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## Planning Commission advances parking code amendments

**By Kirk Beckendorf**  
*Special to Ward Media*

At the Cashmere Planning Commission's Dec. 3 monthly meeting, the Director of Operations, Steve Croci, announced that any proposed changes to the city's Comprehensive Plan need to be submitted to his office by early Jan. 2024. He also stated that new members are being sought for the Planning Commission and anyone interested in serving on the Commission to help plan Cashmere's future should contact his office.

The four commissioners present at

the meeting unanimously approved proposed changes to the city's Parking Code; the proposed changes will be forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.

At the public hearing that was held just prior to the vote, Christina Wollman, Contract Planner with Perteet, Inc., explained that the changes had been discussed for a number of months by the Commission. According to Wollman the primary goal of the revisions is to encourage more economic development within the city. Primarily focused on the business district, the modifications

would increase the flexibility for commercial enterprises and reduce onsite parking requirements.

Primary changes to the code include;

1. a city-owned parking lot can be included as 75% of a businesses' parking requirement. Currently set at 25%.
2. three additional city parking lots could be included as part of a businesses' off-site parking allotment.
3. businesses may be allowed to share parking spots, if the parking needs and times do not overlap.
4. changes to the types of business

categories and the amount of parking required for each type of business.

5. a business may request an Exception to the Parking Requirement to demonstrate a reduction in the amount of required parking.

During the remainder of the meeting the Commissioners began developing a set of potential topics to discuss with the City Council, at which time the issues could be prioritized for further study or action by the Commission. Topics discussed by the Commission included:

- Possible changes to the Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries
- The location of future development in the UGA
- Aesthetics and Cosmetics of the city
- Reviewing city codes to determine if they are limiting business development
- Reviewing city codes to determine if they are deterring the small-town appeal of Cashmere
- Potential expansion of water/sewer lines into UGAs
- Spaces for small business in town
- Recreational opportunities

## Cashmere family farm tends treasured Christmas traditions for generations



COURTESY OF SHELTON'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Bob Shelton and his son Erik with their family tree farm sign.

**By Quinn Propst**  
*Ward Media Staff Reporter*

CASHMERE - At Shelton's Christmas Tree Farm in Cashmere it truly is a family farm.

Bob and Paula Shelton took over the farm from Bob's father in the 1990s. Now, there are three generations working to keep the tradition alive.

Bob and Paula's son, Erik, daughter-in-law Renyel, and grandson, Alan, all work to keep the family farm going strong, especially now during their busy season.

Bob and his father Gib started growing Christmas trees in the 1950s as a Scout project, which then grew into a tree farm. In the 1960s, Bob graduated high school and joined the Navy. His father kept the trees going and expanded them to the rest of the farm.

In 1983, Bob retired from the Navy, came home, and eventually bought the farm from his dad in 1990.

It's not just a family tradition, though. Many customers have been coming to the farm to pick out their Christmas trees for years, even

generations. Bob said he has a couple of customers that have been coming to the farm for nearly 50 years.

"One thing I can tell you, and I hear this all the time, customers will come in and say, 'Oh man, when I was a kid, we used to come up here and while your dad was running it' and all this stuff, or whatever," Bob said. "And now they're bringing their kids up here. And it's like, you know, they'll come up as kids or young adults, and then they disappear. They go out and

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COURTESY OF SHELTON'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

A tree from Shelton's Christmas Tree Farm graces the tasting room at Silvara Cellars Winery.



COURTESY OF SHELTON'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Erik Shelton and a friend work to load a big Christmas tree.

## Exercise group helps maintain independence, prevent falls

**By Quinn Propst**  
*Ward Media Staff Reporter*

CASHMERE - Two mornings a week, a group of people gather at the Cashmere Community Church to exercise, socialize, and gain skills that help them maintain their independence.

The exercise class, Stay Active and Independent for Life or SAIL, is an evidence-based curriculum developed in Washington state.

Retired physical therapist and Cashmere resident Gina Quinn leads the class every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 - 11 a.m.

"The whole concept behind the

program is fall prevention," Quinn said. "It was designed for seniors or elderly individuals to minimize the incidence of falls because they're finding if you have some of these components in place, the fall incidence is less."

The hour-long class involves a warm up, aerobics, balance, strengthening, and stretching.

The class is free, but at the beginning of each month, a donation basket is passed around to help defray the cost of having the building open. However, Quinn stressed that she would never want that to be a barrier for anyone.

On average, there are anywhere from five to 15 participants. And the

class is not just for seniors. There is no age minimum or maximum. Anyone who needs to build these skills is welcome.

Several years ago, Quinn's husband was going through cancer treatment and was in palliative care. He was looking for a way to maintain some of his motor skills and prevent falls, so he started going to the SAIL classes. Quinn would take him to the classes and observe them.

"And so when he passed away, I thought, well, this could be a great way to kind of honor his memory," Quinn said.

With her experiences as a retired physical therapist, Quinn felt her

background was a good fit for the program.

"So I thought, well, this will be a great way to use my skills and offer a program to the community," she said.

"I feel like it's a really valuable program, and we always worry about the elderly taking falls, and I guess the other thing that it offers—that's not really part of the evidence-based curriculum—but it offers an opportunity for our seniors to come and socialize," she said.

It's another way for them to connect, share what is going on in their lives, and build connections, she said.

To join the class, there is some paperwork to fill out so that

instructors are aware of a participant's health issues. Attendees are required to be cleared for exercise by their doctors, though that is not required immediately.

Participants are on all different fitness and ability levels and the instructor will adapt exercises to accommodate the different levels, Quinn said.

Classes are offered throughout Washington state and a map of class locations can be found on the SAIL website. For more information visit [sailfitness.org](http://sailfitness.org).

Quinn Propst: 509-731-3590 or [quinn@ward.media](mailto:quinn@ward.media).

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## THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



### Cashmere community meal

The Cashmere Community Church will host a free community dinner on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. followed by wreath making and advent stories.

After the community meal there will be advent stories and activities for all ages, but especially children in the fellowship room.

### Friends of the Cashmere Library meeting

The friends of the Cashmere Library will meet on Friday, Dec. 15 from 2-3 p.m. at the Cashmere Library Tutoring Corner.

For more information visit [nculibraries.org](http://nculibraries.org).

