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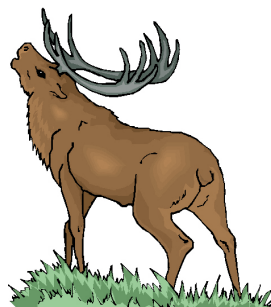
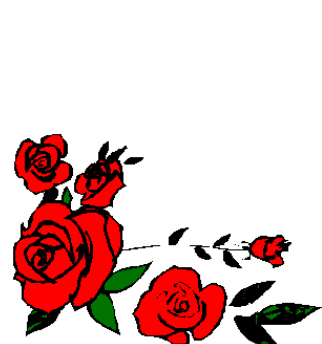
I was born in San Lous O Bispo, California on December 12, 1936.

I met my husband in high school and we were married in 1952. To this union, 4 children were born; 3 boys and 1 girl. We moved to Clayton, Idaho in 1975, where we owned and operated the Saturday Mountain Resort. I still live there, but due to depressed times we closed the resort. I still rent trailer spots there. I have been a cook for most of my working years. I retired in 1998.

In 2003, I lost my youngest son due to a trucking accident. I lost the love of my life in 2007, due to illness.

I have 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. All are boys except for 2 girls.

My daughter is a Rebekah, as is her daughter. Our lodge is Silver Leaf #27 in Challis.



Gene S. Pola Grand Master

I was born on August 26, 1941 in Salt Lake City, Utah. My family moved around the United States for the first five years of my life as my father was with the civil service as chief mechanic during World War II. We settled down in Wells, Nev. My Dad opened up his own garage. As I grew up I helped him in the garage.

I married my first wife in 1962. Shortly after we moved to Boise. In 1968 our daughter Marianne was born. Through the years I worked 6 years for a refuse company and another 6 years with Triangle Dairy as a retail route salesman. I then drove truck all over the United States. I came off of the road in Dec. of 1990. I then went to work for a local company cutting pipe and irrigation parts.

My wife Emily passed away in Dec. 1985. In Sept. of 1986 I married my soul mate Jo Dee. She brought two daughters Sara 14 years old and Becky 5 years old into our family. Our daughter Becky died at the age of 7 on June 15th 1988, after being struck while riding her bicycle on Boise Avenue in Boise. This was a very difficult time for our family.

In November of 1989 I joined the Odd Fellows Ada lodge #3 and started to go through the chairs in 1993. I became Noble Grand in 1994 and in the years since I have been Noble Grand five more times as well as being Noble Grand at Idaho City, Silver City and Nampa #40.

I've really enjoyed being in the Odd Fellows, being with friends and helping others with the principles of Odd Fellows. I then joined encampment and in 2003 became Grand Patriarch.

In 1996 I joined the canton in Boise and went through the ranks. I am currently President of the Military Council, Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Encampment.

I look forward to this year as your Grand Master. To making new friends and seeing old friends as I make my visits through out our great state of Idaho

In F. L. & T. Gene S. Pola, Grand Master



The editor and editorial board would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Floyd Hensley for his generous donation to the Idaho Odd Fellow Rebekah News in loving memory of Sister Gladys Hensley, P.P.

Marge Harlan, Editor

Grand Master's Reception



James Weighall, GM
2009 ~ 2010

Grand Officers Attending
Harold Milton, Donnie Marvin, Winthrop
Osborn, Kenny Averill, Marlene Osborn &
Grand Master, James Weighall

About 40 people attended a reception to honor James Weighall, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

The reception, hosted by District No. 5, was held on July 17, 2010, at the Wendell I.O.O.F. Hall.



Thank You!

The editor and editorial board sends many thanks to the 2010 choir for their generous donation to the paper, also for the great music and songs. You're a wonderful group.

