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## Recca and Kathryn Jane (KJ)

Featuring Dr. Solveig Holmquist

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## Wet Season Sing Along Saturday You are the Star

With a twist, the West Valley Community Campus (WVCC) Wet Seasons Concert Series is back in action this Saturday, Dec. 16th. Generally, local artists are performing on stage to entertain those in attendance; this time around, the star of this show includes you.

Recca and Kathryn Jane (KJ) will lead a sing-along of hymnals and carols with anyone willing to join them. Local Sheridan Spartan Graduate Dr. Solveig Holmquist will assist them with song and instrumentals. Bring your favorite hymn or carol and participate in entertaining each other.

Hope on a Slope will provide Food and drinks starting at 6 pm during this event.

The Wet Seasons series will continue to run every 3rd Saturday from 7-9 pm until April. The WVCC is located at 266 SE Washington St. in Willamina.

## Sheridan's Deck the House Light Tour Starts Saturday

Sheridan's Deck The House Light tour is set to kick off from 6-8 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 16 at Hurricane Coffee on Main Street in Sheridan.

Fun is to be had all around as folks drive up to get great specials on coffee and cocoa, get a map and ballot, and take off through the town to check out the decorated homes and vote for favorites.

Voting will be open from Dec. 16 until Dec. 24. Ballots will be tallied and winners will be announced in the West Valley Bulletin Board's Dec. 27, 2023 publication.

Ballots can be turned into the Bulletin office at 136. E Main Street. An online voting platform will be available as well.

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Some folks sure went all out, and I thank them for doing it. Those big blow-up figures are amazing. There are yards full of them, from nativity scenes to Grinches to Santa and Sleigh. Then there are Christmas trees, presents, and dripping icicles. You don't want to miss a thing, so drive slowly and VERY carefully, and you will see it all. Well, almost all. Enjoying the holiday decorations is "What's Up in Willamina."

## Warm Fuzzies

Northwest Senior and Disability Services would like to send a big thank you to Gay Hall-Pentecost for her dedication as a volunteer here at Meals on Wheels.

Gay has volunteered for many years and always goes above and beyond the normal kitchen duties. She makes sure we have anything we might need to make the task as smooth as possible.

Many thanks to Gay for all of your hard work, it's a pleasure to work with you.

~Carrie Brooks NWSDS



Submitted by  
Commander  
Martin Attebery

### A Little Building History

The American Legion Post 75 building is 97 years young as of this past September.

We are hoping to have a number of renovations done over the next three years. In 2026 we plan on a re-dedication of the building.

The American Legion has been a valuable member of the community for a long time. Our charter dates back to January 1920.

Throughout the years many Veterans have been helped, many functions have been held and much involvement has taken place in reaching out to assist in community projects.

Prior to the explosion / fire in 1965, the building extended over the parking lot that now takes up the space between the current building and the pharmacy. In the past, that part of the building served many functions including a dance hall and skating rink. Presently, functions include weekly bingo, a monthly breakfast and other special events.

### Volunteers Always Needed

The American Legion is like most other organizations. It requires many volunteers involved to make things work. I am encouraging Veterans to get involved. With more members stepping up there is so many more things we can accomplish.

The American Legion Post 75 Auxiliary is once again working along side the Legion as a valuable member of the Legion family. They are gaining new members and doing a super job.

### Service Officer Available

Our service officer is at the Post on Tuesdays and Thursdays to assist Veterans. Tuesdays and Thursdays we are offering sack lunches to people in need. Several people served are Veterans. Blankets and various articles of clothing are also given out when available.



## NOTICE

City Offices will be **CLOSED**  
**Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023**  
for all day Staff Meeting and  
Team Building.

Normal business hours resume 9:00 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15th



# A Successful First Holiday Bazaar for Sheridan's Christmas Committee



Tolva Hill and Tammy Turpin



Jeff Aldrich set up with leathers and knives.



Vivian and Gay from Friends of Sheridan Parks, sold jams and jalapeno powders.



Buddy the Elf drew the winners for Revitalizations cash raffle.



Michelle Voigt sold her custom crafts along with jewelry and other items.



