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Christmas Tree Chaos

Christmas trees all around the USA and Canada are raising in prices. Some farms have been raising the prices on the traditional trees as high as 10% and building. About 79% (or about 94 million) of the US population are going to display a Christmas tree in their house this Christmas. About 80% of those trees are artificial, and about 20% are real! Some u-cut tree farms get as much as \$9,600! (Not after tax.) The average price for a Christmas tree is about \$46. We interviewed Ryan, a worker of his family tree farm. The tree farm got about 600 people to come this year. Ryan's family's business charges around \$45 per tree. He states that "the reason we got 600 people is because all the other tree farms around us got a disease in the trees. It's called blight." Ryan says that his tree farm serves hot cocoa, coffee, and smores. He also gives out candy canes. Ryan's family's business is already closed, but it will open next year.



REAL OR FAKE TREE?

Christmas is almost here, and people are getting their trees ready to go. Decorations, cookies, and more.

But what trees do people get? Here are two opinions.

RYAN SAYS: "I think that real trees are better because when you do not like your fake tree, you throw it away, and it does not go away in a landfill. Real trees smell stronger and good. Do fake trees smell good? No. You can pick the size of your tree. It can be 12 feet, or 2 feet! Getting real trees is a tradition. You get to pick the kind of tree you want. Your tree is disposable. It does not take up room in the other seasons."

JONAS SAYS: "I believe that artificial trees are better because you can buy one and never need to buy a new one, because they will not rot. Also, you can choose any color of tree if it's artificial! Real trees may seem cool, but they are more expensive. Don't forget, if you want a real tree, but it's too expensive, or it will rot, buy an artificial tree that looks very real. Artificial trees are sweeping the nation."

Current Events

In North Plains

Christmas is coming! Get ready for International Movie Night. This fun event will take place on Thursday, December 21 at Abbey Creek Winery. It will be from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. There will also be a food pantry on December 15, 16, 17, 23 and 24. This event will take place at Yellow House. The Tualatin Valley Beekeepers Association is also going to come to Jessie Mays Community Center on December 27 from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. It's going to be fun! Join us these special events!

Seasonal

Snow - cream

Ingredients:

- Snow
- 32 ounces whipped-cream
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk

Instructions:

1. Mix all the ingredients in a bowl until creamy
2. Serve right away

Makes: 6-8



Visit the online version for fold names and tips.

*** = visit online for better looks

Paper size: Any square | Red / White - Color side down

1. Valley fold into 16 squares.
3. Pull out the corner and bend to a 90° angle.
5. Fold the bottom to the bottom crease.
7. Fold the corner down to form a point.
9. Pull *that* corner out.
11. Valley fold on the crease and pull out the switch corner again.
13. Flip the model over.
15. Flip the model over again.***
17. Using the crease, now fold to the center.
19. Fold in the sides of the face (the large square | in the upper left).
2. Refold the top and left side folds on top of
4. Squash fold into a flat square.
6. Pull out the bottom left corner.
8. Fold the right edge to the far right crease.
10. Fold the bottom crease up.***
12. Take the section with the corner and | its side.
14. Take the top left corner and fold down to | the bottom right. NOTE: leave the large | square's top left corner alone.
16. Fold the square's front bottom right corner | to the upper left and unfold.
18. Repeat twice more.

Sports

Jonas and Jack have created an Unofficial Football League, or the UFL. The UFL is still growing, but it already has two teams in the league, the Louisiana Flamin' Hawks and the North Plains Iron Lions. Jonas's sister, Molly, is in the process of making a team, and so far she has two members. The UFL has started it's fourth game. Jonas's team is made up of four members (Jonas, Micah, Anthony, and Jesse), and Jack's team is made up of four members, Terik, Emmanuel, Alex, and Jack. The game was paused at halftime, and the second half is still to come. The score so far is 21-28, Flamin' Hawks in the lead. The touchdowns on the Hawks were made by all the members of the team. Jack, as quarterback, made two runs, and he scored twice. Terik made a pick, an interception that he ran in to make a touchdown. Emmanuel made a touchdown that Jack passed. Jonas's team, the Iron Lions, made three touchdowns, one a 10- yard throw from Micah to Jonas, and Micah also made two rushed touchdowns.

At recess, the teams compete against each other with more players. Josh, Carlos, and Brian, and more. The game on December 13 was made 7-7, and a handoff from Brian to Micah, who made a 35 yard run to the touchdown. Josh made a touchdown for the Hawks, by catching a 7- yard catch from Jack. A new game starts every recess. Joining is available! Talk to Terik, Jack, or Jonas.

HUMOR

A JOKE TO GO: What music do they play in space? See the answer at the bottom of the page.



SPOTLIGHT

Kids:

- Hank
- Elin
- Aiden
- Emma
- Alice
- Landon

- Julie
- Braydon
- Travis
- Zachary
- Sydney
- Vaishnavi

Answer:

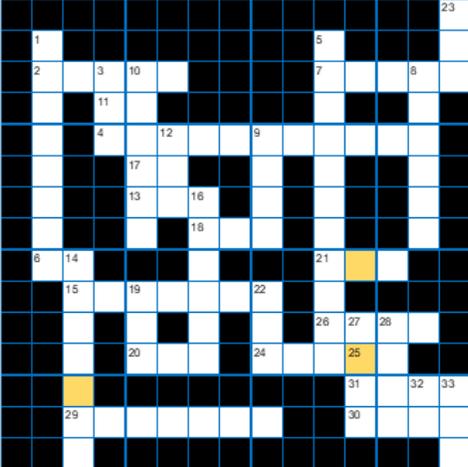
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| ce | Lan | Cade | Alyssa |
| Cannon | | Ali | Landon |
| | | Phoebe | Aaron |

Savanna

The Spotlight shows the month's stars given out by staff members. If you are caught being good, you might receive one!

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Puzzle

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| | Across | Down |
|  | 2. Pop_____ are a food many people like. | 1. Popular kids moves |
| | 4. A food that is cooked over a fire includes | 3. A car company |
| | 6. Cause and effect transition | 5. A new movie |
| | 7. A mood | 8. A party |
| | 11. Abriviation for a type of computer smarts | 9. Some people refuse to eat this |
| | 13. Finish | 10. Infected |
| | 15. Prossesing | 12. Harry Potter's friend |
| | 17. If you want _____ bike, you will have to work hard | 14. The start |
| | 18. A small bug | 16. Reckless |
| | 20. A common game | 19. I'm sorry, but your _____ correct |
| | 21. A very fast plane | 22. Forgive, for ___ |
| | 24. Three | 23. _____day |
| | 26. Wet | 25. A soup source |
| | 29. Void | 27. Perfect Frisbee toss |
| | 30. Complete | 28. Note |
| | 31. Put into circulation | 32. _____ or out |
| | Frozen steam is _____! | 33. Number of digits in a billion |