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Pete Rettler (center) runs with sons Max, 20, and Drew, 22. Pete Rettler has run every day for the past 26 years. On December 31, he will run to benefit the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial.

photo by Anne Trautner

## Rettler Running Streak Continues

– 5K Run/Walk On December 31 To Benefit Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial

By Anne Trautner

Pete Rettler has not missed a day of running in 26 years.

Now Rettler's running streak will help the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial, which is being built in Kewaskum. Rettler will hold a 5K run/walk at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31. The event, which will not be timed, will begin and end at the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial construction site in front of the Kewaskum Annex building at 204 First

Street in Kewaskum.

The cost to participate is \$26 per family. Free beverages and hamburgers will be served to participants. To help ensure there is enough food and beverages, preregistration is available at [www.eventbrite.com/e/rettler-running-streak-new-years-eve-run-for-the-wisconsin-911-memorial-tickets-83290854187](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/rettler-running-streak-new-years-eve-run-for-the-wisconsin-911-memorial-tickets-83290854187).

that Pete Rettler made with a friend 26 years ago.

"We decided to run every single day. It had to be an outside run, and the minimum distance had to be a mile," Rettler said.

They both ran each day that year. After that first year, Rettler's friend stopped running every day. Rettler kept running.

**A Running Start**

It all started with a bet

**Rettler Running Streak**

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## Shining Stars Dance Team Continues To Shine And Grow

By Andrea Hansen Ablter

As the Shining Stars dance team continues in its sixth year, it is stronger than ever.

The Shining Stars is a dance team for special needs individuals. It is the creation of former Campbellsport High School dance team coach Mary Bilgo. She had the idea to start a group like this for many, many years and took the leap about five years ago.

"When I first started it, I was hoping it would get bigger," Mary said. "I just didn't know how to get the word out."

Mary had a brother

with special needs. So, the dream of this group was something very near and dear to her heart and one that she had been thinking about for many, many years.

"The main goal is to have fun," she said. I think it's also good for the parent. It is something the team members can be proud of."

Originally, the team was made up of dancers from the Campbellsport and Kewaskum communities. Today, they have dancers from five school districts — Campbellsport, Kewaskum, Lomira, North Fond du Lac and West Bend.

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Members of the Shining Stars dance team are: (front row, from left) teacher Jamie Reilly, Olivia Schrader, Angel Flood, Jellie Jahn, Abby Zirber, Madison Enright, Audra Stoffel, Kayla Reimer, Emma Ott, Miranda Stuht, Alyscia Stoffel, Izzy Retzlaff and Thomas Stuht; (back row) coach Mary Bilgo, teacher Ella Goebel, teacher Anna Reimer, teacher Chloe Feucht, Abby Stuht, Jo Brath, Kate VandeSlunt, teacher Olivia Kraemer, Amelia Stern, teacher Gabby Feucht, Ian VandeSlunt, Lyssa Brath, teacher Becca Volz, Harrison St Louis, and teacher Samara Kreuser; and (not pictured) Tia VanLoo and Morgan Baum.

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The Washington County Senior Dining Home Delivered Meal program needs volunteer drivers in the Jackson area in January and February on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Volunteers would give approximately 1½ hours to take noon meals to homebound persons.

Anyone willing to deliver meals and have your mileage reimbursed should call the

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Washington County at 262-335-4497 or 1-877-306-3030 for more information.



## BBB Tips: Holiday Returns And Exchanges

Holiday returns aren't easy! And we don't mean the part where you explain to your mother why you returned the sweater she gave you.

Stores are not legally required to accept exchanges or give refunds unless the merchandise was defective or misrepresented. While most retailers do offer refund and exchange programs as a courtesy to their customers, policies vary greatly from one store to another. Add to the mix warranties, which are usually fulfilled by the manufacturer, and holiday returns can get confusing. The following tips should help to make your holiday returns run more smoothly.

Get to know store policies. Before you make a purchase, find out if the store has a return policy and, if so, how it works. Understand that policies can change during the holiday season and may not apply to sale items. If the store does allow returns or exchanges, find out if you will need to pay a restock fee. Ask the seller if they offer cash refunds, exchanges, or only store credit. Store policies are usually posted at the check-out counter or

printed on the back of receipts.

Understand online store return policies. If you are shopping online, search for the seller's return policy and read it through before clicking "buy." Find out if they accept returns or exchanges, and who pays the shipping when an item is returned. In some cases, you can save on shipping fees by returning an online purchase to the local brick-and-mortar store.

Get the details on a product's warranty. Most electronics and home appliances come with warranties that are to be fulfilled with the manufacturer, not the retailer. Find out how returns and repairs are handled if an item stops working or needs replacement parts. Will the retailer ship the item to the manufacturer for you? Or will you need to deal with the manufacturer directly? Knowing the answers will leave you well-prepared for any future issues.

Keep your receipt and packaging. Most stores will only accept returns and exchanges if you can present the item with its receipt and original packaging. Always include a gift receipt with

items you give, and hold on to any gift receipts you receive.

Bring your ID. To avoid holiday return scams, many stores ask to see your ID when you return an item. Sometimes retailers require you bring your ID and the original form of payment. If this is the policy of the store where your gift is from, you may need the assistance of the gift giver in order to be reimbursed.

Make returns in a timely fashion. Almost all return policies are valid during a specific time period. Some stores modify their return period during the holidays, so don't risk missing your chance to make your return. Take the item back to the store without delay.

Share an online version of this story. For more information or further inquiries, contact the Wisconsin BBB at [www.bbb.org/wisconsin](http://www.bbb.org/wisconsin), 414-847-6000 or 1-800-273-1002. Consumers also can find more information about how to protect themselves from scams by following the Wisconsin BBB on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

## Safety Tips To Make Your Holidays Happy This Season

The next two weeks will be filled with travel, cooking, gifting and togetherness for many Americans, but there are also risks that come along with the hustle and bustle of the season.

"The holidays can be a busy time for many people, but don't let it distract you from taking simple precautions to ensure your family stays safe into the new year," said FEMA Region V Administrator James K. Joseph. "Be a prepared traveler, and if you're staying home for the holidays, prevent house fires with smart decorating, heating and cooking practices."

Keep the stress at a minimum this holiday season by following a few simple safety tips:

Be a prepared traveler. Know the risk of inclement weather for your trip before you leave home. Listen to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad

weather is forecast, drive only if necessary and keep your gas tank at least half full at all times. Talk with family about who to call and where to meet in an emergency. Visit [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan) for tips to get started.

Pack an emergency supply kit. If you're driving, keep an emergency supply kit in your vehicle with necessities you may need in case you're stranded somewhere. If you're packing for a flight or train ride, consider a small kit in case of emergency: flashlight, batteries, & a spare USB power bank.

Protect against home fire risks. Put working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas. Before guests arrive for the holidays check your smoke and CO alarm batteries. Also, keep in mind: more than half of home decoration fires in

December are started by candles. Think about using battery-operated flameless candles this season. If that isn't an option, place candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns and ensure they cannot be reached by children or pets.

Practice smart cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so they won't get bumped. Clean cooking equipment after each use — crumbs in a toaster or grease on the stove can catch on fire.

Heat your home safely. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves, portable heaters and radiators. When you leave a room or go to bed, turn heaters off or unplug them.

For more readiness tips, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov), or download FEMA's free app, available for your Android, Apple or BlackBerry device.

### Week's Wit

The quickest way to get a lot of undivided attention is to make a mistake.

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## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

### Vehicle Crash With Injury In Town of Plymouth

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, at approximately 5 p.m. the Sheboygan County Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call in reference to a semi truck versus a pick-up truck

accident on State Highway 57 at the intersection of County Road U in the Town of Plymouth.

Preliminary investigation indicates a 2006 Dodge Ram pick-up being operated by Dustin R.C. Oberreich, a 31-year-old man from rural Plymouth, was traveling west on County

Road U. The pick-up crossed the northbound lanes of State Highway 57 after stopping at the intersection and then stopped in the median in the middle of State Highway 57. The pick-up pulled into the path of a south bound semi tractor trailer truck being operated by Thomas G. La Framboise, a 67-year-old man from Ontario, Canada.

Oberreich was taken via Theda Star helicopter to Thedacare Regional Medical Center in Neenah Wisconsin with life-threatening injuries. The accident will be re-

constructed by the Wisconsin State Patrol. Framboise was not injured.

The following public safety agencies assisted with this incident: the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office, Plymouth Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Sheboygan Falls Police Department, Cascade First Responders and Fire Department, Waldo Fire Department, Orange Cross Ambulance Service, Theda Star and the Sheboygan County Highway Department.

## Tuesday Night Sheepshead Winners

Five-handed winners on Tuesday, Dec. 17, were: Sylvester Stern 71-6-65 23-2-21, Jerry Wiedmeyer 70-8-62 77-5-17, Katie Reimer 59-4-55 78-2-15, Raymond Sippel 56-2-54 19-2-17, Raymond Kirchner 61-8-53 17-6-11, Dave Dayton 66-8-52 23-5-17, Vern S 58-7-51 23-5-18, Robert Miller 48-1-47 16-1-15, Pat

Heaslip 18 most losses, and Jean Cornell 9 low points.

The next five-handed call-an-ace will be Wednesday, Jan. 1 at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday Jan. 7 at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

New players are always welcome at the Kewaskum Labor Center.

## XYZ Card Results

The winners of cards played at the Municipal Building Annex on Wednesday, Dec. 18, were: Darleen Rochwite, Eileen Petri, Marilyn Martin, Ruth

Kern, John Fleischman and Fred Lettow. New members are always welcome. Cards are played from 8 - 11:15 a.m. every Wednesday.



## So It Goes

By Andrew Johnson  
Publisher

Christmas is about hope and good news. It is about the long-awaited arrival of the Christ child.

In today's world it can be easy as well as discouraging to listen to the bombardment of bad news. Although some of this news may be true, it does not have to dominate our thinking.

At the same time, there is good news happening all around us. We have so much to be thankful for; freedom to practice our faith, family, good friends, jobs, good schools, and the special place we live called "our community."

We choose what our mind will focus on and what information we let in. I look around the world I live in and see so much to be thankful for

and so much to look forward to.

This newspaper is something special that represents what we call "community." This week's edition is extra special since the businesses that make up our community put in their holiday greetings. These are the businesses that value community and want to be seen as part of the community.

We recognize that this paper would not exist without them. Every single person living or working here is affected directly or indirectly by the success or failure of the business in our community. We are grateful to them as well as our loyal readers for allowing us to serve the community with our printed and digital editions each week.

For the past 15 years, there has been an annual Christmas Gold Star family event at the Governor's residence. It was started as a response to the huge cost and sacrifice that Wisconsin veterans endured since the war on terrorism started on September 11th.

Laura and I went to the event on Saturday, Dec. 14. Each year the residence, which is open to the public for certain hours, is decorated with various themes that are reflective of the state as well as the diversity of the people who live in Wisconsin.

This year was extra special for my family since the states Troop Tree that is located in the central room of the building, is themed for the Gold Star Memorial Trail (GSMT). The tree honors Wisconsin veterans currently deployed and those who gave



Andrew and Laura Johnson, publishers of the Campbellsport News and Kewaskum Statesman, in front of this year's Wisconsin's Troop Tree.

-photo submitted

their all. This year it is decorated with 149 GSMT ornaments with a background of red, white and blue. Each one of

ornaments has a name of a veteran on it. The tree made me so proud of our veterans.

Laura and I wish you

and your family a season filled with hope and good news. Merry Christmas!

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Audra brings 30 years of experience to the business and the Administrator, Crystal Hafemann, brings 21 years of experience. Along with them, there are 10-14 employees depending on the time of year. Mike and Audra Beyer are supportive of their staff going back to school through funding in conjunction with TEACH.

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OBITUARIES



**Robert E. Scannell**

Robert Emmett (Bob) Scannell, age 91, of Kewaskum, Wisconsin passed away on Tuesday, December 17, at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee after complications during heart surgery.

Bob was born on March 7, 1928 in Armstrong, Wisconsin, to George and Viola (Merjay) Scannell. He was unable to finish his senior year of high school because of the war and being needed to help at his father's cheese factory. He became the youngest master cheese maker in Wisconsin at the age of 16. He is most known for his kind heart and sense of humor.

Bob married the love of his life, Bernice "Bunny" Bunkelman on June 11, 1949. Together they raised a loving family of six children: Sue (Don) McCullough West Bend, June (Chuck) Kocken Oshkosh, Pam (Jerry) Lahmann Wauwatosa, Jean (Mark) Homan Waupun, Kelly Scannell Kewaskum and Jeff Scannell West Bend.

Bob's first job was at Plymouth, Wisconsin, as a cheese maker. He moved to Kewaskum in 1954 and got a job at "Yum Yum" Kewaskum Dairy, which later became Kemps Dairy.

He was an active member of the community. He participated in recreational baseball and bowling teams. He was a member of the Lions Club and was a volunteer auxiliary policeman for over 25

years. He was involved in church activities as an usher. After retirement, he spent most of his new free time on the Hon-E-Kor Golf Course. He also liked to go dancing, listen to big band music (of which he had a huge collection), and play cards. Bob's biggest joy in life was spending time with his family and extended family. He was very proud of his Irish Heritage and enjoyed working on his family genealogy.

Bob is survived by his lovely wife Bunny of 70 years, his six children, ten grandchildren (Pat, Heidi, Mitchell, Jenna, Ian, Neda, Keith, Krystal, Hunter and Lily) and four great-grandchildren (Charlie, Alice, Liam and Ellen). He is also survived by one brother, Tom Scannell of Fond du Lac; and two sisters-in-law, Betty Scannell of Madison and June Twohig of Minnesota. He is also survived by many wonderful nieces and nephews who were dear to his heart...especially his great nieces Kari and Lorri. He is also survived by his good friend Don Baierl.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Viola Scannell; his in-laws, Louis and Lorinda Bunkelman; his infant son, Robert Louis (Bobby) Scannell; his siblings, Florence (and John) Twohig, Leo (and Elaine) Scannell, Mary (and Jim) Twohig, Margaret (and Allen) Guell, and Jim (and Pat) Scannell; his brother-in-law, Edward Bunkelman; and sisters-in-law, Marion Bunkelman and Marcella "Sis" Scannell.

A visitation for Bob will be held on Saturday, December 28, from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church in Kewaskum. Mass of Christian burial will follow. Rev. Anthony Scannell will officiate the service. A private family burial service will be held at Peace Cemetery in Kewaskum after the mass.

Bob was an incredible husband, dad, grandpa,

great grandpa, brother, uncle and friend. We will miss his warm hugs, blue eyes, witty humor and loving ways. He always said that his dad was his hero and that legacy continued because he was a hero to all of us.

"A great man is one who leaves others at a loss after he is gone" (Paul Valery)

Myrhum-Patten Funeral and Cremation Service is serving the family with on-line condolences and guestbook at [www.myrhum-patten.com](http://www.myrhum-patten.com).

*Library Happenings*



**ACTIVITIES AT THE KEWASKUM LIBRARY**

The Kewaskum Public Library, 206 1st St. in Kewaskum, is offering the following programs. For more information, contact the library at (262) 626-4312.

**Washington County Libraries Survey**

The libraries of Washington County would like to hear from you. Fill out a quick 5 question survey to help us bring you the service you want. You can fill out a paper copy in any of the 5 libraries or access it online here <http://bit.ly/36Ep1BM>. The survey will be active through February 22, 2020. Thank you for all your participation.

person, by phone or email to [kewaskum@monarchlibraries.org](mailto:kewaskum@monarchlibraries.org), 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 14  
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**Monday, Dec. 30  
Happy Noon Year's Eve**

Celebrate the start of a new year at the library! Join us for tons of Noon Year's fun and the big countdown to noon! All ages welcome, no sign-up is required, 11 a.m.

**Storytimes resumes on January 8.**

**Look for new kids programs beginning in January.**

There will be Parachute Play and No School STEAM Club.

**Thursday, Jan. 9  
Kid's Crafternoon Origami Bookmarks**

Join us for an afternoon of fun making origami bookmarks of your favorite characters. Please register in-

The library will be closed the following days:  
Tuesday, Dec. 24  
Wednesday, Dec. 25  
Tuesday, Dec. 31  
Wednesday, Jan. 1

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS**

**The News Office will be open  
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*Have a Merry Christmas!*



*Check It Out!*



**A Column By Kewaskum Librarian Lori Kreis**

Welcome to my last column of the year and of the decade. 2019 was a great year for Kewaskum Public Library. We had a lot of exciting events going on, saw some rising circulation numbers and greeted new patrons to the library. Here is our "Year in Review."

Our programs in 2019 were stupendous thanks to the hard work by staff and volunteers. We had over 200 programs and received about 5,000 people in attendance overall. We began two ongoing programs for adults that will be continued in 2020. The Knit Wits are our knitting group that meets every Monday and the Recipe Club is going strong with delicious tastings every month. For children, Crafternoon, our monthly craft program for school-age kids, has been quite successful. The Summer Reading Program, "A Universe of Stories," saw record-breaking statistics by all ages. The Library was also present at some notable local events such as Party on the Pavement, Washington County Fair and we were involved in Kewaskum's Cookie Hunt and Christmas Parade.

Kewaskum Public Library has seen increases in patron's use of certain items. First, our eBook downloads have been steadily increasing throughout the years and 2019 was no exception. Although circulation numbers are not complete yet for the year, as of this date, eBook downloads are up about 18% from last year as are new library card patrons. We added just over 2,000 new items to our collection. The use of our databases, such as Ancestry, Gale Courses and rbDigital, have been growing substan-

tially since the beginning of the year.

Several changes were made in the library. Staff completed a large weed project and cleaned up records, which led to opening up shelf space and greatly diminishing the crowding of shelves. New games and toys were purchased for the children's area. Updated policies went into place to mirror what other libraries have been doing in our system such as requiring a library card for services. I would like to insert a thank you here to citizens for their patience and understanding while staff implemented this policy. Change is not always easy.

On the renovation front, the Library and the rest of the Municipal Building have been working with an architectural firm and as of year-end is almost complete with the first phase of the renovation project. Additionally, the land owned by the Kewaskum Public Library Foundation was gifted to the Village earlier in the year. 2020 should see some vast progress with the renovation. Our first annual Family Fall Festival was held on a frosty day in October with carriage rides, a petting zoo and other fun activities. With close to one hundred people that attended, we also celebrated the land that may not be empty much longer.

I look forward to 2020 with fresh programming, continued high use of our resources and welcoming all patrons to the Library. It should be a banner year.

Happy New Year  
Lori Kreis  
Library Director  
Kewaskum Public Library

**Dinner Menu Week of Dec. 30**  
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Wednesday: Open 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
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## DAYS GONE BY

**5 Years Ago****January 1, 2015**

This paper is not available.

