

# Ironmen Outlook

Nowata Middle School Newspaper

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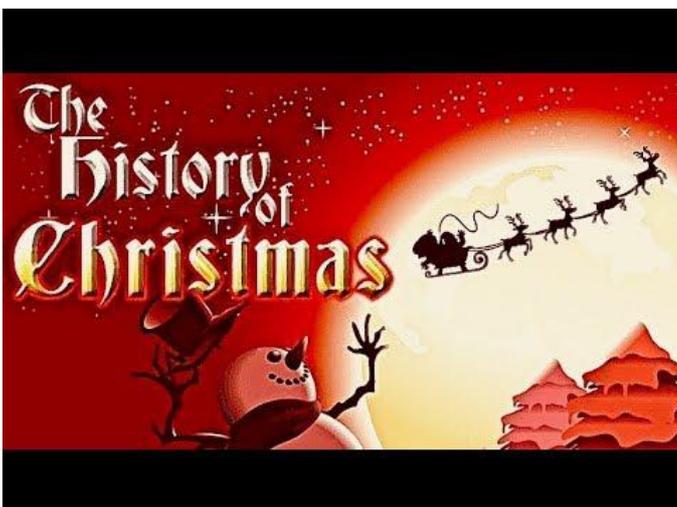
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## The History of Christmas

### Reason for the Season

When eggnog's generously filling  
Each and every Christmas mug  
Ans siblings tour miles and miles  
To greet you with a hug  
There's scarce else I'll be wishing  
Than this simple little prayer  
Of peace and calm ad blessings much  
On Christmas Day this year  
-Unknown

1940s- When the men were in combat, the women tried to make things as normal as possible for kids. A five-foot-tall artificial Christmas tree was 75 cents. Glass, mass-produced ornaments were made in place of fancy German and Japanese ornaments, as people threw them away in anger. 1950s- After the war, the economy soared. A large toy industry was made, and the tracking of Santa Claus by NORAD. 1960s- Aluminum trees were popular. There is a 1962 Christmas stamp. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" special aired in 1965. 1970s- Star Wars was starting up, and the first video games were produced. "The Year Without a Santa Claus" aired in 1974. Written by: Molly Watts



# Junior High Basketball

The 7th grade teams game against Caney Valley was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. The 6th grade was also cancelled because of COVID-19. The 8th grade game continued and won the game.

The 6th and 7th grade girls went to Caney Valley and fought hard, but lost. The 8th grade girls won their game at Caney Valley. All of the games on Monday the 14th are canceled because of the coronavirus. Written by: Jackson Vanderpool



# College Football

**Week 14: Oklahoma State loss to TCU and Tulsa beat Navy 19-6.**

**Week 15: Oklahoma State dominated Baylor 42-3, Army and Navy had a good game and Army won 15-0.**

**Week 16: the Oklahoma Sooners beat Iowa State this time and won the Big 12 championship 27-21 and will be playing Florida in the Cotton Bowl.. The Tulsa Golden Hurricane lost to Cincinnati 27-24, but they are still bowl eligible. Written by: Garrett Staehle**

**\*\* Games played on December 28th-the 31st will be covered in the January paper.**



# Women's College Basketball

## ORU Women

Friday, Dec 4th, ORU women lost to Nebraska 90-61. C.Hill was the leading scorer, scoring 19 points. They made 43.1% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 28.9%.

Sun, Dec 6th, ORU women lost to Kansas 100-59. T.Coleman was their leading scorer, scoring 16 points. They made 60.0% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 33.3%.

Thursday, Dec 10th, ORU women won against Tarleton 66-56. R. Schumacher was the leading scorer, scoring 16 points. They made 73.9% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 38.6%.

Monday, Dec 14th, ORU women won 71-60 against Rogers State University. K. Christian was the leading scorer, scoring 19 points. They made 70.4% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 35.3%

Sat, Dec 19th, ORU women lost to MIZ 88-49. Leading scorer was T.Coleman with 17 points. They made 65.4% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 25.0%.

Tuesday, Dec 22nd, ORU women lost to TCU 62-48. Leading scorer was K. Jo Lippe with 13 points. Free throw percentage was 66.7% and field goal was 29.8%.