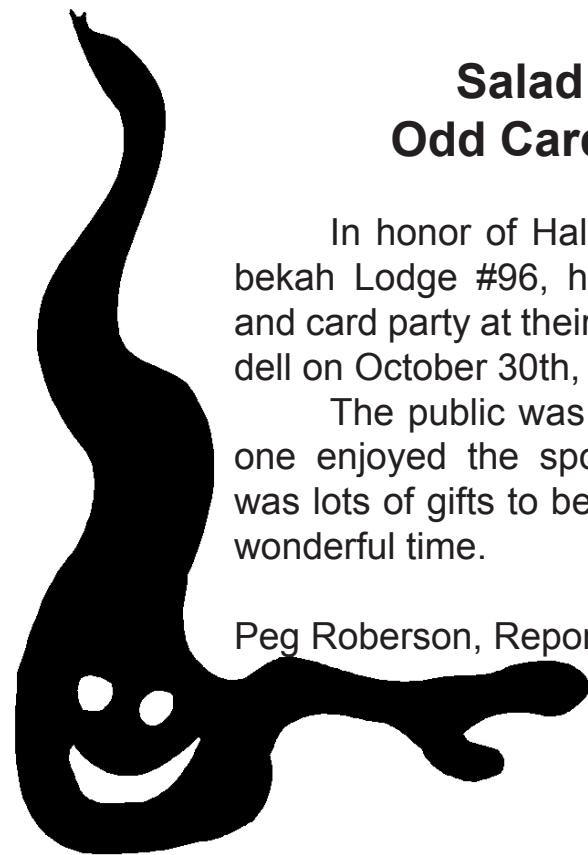
Marge Harlan, Editor

Salad Bar Odd Card Party

In honor of Halloween, Idaho Rebekah Lodge #96, hosted a salad bar and card party at their lodge hall in Wendell on October 30th, 2010.

The public was invited and everyone enjoyed the spooky food. There was lots of gifts to be had and all had a wonderful time.

Peg Roberson, Reporter



A Note of Thanks

The editor and editorial board would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Sisters and Brothers of Zenith #59 of Stites, for their generous donation to the paper.

Marge Harlan, Editor

WELCOME

To our new members

Joyce Obland
Dennis Neihoff
Trudy L. Jackson
Pioneer #1

Diana Hale
Kassandra Waleczek
White Pine #60

Scripture:

“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ.”

Colossians 2:2



Theme

Look Ahead - Plan Ahead
And take one day at a time.

Motto

Be true to yourself and all others

Aim

Getting new and younger members



Carnation

Watchwords

Friendship - Love & Truth

Emblems

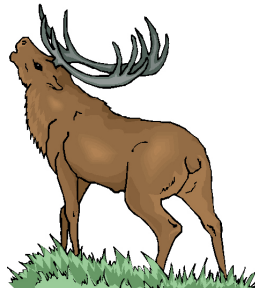
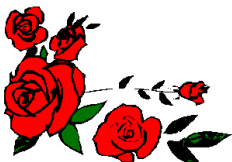
Bells and Elk

Flowers

Roses & Carnations

Colors

All shades of blue



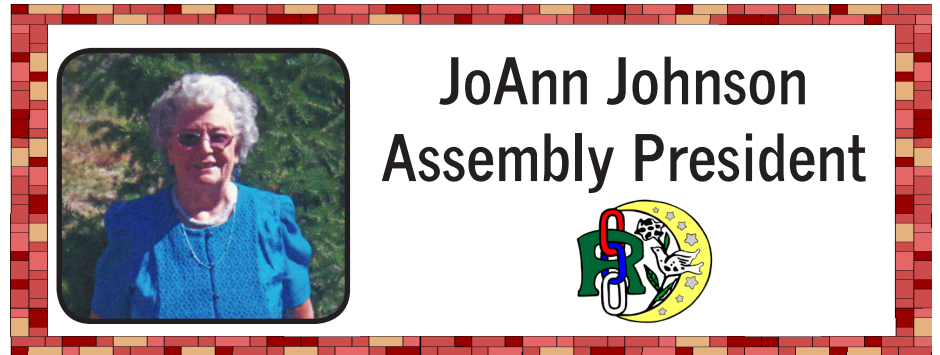
IN THE WOODS

I do not need a clock in this green place,
God is my time with His eternal face.
The trees are tall & strong, the sweet birds sing
And silence seems to smile on everything.

The sunlight fills my heart, it leads the way,
Like the finger of God this summer day.
It's a beautiful world, I make my own,
Walking with God in the woods alone.

Dedication

I dedicate this year to the memory of my husband, Jim, and my son, Donnie. Also, to my family, who have supported me in this journey, to the Rebekah Sisters of Silver Leaf #27, who are helping me make this journey, and all the lodges of Idaho who have given me the honor of representing the state.



Dear Rebekah Sisters and Brothers,

As I sit here writing this first letter to all my Rebekah Sisters and Brothers, I am very humble and proud of the honor that all my REbekah Sisters and Brothers have placed in my hands. I will do my very best to live up your faith in me as Assembly President. I wish to thank all my Sisters and Brothers for electing me to this office. I will do my best to bring honor to this office.