### Museum's special holiday hours

The Cashmere Museum gift shop will be open for special holiday shopping hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 17 and on Dec. 20-23.

"Need to do some last minute shopping," the event page states. "How about a warm activity for the kids? The Museum gift shop, inside displays, and village green will be open for visitors Dec. 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, and 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. We hope to see you here."

### Holiday movie at the library

Cashmere Library will show the holiday movie "The Nutcracker and the

Four Realms" on Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 4-5:30 p.m.

"We will have some great kids and adult coloring pages out and the big screen down," the event page states. "Feel free to bring a blanket and a cozy camping chair or plop down in one of ours. Call us for details. All programs are free. Everyone welcome."

For more information visit [nculibraries.org](http://nculibraries.org).

### Holiday movie afternoon

Cashmere Library will host

a holiday movie afternoon on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 3:30 - 5 p.m.

"Enjoy a classic Holiday Movie at the Cashmere Library," the event page states.

"We will have some great kids and adult coloring pages out and the big screen down."

For more information visit [nculibraries.org](http://nculibraries.org).

## Chelan County Sheriff's Report



This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

### December 1

08:22 Trespassing, River St. and Sunset Hwy.  
09:08 Disturbance, 300 S. Division St.  
11:15 Domestic Disturbance, 5500 block Mill Rd.  
13:19 Court Order Violation, 8978 Motel Rd., Dryden  
17:49 Trespassing, 209 Woodring St., Tamarack Tax

300 Sunset Hwy., Crunch Pak  
08:58 Hazard, BNSF Crossing and Blue Star Way  
12:31 Hazard, River St. and Sunset Hwy.  
13:28 Non-injury Accident, Mission Creek Rd. and Pioneer Ave.  
15:38 Non-injury Accident, 6869 Nahahum Canyon Rd.  
16:42 Unknown-injury Accident, Goodwin Roundabout  
16:52 Civil Dispute, 6125 Hay Canyon Rd.

20:31 Traffic Offense, 130 Titchenal Way, Martin's IGA Market

### December 3

09:10 Non-injury Accident, 7888 Stine Hill Rd., Dryden  
14:03 Unknown-injury Accident, 109 Julie Ann Ct.  
14:39 Court Order Violation, 19 Lure Ln., Monitor  
15:25 Trespassing, 5736 Vale Rd.  
15:49 Civil Dispute, 3967 Ayers Rd., Monitor

### December 2

01:20 Suspicious Circumstance,

### December 4

08:47 Suspicious Circumstance, 5738 Vale Rd., Cashmere Auto  
09:26 Extra Patrols, 206 Washington St.  
10:12 Harassment/ Threat, 6125 Hay Canyon Rd.  
12:28 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 3601 Selfs Motel Rd.  
15:56 Sex Offense, Pioneer Ave.  
16:21 Theft, 115 E. Pleasant Ave.  
17:57 Suspicious Circumstance, 7652 Stine Hill Rd., Dryden

### December 5

04:56 Welfare Check, 600 Cotlets Way  
07:55 Domestic Disturbance, 6500 Turkey Shoot Rd.  
11:09 Domestic Disturbance, 4675 Brisky Canyon Rd.  
13:36 Public Assist, 101 Earl Ln., Monitor  
14:59 Non-injury Accident, 320 Cottage Ave.  
15:06 Domestic Disturbance, 305 Woodring St.  
16:29 Fraud/ Forgery, 3906 Strudel Rd., Monitor

### December 6

08:41 Trespassing, 5441 Sunset Hwy., Blue Spirits Distillery  
08:59 Alarm, 117 Aplets Way, Cashmere Valley Bank  
13:19 Theft, 305 Woodring St.  
15:08 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 300 block Elberta Ave.  
15:22 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 5500 block Mill Rd.  
17:32 Non-injury Accident, Mission Ave. and Aplets Way  
18:31 Public Assist, 9650 Olalla Canyon Rd.  
20:23 Domestic Disturbance, 108 Pioneer Ave.

### December 7

01:23 Miscellaneous, 8000 Kinney Rd., Dryden  
06:37 Suspicious Circumstance, 6863 Stine Hill Rd.  
12:43 Public Assist, 5431 Sunset Hwy.  
19:59 Agency Assist, 229 Cottage Ave., Village Inn Motel

## Attitude of Gratitude



COURTESY OF VALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students in Mrs. Diamond's kindergarten class at Vale Elementary School show off their gratitude journals. "Every morning they start their day with gratitude by journaling the things they are grateful for," Diamond said. "Starting our day with gratitude has been a very positive and uplifting routine that we will continue."

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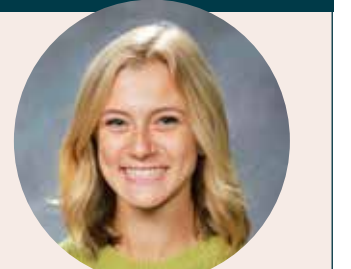
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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Athlete: Quinn Pace, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Pace had a great week for the CHS girl's wrestling team. She finished the week with an impressive 6-2 record, winning all six of her matches by pin. On Thursday, she defeated two different Ephrata wrestlers, and she followed that up by winning four matches at the Eastmont Cat Classic on Saturday where she placed 5th in the 110 lb. weight class.  
Coach: Coach Wheeler  
Parents: Dawn Pace and Alan



Pace  
Activities: Sports, Key Club, FBLA and Yearbook  
GPA: 4.0  
Sports: Soccer, Wrestling and Track  
Future Plans: Going to college, maybe the medical field.

### Student: Dayami Najar-Parra, 11<sup>th</sup> grade

Dayami has been excelling this month in algebra 2, going above and beyond to challenge herself with the content and its application.  
Teacher: Patrick Loftus  
Parents: Blanca Parra, Emilio Najar  
Activities: Key Club, Nuestra Comunidad. Currently



working at a Boutique in Leavenworth.  
GPA: 3.8  
Future Plans: Finish at WVC and then attend a four year college for either teaching, astronomer and or marine biology.

