

The View  From Here

By Frank Parrish

Time To Decorate



OK, Christmas decorating time is here. I know I'm not the most highly trained person in the use of the human brain so I have a few questions.

• Why, when I plug outdoor Christmas lights in to make sure they work before I put them up, does the entire string light up; and when I get them up on the eve of the house, climb down and plug them back in, the strand in the very middle, where I can't reach, doesn't work?

• For that matter, why did I roll approximately 6 1/2 miles of outdoor Christmas lights into a ball the size of Mars last year? What was I thinking?

• Why did I even use approximately 6 1/2 miles of outdoor Christmas lights last year?

• Why, when the weather was in the upper 50s for most of November, on the only day I had free to decorate, did the temperature decide to drop to "I could freeze my behunkus to the ladder" if I could even see the ladder because it was a blizzard from Stinkhead, Alaska?

• Why, when I gave up trying to decorate in that Arctic blizzard and drove to the store to get outdoor Christmas light clips, did the weather turn spring-like again, just as night fell and it was too late to decorate that day?

• Why did I even drive in a blinding snowstorm of a blizzard? I have a Subaru! Nuff said!

• Where did I put the other ball of approximately 6 1/2 miles of outdoor Christmas lights last year so I would be sure to remember where they are...the ones that actually do light up?

I think it's time to give it up and head over to the "We Have Lights That May Or May Not Work Because They're So Cheap" store and just pick up a few (hundred) more boxes. They're not in a giant ball the size of Mars. They will be by next year, but for now they should go up OK. Maybe they'll even light up after they're on the house!

Kids Write

8th Grade Teacher Mrs. Sally Hiers

The Months Of The Year...By 4th Period Mostly

January

January is such a cold, but jolly month. Like Santa, this month gives the gift of snow. January is like a person sprinkling snow with a saltshaker. That person could be God, sprinkling the jolly spirit of January with such a great thing. January whistles the tune of winter.

February

I am the month that follows January, "the party month". It's still cold and gloomy outside so there's not very much to do. Luckily, I have an exciting holiday! I am known for Valentine's Day. This could be the most romantic or the most depressing day. Romance is in the air, romantic cards and love letters get past around, meaning the world to someone. Ironically, most people break up on this day. Mostly because of bad gifts, or people forgetting about the whole holiday. Besides, there is an event that only happens every four years. LEAP YEAR! Traditionally, women ask men to marry them, romantic and charming, my month is known for the romance month. There are only 28 days in this month, and before you know, it's March.

April

I sometimes have mood swings. One day I feel warm, happy and enjoyable. Other days I become, cold, grumpy and rainy. I'm good friends with March and May. The Easter Bunny and I always argue about the weather on Easter Sunday. Which, almost forgotten, but loved month am I? I AM APRIL!

May

I am a unique month, unlike no other. I am not April where it rains or snows so frequently and randomly. I am a spring month and I bring all of your favorite spring flowers. I am not like the summer season; where it so hot inside and out that you have to turn up the air conditioner to the coolest level just to cool off. I am nice and cool so that you are able to go outside and sit under your favorite maple tree and read your favorite book. My color palette is so beautiful that I have almost all the colors of the rainbow. I could be your favorite month if you like going outside, picking flowers, sitting under trees, or just lying in the grass, staring at the clouds. I am May, the spring month.

July

Well, hello there. I'm sure you all know me, I'm your bro July! I am probably one of the most favorite months of all. You see, it's usually really warm and sunny out when I come along. Sadly, I get followed by August who is a real bully. He always tries to steal my fame. What people love is the 4th of July. On this day, fireworks go off, and everyone has fun. June and I are tight buds. We are the center of attention for summer. Sometimes I give you rain so you can make a mud slide. That's why I'm the favorite.

August

Waking up with the sun shining through your window, already feeling that warm, summer breeze. Putting on your favorite swimsuit and swimming all day. Waking up the next day in pain. Feeling that sunburn on your skin, repeating the process over again until school comes out to play.

September

It's a shame no one likes me when I am such a beautiful month. Well, I mean no kids like me; parents love me. They put their kids on my happy yellow buses and away summer goes. I have the bluest skies, the king of all sports, and beautiful cool evenings. I think I'm a sweet month, not scary like my brother...

October

His hair is wicked. Red, yellow, and brown. Like the color of leaves He is tall and long Like 31 days in a month He is very spooky Like houses on Halloween He loves to go on hayrides As long as there's people to scare This is why I love my bud October He comes and goes by so quickly

November

Hardly anyone thinks about me, squished between Halloween and Christmas, but I am pretty important to the Veterans and to anyone who is thankful for a great country, plenty to eat, and so much more. I hope people don't forget me all together.

December

I am December I come before January Christmas is my time to shine I have one crime that is to party all the time I light up the town with Christmas lights My winds are swift and cold as I lay down blankets of snow I bring the New Year with lots of cheer and joy I am December



Photo by Jody Styer

The Wilmington Area High School Jazz Band, along with the rest of Wilmington Area's instrumental music department, is getting ready for the Christmas season. Front row: (L-R) are - Chelsea Rogel, Olivia Mazzocco, Gideon Zoeller, Katy Styer, and Kristen Klein. Center row - Natalie McGinnis, Katie Gordon, Clara Wagner, Luke Lofton, and Richie Cameron. Back row - David Perrine, Josh Bonnici, Anthony Costello, Calvin Gealy, and Justin Krupa.

Wilmington Area Bands To Present Christmas Concerts

The Wilmington Area High School and Middle School bands are getting ready for the Christmas season. The 5th and 6th grade band concert will be at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 4 at the High School. The next night, Wednesday, December 5,

the 7th - 12th grade bands will take to the stage for their Christmas concert. Admission to these concerts is free.

Mr. Jonathan Nickel, the Wilmington Area band director, will also be directing the High School Jazz ensemble for some jazzy holiday tunes

at the High School concert on December 5.

On Friday, December 7, the Greyhound Marching Band will be marching and playing some Christmas carols as we all celebrate New Wilmington's Christmas Parade and Light Up the Diamond Festival.

JC Penney Not Your Grandma's Store

I was recently mega mega MEGA blessed with some much needed retail therapy.

Most of my clothing had holes, was too small, too big, or didn't fit right. And as you all know, clothes

can really make you feel great about yourself. I'm not saying that your clothing is what should be the primary source of your confidence, but if you don't feel good in what you're wearing, then not feeling good about yourself soon follows.

Well folks let me tell you I would have never-in-a-million-years thought I could walk out of Penney's with a new wardrobe. But I did! Talk about a re-branding!

I guess someone high up in the Apple Company is now the high up person



Hem Lines

so you want to go out in style? By Katie Parrish

at Penney's. They have lowered their prices and set up all of the stores in a brand new way.

The set up is similar to the Macy's stores. There are different "shops" within Penney's. So if you know a certain brand of jeans fit you, you can head straight for that

particular brand rather than having to go digging for the brand. They have also added new brands,

and they are so much fun! I walked out with things like studded button ups, sparkly jeans, pleather pants (they are awesome, no judging!) and great sweaters! All of the things that I got can be mixed and matched and can create a myriad of outfits, and I love when I can do that! I could not have been more surprised and excited to shop at JC Penney.

And I can't wait to continue shopping there!


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