



Christmas is a widely celebrated holiday with historical roots that extend far back and a variety of traditions observed around the world. The holiday has evolved through centuries, blending various cultural and religious practices.

The celebration of Christmas has its roots in ancient pagan winter festivals, particularly Saturnalia in Rome and Yule among Germanic peoples. These festivities marked the winter solstice, celebrating the return of longer days and the promise of spring.

The Christian celebration of Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ.

During the Middle Ages, Christmas became a time for feasting and merriment, often lasting for weeks. Carols, nativity plays, and festive meals became customary, while the exchange of gifts became more popular.

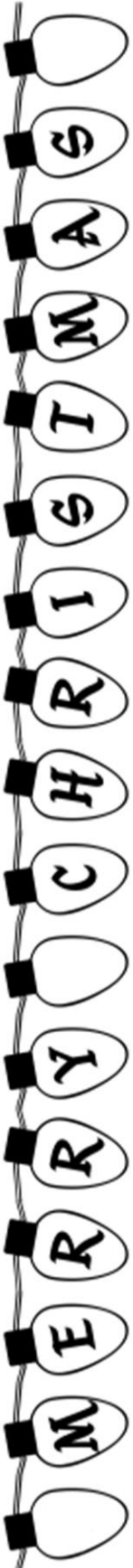
Many contemporary Christmas traditions emerged during the Victorian period. Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" popularized the spirit of generosity and goodwill associated with the holiday. Christmas trees, greeting cards, and the modern portrayal of Santa Claus gained popularity during this time.

In our small country towns, Christmas is celebrated with various events like the Lighted Christmas Parade, Holiday Bingo's, Santa's trip to our communities, our Giving Tree, and a wonderful Main street that is adorned with festive decorations, bringing a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Families come together for festive meals, exchanging gifts, and attending religious services. Homemade treats, like cookies and pies, are shared among neighbors, fostering a sense of unity.

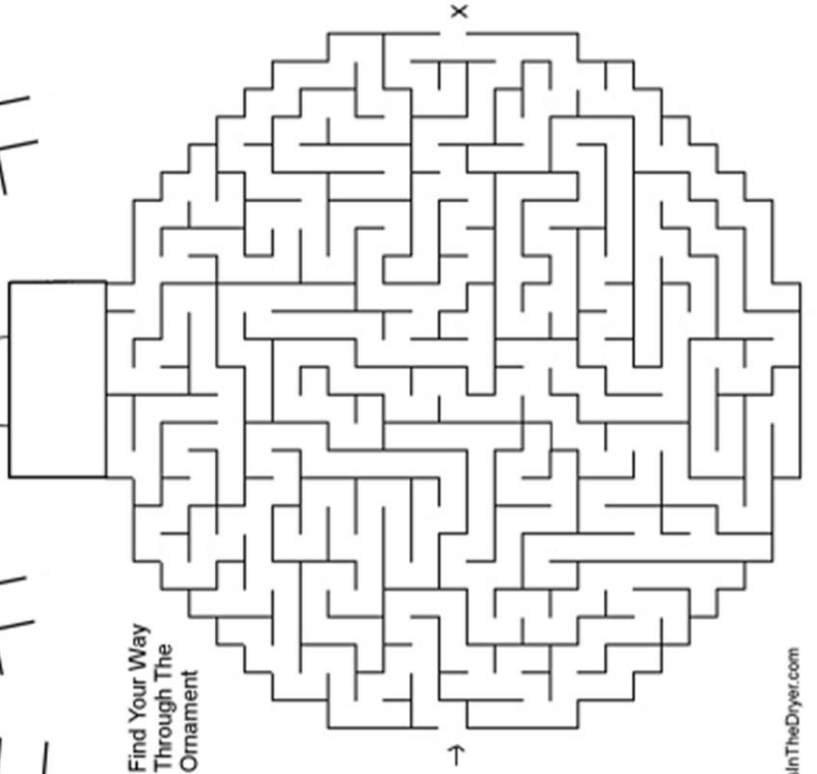
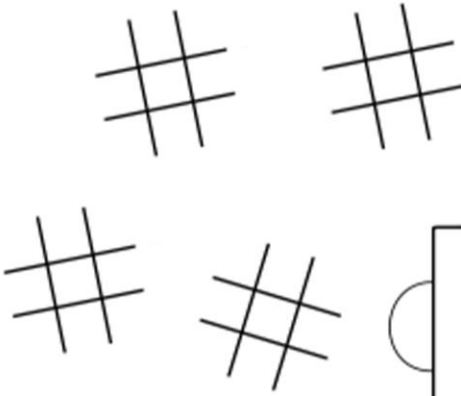
Christmas in a small country town often emphasizes the spirit of togetherness, with neighbors and friends coming together to celebrate the season and share goodwill.