Written by: Brooklyn Malone

## OU Women

Sun, Dec 6th, OU women lost 93-80 against Georgia. Leading scorer was M.Williams scoring 21 points. They made 58.3% of their free throws. They made 50.9% of field goal

Thursday, Dec 10th, OU women lost to Kansas 74-64. G. Gregory was the leading scorer, scoring 22 points. They made 64.3% of their free throws. They made 42.1% at field goal range.

Sun, Dec 13th, OU women won against Texas St. 52-40. G. Gregory was the leading scorer, scoring 16 points. They made 71.4% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 43.9%

Tuesday, Dec 15th, OU women lost to Oklahoma State 66-53. The leading scorer was T.Robertson scoring 18 points. They made 58.3% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 36.4%.

Written by: Brooklyn Malone

On December 2 the Oklahoma State Cowgirls beat Southern 68-34 in a dominant game.

On December 5 the Oklahoma State Cowgirls loss to Alabama 76-72 in a close game.

On December 7 the Oklahoma State Cowgirls beat SMU 75-63.

On December 15 the Oklahoma State Cowgirls beat the Oklahoma Sooners 66-53 the Sooners were expected to win but the cowgirls turned it around.

On December 18 the Oklahoma State Cowgirls beat West Virginia in a Close game.

On December 22 the Oklahoma State Cowgirls Beat North Texas 82-68 in a dominant game.

On December 19 the Tulsa Golden Hurricane lost to UCF 53-42

On December 23 the Tulsa Golden Hurricane lost to temple 52-69

Written by: Garrett Staehle

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# Men's College Basketball

## ORU Men

Wednesday, Dec 2nd, ORU men lost to Wichita State 85-80. Max Abamas was the leading scorer, scoring 21 points. They made 53.8% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 42.3%.

Saturday, Dec 5th, ORU game against SW Christian University was canceled due to COVID protocol.

Tuesday, Dec 8th, ORU men lost to Oklahoma State 83-78. Max Abamas was the leading scorer, scoring 36 points. They made 83.3% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 43.3%.

Sat, Dec 12th, the game against Tulsa was postponed.

Tuesday, Dec 15th, ORU men won against Bacone 96-65. D. Jones was the leading scorer, scoring 16 points. They made 83.3% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 42.0%.

Saturday, Dec 19th game has been canceled.

Sunday, Dec 20th, ORU men lost to Arkansas 87-76. K. Obonor was the highest scorer for ORU with 21 points. They made 70.4% of their free throws and 41.6% from field goal range. Written by: Brooklyn Malone

## OU Men

Thursday, Dec 3rd, OU men won against UTSA 105-66. Brady Manek was the leading scorer, scoring 29 points. They made 83.3% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 50.0%.

Sunday, Dec 6th, OU men won against TCU 82-78. Austin Reaves was the leading scorer, scoring 32 points. They made 83.3% of free throws. Their field goal percentage was 51.9%.

Wednesday, Dec 9th, OU men lost 99-76 against Xavier. Brady Manek was the leading scorer, scoring 17 points. They made 81.3% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 48.3%.

Saturday, Dec 12th, OU men won 85-54 against Florida A&M. K. Kuath was the leading scorer, scoring 14 points. They made 80.0% of their free throws. Their field goal percentage was 46.2%.

Saturday, Dec 19th, OU men won 84-65 against HBU. Austin Reaves was the leading scorer with 15 points. They made 91.7% of free throws and 49.3% from field goal range.

Tuesday, Dec 22nd, OU men lost 69-67 to TTU. D. Harman was the highest scorer for OU with 17 points. They made 63.0% of their free throws and 40.7% from field goal range. Written by: Brooklyn Malone

December 1, Oklahoma State Cowboys beat the Marquette Golden Eagles 70-62 in a high scoring game.

On Saturday December 5 the Oklahoma State Cowboys beat the Oakland Golden Grizzlies 84-71 in a very high scoring game.

On Tuesday December 8 the Oklahoma State Cowboys beat Oral Roberts 83-78 in a close game.

On Friday December 4 Tulsa beat UT Arlington 79-64

On December 12 Oklahoma State beat Wichita State in a close game and Cade Cunningham from Oklahoma State made a three pointer to win the game at home 67-64

On December 16 the Oklahoma State Cowboys lost to the TCU Horned-Frogs by one point in a very close game. The score was 76-77

On December 20 the Oklahoma State Cowboys lost to the Texas Longhorns in a close game 77-74

On December 15 the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes lost to Wichita State 69-65.

