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Dress rehearsal for Billy Shakespeare's Christmas Extravaganza and Traveling Freak show took place Monday and Tuesday nights in preparation for this week's performances. "The Great Elf Rebellion" and "The Christmas Machine" pictured are two of the four one-act plays being performed. Alexia Welch, Trinity Linnig and Sara Vaughn play elves striking for better working conditions. Gabe Petri and Kearra Greene talk about the meaning of Christmas. photos by Analise DeKorte

Honor Society plans first ever holiday party

by Summer Neal
journalism student

The National Honor Society's first ever Jingle Ball took place at Clarksville High School's cafeteria. The Jingle Ball was a informal holiday dance open to both CHS and Renaissance Academy students that was sponsored by the NHS members. The dance included a mix of dance and christmas music, a hot chocolate bar with other drinks and snacks and included a contest for Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus (senior Jailen Swain and junior Mataya Watts). The entrance cost was \$4.00 in the week up to the dance, but then \$5.00 the night it took place.

Jingle Ball took months of preparation for the NHS but took place on Friday Dec. 14. "I was very proud of the NHS members and how they worked hard to plan a quality event. They started planning in October and set up committees for decorations, food and games," NHS sponsor Kelly Short said, "We may not have had as many people attend as we would have liked, but the event still turned out nicely." Short helped with the planning of the dance, but left most of the planning and working to be done by the NHS members.

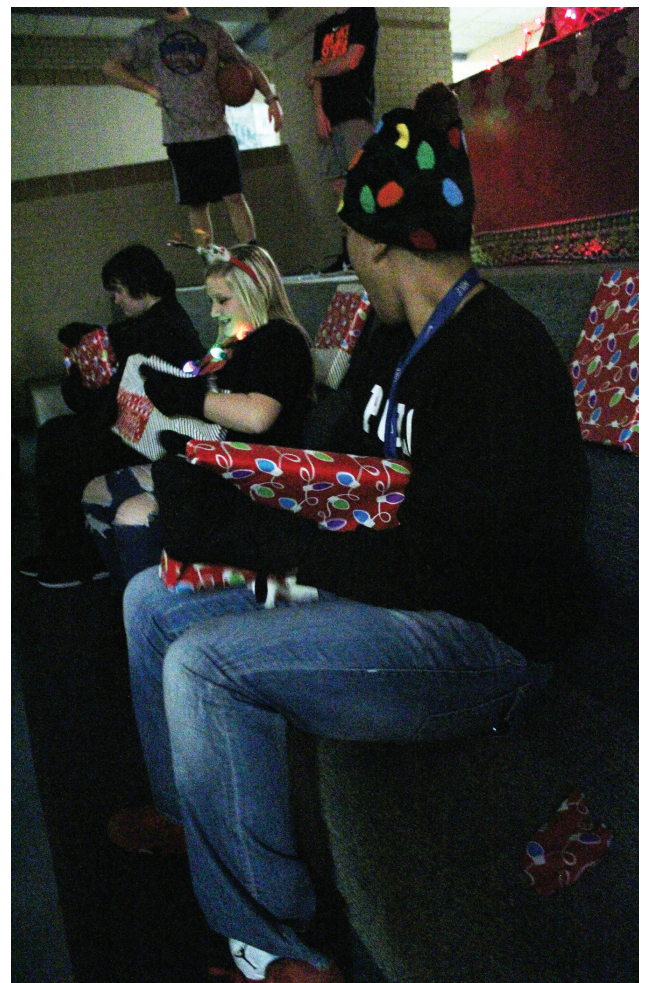
The contest for Santa Claus and Mrs.

Claus included a "penny war" with all of the proceeds going to Clarksville Cares. "It felt really good to be able to raise money for a local charity so easily," NHS Vice President Tyler VanWinkle, who was the leader in the planning of the dance, said. Clarksville Cares is an organization that helps Clarksville Community Schools students with necessities for the breaks from schools, that they may not have. These items include hats and gloves, schools supplies, gifts for the holidays and many other items.

Throughout the dance there was many games, including a game that included wearing oven mitts on both hands while trying to open a present. "Jailen (Swain) went in there talking all that smack and he got crushed. He got whooped. He came in third place, I came in first place," freshman Shilee Watts, winner of the presents game, said. The dance also included a selfie station with different props to use for photos.

Both VanWinkle and Short hope that Jingle Ball will become an annual event.

Freshman William Rudd, freshman Shilee Watts and senior Jailen Swain compete to see who can unwrap their present first. photo by Bethany Johnson



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How early is too early?

