Christmas has to have is presents. Without presents, it's just another boring holiday. Another reason why it needs presents is because opening them is the best feeling ever. Those are some reasons why the best Christmas needs presents, which is the second reason I think makes the best Christmas.

The last thing I think the best Christmas has to have are Christmas movies. My favorite Christmas movie is Christmas Chronicles 2. Another one of my favorite Christmas movies is Christmas Chronicles 1. I don't know which one of those I like more because I like them pretty much equally. Another reason Christmas needs movies is because it is something to watch to get you ready for Christmas. Those are the reasons why Christmas needs movies, which is the last reason that makes the best Christmas.

My Perfect Christmas
By Murdoch McLaughlin

Hello my name is Murdoch McLaughlin. I'm here to tell you about what my image of a perfect Christmas is. I will talk about what I think makes Christmas one of the best times of the year. Things like playing in the snow. Or spending time with family and friends, and more.

The first thing that I think makes a perfect Christmas is getting a lot of snow so that I can play snowball fights with my friends.



The second thing that makes it perfect would be a nice cup of hot cocoa to drink after playing in the snow. The last and most fantastic part of Christmas is being able to spend time with family while opening presents under the Christmas tree.

This is my idea of a perfect Christmas and I hope you have a perfect Christmas too. I also hope that you get everything you wanted for Christmas. Lastly, I hope you get to do everything you wanted to do and that you have a happy new year. In conclusion, I hope you enjoyed reading my essay.



My Perfect Christmas
By Haven Henry

My perfect Christmas would be building a fort on Christmas eve with my sister at my Dads house. I will wake up and run to my dads room and jump on his bed to wake him up. Afterwards, I run to the living room and see the footprints from Santa Claus, this is something I look forward to every year.

Next we read a note from our elf, Lucky, saying goodbye. She has been visiting us since December 1, but I think I'll see her next year. Then we noticed the crumbs from the cookies that we made for Santa Claus. Before we open presents we go outside to go build a snowman.

After playing outside we come back in to open presents. We each have our own big pile of presents around the Christmas tree. I run to my pile and grab my first gift then we all have fun opening our gifts. When we are done we would go have a snowball fight. Getting to spend time with family is my favorite part about Christmas. I am Haven and this is my perfect Christmas

My Perfect Christmas
By Katherine Roberts

My perfect Christmas is awesome! When I wake up, I race down the stairs, to the kitchen and start helping with breakfast. Then, my mom, dad, sister, and I make bacon, cheese grits, eggs, and biscuits. Then, we would eat our feast around the table! We would eat anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour.

Then, we'd go into the living room and open the presents, all one at a time, being grateful for each of them. During this, we have a pajama day at our house. We are super excited for all of these wonderful gifts. When we are done opening presents, we will grab a cookie or chocolate covered cherry from the kitchen. Maybe a drink, too!

Next, we have The Roberts Family Christmas Dinner: cheeseburgers and chips. This is what we have for dinner each year. We choose this dinner because it's delicious. Then, we all help with the dishes. Finally, all four of us play with the gifts. This is my idea of a perfect Christmas.

Perfect Christmas
By Liam Vasquez

Hello, my name is Liam. My perfect Christmas is waking up and running down the stairs as fast as I can, then seeing how many gifts are under the tree. Next, I wake up every one in my house by screaming "WAKE UPPPP!!!!!!", when they are all awake everyone

goes into the living room where my Dad starts a fire. Later, we all start opening our Secret Santa gifts first. I love it when my sister gets me for Secret Santa because she usually gets me good gifts.

That is just how my Christmases usually go, but my favorite part is when my sister, who lives in Florida, comes to visit us for Christmas. Another one of my favorite things is when it's snowing a lot outside so I can go and play in it. My last favorite thing is when I get to drink hot chocolate on Christmas.

These are all my favorite parts of Christmas. I would name more, but I can only write 3 paragraphs. Thanks to the people who put this in the newspaper. Also, thanks to Google Docs for helping me make this. And also, thanks for reading this. Goodbye.

Perfect Christmas
By Shylo Hedges

My perfect Christmas would be seeing my cousins, Ashley, Paige, Lauren, Avi, and Lyla. We would be opening presents early in the morning, and then watching a movie while drinking hot cocoa with marshmallows and eating pancakes and waffles for breakfast. Then, we would go outside and build snowmen and snow forts. Staying in pajamas all day would be wonderful! My perfect Christmas would include soaking in a hot tub.

