

The background of the image is a vibrant blue sky filled with numerous white, star-like sparkles of varying sizes, creating a magical, starry atmosphere. In the lower half of the image, there is a snowy landscape with two large, snow-laden evergreen trees. The snow is bright white and appears to be falling or settling on the ground. The overall color palette is dominated by shades of blue and white, giving it a cool, wintry feel.

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Editor's Page

Editor (Violet Loeffler)- Happy New Year LJHS! I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year's. Check out page 5 for cute drawings. I hope you guys enjoy this issue.

Assistant Editor (Deanna Vincent)- I hope you guys had an amazing break! There are a lot of great things in this issue. I hope you guys have a great time reading this issue.

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Find the Snowflakes!!

For this month's Circuit Rider, find the Snowflake! It's the same as last month; after you count them all, go to Mrs. Workman, room 314 with your answers!

This one not included!!

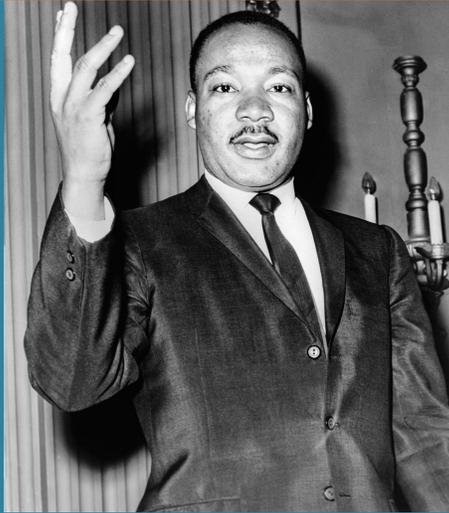


Staff Birthdays Isabella Dea

Isabella is a high honor and board scholar student. Isabella is also participating in this year's Spanish class. She will turn 14 on January 22. We should all wish her a happy birthday!!!

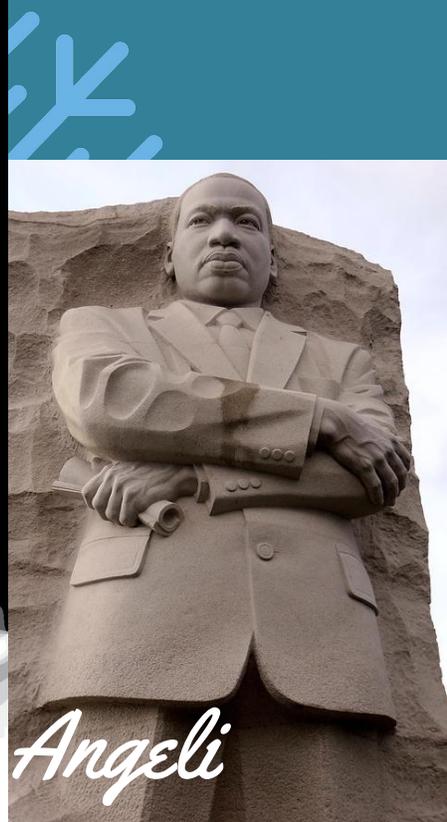


Angeli



MLK Day

MLK Day, or Martin Luther King Jr Day, is celebrated on the third Monday in January. This holiday is to celebrate King's birthday. His actual birthday is January 15.



Who was Martin Luther King Jr.?

Martin Luther King Jr. was a Civil Rights leader. He led boycotts for equal rights for Black Americans. He also had the “I Have a Dream” speech which advocated peace and acceptance and tolerance of people of different races. When he won the Nobel Peace Prize, he gave the money to the furtherance of the Civil Rights Movement.

Black History Month

Black History Month is a celebration of U.S history of African Americans who struggled to be saved from slavery.

January Drawings

Below is a fun, winter-themed drawing drawn by 8th grade student Miley Hurley!



Jokes

Q: 1 - What kind of ball doesn't bounce?

A: A
snowball!

Q: 2 - What do snowmen eat for lunch?

A: Icebergers!

Q: 3 - Where do snowmen love to dance?

A: A snowball!

Q: 4 - What do you call a snowman in summer?

A: A puddle!

Q: 5 - What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Frosted
Flakes!

Word Scramble

wne rayes _____

nmwasno _____

hydaloi _____

atspyr _____

nrayaju _____

sraqaiuu _____

rntmia lrhuet ngik rj _____

noarprcci _____

odcl _____

Calendar of Events

Jan. 9, Volleyball at home

Jan. 9, Boys basketball at Porta

Jan. 10, LJHS 2nd Qrt. Honors assembly

Jan. 10, Boys basketball at home

Jan. 11, Wrestling at home

Jan. 12, Wrestling at Tremont

Jan. 12, Volleyball at WLB

Jan. 12, Boys basketball at home

Jan. 14, Volleyball showcase (8th) at home

Jan. 16, No school Martin Luther King Day

Calendar of Events

Jan. 16, Boys basketball at home

Jan. 17, Volleyball at home

Jan. 18, Wrestling at home

Jan. 19, Volleyball at CEL (6th)