On December 18 the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes beat Northwestern State 82-85

On December 21 the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes beat the Memphis Tigers 56-49.

On December 23 the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes beat SW Christian Univ. 105 -45 in a very dominant game. Written by: Garrett Staehle

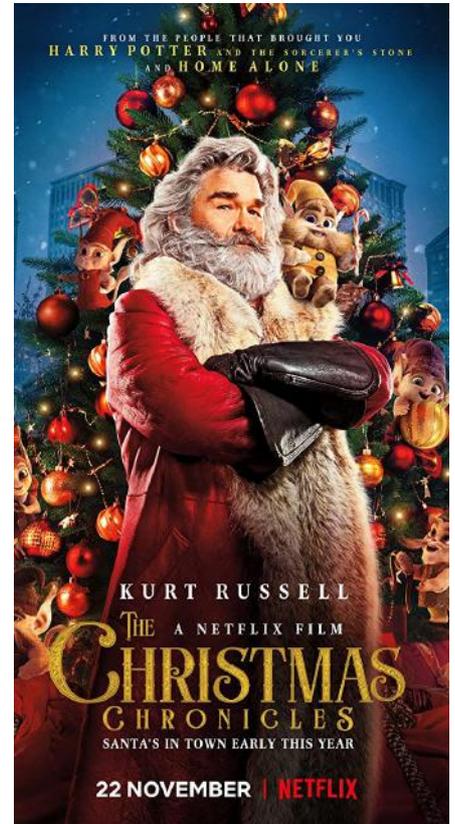
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# Movie Review

**“The Christmas Chronicles”** is a very family-friendly Christmas movie. It’s about a single mother raising a preteen girl and a delinquent teenage son. The daughter, Kate, convinces her older brother to help her try and catch Santa. She wanted to prove to her brother that Santa was real. After a long and insane journey, they help fix Christmas.

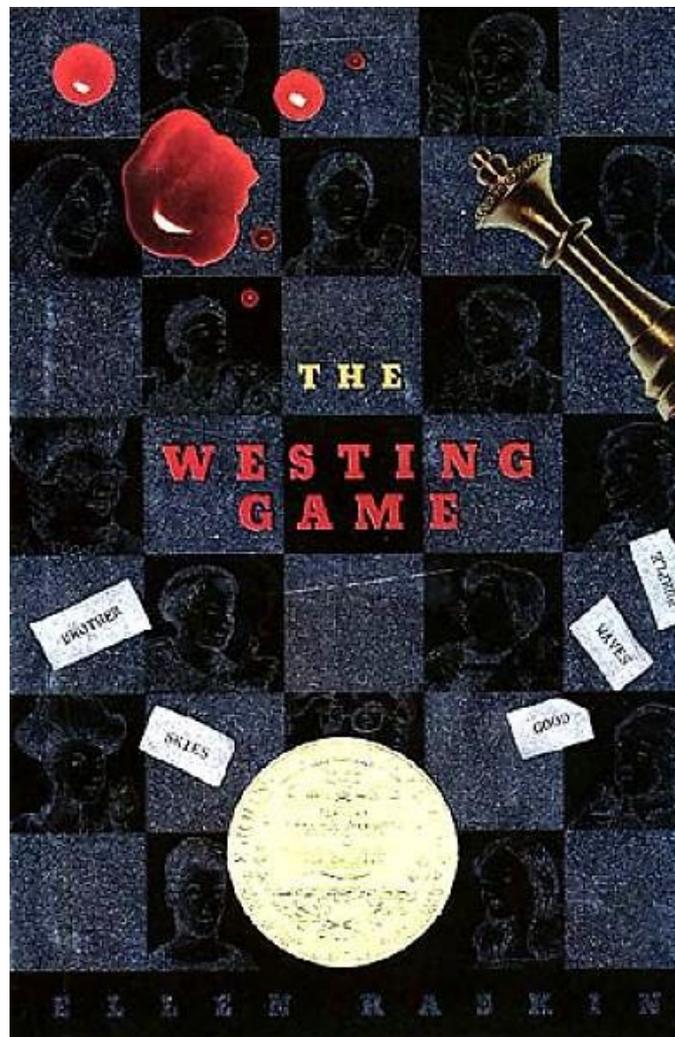
**“The Christmas Chronicles 2”** is based more on Kate and Jack. Jack is Kate’s soon to be step brother. After being sad for so long, Kate’s mom is finally able to find someone new that makes her happy. They all go on a trip to a beach in Mexico for Christmas. Kate doesn’t seem very happy about her mom letting all their Christmas traditions end. Kate gets mad, and tries to run away. An evil elf sends her and Jack to the north pole. After almost freezing to death, Santa finds them and takes them back to “Santa’s Village.” The kids once again helped save Christmas, and turned a bad elf good. Kate and Jack eventually go back to Mexico. Kate finally accepts her moms boyfriend, and is once again happy. By: Kennedy Newsom