I joined Silver Leaf Rebekah Lodge on April 12, 1977. Jeanie Solberg was my sponsor. Jeanie and Evelyn Bradshaw, helped me learn all about Rebekahs. I am so grateful to them for the faith they had in me. I am grateful to the entire Lodge of Sisters and Brothers for their faith in me also.

I was born in California. I married the love of my life in 1952. We had 55 great years. To this union there were 3 sons and 1 daughter. We moved to Clayton, Idaho, in 1975, where we lived and worked. We lost our youngest son, Donnie, in 2003 and I lost my husband, Jim, in 2007. He was always a big supporter of my lodge work. My son Donnie always said, 'Rebekahs are the best cooks'. My daughter is a Rebekah as well as my granddaughter, who will compile my Memory Book.

Thanksgiving is near and we all have things to be thankful for; family, friends, old and new. I am sure I will make a lot of new friends this year as your President.

In F.L.T.

JoAnn Johnson, President
Rebekah Assembly of Idaho



Changes to President's Itinerary

- Feb. 12 Change District Meeting from Wilder to Boise
- Feb. 22 Remove Ruby #49, Parma
- Mar. 21 Remove Ruth #107, Burley
- Apr. 13 Remove Zenith #59, Stites
- Apr. 16 Change Rose #18 to May 21

Condition Report of the Historical Lodges Both Pioneer #1 and Owyhee #2

Pioneer #1 has 47 members and an average of 15 members attended the three meetings we have had this year. The fourth meeting will be next Sunday (October 23, 2010) with a potluck after meetings. This year we have taken in three new members and two were given the initiatory degree.

Rose Rebekah #18, being as this Lodge meets in the Historical Lodge Hall as does Pioneer #1, is considered a historical lodge. It has 40 members and an average of 11 members attended the three meetings we have had this year. This year we took in two new members with one being given the Rebekah Degree.

Owyhee #2 has 43 members and an average of 9 members attended the two meetings we had this year. We have a potluck at noon with a meeting at 1:00 p.m. This year we brought in one new member.

Historical Lodge Halls

A lot of work has been accomplished on both buildings. At Pioneer in the last three years, we have rebuilt the front porch, the roof over the stairs, fixed the windows, painted the front of the building, put preservative on the rest of building, replaced broken bats and boards, and put new bat and boards on the kitchen end of the building. All this work has been accomplished with grants and donations from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. This year the Grand Lodge gave us \$5,000.00 for work on the building. The Odd Fellows had to put up about one third of the cost, the rest was covered by grants. Thank you all for the help that you have given to Pioneer.

Owyhee #2, as most of you know the Lodge Hall was sold to the Homeowners Association in 2001. The lodge received \$10,000 for the building. A motion was then made by Ben Drinkwine that the interest from this fund be used for the Historical Lodges of Idaho. Since then Owyhee has given \$3,375 to Pioneer for maintenance on their building. The \$10,000 is still intact and quietly drawing interest. They have done major repairs to the building already. They have jacked it up and put a foundation under it. They put on inside rest room in it that we can use. It also has an apartment which over the summer is not used. They are planning to do the front of the building like we have already done at Pioneer. All this work has been done at no expense to the Odd Fellows. We have free use of the building as long as there is a Lodge in Silver City.

Future

There is still a lot of work to be done at Pioneer #1. One of the things that our Historical Architect, Fred Walters, pointed out was that the foundation was literally crumbling. This is going to be a major undertaking to replace.

In 2010 the Odd Fellows will be celebrating our 150 year in Idaho. At the 100 celebration in 1964, the Sovereign Grand Master and the Governor of Idaho, along with many dignitaries formed a motorcade at the state capital and drove to Pioneer #1. At the time Rose #18 put on a great feast. Many speeches were given and fun as had by all. 2010 is about three years away so we need to start thinking about what we are going to do to celebrate.

Submitted by the Trustee of Pioneer #1 and Owyhee #2



**THANK
YOU!**

The editor and editorial board would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Joan & Everett Slusher of St. Maries, for their generous donation to the paper.

Marge Harlan, Editor



The editor and editorial board would like to give a hearty thanks to the 2009 Assembly Officers for their generous donation to the paper from the picture money. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Marge Harlan, Editor



Royal Gem Rebekah News

4 Idaho sisters traveled together to the Rebekah Assembly this year and say they had a fabulous time together & w/ all the Rebekah sisters that they have not seen in awhile.