**15 Years Ago****December 23, 2004**

Judging for the Kewaskum Women's Club's Christmas Home Decorating Contest has been completed. Deciding on the four winners was not an easy task. Plaques were awarded to Scott and Peggy Timm, 1203 Parkview Dr. William and Claire Lehmann, 1809 Conrad St.; Roger and Ann Neumann, 1406 Roseland Dr.; and Matt and Keri Lehn, 469 Washington Ave.

Three Kewaskum Board of Education seats are up for the April election. Jean Goeden, current board president, has returned her papers to keep her seat. Steve Schmitt and Mary Meisser filed non-candidacy papers. The deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy and campaign registration statement is January 4 by 5 p.m.

A Roman Catholic priest who was formerly of Campbellsport was found dead in the church he served in Hurley on December 19. Thirty-one-year-old Reverend Ryan Erickson's body was found hanging in a hallway between St. Mary's Catholic Church and the adjoining rectory.

The Kewaskum Women's Club has donated the book "The Christmas Tree Ship" by Rochelle Pennington to the Kewaskum Public Library, St. Lucas, Holy Trinity, Kewaskum Elementary, Wayne Elementary, Farmington Elementary Schools.

Doreen Kowalczyk's K-5 class from Holy Trinity Catholic School in Kewaskum, got a sweet history lesson from Candy Tree owner, Chris Jung on December 14. The class took a field trip to the Candy Tree and got a lesson in the discovery of chocolate.

Farming Elementary School recently held its DARE graduation for fifth graders. Students who received medals for leadership included Kelsie Hennig, Aly Back-

haus, Colin Gliniecki, and Jessica Haack. Receiving lions for Good Hearts were Sarah Zeeb, Morgan Brace, Zach Gilane, and Michael Hodorff.

A daughter, Mallerie Marie, was born to Donielle and Richard Daley, Campbellsport, on December 16.

A daughter, Tonia Jean, was born to Jean and James Keaton on December 15.

A son, Xavier E. was born to Jennifer and Brian Kleinke, Kewaskum, on November 2.

A daughter, Courtney Nicole, was born to Spc. Dan and Sarah Eckert, Ft. Irwin, CA, on December 10.

A son, Owen Theodore, was born to Chris and Mike Schmidt, Kewaskum, on December 6.

A daughter, Marie Em-malynn, was born to Laura Kudek and Todd Steinman, Kewaskum, on December 1.

Ethan E. Etta, 65, Kohlsville, passed away December 12.

Henry J. Schickert, 64, Slinger, passed away December 12.

Attorney William J. Marth, 82, West Bend, passed away December 7.

Kewaskum Dairy Queen advertised Customer Appreciation Day for December 27. All individual menu items are half price.

**25 Years Ago  
December 29, 1994**

Final touches are being made on a newly constructed recycling center for the Town of Kewaskum residents. The 48'x72' center is located on Kettle Moraine Drive on the same property as the town hall. The town landfill was closed by the DNR several years ago. The town has continued to accept recyclable materials. Solid waste was placed in dumpsters at the landfill site for proper disposal. Town officials hope to have the new center open by the end of January.

The Kewaskum chapter of the county conference of St. Vincent De Paul has been busy this holiday season putting together food baskets to

make things a little bit easier for individuals as well as families on very tight budgets. There are nine members of the group.

Faith Haven is a 300-acre parcel of land located on Highway D, just outside of Kohlsville, and has been set aside as a sanctuary of sorts that represents the abounding beauty of nature that can be found throughout Washington County. The land has been nurtured and maintained by a man who sees himself as a visionary, someone 500 years ahead of his time.

Odyssey of the Mind "OM" is a creative problem-solving competition that fosters cooperative learning and team work and combines the excitement of an athletic competition with fun-filled mental gymnastics. "OM" provides students in grades 3-12 with the opportunity to be creative and innovative. Students learn to think quickly and to solve challenging, mind-boggling problems.

Kewaskum 4-H'ers picked up trash along Highway 28, east of St. Michaels, recently for the third time this year in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Those who participated were Graeme Zanow, Kimberly Erdmann, Brooke Zanow, Amanda Jesow-shek, Mrs. Beth Jesow-shek, Nicole Johnson and Amy Deshotels.

Glacier Inn was recently welcomed to the Kewaskum business community when Kewaskum Area Chamber of Commerce members Jane Korth and Tim Miller visited the business and presented new owner Marlene Nagel with a plant.

Ione L. Herriges, 67, West Bend, passed away December 21.

Emily S. Hammen, 75, West Bend, passed away December 21.

Sylvester P. Fell, 79, Lomira, passed away December 20.

Richard L. Morgan, 56, Campbellsport, passed away December 26.

Matilda G. Ritger, 79, passed away December 25.

**50 Years Ago  
December 26, 1969**

The Secretary of the Army has awarded the Army Commendation Medal to Specialist Four Russell J. Reysen, U.S. Army, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Reysen of Adell. The article printed in full the reason for the medal. In part, the medal was for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the period of July 1, 1969 to August 31, 1969.

Three Washington County students are among the 26 youths nominated from the Sixth District for entrance into the U.S. service academies, according to an announcement this week from Congressman William A. Steiger. A principal nominee for the U.S. Military Academy at West point is Lee Rammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rammer, Kewaskum. He is a senior at Kewaskum Community High School.

Senator Dale McKenna, Democrat, 13th Senate District, conducted the annual election of Washington County Democratic Party officers on December 14. Lee Eichstedt, West Bend and formerly of Kewaskum, was re-elected chairman to his second term. Mrs. Diane Feiten, Kewaskum, will serve another term as recording secretary.

Paintings by five student artists are on display in West Bend during December in the Student Union Art Gallery at the University of Wisconsin, Washington County Campus. Patricia Kohler of Kewaskum is a participant.

Three of the six village trustees will be up for election on April 7, 1970. Terms expiring on April 21 include those of Raynor Herriges, Myron Perschbacher and Elmer Yoost.

The undefeated Kewaskum Indians won easily over Campbellsport on Friday to run their win streak to four straight and maintain a full game lead in the

Scenic Conference.

Kewaskum's wrestling team is undefeated in the Scenic Moraine Conference as a result of winning their first three matches over North Fond du Lac, Germantown and Grafton. In a non-conference match against Mayville, they lost. The Indians placed second among eight schools in the Horizon Invitational.

Infant Gregory Troedel passed away December 17.

Dale Schellhaass, 16, Dundee, passed away December 19.

**75 Years Ago  
December 22, 1944**

Mr. and Mrs. Art Eichstedt were advised in a war department telegram received Sunday that their son, Sgt. Lester A. Eichstedt, was slightly wounded in action in Germany on November 30. The Eichstedts received a letter from their son on Thursday of this week in which he writes that he sustained a broken right arm and shrapnel wounds in his left finger and left hand. He added that the shrapnel has been removed and he is convalescing in a hospital.

The post office will close at 9 a.m. on Christmas Day. No rural delivery, no money orders issued, no window service after 9 a.m. Lobby will be open all day and mail will be dispatched as usual.

The Kewaskum Fire Department was called out early last Thursday afternoon to the Lester Ehnert home in New Fane. A fire of undetermined origin caused damage estimated at around \$1,000 to the downstairs portion of the interior of the residence. When the firemen reached the scene, the flames were spreading rapidly. Neighbors were throwing buckets of water on the fire to little avail. It took only a short time for the firemen to get the fire under control. Fire chief Harry Schaefer reports that if the firemen would have arrived a little later, the flames would have spread between the

walls and seriously threatened to destroy the structure.

In the biggest upset of the season, Kewaskum High School, previously defeated in two conference and two non-conference starts, trounced their traditional rivals, undefeated Campbellsport. The decisive score was 31-18. It was the first loss for the Campbellsport team in seven games this year.

The following officers were elected by the Kewaskum Fire Department at the last meeting: assistant chief, Arnold Martin, re-elected; foreman, Clifford Stautz, re-elected; assistant foreman, Wm Martin, who replaces Wm. Schaub; treasurer, A.E. Schaeffer, replacing Bernard Seil; secretary, George Koerble, re-elected. Harry Schaefer, who is appointed by the village board, remains as chief.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zacho, town of Auburn, are the parents of a baby girl born the forepart of last week.

The arrival of a daughter, Susan Ruth, on December 13 was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wierdsma.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Kocher of West Bend announced the arrival of a daughter on December 2.

Miss Sarah M. Davison passed away December 17.

Mrs. Theodore L. Seggelink, Kaukauna, passed away December 15.

Mrs. Niels Nielsen, 26, passed away December 15.

**100 Years Ago  
Information for this  
year is no longer  
available.**

**THIS DAY IN...**



**HISTORY**

• **1783:** GEORGE WASHINGTON RESIGNS AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

• **1815:** JANE AUSTEN'S NOVEL "EMMA" IS PUBLISHED.

• **1954:** DOCTORS PERFORM THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL KIDNEY TRANSPLANT.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone!**

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# Village Considers Expanding Facilities

By Anne Trautner

The Village of Kewaskum's Shared Facility Committee met with representatives from Zimmerman Architectural Studios, Inc. on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Brian Nelson, Doug Barnes and Greg Strand from the Zimmerman firm presented possible facility upgrades for the building that houses Village Hall, the Kewaskum Police Department and the Kewaskum Public Library.

Since July when it was selected for the project, the Zimmerman firm has reviewed the engineering of the entire structure, as

well as collected information about what the needs are for the various village departments, as well as the library.

From that study, it was determined there is a need for more space for both the library and the police department facilities. In addition, restrooms in the building need to be upgraded so they are handicap-accessible.

Zimmerman engineers determined that all of the mechanical systems in the building, such as the heating and cooling systems, would need to be replaced because of the age of the systems, and because they would not

be efficient for a larger facility.

At the December 19 meeting, two proposed plans were presented. One plan showed potential upgrades to the existing 9,315-square-foot building, along with a proposed 11,250-square-foot addition.

The other drawing that was shared was a proposal that would entail razing the existing building and building a new, larger facility. The conceptual drawing shows the library encompassing about 12,000 square feet, the police station utilizing about 6,680 square feet and village offices covering about

1,800 square feet.

Both conceptual drawings utilize the lot that Village Hall currently occupies, as well as the adjacent lot to the east of the library. Earlier this year, the village and the Kewaskum Library Foundation came to an agreement that the land just east of the library is to be used as a library expansion. The library also has some funds that have been gifted to be used toward a library expansion.

The Shared Facility Committee includes members of the village staff, library staff and police department staff, as well as members of the

library board and the village board.

The group brainstormed different possibilities that could be done with the facilities.

The potential plans will be presented next to the library board and the village board to get feedback from board members. Ultimately, the village board will make the final decision on the building project.



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# Community Gatherings

To be included in the Community Gatherings, please submit your event prior to our 5 p.m. Monday deadline.

**Every Monday** — Knit Wits meet at the Kewaskum Public Library, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Knitters, Crocheters & Crafters are all welcome to join our friendly Knit Wits. Bring your own supplies and projects and share ideas with other crafters. Although no instruction is given, plenty of ideas will be shared. Coffee and tea available.

**Every Monday** — Partner and Line Dance lessons at the Amerahn, 9480 Highway 45 N, Kewaskum. Held 7 - 9:30 p.m., Basic steps taught from 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m., Cost is \$5 per night. Hosted by the Country Club Dancers. [www.countryclubdancers.com](http://www.countryclubdancers.com).

**Every Tuesday** — Personal and professional acupuncture care from Beth Busse. \$45-\$25/service, sliding scale. The Soul Source in West Bend. Contact Katy Marver, text or call 414-698-5420 to schedule a specific check-in or drop in. 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

**Every Wednesday** — Toddler Storytime, Kewaskum Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

**Every Thursday** — Museum of Wisconsin Art Express Talks. A short, art-filled break led by curators. Noon-12:20 p.m.

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**Every Saturday** — Museum of Wisconsin Art Drop-in art making for all ages. 205 Veterans Avenue, West Bend. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 27** — Washington County Separated, Divorced and Widowed Men and Women, no meeting.

**Monday, December 30** — Happy Noon Year's Eve Party at the Kewaskum Public Library, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Celebrate the start of a new year at the library. Join us for tons of "Noon" Year's fun and the big countdown to noon. All ages welcome. No sign-up required.

**Tuesday, December 31** — Kewaskum Public Library is closed for New Year's Eve.

**Tuesday, December 31** — Kewaskum Village office is closed for New Year's Eve.

**Tuesday, December 31** — Kewaskum Statesman office closes at 2 p.m. for New Year's Eve.

**Wednesday, January 1** — Kewaskum Public Library is closed for New Year's.

**Wednesday, January 1** — Kewaskum Statesman office is closed for New Year's.

**Wednesday, January 1** — Kewaskum Village office is closed for New Year's.

**Friday, January 3** — Washington County Separated, Divorced and Widowed Men and Women meeting at the Kettle Moraine YMCA, 1111 W. Washington St., West Bend, 7:30 p.m. Joe Hennis will talk about the Keto diet.

**Friday, January 3** — Alumni Night at the Kewaskum High School basketball game, 7:15 p.m. KHS basketball alumni will receive free admission and be recognized at halftime. Band will be playing.

**Monday, January 6** — Village of Kewaskum meeting at the Kewaskum Municipal Building, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 8** — Morning Winter Storytime at the Kewaskum Public Library, 10:30 a.m. The theme for the morning is Imagination Station. Join us for stories, songs and a craft activity.

**Wednesday, January 8** — Evening Winter Storytime at the Kewaskum Public Library, 6:15 p.m. The theme for the morning is Imagination Station. Join us for stories, songs and a craft activity.

**Thursday, January 9** — Crafternoon: Origami Bookmarks at the Kewaskum Public Library, 4 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun making origami bookmarks of your favorite characters. Registration is requested in person, by phone at 262-626-4312 or email at [kewaskum@monarchlibraries.org](mailto:kewaskum@monarchlibraries.org).

**Thursday, January 9** — Moraine Writers Guild meets at the Kewaskum Public Library, 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Are you an aspiring writer? Come to discuss and critique your creative writing. New members are encouraged to show up and see if it is of interest. Meeting is held upstairs in the council chambers, entry through the library.

**Friday, January 10** — 20th Annual West Bend Antiques, Vintage & Fine Art Showcase and Sale at the Washington County Fair Park, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Friday, January 10** — Washington County Separated, Divorced and Widowed Men and Women no meeting tonight.

**Saturday, January 11** — Wings Over Wisconsin Bird Seed Sale at the Amerahn in Kewaskum, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

**Saturday, January 11** — 20th Annual West Bend Antiques, Vintage & Fine Art Showcase and Sale at the Washington County Fair Park, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Saturday, January 11** — Winter Carnival at the Washington County Fair Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Need an escape from the house this winter, check out this fun event. Bring the kids! Children's games, entertainment, food and beverages. \$5 per person.

**Highway Y, Newburg. Visit: [www.riveredgenaturecenter.org](http://www.riveredgenaturecenter.org) for further information.**

**Thursday, December 26** — Little Explorers Playgroup, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, December 26** — Winter Camp, with optional overnight, 9 a.m. While your kids are off school, bring them for fun-filled indoor and outdoor days filled with hiking, snowshoeing, campfires, winter crafts, games and much more.

**Friday, December 27** — Winter Camp, with optional overnight, ends at 4 p.m. While your kids are off school, bring them for fun-filled indoor and outdoor days filled with hiking, snowshoeing, campfires, winter crafts, games and much more.

**Wednesday, January 1** — Bird Club field trip to the Port Washington Marina boat ramp, 7 a.m.

**Thursday, January 2** — Memory Cafe, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m. For people with all stages of memory loss.

**Friday, January 3** — Night Ski, Snowshoe & Candle Lit Hike, 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Traverse the trails, lighted by the soft glow of lanterns, or those trails lit only by the light of the moon and stars. Refreshments will await you at the end of the trail.

**Tuesday, January 7** — Habitat Healers, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Thursday, January 9** — Little Explorers Playgroup, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Chase the Chill! Join us for an hour of Nature Play and share the wonder of winter through outdoor play. We will sled down hills, imaginary ice fish on the pond, build snow forts, have a winter campfire, and then warm ourselves indoors.

**Thursday, January 9** — Washington County Family Nature Club: Sledding, 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. Bundle up, grab your sled, and join us for a night of sledding. End the night with hot cocoa to warm up after all the fun. Please RSVP through Riveredge Nature Center's calendar of events. If you do not own a sled to bring, please indicate that in the RSVP so you can come join us.

**Friday, January 10** — Night Ski, Snowshoe & Candle Lit Hike, 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Traverse the trails, lighted by the soft glow of lanterns, or those trails lit only by the light of the moon and stars. Refreshments will await you at the end of the trail.

**Saturday, January 11** — Children's Library Storytime, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. We will read Snowballs by Lois Ehlert. What kind of day is it when thick snow is falling? A blizzard? A storm? A Snow day?... It's a SNOWBALL Day!

**Saturday, January 11** — Winter Yoga Workshop, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Stretches, warmth, and intention setting for the New Year. Join us for a morning of heat building yoga, followed by setting personal visions for the new year over tea. Stay for a light lunch - salad & veggie chili.

**An Upcoming Calendar of Events for the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest...**

**Friday, January 3** — The True Stories of Wolves Nature Storytime at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Are wolves really the big bad animals of fairy tales? Join us as we share the true stories of timber wolves. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

**Thursday, January 9** — Climate Change - Past versus Present An Evening with Nature program at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The Earth has experienced many periods of climate change including ice ages and climate optimum. Learn what past climate changes can tell us about one and this current change differs. This program is most appropriate for people over the age of 10 years.

**Friday, January 10** — Full Moon Walk at the forest headquarters, located off County Road G south of County Road SS near New Prospect, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Traverse the two-mile trail around Mauthe Lake under the light of a full moon. Dress for the weather including snow boots. This walk is best for people over the age of 8 years old. Bad weather date: February 8.

**Saturday, January 11** — Ice Age Legacy Exploring Nature Program at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 10 a.m.-11:45 a.m. With leafless trees and snow covered hills, the glacial landforms pop on the landscape. We'll start at the Ice Age Visitor Center for an overview of our Ice Age legacy and then carpool to see the kames, drumlins, eskers, kettles and other landforms created by the glaciers. This program is best for people over 10 years old.

For more information about the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest or the upcoming naturalist programs, please contact the forest staff at the Ice Age Visitor Center at (920) 533-8322. The Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center is located 1/2 mile west of Dundee off of Highway 67. The center is open seven days a week.

**An Upcoming Calendar of Events for Riveredge Nature Center, 4458 County**

# AREA CHURCH SERVICES

## Kewaskum

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**  
331 Main St., Kewaskum  
Reconciliation Saturdays 3:15-3:45 p.m.,  
Saturday Mass at 4 p.m., Sunday Mass at  
7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesday Mass at 5  
p.m. Wednesday-Friday Mass at 7:45 a.m.  
Adoration: after Tuesday evening and  
Friday morning masses. Father Jacob  
Strand, 262-626-2860.

