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My Opinion On Christmas



What does Christmas time mean to you? Perhaps it means, a time for giving or a time for receiving, a time for family or a time for friends, a time to be peaceful or even a time for religious connections. To me, Christmas is a time for giving to others, whether you are giving to family, friends or even a complete stranger. Nowadays, it seems like people really miss the important part of Christmas. Christmas is about putting a smile on someone's face and keeping peace with everyone and anyone.

Christmas is not about buying the greatest gift of all for someone, or spending an enormous amount of money.

Christmas is not always a good time for people. Today, and even in the past people have been struggling with a lot of issues pertaining to money. Some people are even homeless. We should help those that are in desperate need of help because you can make a huge difference in someone's life, even with something small. If we are well off, we should be very grateful for the things we have, because it could be a lot worse. I am not saying we should only be grateful around Christmas time. We should be grateful our whole entire lives for the things we have, whether those things have been handed to you or if you have worked for them on your own.

Makayla Chacon
 Columnist

Bullying Others

Most people think that when they bully others it makes them look 'cool' but in reality it hurts people. It can even get to the point where they feel like killing themselves. Almost all the things bullies say to people are not true; it is either a rumor or they are just trying to hurt someone's feelings.

People bully because of race, jealousy, people's actions, how they are different, or their outside appearance, when they are not exactly the definition of perfect either. Sometimes you just have to ignore the things that people say. The people who bully other people are usually jealous of the things you have that they do not. Show them that

what they say does not hurt you or they will not stop because they know it is affecting you.

If you have ever bullied or hurt someone to the point where they want their lives to end, you should feel ashamed of yourself. I could never even think about doing that to someone. The person you are bullying has enough problems. They do not need you adding to it. Sometimes people do not mean what they say, they are usually just mad at that person so they say things they do not really mean. The point being is to treat others how you would like to be treated.

Taylor Navarro
 Staff Reporter

Today's Country Music vs. the 80s

For the people that listen to country music, have you ever noticed that there are not very many radio stations that play older country music, as in the 80s; or that there are not very many people that listen to it in today's society? I am referring to singers as in Bob Seger, *Old Time Rock and Roll*; Charles Daniel Band, *Devil went Down to Georgia*; Alabama, *If Your Gonna Play In Texas*; The Judds, *Grandpa (Tell Me 'Bout The Good Old Days)*, Lynyrd Skynyrd, *Sweet Home Alabama*; or Reba McIntire, *Fancy*.

What brought this topic to mind was on one Saturday night I was listening to my I-Pod and the song *Devil Went Down to Georgia*, made my ears dance. It had been a long time since hearing this song played on the radio, and I began to wonder why?

These two questions kept repeating themselves like a broken record. "Why do not people listen

to old country music anymore," and "Why is it not played anymore," I could not stop thinking about it, and the only way I could answer my own question was that our generation is two worlds away from the 80s.

Are we really two generations away from the enjoyment of listening to older country music styles? When I listened to older country music that is 10 years my senior, it brings me back to when I was four or five years old washing the truck and car tires, and if I was lucky, part of the door with my mom and dad. I also remember the times when we were all outside gardening with the country music blaring or the times when my cousins and I would turn on the radio and dance around the room laughing and having the time of our lives. Those are the times I love and miss the most.

Jolene Pozzi
 Staff Reporter

Zune Or I-Pod

In my opinion this world will soon be taken over by technology. Eventually everyone will have their Iphone 4s, their expensive laptops, their iPads and some type of music media player. Two major devices that have been rivaling for years are the iPod and the Zune.

Personally I would choose the iPod, because you can take it on the go and use it for almost anything as long as you have Wi-Fi. The iPod can also be used if you need to keep track of things, if you are bored and you want to play a fun app, some of which are free, and listen to music to keep you focused or entertained. You can also download book and movies. Some of the down falls to an iPod are you do need Wi-Fi if you want to text, call, or play certain apps, they do not always work the way you want them to, and some can only hold up

to only a certain amount of music, movies and apps depending on how many Gigabytes your iPod has. Now if you wanted to use the Zune, it is similar to the iPod. It has some of the same features, but you can not use a navigation system, and the screen will not move horizontally like an iPod would. The Zune also does not play many videos and the company is trying to decide whether or not to take out the video playing feature. The Zune is good for music and is affordable. A down fall about the Zune is that if you wanted to play an app you have to pay because they are not free like most are with the iPod.