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### Community Calendar

#### Wednesday

**Cashmere Rotary Club**, meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb. 509-885-0676.  
**Mission Creek Community Club**, meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).  
**Cashmere Food Bank**, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464  
**Ukulele Circle**, Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

#### Thursday

**Caregiver Support Group**, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)  
**Cashmere Sportsman Assoc., (Cashmere Gun Club)**, open to the public for trapshooting 7-10 p.m. Private rentals by appointment. Call Brian James, 509-782-3099.  
**Cashmere American Legion Post #64**, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 509-782-4973. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).  
**Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64**, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).

#### Sunday

**CHURCH:** See the church page for local service times and events.

#### Monday

**Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club**, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. (4th Mon.)  
**Tillicum Riders**, 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. (1st Mon.)  
**Cashmere City Council**, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).  
**Planning Committee Meeting**, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.).  
**Cashmere Fire Department**, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)  
**Cashmere Fire Department**, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)  
**Cashmere School Board Work Session**, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit [www.cashmere.wednet.edu](http://www.cashmere.wednet.edu)  
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**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

**Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts**, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.pid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)  
**Peshastin Water District**, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)  
**Cashmere Chamber of Commerce**, Noon, everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Call Executive Director, for meeting location. 509-782-7404. (3rd Tues.)  
**The Chelan County Cemetery District #2**, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

#### NCW Libraries

**Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314**  
 You can order your books online at [ncwlibraries.org](http://ncwlibraries.org) or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).  
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**Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village**  
 Call for more information 509-782-3230  
**Chelan County Historical Society Board meets**, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)  
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#### 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.

#### Cashmere Museum & Pioneer Village special holiday opening

Shop last-minute gifts and warm activities for the kids at the Cashmere Museum on Dec. 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafted collaboratively

with the community, the Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village is a thrilling endeavor aiming to captivate, enlighten, and enchant visitors from near and far. A dedicated army of volunteers has poured countless hours into this project, transforming the Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village into an absolute gem in the heart of Central Washington this season.

#### 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](mailto:tjonas@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org) or visit our website [www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.com](http://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 failing 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.

#### 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.

## Public Invited to Participate in Updating of Hazard Mitigation, Community Wildfire Protection Plans

#### PRESS RELEASE

*Chelan County Natural Resources*

Chelan County and its partners seek volunteers to serve on a new steering committee that will help guide next year's updating process to the Chelan County Hazard Mitigation and Community Wildfire Protection plans, two important plans used to identify natural hazards and their risks to the area. The steering committee will meet six to eight times in the next year. All meetings, which will be held at the Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee, are open to the

public and will be listed on the informational website: <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/natural-resources/pages/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan> This month, local government stakeholders in the Chelan County planning area initiated a federally mandated update to the two plans. The plans must be updated every five years. The 2019 plans are posted to the website and the updated plan is expected to be approved by the end of 2024. The planning partnership is made up of Chelan County; the cities of Wenatchee, Leavenworth, Cashmere, Entiat and Chelan; Cascadia

Conservation District; Chelan County Flood Control Zone District and local fire districts. Responding to federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), the planning partnership was formed to pool resources and create a uniform hazard mitigation strategy that can be consistently applied to the Chelan County planning area. A hazard mitigation plan describes an area's vulnerability to the various natural hazards present within the county, along with an array of actions and projects for reducing key risks. "While natural disasters cannot be prevented from occurring, implementing mitigation strategies can make communities more sustainable and disaster-resilient, and protect people and property," said Lisa Dowling, natural resources specialist at Chelan County Natural Resources. By updating the plan every five years, planning partners also remain eligible for mitigation grant funding opportunities through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Since 2018, local governments in Chelan County have received more than \$6 million in FEMA grant funds for mitigation

projects, including wildfire fuels reduction, property acquisition, stormwater management, and flood water storage and diversion projects. This current plan update process is also funded by a FEMA grant. In the coming year, citizens also will be asked to contribute to the planning process by sharing local knowledge of an area's vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include public meetings, web-based information and surveys. The informational website will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan's progress and ways that they can participate in the planning process. "The public will have several opportunities, whether by serving on the steering committee, sharing thoughts through polls and emails, or attending a public meeting, to become involved in this update process," Dowling said. "We encourage input on all phases of this important plan's development."

*People interested in serving on the steering committee should contact Dowling at Lisa. Dowling@co.chelan.wa.us.*

#### Public invited to submit information for new wildlife status reports

#### PRESS RELEASE

*Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife*

OLYMPIA – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is seeking information from the public about Washington wildlife to inform species status reports the Department is developing. WDFW is currently seeking information about the burrowing owl, Mount Rainier white-tailed ptarmigan, island marble butterfly, and wolverine. WDFW is specifically looking for information about the species' demographics, current habitat conditions, threats and trends to populations, and existing conservation measures that have benefitted the species. "We are interested in getting information from the public, including non-governmental organizations, universities, private researchers, and naturalists, about each of these species," said Taylor Cotten, WDFW conservation assessment section manager. "Such groups and individuals could have valuable data about these species, such as annual population counts or privately developed habitat management plans." The public may submit written comments via email at [TandEpubliccom@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:TandEpubliccom@dfw.wa.gov) or by mailing Washington Department

of Fish and Wildlife ATTN: Taylor Cotten, P.O. Box 43141, Olympia, WA 98504. Further public comment opportunities will be available during the development of each individual status report. All members of the public are invited to share their perspectives and participate in WDFW public feedback opportunities regardless of race, color, sex, age, national origin, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, status as a veteran, or basis of disability. The current comment opportunity is part of a process to assess the conservation status of each species and develop foundational information to guide further recovery and conservation actions. After developing each status report, Department staff will brief the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission on each species' status and the Department's classification recommendation. Any changes to a species' classification are subject to the public rule making process. Department staff will post updated status reports to WDFW's website as they are completed. WDFW works to preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

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# Cashmere FFA Excels at National Convention, Secures Impressive Wins

COURTESY OF RUSTY FINCH, CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL Dairy Cow: Ivette Alvarado, Monica Oropeza, Alia Kenoyer, Kira Potter, Dru Heyen, Jacob Holladay, Jair Naranjo, Eli Lyons



COURTESY OF RUSTY FINCH, CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL Meats Team: Eli Lyons, Alia Kenoyer, Jair Naranjo, Kira Potter



COURTESY OF RUSTY FINCH, CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL  
**Front - Ivette Alvarado, Sophie Hill, Monica Oropeza, Sophia Batanoiu, Faith Smith. Back - Seth Martin, Kira Potter, Eli Lyons, Jacob Holladay, Dru Heyen, Jair Naranjo, Alia Kenoyer.**



COURTESY OF RUSTY FINCH, CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL  
**Environmental & Natural Resources: Seth Martin, Sophie Hill, Faith Smith, Sophia Batanoiu**

Ward Media / Cashmere Valley Record

CASHMERE - Cashmere FFA members showcased their exceptional talent and dedication at the National Convention held in Indianapolis, returning home triumphant with a string of victories and substantial scholarships totaling \$6,600.

