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Leavenworth gets national recognition as premiere winter destination



COURTESY OF LEAVENWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By **Taylor Caldwell**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – While some residents may feel encumbered by tourist traffic, most can agree that the holiday festivities, snow-capped mountains, and 500,000 Christmas lights sparkling downtown make Leavenworth the place to be during the winter season.

With Christmas around the corner, Leavenworth is getting national recognition as a winter destination from publications like New York Travel Guides, BetUS, and Architectural Digest.

To start, New York Travel Guides ranked Leavenworth as the #1 coziest winter town in the U.S. out of a list of 110 towns. Breckenridge, Colorado was ranked second, and Stowe, Vermont third. The methodology looked at 575 towns, assigning 25 percent weight to popularity during winter with the general population and photographers, 15 percent to cozy weather, and 60 percent to cozy activities and atmosphere.

Not surprisingly, Leavenworth scored 100 in the activities category, with the article citing sleigh rides, Christmastown festivities, and

shopping as some of the highlights. These activities make December Leavenworth's busiest month of the year. In 2021, the Chamber of Commerce recorded 1.8 million pedestrian footfalls on Front Street for the month of December.

Our Bavarian town with the Cascadian backdrop scored an 86.8 in photography popularity, and 92.1 in cozy weather. This lines up with BetUS, who ranked Leavenworth third in festive towns most likely to have a white Christmas in the US.

According to the online sportsbook, Leavenworth has a 90.7 percent chance of a white Christmas, making it an even more ideal place for residents and tourists alike.

"Being able to wake up to a snowy landscape on December 25 and enjoy the cozy rituals of the holiday season is always a special treat. Whether you're curling up by a fire with a cup of hot chocolate, sledding, or building a snowman outdoors, a White Christmas adds a special touch for those visiting a new destination," said a BetUS expert.

Research done by BetUS showed a 224 percent increase in U.S. Google searches for 'White Christmas' in the last month. Fittingly, Alaska's North

Pole ranked first with a 100 percent chance of snow. Second was Jackson, Wyoming, with 99.8 percent chance. Stowe, Vermont trailed behind Leavenworth once again, with an 81.5 percent chance.

Architectural Digest also threw Leavenworth a mention in its list of top winter destination in the United States. It ranked number one in Washington State, above Snoqualmie Pass (2) and Skykomish (3). It ranked 36th nationally.

However, the ranking focused on luxury lodging, scenic value,

proximity to ski resorts and other wintry activities, and the "apres-ski scene of highly rated luxury bars and restaurants." Vail, Aspen, Beaver Creek, and Keystone, Colorado all placed in the top four.

Leavenworth may not be high in the ranks with the Colorado megaresorts for luxury, but that's okay. All of these studies confirm what we already know to be true: Leavenworth is a magical place in the wintertime.

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TOP 10 FESTIVE SMALL TOWNS MOST LIKELY TO HAVE A WHITE CHRISTMAS

Rank	Festive Town	Chance of a White Christmas (%)
1	North Pole, AK	100
2	Jackson, WY	99.8
3	Leavenworth	90.7
4	Stowe, VT	81.5
5	Sun Valley, ID	56
6	Frankenmuth, MO	51
7	Helen, GA	32
8	Mystic, CT	30
9	Silverton, OR	25.6
10	Santa Claus, IN	20.6



Winners are chosen for the 2023 Gingerbread Competition



By **Taylor Caldwell**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – The Chamber of Commerce announced its winners for the 2023 Gingerbread House Competition. The entries are on display every day at the Leavenworth Festsalle until Dec. 24.

"We love having our community be a part of our Christmastown celebrations; they bring so much talent and creativity to this event,

and the visitors really enjoy and appreciate being able to view their houses," said Jessica Stoller, Marketing and Public Relations Director for Chamber of Commerce.

The entries must be entirely edible, with the exception of the base, hidden toothpicks, and lights (with hardware hidden). They must be related to the holidays, and they must be original. No kits allowed!

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COURTESY OF JESSICA STOLLER / CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
First-place winners of the elementary (E14), high school (H1), and adult (A2) categories.



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Canyon Wren Recital Hall won first place in the nonprofit category. The gingerbread recital hall included a candy piano inside.

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Magical Strings Presents: Celtic Yuletide

The Icicle Creek Center for the Arts will host Magical Strings Celtic Yuletide celebration on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

"Join us for the Magical Strings Celtic Yuletide celebration featuring lively music, storytelling and stellar Irish step-dancing," the event page states.

For more information visit icicle.org.

Christmas Concert

The Leavenworth Village Voices choir will perform on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Snowy Owl Theater at Icicle Creek Center for the Arts.

The Saturday performance of LVV's traditional "Christmas in the Mountains" features a joint concert with

indie-pop, husband-and-wife band BOSAYA.

"The audience will enjoy an eclectic mix of favorite carols, classical melodies, and energetic dance-pop arrangements of seasonal favorites," the event page states.

"The Leavenworth Village Voices (LVV) invites you to celebrate the wonder and magic of the holidays this December, marking 41 years of its annual 'Christmas in the Mountains' concert Series," the event page states.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit LeavenworthVillageVoices.org.

Holiday community dinner

The Leavenworth Methodist Church will host a free Holiday Community Dinner

on Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 5-7 p.m.

"The Leavenworth Community is invited: seniors, singles, families and kids...all are welcome," the event page states. "Enjoy a yummy meal and celebrate the holiday season with friends, family and neighbors. No RSVP required."

Holiday Bizarre Bazaar

Bushel & Bee Taproom in Leavenworth will host the Holiday Bizarre Bazaar on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 5 - 8 p.m. "Join us for some Xmas shopping for your weird friends and family with local artists and their weird wares," the event page states. "Art, jewelry, stained glass and more."

Bushel and Bee is for ages 21 and over only.

Marlin Handbell Ringers

The Marlin Handbell Ringers will perform at the Snowy Owl Theater on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

"The Marlin Handbell Ringers are excited to present a special concert this holiday season featuring a festive program of Christmas songs for the whole family," the event page states. "The

Marlin Handbell Ringers is a non-profit community music group that has been captivating Leavenworth audiences since 1979. Ring in the season with 11 ringers and 108 English handbells and experience your holiday favorites through the delightful and enchanting sound of the bells."

For more information visit marlinhandbellringers.com.

Wellington Avalanche Unit Captures the Imagination for Fifth Graders

By MARLENE FARRELL
Special to Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH - History came alive for the fifth graders at Alpine Lakes Elementary School (ALPS) this fall. Teachers Dina Anderson, Andrea Nilles, Terri Muscutt, and Wendi Merriman led their students through a deep dive into the causes and consequences of the Wellington avalanche of 1910, the deadliest avalanche in United States history with a death toll of 96 and survivors numbering 23.

This disaster, precipitated by natural causes and human factors, occurred just three miles west of Steven's Pass. While memorialized with placards and even lingering debris along a section of the Iron Goat trail, it is mostly unknown to the many Washingtonians who drive the busy Highway 2.

Students learned about the Wellington avalanche from many different angles. They studied the time period with both nonfiction articles and a historicalfictionbook, I Survived the Wellington Avalanche of 1910, by Lauren Tarshis. They came to understand that 1910 was the heyday for trains as transportation of goods and people. At that time, there were almost a quarter million miles of train tracks across the country, and trains were considered reliable and safe and could travel through any and all weather.

The Great Northern Railway's snowplows and crews of shovelers, however, were no match for the multiday blizzard that stranded a passenger train and a mail train first at Cascade Tunnel Station and then at Wellington. The sixth day of detainment warmed to rain, and in the middle of the night, during an unusual thunderstorm, the mountain above Wellington released an avalanche that swept both trains into a canyon of the Tye River.

Anderson wrote and received a grant from the Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee (FLCG) to purchase copies of Tarshis's book. On its website, FLGC states that it "aims to provide classroom grants to local area school districts providing funding for small, impactful educational programs that will further the knowledge, appreciation, and enjoyment of the geology, culture, history and natural beauty of the Lower Grand Coulee."

The fifth graders studied the science connected to the natural causes of the avalanche. They learned, through their trips to Wenatchee River Institute, the basics of forest fire ecology and how the forest fire that struck the Wellington area the previous summer increased the avalanche risk by creating a slope full of dead trees and loose soil and rock—all of which also came down in the avalanche.

