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A BETTER CHRISTMAS

By Paige Robertson

Every Christmas *Toys for Tots* and Salvation Army put forth an effort to help needy families. They provide toys for children and help families enjoy this wonderful holiday.

During October, November, and December, communities, with a Marine Corps Reserve Unit, work together to collect unwrapped toys. The toys are messages to the children to become responsible, productive, and patriotic citizens. Most of all the toys give joy to the less fortunate children. If there is no Reserve Unit, then the collection of toys can be conducted by a Marine Corps League detachment or a group of me and women, usually veteran marines. Shoppers can find these boxes in businesses in surrounding communities.

Salvation Army also works to help unfortunate people to have the best Christmas possible. First off to get funding for their projects Salvation Army uses the red kettle. One may see the red kettle with Santa Clause or his helpers ringing his bell ever where he or she may go during the holiday season.

Millions of dollars are brought in by the red kettle. With the money, Salvation Army distributes gifts to shut-ins in hospitals and nursing homes, provide new clothing or toys for children, and sit down dinners in shelters.



Another way that Salvation Army helps children is by the Angle Tree. The Angle Tree is a tree that can be found in local companies with angle tags hanging from it. On the tag there is a number and a child's first name, age, and gender. Anyone can grab one or multiple tags from the tree and buy presents for the needy child or children.



With the raising costs of heat, food, and other necessities, it is hard for families to have a magical Christmas.

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FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

By Bailey Christoffersen

With the holiday season in full swing, many people are going about buying gifts and gorging themselves with large amounts of food, often left with more food than is needed. Although the economy may be coming back around, the need for food aid across America isn't decelerating and supplies are usually dwindling around the holiday season. A large majority of low-income families strongly rely on local food pantries to fill their empty fridges and according to feedingamerica.org, this number is on the rise.

Across America officials from every food bank have very different needs. Some of these needs can be met with local donations, but yet supplies often still run very low. During the large holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, many food banks become swamped with helping many underprivileged families putting a decent meal on the table. People who plan on donating to food banks should take into consideration on what goes into a fully complete nutritious meal. Foods that can be made into casseroles, chili, tacos, and

other simple ingredients are also good for donating.

The food bank in Roosevelt County is found in Culbertson, Montana. It is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 2-4 p.m. The food bank in Culbertson services the entire Roosevelt County. "Usually our food bank services around forty families but that number has nearly tripled in the last four years to nearly one hundred families. We also notice a big increase during the holidays," said LeEtta Waldhausen, food bank director. The food bank is in dire need of hams, turkeys, and chickens. While the food bank is in great need of food donations, it also asks for many bathroom items such as toilet paper, tooth brushes, toothpaste, etc. For those looking to make money donations, checks should be



made out to the Culbertson Food Bank. Checks or other money donations can be sent P.O. Box 189, Culbertson, Montana, 59218.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

By Coltin Danielson

On November 27th, 1895, Alfred Nobel signed his last will and testament, which stated that he will give the largest share of his fortune to a series of prizes, called The Nobel Peace Prize. He stated that each prize would be given out to the person or group who has done the best work towards peace between nations.

This prize is given out yearly. It is announced on October 9th, 2015, but the award ceremony does not happen until December 10th, 2015. The Norwegian Nobel Committee selects the winner yearly. Ninety-six awards were given out since 1901; however, on twenty-six occasions, the award was not given out. "If none of the works under consideration is found to be of the importance then the award will be held until the following year" stated the Nobel Committee.

This year's winner was Tunisian National Dialogue

Quartet for its contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011. This group is made up of four organizations: the Tunisian General Labour Union, the Tunisian Confederation of Industry, the Tunisian Human Rights League, and the Tunisian Order of Lawyers. The Nobel Peace Prize will only be awarded to this Quartet, not to the individual organizations.