The journey began with twelve determined members of Cashmere FFA traveling to Indianapolis in October, poised to compete in three distinct Career Development Event contests. These individuals not only represented their school but earned the exclusive right to represent the state of Washington in each of these highly competitive events.

The Environmental Natural Resources team, in particular, exhibited an impressive range of skills. They undertook a comprehensive environmental science test consisting of 50

questions, conducted thorough tests on surface water for nitrates, temperature, and pH levels, displayed proficiency in identifying natural resource equipment and species, navigated a challenging GPS course, and evaluated soil and land segments while proposing effective erosion prevention strategies. Their preparation was meticulous, involving tours and collaboration with professionals from Purdue University's Soil Science Department and the vertebrate museum within the Natural Resources Department.

Similarly dedicated were the Meats Evaluation team, which showcased its expertise by identifying 30 retail cuts from a comprehensive list of 120, grading beef carcasses based on USDA standards for quality and yield, and demonstrating their knowledge by ranking various meat cuts according to quality, cutability, workmanship, and color. Their

extensive preparation included a visit to WSU's Meat Science Lab and engaging with experts from Ohio State University's Meat Science Lab and Boliantz Meat Packing in Ashland, Ohio, before competing at Purdue University.

Not to be outdone, the Milk Quality team exhibited exceptional skills by identifying 20 types of cheeses and their respective production characteristics, conducting a California Mastitis Test, and evaluating bulk samples of milk data in adherence to the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance. Their preparation involved a visit to the Dandy Breeze Jersey Dairy, north of Indianapolis, as part of their comprehensive readiness strategy.

The hard work and dedication of the Cashmere teams paid off handsomely. Remarkably, 11 out of 12 competitors secured places

in the Gold Tier, positioning them within the top one-third of individuals competing nationally. Their stellar performances resulted in Cashmere FFA securing significant accolades.

The Environmental Natural Resources team emerged as National Champions, surpassing 43 other competing teams. Seth Martin's standout performance earned him the title of National Champion, outshining the 2nd place individual by an impressive 47 points. Additionally, all four team members will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

The Meats Evaluation team clinched the 2nd position out of 43 teams, with Eli Lyons achieving the 8th individual position among 172 students. The Milk Quality & Products team secured 3rd place nationally out of 37 teams, with Monica Oropeza finishing 4th individually, Dru Heyen placing 7th, and

Ivette Alvarado securing the 8th position among 148 competitors.

In light of their remarkable achievements, all three teams extended their heartfelt

gratitude to everyone who supported them throughout their journey. The Cashmere FFA National teams' members and accomplishments are listed below:

**ENVIRONMENTAL NATURAL RESOURCES**

National Champions out of 44 States
Seth Martin - 1st Individual - \$1,000
Sophie Hill - \$1,000
Sophia Batanoiu - \$1,000
Faith Smith - \$1,000

**MEATS EVALUATION**

2nd Place Team out of 43 States
Eli Lyons - 8th Individual - \$700
Jair Naranjo - \$400
Kira Potter
Alia Kenoyer

**MILK QUALITY & PRODUCTS EVALUATION**

3rd Place Team out of 37 States
Monica Oropeza - 4th Individual - \$700
Dru Heyen - 7th Individual - \$400
Ivette Alvarado - 8th Individual

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**



COURTESY PHOTOS  
**Ellie Bessonette (22) - Junior, Ellie has paced the team to start the season; averaging about 18 points and 10 rebounds a game, including 14 points in the 4th Quarter and Overtime for the win at Warden. Congratulations, Ellie Bessonette, Cashmere Valley Record Athlete of the Week!**

**Bulldog Scoreboard**



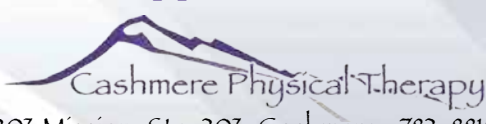
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 5:	Cashmere 73, Omak 23; Win
Dec. 8:	Cashmere vs. La Salle game canceled
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 5:	Cashmere 50, Omak 59; Loss
Dec. 8:	Cashmere 67, La Salle 62; Win

**Sports Schedule**

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 19:	Cashmere vs. Chelan, Home at 5:45 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 19:	Cashmere vs. Chelan, Home at 7:15 p.m.
GIRLS WRESTLING	
Dec. 14:	Cashmere vs. Ephrata, Away at 5 p.m.
Dec. 18:	Cashmere vs. Chelan, Away at 10 a.m.
BOYS WRESTLING	
Dec. 13:	Cashmere vs. Cascade, Away at 6 p.m.
Dec. 13:	Cashmere vs. Quincy, Away at 7 p.m.
Dec. 16:	Cashmere invite, Home at 10 a.m.

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**Varsity Wrestling**

# Bulldogs secure convincing victory at Connell Invitational in varsity wrestling

Ward Media / Cashmere Valley Record

The Cashmere Bulldogs boys varsity wrestling team emerged triumphant at the 14-team Connell Invitational, clinching the team championship in a commanding display of skill and determination this Saturday.

The team's dominant performance was highlighted

by freshman Zane Pace's victory in the 106 lb. category, freshman Mack Pell's triumph in the 113 lb. division, freshman Jance Novak's win in the 150 lb. class, and senior Hugh Wheeler's claim to the 165 lb. championship.

Adding to their triumph, five more Bulldogs secured second-place finishes in the finals: freshman Kaiden Huber

(113), freshman Marshall Pell (120), junior Caden Flick (138), senior Garrett Edwards (144), and freshman Grey Jacobson (175). Notably, nine Bulldog wrestlers battled their way into the finals, showcasing the team's depth and skill across various weight categories.