Local wood artist Harry Long set up showing his wood working skills. He can be found at most local bazaars.



Katie Bach, owner of Boss Mama Boutique offered custom clothing, cups, mugs and sweet treats like cocoa bombs and chocolate dipped pretzel sticks.



Buddy also drew winner Brenda Fitzgerald for the bazaars 50/50. Brenda kindly donated back her winnings to the Christmas Committee.



Hannah Hegerberg with Heron Agriculture sells homemade candles and beef.



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

This month I would like to highlight staff that have led some k-12 initiatives in the district.

TJ Vice (1st grade teacher) and Sandy DiBetta (Reading Specialist) have teamed up to support our staff in the use of SWEL (Schoolwide English Learning) strategies. These strategies not only benefit our English Language Learners, they also improve foundational reading skills for all students. We appreciate the extra effort from these two!

A big thank you to Scott Nelson and Mr. Fasana, along with our leadership students and National Honor Society members, for heading up the annual "Shop for a Student". The group seeks donations to purchase gifts for our local students and families, in effort to make the holiday season a bit brighter. Kudos to our Junior Honor Society Club and their advisor Mrs. Barrios for shopping and supporting the local tree of giving.

Every year our WES PE teacher, Alex Ehnes, organizes a canned food drive to support the local food banks in our community. Elementary classrooms compete to see who can bring in the most donations. The winning class is awarded with a popcorn and movie party! Thank you Mr. Ehnes!

Mr. Lewis once again hosted a "packed house" performance by our 6-12 music students. These students work hard everyday to perfect their art, and performing for family and friends is the highlight of that hard work. Thanks to all that attended.

Just a reminder that winter weather is fully upon us. Be sure to check our website for snow route stops and parent square messages for information related to delayed starts or closures due to weather. Stay warm and enjoy the holiday season!

With great Bulldog pride,  
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# THIS DAY IN HISTORY



- 1777** - France recognizes independence of British colonies in America.
- 1790** - Aztec calendar stone discovered in Mexico City.
- 1791** - NYC traffic regulation creates 1st 1-way street.
- 1903** - The Wright brothers make the 1st sustained motorized aircraft flight at 10:35 AM, piloted by Orville Wright at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
- 1924** - 1st US diesel electric locomotive enters service in Bronx, NY.
- 1935** - 1st flight of the Douglas DC-3 (C-47 Skytrain/Dakota) airplane.
- 1938** - Discovery of nuclear fission using uranium by Otto Hahn and his assistant Fritz Strassmann.
- 1944** - National Football League Championship, Polo Grounds, NYC: Green Bay Packers beat New York Giants, 14-7 for 6th and final league title under long-time coach Curly Lambeau.
- 1947** - NY struck by a blizzard, resulting with 27" of snow
- 1949** - Tennessee Williams' stage drama "A Streetcar Named Desire", starring Jessica Tandy, Marlon Brando, and Kim Hunter, and directed by Elia Kazan closes at Ethel Barrymore Theatre, NYC, after 855 performances, winning a Tony Award and a Pulitzer Prize.
- 1954** - First fully automated railroad freight yard (Gary, Indiana).
- 1957** - Last episode of "The Nat King Cole Show" airs on NBC, cancelled due to lack of national sponsorship.
- 1959** - "On The Beach" is the 1st film to premiere on both sides of Iron Curtain.
- 1962** - Beatles 1st British TV appearance on "People & Places."
- 1964** - "Goldfinger", 3rd James Bond film, starring Sean Connery and Honor Blackman premieres in London.
- 1965** - 1st concert event at Houston Astrodome: Judy Garland headlines, with The Supremes as opening act.
- 1977** - Elvis Costello & The Attractions 1st US TV appearance on "Saturday Night Live."
- 1979** - Budweiser rocket car reaches 739.4 MPH (record for wheeled vehicle).
- 1983** - In his 352nd NHL game, Wayne Gretzky scores a goal & 5 assists in 8-1 rout of Quebec Nordiques to record his 800th point and 500th assist; averages 2.27 points, 1.42 assists, 0.85 goals per game to start career.
- 1988** - USS Tennessee, 1st sub to carry Trident 2 missiles, commissioned.
- 1989** - "The Simpsons" created by Matt Groening, premieres on Fox TV as a full animated series with the episode, "Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire."
- 2018** - US poacher sentenced to watch the film "Bambi" repeatedly during year in prison, for killing hundreds of deer in Missouri.