**St. Michael's Catholic Church**  
8883 Forest View Rd., Kewaskum  
Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. Adoration:  
Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. Father Jacob  
Strand, 262-334-5270.

**Peace United Church of Christ**  
343 First St., Kewaskum  
Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. Sunday School  
with Worship at 9:30 a.m. Adult supervised  
nursery during 9:30 a.m. service. 262-626-  
4011

**St. Lucas WELS**  
1417 Parkview Dr., Kewaskum  
Saturday Worship at 6 p.m. Sunday  
Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (262)  
626-2680.

**Kettlebrook**  
Now Meeting at Kettlebrook  
Community Center, 2378 W.  
Washington, West Bend  
9 a.m. Sunday services. Troy Loether,  
Pastor, Phone 262-365-0980. And at  
Jackson (10 a.m.). Visit: www.kettle-  
brook.org.

**Kewaskum House of Prayer**  
100 Clinton St., Kewaskum  
Services on Sundays at 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
& Thursdays at 7 p.m. Pastor Joseph  
Brath.  
262-626-8337.

## Kohlsville

**St. John's Evangelical Church**  
5696 Beaver Dam Rd., Kohlsville, WI  
53090  
Worship at 10 a.m. Fellowship Meal  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Pastor Terrie R.  
Beede 414-861-4613.

## Boltonville

**New Horizon United Church of Christ**  
9663 Highway 144, Kewaskum  
Sunday morning Worship at 9 a.m.  
Temporary Pastor Rev. Christine Wilke.  
Phone 262-692-6444.

## Beechwood Lake Area

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
W8497 Brazelton Dr., Random Lake  
Sunday at 8:45 a.m. and Monday at 6:30  
p.m. Phone 920-994-9060.

## New Fane

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
(Missouri Synod) – New Fane  
Sunday Divine Worship Services at 7:30  
and 9 a.m. Thursday evening Worship at 7  
p.m. Holy Communion first and third  
Sundays of the month at 9 a.m. service,  
and the following Thursdays; second and  
fourth Sundays of the month at 7:30 a.m.  
service. Rev. Mark Eckert. Phone 262-  
626-2309.

## Town of Farmington

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church (Missouri  
Synod) & Early Childhood Center**  
7750 St. Hwy. 144, West Bend.  
Sunday morning worship at 9 a.m. Sunday  
morning Bible study at 10:15 a.m.  
Wednesday night service at 7 p.m.  
Reverend Jonathan Vierkant (262) 335-  
4200, www.standrew-westbend.org.  
Come share the love and saving grace  
through Jesus with our church family.

## Wayne

**Salem United Church of Christ Wayne,  
WI**  
Located north of intersection Hwy W and  
Hwy H/Mohawk Rd (5 mi west of  
Kewaskum on H). Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study 10:15-11 a.m. Holy  
Communion the first Sunday of the month.  
Pastor Ruth Hansen. Phone 262-665-  
2367. Find us on Facebook at  
SalemUCCWayneWI.

## Allenton

**Zion Ev Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
6430 County Rd D, Allenton, WI 53002  
Worship Hours: Thursday Evenings at  
7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School at 8:30 a.m.  
Pastor Steve Bode, 262-483-0407.

## Campbellsport

**First United Methodist Church**  
203 N. Fond du Lac Ave,  
Campbellsport  
Sunday Worship at 9:45 a.m. Communion first  
Sunday of every month.

**The Campbellsport Alliance Church**  
N1876 Cty. Rd. V, Campbellsport, WI  
Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m. Sunday  
School 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Small  
Group Bible Studies at 6:30 p.m. and  
Awana Club  
(K-sixth grade) 6:30 p.m., Youth Group  
(senior and junior high) on Wednesday at  
6:30 p.m. Rev. Douglas Birr, Phone 920-  
533-5123.

**Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church**  
(Wisconsin Synod) – 350 S. Helena St.,  
Campbellsport  
Sunday morning services at 7:45 a.m. and  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible  
Study at 9 a.m. Monday evening service at  
7 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. Rev.  
Paul Cerny. Phone 920-533-4385.

**United Christian Church of  
Campbellsport (United Church of  
Christ)**  
228 Forest Street  
Sunday morning worship services will be  
held at 9 a.m. Communion the first  
Sunday of the month. Wherever you are  
on life's journey, you are welcome with us.  
Rev. Paula N.M. Anderson, 920-533-5369.

**St. Matthew's Catholic Church**  
Main and Helena Streets, Campbell-  
sport  
**St. Martin's Chapel – Ashford**  
**St. Kilian Chapel – St. Kilian**  
**Parish Office, 419 Mill Street,**  
**Campbellsport**  
**St. Matthew:** Monday 8:30 a.m.  
Communion Service; Tuesday 8:30 a.m.  
School Mass; Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Communion Service; Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
Mass; Friday 8:30 a.m. Communion  
Service; Saturday 4 p.m. Mass; Sunday 9  
a.m. Mass; first, third and fifth Sundays of  
each month have 7:30 a.m. Mass.  
**St. Kilian:** 4th Sunday of the month at  
7:30am  
**St. Martin:** 2nd Sunday of the month at  
7:30am Fr. Mark Jones. Phone 533-4441.  
New parishioners are always welcome.

## Dundee

**Trinity Lutheran Church (Wisconsin  
Synod), Dundee, WI**  
Monday Worship 7 p.m., Sunday Worship at 8  
& 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Fellowship  
at 9:30 a.m. Visitors always welcome. Holy  
Communion second & last weekends of each  
month. Rev. Bobby Oberg. Located at the cor-  
ner of First and Elm Streets, Dundee. Phone  
533-4138.

## Lomira

**Springfield Community Church**  
Meeting at Lomira High School  
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m., Pastor Ray  
LaBatte, 920-517-2112.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church – Lomira**  
Saturday evening Mass at 4 p.m. Father  
Michael Petersen. Phone 920-269-4429.

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
300 Church St., Lomira  
Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. Pastor Rom  
Pegram (920) 269-4411. www.trinityunited-  
methodistchurchlomira.com.

Call by Monday at 2 p.m. to make  
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# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" has been a favorite Christmas carol since the 1700s when the melody was composed by Felix Mendelssohn and given lyrics by Charles Wesley.

Sometimes, as with all songs we've sung for many years, we've forgotten or never fully realized the meaning of what we've been singing all our lives; we sing without paying attention to meaning. This composition, as many other favorite Christmas carols, describes the Good News of Jesus' life.

It begins by encouraging us to pay attention to the song of the angels sung to the shepherds out in the fields watching over the sheep on the night the Christ child was born. The first exhortation in the song is for us to give glory to the newborn King. It wasn't just a babe in a barn; he was the long awaited King who would deliver mankind. Even though he was meek and mild, he would be the one destined to reconcile God with sinners — quite a job description for a little baby!

As the hymn progresses we are invited to rise joyfully and join with the angels to proclaim the Christ — the long awaited Messiah — the deliverer — had been born in Bethlehem. He was the answer to the prayers of the people to end their oppression and fulfill the prophecies repeated annually.

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and*

*mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem:*

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*

The second stanza affirms Christ's lordship in heaven and his coming to earth as the child of a virgin mother. Jesus, the Christ, the chosen one, became flesh just as we are, even though he was God.

He became God with us — Emmanuel — and was pleased to live with us and as us. He was subject to the same natural laws we are: the need for food, air and water to live; bathroom breaks; sleep, etc.

*Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel:  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*

In the third verse, we see all the names of this promised one we've heard from the Old Testament prophecies: Prince of Peace; Sun of Right-

eousness; one who brings light and life to all; the one who rises with healing in his wings. Again we're reminded that he laid aside his glory in heaven, and now we hear the reason for it: to grant us the opportunity to escape death and be raised with a second birth.

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*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings;  
Mild, he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth:  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*



The children at Little Folks School House are ready for Christmas. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Sam Ogi, Leni Darmody, Cassidy Kinnerk, Jackson Schoneman and Annabelle Martin; and (back row) Kaleigh Kinnerk and Lydia Breuer.

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# Shining Stars Dance Team Continues To Shine And Grow

There are around 21 members on the dance team. In the first year, they had around six members of the team. The ages of the dancers range from seven to 34 years old. Much of the popularity of the group has been through word of mouth.

In addition to the size of the group, the number of performances they do each year have grown. At first, they performed at the Kewaskum and Campbellsport girls and boys basketball games and the annual Dance Showcase in Campbellsport. Today, they have multiple performances in all of the communities of their dancers.

They performed in North Fond du Lac last week, in West Bend this week. They will be performing in Lomira on Friday, Dec. 27, and Kewaskum on Sunday, Jan. 12. They will also perform in their normal Kewaskum-Campbellsport girls and boys basketball game halftimes.

The season will culminate with the annual Dance Showcase. This is held at Campbellsport High School on Sunday, Feb. 23.

Mary picks the music and a theme for the Shining Stars routines every year. Last year they had a "Singing In the Rain" theme with umbrellas and raincoats. This year one of their songs includes a beach theme with leis and cardboard surf boards.

Practices are held every Saturday morning at Campbellsport High School. Members of the Campbellsport High School dance team continue to help lead the group along with help from many of the parents.

The parents had high praises for this group and are so grateful to have found about the Shining Stars. They all said that their children love dancing with this group and have a great time during the performances.

"Mary is so great with them," said Ellie Vande Slunt. "The kids just love coming. Sometimes it's overwhelming, but Mary is an awesome coach. We couldn't have a better coach."

"We just knew it was for Angel," said Linda

Emery. "We learned about it through the school. They really encouraged them to do it."

Emery also talked about the dance competition in which the Shining Stars participate. It is held in Ashwaubenon and was held on December 7th this year. Their group is usually the only special needs group, but everyone at the competition stops to watch and cheer on the Shining Stars.

"When we go to Green Bay, we are the only one," Emery said. "It has a huge impact on the crowd. The dancers just light up."

At this competition, the Shining Stars received a trophy for first place. Mary has decided to let each dancer take it home for a week, like a traveling trophy. She said the group members just loved this idea. "Everybody gets to take the trophy home," Mary said.

"The time Mary puts into it and the commitment are amazing," Emery said.

Mary is quick to praise others in the success of the Shining Stars. She acknowledges the many businesses and individuals who donate to the group. This helps pay for their shirts, props and other things they might need.

Originally, donations were received to purchase a special harness for one of the girls. This harness would be strapped to the girl and one of the dance team members and would allow the Shining Stars dancer to stand up and dance during the routine.

This year, they found the need to purchase a new harness for this dancer. She continues to grow as children do and she became too tall for the original harness.

Gruber Tool and Die out of West Bend gave Mary \$1,600 to purchase a new harness for this dancer. The new harness is a stand-alone one that allows the girl to stand and dance during the routines. A dance team member continues to stand near her to help her move around with the harness.

"I had just said, 'can you make this for me,'" Mary said. "They said,

'why don't you buy it and we'll pay for it.'"

This year, the state of Wisconsin has given the group \$500 to have an interpreter at practices for one of the members who is going deaf. This allows her to continue to participate and know what is being said by the coaches.

Mary said that this is one of the best parts of this group. It is getting the parents of these dancers together during the practice and performance times and giving them others to talk to about their child's special needs. This is how they found out about the grant for the interpreter.

"I think just people talking to each other is great!" Mary said.

The other part of this program that is awesome is seeing the members of the CHS dance team interact with the members of the Shining Stars. Dancers volunteer to help Mary with the group and they all seem to love it and have become close to the other dancers.

"If I didn't have them helping, this wouldn't be possible," Mary said. "It's amazing the effort they put in."

She has two middle school and five high school dance team members helping. They all enjoy helping with the Shining Stars.

"You know that they're going to have a good time," said Anna, a member of the CMS dance team. "It makes you happy that they're happy."

Mary agreed that this feeling is contagious for everyone who works with the Shining Stars.

"I think it's an inner feeling," Mary said. "It makes you complete. It's beyond the normal stuff you have in life. Just the little things make you happy."

She explained how a small little thing at their practice after Thanksgiving made her entire week. "Today, the littlest boy who doesn't talk because he's autistic, he said to me 'Hi Mary.' He knew my name! It was just amazing!"

Make sure you find time to get out and watch this remarkable team of dancers at one of their performances.



Members of the Shining Stars dance practice one of their routines. The team now consists of special needs students from five area schools — Campbellsport, Kewaskum, Lomira, Hartford and North Fond du Lac — and gets help from members of the Campbellsport High School dance team. The team will be performing at numerous basketball games and events throughout the next couple months. The kids have a great time and are fun to watch.

photo by Andrea Hansen Abler



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# Rettler Running Streak Continues

– 5K Run/Walk On December 31 To Benefit 9/11 Memorial

"I just kept going as long as I could do it," said Rettler, who is dean of the Moraine Park Technical College's West Bend campus.

Rettler has run at least 1.2 miles a day every day for the past 26 years.

When Rettler hit his 10-year anniversary, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* came and did a story about it. Then, when he hit year 20, friends suggested that he do an end-of-the-year run to celebrate the good luck he has had to stay healthy enough to run every day for 20 years.

"So I invited everybody that I had ever run with over the 20 years to go on a run with me," Rettler said.

He also wanted the celebration to benefit others. Rettler and his wife held a party at their West Bend home on December 31 with lots of food and drinks, and, of course, the little run. If people participated, they were charged \$20 per family, and all the money went to the Moraine Park Foundation to raise money for scholarships for Washington County high school graduates who went to Moraine Park.

That first year, enough

money was raised for one \$500 scholarship. Rettler has continued that tradition on December 31 each year, with three \$500 scholarships being given away last year.

Last year, with it being the 25th anniversary of running every day, Rettler, who was president of the board of directors for the United Way of Washington County, held 25 runs of gratitude each day leading up to the December 31 celebration. He invited different people to run with him each day to raise funds for the United Way. The runs brought in \$1,000 a day, with some of the funds being matched. A total of \$34,000 was raised for the United Way through those runs.

"It was a fun, successful event," Rettler said.

## Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial Run

This year, Rettler wasn't planning on doing anything special for his celebratory run, until about a month ago when he talked with Gordon Haberman about the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial.

Haberman, whose daughter was killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Cen-

ter, asked Rettler if he would consider holding his New Year's Eve run to benefit the memorial.

Rettler is very familiar with the 9/11 memorial. He has worked closely with Haberman and Jerry Gosa, who is on the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial Board of Directors, to have Moraine Park students be involved in the project. Moraine Park students are helping build the benches and a replica of the Twin Towers. Other students are creating interactive media for the memorial.

"I would do anything for those guys. I am extremely blessed, and anything that we can use that streak to do something good, specifically for something like the 9/11 Memorial, I'm all for it," Rettler said.

Very quickly, American Construction Services got on board and donated \$500. Jeff's Spirits on Main combined with other businesses to provide beverages for the event. Jeff Kern at Jumbo's in West Bend is providing free hamburgers for all participants.

## Dedicated Runner

At 55, Rettler considers himself fortunate to have been healthy enough to run every day

for the past 26 years.

"I have been sick, but I've never been so sick that I couldn't run. I don't take it for granted ever how incredibly lucky I've been," Rettler said.

There was one day that he thought might not be able to run. He was a wrestling coach at the time and was setting up for a wrestling tournament when he suddenly had so much pain that he collapsed on the mat.

"I had to go to the emergency room. I thought I was having a heart attack, I thought I was dying. I didn't know what it was," Rettler recalled.

When she heard his symptoms, the nurse quickly said, "I think you've got a kidney stone."

A little while later, the doctor came in and pumped some morphine into Rettler.

"You don't have a kidney stone. You have two kidney stones," the doctor said.

After the pain settled down, Rettler asked the doctor if I could go for a run.

"Why would you want to go for a run?" the doctor asked.

Then Rettler's wife had to explain how Rettler has this running

streak, and he thinks he has to run.

"All I suggest is as soon as you get home, while the morphine is still in you, I would get that run in as soon as possible before the pain kicks in again," the doctor advised.

So Rettler went running that day.

## Running By His Own Rules

Rettler averages 2.5 miles a day. His minimum run, which he calls his "Sunday run", is 1.2 miles. Every run is outside.

"It's my own rule, but I can't run on a treadmill. I've got to be running outside," he said.

That can be a challenge during the winter when there is ice on the ground.

"I can remember sometimes we had ice so bad that I would just go in my backyard and run laps around a hayfield that is back there until I got my miles in," Rettler said.

He also remembers running in frigid temperatures about five or six years ago. He was at a conference in the Wisconsin Dells, and the temperatures were about 30 degrees below, with a wind chill of at least 60 below.

"I would much rather run when it is that cold than when it is 100 degrees and humid. Because you can always cover yourself so that you don't get frostbite or anything," Rettler said.

## Setting An Example

Despite his running streak, Rettler does not think of himself as the typical serious runner.

"I'm built like a wrestler," he said.

Sometimes when people find out about his running streak, they say to Rettler, "Boy I wish I'd have the time to run every single day."

"That is my biggest pet peeve because we have raised four kids. I think I've got a pretty busy lifestyle. If you want to make the time, you can make the time to get a run in," Rettler said.

All four of Rettler's children, ages 24, 22, 20 and 18, have learned that. They have seen their father run every day of their lives.

Rettler remains grateful that he is able to keep running every day.

"I never take it for granted one single day how I've been blessed," Rettler said.

## Healthy Community Fund Awards Over \$240,000 In Grants To Area Non-Profits

The Healthy Community Fund has awarded \$244,385 in grants to nine area non-profit organizations. Representatives of recipient organizations attended an awards luncheon at Froedtert West Bend Hospital on Friday, Dec. 6, to receive their funding.

The agencies selected to receive funding this year include Albrecht Free Clinic, Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County, Casa Guadalupe Education Center, Elevate Inc., Friends Inc., Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County, NAMI Washington County, and Youth and Family Project.

The Healthy Community Fund was created in 2008 through Froedtert West Bend Hospital Foundation to support community programs and projects throughout Washington County that will positively affect the health and wellness of those living and working within this area. The goal of the fund is to bring together non-profit organizations and resources that will support healthy lifestyle choices as well as provide support for programs committed to the promotion of health and wellness.

Oversight of the Healthy Community Fund is provided by a committee of individuals from local communities as well as Froedtert West Bend Hospital and Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin Community Physicians. The fund is administered through the Froedtert West Bend Hospital Community Engagement Department.

For more information about the Healthy Community Fund, eligible organizations or how to apply for funding, go to [healthycommunityfund.com](http://healthycommunityfund.com).

### Summaries Of Recipient Organization Projects

#### Albrecht Free Clinic, "Smiles for a Lifetime" — \$83,000

Healthy oral hygiene and dental care have been identified by the Albrecht Free Clinic as an ongoing community health need. Funds will support emergency care, basic restorative and oral hygiene, and education for the uninsured and underinsured.

#### Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County, "Healthy Minds Initiative" — \$16,000

Funds will support area youth with a safe, calming and healing space focused on the foundation of trauma-informed care concepts: finding balance, reducing stress and processing difficult emotions. Funds will also provide financial assistance to youth and families who lack funding to access professional counseling services.

#### Casa Guadalupe Education Center, "Healthy Latinos, Healthy Futures" — \$19,135

Funds will support health seminars and programs, outreach initiatives and transportation needs to promote education about health screenings, diabetes prevention, active lifestyles and nutrition for Latinos living in Washington County.

#### Elevate, Inc. "Elevate U" — \$30,450

Funds will be used to implement support Elevate "U," targeting youth ages 12-17 early in their trajectory of substance abuse, truancy or delinquency and gets them back on track toward reaching their full potential. Elevate's professional staff will provide evidence-based early individual and group intervention.

#### Friends Inc., "Friends and Kettle Moraine Counseling Mental Wellness" — \$21,750

The funds will be used to create a pilot project in partnership with Kettle Moraine Counseling to help survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault improve their mental well-being and live a drug-free life. Services will include mental health/substance abuse assessments, transportation costs, child care and rent assistance.

#### Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County, "Healthy Aging Senior Transportation" — \$23,250

Funding will help seniors live and thrive in their

homes and community by providing transportation to medical appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores/food pantries and exercise and wellness programs. When transportation barriers for seniors are removed, a senior's access to health care and other vital services such as nutrition and wellness improves.

#### NAMI Washington County, "Recovery Center Programs" — \$25,800

Funds will support programs and services in the Recovery Center through supported relationships so that individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. NAMI's programs focus on creating a stigma-free community through illness experience recovery, resiliency and overall well-being.

#### Youth and Family Project, "Crossroad Youth Program Outreach" — \$25,000

This program will address issues associated with childhood trauma and provide a continuum of services to children and parents facing difficult life events through quality counseling and family mediation leading to positive change.

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# Holiday GREETINGS



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# What Christmas Means To Me...

**Farmington Elementary School  
Ms. Jolly's  
Third Grade Class**

Christmas means a lot to me, we celebrate every year. It's joyful and happy, the most important part is you see your family.

—Alayna

To me, Christmas means - we celebrate God's birthday. Also we spend time with family and friends. Also to donate things you don't need anymore.

—Lux

To me, Christmas means happy, joyful and amazing! Because every Christmas morning I wake up my sister (sometimes my brother wakes me) and we both run downstairs to my stocking first. Then we sort presents and I always get excited. We wake up our parents, they get a bag to put our trash in. And that's what Christmas means to me.

—Monroe

Christmas means spending time with family & friends, To me it's like the fun never ends when Christmas is here. I celebrate Christmas eve cause that's when Jesus was born.

—Manny

What Christmas is to me is that I can hang with my family, make presents, cookies and hot chocolate. Joy, dance party's, ice skating, sledding, snow boarding and movies.

—Kenna

To me Christmas means to have fun with your family. To spend time with Jesus in his

heart. I wish you have a great Christmas.

—Emma

Christmas means to me that I get to spend time with my family and have a happy day. I love Christmas because I get to hang out with my family and friends. We talk and talk and eat too. I still like to get presents and all that like a normal 8 year old, but I like spending time with my dog and my family and sitting downstairs watching a Christmas movie. I love feeling that warm feeling like I'm huddled under a blanket laying with all my stuffed animals with my mom and dad huddled net to me. I also love to see my elf, Eلفy. This Christmas will be the best one yet!

—Quinn

To me, Christmas means love, joy, happiness, and getting together.

—Madison

To me Christmas means fun, being excited, spending lots of time with my family, love. That's why Christmas is so special to me.

—Lila

Christmas means going on trips with my family and opening presents around the Christmas tree, having fun with friends and family.

—Phoebe

To me Christmas means that there are joyful kids and Holly Jolly parents everywhere and excitement in the air.

—Ezrah

Christmas means lights and the joy of waking up to the presents.

That night you say your prayers, then take your wishes to Santa. You put out milk & cookies on the decorated table for Santa to nibble on. We deck our tree with lights and holly to remember Jesus and God. With our heart, we love joy and family. That brings you to presents under the tree. But that is not what Christmas actually means. The joy of Christmas from my family is laughter and my elf Holly.

—Emma D.

It's about spending time with family and celebrating Jesus' birthday. It is a special day for the ones that almost died but food thing Jesus was there. He made the hardest sacrifice. He died for us. That is why everybody celebrates Christmas.

—Porter

**Holy Trinity School  
Ms. Westphal  
Kuphal's Eighth  
Grade Class**

Christmas is a time full of loving family activities and of showing love for the birth of Christ. For me, it means putting ornaments on my tree and lights around my house and on the tree to mark the specialness of Christmas. It means spending time with my dad's side of my family at my house or my cousin's house and spending time with my mom's side at my aunt's or grandparents' house. It means going to Mass Christmas Eve. It means giving and receiving gifts with my family. It means celebrating the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It means



Picture by Regina, Second Grade

making cinnamon rolls with my family. It means eating breakfast at our table. So, the meaningfulness of Christmas for me is living the value of my family and living the value of my faith in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

—Cole Rochon

Well, what does Christmas mean? Christmas is one word but it means something different to everyone. Some people might say, "It is about the presents"; others might say, "It is about Jesus being born," and other persons might say, "It is about your family and being with them." Of those ideas, for me, it is about family and Jesus being born. I have that idea about Christmas because I don't see all my family a lot and only for a short amount of time when I do. So it is great to see them on Christmas day. Almost all of my cousins are al-

most out of high school, in college, or in college with a job. I can see my whole family and spend time with them and laugh with them. Besides being with family during Christmas, Jesus being born is very important to my Catholic life and family. We go to Mass every Christmas because Christ having been born is very important to my life. Because it's important, every year on my dad's side of the family, we set up a little nativity scene according to the Bible. All of my family members get a statue of a character like Mary, a lamb, or a cow. We go and set down the statue that we have in order, and before you know, baby Jesus is laying down in the middle of the manger. So, for me, what really makes Christmas meaningful is sharing fun with family and celebrating the joy of Jesus' birth.

—Ella Geidel

Hear the fire cracking. Smell cookies baking. See the snow falling, and enjoy the happiness that is shared all around. This is what I think of when I hear the word Christmas. Christmas is a time when I can enjoy family togetherness. We can make cookies that melt away in our mouths, we can enjoy the happiness of opening presents on Christmas morning, and we can experience the joy of playing in the white fluffy snow. Christmas is also a time of giving and of gratitude. We can give thanks for the family we have and the love that we share amongst each other, and we can give a little more than we get. Christmas is a very special time, and it means a lot to me as I share it with the love of my family.

—Emma Schutz

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# What Christmas Means To Me...

## Holy Trinity School Ms. Westphal Kuphal's Eighth Grade Class

What does Christmas mean to me? It means a time of year filled with much specialness. Christmas means a holiday on which we celebrate the Lord's birth. I feel strong faith on Christmas through family activities that make Christmas a day special for the Lord. Christmas means a lot, especially through the music. On Christmas Eve and Christmas night, Christmas music reminds me of the meaning of Christmas. The best songs are the sacred ones, which tell about the real meaning of Christmas, the Lord's birth. Christmas also means spending time with loved ones. I love the warmth of family on a joyful holiday like Christmas. Seeing how everyone's face is full of joy and gladness is a heart-touching moment. Another special part of Christmas is giving. During Christmas, I would like people to give back to people who need it. During Christmas, you may hear about how people are having a hard time getting by in life. This Christmas I'm donating some of my good clothes and toys to kids who need them. I believe every child deserves an amazing Christmas the way I have and will have. I think that everyone will receive an amazing Christmas if we all put thought into helping others. This celebrating the Lord's birth and donating for the needs and joy of others is what Christmas means to me. Christmas means a holiday of happiness for everyone!

—Grace Hill

Christmas can mean a lot of things to different people depending on who you are. To me, it means spending time

with friends and family, giving gifts to the people who mean something to me, and, of course, the FOOD!! When Christmas time comes around, my family and I LOVE to go and get a tree; we always bring my dog, and she loves it too. We decorate the tree when we get home. When it's Christmas Day, we open presents in the morning at our house, then we go to my grandma's with my cousins and eat a lot of food and desserts, and, of course, we open presents! The next day we go to my other grandma's house, and we play games; one of the games is a candy cane game which is really fun. Then we eat more food and open more presents. But, Christmas is not just about presents and food; it's about the people you're with. For me, I am with family, and we celebrate that Jesus our Savior was born. Every Christmas day is different for everyone, but, to me, Christmas means spending time with family and appreciating Jesus and the people in my life.

—Isabella Butler

Hear the beautiful quiet music of the Christmas carolers; feel the crisp, cool Christmas morning air; smell the fresh cookies baking in the oven; taste the delectable Christmas treats; see all the families out having fun together. These are all moments that I think about when I think about Christmas. These moments of Christmas are especially important when spending that time with my family having fun and (most importantly) when celebrating the birth of Christ. Christ's birth is the most important, and Christ's love reminds me of the love I share with my family.

—Jillian Chamblee

Christmas means so many things to me; it means the start of a new year, getting to spend a joyful night with all of my family, waking up early to open presents, but—most importantly—to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. When I was little, I knew Christmas was about Jesus, but the presents were also important to me. But, now that I am older, I realize that Jesus is the number one thing about Christmas, and presents are not as important to me. My favorite part about Christmas besides Jesus' birth is getting to spend Christmas Eve with my grandparents, my aunts, uncles, and my cousins. It is so fun to laugh all night and play fun games and talk with my family. Another thing I like about Christmas is the time of year it is in since I live in Wisconsin, so when I wake up and look out my window, I see lots of beautiful snow outside. That's my mom's favorite part about Christmas too, along with going to church in the morning. So whether there is snow on Christmas or not, I know I will not be thinking that much about that but instead about the fact that Jesus was born on Christmas and it's the day to celebrate that miracle.

—Josh Koenig

To me, Christmas means a time of year filling my senses and emotions with joy. Christmas joy is surrounded by fresh white snow sprinkled from the sky, beautifully decorated trees, warmly pleasant cookies, and delightful laughter. A child not being able to sleep at night from the anticipation of Santa Claus with a pile

of presents is a pleasant thrill of Christmas. Waking up well-rested in one's comfy and cozy bed is a satisfying warmth of Christmas. An emotion of eagerness of wanting to open presents is an enjoyable excitement of Christmas. Going outside with lots of layers on to play in the snow, build a snowman, and make snow angels is delightful play at Christmas time. Drinking hot cocoa to warm one's self up from the chilliness outside is a delicious comfort of Christmas time. Playing cheerful, and catchy Christmas music throughout the day is the joyous sound of Christmas. Filled with so much comfort and joy, Christmas is a sensational time of the year.

—Lauren Ford

Do you spend time with your family at Christmas? Before Christmas, my family and I always set up a Christmas tree together. On Christmas Eve, my family and I go spend time with all my cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents on my mom's side. On Christmas Day, we go by my dad's side of our family and spend time with all my cousins, aunts, uncles, and my grandparents. On Christmas, we not only receive gifts, but we also give gifts. What's really the gift of Christmas, though, is Jesus. I think Christmas is a great day because Christ our Savior was born. My family always goes to Mass on Christmas Eve to celebrate when Christ our Savior was born. Every Christmas morning, my mom makes cinnamon-rolls and bacon. Then we eat as a family. Do you get



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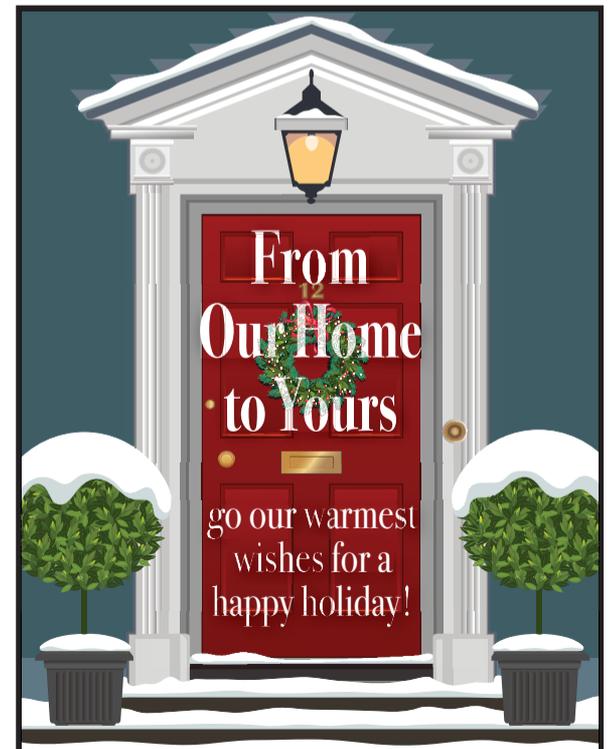
to spend Christmas celebrating the importance of family and Christ our Savior? I do, and that makes it the greatest time of the year for me.

—Luke Graf

I don't know about you, but I spend time with my family on Christmas. I love Christmas because my family goes to my aunt and uncle's home every year and celebrates Christmas. But before we go over there, we all go to church on Christmas Eve. I also love receiving gifts, but what I like more is giving them. When I give them the

gifts, my favorite part of that is seeing the people and the reaction of thanks—it is super cool. On Christmas day after my family and I wake up, we then exchange gifts. Then we will have our breakfast then go to my grandma's house because, otherwise, she would have no one to be with on Christmas because my grandpa died a while back. So, with all the celebrating of Christmas going on, what means the most to me is sharing the fun with my family in church and in our homes.

—Luke Grover



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birth. The four weeks that lead to Christmas is the season of Advent. In this time we prepare for our Savior being born. On the eve before or on Christmas day, my family and the people of my parish gather in the church to celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus. After Christmas Mass, multiple families, including mine, gather with their members to celebrate. We do celebrate with gifts and food along with having a good time; but, the true celebration is of our Lord Jesus Christ being born and alive in our hearts.

—Natalie Sebo

What Christmas means to me is not receiving gifts but giving. And not just giving in your household but giving to others outside of your house. Thoughtful as your family members may be to one another, perhaps you should go out and donate money to a humanitarian charity instead of buying gifts just for your household. Christmas is not about getting what we want but more about supporting others' needs. Some people in the world can't even experience the joy of opening gifts or even of spending time with their family. So for me, Christmas can be fun with getting gifts and giving gifts to my family, but also for me it is most special to be able to help others who don't have the opportunity to receive joy of gifts and compassion.

—Olivia Olson

Yes, opening presents is fun, but that is not the true meaning of Christmas. The true meaning of Christmas is Jesus being born, spending time with family, and cheering up people in a cold, depressing time of year. Jesus' birth is the most important meaning of Christmas. People should always keep Jesus in their minds at

Christmas time. Without Jesus, there wouldn't be Christmas. Spending time with family is another important element to keep in mind at Christmas. Family is important, and people should spend time with them. People should cherish the moments with their family before those moments go away. Another reason to celebrate Christmas is to cheer people up in a cold, depressing time of year. To help keep people happy, someone could participate in charity opportunities. But even giving gifts can help people be cheered up. The weather outside may be cold and depressing, but in our hearts at Christmas time is warmth. That warmth of Christmas comes from keeping the birth of Jesus in mind, cherishing moments with family, and bringing cheer to others who need their spirits lifted.

—Sarah Hill

The holiday of the snow sprinkling from the sky, and pine needles scrambled all over the carpet, and family showing love for one another and of Christ is amazing. What Christmas truly means to me is spending time with family and giving gifts to people to show you care about them, to receive gifts from people who care about me, and to celebrate our Savior Jesus Christ's birthday. I love spending time with my family to do small tasks like going to cut down a Christmas tree, hanging lights on the tree, hanging ornaments on the tree, setting up the little village set my mom has, and going shopping with my mom to help pick out Christmas gifts. I also enjoy telling the people who care about me what I want for gifts at Christmas. On Christmas day, I really enjoy opening the gifts and watching their reactions after I

open them. Plus, I love it when I get to watch my little cousins open gifts on Christmas. I also love going to church on Christmas Eve to celebrate our Savior Jesus Christ's birthday. Christmas is an amazing holiday to spend time with people I care about and to celebrate our Savior Jesus Christ; and if you ask me, Christmas is perfect.

—Timothy Hafemann

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Christmas is the best because you can spend time with your family. You can celebrate Jesus's birth. Christmas is the best because you can decorate a tree and a gingerbread house. You also can have a big feast. Christmas is the best because you can have Joy and go caroling. You can also give presents to kids that do not have toys. It is the best because you can share your toys.

—Jameson Schellinger

Christmas is my favorite holiday because I love giving gifts, I love spending time with family, and I love celebrating Jesus' birth.

One reason I love Christmas is giving gifts. Whenever we go to my grandma's house my cousin Laura and I always pass out gifts to everyone. I love seeing the expression on my family's face when they open the gift!

Another reason that I love Christmas is spending time with family. Every year we drive down to Illinois to spend time with Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins it is so much fun catching up with relatives.

Lastly I love Christmas because we always celebrate Jesus' birth. Every year on Christmas Eve we go to church to celebrate

Jesus' birth. So we don't have to get up early on Christmas day.

Those are all the reasons why I love Christmas. Giving gifts, Spending time with family, and celebrating Jesus' birth. Christmas is a very special day for all. But Christmas is special for everyone in different ways. Those are just my ways!

—Katelynn Reichert

When I think of Christmas, I think of spending time with my friends and family, baking Christmas cookies, eating yummy food, and seeing all the pretty decorations. Christmas is my favorite holiday because I get to see all of my family that I don't normally see on a daily basis, like my Cousins and Great Grandpa. I love when I get to go to my grandpa and grandma's house because they set up a Christmas village every year. Each year I get to help them. At home my mom and dad help me put the star on the tree, and that is my favorite part. Getting presents is fun, but that is not what Christmas was made for. It was made for remembering Jesus's birth.

—Kenley Yapp

Every year my family decorates a Christmas tree. I love to decorate a Christmas tree with my family. My grandma comes over, then we get the Christmas ornaments out of the basement. There are shiny gold ornaments, glittering red ornaments, sparkling green ornaments, and a bright gold star. We start decorating right away. We decorate for hours, and then it is time to put the big gold star on top of the Christmas tree. When it touches the tree, it looks magical. That is what I like to see on our Christmas tree. I love decorating it with your family.