The team's exceptional performance extended beyond the top spots, with several

wrestlers securing commendable placements. Owen Graves (165 lbs.) and Kaber Pomianek (175 lbs.) secured 3rd places in their respective divisions. Wyatt Weatherman (157 lbs.) claimed 4th place, while Ian Garzon (190 lbs.), Lizandro Sanchez (285 lbs.), Asher Payton (126 lbs.), and Rafael Rojas (150 lbs.) earned respectable 5th and 6th place finishes.

With an impressive total of 256 team points, the Bulldogs left a significant mark at the invitational, outscoring 2nd place Connell by a substantial 75-point margin. Newport, Kennewick, and College Place secured subsequent spots in the rankings, placing 3rd, 4th, and 5th, respectively.

In girls wrestling, the Cashmere Bulldogs showcased

their talent at the Royal Invitational. Freshman Haile James secured a notable 2nd place in the 135 lb. category, while Quinn Pace (110 lbs.) and Saige O'Keefe (130 lbs.) earned commendable 5th place finishes. Victoria Black (125 lbs.) and Cora Yearous (130 lbs.) secured victories, contributing to the team's overall performance.

**Boys Varsity Basketball**

## Bulldogs triumph over La Salle Lightning

Ward Media / Cashmere Valley Record

The Cashmere Bulldogs' boys' varsity basketball team claimed a victory against the La Salle Lightning, seizing a hard-fought 67-62 win on Friday. With a 2-2 record this season, the Bulldogs turned the tables from last year's defeat, retaliating against La Salle's previous 66-41 win.

Despite La Salle's initial lead of 23-18 after the first quarter,

the Bulldogs showcased unwavering resilience. La Salle's Jaxton Caffery dominated with 17 of his 26 total points in the first half, giving the Lightning a 40-31 advantage at halftime.

However, Cashmere mounted an impressive comeback in the second half. Senior Landon Baker's pivotal four three-pointers and senior Trae Smith's clutch 4th quarter contribution of 6 points propelled the Bulldogs to outscore La Salle 21-9 in the final frame, securing

the non-league victory.

Junior Rylan Nelson led the Bulldogs with 18 points, including a game-changing break-away dunk just before halftime. Baker's five three-pointers amounted to 17 points, while senior Caed Wilkinson and Dalan Smart added 11 and 9 points, respectively. Junior Brody Larson's dominance in the paint and senior Trae Smith's stellar defensive performance capped off a commendable team effort.

## Bulldogs yield to Omak's pressure, lose league opener

Ward Media / Cashmere Valley Record

The Cashmere Bulldogs boys' varsity basketball team faced a challenge against the Omak Pioneers, losing their league opener 59-50 despite leading 26-18 at halftime.

Omak, last season's District VI 1A champions, capitalized

on their relentless full-court pressure, forcing 29 turnovers from Cashmere. Although the Bulldogs attempted a fourth-quarter comeback, reducing the gap to two points, Omak held firm to secure the win.

Junior Rylan Nelson led the Bulldogs with 17 points, supported by senior Caed

Wilkinson's 16-point effort. Landon Baker contributed 9 points, and Dalan Smart added 8.

Despite their halftime advantage, Cashmere couldn't sustain their lead against a determined Omak team that capitalized on turnovers, securing victory in the league opener.

**Girls Varsity Basketball**

## Girls varsity beats Omak Pioneers in league opener

Ward Media / Cashmere Valley Record

The Cashmere High School girls' varsity basketball team started their Caribou Trail

League campaign with an emphatic 73-23 victory against the Omak Pioneers. This win took their season record to 2-1.

Cashmere's early dominance saw them seize a commanding

19-4 lead after the first quarter. Employing a robust full-court press, they stifled the Pioneer offense, extending their advantage to 35-9 by halftime.

Senior standout Katie Piepel

shone with a career-high 21 points, 10 of which were earned in the third quarter. Junior Ellie Bessonette contributed 14 points, with 10 coming in the latter half, while Allie McKenna

added 12 points, 8 of them in the opening half. Brianna Talley, Macie Zimmerman, and Ella Kenoyer each added 7 points to the Bulldogs' scoreboard.

Cashmere's dominance

continued, establishing a formidable 64-18 lead by the third quarter's end, triggering a running clock for the final quarter and sealing a convincing win.

## More than 40 state parks will offer First Day Hikes on January 1

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

OLYMPIA — December 7, 2023 — Ring in the new year with Washington State Parks during our annual First Day Hikes event on Jan. 1, 2024.

More than 40 state parks will host staff-led and self-guided hikes, snowshoe excursions, dog walks, bike and trail rides, paddle adventures and more on New Year's Day.

First Day Hikes events will range in difficulty from

paved, flat ADA-accessible trails to moderate hill climbs. A few parks will host more than one hike with options tailored to different interests and abilities. Additionally, some hikes will include fun and educational talks with rangers where you can learn about the history and natural features of the parks.

Some First Day Hike adventures to put on your list include:

- A medium-to-advanced level bike ride at Fort Ebey State Park.

- A 0.5-mile scavenger hunt at Deception Pass State Park's Bowman Bay.
- A 3-mile leisurely paddle at Ike Kinswa State Park on Lake Mayfield with kayaks, paddles and personal floatation devices provided for use.
- A 2.5-mile guided snowshoe hike at Lake Wenatchee State Park with limited snowshoe rentals available.
- A 0.5-mile walk along Lake Sammamish State Park's boardwalk.
- A self-guided trail ride

through Bridle Trails State Park on well-maintained, equestrian-friendly trails.

- ADA-accessible hikes at Bridle Trails State Park, Columbia Plateau Trail State Park, Klickitat State Park Trail, Lake Sammamish State Park, Lime Kiln State Park, Lincoln Rock State Park, Palouse Falls State Park, Rockport State Park, Sacajawea State Park, Schafer State Park and Seaquest State Park.
- And much more!

First Day Hikes is a national initiative led by America's State Parks, encouraging people to start the new year outside. Last year, more than 1,500 participants hiked, biked and snowshoed 2,652.67 trail miles in Washington's state parks. Distance and rigor vary from park to park, but all hikes aim to create a fun experience for the whole family.