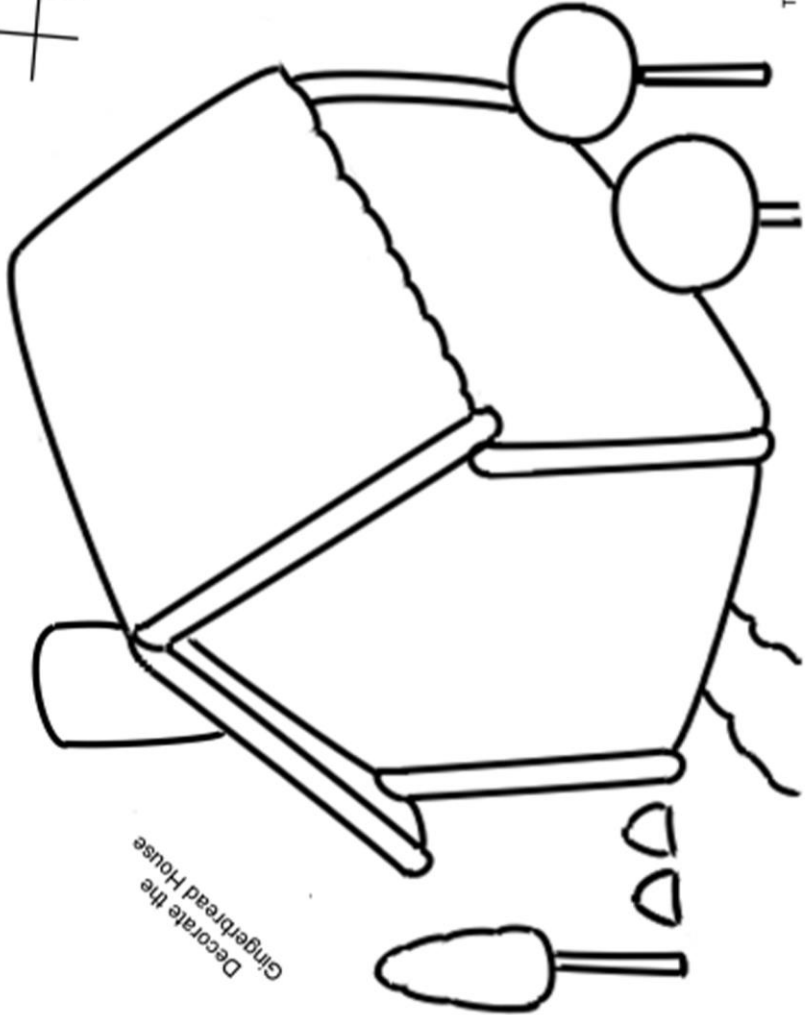
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Christmas

PARADE

Lead by Santa in the Fire Truck

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th

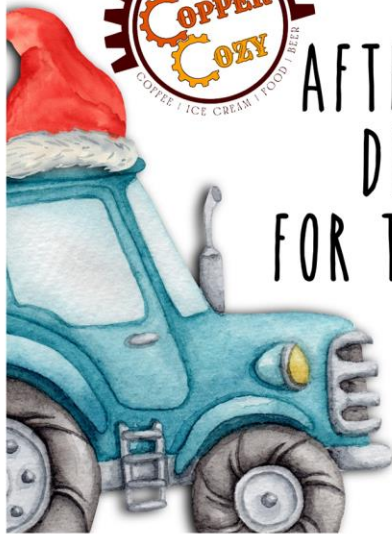
PARADE STARTS AT 6:00PM

Parade starts at the Willapa Hills Trail and proceed down Main street



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Thursday

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Enjoy a reading of The Polar Express story and the magic that's served with cocoa and cookies. Be prepared for imaginative delight when Caribou cross the tracks just before the train arrives at The North Pole. Upon arrival, the train is met by Santa and his elves, and once they board, the train departs for home. During the return trip, Santa will greet and visit with each group and bestow the First Gift of Christmas to each passenger.

Blankets, fuzzy jammies and cozy scarves are encouraged.