—Luke Moerchen

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—Macy Fleischman

Christmas means family and comfort and warmth no matter where you are. Christmas sounds like deep hearty laughs, the tinkle of glass, and echoing Christmas carols in a small church. Christmas feels like warm hugs from your grandma, fresh, soft snow, and cozy sweaters. Christmas tastes like frosted cookies, chocolate from your Advent calendar, and those one candies your aunt always gives you at family gatherings (you know the ones). Christmas looks like bright candles spreading a warm glow across the church on Christmas Eve, mistletoe hanging from the ceiling, and twinkling lights on an evergreen tree early in the morning. Christmas smells like apple pie, young pine trees, and hot cocoa with a few too many marshmallows. Christmas means all those sensory-filled wonders, but even more so, Christmas means love for everyone everywhere—just like Jesus showed us when he

Christmas is a time of cheer, gathering, and contentment. Families crowd around the decorated tree, opening gifts and giving each other full smiles. Sitting around the warm fire, sipping hot chocolate, watching the snow descend into the piles is a joyous time. The stacks of presents under the tree on Christmas morning bring simple bliss to the rest of the day. When you rip open the wrapping paper from the gift you wanted the most this year, it is the best feeling in the world. Christmas is one of the most wonderful times of the year.

—Natalie Nass

Christmas, one of the most known holidays around the world. Yet, Christmas is not truly understood by everyone. So many children really only think about the presents, cookies, snow, and Santa Clause. Yes, these are all included in the holiday, but the real reason we celebrate Christmas is because of Jesus'

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# What Christmas Means To Me...

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Christmas is a special holiday. First of all, we all have to remember Jesus and remember the day he was born. Christmas has nothing to do with presents for me. It's about spending time with my family, decorating, giving, sharing, caring, and loving. My families get together and celebrate this special holiday so we spend time together. We laugh, love, and all that stuff. That what I think Christmas is about.

—Leviathan Whitfield

Christmas to me means spending time with family. Every Christmas, everybody in my family goes up to my grandma's house and we have a gingerbread house decorating contest. We have a big meal and we spend time with each other. Christmas also means giving. Our school also does a giving tree and people put presents underneath it. All of the presents go to the people who can not afford them. That is what Christmas means to me.

—Ruby McCain

Christmas means spending time with my family and being happy. We play games, jump on the trampoline, play ping pong, and shoot pool. Spending time with the family means

sharing food too. We eat a lot. That's what Christmas Means to me. It's the best time of the year.

—Brayden Herrmann

A couple reasons why Christmas means so much to me is we get to decorate the tree, we get to make cookies for Santa, and we even put out carrots for Rudolph. We also get to put up lights on a tree outside. After we're done doing that, it literally looks like colorful lights threw up in our house. I love Christmas.

—Beckett Schutz

I think Christmas means spending time with family and celebrating Jesus's birth. We also get to eat yummy food. I love Christmas because you get to decorate, and I love decorating. Also, there is so much joy around, and I love it!!! We also put up a Christmas tree and we always play hide the pickle on the tree. It is so much fun!!!

—Alexis Belyeu

Christmas means so much to me. I love spending time with my family. Every year my family decorates cookies. I love to see all the faces of my family. Also most of the time, we eat the frosting while we are decorating. The sprinkles are a disaster, but they make it so fun!!

—Cassidy Beck

Christmas means spending time with fam-

ily. For Christmas, we go to my grandma's house and we can open presents. We are happy to share gifts with each other. After presents, we eat. It's special because I help Grandma make the meal. I like making special things for family. It was the best time of my life! Finally, we all go to see Christmas lights, walking in the neighborhood. The lights are pretty and happy, just like we are. I love spending time with family at Christmas.

—Sophia Miller

Christmas means a lot to me because you can spend so much time with your family. It's kinda crazy. You can care for each other by giving gifts to each other. You can have a big delicious feast. One of my favorite things to do on Christmas is to try to find Santa. I sit there for hours and hours but I haven't had any luck. One of my favorite things to do is to decorate the tree with tinsel ornaments, lights and a star to finish it off. Another thing we do is caroling.

—Blake Staral

Christmas means so much to me. It means waking up early and unwrapping the crisp Christmas presents, baking cookies with my mom, having fun with my family, and spending time with them.

One reason Christmas is special, is by waking up early and unwrapping the crisp Christmas presents.

Every year my family wakes up early and we unwrap our presents. As soon as we walk into the living room our eyes are as wide as a watermelon. The ribbons are so curly and crisp, I love it. It's special because it's so joyful and bright.

Another reason Christmas is special is by baking cookies with my mom. The fresh smell of freshly baked cookies, yum. My favorite cookies that we bake are just plain little cookies with peppermint Hershey kisses on top. Everybody goes nuts for them. When you bite into them, they immediately crack and the melted Hershey fills my heart with joy.

A third reason Christmas is special is by having fun and spending time with my family. Everybody plays card games, and the kids goof around and have pillow fights. When it's time to open presents, we gather around the tree and hand out presents one by one. The room is full of laughter.

—Chloe Dorn

Christmas means spending time with far away relatives. I get to see my cousins from California and my grandma and grandpa from Illinois. It also means trying new food that I don't usually eat. When we my family opens presents, we say thank you to whoever got us presents. When I am by my grandma, she hides a green pickle and me and my sister race to find it.

The pickle blends in with the Christmas tree because it is green. This is my favorite part.

—Caden Jaeger

To me, Christmas is more than just getting, and opening up presents. It's about spending time with friends, and family. It's also about giving to others. Even though It's fun and exciting to get presents, it feels even BETTER to GIVE, instead of GET. For me, Christmas is ten days long. It's ten days long because the shepherds took ten days to get to the place of Jesus's place of birth.

—Miloh Knapp

The most special thing about Christmas is spending time with family. For me, this is really important because most of my family lives far away, and I don't really get to see them! It is really sad because when I'm in bed, I feel horrible that I don't get to see them. So when Christmas comes, I finally get to see them! When we spend time together, it's always fun. We play outside, we play board games, and we watch movies. That's what Christmas means to me, spending time with people who mean the most to us. It's a special thing that doesn't happen often except at this

very special time of year.

—Logan Vandlen

I love Christmas because it is my favorite holiday. I think Christmas means so much to me because I get to spend time with family. Christmas also means so much to me because it is a time to give presents to other people. Christmas means to me the most because I get to spend time with my friends like Kate-lynn.

—Aria Coronado

I love Christmas because I celebrate the birth of Jesus, spend time with my family, and have a lot of joy in my heart. When I wake up on Christmas morning and see the lit Christmas tree with my family around it, I close my eyes and it makes me smile. Another reason I love Christmas is because I spend time with family. I go to all of my families' houses. Every year you go to my grandma's house and I hear, "I got this, and I got that!" It fills my heart with joy. Another reason I love Christmas is because we celebrate the birth of Jesus. My whole family sets up the Nativity scene. It's one of my favorite parts of Christmas.

—Sophia Kutschenreuter

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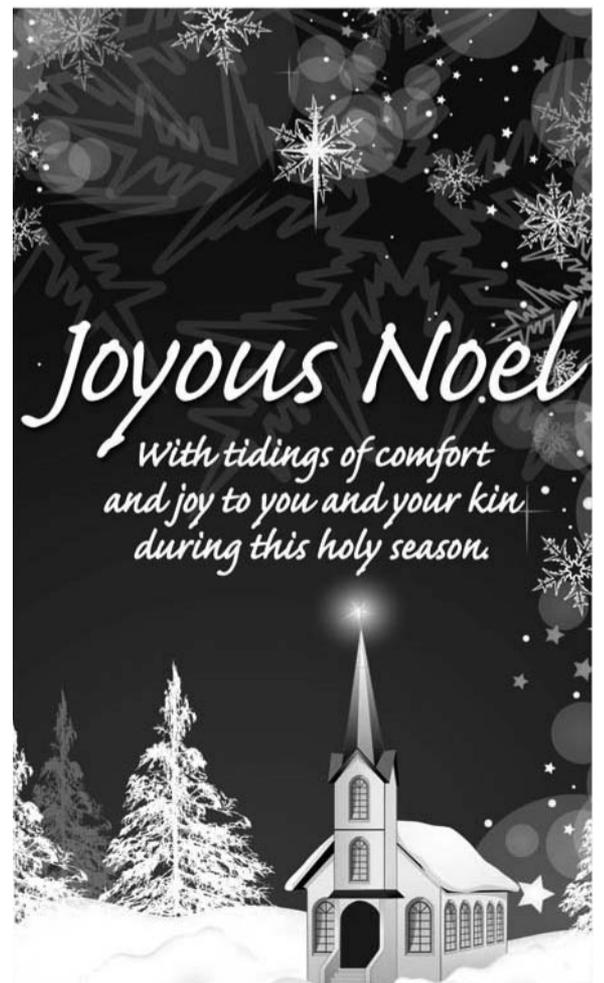
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# What Christmas Means To Me...

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One reason Christmas is special is because we open presents. It is fun when you get the toys you want. Another reason Christmas is special is you can be with your family, talk with them, and eat lots of food! Finally, at Christmas we go as a family to see Santa at my grandma's restaurant. Christmas is about spending time with others and sharing gifts so they know how special they are to you.

—Brayden Gutche

Christmas is all about spending time with your family. It is the most important thing about Christmas except maybe getting presents. For my mom's side of the family, we pick a card and whoever's name is on it, we get the person a present. On my dad's side of the family, we go to my grandpa's house and we have a party. My dad,

my mom, brother, sister, and I decorate the tree. So what Christmas means to me is family.

—Evan Soyk

Christmas is a special holiday for many reasons. My family decorates, spends time together, celebrates Jesus' birthday, and bake cookies that bring us joy. One way Christmas is special to me is we decorate. We decorate the entire outside of our house. We put lights on the house and we put a Santa and Christmas tree in the yard. We decorate because it's a special tradition that brings us joy. A second way Christmas is special to me is baking cookies. I bake with my mom and we make Christmas trees, stars, presents and candy canes. It is fun spending time together. Christmas is a time for joy and my family finds joy in many ways.

—Evan Bird

Christmas is a special

holiday for many reasons. My family decorates, makes cookies, and celebrates at grandma's house. One way Christmas is special is my grandma decorates my tree. Even Dax the cat admires the tree. The ornaments are very special. My favorites are the horse, the santa, and the little girl. The ornaments never change and are passed down in our family. Christmas is a time for tradition. Another way Christmas is special is making cookies at my grandma's house. My grandma and I spend time together and laugh when I lick the icing off the spoon. It's a tradition. My grandma's house holds all our happy memories of Christmas.

—Tylie McKenzie

Christmas means a lot to me. It means spending time with my family because we always play games and have food. My favorite part is that you get caramel brownies that taste really good! I love to open presents.

We get to go to my two grandmas and my grandpa's house where we open more presents. Then I get to play with my older cousin. I'm the third oldest cousin. I really like seeing my family.

—Brooke Ouellette

Christmas means to me celebrating Jesus's birth. He came to earth to die for our sins. The reason we celebrate is because lots of people would be bad if Jesus did not die. But all thanks to Jesus we are better now. If he didn't die, then the world wouldn't have changed.

Christmas also means to me Loving, Caring, Giving, and Sharing. Another tradition we do is we have to find the person who owns the present and they have to close their eyes to guess who gave them the present. If the person guesses right, they are able to open their presents. But if they guess wrong, they have to wait a little longer. Just like spending time with your family, you might not do this, but our family does it, we carol! For example we sing Joy to the World. We also have a big meal. Christmas is my favorite holiday.

—Liam Mayo

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To me, Christmas means family and not just getting presents but giving presents. Christmas is also about saying bye to your elf. Almost everyday is christmas because you should be giving and spending time with your family all the time. Kids get so excited about presents but that's not what christmas is. Christmas is exciting but the most exciting feeling is the proudness in your heart that you gave presents to other people.

—Kiley Leu

What Christmas

means to me is that it is a time to remember Jesus. And a time to spend time with your family. And it is a time to be jolly, and giving. And for some, Christmas is just another day on the streets. NO, Christmas is a time for giving. People should help other people in need.

—Caleb Rands

Christmas is the time for giving not the time for taking away. You should be grateful for having the days of December anywhere because you have to say thanks to the people with helping and teaching in front of you. They can still help other people not just you. And people say it is for the present it is the family waiting for you it is the feeling of harmony and joy of being close to each other. And even if you have two presents you should not say "I should get more presents" you should just be grateful for what you have now and that's what Christmas means to me.

—Quinn Becker

Christmas is the best time of the year. Me and my family have a tradition every year, we go to Minnesota to see a lot of family members. We all sit on the ground in the living room opening presents. We go youngest to oldest. My grandma Tarey and grandpa Randy go all out, they get everybody like 10 presents. It is amazing. Then I go to my back home to celebrate with my grandma Deb and grandpa Todd at their house they got everybody 1 present and it is exactly what you want. Then I go to my grandma Dona and my grandpa Skot. I have 2 Christmas there. My grandma Dona makes lots of food it is the best and my grandpa Skot sets up the tree. I have 5 Christmas how many Christmas do you have?

—Makenna Poole

Christmas isn't about presents, it is about spending time with family and it's Jesus birthday. It is a time of joy and it is so fun and that's what Christmas means to me!

—Camden Petermann

To me Christmas is more than just a holiday where people get together and get presents. To me Christmas is a day where people get together to celebrate and have a big feast. It is a day where I get to see my big family and see how lucky I am to have a family, a home to live in, people that care about me, and lots and lots of food to eat.

—Love Bruggink

Christmas is a holiday where I get to celebrate a nice snowy day with my cousins. At night me and my brothers get to open all our presents that were waiting under the Christmas tree. I also get to see all the cool Christmas decorations like lights and animals in the town.

—Mia Santos Luis

Christmas is special because you get to have fun. Little kids get toys and family gets together for a big feast.

—Brody Reimer

Christmas isn't about the presents, it's about seeing your family, and sharing God's word. Christmas is fun you can get a Christmas tree with your family. When you bring your christmas tree in the house you can decorate the tree by putting on christmas ornaments, but first don't forget to put on the christmas lights on the tree. When you're done ask your dad if you can put the christmas lights outside, if you didn't do them already. You can get icicles that light up and colorful lights that you can put on the trees!

—Carter Unger



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# What Christmas Means To Me...

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Christmas means to me being nice and a lot of joy and to be with my family. It also means having fun with your cousins and having fun with your new toys and playing games with everyone. We all watch funny movies to celebrate the holiday.

—Taylor Hafemann

It means spending time with family, having a family dinner, being with cousins and aunts, uncles, grandparents and your parents. On Christmas Eve, our family wears matching pajamas and we watch movies. Then after all the movies we go to sleep we make sure there's no need for us to get up in the middle of the night. We lay out milk and cookies then the next morning Santa comes and we all get up then we sit and open our presents then we go to a christmas party. Christmas is when Jesus was born, most people think Christmas is about presents but it's not about presents it's about family.

—Jasmine Wulff

It means spending time with my family. It means giving and getting presents from family. It means having fun and being happy.

—Sam Gerard

Christmas means to me to spend time with family. Nothing is better than spending time with family and enjoying the holiday spirit. One of our Christmas traditions is the pickle. You put a paper pickle on the tree on Christmas Eve and Santa hides it and when somebody finds the pickle, they're Santa and hand out the presents. That's what Christmas means to me.

—Keira Kunath

I like Christmas because you get to celebrate Jesus's birthday, and you get to spend time with your family. For example, you get to eat with your family, and get

and give them gifts, and spend a good time or maybe watch a movie. That's what Christmas means to me.

—Vinny Adornato

I get to open presents. I get to play with the toys. I play games with my dolls Cupcake and Isabelle. All of my family gets together and we open presents together.

—Rilee Ziegelbauer

Christmas means you get to spend time with family, the people you love most. It is a good time to learn about God and Jesus. Finally, it's a good time to give thanks.

—AJ Droese

What Christmas means to me is fun and happiness. The kids having fun with presents, the nice festive dinner, and the movies that we watch.

—Caydon Schrader

Christmas to me means to be nice to have a good time. Reconnect with your family members. Have a dinner together. Play together. Have gift exchanges get other people presents. But most of all you should have a good time with everyone. That is what people in your family would like. Merry Christmas.

—Lincoln Ruplinger

What Christmas means to me is spending time with my family!

Part of seeing my family is playing games, talking about what is going on in their life, and more. Seeing my family makes me happy, and I think that is what Christmas is supposed to do! I also think Christmas means having fun, for example when I am spending time with my family, I am having fun! So spending time with my family, being happy, and having fun is what Christmas means to me!

—Ellie Berres

Christmas means giving and not getting. This year I am not writing a long Christmas list because I feel very spoiled by writing a long one and I don't want to feel that

way. Christmas also means spending time with family and the people that love you. Another thing Christmas means to me that it is Jesus's birthday and how God blessed us all to having a great and kind loving son. Thank you for reading and I hope you now know what Christmas means to me.

—Claire Geiger

I believe Christmas is about love and family. We decorate Christmas trees as a family and we bake cookies as a family. At the Christmas season we wait for our elf on the shelf named Peppermint and our elf on the shelf reindeer friend Stix. They bring Christmas cheer to the house along with trouble. I think Christmas should be happy.

Another reason is Jesus's birthday. He was born in Bethlehem. They had wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. That is why Christmas should be celebrated with family.

—Autumn Reindl

What Christmas means to me is getting together with the family and friends. For example, your cousins, your grandma and grandpa and others. Another reason is the presents from your family. For example, a bike, action figures, squishes...it all means something. Another reason is wrapping because it's fun to do for example, bows, wrapping paper, toys. Another reason is helping because it is the right thing to do. For example, people, decorating the tree, making cookies, snow plow, make food, donating to the food pantry.

—Sybil Gadouas

Christmas is not about the presents. It's when you get to spend time with your family. There are 365/366 days, a year and only 12-13 days you

get to see them so enjoy the time while you get. So maybe you got a toy truck, well it's not about that, it's about seeing or family. HAPPY HOLIDAYS

—Landon Scheel

Well what Christmas really means to me is that you get to spend time with family and make people laugh. Another reason that you go up to people's doors and sing Christmas songs with people well the word for that is caroling. I love seeing people having fun and smiling opening gifts with cheer. I always have Christmas with my family which I have a lot of people in my family which every Christmas you get to give cheer to people well it's really fun. Hopefully you all have a wonderful Christmas like me.

—Lily Prost

**Farmington Elementary School  
Mrs. Wenzlaff's and Mrs. Timm's Fifth Grade Classes**

The meaning of Christmas is Jesus's birthday. At least that is what my family believes in.

Christmas is a time for celebrating with presents and candy. But it's not all about that; it's about spending time with family and friends.

On Christmas Eve, people are thrilled to come downstairs to the presents under the tree and start unwrapping.

It's a time of thanks for everything everyone has done for you. It is also a time for giving and spreading out Christmas cheer.

Christmas is a holiday that is not about what you get, such as presents, candy, and so on; it is about giving and being nice to everyone!