Most First Day Hikes require advanced registration, and group sizes may be limited. Select hikes will have snowshoes available for

visitors to reserve. Visit our website to view all activities and registration information.

New Year's Day also marks the first state-managed land free day of 2024. Visitors will not need a Discover Pass to park on state recreation lands. If you plan to participate in a First Day Hike at a park that becomes a Sno-Park during the winter (Easton Reload Sno-Park, Fields Spring State Park, Lake Wenatchee State Park and Mount Spokane State Park), a Sno-Park permit is required.



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# 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

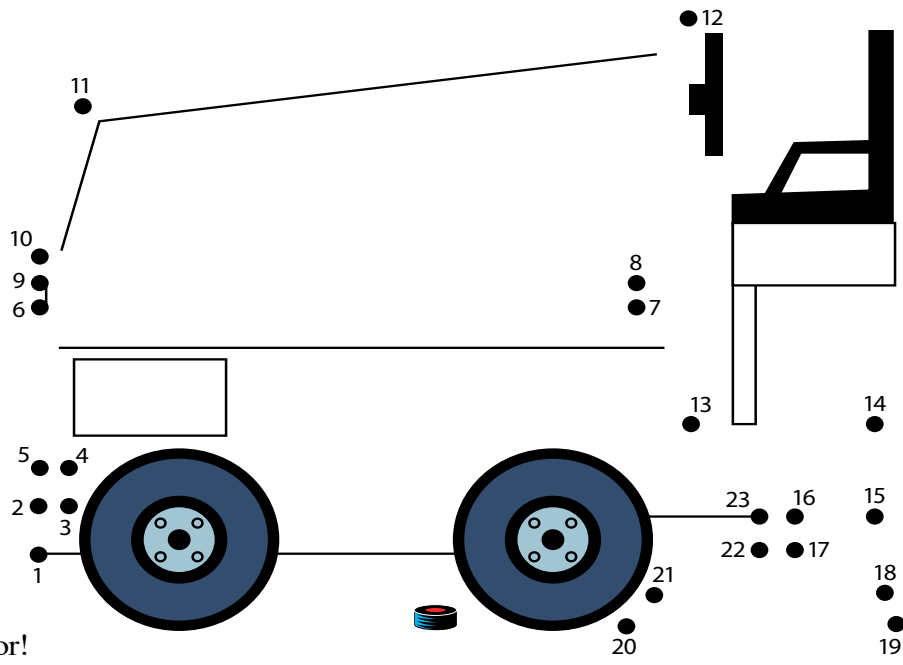
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Look through today's newspaper for words that go with the game of hockey. The words can be nouns, verbs or adjectives. Put the words in ABC order.

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

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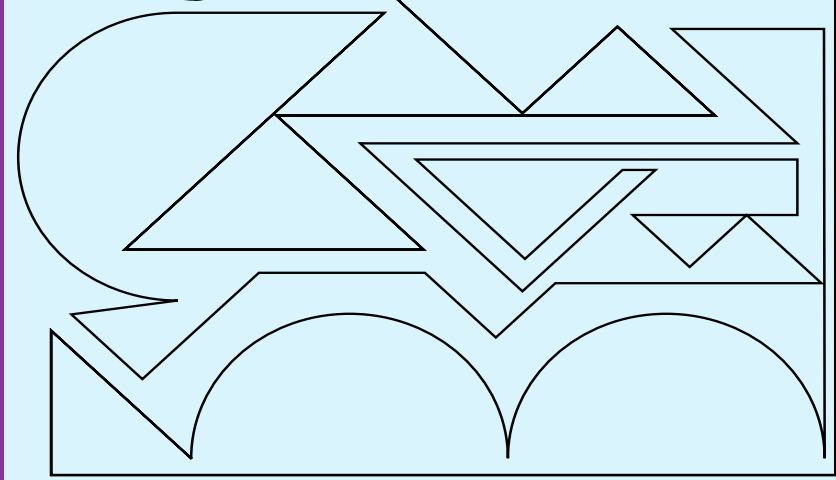
**This week's word: OBJECT**  
One meaning of the noun object is any solid thing that can be seen or touched.

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.

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### 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.

### How do hockey players stay cool during a game?

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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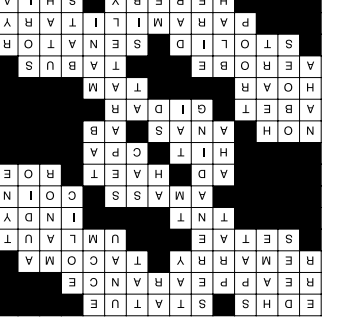
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**CRYPTO FUN**  
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

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. tinsel 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
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- 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.



From the Publisher

**TERRY WARD**

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.

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.