ALPS parent Nick Pope, an avalanche safety instructor, came into the classrooms to give an introduction to snow science and avalanches—their causes, formation, and how to spot zones. With flour as a proxy for snow, students observed mini avalanches slide

down Pope's 3D model.

Students were given a chance to reflect on the question, "Who was at fault?" The train barons of the day minimized allowances of delay for the sake of profit and reputation. Snow sheds that could protect the trains from avalanches were not built until after this deadly accident. However, weather forecasting was rudimentary at best at the turn of the century, so no one could anticipate the prolonged nature of the storm.

With all this background, the four classes of fifth graders went on a fieldtrip to the Wellington site in October. Although the field trip occurred on a sunny day, students

could imagine the blizzard and disaster that confronted the passengers, crew and townspeople sheltering on the trains.

"Some of the wreckage is still there," explained Anderson. "Nature is just growing up around it."

A few students shared their thoughts about the field trip and the Wellington unit. After reading the book, Henry Camburn said, "I had a pretty good idea what it was like even though it was a long time ago." He also appreciated learning more about avalanches, the different types of snow, and avalanche safety tips.

The students all agreed with what Adriana Jergovic said—

that she could imagine the avalanche better after being on the field trip where it actually happened. She also enjoyed seeing the dilapidated and crumbling Cascade tunnel, the first train tunnel ever built in U.S. history.

Cora Roe's favorite moment was arriving at the lookout which was the exact spot of the avalanche. She could look down below to where the shattered train cars would have landed, where, she said, "We could see metal debris."

Hazel Gilkinson described one of the most exciting moments of the field trip, saying, "Our class was in a tunnel when jets were flying over. It was so loud, it sounded

like an avalanche. We were scared for a moment." She liked the plaques that gave context at different locations along the trail, and, appreciating how close to Leavenworth this infamous historical site is, she said, "It brings us together to think about this event."

This is the first time fifth graders have studied the Wellington avalanche, but it will not be the last. The unit lends itself to cross-disciplinary teaching, it has local and historic significance, and it includes a field trip, getting the students hiking in the mountains where they can appreciate the history and the nature of Leavenworth's "backyard."



COURTESY OF ANDREA NILLES

In October, all four classes of fifth graders from Alpine Lakes got to enjoy a field trip that included hiking along the Iron Goat trail and visiting the site of the Wellington avalanche.

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Leavenworth

Leavenworth Library hosts nature-inspired art exhibition by Diane Priebe

The Leavenworth Library proudly presents an enchanting art exhibition by Diane Priebe, celebrating the allure of nature through her masterful creations. Set to grace the Fireside Room until December 29, this exhibition showcases Priebe's lifelong passion for

the outdoors, cultivated since her youth under the guidance of her father.

Diane Priebe's artistic journey mirrors her profound connection with nature, evident in her captivating artworks that vividly depict the splendor of wild spaces. Her devotion to capturing the essence of the natural world resonates in every brushstroke and intricately crafted piece on display.

Art enthusiasts and nature admirers alike are invited to immerse themselves in Priebe's evocative collection, experiencing the profound

beauty and tranquility of wild landscapes expressed through her art.

Visitors to the Leavenworth Library's Fireside Room can revel in Diane Priebe's artistic tribute to the great outdoors, offering a glimpse into her heartfelt exploration and reverence for the wonders of nature.

It's time for the annual Christmas bird count

Calling all birders. It's the most wonderful time of the year – it's time for the annual Leavenworth

Christmas Bird Count on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 8 a.m. The Christmas Bird Count (or CBC) is a nationwide community science effort to count birds. Organized by the National Audubon Society, these counts have been going on for over 120 years. This year, Wenatchee River Institute is proud to take the lead in organizing the 2024 Leavenworth CBC. Volunteers will team up to cover an area 15 miles in diameter around town. There are plenty of routes to cover and lots of space for volunteer leaders or beginning birders alike to join in.

Birders of all persuasions, whether that be hikers, car riders, or at-home feeder watchers, are encouraged

to participate in this amazing community science opportunity. If you are interested in volunteering, email Tucker at tjonas@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org or visit our website www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.com.

Greater Leavenworth Museum celebrates city award

With the 2023 Washington Governor's Smart Communities award recipients being announced last week, the Greater Leavenworth Museum has chosen to celebrate the City of Leavenworth being a recipient of the Judges Merit Award (recognizing communities successes in more than one of the judged categories). Nearly 60 years after Project L.I.F.E. developed the community plan to transform our flailing town into a Bavarian village, residents can enjoy complimentary admission to the museum through the end of 2023 to learn about or refresh their memories of this town's unique history.

Residents of the Cascade School District will have free admission to the Greater Leavenworth Museum (735 Front Street, above the Nutcracker Museum) daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 31, 2023.

Cashmere

Cashmere Library launches winter reading program

Embrace the cozy joys of winter with the commencement of the Winter Reading Program at the Cashmere Library until January 31, 2024; this program aims to ignite the love for reading during the colder months.

Winter, often synonymous with huddling up with a good book, provides the perfect backdrop for this initiative. Whether it's fostering a family reading routine or setting personal goals, the Winter Reading Program encourages participants to immerse themselves in the world of literature. "Winter is the time to read," expressed the library staff, encouraging individuals to sign up and embark on their reading journey. Setting goals and diving into books can often lead to surprising and delightful discoveries, sparking newfound interests and passions.

The program invites everyone to participate, inviting them to explore the vast and captivating world of books. Embrace the season of

reading by joining the Winter Reading Program at Cashmere Library and unlock the joys of literature.

Peshastin

Peshastin Library to host "Homemade Holidays" festivities for children

The Peshastin Library is gearing up for a festive affair with its much-anticipated "Homemade Holidays" event this December. Scheduled to run from Tuesday, December 19th to Saturday, December 23rd, the library's children's area will transform into a hub of creative activity.

During library hours, youngsters and families are invited to immerse themselves in the holiday spirit by participating in crafting activities. From decorating wooden ornaments to crafting heartfelt cards and assembling unique gifts, participants will have access to a holidaymaker space cart stocked with an array of materials.

This event promises to be a delightful opportunity for children to unleash their creativity while embracing the joy of handmade gifts and decorations.

Community Calendar

Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.
Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935.
Senior Center, Lunch, noon, \$8 per meal. RSVP 509-548-6666.
Ukulele Circle, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music.
Cascade Medical Board, 4th Wednesday of every month (with a couple exceptions), September 27, October 25, November 15, and December 20, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, For more info. President Steve Alford, 509-548-4505, or email leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com
Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)
Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

Friday

Veteran Service Office, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us
Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.
Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

Monday

Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.
Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting, 7 p.m. via ZOOM link posted at https://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/activity-calendar.html or contact Jenny 509-548-5904 (1st and 3rd Mon.)
Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.)
Chelan Douglas Republican Women, (Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
Iceicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org
IWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st Tues.)
Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leaveworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)
Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)
Senior Center, Exercise, 11 a.m.-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com
Musical, call Steve, 509-548-7048. (1st and 3rd Tues.)
Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

NCW Libraries

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Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin. Call: 509-548-7821 or peshastin@ncwlibraries.org
Open Tues., 10-1:30; and 2:30-7, Wed., 10-2, and 2:30-7, Thurs., and Fri., 1-5:30 and Sat., 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Other events

The Greater Leavenworth Museum, formerly known as the Upper Valley Museum. Now open daily 11-4. Check their Facebook page or website at http://www.leavenworthmuseum.org www.leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and information.
Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.

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Meeting Schedules For AA, Alanon, Celebrate Recovery

AA Meetings:

Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946
 Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth Alanon meetings: 509-548-7939
 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379
 Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin
 Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.
Alanon Meetings, Call 509-548-7939
Renewed Celebrate Recovery, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509- 596-1510.

Chelan County Sheriff's Report



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December 1

01:31 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2 and Stine Hill Rd.
 04:53 Missing Person, 7500 Icicle Rd.
 05:57 Alarm, 7546 Saunders Rd., Big Y Cafe, Peshastin
 07:54 Public Assist, 330 Prospect St.
 10:43 Suspicious Circumstance, 12413 Chumstick Hwy.
 11:21 Property, 100 Enchantment Park Way
 17:15 Injury Accident, 325 Division St.
 21:33 Welfare Check, 7375 Icicle Rd., Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat
 21:48 Domestic Disturbance, 1016 Commercial St.