For every Christmas music fan, there is a grinch who simply does not

by Makayla Tuell

Now is the time of year that Christmas music comes in play, or as the song goes, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year.” There are types of musics appealing to all different types of people.

Aother difference is when people start listening to holiday songs. For many people Christmas music is the real meaning of Christmas. The music always keeps everyone happy and some tend to fall in love with the holiday spirit. Christmas music is in every single movie in the 25 Days of Christmas on Freeform and in every Hallmark Movie Channel Christmas movie. But not everyone likes Christmas music and everyone also has different taste.

For some, Christmas music sets the tone for the holiday. SiriusXM satellite radio has multiple channels devoted to all different types of Christmas music. Local station 106.9 starts playing Christmas music the day after Halloween. Junior Charlie Masingo said that she likes all of the Christmas music and starts listening “whenever it starts to come on”.

Not everyone wants to start early as Masingo starts or wants to even start at all. Some start some start after Halloween which is basically holiday season. Also after

Thanksgiving because they don’t want to skip holidays. Of course, there are those people that start in December which is the month of christmas.

Traditionalists like freshman Karly Leonard believe that the Christmas season starts in early December and she has her favorites. “Yes, the whole Justin Bieber album of christmas music,” Leonard said.

Classic Christmas goers like sophomore Hope Brock believes that Christmas should have some soul and start around Thanksgiving. “My favorite Christmas artist is Michael Bublé,” Brock said.

The grinchies like senior Brent Strobl believe that Christmas music should never start. “I don’t listen to any Christmas music,” Strobl said.

There are many different genres for Christmas music. For Hanukkah there is a type of music for it called chanukah. There is Christmas music for children. Also, all the regular genres like classical, pop, gospel, rock and r&b are represented at Christmas. Any music goer can find something to listen to during the holidays, except maybe the grinchies who believe that Christmas should just not happen.



WHEN SHOULD PEOPLE START LISTENING TO CHRISTMAS MUSIC?

- 46% the day after Thanksgiving
- 29% a week or two before Christmas
- 21% December 1
- 4% the day after Halloween

poll conducted online via twitter with 56 respondents



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Guest commentary
Writer explores truth in old addage
by Naomi Guerrero
journalism student

Regardless of our feelings it is indeed better to give. Giving to others can benefit us in different types of ways. It can makes us feel better about ourselves, relieve depression and anxiety. Also gives us better health.

A recent study from Psychology To-day showed that compassionate goals increase one's sense of self-worth in a sample of adults with depression and anxiety. Striving to help others avoids selfish behavior and it can make a positive differences in someone’s else's life. Social connection are hard-wired for face-to-face contact that includes lots of touch, eye contact, and smiles. Such things release a hormone called oxytocin, which helps us bond and care for others, and also helps us handle stress better.

Some people are too selfish and rather receive things and not give anything in return, because they want to make themselves feel better and don’t care about others well being. Others can’t afford to give so it makes them feel bad about themselves.

For those can’t afford gifts, instead give your time, warmth and friendship, and also give a listening ear or a shoulder to lean on. Giving doesn’t always mean it has to be materialistic it can be any of the things above. From the Bible, Acts 20:35 states “I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Three CHS students give to others through Angel Tree program

compiled by Makayla Tuell

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senior Bethany Johnson

“I wanted to start a tradition of helping out a child each year so I decided to adopt an angel tree child. I was a bit nervous at first because I didn’t know what to buy, but after a little shopping I got more comfortable. It’s always hard to buy presents for people and it’s especially hard to buy something for someone you don’t even know. I just hope that in the end she’ll appreciate the effort and thought I put into all her presents.”
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junior Hannah Pirtle

“Basically I thought that I have a job now that I would love to donate to the angel tree. It’s a selfless deed, plus I got hours for national honor society. It was such a nice feeling. My best friend went shopping with me and we reminisced on the times that we were 11 years old. So I then decided to get her this cute striped shirt with sloths on it. I also got her some jeans. Then I got her this jacket and two pairs of shoes. I spent about \$60 on this little girl but who cares, it was so heartwarming. After that I took it back to the table and the lady couldn’t believe I was doing something so selfless at 16 years old. It was just super great.”
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sophomore Sara Vaughn

“Shopping for the angel tree was incredibly fun. It felt good to help out and shop for kids and teens who don’t have a lot. The whole Walmart was crowded due to the amount of people participating. They also had coffee and other pastries available for people helping out. My partner Riley and I were shopping for a girl turning 18. She loves photography which was great for us because Riley also loves photography. We were able to find the best camera for the girl. We also got her a bible because she’s religious. This was very difficult to find. Riley and I had to dig through a box full of books. After we got everything we bagged it up and took it to the front register. It’s going to obviously feel nice to help out others. I got to hang out with my friend too. Truly was a little worried that the girl wouldn’t like what we got her but I was pretty confident that she would appreciate us putting in the effort to buy her stuff.”