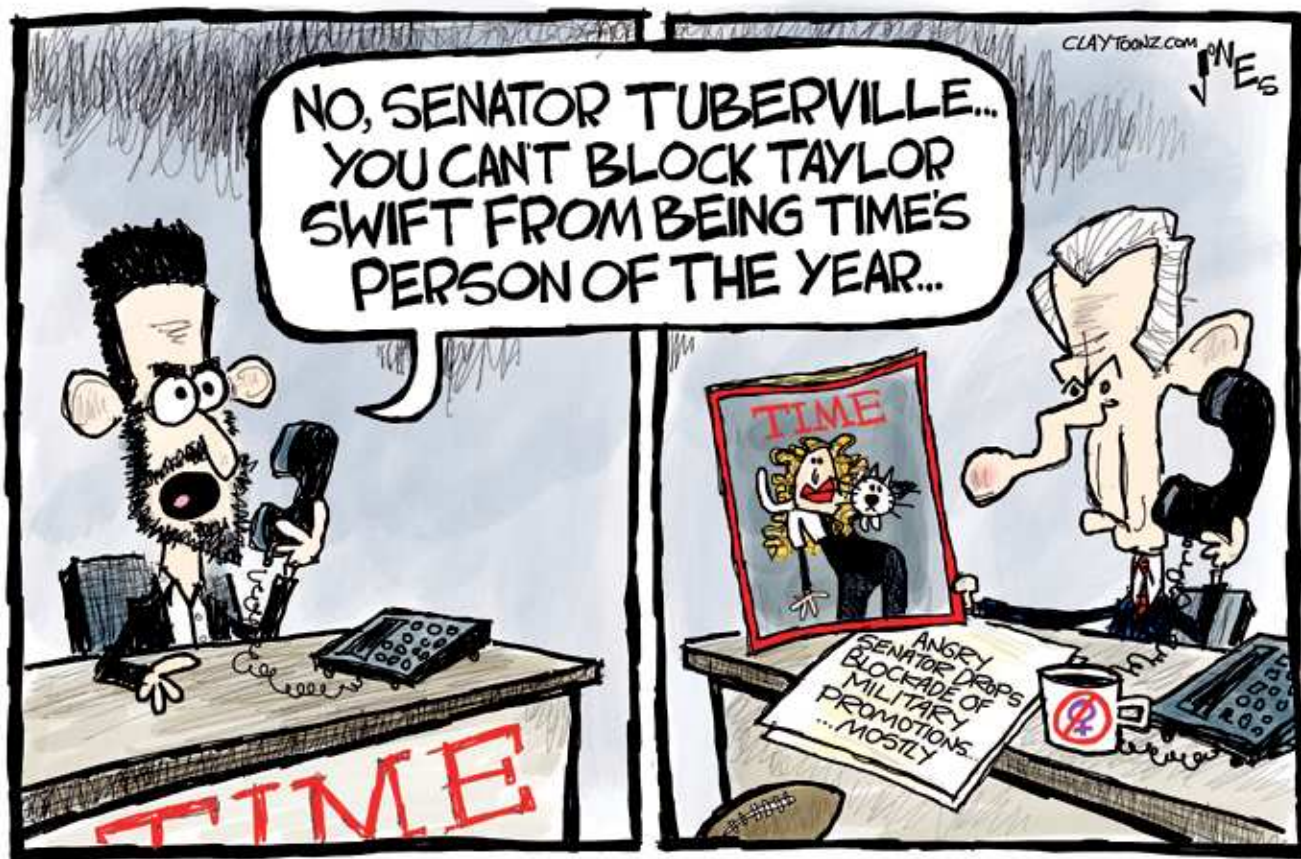
Let our acts of kindness compose a melody that

resonates far beyond the holiday season, inspiring hope and illuminating the path for a brighter, more compassionate world.

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Media and the publisher of the Cashmere Valley Record, Lake Chelan Mirror, The Leavenworth Echo, Quad City Herald, and the Wenatchee Business Journal. He can be reached at [terry@ward.media](mailto:terry@ward.media).

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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](mailto: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](mailto:michael_munts@fws.gov)

**GRAND COULEE** – Date TBD – The compiler is David St. George. You can reach him by email at [stgeorged79@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:michael.schroeder@dfw.wa.gov)

**OMAK** – OKANOGAN – December 30 – Matthew Danielson is the coordinator. You can email him at [mattie\\_rubio@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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@embarqmail.com](mailto:sam4cb@embarqmail.com)

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](http://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count)

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A Hungarian partridge, also known as the gray partridge

## Xmas tree farm

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see the world might go into service or whatever. And then all of a sudden, here they come back, and they're bringing their kids or grandkids and everything."

A Christmas tree farm is not an easy venture. It is a long-term investment because it takes years for the trees to reach a marketable height. Because of the dry climate in this region the trees must be irrigated and take longer to grow. It takes about 10-15 years for a tree to be ready to grace a family's home for the season, Bob said.

But there is a lot of enjoyment in it as well. Paula enjoys watching how happy people are when they come to pick out their tree at the Shelton farm. "Probably the best part of it

is watching people out there, especially after it snows and the kids are playing in the snow, throwing snowballs around and just loving it," Paula said. "And people come in, and they love coming to the farm because, like a lot of places, they have trees, but they're already pre-cut, number one, and number two, they can't walk through. Ours are fresh. I mean, we won't cut until the customer picks them up."

The Sheltons grow a number of different types of trees, so there really is something for everyone's taste.

"Everybody's happy," Paula said. "They're loving being up here, walking through the six acres of trees, going through one across the street, and then the variety. And it is just really cute because some people are looking for Charlie Brown trees, some people want them

really full. So we have different types of trees. We try to grow them as natural as possible, very little pruning on them, so they look very natural."

"Not everybody takes the same type of tree," she said. "Everybody wants something different."

The farm is located at 3085 Mission Creek Rd. in Cashmere. The last day for cutting and pick-up is on Sunday, Dec. 17. The Farm is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information visit [sheltonstreefarm.com](http://sheltonstreefarm.com).

