

Amazon driver gains national attention by fixing Christmas decorations in Keizer

Feel-Good STORY

Saluting the people that make
us proud of our community

presented by



BY MATT RAWLINGS
Of the Keizertimes

The day began as an ordinary Saturday morning for Tyrone Wallace.

As a delivery driver for Amazon, Wallace was making the rounds in Keizer on Dec. 11 when he came across a house that had its front porch holiday decorations blown over by a windstorm from the previous evening.

Wallace calmly set the package on the front step, then took a couple minutes to put the decorations back up in their rightful place.

After he fixed up the front porch, Wallace gave a quick wave to the security

camera and went about his day.

"I have done stuff like that before. I didn't think I would ever get recognized for doing something like that. I just wanted to do the right thing," Wallace said.

However, Wallace's small act of kindness left a large impression on the recipient of the gesture.

Just before 10 a.m., Miriam Sierra received a notification from her security system that a package had been delivered. When she checked the video footage, she witnessed Wallace fixing up her decorations and was blown away by his willingness to go out of his way to help her out.

"I was shocked about how strategically he put everything back into place. He really took his time and was intentional," she said. "It was amazing to see. I didn't think people did things like that anymore. He just seemed like a really humble person."

Sierra reached out to Amazon to show her appreciation for Wallace's willingness to go the extra mile. She then contacted KPTV to tell them about the video, which is when the story spread like wildfire. Sierra was contacted by multiple media outlets from across the country, wanting to learn more about Wallace's good deed.

"I had no idea it would gain this much recognition," Sierra said. "I just felt like he needed to be recognized."

Miriam was able to get in contact with



Tyrone Wallace fixes Christmas decorations while making a delivery to a Keizer home.

Submitted photo



Wallace via Facebook to thank him for his act of kindness. Wallace said he was humbled by Sierra's gratitude.

"The recognition has been astonishing," Wallace said. "It took me by surprise when she reached out. It was nice to talk to someone that truly cared. Not everyone is as sweet as Miriam."

Other than a few of his coworkers calling him "showbiz," Wallace says that his life really hasn't changed that much since the video, which is fine by him. He just hopes that his story will motivate others to follow his example.

"We need more people out there doing the right thing," Wallace said.

Love Hard predictable but delightful

BY JORDAN REID
For the Keizertimes

Remember that one Christmas movie where a woman who is down on her luck (yet is still fiercely independent) falls for a guy who lives in a town that is so small that everyone knows each other's names? Too vague? You know the one... she has a sassy best friend, the guy has a sassy

grandma, and a lie or two causes holiday shenanigans until everything goes sideways and feelings get hurt but not too badly because everyone learns to be better people by the end and our two leads kiss and everything is merry and bright? Oh wait, I am describing every Christmas rom-com ever written. This includes Netflix's new holiday-decked *Love Hard*, a film that does

very little to distinguish itself from the competition; although it does indeed offer a few genuine laughs on the way to its predictable ending.

If you feel like I spoiled the ending for you just now, then you've probably never seen a movie before. Although the set up to *Love Hard* (a portmanteau of *Love Actually* and *Die Hard*, although I think I would have gone with *Die Actually*, myself) sounds vaguely interesting-- the guy the woman falls in love with was actually catfishing her, which she finds out the hard way when she shows up in his small town to surprise him for Christmas. But it still hits all of the holiday rom-com tropes with a feverish gusto in its attempts to reconcile the slightly problematic premise (I don't think it's a super great idea to convey the message that if you lie on a dating profile you might still end up with the girl) with the expected happy ending. Remember the sassy, high strung yet likeable boss that I mentioned in the first paragraph? Yeah, I didn't mention him, but I bet you knew he was in here. Other than the two leads themselves, every character in this movie gives the impression that they just jumped out of a cartoon, and all of them (including the leads) are just as two-dimensional

as well.

The thing is, I did indeed chuckle a few times while watching *Love Hard*, and even found it pretty charming. The jokes land admirably when the script isn't dragging out well-discussed topics and treating them like they are original witty observations (we know, movie, the lyrics to "Baby It's Cold Outside" are problematic and the idea of Santa can be kind of creepy), which is a credit to the cast and writers. *Love Hard* may have all of the touchstones of an assembly line made Hallmark Christmas movie, but it touches on them much more competently than it has any right to. The end result? I didn't want to turn off my TV and throw myself into a furnace, which is more than I can say for most Christmas movies.

So maybe I'm being a bit hard on *Love Hard*. In today's volatile world, maybe a little predictability with a few laughs sprinkled in is just what the doctor ordered.

Love Hard is now available on Netflix.



Nina Dobrev (right) and Jimmy O. Yang star in *Love Hard*.

Netflix

Review