Season Dates: 15-16, and 22 & 23.

Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to departure. Rides depart at 3 pm, 5 pm, and 7 pm.





The Giving Tree

Members of the Pe Ell community and beyond have brightened 100's of children's holidays for more than 19 years through generous donations. We are asking for your help again this year. Our hope is that community members will stop by the Giving tree in our local Pe Ell Security State Bank branch and grab a tag. The gift tag will contain a child's age, gender, size, and any special wants or needs.

Pe Ell Security State
Bank Branch
Mon- Fri 11am - 12:30p
&
1:30p - 4p

Gift
Drop
Off

November 27th -
December 22nd
(DEADLINE)

Witnessing the generosity of our community is truly overwhelming and a great way to enhance holiday spirit! We hope that you will be able to participate in this worthwhile event for our community youth.

If you were unable to grab a tag from the giving tree, Donations are greatly accepted in the "Giving Tree" account at the local Pe Ell Security State Bank branch. If you have any questions please contact:
Jilona Speer 360-291-3789 or 360-559-7554
or Facebook Messenger

Thank you in Advance!

Security State Bank News Release

Tauna Fiedler chosen as Security State Bank's Employee of the Quarter

Tauna Fiedler has been chosen as Security State Bank's Employee of the Quarter for Fall 2023. Tauna is the Operations Supervisor at the Pe Ell Branch and has been with Security State Bank for two years.

From her nomination: Tauna's customer service is top notch, giving every customer at the Pe Ell Branch the Security State Bank Customer Experience. She welcomes every customer with a smile and makes sure they are 100% taken care of. From the get go, Tauna has had a can-do attitude. She takes every task presented to her in stride, learning along the way to make sure the Pe Ell Branch is operationally sound. Tauna recently organized, lead and participated in the annual Pe Ell 4th of July parade and did a fabulous job.

Security State Bank congratulates Tauna on this well-deserved recognition.

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*Our Congratulations
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SATURDAY	12p - 12a	



Saturday
December 16th

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST
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8p to Midnight



The Winter Solstice, also known as the hibernal solstice, is an astronomical event marking the shortest day and longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. It occurs when the Earth's axial tilt is farthest away from the sun, resulting in the least amount of daylight for that hemisphere. In the Southern Hemisphere, this day is the Summer Solstice, marking the longest day and shortest night.

The date for the Winter Solstice varies from year to year but typically falls around December 21st or 22nd in the Northern Hemisphere. In 2023, the Winter Solstice will take place on December 21st.

Cultures around the world celebrate the Winter Solstice with various customs, traditions, and rituals. Many of these observances are rooted in ancient practices and are often tied to the rebirth of the sun or the triumph of light over darkness. Here are some ways different cultures celebrate the Winter Solstice:

Yule: Originating from ancient Germanic and Norse traditions, Yule celebrates the return of the sun. It involves burning a Yule log, decorating with evergreens, exchanging gifts, feasting, and lighting candles to symbolize warmth and light during the darkest time of the year.

Dongzhi Festival: Celebrated in East Asia, particularly in China, Taiwan, and other East Asian countries, Dongzhi marks the arrival of winter. Families gather to enjoy tangyuan (sweet glutinous rice balls), symbolizing reunion and harmony, and spend time together to welcome the lengthening days.

Inti Raymi: Among the Inca people of South America, Inti Raymi honors the sun god Inti. Ceremonies involve music, dance, and offerings to ensure the sun's return and a bountiful harvest.

Pagan and Wiccan Celebrations: Modern Pagan and Wiccan communities observe the Winter Solstice as Yule, celebrating the return of the sun god and the cycle of rebirth. Rituals often include lighting candles, performing ceremonies, and reflecting on renewal and personal growth.

Sankranti/Pongal/Lohri: In India, various regions celebrate the Winter Solstice under different names such as Sankranti, Pongal, or Lohri. These festivals mark the end of winter and the beginning of longer days. Celebrations include kite flying, bonfires, traditional foods, and cultural performances.

Shab-e Yalda: In Persian culture, Shab-e Yalda (Yalda Night) is celebrated on the eve of the Winter Solstice. Families gather, eat traditional foods, read poetry, and stay awake through the night, believing that doing so will protect them from evil and ensure good fortune in the coming year.

These celebrations and rituals highlight the significance of the Winter Solstice across diverse cultures, emphasizing themes of hope, renewal, and the triumph of light over darkness during the darkest time of the year.



MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY DANCE

FRIDAY DEC. 15

7 pm-9 pm



Semi-Formal

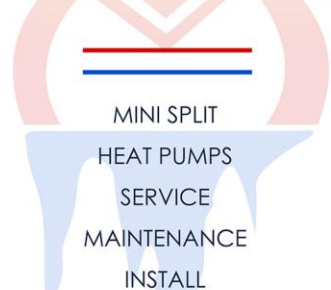
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Dec 16th
@ Tumwater
Dec 20th
@ Stadium HS
Tacoma
Dec 22nd
@ Tenino
Dec 28th
@ Stadium HS
Tacoma
Dec 29th
@ Napavine



Youth

Dec 16th
@ Centralia
Sports Hub

Remember

Start Saving
those Pull Tabs!
Ronald McDonald House
Event coming in
early 2024 for K-5

Dec. 15th
MS Christmas Dance

Dec. 18th
HS Dress Up Day
- Ugly Sweater/Socks

Dec. 19th
HS Dress Up Day
- Christmas Character Day
Winter Concert

Dec. 20th
Dress up Day
Christmas Cheer
HS Dress Up Day
- Christmas Pajamas
Student of the Month

Dec. 21st-Jan 1
Winter Break
-No School-

Dec. 21st
School Board meeting
5:30p in Library

Yearbooks are now
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\$30



The Senior Class of 2024

are currently
having their Chocolate Bar fundraiser to earn funds for their senior trip. Find any senior to get your bar today!



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Council Meeting December 5th, 2023 6:00 p.m.

HYBRID MEETING- The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Willey. C.M. Milanowski, C.M. Dodd, C.M. McRoberts, C.M. Speer, Mayor Willey, and Clerk/Treasurer Oster were present. C.M. Nichols and Attorney Unzelman were absent. Tammy Baraconi for Stoney Beach Consulting was present. There were no citizens present.

A motion was made by C.M. Speer and seconded by C.M. Dodd to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Milanowski and seconded by C.M. Speer to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting on 11/21/23 and the Public Hearing for the 2024 Final Budget on 11/28/23. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. Milanowski and seconded by C.M. McRoberts to approve Blanket Voucher #202323 for Claim #'s 21370-21384 in the amount of \$31,039.77 and Payroll #'s 21360-21369 in the amount of \$20,308.93 for a Grand Total of \$51,348.70. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no purchase orders

There were no Utility bill adjustments.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by C.M. Speer and seconded by C.M. Dodd to table indefinitely Ordinance #584- vacating the Cedar Street Right-of-way north of Highway 6. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by C.M. Dodd and seconded by C.M. McRoberts to pass Resolution #272- Public Participation Plan for the 2025 Town of Pe Ell Comprehensive Plan update. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by C.M. McRoberts and seconded by C.M. Speer to adopt Ordinance #585- 2024 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by C.M. Speer and seconded by C.M. Dodd to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Council minutes are not official until they are passed formally at the next scheduled meeting

**KRISTI'S
KORNER**

COMMUNITYchatter

by Kristi Keller Milanowski

Merry Christmas to one and all!!

There's no doubt about the Christmas spirit being in the air in Pe Ell!! Drive through town after dark and check out the beautifully decorated homes and colored lights. A BIG thank you to Jilona Speer for organizing the work party and Lee Montgomery and the volunteers that showed up 2 days in the rain to decorate Memorial Park on Main Street.

Thank you to Alicia Marinez and Paul Blumenthal and family for putting up the tree and providing the electricity for the lights at the Welcome to Pe Ell sign.

And, lastly, a BIG thank you to Peter and Diane Schmid for providing the town Christmas trees!!

Congratulations to our Pe Ell Willapa Valley cheerleaders Madi Engel, Kaylee Mican, Peyton Konigsberger and Bailey Cox, on being chosen to perform with Varsity Cheer in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Hawaii. What an honor!!

In spite of the rain, wind and cold weather, Pe Ell students made everyone proud during the recent Centralia Lighted Tractor parade and came away with Best Marching Band honors!! You guys rock!!