The 2000’s **“How The Grinch Stole Christmas”** in my opinion, is the best one of the many made. It’s about a character who is different from most. He left **“Whoville”** to live in a mountain with his pet dog, Max. The Grinch hates Christmas, because when he was younger, something happened at school. After the incident he blocked out everyone, and talked to no one. One year he gets so mad and decides he wants revenge. He dresses up like Santa and steals all the town’s Christmas decorations and presents. He takes all the food, leaving crumbs too small for a mouse. The morning of Christmas, as The Grinch is about to throw everything he stole off a cliff. Then he hears people singing, and questions why they aren’t sad. He gives everything back and sees that Christmas isn’t about the food, gifts, and decorations. The people of **“Whoville”** show that they forgive him and accept him. I like this movie, because it shows that even if our different people still accept you. You just have to find the people who do. By: Kennedy Newsom

# Book Review

The Westing Game is considered a mystery book. It was written by Ellen Raskin and was released in 1978. The publisher was E. P. Dutton. It talks about a murder and his heirs, they get clues to find who murdered him and then split the inheritance. Turtle, although she wasn't one of the heirs, she figured everything out first. The victim was "Uncle Sam." There are sixteen heirs to Sam Westing, he chose each of them. There are multiple red herrings, only to be proven innocent. There's a mistaken heir and at the end, Sam states the heir that wins the windfall will be the one that finds the fourth. It's a slow moving story but entertaining to read in your spare time. There are a lot of reviews but most of them are good. I rate this book a 4.5/5. Written by: Fallyn Nicholas



# Teacher of the Month

The teacher of the month is... Coach Hewitt. She teaches 6th grade ELA, Journalism and she is also the middle school basketball coach. She was born on October 26th. Her favorite sport is basketball, which she played in highschool and college. She also loves to watch football. Her favorite book is "To Kill A Mockingbird." The best part of teaching, according to Coach Hewitt, is getting to know and build relationships with the students. The best advice she's been given is to start each day fresh and keep the students engaged and ready to learn. Her favorite thing to teach is their book units throughout the semesters. Her favorite thing to do during this is to teach her students the mysteries and watching her students' reaction to finding out the mystery. Coach Hewitt's favorite season is fall because she loves football season. Her favorite place to eat is Logan's Roadhouse, her favorite thing there is the steak. Her favorite color is maroon for school spirit. Written by: Kendra Sellers



# Drama

Mrs. Sanco's drama class has been setting up and practicing for three plays. With 6th and 7th doing *The Three Little Pigs*, 7th and 8th doing *The Lorax*, and 8th doing *Paw Patrol*. We practiced for almost a month. We were unable to perform for the elementary school due to coronavirus. So we improvised, and Mrs. Sanco video recorded us doing our play, and sent it to the elementary school teachers. We never got a response from them that the students know of. Our current project is that we are setting up for a musical throughout our middle school. We are going to try to recreate Sunday Best music video as best as we can. Right now we are gathering props to try and set up. Written by: Hailey Gillman and Jaden Bryer