Throwback Thursday holiday edition

compiled by Shaelin Bruner and Emily Perez

Cheyenne Horn, 11

What do you want for Christmas? A boyfriend
What would you settle for for Christmas? food
What do you think you’ll end up with at Christmas? nothing

Bishop Smith, 9

What do you want for Christmas? Tayllor McCaffery’s love
What would you settle for for Christmas? \$100 PSN card
What do you think you’ll end up with at Christmas? Vans

Jailen Swain, 12

What do you want for Christmas? my two front teeth
What would you settle for for Christmas? a front tooth
What do you think you’ll end up with at Christmas? hopefully, my two front teeth

Jade Hurley, 10

What do you want for Christmas? money
What would you settle for for Christmas? I don’t know
What do you think you’ll end up with at Christmas? just a surprise

Charlie Masingo, 11

What do you want for Christmas? a car
What would you settle for for Christmas? a phone
What do you think you’ll end up with at Christmas? clothes

Devon Waxler, 12

What do you want for Christmas? new bat
What would you settle for for Christmas? clothes
What do you think you’ll end up with at Christmas? clothes

In looking back over the archives of the Generals’ Delivery, we found a feature that ran for four years in a row asking students three important holiday questions. What do you want for Christmas? What would you settle for for Christmas? What do you think you’ll end up with? Here are some of this year’s responses.

birthdays

December

3 Dimetrius Hall
4 Ryan Waxler
6 Zackery Ottman
7 Kelsey Pease
8 Carissa Guffey
Jordan Cunningham
11 Lauren Sandlin
Billy Groves
14 Sakya King
Sean Abbott
Dylan Haycraft
15 Makayla Tuell
Asher Nielsen
16 Karlyn Frazier
Madilyn Hamilton
18 Ava Kimmel
Gabrielle Ray
20 Sean Cocke
Zachary Trader
Brendan Hicks
21 Gabriel Petri
22 Myla Jackson
23 Skyler Shepherd
24 Zowie Ferguson
26 Amir Elghailany
28 Hermione Bean-Mills
29 Mancera Carrillo
Nickolas Brand
Meet Patel

January

2 Dylan Edwards
3 Neftali Chavez
Eva Geary
5 Jocelyn Borden
Hailee White
8 Malorie Mattingly
9 Kylie Bruce
Blake Mudd
12 Ronald Jarnagin
Anna Cole
14 Alexander Titus
Elliot Helwig
15 James Fettingter
16 Katelyn Brand
17 Jade Hurley
Shelby Howell
19 April Jackson
21 Brennan Larimer
22 Brent Strobl
23 Devon Simpson
Nate Simpson
Wesley Williams
Eric Rupprecht
Ianna Grafil
24 Tanner Page
Brandon Woods
Abby Hissam
28 AJ Brown
Marcos Sandoval
29 Chase Byrns

February

1 Webster Walls
2 Terry Morgan
3 Alysa Collard
Lillyann Sparks
4 Riely Barnett
6 Derrick Leonard
Dakota Capps
Jasmine Hensley
Jenna Thompson
Maxwell Puryear
7 Nikki Hatfield
Cody Minton
Kamryn Cole
Aliyah Gaubatz Vogler
8 Jaren Starks
De’Jon Hailstock
Austin Leezer
Michael Clark
10 Charles Pearson
Ayanna Patterson
Jozey Peggs
Anthony Haskins
Nick Bishop
11 Jocelyn Waggoner
Sunseri Cannon
12 Ari Hart
Grace Seward
Summer Hall
Randy Hatfield
13 Jackson Mullins
Avery Mullins

14 Amaya Cooper
17 Chase Rickert
18 Riley Carroll
Michael Nash
19 Aine Brown
Angelo Cureton
Selena Maldonado
Elijah Davey
20 James Elkins
21 Hayden Parks
Katelyn Brown
Sami Shahed
Jacob Bishop
Isiah Carpenter
Yuliani Catarino
Jasmine Catarino
23 Summer Neal
24 Sandra Hernandez
25 Abby Schwartz
26 Ryan Senior
Kaylea Thomas
Ahmed Sami
27 Ethan Lemonds

guest editorial

Change to Happy Holidays recognizes multiculturalism

As December rolls onto our calendar, we think of the holidays that occur in that month. In America, the Christian majority celebrates Christmas. Christmas to Christians is the birthday of Jesus Christ, a religious figure in the Christian faith.