## Unique Global Christmas Traditions

Before people start relenting on having another turkey sandwich or finally tossing out the remaining turkey noodle soup from Thanksgiving leftovers, Christmas traditions begin to pop up around us.

As Christmas trees, wreaths, inflatables, and lights decorate our society, there are some rather unique traditions you may have yet to hear about that oth-

er cultures beyond the borders of our country.

In Japan, where Christmas is not a national holiday, a festive marketing campaign in the 1970s had families flocking over to their local American fast food chain, Kentucky Fried Chicken, to enjoy their special Christmas Eve meal.

While reindeer rule the sky in our little corner of the world, places like Sweden rely on the Yule Goat as the giver of presents along side Santa.

Starting in the 11th century, the human-sized goat figure, who had the power to control the devil, was led by St. Nicholas. As history progressed, the human-sized goat turned from a protectorate to the 17th century where men dressed up as goats to pull pranks or demand gifts, to the 19th-century good guy who passed out the gifts, to present day traditional ornament in the 1960s ranging from your tree hanging size to a straw-built goat standing at a whopping 43 feet tall and 23 feet long.

Most of us are fond of the smell of cookies baked during Christmas, but in South Africa, different holiday treats have the children running to, not from as most of ours would do. Festive fried caterpillars are made from the Pine Tree Emperor Moth, or the deep-fried Christmas caterpillar, and served on Christmas Day.

### List Your Event in the Community Calendar

The calendar will post meetings and events to be held on-line or in-person.

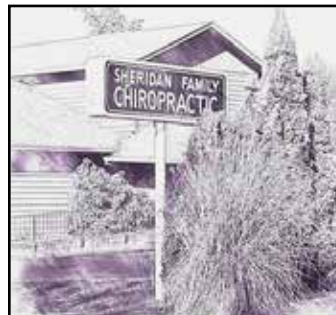
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# Four Fun Facts About December

December is arguably the most festive month of the year. The holiday season and all the gatherings with family and friends make the final month of the year a busy time. But a peek under the proverbial hood reveals that there's more to December than the holiday season.

**1.** Armchair linguists might know that the Latin word "decem" means "ten," which is a little curious given that December is the twelfth month of the year. So why isn't December the tenth month of the year? Like other months on the modern calendar, including October and November, December once occupied a different place on the calendar, namely the Julian calendar that was used prior to the adoption of the Gregorian calendar. Back then, December was the tenth month on the calendar. Though its position changed when the Gregorian calendar was adopted, its name remained the same.

**2.** It's easy to overlook in a month populated by holidays like Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, but the winter solstice is a significant day on the calendar as well. According to the Farmer's Almanac, the 2023 winter solstice occurs on December 21 at 10:27 p.m. EST for the northern hemisphere. The winter solstice might not be sun worshippers' favorite day of the year, as it's the day with the least amount of sunlight all year long. However, one positive to keep in mind is that, once the winter solstice occurs, each day

thereafter experiences a gradual increase in daylight. That should give anyone yet another reason to celebrate in December.

**3.** December has historically been a month of firsts, particularly for women and politicians. On December 1, 1919, Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman to serve in the British House of Commons. Exactly 69 years later, Benazir Bhutto was nominated for the role of prime minister of Pakistan. Bhutto ultimately became the first woman to be elected as head of a democratic government in a Muslim-majority country. Political firsts in December are not limited to events involving women. A year after Bhutto was nominated, Russia's Mikhail Gorbachev became the first Soviet Russian leader to visit the Vatican and meet the Pope.

**4.** January might be the month people most associate with efforts to change their fortunes, but the birthstone of December also is considered a symbol of good fortune. The Farmer's Almanac notes that one of the birthstones of December is turquoise, which some believe is symbolic of good fortune and success.