Carolynn Jones & Margret Abbott both served as Flag Bearers, Lydia Chane was the Warden and also was installed into her new position as Vice President with Carolyn, her sister being her escort. What a great night that was shared by all. Shandra Chandler served at the Inside Guardian & says she learned A LOT about the "DOOR". This was the 1st year that Margret Abbott had attended assembly and says she will be sure to be coming back.

The Amosette banquet was also a highlight of the Assembly. All 4 girls went and dressed up in there great costumes. Margret, Lydia and Carolyn were great looking witches as Shandra dressed in a spider ghost costume. They had a great time and say they are really looking forward to next year.

In FL&T Royal Gem Rebekah Lodge #13

Anna No. 14

Several members met at the "Rose Garden" before lodge to place a plaque in memory of our sister Rose Corum. (The rose had been planted earlier).

The Charter was draped in memory of P.P. Gladys Hensley. Juanita Thomas, P.P., shared some of her memories.

It was voted to take Halloween cookies to the residents of the Discovery Care Center. Members will go in Halloween costumes.

Cindy Phelps brought several samples of paint colors for the kitchen and dining room.

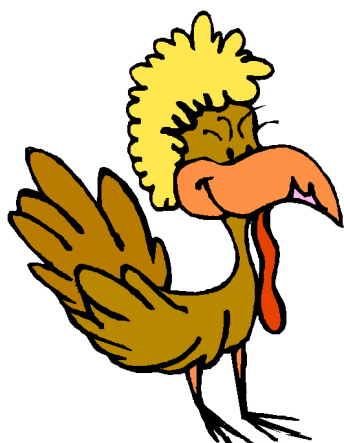
We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Reporter,
Juanita Thomas

Silver Leaf #27 Rebekah News

Silver Leaf #27 has been very busy this year. The first meeting in September is always a long one as there is a lot of business to attend to. We only had 10 members in attendance. Some were sick and some were out of town. We sure miss them when they are absent. We send our thoughts and prayers to them all. Our wonderful organization is slowly dwindling. We lost three very good members over the summer. We draped our Charter in Memory of Darlene Coates and Marie Sullivan. We had draped our Charter in Memory of Bill Millick before we recessed in June. We have done and will do Rebekah Funeral Services on all of the above members. We also did and will do dinners for the above. Our new Lodge Deputy was elected, this being Georgia Skeen. She is always willing to pitch in when we need something. It was time to elect representatives to go to Assembly. These people represent our Lodge at the State Level. #1 will be Dorothea Johnson, # 2 will be Shannon Munson McGhee. Our Second Rep will be unable to attend due to a family death so Linda Campbell was appointed as second Rep. Our Lodge has the honor of having the State president this year. She is JoAnn Johnson. This is a very large undertaking and we commend her in doing this. We are trying to help her all we can and we wish her all the best. We have 3 new members we hope to initiate in November. They are Sheila Funk, Barbara Fox and James Savaria. If anyone is interested in joining our GREAT organization please contact one of our members. We welcome all. The calendars have arrived and your sales person well get them delivered soon. More plans were made for our State President's installation. It has been 58 years since we have had this honor. Rita Davis was our last State President. Our Reps headed to Assembly and all reported a great time. Again I compliment our President on her new position and wish her well. How Proud we all are.

Linda Campbell Silver Leaf #27



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**



Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float "We Touch The Public"

Hi Sisters and Brothers:

The Float committee's name has changed. **New "Odd Fellows-Rebekahs Rose Float" (OFRRFO)**. Previously known as the Los Angeles Past District Deputies Association (LAPDDA). Send all communications to our PO Box 1050, Temple City, California. The float committee is expending dollars to do a mailing to you so that we can reach all of the members. We are trying to cut more costs and this is why you have not received any other mailings but this one. So please cover all this information.

1. You as members of the Order can attend our on-line meetings. Please give us your name & e-mail address, send to: pjgprosk@aol.com or robertgennaria@verizon.net.

2. We are trying to raise funds to cover our operating costs and float obligations.

Status of Float Funds:

\$140,00 need for 2010-2011 Float Expenses.

\$30,000 Presently Paid \$110,000 Balance Owed

3. Memorial/Honoree Rose Garden Flyer attached. A new addition of Honoree's and the ability to send back the Rose that rode on the Float to a requesting lodge or individual.