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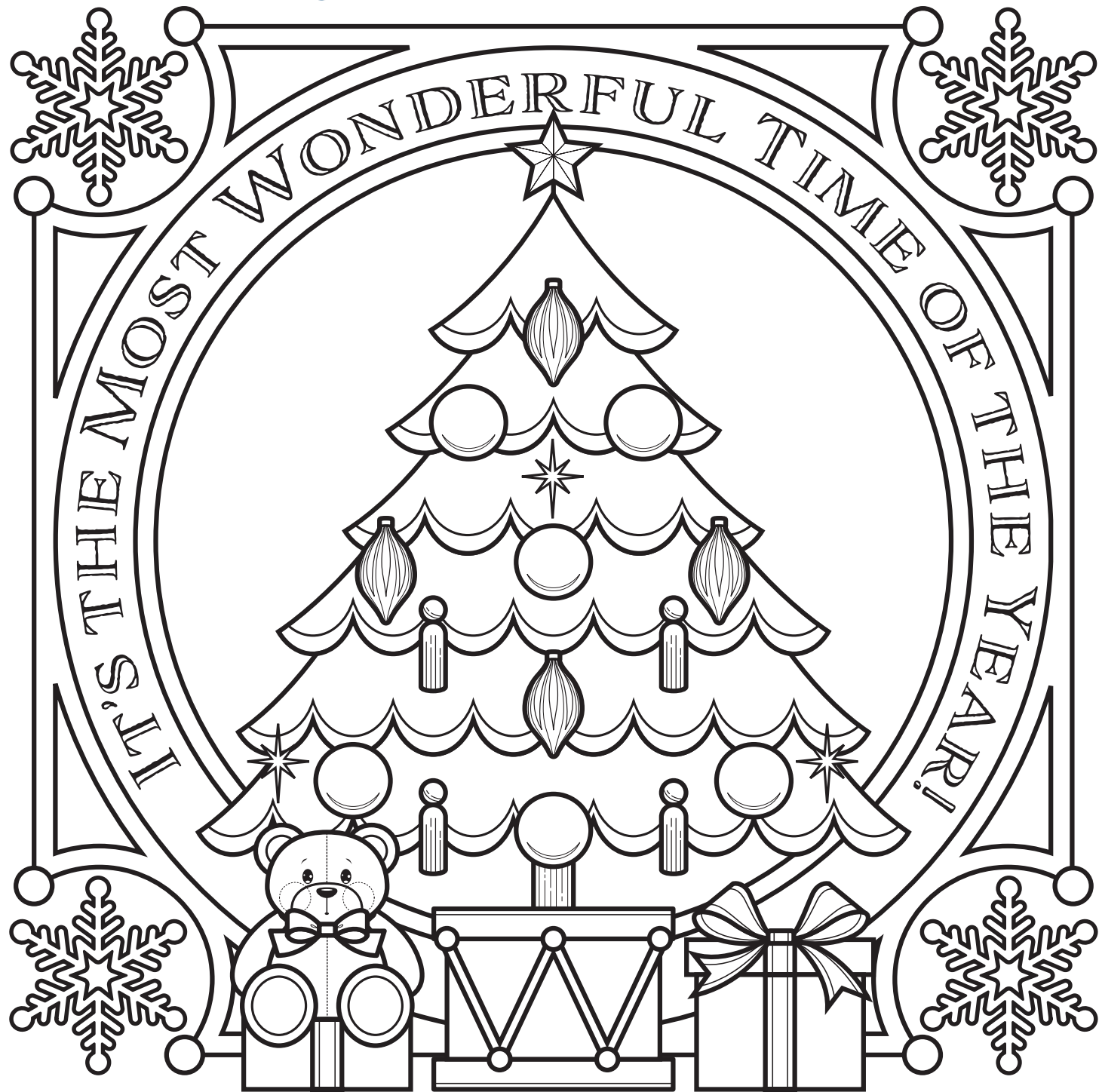
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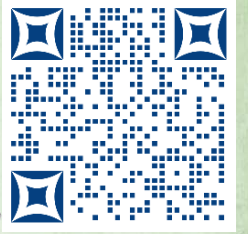


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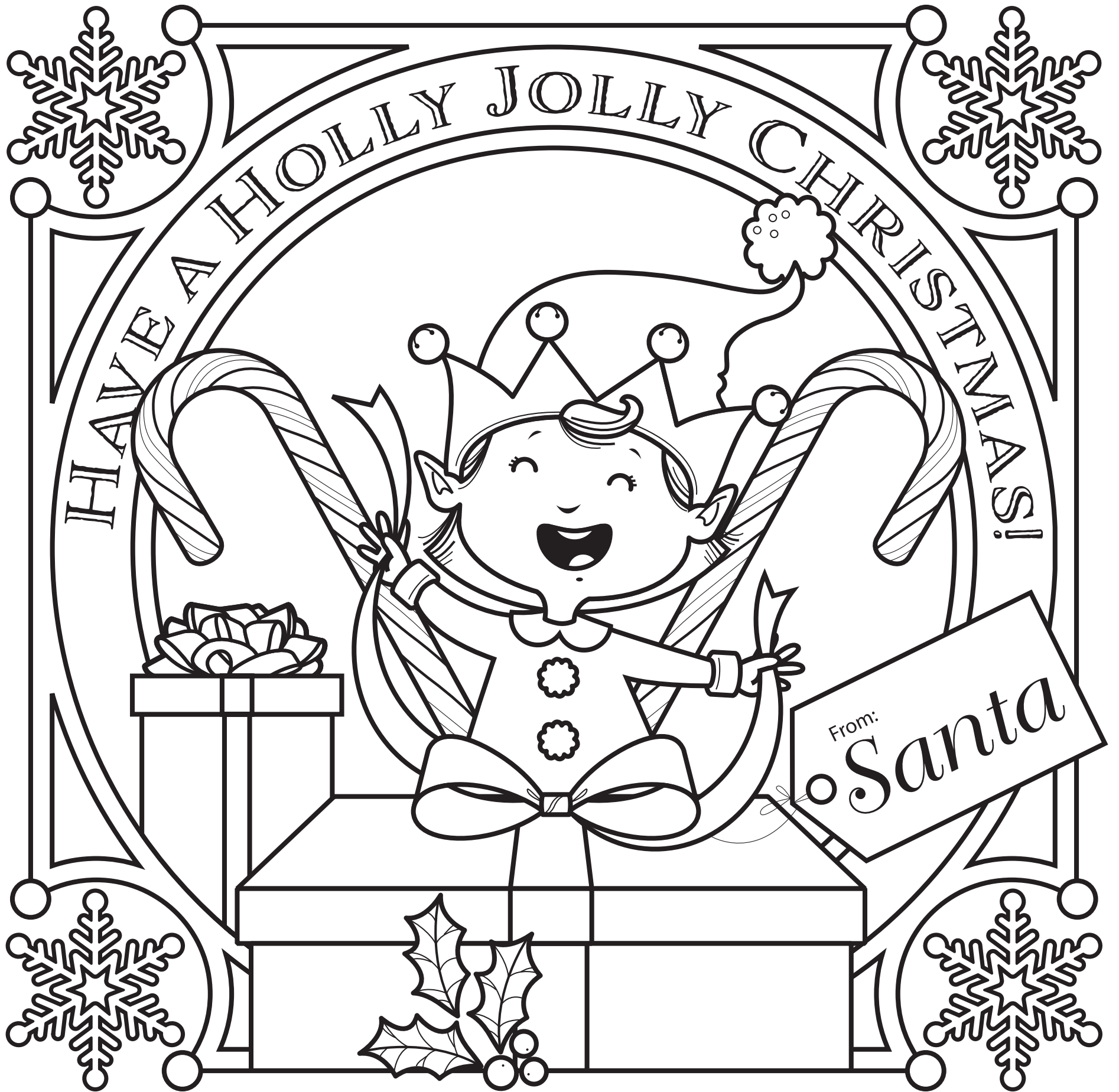
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