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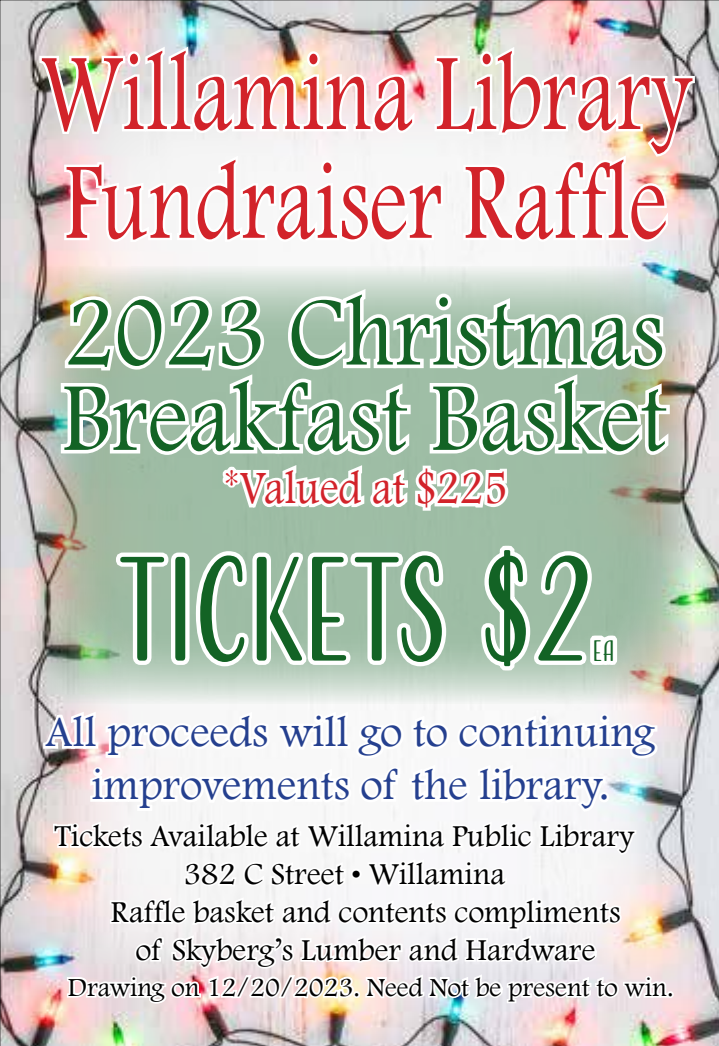
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## Holiday Cooking for a Crowd Made Easy



it up with seasonings or even using the glaze that often comes with such products.

### Cater a meal

There's certainly pride that comes with offering guests a table full of home-cooked foods. But the expense, effort and time that goes into creating a masterful menu can be taxing. If a lot of people are coming for the holidays, hosts can find out which area businesses offer holiday catering packages and consider them. This frees up more time for mingling with guests. And food establishments often have experience knowing just how much food to have per person, reducing waste and helping hosts avoid having a refrigerator full of leftovers they may or may not eat.

### Delegate some tasks

It's alright to ask guests to bring something to the holiday dinner. In fact, they may be eager to pitch in. If someone brings a salad, another an appetizer and others some desserts, then it is just up to the host to provide the main course and maybe a side or two. This removes a lot of the pressure.

### Select familiar foods

Hosts may be tempted to try all of the delicious recipes featured in magazines or online around the holidays. However, sticking with familiar dishes that you have made before reduces the chances for error. Recipes that can be whipped up by rote will make holiday cooking tasks easier and quicker.

Cooking for a holiday crowd doesn't have to be difficult, especially when hosts employ a few strategies to simplify meal creation.

A number of things can be expected during the holiday season. Children will anxiously await visits from Santa and travelers recognize there is bound to be traffic on the roadways and crowds at the airport. And if you're opening your home to guests, those visitors will be expecting some delicious food. Meals are a big component of holiday entertaining, so much so that holiday hosts may spend weeks pondering what to serve guests. These guidelines can help simplify cooking for a crowd.