My perfect Christmas would be playing with all my new toys. Then going to The Lodge Hotel with my family. My perfect Christmas would be going out to lunch to get pizza at Domino's. My Perfect Christmas Would Be Eating Christmas dinner. I love Christmas dinner because you get to spend it with your family.

My perfect Christmas would be Watching the whole collection of Home Alone. My perfect Christmas would be waking up before everybody else. My perfect Christmas would be Playing with my cousins. My perfect Christmas would be drinking hot chocolate all day nonstop. Thank you for reading my perfect Christmas.



My Perfect Christmas
by Ethan Watson

My perfect Christmas is when we open our presents right after waking up. I will eat my favorite breakfast which my mom makes biscuits and gravy. After we eat breakfast we all go sledding at Fort Walla Walla Park.

My favorite thing for a Christmas tree is the star. I love to drink hot chocolate and watch Christmas

shows and have snowball fights with my brother. Thank you for reading about my perfect Christmas. I hope you have a great Christmas too and have as much fun as I do on my perfect Christmas. THE END

Perfect Christmas
By Peyton Childers

My perfect Christmas is being woken up yearly by my siblings. We then we run to the kitchen and we all open the presents to see what Santa brought us. When we are done opening the presents my family cooks Christmas dinner.

After we cook, we open our stockings. My favorite thing that I would like to have in my stocking is money. With money I can buy cool things like food or going to get my nails done with my mom or sister.

After lunch some of my friends might come over. We might play with some of my presents. For my perfect Christmas I would get a Reborn Baby and I would name it Rose. My friends would think she is so, so cute!



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My Perfect Christmas By Wiley Gagnon

In my opinion, I have lots of different favorite things I like about Christmas. I don't love waking up to my brother flashing the lights in my face to get me to the living room to open presents, but it works! He runs to the living room and I follow him. My sisters are already

there (no surprise).

Also, I love sitting by the fire and reading a good book, with hot cocoa. I love sledding in the snow and making a snowman but I don't love getting all wet and cold after running around in it. After we play outside with our dog, Kona, and dad, we open presents. I love spending time with my family, this is my favorite part about Christmas.

This is my perfect Christmas, thank you for reading it. I hope you have a great Christmas and Christmas season and hope you have a great Christmas just like me! Also, have a happy new year!

The Perfect Christmas Wyatt Parrish

In my opinion, the perfect Christmas is putting all of the decorations on the tree and playing outside. Why? Because I like to hang the ornaments with my family. My family likes to do this because they like spending time with me. I enjoy playing outside because I like to build snowmen and play with my dog in the snow. My family and I can all agree that we love Christmas!!! My family and I love Christmas so much that we get up early to open presents.

I am one to love Christmas and I am also one to like Eggnog and I bet that if you put 100 people in a room then only 5 would like Eggnog. On Christmas I get to play with all of my presents, well actually, after I clean up the wrapping paper mess! I think the best thing to do on Christmas Eve is to celebrate my moms and my dog's birthday! They receive presents two days in a row, lucky! Anyway, me and my parents love Christmas so much and I hope that you love it as much as I do!

People that do not think that Christmas is about love and joy, happiness, and family then I think you're crazy. So I wish all a merry Christmas and a happy birthday to my mom and dog. Do not forget to spend time with family because family is the heart of Christmas. No one could ever take family by a wish, a gift or a passion. So I hope that you can spend time with your family, and drink some hot coco. Lastly, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



My Perfect Christmas By Jaylynn Gleason

Hi, my name is Jaylynn Gleason. Do you know what I think the perfect Christmas is? Well, here's what mine would look like and I'm excited to tell you about it. So let's start!

First, early in the morning, my family and I eat breakfast.

Then we would open presents. After that, we would go have a snowball fight and throw snowballs at JJ, my brother. When we are done with the snowball fight we could go inside and make a huge fort and eat cookies and candy canes and drink hot chocolate. Then I would go to my Grandmas for lunch. Then go to my moms for dinner.