CHRISTMAS FUN FACTS

1. **December's birth stone is turquoise**
2. **Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system**
3. **Each year, more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the US alone.**
4. **All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts**
5. **Approximately 30-35 million real (living) Christmas trees are sold each year in the U.S**
6. **In December 1973, Dr. Ronald Alkana of the University of California at Irvine set the world banana eating record by downing 17 4.5-ounce bananas in two minutes.**
7. **In 1962, the first Christmas postage stamp was issued in the United States**
8. **Christmas purchases account for 1/6 of all retail sales in the U.S.**
9. **During the Christmas months, Visa cards are used 5,000 times per minute**
10. **Saint Nickolas, who would eventually be called Santa Claus, was originally the patron saint of children, thieves and pawnbrokers**



HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

By Anistyn Young

Quickly coming upon us is Christmas, the time where the honoring of the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas evolved over two thousand years ago into a worldwide religious and secular celebration. Jesus is a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of religion.

Christmas day has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870. President Ulysses S. Grant declared Christmas to be a legal holiday. During

the Reformation, Christmas was not celebrated because partying and merry making was seen as unchristian. From about 1840, celebrating Christmas became more widespread. Before the arrival of Jesus, early Europeans celebrated the light and birth in the darkest days of winter.

Many songs and movies are made about this time of the year. Charles Dickens created the classic tale [A Christmas Carol](#) to help spread the importance of charity and good

will towards all humankind. Popular customs that are celebrated on Christmas are, gifts exchanges, decorating a tree, attending church, sharing meals with family or friends, and of course waiting on Santa Clause to arrive.



WINTER TRAVELS

By Destiny Long

As the threat of deep snow increases, driving conditions decline drastically. Icy roads and slippery conditions are a constant threat to drivers around the nation but this hazard is worse here in northeastern Montana. Temperature drops and frost creeps up on every surface, reducing travel safety. In between the years of 2008 to 2010, the average of 8 deaths per winter season rose to 13 in the state of Montana. There are, however, a few ways drivers can take countermeasures to make sure their trips on the roads are speedy and safe.

While driving on the highway, drivers should always be observant of road conditions. How cold is it? Is the road icy? How much traffic is present? This should be a good way for the driver to set an appropriate speed and be watchful of icy or snowy patches obstructing the highway. If it is snowing, drive slowly and be cautious of any possible high winds. Another way to ensure arrival is to call relatives or those being met and give the party an estimated time of arrival for the trip.

“When I leave the house, I always make sure that I have an extra of something in case I break down...I don't

want to be caught unprepared, especially not in this cold,” said Heather Robertson, mother of three and seasoned driver. Along with defensive driving, car emergency kits should be present in the vehicle. These can include things such as blankets, flashlights, bottles of water, small food items such as crackers or candy, extra jackets, etc.

There are, of course, terrible storms that no one should be out in. Checking the weather of the desired travel days the week, day, and hour before leaving is a good way to know just what elements are present. Extreme winds and no travel winter advisories should always be obeyed and observed for traveler safety. Be safe and objective in interpreting whether the trip is a good idea that day or should be postponed until the blizzard passes. The weather

has never stop us here in Montana, as it shouldn't. Don't let snowy conditions keep you from family or friends this holiday; follow these few tips and drive safely.



LONGER DAYS

By Paige Robertson

Every year, America experiences a winter solstice. This year it falls on December 22nd. The winter solstice is the finishing line for the short days.

A winter solstice occurs when the North Pole is tilted furthest from the sun at an angle of 23.5 degrees. On the winter solstice, the northern hemisphere will have its shortest day of the year. Since the northern hemisphere is tilted farthest away from the sun, it will experience the shortest days, less than twelve hours. While the southern hemisphere will experience the longest days, more than twelve hours. As soon as the winter solstice occurs, the days in the North will get longer and longer until the summer solstice occurs. The neighbors to the North may experience complete darkness, twenty-four hours of darkness, and the some southern residents may have a midnight day occur, or twenty-four hours of sun.



The days have been getting shorter and shorter for the folks in the North. Finally, as soon as the winter solstice hits, we will enjoy longer days.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

By Anistyn Young

On Thursday December 10, 2015 music teacher, Ann Ronning, presented the Froid-school's Christmas concert. Many songs were sung and many songs were played. After the concert, parents and friends enjoyed snacks and punch. The choirs sang many songs from Jingle Bell Parade and Must be Santa to Beautiful Christmas and Thirty Second Fa La La. The crowd also enjoyed favorites like Jingle Bells and What Child is This. Under the direction of Ann Ronning, the bands played Christmas Sketches; Jing, Jing, Jingle; and a Carmen Christmas.

