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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

May your holidays be happy days! Best wishes for a beautiful new year!

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## True meaning of Christmas

Submitted by the lone fifth grade class

By Adam McCabe

Christmas is the time of giving and being with one another. It just isn't getting presents. You can give. I mean like to a charity. It's time when you go to church, when you're with your family you can talk about almost anything you want, like how you have been. Christmas time is one of the best holidays to me because you get to see family and go sledding if there is snow.

The reason why we have Christmas is because it's Christ's birthday. We always celebrate it on the 25th of December. This year it's on a Sunday so I go to church. When it's Christmas we go to church to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Last year we didn't go on Christmas Eve like we usually do. Now my mom wants us to go to church on Christmas.

The thing fun about Christmas is that you get presents, but that isn't the real reason why we have Christmas. It's fun trying to shake the presents and figure out what they are. It's fun to see what you got from whomever. Little kids think it's "give me presents".

When Thanksgiving comes and the day is over we wait until my dad is at work and we set up the Christmas tree. Then we try to find stuff to give away to people, but I think the most fun is when you put up the decorations. This year Colin and I put them up at my house, but the most fun is when Christmas day comes and you have family and get to open gifts.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

By Salli McElligott

Christmas is in honor of Christ to remember the things he did for us and his birthday. We go to church that day to celebrate.

A part of Christmas is about presents. It's not just about getting presents, it's about giving them too. The reason we get and give presents is because the three wise men gave Jesus gifts and we carry on the tradition. Christmas is a time to remember all the good things that happen.

We get trees on Christmas to put our gifts under that we give each other. I don't know what it symbolizes. It's a part of the thing that we do on Christmas.

Some people do not celebrate Christmas because they don't believe in God. They are called pagans. Some people celebrate Hanukkah. They are called Jews. Every religion has a different belief. I celebrate Christmas because I am a Catholic. I go to my grandparents on Christmas. They give us lots of gifts. They are Catholics too. Christmas is a time to be with your family and celebrate together and be happy. We celebrate at school too and give each other gifts. Merry Christmas to every one.

By Colin McElligott

Christmas means it is Jesus' birthday and you should celebrate it. You should also love your neighbor as they love you and treat them the same way they treat you. I always go to church on Christmas morning or Christmas Eve. We also give to charities. We celebrate Advent and light the candles and sing songs and stuff. Always my brother has to ask for presents and my mom says it is four days until Christmas, it can wait.

It also is the time to turn your life in the right direction. You should think about the giving and not taking. I like to open presents. They give them to me because they think I am special. Also, I think the meaning of Christmas is that you get to stay with your family and you should love them for what they do for you.

I always like to go to church on Christmas because it is a tradition for my family. It also means that you should be thankful you are alive. At Christmas time I always think what way my life is going and where it will be in the end. I always think about all this at Christmas time.

By Kristina Powell

To me Christmas means sharing and loving. To me it means to give and share your presents with your family and friends. It is when the wisemen came to see Jesus. This special holiday is the time to love each other and care for each other. Christmas is when you should spend time with your family.

It is when you put up a tree and you and your family put up decorations. You build snowmen and look at the stars. Then there is when you give other people presents and they might give back. It is when Santa comes and leaves gifts.

It's when you share your love and fun with your family. My favorite part of Christmas is when I get to see my mom's face when she opens her gift. It's a nice feeling to see my brother and dad's faces. I love Christmas, it is my favorite holiday. That is what Christmas means to me. It means sharing, giving and loving. That is why I love Christmas so much. Christmas is a lot more than gifts and presents, it's sharing and giving.

## Marsha Sweek named to Humanities board

The Oregon Council for the Humanities has announced the appointment of Morrow County Museum Director Marsha Sweek to its board of directors.

"We're pleased that Marsha will be contributing her expertise to our work," says OCH board president John Callahan, a professor at Lewis & Clark College in Portland. "It's the mission of the humanities council to serve all areas of the state, and we know that Marsha will contribute a unique perspective shaped by her professional experience and lifelong residence in eastern Oregon."


An affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Oregon Council for the Humanities promotes the humanities in Oregon through competitive grants, special projects and events, scholarly research and publications. The purpose of the council is to foster culturally and historically informed thinking by Oregonians about the human condition, past and present.

As director of the Morrow County Museum, Sweek has organized many OCH-funded



Chautauqua events and exhibits in Heppner. The Museum has also been chosen by OCH to be one of only five Oregon institutions to host an acclaimed Smithsonian traveling exhibition, "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-1945". This exhibition, which features the brilliantly colored posters which spread across America during World War II, will be on display in Heppner May 13-July 12, 1995.

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