4. Attached is the 1 dollar raffle for a trip to Pasadena 2010-2010. Please purchase our tickets. \$1.00 each. **COPY THE PAPER FOR ADDITIONAL TICKETS.**

5. Programs are available to purchase for a cost of \$6.50 - box of 25. Follow the parade thru and learn about all the floats entered in the parade. Individual parade programs can be ordered @ \$6.75 plus \$4.95 shipping.

6. We have sponsorship programs for lodges and individuals that want to contribute and even ride. Request details thru robertgennaria@verizon.net.

7. New pins and T-shirts are available for purchase. Contact committee for information. Or go to web page www.caioof.org and print out forms.

8. Forms for Hotel Reservations attached for lodging during Float building week.

9. Form for parade and game, go to CA web page www.caioof.org and print out form.

The items that you purchased on the float table or thru the mail is used to offset the operational expenses incurred by the committee.

All donations designated for the float are used to pay for the float,

Robert Gennaria, Float Chairman

Email robertgennaria@verizon.net or rjgprosk@aol.com

Additional info or forms - go to www.caioof.org.

2011 ODDFELLOW/REBEKAH ROSE PARADE FLOAT

"Underwater Fantasy"

A coral reef surrounded with color fish of many sizes, a large eel, and large turtle. The complete float is extremely colorful.



The Theme This Year Is
"Building Dreams, Friendships
and Memories"

ODD FELLOWS REBEKAHS ROSE FLOAT MEMORIAL / HONOREE GARDEN

Every year we set aside time during the decorating of our Odd Fellow-Rebekah float to have a Memorial/Honoree service to recognize the passing of our friends, loved ones and to also Honor special members of our Order by placing a rose on the float in our designated Memorial/Honoree Garden. The Memorial / Honoree Garden for the January 1st 2010 Float "Family first" was outstanding. We held the service December 31st 2009 with approximately 60 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in attendance, in addition to several visitors from Canada who wished to place their roses in person. The Memorial's or Honoree's name and donor's name were called, the roses were placed on the float in the Memorial/ Honoree Garden. There were over five hundred and sixty (560) roses placed on the float in memory of; or in Honor of; and These roses rode proudly down the parade route on our prize winning float.

If you wish to participate in the 2011 Memorial/Honoree Garden, which will have its service on December 31st 2010 and go down the parade route January 1st, Please fill out the form below and mail it in.

The memorials / Honorees will be announced with the roses being individually put on the float by donors if present. For Those Roses with no donor present, designees will be appointed to place the Roses on the Float. Each rose will be individually labeled with the memorial's / Honoree's name.

Also available this year is the availability for the Donors to have the rose mailed back after the rose has completed its Journey down the parade Route. This is a keepsake to treasurer as the Rose dries it will help us remember our Memorials / Honorees.

The Donors Deadline to send forms is December 18, 2010

Amount of Memorial / Honoree Donations per name \$5.00

For Roses to be mailed back after their ride in the Memorial/Honoree Garden per Rose \$ 10.00 additional

Please detach and send in.

Donor/ Lodge Name & No. _____ NO. _____

Donor's Address _____ City _____

State or Province _____ Country _____ Zip/postal code _____

In Memory of/In Honor of _____

Yes I will be attending

I want A Rose / Roses mailed back (\$10.00 each)

Amount of Memorial / Honoree Donations per name \$5.00
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U.S FUNDS PLEASE

Please send form and donations to: Make Checks Payable to: **Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float**

Rose Float Memorial / Honoree Garden Committee: 20785 Sitting Bull Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308
Phone: 760-247-9210 or 1-310-793-6301

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE MEMORIAL / HONOREE FORMS IS DECEMBER 18, 2010
(Attach additional list of names to back of form if needed)

Did You Know?

Facts, Figures & Folklore about the Pilgrims & the First Thanksgiving

Did you know that the Pilgrims trip to the New World aboard the Mayflower lasted 65 days? It was a cold and damp journey, and since the ship was wooden, passengers were not allowed to light a fire for warmth or for cooking their food.

Did you know that half of the 110 Pilgrims who had left England in 1620 survived that first year in the New World? In their second year, however, the Pilgrims flourished with plentiful food sources, thanks in large part to the friendship and guidance of an Abnaki Indian named Squanto.

Did you know that the first Thanksgiving took place in December 1621, when the Pilgrims held a three-day feast in Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts to celebrate their bountiful harvest?

Did you know that the first Thanksgiving feast was celebrated during the Pilgrim's second year in the New World? During the first year, the Pilgrims were nearly decimated by the brutally cold winter.