December 2

00:33 Trespassing, 308 Zelt Strasse, Pine Village KOA
 01:43 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 160 Prospect St.
 08:49 Weapons Violation, 2201 Salal Dr., Lake Wenatchee
 10:07 Trespassing, 10904 Eagle Creek Rd.
 10:25 Alarm, 1261 Dempsey Rd.
 13:43 Theft, 8494 Peshastin
 14:53 Property, 820 Commercial St.
 17:27 Alarm, 10221 Peshastin Mill Rd.
 18:03 911-call, 18700 US Hwy. 2, Lake Wenatchee
 20:44 Non-injury Accident, Chiwawa Loop and Beaver Valley Roads, Plain
 20:46 Welfare Check, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway
 22:08 Trespassing, 1329 US Hwy. 2, Dan's Food Market
 22:28 911-hangup call, 12235 W. Shugart Flats Rd., Lake Wenatchee
 22:32 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2 MP 100
 23:39 Theft, 900 Front St.
 23:50 Non-injury Accident, Lake Wenatchee Hwy. and N. Shore Dr., Lake Wenatchee
 23:56 Domestic Disturbance, 5674 Mountain Lane Rd., Peshastin

December 3

09:20 Property, Downtown Leavenworth
 09:55 Hazard, Center St. and Ski Hill Dr.
 10:05 Property, 820 Front St., Gazebo Park
 10:21 Public Assist, Oblock Mine St.
 11:21 Property, Leavenworth area
 11:50 911-hangup call, 309 8th St., Post Hotel
 11:53 911-hangup call, US Hwy. 97 and Old Blewett Rd., Peshastin
 12:41 Suicide Threat, US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
 13:42 Hazard, 10th St. and Edelweiss Weg
 17:03 911-hangup call, 590 US Hwy. 2, Enzian Motor Inn
 18:33 Suspicious Circumstance, 200 Ward Strasse
 December 4
 02:08 Welfare Check, 17458 US Hwy. 2, Nason Creek, Lake Wenatchee

07:06 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 23095 Lake Wenatchee Hwy., Lake Wenatchee
 08:51 911-hangup call, 22129 Appaloosa Ln., Plain
 08:56 Alarm, 10065 Merry Canyon Rd.
 10:04 Non-injury Accident, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway
 11:33 Non-injury Accident, 8158 E. Leavenworth Rd.
 11:48 Property, Leavenworth area
 11:53 Agency Assist, 12500 Wilson St.
 13:00 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 3669 Allen Ln., Peshastin
 15:11 Non-injury Accident, 8100 block E. Leavenworth Rd.
 15:20 Theft, 20632 Miracle Mile, Lake Wenatchee
 16:49 Property, 905 Commercial St.
 17:07 Alarm, 10221 Peshastin Mill Rd., Peshastin
 18:58 Domestic Disturbance, 5671 Mountain Lane Rd., Peshastin

December 5

04:52 Suspicious Circumstance, 7500 Icicle Rd.
 08:39 Natural Disaster, 25523 White River Rd., Lake Wenatchee
 09:58 Unknown-injury Accident, US Hwy. 2 and E. Leavenworth Rd.
 12:40 Theft, 116 River Bend Dr., Safeway
 15:19 Non-injury Accident, 10th and Front Streets
 16:25 Theft, 707 US Hwy. 2, Rhein Haus
 16:56 Hazard, Clark Canyon Rd. and Chumstick Hwy.
 17:03 Traffic Offense, 922 Commercial St.
 20:49 Alarm, 10221 Peshastin Mill Rd., Peshastin

December 6

00:07 DUI Arrest, US Hwy. 2 and River Bend Dr.
 09:40 Harassment/ Threat, 76 Willet Ln., Plain
 10:31 Suspicious Circumstance, 7581 US Hwy. 97, Peshastin
 11:43 Property, 3664 Allen Ln., Peshastin
 17:05 Harassment/ Threat, 1300 Commercial St.
 20:58 Trespassing, 920 US Hwy. 2, Village Mercantile
 23:40 Domestic Disturbance, 185 US Hwy. 2, Fairbridge Inn
 12:42 Public Assist, Front and 8th Streets

December 7

09:24 Hazard, 285 US Hwy. 2
 09:54 Fraud/ Forgery, 215 14th St.
 13:01 Public Assist, 9189 Anderson Canyon Rd., Peshastin
 14:21 Public Assist, 18595 US Hwy. 2, Lake Wenatchee
 14:59 Agency Assist, 11143 North Rd.
 17:50 Public Assist, 11689 Sunitsch Canyon Rd., Peshastin
 21:08 Trespassing, 920 US Hwy. 2, Village Mercantile
 21:29 Non-injury Accident, 12251 Chumstick Hwy.

Gingerbread

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"This year, we had many more elementary school submissions, and the judges really had their work cut out for them as the kids really outdid themselves!" said Stoller.

First place winner for the elementary school category was Lachlan Lee's gingerbread house, adorned with a bridge over a sour-belt river and a candy cane lane leading to the door.

Cora Roe and Ayla Blue won second, and Penny and Teddy Larsen won third for the elementary category. Uli Bard, Scarlett Eger, Amy Holcombe, and Evelyn and Lila Egdamin tied for fourth.

Tristan Wetzel's Chex-shingle church won first place in the high school category. Anna Dougherty went with a mini-wheat roof for her

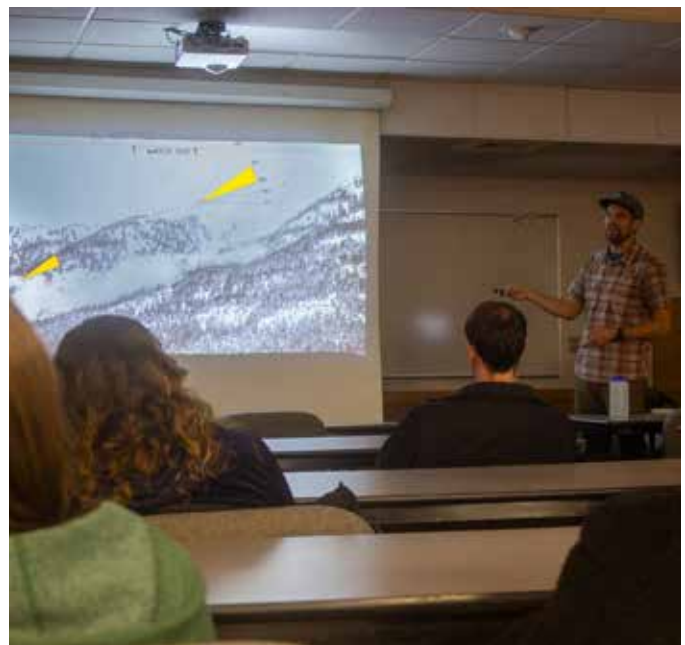
gingerbread stable, earning her first place in the adult category. Sharon Seguin won second, and Ann Peavy third for the adult category.

The competition had a nonprofit category as well, with prize money going towards the nonprofit represented. Rhia Foster and Alex Weirich created an astounding gingerbread rendition of the Iceicle Center for the Arts' Canyon Wren Recital Hall, winning first place and \$1,000 for ICCA. The Greater Leavenworth Museum took home second and third earnings. Ann Peavy placed second and Karen Haire in third, both representing the museum.

Viewers can vote for their favorite entry at the Leavenworth Festhalle until Dec. 24.

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Northwest Avalanche Center provides free avalanche awareness classes to Leavenworth area



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Brian Richter, an NWAC instructor, teaches a free avalanche awareness class hosted by the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

the training, get the gear, and get the forecast.

LEAVENWORTH – Winter is starting to make an appearance, and Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) is here to remind everyone that's about to recreate in the backcountry: get

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Obituaries

Linda Louise Fromm Robertson

On December 4, 2023, Linda Louise Fromm Robertson, age 83, peacefully left this life and returned home to many waiting loved ones.

Linda was born July 11, 1940, in Leavenworth, WA, to James and Margarite (Peggy) Fromm. She died at her home in Leavenworth where she resided with her one-and-only love, Dayle Robertson.