Merry Christmas!!!  
—Roman Kapla

Christmas is getting together with family even

when we are going through hardships. For me, that was almost every year on Christmas. One of the family members would be sick, and the rest of us couldn't go to any of the family gatherings held on Christmas Day. But...we managed to get through it anyway.

I had gotten sick right about a week before Christmas. My family took care of me like a family should. But as soon as it was Christmas Day, they all huddled around me while I opened my presents. When it was my little brother's turn, he did not scream or freak out because a sick person was next to him. Instead, we put aside our fighting and dealt with it.

This shows that getting together on Christmas, or any holiday, really means that you are putting others before yourself, even if it means you will probably get sick next week or something. It shows that you really care. Even if you had to fly halfway across the world! Doing any act of kindness (especially on Christmas) is appreciated by all. If you do not believe me, ask other people that appreciate your kindness.

Christmas is a joyous time of year. Even if you cannot be with your family, you have to make the most of it.

—Nora Nowacki

To me, Christmas means spending time with family and friends together. Then we open presents with my mom, my dad, my aunt, my cousin, my sister and I. My whole family goes into the dining room and eat, and my mom always says, "Merry Christmas to all."

After dinner my family goes to the living room and opens presents that are under the Christmas tree. My family leaves and I say goodbye. Then I get ready for bed, and I slowly close my eyes.

—Natalie Nelson

The meaning of Christmas to me is to bring family together and the presents are to get kids interested and talking with family. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, although some people usually don't think of that when they think of Christmas.

Christmas is also a time of joy. That is why lots of Christmas movies aren't all about Santa and snowmen and Rudolph. Some are about joy. One of my favorites is Home Alone.

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. You spend time with family and spread Christmas cheer!

—Liam Kumrow

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# What Christmas Means To Me...

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Christmas is the time for joy and laughter. But what Christmas means to me is a special birthday: the birth of Jesus Christ. Also, this holiday season is the time for giving. We receive and give gifts like the three kings who followed the holy star on their camels. Christmas means family. We love, eat, talk, and laugh with each other. Christmas is the time to celebrate with family. We also decorate our homes and trees. We hang our stockings for the arrival of Saint Nick and Santa Claus.

So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

—Hannah Thull

To me Christmas means joy. During Christmas what brings me joy is being with my family and celebrating. When I hear the word "Christmas" I think of being with my family and celebrating the birth of Jesus.

I know that to many kids Christmas means getting gifts and sitting on Santa's lap. The thing most kids don't realize is that during this time you're having a good time with family as well. That's all that matters.

Christmas also means celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas is the day Jesus was born. I love celebrating his birthday.

I enjoy seeing all of the Nativities around. I feel so privileged to be able to celebrate such a great holiday.

Christmas means JOY!

—Scarlett Reis

To me Christmas means that I can spend time with my family. I especially enjoy getting to see my sister because I never get to see her because she is in college. Let's explain more...

To me Christmas means that we can celebrate a special birthday...The birth of Jesus. He was born to save us people as sinners. We celebrate this by setting up nativity sets of baby Jesus lying in a manger.

To me Christmas means that I have a night where the whole family gets together for one whole night. That might not seem like a lot of time, but to me it is. We gather around a fake fire. We eat snacks and open gifts from the family.

Merry Christmas!

—Meagan Knoeck

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Christmas is about family and friends it's not about the presents you get. It's also about happiness and joy. And being able to have a family and enjoy celebrating it with your family. Some of my family lives in Texas and I don't get to see them all the time and I get to see them on Christmas.

—Aaliyah P.

Christmas means to me about spending time with my family. Laughing with my family, and being joyful is what Christmas really means to me. Spending time with all my family and making new memories. I also love giving presents to my family. When you get presents from me it will be a big flood afterward. Santa even will be stuck in the chimney with all cookies and carrots my family gives him. This Christmas is going to be a great Christmas.

—Abby N.

Christmas season means to me playing in snow. And having fun with my family that is what I like to do on Christmas.

—Anaston S.

Christmas means giving gifts to others and singing Christmas songs. It also means making cookies, seeing my family and going to parties.

—Annika K.

Christmas to me means vacation because...I go every year and see family. Christmas to me means joy All the beautiful lights, gifts to give. Christmas to me means Santa because...He gives you gifts. You get to guess what is inside.

—Annie C.

The Christmas season means spending time with loved ones, giving more than you receive, and building snowmen. It also means making Christmas cookies, sipping hot chocolate by the fire, and decorating the Christmas tree with my

family. These things are all important because you can spend more time with your family to bond, and you can forget about the bad things and be cheerful. The Christmas season means shoveling the driveway, and freezing my face in the cold. 'Tis the season to sing Christmas carols, and see the neighbors decorations. These things are important to me because they are my family traditions that help me spend more time with my family.

—Audrey K.

To me, Christmas means to get together with family, and celebrate the season including presents, trees, decorations, and most of all, joy. Christmas is the most important season to me because it is the only time every single person comes together, because not every single person comes to other get-togethers for other holidays!

—Autumn G.

The Christmas season means to me. Joy, love and getting together with family and friends. It means playing in the snow and having fun with cousins. I love making Christmas cookies.

—Ben W.

The Christmas season means to me lots of awesome presents. And a very nice family gathering and/or dinner. The Christmas season also means playing in the snow having fun and eating delicious cookies and drinking hot cocoa.

—Brandon

The Christmas season means, I get to

gether with my family and play games and to be cheerful and joyful. It also means getting to setup the Christmas tree, the lights, and getting to sing Christmas songs. Being in the Christmas feeling and opening presents and giving presents. I also get to make snowmen and play in the snow with my sisters.

—Celia A.

What the Christmas season means to me is. Spending time with friends and family. And celebrating the birth of baby Jesus. Also I love giving gifts to people. and seeing the smiles on their faces.

—Chase H.

Giving my family presents because it gets me happy. I like watching them opening presents. Decorating because I like decorating it is very fun to me and I like when it snows because I like making snow forts and burrows and slides and I like building snowman because it is very fun because you get to roll huge snowballs.

—Chayce V.

There are 4 things Christmas means to me. First, singing. We always sing Christmas carols in our car, and when we decorate our house for Christmas. Second, playing in the snow. Me and my sister would always tunnel in the snow, left from the snow plow. Third, is decorating our house. I always look forward to decorating because it means family, and I love the after look. Last, on Christmas day we visit my family in Janesville. There we give gifts, and spend time with family!

To me Christmas is love, joy, and family!

—Claire P.

Christmas to me means having fun playing outside, celebrating

Jesus' birthday and leaving cookies and milk for Santa and getting presents from Santa and Saint Nick.

And I get to have 3 Christmases with all of my family.

—Colton D.

The Christmas season means family and fun. It starts with Thanksgiving, when you eat a lot. Then, Christmas comes and you get to see your whole entire family and give them presents! After, there is New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. You get to stay awake until midnight! One thing stays the same the whole time. You get to see your family and have fun.

—Daisy S.

Christmas seasons mean to me happiness and joy. Christmas also means to me that we get to spend time with cousins and family. Also giving gifts and being caring to people. The best time is to play in the snow and watch the elves move. I also like when I get a gift to play with my gifts like a new NERF GUN.

—Dylan V.

Christmas to me means being thankful for my family getting me gifts even if I don't like the gift I am still happy that they thought of me. I love spending time with my family especially my cousins that live in Virginia because I see them 3+ times a year. I love to travel to Virginia because I have fun with my dad and we are happy, we laugh and we get to our destination. I love to spend time with my aunt and uncle and cousin since I barely see them even though we live 15 min away. Out of all what Christmas to me is having fun playing outside and celebrating Christmas and Jesus birthday.

—Elijah M.



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Jesus, the king of Israel, because I am Catholic. silver bells, because I love the song, and I love hot cocoa because I love warm drinks. Candy canes, because I am always up for any type of Christmas candy. I love going up in my room to put up the Christmas train while listening to my Christmas alvin and the chipmunks c-d. I always love looking at my small nutcracker collection. Christmas trees always speaks to me because of that fresh - cut smell. I love rudolph, and drinking eggnog. Two of my favorite things to do is go to the festival of trees at the washington county humane society, and seeing the light show in fond du lac co. I love the Christmas season in every way possible.

—Emma J.

Christmas means: To spend Christmas with my family, friends, cousins, aunts and uncles, and grandparents. I like to look at the presents under the tree after I get a drink. I try to guess what the presents are. It is hard to guess all of the presents.

—Eric J.

The season is special to me because I love Christmas music and spending time with my whole family. We get to go to any one house and spend time with them too.

—Evelyn J.

The Christmas season means giving to me. The Christmas season means giving to me

because so many people are giving others gifts. I like giving presents to others and seeing the joy on their faces when they open them. I think that giving is important because with everything that goes on it makes people feel good on the inside. Even though you may not think this, you can make others feel great just by giving them a smile or a wave. That is why the Christmas season means giving to me.

—Hannah S.

Christmas means to me joy and happiness. Also seeing family and friends. I love eating Christmas cookies and also opening presents!

—Haylee W.

Christmas means a Christmas tree with amazing and beautiful ornaments and a big star. Snowy weather and having snowball fights with my brother and building snow forts. Also seeing my family and watching them open their presents. It also means to me eating the best food of the year. It also means going to church and having a concert at church when I have to go up in front of a lot of people and say my bible verse and sing church songs. Listening to Christmas songs in the car and singing along. Also eating amazing food everyone makes. That is what Christmas means to me.

—Jace W.

Spending time with friends and family and making memories with friends. I love playing in the snow and how we make and play with all of the things with my

mom. We play with cars, houses, paper airplanes because they are cool and very fun.

—Joel M.

Christmas makes me think of presents, family and god. Every Christmas we visit each side of the family. My moms and my dads. My second favorite thing is the presents. I love getting gifts from santa and family. Also the pickle tradition. You hide a pickle ornament and who ever finds it gets a prize. That's why I love Christmas.

—Jude J.

Having a fun time and not being grouchy. It means setting up some really cool Christmas decorations and going to church to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It means having a good spirit and seeing a lot of my family. Also it means singing and making fun stuff with my family. My last reason I like Christmas is opening presents. That's what Christmas means to me.

—Karlee H.

The Christmas season makes me feel joyful because I get to listen to Christmas music and decorate for Christmas I enjoy hanging Christmas lights up. I enjoy seeing my cousins because I rarely see them. I also enjoy eating the chocolates and food I make. Me and my family love making snowmen and forts. Most of all, I enjoy seeing my family and getting presents, I love seeing all the cool presents and gifts santa gives to me, and I love giving presents. This Christmas I'm hoping it is as fun and as beautiful as the last!

ful as the last!

—Kaylee F.

I love to see my cousin and my great great Grandma and I love to see them and I like to play with them. I also love presents because it is really fun to play with toys.

—Keirran S.

Christmas is joy and happiness. The season of Christmas is love and kindness for other people. Feeling the fluffy snow and the brightly decorated Christmas trees. Christmas is not like any other holiday it get everyone in the holiday spirit that is why I love Christmas!

—Kendal S.

Christmas season is fun. My cousin comes to my house. I like playing with her. My dog is always dressed in a Santa suit. I love when we watch a movie like Frozen 2.

—Lauren C.

I'm not going to lie, I love music and all the lights in downtown West Bend. That is my favorite part of the holidays and sometimes I make my sister mad and then she opened my presents and no longer hates me, I love the snow my family calls me a polar bear because I can spend 3-5 hours in the snow.

—Lilly P.

One of the things is my birthday because I get to spend time with my family, friends and cousins with my parents in Chicago.

—Lindzey A.

I love going to the city & seeing all the pretty lights in the dark. I Love getting presents, not

only how I get gifts but how the person gave it to you, they didn't have to. I love seeing the pretty snow & decor in the snow globes.

—Milana

Christmas means a lot to me because a lot of people don't believe in santa or think he is fat but no he is real and not a lot of people that are eight at my age believe in santa so here is what Christmas means to me...

Family and to love them well you can, friends and to be thankful for them, presents and santa, house even if it just a little, snow snow and more snow, Christmas tree's, Heating to keep my house warm, snow days and you can not forget about a piece of paper to write santa a letter.

—Miles D.

Christmas is centered around joy. The season Christmas means joy to me. The snow and seeing family. Waiting for

santa and wondering what you'll get. They all make me happy.

—Owen A.

The Christmas season is one of the BEST times of the year for me. The presents makes me happy and my whole family comes over. I get to have lots of fun and my dad always comes over and we have lots of fun. We make lots of good food and I play with lots of people that come over and I get to go on my phone sometimes and play on it and we go sledding open presents but remember Christmas is not all about presents because it is Jesus's birthday and you sometimes celebrate his birthday.

—Preston W.

Christmas means happiness because I get to see my uncle that's up north and my family members and giving presents and getting presents. And hanging out.

Richard W.

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# What Christmas Means To Me...



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Christmas season means seeing my family and being with my family. Also getting to play in the snow and decorate my Christmas tree. I also like when I give out presents. I like when I get to watch movies like Frozen 2.

—Sadie F.

The Christmas season means the season of giving and celebrating the birth of Christ. It also means spending as much time as possible with your family. I love seeing people's faces

when they open my gifts.

—Sarah Z.

I love how my family rocks the baby Jesus to sleep and my family kisses it. My favorite part is to put up the Christmas tree. I like when my family drives around and we can see other people's houses in the dark because they look beautiful. I like the presents because I know that my family loves me.

—Sherlyn V.

Christmas means happy to me because all of my family comes and we gather around the tree we open one pres-

ent at a time so they don't get stepped on when we pick them up.

—Sierrah B.

Christmas means to remembering who Jesus is. It isn't about getting presents. It's also about having fun with cousins and seeing people you haven't seen in a long time. I hope you have a good Christmas.

—Superior T.

The Christmas season to me means seeing my family and celebrate, eat food, open presents and thank other people for giving us presents. I also play with other kids. I also play with new toys.

—Sydney B.

Christmas season gives me Joy because all the things that happen and because on

what I get and what I see. Christmas is so amazing to see how everyone is so joyful and happy because there's colorful lights and amazing decorations. Christmas season brings me happiness because there's so much fun and amazement when walking or playing in the snow. Christmas season brings me joy because I get to spend time with my family.

—Tess S.

To me the Christmas season means giving gifts, appreciating others and bringing joy to the world, children and adults. Christmas time is being able to care for others. I enjoy playing in the snow with my sister and then going inside to drink hot chocolate. It means a lot to me when my parents open the gift I got them and they smile really big. I love Christmas and being able to make others feel good.

—Tessa H.

Christmas to me is a time to be with family and open presents with them. I like to do this because sometimes when you open a family members present you go coo coo bananas. Also Christmas to me is the season of snow and fun in it. I like this because snow can do many things and it gives us something to do in the winter.

—Will A.

Christmas means to me family time and the Lord. My mom cooks the best dinner and her turkey, buns, gravy are the best thing ever. What really gets my attention the presents think of what I could get. Most importantly is



Picture by Keyliah, Third Grade

family together for the holidays. The cookies are what I love at Christmas time the candies, frosting, beautiful decorations and... THE TREE is the best part with tinsel, popcorn strings, lights, special ornaments and the shining star. The best part of the season is all of us being together and celebrate.

—Wyatt C.

**Kewaskum  
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Christmas means time with my family. We decorate a Christmas tree with my family. On Christmas Eve we put presents under the tree. My family goes to church on Christmas day. We celebrate the birth of Jesus.

—Anelli Castaneda

La Navidad se significa tiempo con mi familia. Decoramos un árbol de Navidad con mi familia. En Nochebuena ponemos regalos de bajo del árbol. Mi familia va a la iglesia el día de Navidad. Celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús.

—Anelli Castaneda

To me, Christmas means lots of things. Family means a lot to me. My favorite thing is when my family comes over to my house for Christmas to celebrate. I love when my family makes delicious cookies. Another thing that means a lot to me is playing Christmas carols every day when I'm in my family's car. My favorite Christmas carol is 'It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas'. Another thing that means a lot to me is the gifts. I love gifts! I love making gifts and getting gifts. I love baking every single Christmas morning. I love baking all the food for our family. I love Christmas!

—Harper Herriges

This is what Christmas means to me. The big humongous Santa, he gives me gifts. For some reason, we never give him cookies.

—Brodee Strohbeen

What Christmas means to me is Jesus birthday because we sing carols and lots of things to do with Jesus. I am eight years old.

—Gabriellea Kidd



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—Gabriellea Kidd

To me, Christmas means getting together with family and friends. We always have fun decorating and hanging the stockings. We also have fun looking for our elves and having a gift exchange. We make cookies and decorate them and the tree.

—Elizabeth Helton

Christmas means family to me because it makes me happy. Christmas means kindness because it makes me cheerful. Christmas means peace to me because it reminds me of who was born on Christmas. Christmas means gifts because it makes others happy. Christmas means snow because it makes me think of hot chocolate with marshmallows. Christmas means presents to me because it gives me joy and theres some things I want a nintendo switch, big lego sets and chromebook.

—Rocco Cannestra

To me Christmas means being with family and spending time together! I love it when my family from far away comes to visit

and spends time with me! I'm very cheerful when they arrive. Christmas also means decorating the tree with my mom and dad. My favorite part is looking at all of my ornaments from when I was little! They all remind me of all the other great Christmases! Christmas also means baking and putting frosting on cookies with my cousins! All of the cookies look so delicious and tasty as well as we all sit there anxious to try them! Merry Christmas!

—Macy Butzlaff

Christmas means to me family to spending time with my friends and family and eating cookies and leave cookies out for Santa Claus.

—Kaloen Wagner

"To me Christmas means Family and decorating and snow." "It's so great for playing in." "Christmas also means Santa and gifts." "It's so great." "It's like the best in the world." "Christmas means making gingerbread trains." "It's Sooo Sooooo great I love Christmas." "It's so great I wish it was Christmas every single day." "I love Christmas Sooo So much I wish it would snow every day." The end.

—Lucy Schekirke

Christmas is fun to celebrate. On Christmas I like to see my whole family, and make decorations for the tree

and baking cakes and cookies and waking up every Christmas morning and looking under the tree for presents. Christmas is very fun for me and my family! I get to sing little carols for my family and giving gifts to everybody and them giving gifts to me. I LOVE CHRISTMAS! Ho Ho Ho! and last but not least making ornaments.

—Keyliah Rain Schrader

Christmas reminds me when God got born and when he rose to heaven and that is why we celebrate Christmas. Christmas reminds me of presents and more than presents it is Santa and nice reindeer. Christmas means putting up the Christmas tree and all of the decorations.

—Elijah Gerek

Christmas means cheer to me. I like to decorate our tree. I like to open presents thats all is about. Santa thankyou for the Gifts.

—Brie Carini

Gifts: gifts means so much to me because I get cool toys that mean a lot to me and bring lots of joy. Family: family means so much because you can get together and sing Christmas songs and spread joy.