If I had to choose, I would choose the iPod after considering the pros and cons of these devices.

Kayleigh Foster
 Staff Reporter

Ohio State and Michigan Rivalry

Ohio State Buckeye fans used to call the days leading up to the big game, "Michigan Week" because the Michigan Wolverines always won the football games. Then the name changed to, "Victory Week," because Ohio State began to beat Michigan's football team. Most Buckeyes (Ohio) fans remember the years when the University of Michigan won their games against Ohio State by a landslide. That was before Ohio State hired coach, Jim Lachey.

The Buckeyes have beaten the Wolverines five straight times. It's been 2,187 days since Michigan last beat Ohio State. Yes, I was counting.

The football rivalry between the schools is special. There is hatred, yes, but there is also a certain respect, an acknowledgment that both schools are premier institutions of higher learning. Even if Michigan is fielding a team that would struggle to beat many Cleveland-area CYO squads, they still won their game against Ohio State on Saturday, Nov. 26. This game marked the 106th

showdown between the Scarlet and Gray and the Maize and Blue. Michigan took the game by a score of 40-34 knocking the Buckeyes to their knees.

For all of those Ohioan fans, I am sorry, but there is no better time to learn about the school up north.

The school was founded in 1817 in Detroit (20 years before Michigan became a state). The college's first name was "the Catholic-epistemiad," which was changed to "the University of Michigan" four years later when it was discovered that none of the students could spell "Catholepistemiad."

The University of Michigan has a lot of offerings to those looking for a premier institution to attend. With its rich cultural history and strong influence in sports, the Michigan Wolverines will continue to be in the Pack-10. Playing their rivalry Ohio Buckeyes on rivalry Saturday. There last appearance Michigan finally beat the buckeyes. It was the first time in 5 years.

Chris DelRosario
 Staff Reporter

Family Reunion?

Thanksgiving is a time of year where families and sometimes friends get together to enjoy a turkey or ham dinner. After dinner, families usually watch TV or play games, then enjoy a Thanksgiving favorite of apple pie or another dessert.

Thanksgiving can be fun for some families, but for others maybe not. If two or more individuals do not get along in a family, the day could turn out disastrous.

The ambience of an enjoyable day is simple: Walking around outside, you might see younger kids playing with their family or neighbors in the streets. Walking back inside, you immediately become overwhelmed with the smell of food and beverage. It should be a day where everyone should get that warm and fuzzy feeling.

I think Thanksgiving is a day that families should reunite and have a time sharing special moments that could be made on a day that comes only once a year. For some families, one person or the women of the family spend most of the day cooking a meal for their family to enjoy later that day.

Enjoy Thanksgiving, get together with your family, and have a nice meal together. Get along and try not to have arguments with your family. You never know if you will meet with the entire family for the occasion the next year. You should enjoy the food being cooked for and by your family because it may not get cooked all the time. I hope you had a Thanksgiving worth remembering!

Shawna Dollarhide
 Staff reporter

Herkimer: Provides school spirit



brought an interesting interaction between the fans and players that work as an ice breaker on the field, the basketball court, or even around campus.

What makes a person in a goose costume so interesting and powerful? I believe it is that people do not normally know the identity of the student inside the mascot costume. It also could be that the person inside the costume shows a different side of himself turning a quiet, shy personality to a new personality doing things they would not normally do.

Each year a new student will be able to reinvent Herkimer's personality to represent a personality that the costume wearer wishes to portray.

Can you really imagine a school without a mascot? It will be different, not as many people can get into the spirit and our team really does not get encouraged to try their hardest. This shows how much power a person in a bunch of cloth has.

Daniel Rosales
 Staff Reporter

Bottom Lockers



ing to get to their next class. If they go to pull out a book and drop it on accident then you could get hurt, and have a chance of being late to your next class.

Some people may like having bottom lockers because they are not tall enough to reach their stuff in a top locker. A big problem would be some people would have to ask someone else to reach up to the locker to get there stuff for them. I would think the person doing that would get tired of getting their stuff for them, because they have a chance of being late.

I have a bottom locker, and I do not like it at all. It is hard to get through everyone to get my books. If I had to choose I would pick a top locker. It would be much easier to get from class to class.

Taylor Navarro
 Staff Reporter

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 Christmas From
 The Honker Staff*