Linda attended Quincy High School where she met Dayle, was a proud Jackrabbit cheerleader, and graduated in 1958. After high school she attended Ricks College, now BYU Idaho, for one year before she and Dayle married September 14, 1959, in the Logan, Utah LDS Temple.

Once married, Linda and Dayle moved over 30 times throughout the northwest. While Dayle completed his college education and worked various ranching jobs, Linda raised their seven children all the while holding down various jobs. These included

potato truck driver for Les Boyce, waitress for her Aunt Coral, office manager at many ranches, and probably her favorite job was owner/editor of the Battle Mountain Bugle newspaper in Nevada. After she and Dayle purchased the newspaper, Linda transformed it into a successful business by increasing circulation, employees, and never backing down from a controversial issue.

Being the oldest of seven children, Linda had many occasions to mentor, support, and love her younger siblings and she cherished each opportunity to do so. Her talents were innumerable, as was her ability to forgive and serve others. She was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in various leadership callings within the women's and young women's organizations.

Survivors include Linda's husband, Dayle Robertson,

son, Jim Robertson (Wendy Pond), Silver Spring, Maryland; daughters, Danielle (Dally) Taylor, Burns, Oregon; Marcia (Pete) Parrish, Leavenworth, Wash.; Robin Clemens, Farmington, Utah; brothers, Pat (Gloria) Fromm, Leavenworth, Wash.; Lance (Melissa) Fromm, Provo, Utah; sisters, Kathy Ward (Brent Peterson), Leavenworth, Wash.; Marcia (John) Dow, Escondido, Calif.; Cindy (David) Burnett, Wenatchee, Wash.; granddaughters, Lindsey Taylor, Josie Taylor, Rebecca Parrish; grandsons, Zane Taylor, Ty Taylor, Tristan Parrish, Tanner Parrish, Ledger Parrish, Cooper Clemens, Hagen Clemens, Rylie Clemens, Colton Clemens, Wilkens Kelly; great-grandkids, Klypton, Clancy, Callahan, Zachary; numerous nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Peggy Fromm; brother,



Erik Fromm; son, Lindsey Robertson; daughters, Rebecca McFarlane Robertson, Rachelle Robertson.

A viewing will be held Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Leavenworth, Wash. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 10 a.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery in Leavenworth. Services under the direction of Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home.

Ed Smith



Ed was born, Edward Junior Smith on June 21, 1935, in Yakima Washington.

He was the third child of Charles Raymond Smith and Deloris Marie Pickett-Smith. The family finally settled on Chiwawa Loop Road located in Lake Wenatchee, Washington. Ed, his father, and older brother built a home on the 5-acre property. While his home was being built, they lived in a large green army cook tent. The restroom he used was an old, recycled forestry porta-potty.

When Ed wasn't helping build the home, he played in the family band called "Dude Smith and The Rhythm Riders". Ed was only seven years old playing a stand-up bass on stage at the weekly dance hall gigs.

Ed attended Leavenworth High School. During high school Ed had several jobs including the Chevrolet dealership as a parts clerk, the local cleaners folding/pressing clothes and Big Pines Ranch as a ranch hand. After high school, he attended college for half a year. Ed always wanted to be a history professor.

Ed joined the Army on January 06, 1956, and served until December 17, 1958. During his service it was not long before he earned the rank of Sergeant and oversaw a Radio Teletype Operator group that was stationed in Germany. Ed received a "Good Conduct medal" before his honorable discharge from the army.

Ed and Jackie were married, on September 02, 1973, in Anaheim California. Ed is survived by his wife, four children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and his younger sister.

During the years Ed worked as a loader operator, owned, and operated a Dairy Queen franchise business for 11 years with the help of his wife and four children. Later he was a RV park manager in Hemet California.

Ed and his wife moved to Susanville California and worked for Ronald Macdonald House summer camp for children. His last job before he retired was working as an optical tech at Walmart in Hermiston, Oregon.

Ed finally settled in Milton Freewater, Oregon. Ed's favorite scripture: John 13:34 a new commandment I give unto you that you love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. Ed also favored Mathew 6:9 the lord's prayer.

Nola Jean Johnson

Nola Jean Johnson, age 89, went to be with her Heavenly Father whom she served her whole life, on November 28, 2023.

Born February 11, 1934, in Gregory, South Dakota, to Herbert and Louise Zobel, Nola moved to Salem, Oregon after the "Great Depression and Dust Bowl" years which severely affected her family. After graduating from Salem Academy in 1952, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert E. Johnson. On June 20, 2022, they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Bob and Nola lived in Santa Cruz and San Jose, California during their early years. However, the family moved to Leavenworth in 1960 so Bob could "ski for one year" in the town where he grew up. What began as "a year of skiing" turned into over 60 years of investment in our community. Nola worked in the apple warehouses, helped substitute in the grade school, and was active

in the transformation of Leavenworth to the Bavarian Village.

Nola was said to be the foundation behind her and Bob's success. She helped in their construction business and worked with him at Stevens Pass, and her love of architecture and eye for design greatly impacted the hotel they designed and built in the community. As a hotel developer and owner, she worked tirelessly to ensure guests and staff alike felt as if they were at their "home away from home."

She was a woman of faith and a member of the Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. Dedicated to the ministries of her church, she shared Jesus with others as she served in many ways over the years. She was a Sunday School teacher and youth leader and also used her design abilities as the church grew and needed to expand its facilities.

Nola's greatest love was her Lord and her family. Her

older brothers meant the world to her and she also loved her friends dearly. She had many talents and was an amazing homemaker and seamstress. She also played the piano and accordion. In 1990 she was crowned Leavenworth Royal Lady and was honored to represent the community she loved.

Nola will be remembered for her gracious hospitality and incredible love for her family. A servant of God, an amazing wife, a loving mother, an energetic and devoted grandmother known to all as "Granola," a doting great-grandmother and dear aunt, her life has significantly impacted so many.

Proceeded by her husband Bob who passed away September 19, 2022; her children survive her: Renee Sexauer and husband Randy, Robert Johnson and wife Nancy, and Rebecca Hills and Wendell Hills; also, eight grandchildren whom she adored: Eric Sexauer, Ryan Sexauer, Kimberly Johnson Woo, Robin Johnson John, Julie Johnson Soares, Skye Johnson, Laura Hills Rose,



and Lindsey Hills Andrews along with twelve great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

An informal open house-style memorial will be held Sunday, December 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the family home, 10196 Ski Hill Drive in Leavenworth, WA.

In place of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Upper Valley Christian School.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Damian Sandoval
Wrestling
11th grade

Why do you think they deserve to be nominated? Damian started off this season with a bang and earned his first tournament championship of the season. Damian wrestled several tough matches at the Omak Invitational and showed what it means to be a Cascade Wrestler by wrestling, staying disciplined, setting up his offensive moves and wrestling the entirety of his matches with intensity! Congrats Damian!
Stats: Damian is 3-0 so far this season.



Kodiaks Scoreboard

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 8:	Cascade 17, Chelan 51; Loss
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 8:	Cascade 14, Chelan 66; Loss

Kodiaks Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 13:	Cascade vs. Connell, Away at 6 p.m.
Dec. 19:	Cascade vs. Quincy, Home at 5:45 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 13:	Cascade vs. Chelan, Home at 7 p.m.
Dec. 19:	Cascade vs. Quincy, Home at 7:15 p.m.
GIRLS WRESTLING	
Dec. 18:	Cascade vs. Chelan, Away at 10 a.m.
BOYS WRESTLING	
Dec. 13:	Cascade vs. Cashmere, Home at 6 p.m.
Dec. 13:	Cascade vs. Chelan, Home at 7 p.m.
Dec. 16:	Cascade vs. Cashmere, Away at 10 a.m.

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Washington Outdoors Report

The Christmas bird count

By JOHN KRUSE
Special to Ward Media

The Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count gets underway December 14 and continues through January 5, 2024. The Christmas Bird Count was started by the newly formed Audubon Society in 1900 and called the Christmas Bird Census. The counts took place in 25 different areas, primarily in the Northeastern United States but also west to Pacific Grove, California and north to Toronto, Canada. The 27 bird watchers participating in this first bird count tallied a total of 90 different species.