Here are some more things I would do. I would go to Bluewood or Schwitzer for a little while and snowboard with my Dad. Then he and I would probably go sledding with Avery, Addy, and Aeryelle or I might go sledding with my mom, JJ, and Jayce. At the end of the day we would sit by the fireplace (that we don't have) in the living room and drink hot chocolate then go to bed in our own rooms.

I'm so excited for Christmas! Opening presents. Having hot chocolate next to the fire, and hanging out with my family. This is my perfect Christmas. What does your perfect Christmas look like?

By Jaylynn Gleason

My Perfect Christmas

By Ava McCaw

Hi, I am Ava McCaw and I am here to tell you about my perfect Christmas. I have a lot of favorite things so I will tell you about a few of them. The first thing would be to ask Santa for some makeup, decorations for my room, and a sibling shutter-upper. When that is done my sister and I like to make cookies for Santa!



I forgot to add that on Christmas Eve my sister and I will make a blanket bed which is a bed made out of big and soft blankets! It is very comfy to lay in but most of the time I don't sleep in it. I like to watch my phone or tablet in the blanket bed. When my sister is sleeping I like to go to my room and sleep there.

On Christmas morning I like to jump on my sister to wake her up so we can go downstairs and open presents. But first, I like to take my sister and we jump on our parents' bed to wake them up. My sister and I clean up the blanket bed so we can open presents. After we are done opening presents, my sister, my brother, and I help clean up the wrapping paper. Later, my family likes to go to my Grandma's house, where I play with my cousins and then we open our presents. After I am done going to my Grandma's house, I go home and put the gifts that I got in my room.

Thank you for reading my perfect Christmas, have some cookies and bye!



The Perfect Christmas by Alexander Dobby Gascon

Hi my name is Alexander and here's what I think the perfect Christmas is. It's where everyone gets up and opens presents. What I think is so fun about opening presents is the surprise. Because I love surprises and also the other reason I like opening presents is because even if you don't get



the thing you want the most you will get like twenty other things you wanted. So that's why I think we should open presents first to make part of the perfect Christmas.

The second part of the perfect Christmas is.... About snowball fights and here's why, you can make challenges. One challenge I make is to see who can make the biggest snowball which I think is the funnest because I'd win the most I think. But the one challenge I can say I'd lose in is where you see who can build the smallest. So yea, that's the second part and closer to the third, also known as the last.

So here's the third part but don't forget it is also the last. It's about sledding, but heads up on this one I only wish I could go sledding. But here's what I'd do: I would first go on the small ones but eventually I would go higher until my limit. The other thing I would do is try to do tricks. That's the last part of my perfect Christmas. It was nice for you to read my perfect Christmas so thank you.

The Perfect Christmas By: Kacen Hubbard

What would be the perfect Christmas? It might just be a new pair of shoes. I might ask for Jordan 4's although my favorite shoes are Air Force 1's, I already own a pair. My favorite color for Jordan 4's would probably be light brown. I would be really excited to get these as I need a new pair of basketball shoes.



What about a TV? Well, maybe just a small TV to connect to my PS5 and then I can play video games in peace without my little brothers or my older sister antagonizing me. I could then download all the games I play on PC so that after school I could do some chores and then play something like Fortnite. I might also ask for some V-bucks on the side.

What about spending time with my family and opening presents on Christmas day? I also would like to not break my finger on Christmas eve like I did last time. It was so disgusting... but I'm very excited to hang out with my friends and with my family. That would probably be my perfect Christmas

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Friends and family create the Melissa Harting Nursing Scholarship

By Guest Contributor | THE TIMES

My name is Deanne Wilbur, and I was a friend and co-worker of Melissa Harting. Over the last month, I have been working closely with her family, friends, and Walla Walla Community College to initiate a nursing scholarship to honor an incredible person.

Melissa had a rare and exceptional work ethic. She was the staff member that everyone else was measured against. While working in the high-stress environment of the emergency department, she still found the time to provide compassionate and efficient care to our most vulnerable populations while never complaining when asked to help with a less-than-thrilling assignment.

Over the years I watched Melissa light up the rooms of her patients with her humor and quick wit. This quality helped relieve the stress and pressure that our patients, their families, and the staff felt. These attributes also contributed to her unparalleled teamwork that she brought every day.

But beyond all of this, I witnessed her relentless dedication to her family and friends. Now, it is our turn to allow her legacy to continue and find the next nursing students to attempt to fill these shoes.

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