# Robotics

Nowata had their first robotics competition of the school year on November 20th. There were six awards available and Nowata won five of them. Team 44044X- Micheal Prince came in first place with 85 points. Team 44044D- Wally Rush, Roland Foster, and Chelo Prince came in second with 45 points due to autonomous programming. Team 44044B- Cole McAvoy, Savannah Hultz, and Kennedy Newsom got third place with 27 points. Team 44044G- Maria Gomez, Davionn Downing, and Kollin Ivie won the Design award, with their triangle-shaped robot. Team 44044C- Jazmyn Ortiz-Velez, Savana Harris, Heaven Moore, and Ben Morris won the Judges award due to their good team work, design inspiration, and progress reported in their robotics notebook. On November 12th, Nowata was supposed to have another competition, but due to COVID-19 it got canceled. Written by: Kennedy Newsom

# Christmas Traditions

There are many different Christmas traditions that many people do each year. There is Elf on the Shelf, Mistletoe, Santa Claus, and a Christmas tree. The Elf on the Shelf became a tradition in 2004. Parents buy an Elf on the Shelf and they hide it around their house for their kids to find. Mistletoe is a flower that people hang outside their house and if people go under the mistletoe they have to kiss. The mistletoe tradition started in the 1st century A.D. Santa Claus started in 208 A.D., he is a jolly man that comes and brings presents to girls and boys everyday on December 25th. Sometimes kids and parents sent up a Christmas tree. The Christmas tree traditions started in the 16th century. They sent up the tree and parents put presents under the tree for their kids.  
Written by: Kahlyn Reese and Addyson Patton



# Virtual Christmas

Christmas 2020, a holiday we will never forget! This Christmas will most likely be different than any other most of us have experienced. A lot of people are unable to travel because of the pandemic and get-togethers will most likely be smaller and 'virtual'. But, there's no reason to cancel the festivities!

You can still stay connected...in virtual Christmas, only those people and close family members who live with you will be there in person, and the rest join via video chat or other type of internet conference. Make sure to send out your Christmas Party invitation and link out a few weeks ahead of time. Because people won't be there in person, you could have gifts delivered via mail or online retailers. Gifts could also be gift certificates, music and electronic game digital download coupons.

Alternatively, have a Virtual Christmas gift exchange: set a budget and pick a date, gather participant wish lists and draw names, then mail the gifts to the names drawn. Or exchange gifts and share it via a video call.

Another great gift idea, and one where the whole family can participate, is an electronic photo frame. Family members can email photos to the frame and share their special Christmas moments. Written by: Tristan Scamardo



# Elf on the Shelf Excitement

Elf on the shelf is a children's book created in 2005 about Elf, of course, who later becomes a doll/elf who moves around your house while you and your kid are sleeping. At night, they also go back to the North pole to report to Santa if your kids have been naughty or nice.



The elf is playing twister with some friends.



The elf has made a snowman of toilet paper.



The elf buddy has come back and has decided to tell the kids about being safe during Covid. Written by Angel Pettit and Allysa Overbay

# Christmas Around the World

There are many different countries that celebrate Christmas in varying ways. The Ironmen Outlook staff have picked three Christmas traditions around the world. We picked Iceland, Switzerland, and France.

In Iceland, Christmas is known by the name 'Jol.' The Icelandic children open their presents after the evening meal on Aðfangadagur.



In France, a nativity crib is often used to help decorate the house. The French cribs have clay figures in them. During December, some towns and cities have fairs that sell Nativity figures. Even though we all celebrate Christmas in different ways, we all remember what special importance the holiday brings.

At Christmas time in Switzerland, they have the advent calendars. Advent calendars mark the start of the Christmas preparations. In some villages, there are real advent calendars with different houses decorating an Advent Window.



**Written by: Kahlyn Reese**

# Hanukka

Have you ever heard of the holiday Hanukkah? Hanukkah is a festival of lights that lasts eight nights. Hanukkah is commemorating the second temple in Jerusalem. The history of the menorah is one night they were cleaning a room and in that room there was a menorah, they only had enough olive oil for one night, but it stayed lit for eight. Dreidel is a game that involves a top with 4 sides and gold coins. If you spin a dreidel and it lands a gimme you take all the gold coins in the pile, and keep on going until only one person is left. Hanukkah may be eight nights but there are nine candles on the menorah. There are the four candles on each side of the menorah and one in the middle. Lots of people you probably know celebrate Hanukkah, Adam Sandler celebrates Hanukkah with Rob Schneider, and they are some of the most famous actors. Hanukkah is Hebrew for dedicated, because they were dedicated to beating the Greek. Written by: Garrett Staehle and Jackson Vanderpool