Did you know that the first thanksgiving celebration was held in the fall of 1621 by the proclamation of Pilgrim Governor William Bradford? He invited the neighboring Native Americans to join with the colonists in the three-day celebration, which featured games, races, bow and arrow competitions, and of course feasting of the bounty of the fall harvest.

Did you know that Thanksgiving didn't become an official national holiday until more than 200 years later, when in 1863 President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November a national day of thanksgiving?

Did you know that as many 107 million American homes will celebrate Thanksgiving this year?

Did you know that US Presidents issue an annual Thanksgiving Proclamation declaring the 4th Thursday of November as Thanksgiving? While President George Washington was the first US President to issue a Thanksgiving Proclamation, not all following Presidents followed the custom. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be celebrated on the final Thursday of November. In 1939 President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that Thanksgiving would be celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November and in 1941 the US Congress passed a law officially establishing the celebration of Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday in November.

Did you know that it is tradition for US Presidents to issue a pardon to the White House Thanksgiving Turkeys? Since about 1947 the National Turkey Federation has presented the President of the United States with one (and in recent years - two) live turkey(s) in a ceremony known as the National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation. The live turkeys are pardoned and live out the rest of their days on a farm or, since 2005, sent to either Disneyland in California or Walt Disney World in Florida, where they serve as the honorary grand marshals of Disney's Thanksgiving Day Parade. While it is commonly believed that this pardoning tradition began with President Harry Truman in 1947, the Truman Library has been unable to find any evidence for this. The earliest Thanksgiving Presidential Pardon on record is with President George H. W. Bush in 1989.

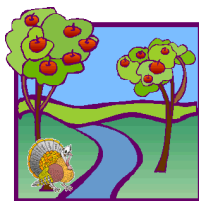
Did you know that the most popular Thanksgiving dinner includes a menu of turkey, cranberries, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie? Then it's only fitting that Americans raise over 256 million turkeys. The biggest producer of turkeys is Minnesota, followed by North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia, Missouri and California.

Did you know that there are at least three American towns named after Thanksgiving dinner's main course? There's Turkey, Texas, with 496 residents; Turkey Creek, Louisiana, with 357 residents, and Turkey, North Carolina, with 267 residents. There are also eight places and townships named Cranberry, and 20 places named Plymouth, after the location of the first Thanksgiving.

Did you know that Black Friday -- the day after Thanksgiving, which is widely touted as the biggest Christmas shopping day in America -- is actually not the biggest shopping day? In fact, the Saturday before Christmas has historically been the largest volume shopping day. Black Thursday ranks anywhere from second to fifth in Christmas shopping days.

Did you know that the first National Football League's Thanksgiving Classic game was played in 1934, when the Lions hosted the game as a gimmick to get people to go to Lions football games?

Did you know that while there are many "Thanksgiving Day" parades held across the country, the most famous has to be the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City? The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held annually every Thanksgiving Day and is televised nationally by NBC. The parade features parade floats with specific themes, scenes from Broadway plays, large balloons of cartoon characters and TV personalities, and high school marching bands. The float that traditionally ends the Macy's Parade is the Santa Claus float, the arrival of which is an unofficial sign of the beginning of the Christmas season.



Over the river and through the woods
To Grandmother's House he goes

As Grandma greets him at the door
He strikes a pretty pose

(He's been invited here for dinner)
And poor, dumb turkey never knows



That clever Grandma promised "a fresh one ...not one of
those that's been all froze"

And soon the smells of turkey cooking
are tickling little Charlie's nose:



(He came early to help and
brought his grandmother a rose!)



So, dinner was great!
They all over-ate!



And laid down for a bit of a doze

THERE SHOULD BE A MORAL
TO THIS STORY, I SUPPOSE
BUT, ALAS, THERE IS NONE

...THAT'S JUST HOW IT GOES!

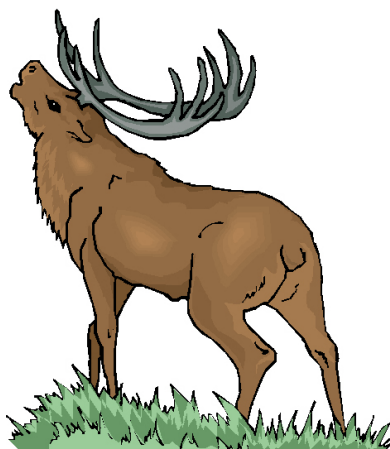


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