### Plan make-ahead dishes

Simplifying holiday cooking comes down to spending less time in the kitchen on the day of the festivities. Make-ahead dishes that can be reheated or set in chafing dishes for buffet meals are preferable. There's lots of dishes to choose from, including casseroles, stews, soups, and baked pasta dishes. Avoid fresh pasta offerings, like spaghetti and meatballs, for example. Left-over noodles will get mushy and will not reheat very well.

### Ham is a good choice

Ham is a forgiving dish that is quite popular for holiday gatherings. Many hams come pre-cooked and pre-sliced, so producing a flavorful main course may be just a matter of dressing

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The food bank has a storage room at the back of their building. It is poorly insulated and poorly sealed from the outside. It's hot in the summer but much worse in the winter; it's freezing cold to work in right now.

The Food Bank has contacted very cost-conscious contractors who have given their very best bids. The room needs insulation, drywall, a new garage door and miscellaneous repairs. Total improvements will cost \$9759.

If you can donate, any amount will help. \$10 is great, \$10,000 is better. Please drop donations off at The Grand Sheramina Food Bank or you can use your Debit or Credit card! They just got a credit card machine! Donations are also accepted at The Bulletin and at First Federal Bank in Sheridan. You can also mail a check to P.O. Box 536 Sheridan OR 97378.

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# Corky and Bubbles Visit Tom for Some Pre-Christmas Fun



The last time Corky and Bubbles took some personal time was to attend the clown family reunion. Bubbles was a bit under the weather during that trip, and she didn't have the usual spring in her step. After they returned from the trip, she went to see Dr. Malloy. He gave her some exciting news and a referral to the finest obstetrician in the state, Dr. Pica Boo, in Salem.

When Bubbles went home and told Corky he was filled with joy, he and Bubbles laughed until they cried. Bubbles had heard that most people waited until their second trimester to spread the giddy news, so they decided to wait until it was closer to Christmas.

Their first stop was Corky's brother Tom's house. He lives in Happy Valley. He didn't choose

this place for the obvious reason, it was to reduce his commute to work and conserve gas. He also tries to carpool as often as possible. Tom commented on being tired, and Corky replied that he was probably juggling too many things. Corky was always ribbing Tom about juggling, as Tom never could master the basic skill.

Toms's wife Karen greeted the couple with a huge hug that almost made Bubbles lose her breakfast because Karen's perfume smelled funny. The rest of the family, Tom, their son Tom Jr., daughter Jenny, and family dog Sparky, were excited to see the pair. They were excited to host a family event. Most of the family gets freaked out by Toms's beige house and giant driveway, but Corky accepts Tom for who he is and doesn't mind his oddities.

Corky was bonding with his niece Jenny about her new fondness for mimes. He was telling her about his one awkward semester in college where he switched majors to mimery.

Even after Bubbles told her it was April first, Karen pressed

for the due date. For some reason, she thought Bubbles was joking. Karen and Tom had already decided their family was the perfect size, so they gave Corky and Bubbles boxes from when Tom and Jenny were little. Bubbles stared at the tiny shoes, thinking there was no way she or Corky's feet were ever this small. I mean, these couldn't be more than 5 inches long.

Corky and Bubbles returned home after a delicious meal and plenty of laughs. Corky suggested doing something special for their final Christmas alone, so they are staying in. He always was a romantic jester.

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# CHRISTMAS KICK OFF





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# Rotary Club Gifts the Community With a Tree for Year After Year

Matthew, The Happy Little Tree, named by the community through votes, was lit up Saturday night at the Christmas festivities held at the Sheridan High School lot.

The tree, purchased and donated by the Sheridan Rotary, is a Grand Fir planted next to the Sheridan School District and stands around eight feet tall.

The Sheridan Rotary Club purchased this tree and planted it with the idea that as our community grows yearly, so will our tree, along with the festivities and events.

Susan Chamberlain won the naming contest and was honored by plugging "Matthew" in.

Local business owner Brad Myers gave the community speech and

dedication of the new tree.

Brad said, "Good evening all. May God bless you from wherever you draw your strength and have your faith.