Until the next Pe Ell Sun rises, here are a few words to ponder: "Pleasure is very seldom found where it is sought. Our brightest blazes are commonly kindled by unexpected sparks." Samuel Johnson

The zodiacal sign for birthdays spanning November 22nd ~ December 21st is Sagittarius the archer. Flower and gemstone for the month of December are narcissus or holly and turquoise

We begin the first half of December Happy Birthdays with Cynthia Helms Walton, Barbara Justice, Maryann Crocker Wooster, Debbie Justice Bush, Nathan Holmes Sr., Debbie Perkins Justice, Joanna Aaron, Noelle Kimokeo, Richard Justice, Taylor (20) Briggs, Ed "Speedy" Merrill, Randi (15) Belanger, Kara Pierrepont, Samantha Glenn, Dave Smith, Jackie Pace, Nathan Holmes Jr., Megan Krafczyk, Ryan Stemkoski, Amy Rasmussen Manning, Angie Denney, Kelly Justice Risley, Mark Miller, Blake James Nelson, Rebecca Kimokeo, Angela Holmes, Bobby McCalden, Ken Dittus, Mike Hartnett, Oaklee (3) Lorton, Sophia (sweet 16) Milanowski, Gary Hanson, Wyatt (22) Bush, Jaxson Selle, Lori Gartland, Bonnie Marquardt, Titus McKenzie, James Harris, Ricky Senn, Richard Justice, Carly Coleman, Dallas McGrath, Jennifer Glaze, Jan Fuss Jr., Don Webster, Duane Bryant, Erin Muller Frasier, Brady Taylor, Kellie Schulz, Chad Kalebaugh, Renee Flock Toepelt, Johnny Zock and Mike Toepelt,.

Extra Special Happy 50th Birthday wishes to Devin Peterson with lots of love from Joleen, Presley, Payton and all your family and many friends!!

Special Happy 92nd Birthday wishes to a great lady, Thelma Fluke, with lots of love from your family and friends!!

Raise a Happy Anniversary toast to Steve & Cheryl (47) Smaciarz., Norm & Patti Browning Belanger, Richard & Holly Woodward, Bill & Melinda Smith Brown and George & Missie Holmes.

**BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES**

- Cheers to one and all!

Please continue keeping Louise Powell, Mickey Taylor, Kim Evans, Rochelle Frailey, Alice Disney, Brenda Longnecker, Jim Jerles, Jerald Elliott, Darrin Noble, Jenn Selle, Tracy Bryant, Pearl Kaszycki Moltz, Christina Myhre, Nancy Nichols, Carole Pedersen, Terry Miller and Dora Belle Peterson in your prayers.

get well soon

WITH DEEPEST sympathy
Heartfelt condolences to the family of Tina Randall.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Marilyn Alden Keller.

Your loved ones will be deeply missed, may they rest in peace.

Congratulations to Mathew & Emily Justice Senderak on the 11/25 birth of daughter Elliana.

It's a boy, James Frank, for Scott & Ashley Shepherd O'Neal. Claire Noreen is thrilled to be a big sister!

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Donations can be made at any time. Call 3608808067 to arrange.



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MON & THURS
AT
NOON



Lewis County Senior staff, serve meals, create learning and enrichment opportunities, help our seniors with issues directly impacting their health and wellness, reach out to the community with fundraisers, and other community events. Pe Ell Seniors meet at the Methodist Church for meals every Monday and Thursday. (416 1st Street S, Pe Ell) They also host a Pinochle Tournament the 3rd Thursday of the Month and would love to have you join them. Volunteers are always needed and welcome, if you would like to volunteer please visit lewiscountyseniors.org/volunteer/ to sign up.

Suggested Donation \$3-5 dollars for Seniors over 60 & \$10.69 if under 60



Dec 21st, 2023
Tournament starts at 10a
Doors open by 9:30a

Dec 18th
Chicken cordon blue
Steamed Winter Vegetables
Cucumber salad
Fruit salad

Dec 21st
Chef's Choice

Dec 25th
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Dec 28th
Tatar tot casserole w/ground beef, peas & carrots
Normandy veggies
Fruit cocktail



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Dec 13-17
Rain and snow showers north, sunny south; chilly

Dec 18-31
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The Wes Knodel Centralia Gun & Knife Show will be held next on December 16th & 17th, 2023. This Centralia gun show is held at South West



Washington Fairgrounds and hosted by Wes Knodel Gun Shows. All federal and local firearm laws and ordinances must be obeyed. Contact: Kendra Alsterberg Phone:(503)363-9564, Email: wkgsinc@gmail.com , <http://wesknodelgunshows.com>

SUNDAY AFTERNOON *Live*

Sunday Afternoon Live extends a warm holiday wish to everyone by presenting a free concert on **Saturday, December 30** at 2:00 PM: **Musical Conversations With Tim Connell & Bernardo Gomez**. This will be an opportunity to enjoy two world-class performers in an intimate setting, our own historic Raymond Theatre in Raymond, WA. Their performance will be free of charge, with donations gratefully accepted.