Today, tens of thousands of birding enthusiasts venture out across the nation (and beyond) for the annual Christmas Bird Count. This citizen survey of birds over

time has cataloged declines in some species, improving numbers in others, and migration changes. The counts occur on a single designated day in an established circle. Each circle has a diameter of 15 miles and a compiler sets up a day, time and location for volunteers to meet before venturing out into the circle in their area. The results of the survey are then given to the compiler who submits them to the Audubon Society.

Some of the trends in Washington State over the last fifty years include an increase in American Kestrel numbers. Also known as a sparrow hawk, this species has seen a nearly three percent increase per year. On the opposite end, the American Band-tailed Pigeon has declined some 2.6 percent a year during this same

timeframe.

In our readership area, here's details about Christmas Bird Counts taking place:

COLVILLE – December 16 is the date. The compiler is Barbara Harding. She can be contacted by email at stellerjay@hotmail.com

CHEWELAH – December 30. Compiler Mike Munts with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be contacted at michael_munts@fws.gov

GRAND COULEE – Date TBD – The compiler is David St. George. You can reach him by email at stgeorged79@gmail.com

BRIDGEPORT – December 14 – Michael Schroeder with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is the compiler. You can contact him at michael.schroeder@dfw.wa.gov

OMAK – OKANOGAN

– December 30 – Matthew Danielson is the coordinator. You can email him at mattie_rubio@hotmail.com

CHELAN – December 28 – You can reach compiler Amy Pavelchek with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at amy.pavelchek@dfw.wa.gov

LEAVENWORTH – December 19 – Tucker Jonas with the Wenatchee River Institute is the compiler for this one. Contact him by email at tjonas@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

WENATCHEE – December 31 – Dan Stephens at Wenatchee Valley College will be coordinating this one. You can reach him at dstephens@wvc.edu

COLUMBIA HILLS – KLICITAT VALLEY – New Years Day – Samuel Holman is the man to contact for this bird count. Email him at sam4cb@



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A Hungarian partridge, also known as the gray partridge

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If you are looking for a great excuse to get outdoors for a good cause, get involved in this year's Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Both experienced and new birding enthusiasts are urged to participate. Compilers will put beginners with more experienced bird

watchers. You can find out more details about this annual event at www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count

John Kruse – www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio.com

Avalanche

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(WSDOT) to better understand and predict avalanches. It issued the first backcountry avalanche forecast in the PNW in 1975, then joined the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) three years later. It became a public-private partnership between the USFS and the nonprofit arm in 1998.

Today, it provides daily weather and avalanche forecasts across Washington and northern Oregon, and acts as an educational resource, connecting recreationalists to information and local classes. However, many of these classes require time and money, such as the industry standard AIARE Level 1 avalanche course, which costs upwards of \$600.

"It's a big jump to take a Level 1, both the time intensity of it as well as the financial commitment, and so we saw space for us to provide entry level education for people that want to recreate in the winter backcountry," said Devon Schoos, NWAC's Education Coordinator.

Recognizing the steep barrier of entry to potentially life-saving information, NWAC offers free avalanche awareness courses that any business, club, or organization can host.

The introductory class provides a basic approach to identifying and mitigating avalanche risk for anyone recreating in or near avalanche terrain. This includes skiers,

snowboarders, snowshoers, climbers, and snowmobilers.

"It's a really low lift for a really big impact. You can show up to this 60-90 minute, free experience, and you're going to leave knowing something you didn't know before. And if you decide, hey, this whole avalanche wintertime backcountry travel isn't for me. That's okay. But it might be the stepping stone that you need to engage in your next big adventure," said Schoos.

Last winter, NWAC provided around 168 avalanche classes throughout Washington and northern Oregon, reaching over 4,000 people. Leavenworth is one of NWAC's hotspots, trailing just behind Portland and Seattle in the number of scheduled classes this year. Places such as Colchuck Consignment, Eastside Cycleworks, Leavenworth Winter Sports Club, and Wenatchee Research Institute have all hosted or scheduled avalanche awareness classes this year.

"It's a community of people that enjoy the mountains... In the wintertime, there's this added risk of avalanches that we don't have in the summer. I think that the Leavenworth area feels particularly inspired to get educated about traveling safely so that they can enjoy their own backyard," said Schoos.

The class helps people identify types of avalanches, their causes, and potentially dangerous paths of travel. It also introduces NWAC's weather and avalanche forecasts, and the basics of

understanding them.

"You can make the choice if you want to play in the snow and avoid avalanche terrain or if you want to engage with it," said Brian Richter, the instructor for a class hosted by the Leavenworth Winter Sports Club. Richter is one of roughly 50 instructors trained by the American Association of Avalanche Research and Education to teach this class.

"We get a lot of really positive feedback from folks saying, 'Hey, this made me feel more confident to go snowshoeing. This made me feel more equipped [to] recreate safely and enjoy the beautiful mountains that we have. This inspired me that, you know, I really do want to engage with avalanche terrain, and so I'm going to further my education and go sign up for a Level 1 course,'" said Schoos.

Schoos herself is an example of the impact these classes have. "My very first touch point with avalanche education was an awareness class that I took locally here in Washington, and now I work professionally in the industry," said Schoos.

NWAC began its full winter forecasting operations on Nov. 30. Forecasts and classes can be found at nwac.us.

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Commission

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night's meeting.

The drafted height requirement states, "Regardless of the underlying zoning, cottage housing shall be 18' in height." Considerations were made to raise the height limit to 20 feet to account for things such as slope but not allow for a second or third story.

Vespier also added an optional requirement to

include that "each cottage unit shall have, attached, internal, or detached 50 - 100 square feet of storage space," which would be in addition to the maximum unit size of 1,200 square feet.

Commissioner Colin Forsyth was opposed to limitations such as height and storage on the grounds that it would discourage developers from utilizing cottage housing, which is already expected to have low use.

Contrarily, Commissioner Angie Harrison expressed

the need for the limitations. "Everybody's pushing to get bigger and bigger and bigger, and it's going against the whole concept," said Harrison.

The Planning Commission closed the meeting with the cottage housing code still up for discussion. A City Council hearing is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 23 to discuss priorities for the 2024 Planning Docket.

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COURTESY OF DEVON SCHOOS

NWAC Education Coordinator Devon Schoos teaches a class at Dru Bru in Cle Elum.

Kid Scoop

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Kid Scoop Together:

Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and circle the **eight errors** you find. Then rewrite it correctly on the lines below the article.

Hockey!

How many silly things can you find in this hockey scene?



How many hockey pucks can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the role of sport in a diverse world (e.g., the influence of professional sport in society).

Swish, click, swoosh. Swish, click. Click! Click! CLACK! "GOAL!"

These are the lively sounds of a hockey game!

Who were the first people to play hockey? No one knows for

sure. But for hundreds of years, kids have been sliding stones and other objects across ice with sticks and tree branches. Over the years, in different parts of Europe, a variety of games played on ice with sticks and sliding objects were created.

WHACK!

A hockey puck slammed into the article about pucks, scattering the letters a, b and c. Can you put them all back where they belong?

Ho_key pu_ks weren't _lw_ys m_de of _l_k ru__er like they _re tod_y. The e_rly pu_ks were pro__ly __lls, _ut other obje_ts, su_h_s stones, lumps of _o_l, or frozen _ow or horse poop were _lso used. Wooden pu_ks were used for m_ny ye_rs. Mothers sometimes put hot _ked pot_toes into their _hildren's sk_tes so th_t the sk_tes would _e_ozy _nd w_rm when the _hildren re__hed the rink or pond. The pot_toes were not thrown _w_y. They eventu_lly froze and were used _s pu_ks. Although ru__er w_s invented in 1939, it w_sn't until the l_te 1880s th_t someone thought of m_king ru__er pu_ks.