May God bless our community, and of course, God bless America, the land of the free. I am Brad Myers, a proud Rotarian and business owner in Sheridan.

Tonight, we gather to celebrate the holiday season. A season that most identify with the idea of peace on earth and goodwill to all of mankind.

We see struggles with this ideal around the world, our nation, and even our state of Oregon.

We have brought ourselves together tonight to share in the peace of this moment and the

peace of such a wonderful community.

Before I go any further, I want to acknowledge the many groups that worked to bring this moment to you.

First, I want to thank the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce, which represents the great business community of Sheridan, the Sheridan Fire District, the Yamhill County Sheriff's Department, especially our guys that serve our community from the West Valley sub-station, all of the wonderful participants in tonight's parade, and of course, the members of the Sheridan Rotary Club that serve all of the West Valley.

Each year, we gather to celebrate this time of year; we have added another member to our community, Matthew, the Happy Little Tree—one more reason and symbol to celebrate.

With funding and coordination, the Sheridan Rotary Club has planted this Grand Fir as a symbol for our community.

Some might ask why a "Christmas tree?" This is much more than a tree to decorate at Christmas and holiday times. It is a tree that we hope our community can identify

itself with. We can gather around and rejoice in its beauty, not just for a holiday but every day we pass it.

Something that will be shared by generations to come.

Every year, this tree will continue to grow just as your children continue to grow, as well as our community.

It will be a measurement of time. Providing us with memories as time passes, not just during the holidays but as a symbol of Sheridan and its history and future.

That will again turn into history as we experience it.

This tree is a Grand Fir. It is part of the Fir family of trees indigenous to the hills surrounding us.

Grand Firs have been documented to grow close to 300 feet in height and over five feet in diameter and can live to be hundreds of years old.

It is fitting this tree has been relocated to Sheridan High School in the City of Sheridan.

This Grand Fir will symbolize Sheridan's present time and future to come.

As we watch it grow "full of life and beauty year-round," may you all enjoy and let it represent the community and all of the potential we share in its strength and longevity."

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### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

This week you may be interested in unusual art forms or creative things in nature, Aries. Therefore, try to enjoy outings that may bring you to exhibits by local artists or craft shows.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, an old friend may come to visit for the holidays and you can rekindle your relationship after many years. Even though it's been some time, you'll be glad to see one another.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

An unexpected invitation comes your way, Gemini. It may include a short trip to visit someone or a brief vacation to a place you've always wanted to see.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

New career opportunities are available to reawaken your ambition, Cancer. You might come across some possibilities this week that you hadn't imagined.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

The excitement of making arrangements for a journey may actually excite you more than the trip itself. However, once you get to the destination, your enthusiasm will grow.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

After a visit from a friend or family member who you haven't seen in a while, long-forgotten memories are recalled. This will be an interesting trip down memory lane.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

This week you may learn something new that you never realized about your spouse or current partner, Libra. It can be exciting realizing wonderful things about the one you love.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, exciting new developments will arise in your career. A solution may come to light or plans you've been making will suddenly come to fruition.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Your desire to travel may have awakened a new interest in you, Sagittarius. This could inspire you to make plans to visit far off lands in the year to come.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Welcomed, but unexpected communications from a close friend could come your way, Capricorn. This may segue into a journey or some social occasion.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may desire to keep your distance from certain individuals, but they manage to find you anyway. Keep things cordial until you can once again move on.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You are receptive to new ideas, Pisces, and that may mean you could relocate for a new and promising career. Keep all of your options open.

