

Our holiday favorites: listening, watching, eating...

JULI BLOODGOOD, advertising, LGO/BCH
SONG: "Little Drummer Boy"
TV SHOW: Any of the "Gilmore Girls" Christmas episodes.

MOVIES: Classics like "It's a Wonderful Life," "White Christmas" and "Elf."
FOOD: Stuffing, pumpkin pie, sweet potatoes, leftover turkey!
CHRISTMAS TREE: The Christmas tree better be real, and we cut it at a tree farm.

RONALD BOND, Wallowa County Chieftain editor (and honorary LGO newsroom member)
SONG: Mannheim Steamroller's "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
FOOD: My mom always made sticky buns and sausage for breakfast Christmas morning. Also coffee cake.
CHRISTMAS TREE: Real. Always.

LISA BRITTON, GO co-editor, freelance reporter
FOOD: The homemade pretzels and fondue we make for Christmas Eve. It's a fun tradition and everyone is finally good at forming the pretzel shape!
CHRISTMAS TREE: Real! We scout Christmas trees all summer during our hikes, but those are usually inaccessible due to snow by the time we venture out to find a tree. I love the smell a fresh tree brings to our home.

KARRINE BROGOITTI, The Boss, LGO/BCH
SONG: Bing Crosby's "White Christmas"
TV SHOW: "Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas"
MOVIE: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"
FOOD: Mashed potatoes and gravy
CHRISTMAS TREE: Real and living so they can be planted after Christmas.

AMY HORN, advertising, LGO/BCH
SONG: "Redneck 12 Days of Christmas" by Jeff Foxworthy and Larry the Cable Guy

MOVIE: "Fred Claus"
FOOD: My mama's iced sugar cookie!
CHRISTMAS TREE: Real tree.

JAYSON JACOBY, BCH editor
SONG: Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band's version of "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." This song tops my list because it exudes the energy that defines a Springsteen concert, in this case one recorded in 1975 before he became a legendary performer. The song also features a classic saxophone solo by Clarence Clemons and makes excellent use of sleigh bells.
TV SHOW: "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The instant I hear Vince Guaraldi's jaunty, jazzy score, I am back in my childhood living room, watching on a console TV that weighs almost as much as a Volkswagen Beetle.

MOVIE: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." Among the most quotable movies ever.
FOOD: Peppermint bark.
CHRISTMAS TREE: Real, and harvested from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. I prefer grand firs but have dabbled, in the past, in subalpine firs and Douglas-firs.

DOROTHY KAUTZ, graphic design, LGO
SONGS: "White Christmas" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas." My mother would al-

ways be singing during the holidays. She has been gone a long time now but I can still picture her singing them. As a kid we would always sing "Jingle Bell Rock" while drinking hot chocolate and going to cut our Christmas tree and go

sledding. The whole family would go — we had several pickups loaded with people.
TV SHOWS: "Frosty" and the Charlie Brown special. I watched them with my kids every year and now get to watch them with the grandkids.
MOVIE: "Miracle on 34th Street"
FOOD: I love pies, especially lemon meringue pie and pumpkin pie.
CHRISTMAS TREE: Love the smell of a fresh-cut tree, but use the convenience of an artificial.

LISA LESTER KELLY, GO co-editor, LGO news clerk
SONGS: Amy Grant's "Tennessee Christmas," Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" and hymns like "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

TV SHOW: "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" (1970 — narrated by Fred Astaire!). I make my kids watch it with me every year.
MOVIES: "Holiday Inn," "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Christmas Story"
FOOD: My sister Becky's peanut butter balls and Cherise Kaechele's "Christmas crack." And the fondue spread we have on Christmas Day — thanks, Mom!
CHRISTMAS TREE: Real is ideal. Reality is artificial (with a pine-scented candle nearby).

COREY KIRK, sports editor, BCH
SONG: NSYNC's "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays"
TV SHOW: Every "Friends" Christmas episode.
MOVIE: "The Santa Clause" with Tim Allen.
FOOD: Stuffing!
CHRISTMAS TREE: Never had a real tree.

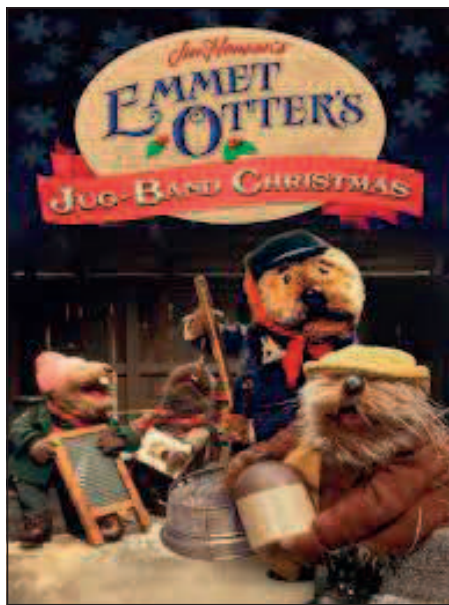
KALEB LAY, reporter, LGO
SONG: "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby. Apparently there's a familial connection, but given Bing's reputation that might not exactly be uncommon.
TV SHOW: It doesn't have much to do with the holidays, but whenever my family is together we watch the Looney Tunes episode

called "What's Opera, Doc" (a.k.a. Kill da Wabbit). It's an all-time favorite.
MOVIE: "Gremlins"
FOOD: Gravy. It goes on everything and there's never enough.
CHRISTMAS TREE: My family got an artificial tree a few years ago and it's almost absurdly convenient, but I grew up getting a live tree every year and I definitely miss it. There's nothing like having a live spruce in the house. The cleanup, I miss less.

DICK MASON, reporter, LGO
SONG: "White Christmas"
MOVIE: "It's a Wonderful Life"
FOOD: Fruitcake.
CHRISTMAS TREE: I prefer a real tree but I feel more comfortable with an artificial one for safety reasons.

SARAH SMITH, event calender coordinator, EO Media Group
SONG: "Let It Snow"
TV SHOW: I love the Futurama episode "Xmas Story."
MOVIE: "Mickey's Christmas Carol" (1983)
FOOD: Gingerbread.
CHRISTMAS TREE: Artificial tree and real wreaths.

PHIL WRIGHT, LGO editor
SONGS: "Sleigh Ride," "Silver Bells" and "Winter Wonderland"
TV SHOWS: Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and any "Doctor Who" Christmas special. I probably still would watch "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."
MOVIES: No. 1 favorite is "Scrooged" (1988). The rest are not in any particular order: "Elf" (2003), "A Christmas Story" (1983), "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (1987) and "Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale" (2010 — and this one is a horror movie).
FOOD: Peanut butter fudge.
CHRISTMAS TREE: I'm OK with real or artificial.



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WEEKEND OUTLOOK



FRIDAY
High 34 Low 27
Turning cloudy



SATURDAY
High 37 Low 28
A shower



SUNDAY
High 35 Low 26
Showers possible

Happy Holidays