Source: Backcheck: Hockey for Kids Library and Archives Canada

European settlers in Canada developed the game of hockey as we know it today. The first rules of the game were published in a

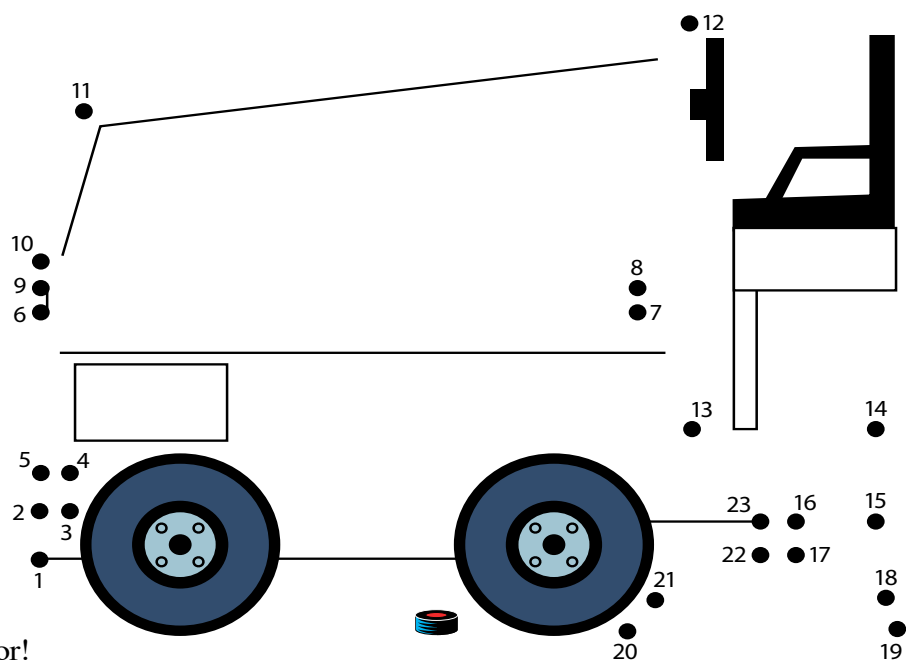
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Extra! Extra! Hockey Words

Look through today's newspaper for words that go with the game of hockey. The words can be nouns, verbs or adjectives. Put the words in ABC order.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify nouns, verbs and adjectives in writing. Spelling: Put words in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Writing: Use strategies to edit written work.

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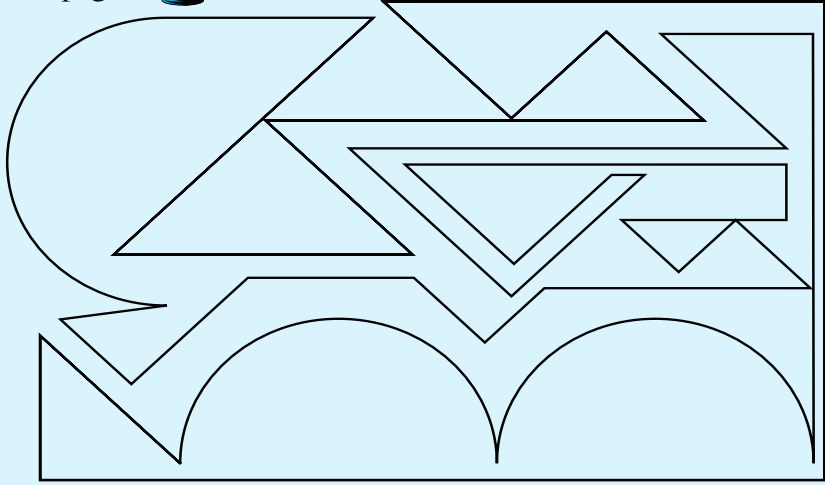
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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: OBJECT
One meaning of the noun **object** is any solid thing that can be seen or touched.
Sally looked for an object to slide across the ice.
Try to use the word **object** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Icy Art Can you redraw the pattern a skater left on the ice without crossing over any lines or removing your pencil from the page?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- HOCKEY
- STICKS
- PUCKS
- ZAMBONI
- PENCIL
- INVENTOR
- POTATOES
- COZY
- SKATES
- GAME
- RINK
- THIN
- FROZE
- POND
- COAL

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Good Sports

List characteristics of someone displaying good sportsmanship. Ask students to look in the newspaper for a picture of an athlete demonstrating good sportsmanship and explain why they chose that picture.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the elements of socially acceptable conflict resolution in physical activity settings.



ANSWER: They stay close to their fans.

Write On!

Hockey Happiness

Write an **alliteration** about ice hockey. **Alliteration** is the repetition of initial consonant sounds in two or more neighboring words.
Example: *Awesome ants always agitate!*



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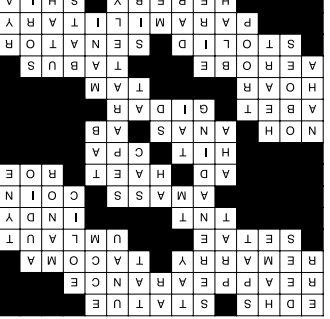
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CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to holiday decorating. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = 1)

A. 16 18 25 23 26 4
Clue: Metallic strips

B. 8 24 25 7 4 26 23
Clue: Wax illumination

C. 4 18 14 17 16 23
Clue: Strings of bulbs

D. 1 11 26 24 16 17
Clue: Evergreen door or wall hanging

Answers: A: tinzel B: candles C: lights D: wreath

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to holiday decorating.

NGLEA

Answer: Angel

CLUES ACROSS

- Old English letters
- Sculpture
- Showing up again
- Tie the knot again
- Washington city
- Stiff structures in invertebrates
- Mark over a vowel
- Explosive
- Popular race: ___ 500
- Pile up
- Mint
- Commercial
- A minute amount (Scottish)
- Small Eurasian deer
- Baseball stat
- Numbers cruncher
- Japanese masked drama
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- Blood group
- Assist in wrongdoing
- Language spoken in Cameroon and Chad
- Grayish-white
- A woolen cap of Scottish origin

CLUES DOWN

- Make a mistake
- Gordon and Snider are two
- Geographical region of Finland
- Ejected saliva
- A way of performing
- Scotland's longest river
- One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
- Body art
- Two-toed sloth
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Foolish person (Brit.)
- Of the wind
- Grand home
- Microorganism
- Place under prohibition
- Calm, dependable
- Congressman
- Force
- As a result of this document
- One of two main branches of Islam
- Sea bream
- Port in southern Japan
- Double-reed instruments
- Center
- South Dakota
- An orderly crowd
- Indicates position of surprise
- Pouch
- Apart from
- Satisfaction
- The bill in a restaurant
- Port in southern Japan
- Double-reed instruments
- Center
- South Dakota
- An orderly crowd
- Indicates position of surprise
- pedi
- Nonsense (slang)
- Republic of Ireland
- Nocturnal flyers
- American state
- Clusters in fern fronds
- Patriotic women
- A person's brother or sister
- Breed of sheep
- Popular film "Despicable ___"

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Opinion

Embracing the everlasting spirit of giving beyond the holidays

Amidst the shimmering glow of festive decorations and the joyous carols echoing through the air, we find ourselves enveloped in the cherished embrace of the holiday season. The spirit of Christmas, radiant with warmth and goodwill, beckons us to extend our hands in generosity and compassion.

At this time of year, our hearts are naturally inclined toward giving. We are moved by the idea of lending a hand to those in need, offering hope, and spreading cheer. It's a beautiful sentiment, but what if we challenged

ourselves to carry this spirit beyond the twinkling lights and merry melodies of the season? What if we embraced the concept of giving back not just during December but as an intrinsic part of our year-round journey?

The essence of the holiday season lies not only in the exchange of gifts but in the profound impact of extending kindness. As we uplift others during this time, let us also foster a commitment to continue this practice, transcending the boundaries of festive celebrations.

The act of giving does

not require grand gestures or elaborate plans. Sometimes, the simplest acts of kindness can spark a positive change. From volunteering at local shelters to contributing to food drives, each effort, no matter how small, holds the potential to transform lives. Whether it's offering a warm meal to someone in need or lending an empathetic ear, these acts ripple outward, fostering a community strengthened by compassion.



From the Publisher

TERRY WARD

Let us not confine the spirit of giving within the confines of holiday traditions. Instead, let us allow it to permeate our daily lives, becoming an intrinsic part of who we are. Imagine the impact if each of us committed to performing one act of kindness every day, uplifting someone in need, or supporting a cause close to our

hearts. As we gather with loved ones and revel in the joy of the season, let us also pledge

to carry this spirit forward. Let us make a resolution not just for the new year, but for every day: to be beacons of generosity and compassion, creating a world where the spirit of giving knows no bounds.