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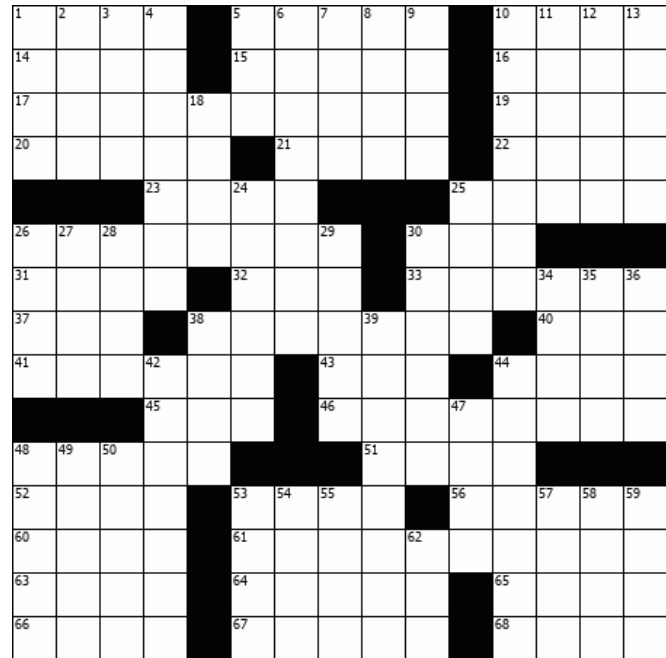
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15. Stop
16. Biblical garden
17. Sure to happen
19. Penny
20. Pointed a gun
21. Look
22. Soothe
23. Defeat
25. Tightwad
26. Floor covering
30. Burst
31. Urgent abbr.
32. Right you \_\_\_!
33. Infant's toy
37. Agent (abbr.)
38. Ralph Waldo \_\_\_
40. Dried grass
41. Crave
43. Urge
44. A few
45. Actor \_\_\_ Aykroyd
46. Prepared for a shave
48. Highway curves
51. Cow!
52. Ms. Hayworth
53. Begone!
56. Stallone character
60. Rod's companion
61. Like heavy rains
63. Sinister
64. Stockpile
65. Fashion magazine
66. Disclaim
67. Lease again
68. Audition tape



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This recipe for "Stareos" from "Classic Stars Desserts" (Chronicle Books) by Emily Luchetti adds a gourmet spin to a popular chocolate sandwich cookie.

### Stareos

Makes 18 cookies

#### Chocolate Shortbread

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- Pinch of kosher salt
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted
- 8 ounces (16 tablespoons) cold

unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1/2 cup granulated sugar

Flour for dusting

#### Filling

1 cup mascarpone cheese

1 tablespoon granulated sugar

1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

To make the chocolate shortbread: In a bowl, stir together the flour, salt and cocoa powder and set aside. Combine the butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and beat on low speed until the butter and sugar begin to incorporate, about 15 seconds. Add the dry ingredients and continue to mix until the dough comes together,

about 3 minutes. It will look dry just before it comes together.

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out the dough 1/4 inch thick. Using a 2-inch star cutter, cut out as many cookies as possible. Gather together the scraps, reroll, and continue cutting out cookies until you have 36 cookies. Place the cookies on the prepared baking sheets, spacing them 1 inch apart. Refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour.

Preheat the oven to 300 F. Bake the shortbread until firm, about 35 minutes. At the midway point, switch the baking sheets between the racks and rotate them 180 degrees to ensure even baking. Let cool on the baking sheets to room temperature.

To make the filling: In a small bowl, stir together the mascarpone, sugar and vanilla until smooth.

Turn 18 of the cookies bottom-side up on a work surface. Using a table knife or a small icing spatula, spread about 1 tablespoon of the filling on the bottom of each cookie. Top with the remaining cookies, bottom-side down.



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## Santa Makes Yearly Visit to Willamina



Santa hands out candy canes and conducts the drawing Saturday in Willamina.

Santa not only came to Willamina this year, he came twice. Friday morning at 10 a.m., he parachuted into the field behind Willamina grade school, after which he handed out goodies to the children just before they were turned loose for Christmas vacation. The kids got an extra present from the school district — an extra long holiday this year. Because of the energy crisis, school will not resume until Jan. 7 instead of Jan. 2, as originally planned. On Saturday, Santa came riding into Willamina on a fire truck shortly after 1 p.m. He handed out candy to the chil-

dren, then conducted the drawing sponsored by the Willamina Area Chamber of Commerce.

Following his appearance on Main St., Santa went over to the fire hall, where he had his picture taken with local children. He wasn't able to stay long. Shortly after the photograph session, Santa had to head back to the North Pole to get ready for the big job ahead this Christmas eve.