Snow: Snow is so cool because you can play in it and build cool stuff and have a Merry Christmas!

—Hayley Henthorn

Christmas means decorating cookies, carolers, kind Santa. Christmas means spending time with family. Christmas means playing with family. Christmas means eating cookies with family.

—Max McGraw

This is what Christmas means to me: Happiness and cheer, presents and gifts for all that children love. Decorating Christmas trees even my own, even playing in the snow. Snowball fight or a snowman. Singing, laughing, and smiles all around, this is what I love.

—Brooklyn Boelte

Christmas means to play in the snow. One day in the morning, it was snowing so I went outside. First I built a snowman and broke it. Next, I built a snowfort and I broke it. Christmas means to me that Santa always watching you so you better be good. Christmas is really nice to me.

—Lucas Zeeb

Christmas is really nice to me. I like getting presents from Santa. I get everything I want. I like it when my family comes over and we play a lot with my cousins.

—Bryce Zehren

What Christmas means to me is sharing because you share love - Family because I don't get to see them a lot.

Mackenzie Herbst

Christmas means family to me because it makes me happy. Christmas means celebrating to me because I like to put up the tree with my mom and dad. Christmas means kindness to me because it makes me cheerful. Christmas means eggnog to me because it makes me thirsty.

Christian Oldenburg

To me Christmas means family because you are spending time with your family on Christmas. One other thing that means to me on Christmas is happiness because I always see a smile on peoples face.

Braden Vanderboom

One thing that Christmas means to me is family. My family gathering around to celebrate for the one time of year. Food and laughter with kids playing their games and doing tricks. Happiness is all I think thats what my family means to me. Another meaning to me is decoration. The ten or 11 foot tree, a lot to decorate it. Thousands of ornaments, lights that look like ice, candy canes, blowups, lights pulled up to look like a statue and so much more. Another is Jesus to celebrate his day. I pray to Jesus to feel amazing on his special day, his birthday. Happy birthday Jesus, hope you feel supported every great day. All together I

feel like thats all I need for Christmas. Family, love, and Jesus. I feel great about it.

—Annabelle McElhatton

Christmas means laughter and caroling. It means sharing, happiness, family, decorating and smiles everywhere I go. That is what I love.

—Jax Vogt

The meaning of Christmas to me is family. Family is more than you think. FAMILY: The reason family is what Christmas means to me is because they bring me happiness and cheer. I love my family my family for many different reasons. Family means everything to me. CHEER: Another meaning of Christmas to me is cheer. Cheer brings happiness in many happy and different ways. I love Christmas and I bet you do too, have a Very Merry Christmas.

—Aurora Bobb

Decorating the tree with my family and seeing all the memories in the ornaments. Presents I always see and they are packed with joy for me. I also love how you get excited. Toys in the store I can see to get for my friends, my family and me. Cookies we bake for Santa to eat nice and warm with milk and the delicious smell.

—Adalynn Raether-Ramirez



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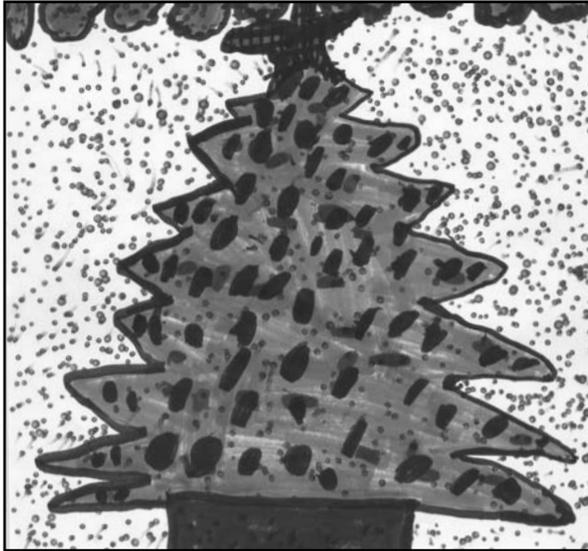
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# What Christmas Means To Me...



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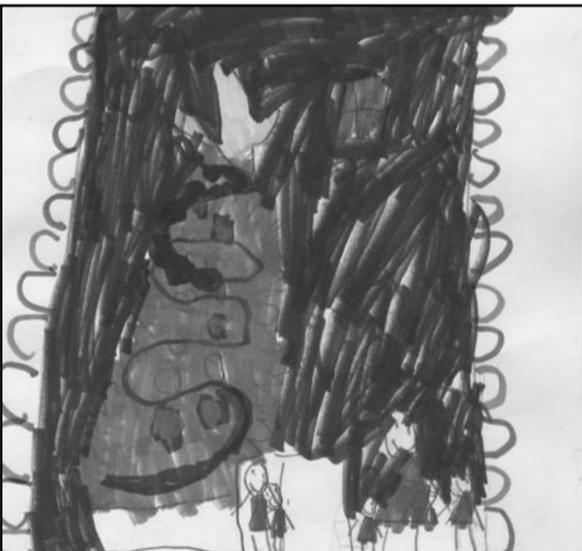
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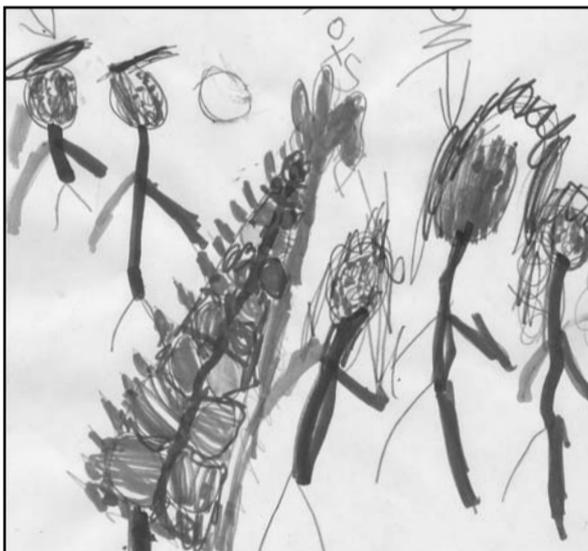
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Picture by Sawyer, 5K



Picture by Hailey, Kindergarten



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Picture by Penelope, Kindergarten



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Picture by Lily, 5K



Picture by Estelle, 5K

# Area Youth Holiday Artwork

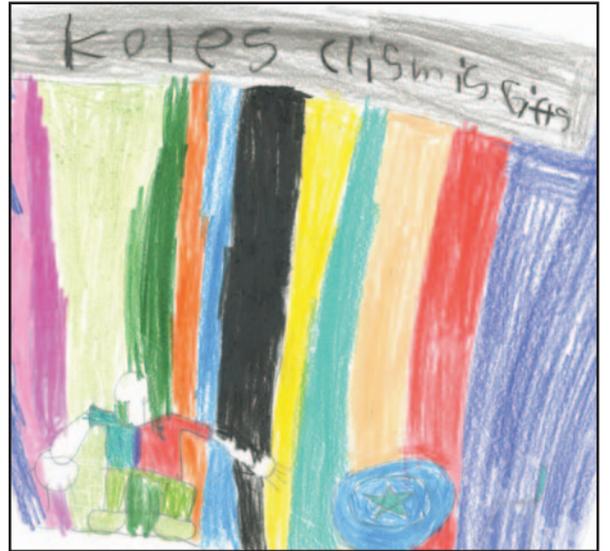
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Picture by Grace, Kindergarten



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Picture by Gia, Third Grade



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# Area Youth Holiday Artwork

# Kewaskum Elementary School 5K Gingerbread Houses



Sawyer Janz and fifth grade big buddy Rachael Ly



Wyatt and grandma Judy Steinert



Mya and mom Natasha Ernst



Myles Kuhfuss and fifth grade buddy Hoyt Martin



Avery and mom Jody Wichtoski



Levi and dad Jacob Junk



Alexis and mom Jamie Brenner

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## CAMPUS NEWS

**– Ripon College**  
Savanah Cousert of Campbellsport performed in the Holiday concert at 3:15 p.m., on December 8 in the Field House in the Willmore Center.

Cousert, class of 2022 at Ripon College, is majoring in Educational Studies MC/EA and English with a minor in Music. The parents of Cousert are John Cousert of Hartford, Wisconsin and Skylar Hanrahan of Campbellsport.

A holiday concert was presented by the music ensembles of Ripon College Sunday, Dec. 8.

The concert began at 3:15 p.m. in the Willmore Center Field House.

The concert included performances by Chamber Singers, Choral Union, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra and Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

**– University of Wisconsin - Whitewater**

The following local students are among the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater scholarship recipients receiving financial awards for the 2019-20 academic year.

**West Bend**

Kendal Clemetson, who is studying accounting, won the following scholarship(s): Chancellor Scholars

Brittany Greuel, who is studying accounting, won the following scholarship(s): Lillian M. Lange Scholarship; Dr. Carol A. Cartwright Women in Leadership; Promise Endowment - College of Business and Economics; Accounting; Laura Ferris

Sydney Koehler, who is studying accounting, won the following scholarship(s): Transfer Excellence Scholarship

Simon McGhee, who

is studying theater, won the following scholarship(s): Promise Endowment - Arts and Communication; Matthew Schliesman Scholarship for Artistic and Academic Accomplishments; Margo and Scott Trentadue Theater Scholarship

Hunter Nobles, who is studying business education, won the following scholarship(s): Mary Hermanson Brooks

Rebecca Vandermus, who is studying environmental science, won the following scholarship(s): Chancellor Scholars

**Kewaskum**

Melinda Janesch, who is studying music, won the following scholarship(s): Music Special Talent; College Excellence - Arts and Communication; UW-Whitewater Foundation Freshman Academic Scholarship

Margrette Singer, who is studying social work, won the following scholarship(s): King Chavez Scholarship

Kirstin Stoffel, who is studying accounting, won the following scholarship(s): Accounting

“Our scholarship winners represent the very

best in academic, co-curricular and service excellence across all of our colleges and departments,” said Greg Rutzen, interim president of the UW-Whitewater Foundation. “We’re grateful to the many people and organizations - past and present - who have generously donated funds to make these awards a reality. Some of these scholarships were endowed more than 80 years ago, leaving a lasting legacy that has contributed to the success of generations of Warhawks.”

## BREAKFAST MENUS

**December 30 - January 3**

**Kewaskum High School**

**Monday:** No School  
**Tuesday:** No School  
**Wednesday:** No School.

**Thursday:** Egg & Cheese Bagel Sandwich, Fresh Apple Slices, Assorted Juice, Choice Of Milk.

**Friday:** Breakfast Buffet (Variety of Breakfast Items), Fresh Pear Halves, Assorted Juice, Choice Of Milk.

Other Breakfast Items: Pillsbury Bagels, Banana/Zucchini Bread, Fruit Muffins, Cinnamon Rolls, Cereal/Granola Bars, Cold Cereal, 4 oz. Yogurt, String Cheese, Yogurt Parfaits, Uncrustable.

**Kewaskum Middle School**

**Monday:** No School  
**Tuesday:** No School  
**Wednesday:** No School.

**Thursday:** Egg & Cheese Bagel Sandwich, Fresh Apple Slices, Assorted Juice, Choice of Milk.

**Friday:** Breakfast Buffet (Variety of Breakfast Items), Fresh Pear Halves, Assorted Juice, Choice Of Milk.

Other Breakfast Items: Pillsbury Bagels, Banana/Zucchini Bread, Fruit Muffins, Cinnamon Rolls, Cereal/Granola Bars, Cold Cereal, 4 oz. Yogurt, String Cheese, Yogurt Parfaits, Uncrustable.

**Kewaskum School District Elementary Schools**

**Monday:** No School  
**Tuesday:** No School  
**Wednesday:** No School.

**Thursday:** Bacon, Egg & Cheese Croissant, Strawberries, Assorted Juice, Choice Of Milk.

**Friday:** Apple Bosco Stick, Fresh Apple Slices, Assorted Juice, Choice Of Milk.

Other Breakfast Items: Cold Cereal Bowls, Fruit Muffin, Fruit Breads, Cereal/Granola Bars, Nutri-Grain Bars, Graham Cracker Snacks, Pop-tarts, 4 oz. Yogurt, String Cheese, Uncrustable.

All Menus Are Subject To Change.



## LUNCH MENUS

**Lunch Menus for December 30 - January 3**

**Kewaskum High School**

**Monday:** No school.  
**Tuesday:** No school.  
**Wednesday:** No school.

**Thursday:** Pizza Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Peas & Carrots, Fresh Broccoli, Fresh Apple Slices, Pineapple Tidbits.

**Friday:** Macaroni & Cheese, Popcorn Chicken, Steamed Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Strawberries, Diced

Peaches.  
**Mondays:** Bistro Burger Bar.  
**Tuesdays:** Deli Bar.  
**Wednesdays:** Wings Bar.

**Thursdays:** A Taste of Italy.  
**Fridays:** Fish Fry Friday.

Daily Menu Offerings: Grab N Go Lunch, Variety Of Salads, Deli Bar, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Chicken Patty, Spicy Chicken Patty, Pizza Of The Day.

**Kewaskum Middle**

**School**

**Monday:** No school.  
**Tuesday:** No school.  
**Wednesday:** No school.

**Thursday:** Chicken Quesadilla, Whole Grain Spanish Brown Rice, Roasted Carrots, Orange Wedges, Apple-sauce.

**Friday:** Italian Fries With Marinara Sauce, Fresh Broccoli, Strawberries, Diced Peaches. Salad Bar Served Daily.

Daily Menu Offerings: Grab N Go Lunch, Variety Of Salads, Deli Bar,

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Chicken Patty, Spicy Chicken Patty, Pizza Of The Day.

**Kewaskum, Farmington and i4Learning Elementary**

**Monday:** No school.  
**Tuesday:** No school.  
**Wednesday:** No school.

**Thursday:** First Choice: Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Second Choice: Ravioli & Garlic Bread, Third Choice: Fun Lunch. Sides: French Fries, Fresh Vegetable Cup,

Orange Smiles.

**Friday:** First Choice: Cheese Pizza, Second Choice: Yogurt & Bagel, Third Choice: Fun Lunch. Sides: Steamed Peas & Carrots, Fresh Sugar Snap Peas, Strawberries.

Fun Lunch = Uncrustable, String Cheese, Goldfish Crackers, Fresh Apple Slices, Choice Of Assorted Vegetables.

**Holy Trinity School**

**Monday:** No school.  
**Tuesday:** No school.  
**Wednesday:** No

school.

**Thursday:** Cheeseburger Macaroni or Cheese Ravioli, Whole Grain Roll, Peas, Assorted Fruits.

**Friday:** Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Whole Grain Buttered Bread, Corn, Assorted Fruits.

Assorted Fresh Vegetables And Salad Offered Daily.

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# School Happenings

## Kewaskum High School

**Thursday, Dec. 26**

✓ KHS Boy's Basketball Ice Cream Social, KMS Cafeteria, 3 - 4 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 27**

✓ Boy's Basketball JV2, JV & Varsity Tournament, vs. Multiple Schools, at Oostburg High School, TBD.

✓ Wrestling Varsity Invitational, vs. Lourdes Academy, at UW Oshkosh, Kolf Sports Center, 9:30 a.m.

✓ Girl's JV Basketball Tournament, vs. Multiple Schools, at Kiel Middle School, 5:30 p.m.

✓ Girl's Varsity Basketball Tournament, vs. Multiple Schools, at Kiel High School, 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 28**

✓ Boy's Basketball JV2, JV & Varsity Tournament, vs. Multiple Schools, at Oostburg High School, TBD.

✓ Wrestling Varsity Invitational, vs. Lourdes Academy, at UW Oshkosh, Kolf Sports Center, 9:30 a.m.

✓ Girl's JV Basketball Tournament, vs. Multiple Schools, at Kiel Middle School, 5:30 p.m.

✓ Girl's Varsity Basketball Tournament, vs. Multiple Schools, at Kiel High School, 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 30**

✓ Boy's Basketball JV2 Game (date changed from 1-14-20), vs. West Bend West, at West Bend West High School, 5:45 p.m.

✓ Boy's Basketball JV Game (date changed from 1-14-20), vs. West Bend West, at West Bend West High School, 7:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 2**

✓ KHS Athletics Code Meeting, KHS Room 4250, 6 - 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 3**

✓ Boy's Basketball JV2 Game, vs. Kettle Moraine Lutheran, at KMS Gym, 5:45 p.m.

✓ Boy's Basketball JV Game, vs. Kettle Moraine Lutheran, at KHS Gym, 5:45 p.m.

✓ Boy's Basketball Varsity Game, vs. Kettle Moraine Lutheran, KHS Gym, 7:15 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 4**

✓ Girl's Basketball JV Game, vs. Kettle Moraine Lutheran, at KHS Gym, 5:45 p.m.

✓ Girl's Basketball Varsity Game, vs. Kettle Moraine Lutheran, at KHS Gym, 7:15 p.m.

## Farmington Elementary School

**Thursday, Jan. 2**

✓ FES Destination Imagination, FES Library, 3:40 - 5:30 p.m.

# New Law In 2020 – Federal ID Travel Requirement Begins October 1, 2020

## –Wisconsin DMV Urges Customers To Enroll Before Law Changes

When enforcement of the REAL ID Act begins October 1, 2020, the regular Wisconsin driver license or ID will no longer be accepted identification for domestic air travel or to enter a federal building or military base.

Travelers will need to present a REAL ID-compliant driver license or state ID card or another acceptable form of identification (such as a passport). TSA offers a list of acceptable alternative identification cards, go to [TSA.gov/REAL-ID](http://TSA.gov/REAL-ID).

Nearly 40 percent of all Wisconsin driver license or ID card holders

are REAL ID compliant. Many people may already have another acceptable form of ID (passport, military ID, etc.) or don't plan to travel before the deadline. Those who don't have a REAL ID could face longer lines at the DMV as the deadline gets closer. Or worse, travelers will not get through TSA checkpoints and miss their flights.

More people are taking notice. Enrollment in REAL ID is up 22 percent from 2018. In 2019, 54.42 percent of all driver licenses and IDs issued were REAL ID compliant.

"Our customers are encouraged to visit the DMV sooner rather than later. No one wants to miss their flight or meeting because they don't have the proper identification," Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) administrator Kristina Boardman said. "2020 will be an exceptionally busy year. We urge anyone who plans to fly domestically or visit a federal building or military base to make plans to enroll in REAL ID well ahead of the October 1, 2020 deadline."

Wisconsin DMV has more information on REAL ID, including what documents are required,

costs, and the handy interactive Driver Licensing Guide which helps customers develop a personalized checklist of the required documents needed to bring to the DMV, at [wisconsin.dmv.gov/REALID](http://wisconsin.dmv.gov/REALID).