The beauty of the holiday season lies not solely in the ornaments adorning our trees or the melodies filling the air. It lies in the profound capacity of the human heart to illuminate the lives of others through acts of selfless giving. As we bid farewell to the festivities and the calendar turns, may the spirit of giving remain a

guiding light, transforming every day into an opportunity to make a difference.

Let our acts of kindness compose a melody that resonates far beyond the holiday season, inspiring hope and illuminating the path for a brighter, more compassionate world.

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The Whistle



The Engaging Whistle

By Rhona Baron

"Local governments have a responsibility to engage their community members in a robust and equitable manner..."
MRSC

As I prepare to serve on the council beginning in January, the Municipal Research and Services Center is my respected new friend. A nonprofit group that helps local governments, the MRSC provides legal and policy guidance on any topic.

Today, in the spirit of building community engagement, The Team and I share how you can have the most impact when engaging with staff and elected folks at city hall. The Whistle blows as we stack up your communication options to let you know that all engagements are not created equal!

The least formal way to comment to an elected official is verbally. Please keep talking with us as the personal impact of your comments and relationships are incredibly important. But maybe consider those more like private conversations. Without a capture of your comments, either recorded or written, your thoughts are never required to go farther than your listener.

There is a similar situation at the more structured Community Engagement Nights where your verbal comments can stop at the person you talk with. The engagement nights are a place to learn from the city. They are not built to capture public thoughts and topics of concern or interest for the public record.

The next "level" of comment includes responses to surveys and attendance at community forums. In both cases, you've entered into a more formal setting than, say, the produce section at Dan's. Although you are not guaranteed

individual acknowledgement, the second level is very important. According to the MRSC "Community surveys (when many participate) play an important role in gaining insights into the public's views and opinions about a wide variety of issues." Thanks for your survey responses.

In terms of comments made at forums, your mileage may vary. For instance, the recent Multi Family Tax Exemption forum, a "special meeting of the City Council," was unusual because forums normally occur on topics that don't require a public hearing, which the MFTE got. Pardon the weeds.

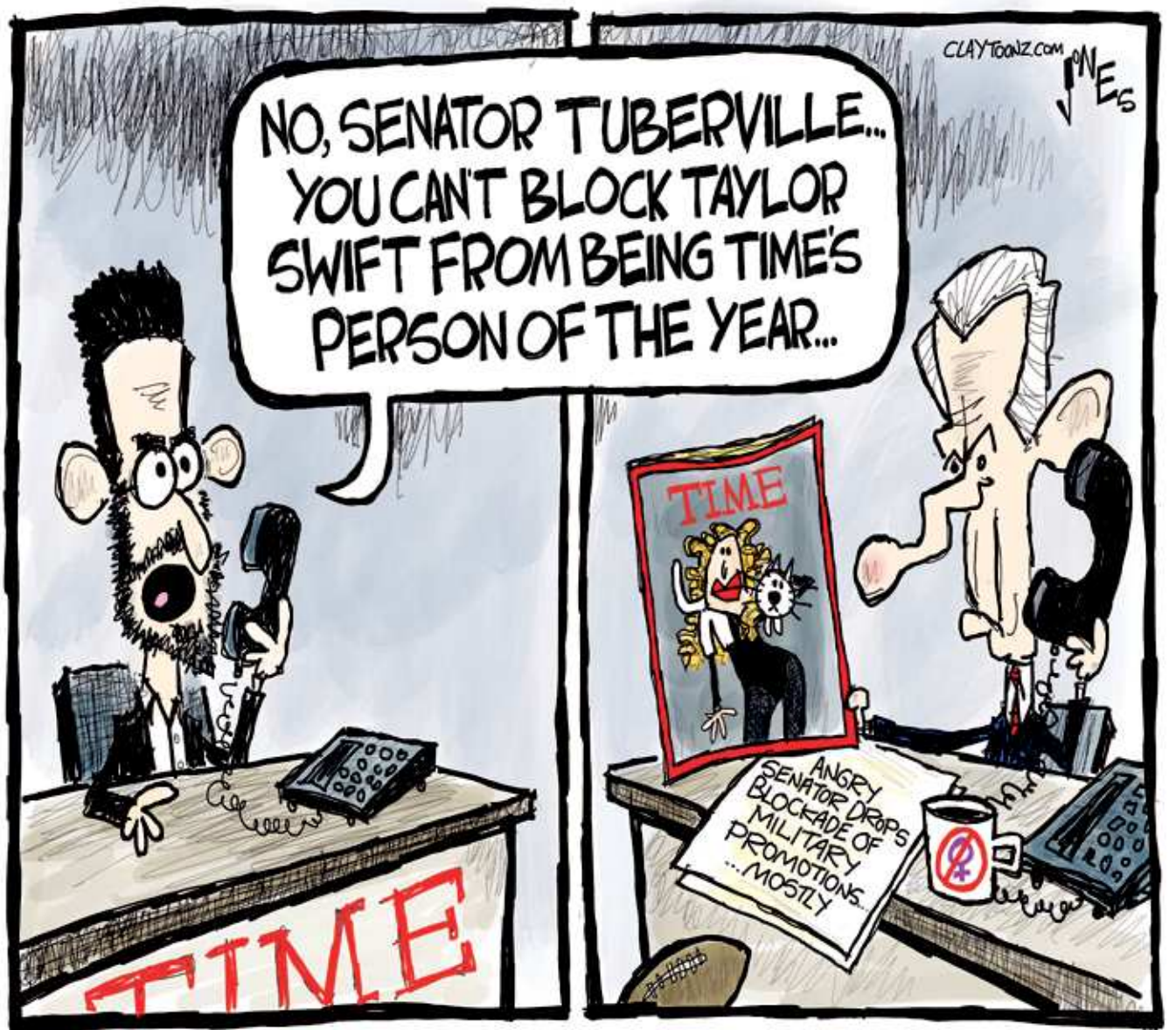
The bottom line is that the city council and mayor are not required to attend anything titled "forum." No detailed notes are taken for the public record. If a quorum is present, vague minutes are captured and a video may be recorded. Therefore, although roughly 50 citizens showed up, and public opinion was almost exclusively against the MFTE, elected officials not attending were not required to acknowledge community feedback.

We are not suggesting forums are unimportant! They are crucial and typically offered to gather public opinion on topics that do NOT require a public hearing. An excellent example of how forums typically function is the September City Pool forum.

As we move up the chain of impactful engagement, it's time to define "public record." Pretty much everything that has to do with City business, right down to the sticky notes on a staffers desk, is considered public record. The Whistle encourages individuals to become a robust part of public record. Here's how.

City council meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. At the beginning of every council meeting, the public is given an opportunity to offer comment for items not on the agenda.

POLITICAL CARTOON



In addition, although it's not required, the mayor as parliamentarian has the option of opening the floor to public comments on given topics later on. We appreciate that he often chooses to do so.

Therefore, council meetings are a critical time to address topics that matter most. All your comments will be captured via video for the public record and some captured more vaguely in minutes. However, the best way to be registered on public record is to write. That said, the gold standard of engagement is attending council meetings, speaking in person AND emailing a minimum of three days beforehand if there is a vote

expected, or in a timely way regarding an ongoing issue. You can find agendas for all council meetings on the city's website calendar.

Finally, we have the public hearing, designed to capture public comment in the most formal setting. Public hearings occur when key decisions are made by council. They are announced through various media channels, accessible via Zoom, recorded and uploaded to the City's YouTube channel. This is another time to speak up in person and to write beforehand.

To craft a powerful statement: 1. State your name and address. 2. Provide a sentence or two about yourself

and why you are interested in the topic. Example: "I am a CPA and downtown business owner who is interested in parking meter expenses." Or "I raised my kids in town and our family uses the pool a lot." 3. State your feelings, ideas and facts as you see them. 4. Encourage action. Example: "Therefore, I want the council to consider raising the price of parking." Or "I would like to have a year around option for indoor swimming." 5. Be assertive but maintain a respectful tone and end with a thank you. 6. Note: If you want to be notified about future developments on the topic via email, request that you be made a "party of record." 7.

Request a reply, if desired.

To ensure your comments become public record available to all elected officials as well as the general public upon request, you MUST email a minimum of one elected official and the staff person charged with the project. In addition, I very strongly urge you to cc our competent City Clerk Andrea, who functions as an organizer/distributor for the public record. We do not recommend engaging on important issues via the city comment portal.