By the time this paper is printed, Santa will have returned home to rest until Christmastime next year.



Santa comes in for a landing at Willamina grade school Friday afternoon.

## “Hello Santa”

Children wanting to talk personally to Santa Claus will get their chance on Friday, Dec. 21 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Willamina-Sheridan Jaycees have arranged things with Santa so that he can be reached during those hours by calling his phone.

This will be the second year that the Jaycees have sponsored the “Hello, Santa” program in this area. Jaycee President Bob Eddy said that last year's response was great, and that Santa will be expecting lots of phone calls again this year from the Willamina Sheridan area.

## Schools Hit Hard by Gas Shortage

In a special Willamina School Board meeting last week, it was decided that in order to conserve energy, school will not resume on Jan. 2 as originally planned, but will remain closed until Jan. 7.

Further energy-saving decisions included: cancellation of all spectator buses to away games — cheerleaders and spectators will have to ride in the player bus; cancellation of all non-league functions. If at all possible and limiting the activity bus runs to two nights a week or, if necessary, cutting it out entirely.

A public letter, released by Donn Mitchell, district superintendent, said:

“As a result of price increases in gasoline and heating oil, it is necessary for us to make some very difficult decisions in regard to the operation of our schools.

“May I point out what our most serious problems are. When we finalized our budget for this year, we were advised that heating oil would be up to about \$5 per barrel and gasoline about 29 cents per gallon. As of today, fuel oil is \$11.05 and gasoline is 33.9 cents a gallon and rising. To compound the problem, we are only receiving for December 90 percent of what we used last December. It is expected that our January allotment will be 85 percent of a year ago. This means that even if we find the funds, the gasoline may not be available.

“We know that the following directives will create hardships and dislocations for many people, but

for the time being, we feel that they are necessary if our schools are to maintain their daily operation.

“School buses: As of this date, only the players' bus will travel to away events. Cheer leaders and spectators should be allowed to use what seats are available.

“Coaches and administrators are asked to make every effort to adjust schedules to allow as many events as possible to take place on the same night (such as wrestling and basketball).

“Activity buses will run two nights per week. Runs will be as follows: #1 to Grand Ronde across to Agency back to Fort Hill over Hillcrest and to town; #2 up Willamina River to Buck Hollow to Rock Creek road and back to town. If it proves that more cuts are necessary, the activity runs will be discontinued completely.

“Heating: all heating plants will be shut off at 4 p.m. Exceptions will be cold weather and special meetings or programs. Nighttime use of the buildings will be limited to the greatest possible degree. Out of-school groups (such as volleyball and basketball teams) wishing to use the facilities will be limited to an hour and a half in the building and there will be no heat.

“All thermostats should be turned to 68 degrees.

“In order that we may have enough gas to run through January we will follow the lead of many other school districts and resume school on Monday, Jan. 7.”

## Here Comes the Gas . . .



The gas shortage hits home. Cars line Monday as Red George's Union 76 Station receives a shipment of gasoline.

After ten days with no gasoline at all, Red George's Union 76 station in Willamina finally got some fuel in its tanks Monday at 2:30 p.m. and was promptly swamped with customers.

“This is nothing,” said Frances George, pumping gasoline into a line of waiting cars. “You should have seen the line up we had Saturday. Cars were stacked up

halfway 'round the block trying to lay in a supply for Sunday and we didn't have a drop.”

When asked Monday afternoon how long their present supply of fuel would last, Frances said, “We've only got 900 gallons left. Even though we have a ten-gallon limit per car, we'll probably run out sometime Tuesday. This stuff is selling like hotcakes.”

She added that when this shipment ran out, she didn't have any idea when the next delivery might arrive.

Across the bridge, the Rocket station was still pumping as this paper went into press, but they, too, had to impose a ten-gallon limit.

Mrs. George commented that they still have super, but that not many cars use that anymore.

The time when a driver could pull into any station he felt like any time day or night, and say “Fill'er up” has now been delegated to that era known as the “Good Old Days.”



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