Tim Connell is an internationally recognized mandolin virtuoso, and **Bernardo Gomez** is an in-demand upright bassist who has played with many jazz and bossa nova bands. Together, they really do carry on a musical conversation. The two go traveling the genre road from Led Zeppelin ("Goin' To California") to the bluesy "Mr Natural", stopping off at the "Georgia On My Mind" station, throwing in a wonderful interpretation of Miles Davis' "All Blues", and sprinkling the mix with waltzes, klezmer tunes, and one of Bob Dylan's most poignant songs.

Both **Mr Connell** and **Mr Gomez** are extremely versatile—**Bernardo Gomez** finding a raft of ways to bow, strum, finger, and tap the strings; and **Tim Connell** applying his considerable talents to mandolin, guitar, vocals, and even the whistle. Add to all that virtuosity two very warm and enthusiastic performers—artists who smile and chat their way through their show—and you end up with a real appreciation for this art and their willingness to share it with us (in the dead of winter, no less!).

Let's spend some time in musical conversation—a lovely way to usher in a new year on a note of hope. We need it!

All of SAL's Season 20 performances will be held at the historic Raymond Theatre, 323 3rd St, Raymond, WA. **Musical Conversations With Tim Connell & Bernardo Gomez** is a free performance. Please note that this performance takes place on **Saturday, December 30**, at 2:00 PM.

Donations will be happily and gratefully accepted.



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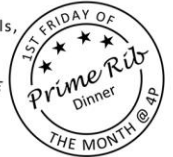
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6 @ City Hall

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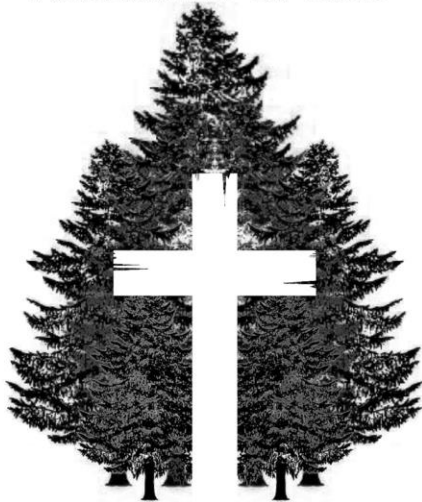


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Happy New Year 2024

The celebration of the New Year is a tradition that spans back thousands of years and has been observed by various civilizations across the globe. The timing and customs associated with New Year celebrations have evolved over time, influenced by religious, cultural, and astronomical factors.

Throughout history, various cultures have developed unique customs and traditions to commemorate the New Year. These traditions often include fireworks, music, dance, special foods, religious rituals, and symbolic acts believed to bring luck and prosperity for the coming year.

Different regions around the world celebrate the New Year in diverse ways. The observance of the New Year has continued to evolve with time, incorporating modern elements such as countdowns, parties, and televised celebrations. Many people around the world also embrace New Year's resolutions, setting goals and intentions for personal improvement in the coming year.

Overall, the celebration of the New Year has a rich and diverse history, reflecting the cultural, religious, and astronomical influences of different societies throughout time. It remains a time for reflection, renewal, and hope for a prosperous future as people bid farewell to the old and welcome the new.





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The Cold Moon, also known as the Long Night's Moon, according to Farmers Almanac, occurs Dec. 26. It is the first full moon of the Northern Hemisphere's winter. The final full moon of the year gets its fitting name because it signifies the start of the coldest months.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) shellfish managers confirmed the first round of razor clam digging opportunities at Long Beach and Twin Harbors began Sept. 29. The following tentative digs during evening (p.m.) low tides are scheduled:

- Dec. 15, Friday, 8:25 p.m.; -1.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 16, Saturday, 9:12 p.m.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 17, Sunday, 10:01 p.m.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

After final approval of marine toxin testing, tentative digs during evening (p.m.) low tides are scheduled:

- Dec. 26, Tuesday, 6:18 p.m.; -0.9 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 27, Wednesday, 6:57 p.m.; -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Dec. 28, Thursday, 7:35 p.m.; -0.6 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 29, Friday, 8:11 p.m.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

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