Next year is also an election year. While Wisconsin requires an ID to vote, it does not need to be a REAL ID. Regular driver licenses or IDs may be used. Anyone unsure if their identification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website to check.

# Giving Lottery Tickets To Children Is Something You Should Avoid

There are many gifts you can give a child for Christmas, but lottery tickets are not one of them says the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling (WCPG).

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling encourages adults not to give lottery tickets to underage children/teens as holiday gifts — many problem gamblers report that they began gambling during childhood.

"Problem gambling is a growing concern among adolescents. We feel it's important to let parents, grandparents and others know that lottery tickets are not a good gift choice for children", says Rose Blozinski, executive director.

The National Council on Problem Gambling reports that there is strong evidence suggesting that more than 70 percent of adolescents have gambled for money in the past year, approximately 30 percent report gambling on a weekly basis, and many current problem gamblers report beginning gambling during childhood, often by age nine.

WCPG is a statewide organization that provides resources, public awareness and education on gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling. The WCPG operates a Problem

Gambling Helpline, Text and Chat line that are available 24/7 as a resource for anyone facing a gambling problem.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Wisconsin Council on Prob-

lem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLE-5, Text at 850-888-HOPE or Live Chat through the WCPG website at [www.wi-problemgamblers.org](http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org).

## SENIOR DINING MENU

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**Monday, Dec. 30** - Chicken Stuffed With Broccoli And Cheese, Mashed Potatoes With Gravy, Laguna Blend Veggies, Whole Wheat Bread, Cheesecake With Fruit Topping. Alt: Diet Pudding.

**Tuesday, Dec. 31** - New Years Holiday, All Meal Sites & ADRC Closed.

**Wednesday, Jan. 1** - New Years Holiday, All Meal Sites & ADRC Closed.

**Thursday, Jan. 2** - Beef Chop Suey Over Brown Rice, Stir Fry Blend Veggies, Mandarin Oranges, Raspberry Mousse Cake. Alt: Diet Jello.

**Friday, Jan. 3** - Chili Mac, Green Beans, Baby Carrots With Ranch Dressing, Vanilla Ice Cream With Strawberries.

To make reservations, please call (262) 335-4497 or 1-877-306-3030 one day in advance by noon.

# RECIPE OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2019

## LUSCIOUS SLUSH PUNCH

makes about 50 servings

Adapted from [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 cups white sugar
- 6 cups water
- 2 (3 oz.) packages strawberry flavored Jell-O® mix
- 1 (46 fluid oz.) can pineapple juice
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 quart orange juice
- 2 (2 liter) bottles lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage

### DIRECTIONS

Bring the sugar, water, and strawberry flavored gelatin to a boil in a large saucepan; boil for 3 minutes. Stir in the pineapple juice, lemon juice, and orange juice. Divide mixture into 2 separate containers and freeze.

Combine the contents of 1 container with 1 bottle of the lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage in a punch bowl; stir until slushy. Repeat with remaining portions as needed.



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# Kewaskum Elementary School 5K Gingerbread Houses



Esme and mom Luisa Garcia



Brently Holland and fifth grade big buddy Riann Markiewicz



Jenny Frank and Fathima Flores



Elijah and dad Tanner Lauters

## Food Drive Brings In 43 Meals For Pantry

AIMS Fitness, LLC, held its fourth annual Thanksgiving Meal Food Drive. On November 14, Jen Lenzendorf, owner of AIMS Fitness, headed to the Kewaskum Community Pantry with a van full of meals. This year 43 meals were donated by class participants,

friends of Jen's and Boy Scout Troop 744.

This annual food drive began in 2015 when Lenzendorf was hoping to collect enough items to provide just one meal for a family in need. She did some searching for items that would provide a plentiful meal and put

the request out to her class participants. Jen personally donated the roasting pans and AIMS Fitness donated cash to be put towards the turkeys and pies. For the past four years, it has been handled the same way, with amazing results each year. That first year 22 meals were collected, then 37 the second year and last year 52 meals were collected.

This year got off to a late start due to Mother Nature. On October 1, the area received about 7 inches of rain on already soggy ground. Unfortunately, the AIMS Fitness studio suffered some flooding and water damage. This required all of the flooring to be pulled up, removed and water restoration work to be completed. When meal collecting started it was easier for people interested in helping with a donated meal to donate the cost of the meal, which has always been an option of the food drive. Of the 43 meals donated, 36 were the \$15 to cover a meal and Lenzendorf did the

all the shopping.

"Although it looked a little odd, it felt good coming to the checkout line with a cart or two full of food that would feed families for the holiday. It gets people talking and wanting to help too," Lenzendorf said.

When the AIMS Fitness studio opened in 2015 Jen had a goal to become involved with the surrounding communities. Lenzendorf has been involved with getting school staff moving for both the Kewaskum and West Bend school

districts. She also schedules non-exercise outings with her participants.

"There is no better way to support other small businesses than to go to them and have fun with people you see often," Lenzendorf said.

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Jen Lenzendorf (center) delivers 43 meals to the Kewaskum Community Pantry after holding a food drive at AIMS Fitness. Pictured with her are food pantry volunteers Shelley Wilson (left) and Barb Knorr (right).

photo by Anne Trautner

# SPORTS



The Kewaskum Gridiron "D" Team (fourth and fifth grades) youth football team includes: (front row, from left) Cameron Kopf, Michael Missall, Elliott Schulz, Layton Dexter and Anthony Verdic; (second row) Kyle Haim, Tate Nitschke, Easton Nitschke, Cody Smith, Owen Jones, Tyler Rabuck and Tristan Bosselman; (third row) coach Kory Dogs, William Koch, Carson Anderson, Jack Krenzke, Reilley Lemke, Quin Dornacker, Brady Wildt and coach Darr Derge; and (back row) coach Clint Dexter, Colton Dogs, Easton Derge, Bryston Scoles, Anthony Eickermann, Hoyt Martin and head coach Mike Missall

photo submitted



The Kewaskum Gridiron "C" Team (fifth and sixth grades) youth football team includes: (front row, from left) Benjamin Ebert, Diesel Bonlender, Chase Cook, Peyton Bednar and Elias Steinbauer; (second row) Kingston Grisolono, Anthony Coleman, Alexander Bayer, Liam Stoffel, Henrik Stater, Cole Loser, Eli Ogi and David Brown; (third row) Xane Kleinke, Parker Gruen, Alex Jacobson, Gabriel Halopka, Johnny Hooker, Oliver Luedtke and Warren Korth; and (back row) coach Chad Cook, coach Thomas Ogi, head coach Brian Penfield, coach Brian Kleinke and coach Glenn Grisolono.

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The Gridiron cheer team includes: Celia Anderson, Eliza Anderson, Leila Baumhardt, Corissa Bosselman, Brooklyn Carroll, Lily DeRuyter, Hadley Enright, Madison Enright, Emily Fedorski, Skyler Gigstead, Alayna Guttman, Zoe Heiser, Madelyn Jacoby, Paiton Kreis, Madison Kulick, Taylor Kulick, Isabelle LaDuke, Kyla Lindoerfer, Alexis Maahs, Olivia Mielkie, Ameliya Poppy, Katie Quinn, Aubri Ramthun, Macy Reysen, Ella Ruplinger, Katelyn Scannell, Elizabeth Schmidt, Hannah Staffin and Audrey Weinreich. Coaches are Allie Molenda, Stacy Brzozowski and Kate Brunner.

photo submitted

## Nominations Sought For Angling And Hunting Representatives On Sporting Heritage Council

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking nominations through January 1, 2020 for individuals with experience and interest to fill the angling, bear hunting, bird hunting, deer hunting and furbearer representative positions on the Sporting Heritage Council. The council, established by 2011 Wis. Act 168, advises Gov. Tony Evers, the Natural Resources Board and the state legislature on fishing, hunting and trapping issues.

The group mainly focuses on recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3) of anglers, hunters and trappers, as well as increasing access to resources and outdoor opportunities. These efforts, in the long run, provide outdoor recreation benefits to a wide range of people who seek nature-based experiences.

The council consists of 12 appointees in total, including the Department of Natural Resources Secretary or a designee, one member appointed by the governor, two members of the Assembly, two members of the Senate, one member appointed by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress executive committee and five members appointed by the Natural Resources Board.

The currently vacant positions are the five appointed by the Natural Resources Board to represent the distinct interests of deer hunters, bear hunters, bird hunters, anglers and furbearer hunters or trappers. These representatives will provide news, information and perspective to the council on issues affecting his/her broad interest group. Representatives will work with the Sporting Heritage Council to recommend actions intending to increase participation in fishing, hunting and trapping activities. Applicants must be nominated by a sporting organization.

The nomination form and more information can be found on the DNR website at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/OutdoorRecreation/sportingheritage.html>.

## Learn How Plants And Animals Weather Winter

Winter officially began December 21, but coping with the season had already commenced. How do Wisconsin's plants and animals endure the often harsh conditions? Find out in "Masters of Mother Nature," the cover story in the latest issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, featuring some of the more interesting adaptations species employ to weather winter.

Other stories in the Winter issue include a look at the Department of Natural Resources's Wisconsin Wetland Conservation Trust, which has several projects underway to restore vital wetlands; details on how DNR is working to ensure clean drinking water around the state in this Year of Clean Drinking Water; and a feature on a longtime wildlife rehabilitation program — and the dedicated 83-year-old woman who runs it.

"Preventive measures" tells how conservation efforts are aiding at-risk species. Those efforts include the work of the DNR Natural Heritage Conservation Program, which also shares its 2019 Field Notes in this issue. The report highlights success stories around the state, from whooping cranes to wood turtles, and spotlights just a few of the DNR staff and volunteers behind the NHC's important conservation actions.

Secretary-designee Preston Cole offers his input on this issue, including opening remarks and a message on climate change and clean energy. In regular features, "Back in the day" recalls the history of the American Birkebeiner ski race, set for February 22 in northern Wisconsin. Additionally, "Outside in Wisconsin" heads to the beach. That is, Big Foot Beach State Park in Lake Geneva, where ice fishing and sledding are among the winter activities.

Also, in this issue, find the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks 2020 Calendar pullout. Winning photos from the annual FWSP contest are included, highlighting beautiful scenes from state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas.



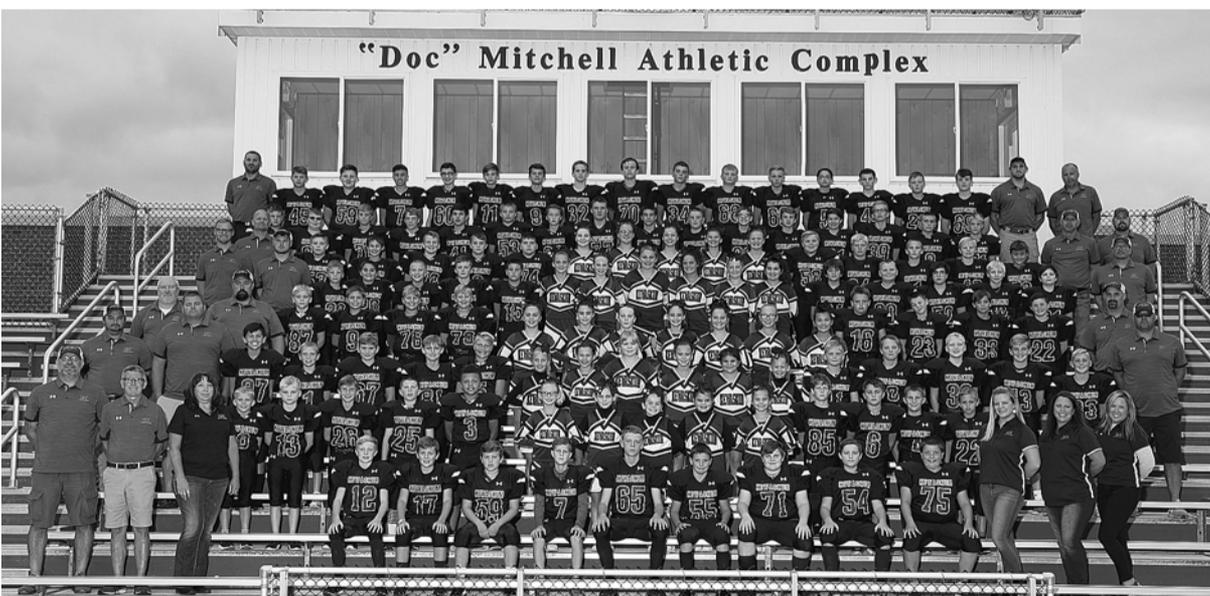
The Kewaskum Gridiron "B" Team (seventh grade) youth football team includes: (front row, from left) Dresden Fritsch, Carter Oertel, Brock Bonlender, Erik Krier and David Zillmer; (second row) Andrew Reichert, Austin Reichel, Charles Landvatter, Landon Daniel, Nathan Vlotho, Aeden Chojnacki, Isabel Pamperin and Brent Krejcarek; (third row) head coach Andrew Ebel, Alex Lenzendorf, Brett Hackert, Jesse Tesch, Everett Donath, Zach Lenzendorf and coach Phil Reichert; (back row) coach Cullen Hackert, Braden Bales, Tyler Vetter, Karter Fell, Peyton Theusch, Corbin Dexter, Cooper Petermann and coach Tim Vetter; and (not pictured) Tyler Densow.

photo submitted



The Kewaskum Gridiron "A" Team (eighth grade) youth football team includes: (front row, from left) Jacob Ebert, Casey Schmidt, Nicholas Deheck, Luke Graf and Jayce Rhoads; (second row) Bruce Penfield, Bailey Ralph, Oliver Voight, Kaiden Naumann, Zach Heiser and Domanic DeRosia; (third row) coach Ben Watzig, Jayden Choy, James Martin, Dawson Stahl, Mitchell Becker, Matthew Perales and coach Don Ballard; and (back row) coach Mike Heberer, Andrew Simpson, Dylan Soyk, Matthew Miller, Matthew Oelhafen and head coach Chad Piwoni.

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The Gridiron cheerleading and football teams completed a successful season this year.

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# EARLY DEADLINE

for the January 2nd Edition is  
Friday, December 27th  
at 2 p.m.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
WASHINGTON COUNTY

TOWN OF WAYNE  
6030 Mohawk Road  
Campbellsport, WI 53010

Plaintiff,

v.

STEVE PROEBER  
5036 Hwy D  
West Bend, WI 53090

Defendant.

Case Code: 30109  
SUMMONS

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above have filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 (twenty) days of receiving this summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 484 Rolfs Avenue, Room 3151, West Bend, WI 53090 and to Luke Martell, Municipal Law & Litigation Group, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 730 N. Grand Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 20 (twenty) days of receiving this summons, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 7th day of October 2019.

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Town Board of Farmington, Washington County, Wi.

On January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm, or soon thereafter.

The matters may be heard at the Town Hall located at 9422 STH 144 Kewaskum Wi. 53040

The Public Hearing will be held to consider issuing a Conditional Use Permit for a Kennel Permit allowing the owner to have more than 3 dogs.

The Public Hearing will be held to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Donald and Patricia Benvenuto to obtain a Kennel Permit for their 464 Newark Drive location.

The request falls under Town of Farmington Agricultural District Sec. 13-1-45(d)(11).

All interested persons wishing to comment on the hearing should appear at the hearing.

Notice sent to property owners 200' of the property.

12-19(2) WNAXLP  
Walter Rassel,  
Zoning Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF WAYNE

A public hearing will be held before the Town Board of the Town of Wayne on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Hall, 6030 Mohawk Road, Campbellsport, WI 53010, to receive public comment on applications for Liquor Licenses for the following parties:

1. Marion Wiese, Cedar Valley Retreat Center, 5349 County Road D, West Bend, WI 53090.

12-26 WNAXLP  
Carol Gonwa, Clerk

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### Village of Theresa Employment Opportunity

## Assistant Director of Public Works

The Village of Theresa (1,256) seeks qualified applicants for a full-time Assistant Director of Public Works. This position is 70% Utility and 30% Public Works. Experience in Sewer & Water operations with a municipality or utility preferred.

Application materials including job description are available on the Village's web site ([www.villageoftheresa.com](http://www.villageoftheresa.com)), at the Village Hall (202 S. Milwaukee Street, Theresa), or by calling (920)488-5421.

Submit resume and application to the Village Clerk, P.O. Box 327, Theresa, WI 53091, in a sealed envelope marked "DPW General Laborer".

Applications being accepted until the position is filled.

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## Affordable Gift Ideas For Anyone On Your List

MELINDA MYERS

The holidays are upon us and busy schedules often send us into a panic when looking for the perfect gift for those on our list. No matter your budget, there are affordable gift options your friends and family will love.

Tools are always a welcome gift. Most gardeners are reluctant to invest in that cool new hand trowel, shovel or rake. And that's what makes them a great gift. Or create a starter kit from your extra tools for a new homeowner or gardener. Clean them up, sharpen the blades and bundle them with a bow. Add a gift card from a nearby garden center if your budget allows.

Help your favorite gardener avoid skin cancer and protect their hands when working in the garden by creating a garden basket with gloves, a hat and sunscreen.

Clean up a corner of the basement or spare bedroom to create a seed starting station. Purchase the lights and fixtures or set a table in front of a sunny window. And if your budget is limited, scour the garage and shed or talk to gardening friends to secure items that can be cleaned and reused.

Or give your favorite gardener all they need to start a windowsill herb garden or terrarium. Purchase or recycle the containers and take cuttings, make divisions or purchase the plants you need.

A trip to the basement or thrift store may provide the perfect vessel for your terrarium. Convert an old aquarium into a tropical biodome. A large clear glass serving dish, salad bowl or vase may make a unique terrarium sure to intrigue the recipient and their guests.

Help your favorite indoor gardener dress up favorite hanging plants. Macramé is back in vogue and adding flare

to indoor gardens. Create a few plant hangers from jute and beads.

Preserve a garden memory with a photo of your or the recipient's garden or favorite plants. A collection of photos can be made into a calendar for a gift that keeps giving all year long.

Share a bit of your garden. Pass along some seeds you saved or start a few cuttings from your favorite heirloom houseplant. Dress up your gift with a painted pot or basket.

And don't forget to share some dried herbs and flowers or preserves made from your garden harvest. Nothing tastes better or is more beautiful than when it's home-grown. Don't have extra this year? Make a note on next year's calendar and plan ahead.

Give the gift of time. Most of us can use an extra set of hands at certain times of the garden season. No dusting required and it's a great way to ensure time together.

Put your artistic skills to work and create a garden journal. A simple notebook dressed up with some photos, artwork or stickers can provide an attractive and inviting place for your favorite gardener to record gardening successes, failures and other useful garden information.

As you can see, the possibilities are endless. And getting friends and family involved in creating these gifts is a great way to enjoy time together while preparing for the holidays.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series* and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



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