As Christians say “Merry Christmas” as a way to celebrate this holiday, certain groups of people have taken offence to this. It has become a debate of whether Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas is the right greeting. Both are generally okay things to say, but happy holidays is a more appropriate greeting.

As America grows as a multicultural nation, different ethnic groups bring their religious views with them. As guaranteed in the Declaration of Independence, people of any religion can freely practice that religion without worry. Happy Holidays is a way to greet people of different religions during the holiday season. Though Merry Christmas is an okay saying, Happy Holidays is more of an appropriate response to a large crowd of different religious people.

A poll done on Debate.org showed that 60 percent agreed with happy holidays. Most who agreed explained how people of different religions celebrated their holidays during the

time of December, where Christmas would also be celebrated. Most who disagreed used arguments in Christian view points.

Another poll done on PRRI stated that 47 out of 93 Americans agreed to using happy holidays. This value of using the statement went highly up in Democratic views, while being extremely low in Republican views.

Some might say that the use of Merry Christmas is the same as the use of any other seasons greetings in a different country. This would argument would soon fall flat, as the use of Merry Christmas in a multicultural country ignores other religious view for the

Happy Holidays

sake of one religious view. Though Christian values are

seen in the statement Merry Christmas, other religious values aren’t seen in this statement.

The solution is simple. Just use Merry Christmas as personal greeting to anyone in that religion and anyone okay with the greeting. When it comes to using the greeting in a large public, however, try using happy holidays. It will be more appropriate and makes people feel more inclusive in the general public. Making people feel more included in the holidays season will not cause major problems in the future for America. *by Logan Palmer*

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Merry
Christmas!

From the newspaper staff

Junior Mackenzie Spading blocks out the opponent. Spalding is the leading scorer for the Lady Generals under new head coach Antonio Grubbs. Surrounded by Highlanders, junior Kohe Quarles stands his ground and takes his shot. Both the girls' and the boys' teams will participate in the Holiday Tournament games over break. The girls will play at Charlestown beginning today, Dec. 20 and the boys' will begin play on Dec. 28 at Silver Creek. photos by Bethany Johnson

In basketball action



basektball preview
Young Generals shine in early season spotlight

by Elijah Dowell
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The past few years Clarksville basketball has had one of its best stretches since the late 1980s and early 1990s. The Generals won sectional during the 2013 and 2014 seasons, winning regional and conference in 2014. That year they had two players, Calvin McEwen and Andrew Jones, make the All-Area team. That team ended up ranked No. 3 in 2A and lost at semi state to a Park Tudor team with future NBA player Trevon Bluiett.

This year the Generals are one of the youngest teams in the area with only three seniors, none of who played last year. and the top two scorers being both sophomores. Dae'von Fuqua is averaging over 18 points per game and Jaren Starks is averaging

around 7 points per game. The freshmen, which coming up from an eighth grade team that lost on one game, are getting experience at varsity and JV, which looks good for the future.

The standout player this year is Fuqua, leading the team in almost every stat. Fuqua is a lethal scorer in transition and around the rim, shooting 64% inside the arc. "I think if I grow a couple more inches and fix my shooting, then I could be a real threat here soon," Fuqua said.

Youth is the future and the Generals are going to be strong in the next few years.

Making his way around a Highlander defender Bruce Seward drives toward the basketball. Seward is one of three seniors on the General roster who did not play last year. photo by Bethany Johnson



scores at a glance

mens' scores

11/20	Rock Creek Academy	W 63-56
11/24	Switzerland County	W 50-40
11/27	Floyd Central	L 28-59
11/30	Silver Creek	L 58-96
12/7	Charlestown	L 34-48
12/8	Eastern Pekin	W 64-43
12/12	Crawford County	L 56-58
12/28-29	Holiday Tournament@ Silver Creek	

womens' scores

10/30	Southwestern	L 54-15
11/1	Austin	L 86-14
11/3	Henryville	L 48-14
11/3	Emmerich Mannual	L 56-31
11/6	Crothersville	L 79-6
11/8	Borden	L 38-31
11/9	Salem	L 79-16
11/10	Borden	L 41-43
11/13	Rock Creek Academy	L 42-39
11/26	Cordyn Central	L 84-10
11/28	Silver Creek	L 77-7
12/1	Crawford County	L 55-17
12/8	Eastern	L 92-21
12/11	Brownstown Central	L 87-12
12/13	Austin	L 89-22
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