Thanks to staff at the City of Leavenworth for all the help crafting this column. To read columns and to be in touch: LWhistle.com. Keep Whistling! We hear you.

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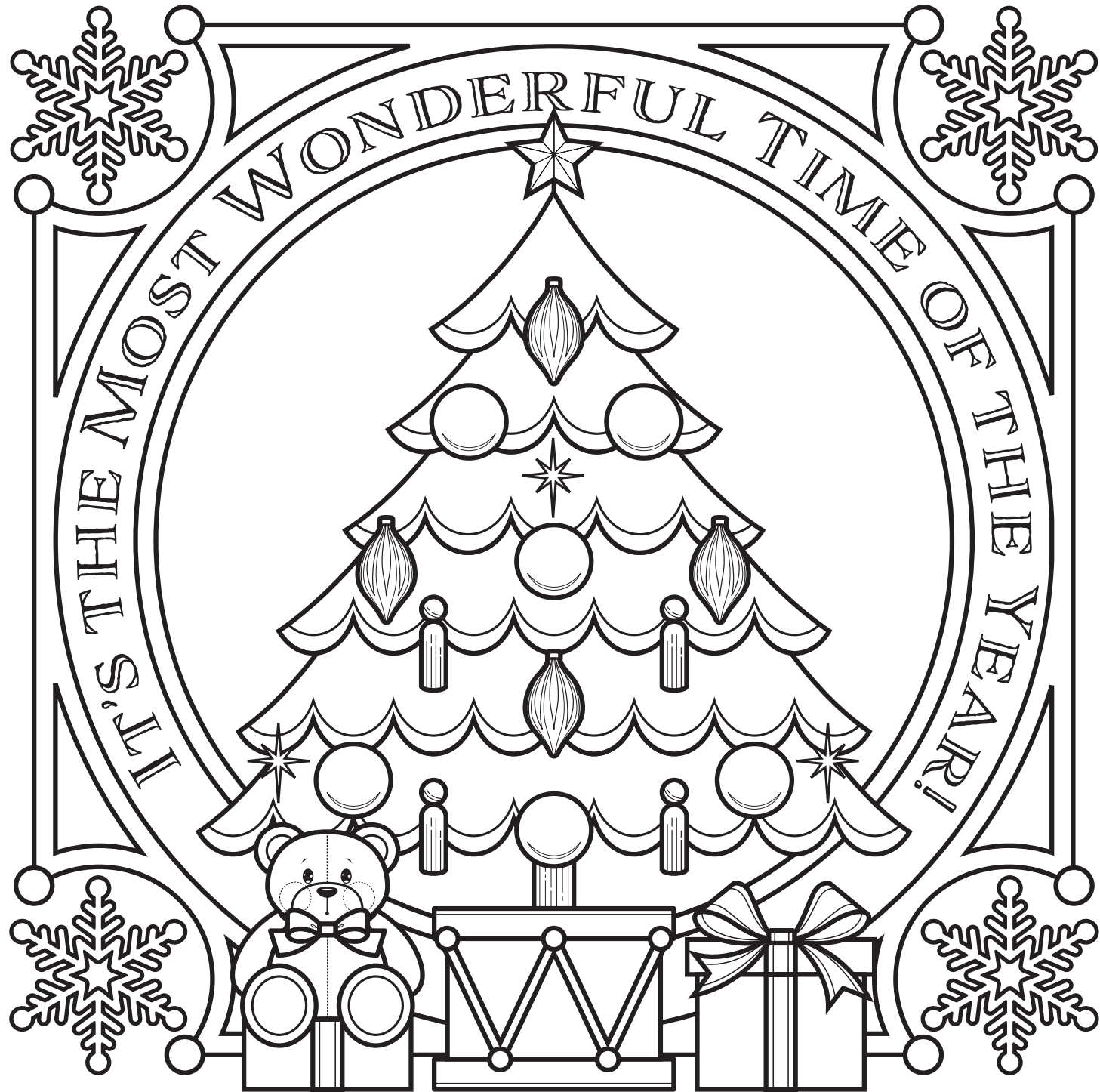
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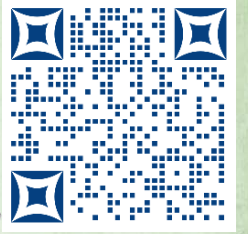


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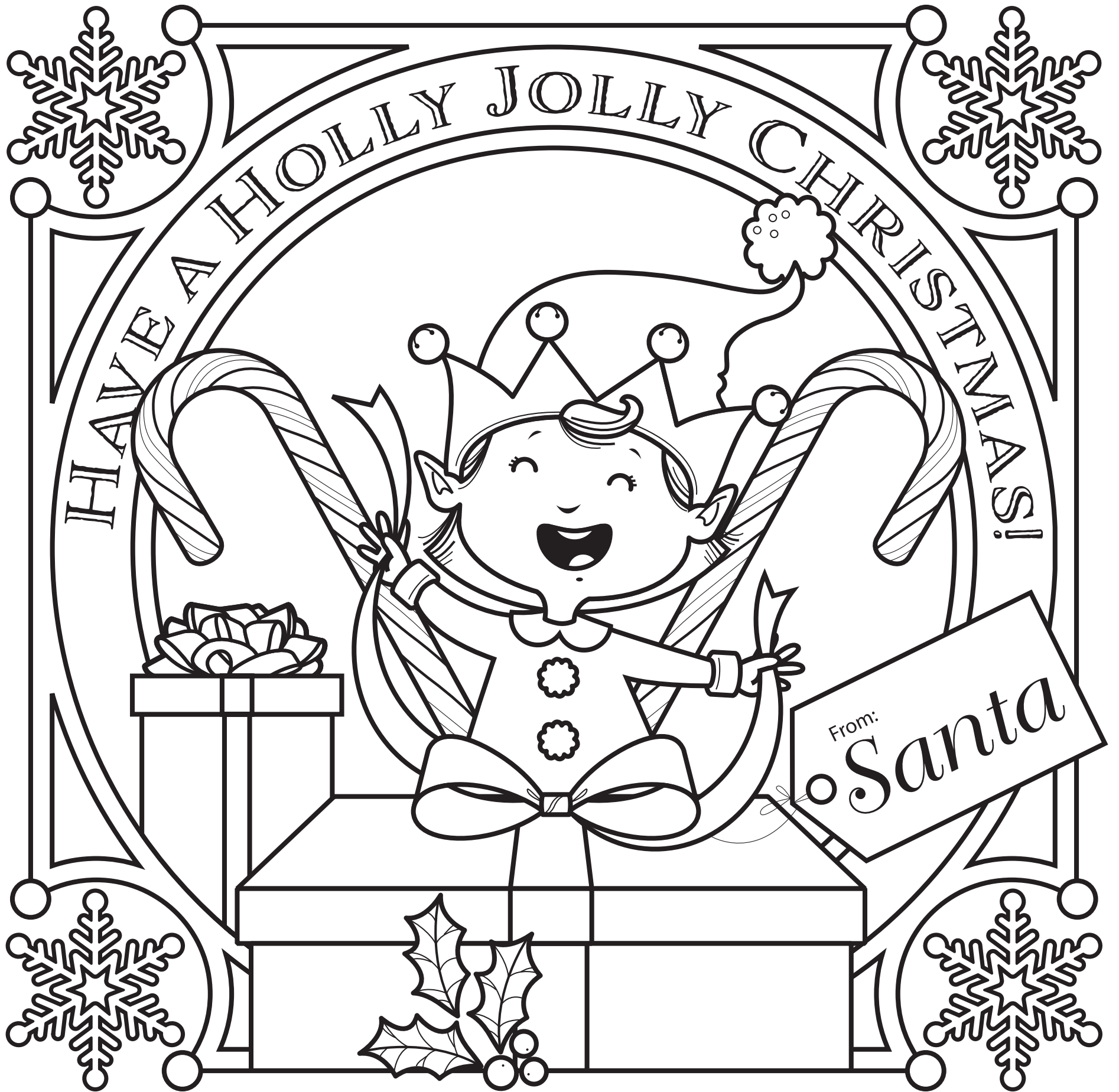
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