Together, the 3rd and 4th grade sang Turn off that Nose. The 4th grade sang and played Jingle Bells on the

ukuleles. The 5th and 6th graders joined together to played Jingle Bells, and Up on a Housetop. The 7th and 8th grade band played Christmas Sketches. The 5th through 8th grade joined together and sang Ugly Sweater. The 7th and 8th grade sang Beautiful Christmas and Ringing, Ringing. For the final song of the night, the kindergarten through the 12th grade all sang Silent Night. All of the songs were very well performed.



HANUKKAH AND KWANZAA

By Coltin Danielson

Hanukkah, also known as Chanukah, last eight days. This Jewish holiday started during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. According to legend, Jews rose up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt. Hanukkah usually falls in November or December and begins on the twenty-fifth of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar. This holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the Menorah, traditional foods, games, and gifts.

Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 after the Watts riots in Los Angeles. Dr. Karenga searched for ways to bring African-Americans together as a community. He combined several aspects

from different holidays to form Kwanzaa. During the week of celebrations, candles are lit and at the end of the week, gifts are handed



out along with big feasts. Kwanzaa ceremonies often include music, games, art, and the colors red, green, and black are displayed. Women often wear brightly colored traditional clothing. Kwanzaa is celebrated December twenty-sixth through January first.

HUMAN RIGHTS

By Ryah Young

Thursday, December 10, 2015 is Human Rights Day. It is remembrance of 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It states that the rights humans have are worldwide. No matter where they live or who they are. It also includes the right to life, liberty, free speech and privacy, right to social security, and health and

education. In 1963, Soviet Union had a special stamp to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Fifty years ago is when the two treaties were adopted that would forever change human rights: The International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)



AIDS DAY

By Michael Eylander



AIDS day is December 15th. As a way to raise awareness on the disease, kissing booths are set up all over the United Kingdom in order to spread the message, “Kissing doesn’t spread HIV; Ignorance does.” HIV is a virus that gradually attacks the human immune system. The immune system is the body’s general defense system to illnesses and other health issues. HIV is short for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. HIV eventually turns into AIDS once the HIV attacks the immune system so bad to the point where the patient’s T-Cells are below 200 per milliliter of blood. Typically it takes about 10-15 years for AIDS to develop from HIV. There is currently no cure for for HIV/AIDS. One contracts AIDS from exchange of any of the following body fluids: semen, blood, vaginal fluid, anal fluid, or breast milk. In addition to fluid exchange, sharing needles, unprotected sex and mother to child transmission are the only ways one contracts HIV.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

By Bailey Christoffersen

On Tuesday, December 8th, Froid Public Schools held its annual geography bee in the old gym at 8:30 a.m. Thirty-four kids, grades four through eight participated in this year’s geography bee. After a grueling hour and a half of answering various geographical questions the winners were decided. Taking first place was Sydney Labatte, Sydney Dethman in second place, Kaylee Olson in third, and Jason Eylander in fourth place. “Thanks to the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade teachers for their help with the bee,” said Janessa Parenteau. “A good time was held by all.”

Winter



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SNOW	SNOWANGEL	SNOWMAN
STAR	STOCKINGS	TREE
WEATHER	WHITE	WINTER

WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

By Ryah Young

- Courtney: Money and iPad case
- Alyssa: Horse
- Baylee: iPhone 6
- Xavier: Legos
- Dasani: Basketball shoes
- Makaylee: Laptop
- Max: 3ft tall teddy bear
- Carlyne: Surface Pro
- Tristan: iPhone 6
- Dylan: iPhone 6, and football signed by Drew Brees
- Ean: Money
- Jason: Big muscles like my favorite senior Ryah
- Colt: A Barbie
- Alicia: Quarters for laundry
- Zach: Truck parts
- Kim: Siding for her house
- Ms. Harvey: Front wheel assist tractor
- Paige: Jacob
- DeLani: Cellphone
- Mr. Taylor: Two front teeth
- Mrs. Hill: Lime green Charger to out run the cops
- Dean and Random Stranger: one hundred bucks

DECEMBER COLORING PAGE