Jan. 19, Boys basketball at
Maroa-Forsyth

Jan. 21, Wrestling at Tremont

Jan. 23, Wrestling at home

Jan. 24, Volleyball at Springfield
Washington

Jan. 26, Volleyball at home

Jan. 27, Spirit day

Jan. 28, ILMEA all state choir Peoria
Civic Center (6th grade)

Calendar of Events

Jan. 28, Volleyball at Tremont

Jan. 31, Wrestling at Auburn

Famous Birthdays in January



Elvis Presley
Jan. 8



Jeremy Renner
Jan. 7



Betty White
Jan. 17



Dolly Parton
Jan. 19

How to Make a Snowman

- First make a really big snowball by rolling the ball around in the snow. This will be your base.
- Next make a smaller snowball for the middle.
- Then make an even smaller ball for the head.
- Once you stack all the snowballs by size, then you need to get a hat, a scarf, a carrot, two rocks, a banana, and two sticks.
- Put the carrot as a nose, banana as a mouth, sticks for arms, rocks for eyes, then add the scarf and hat.

Angeli

The History of Snowmen

The first ever snowman was created by Jewish people. Back then, people made snowmen to scare away evil spirits. In 1511, they made snowmen for the poor citizens. Snowmen were supposed to bring happiness in some places and still are today! Kids and adults love playing in the snow, ever since snowmen came to the land we have been using that idea for a long time.

Arianna Falcon

The History of Snowball Fights

Snowball fights are like dodgeball. The only main difference between dodgeball and snowball fights are that one uses a ball and one uses a ball of snow. Another difference is that dodgeball has lots of rules, and the only rule in snowball fights is to not miss.



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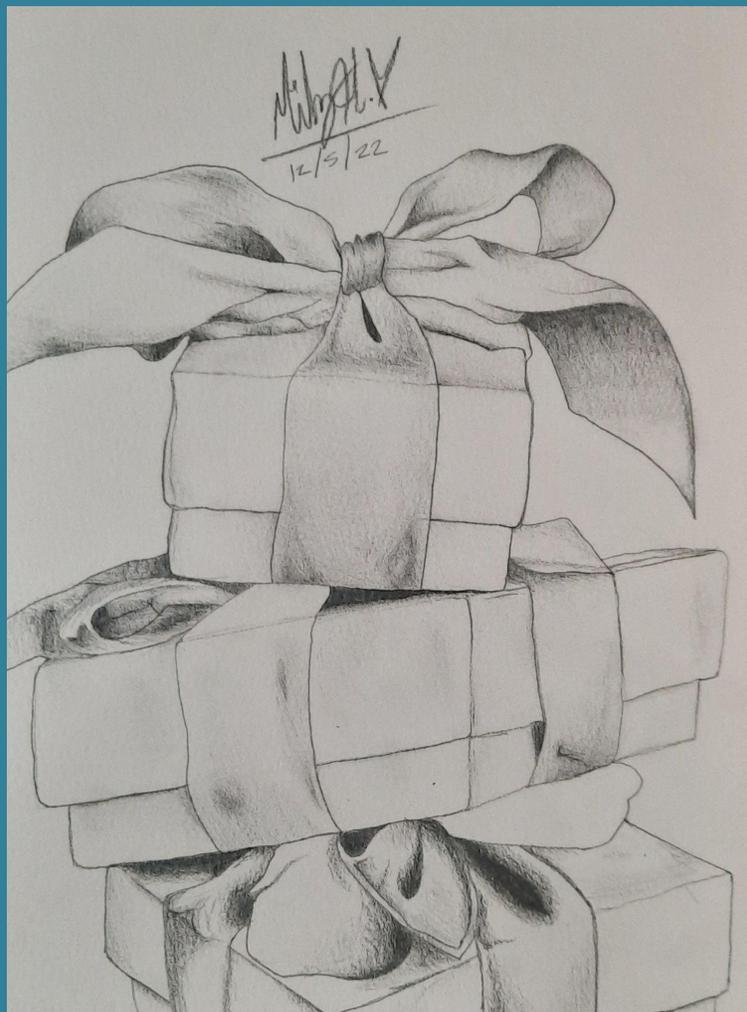
History The New York Ball Drop

The first New Year's ball drop was in 1904. Metal worker Jacob Starr, made the first ball in New York. Waiters in fancy restaurants surrounding time square were given light up hats as part of the 1907 festival. With the exception of 1942 and 1943, the ball has dropped every year since 1907. The ball has been modified from its original size and look, but overall the celebration has stayed mostly the same over the years.

Angeli

The Holidays

On behalf of the Circuit Rider staff, we all hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas! We hope you all had the chance to spend time with your friends, your families, and your loved ones! Make sure you sit by the fireplace and stay warm during these cold months!



National Chocolate Cake Day

Hopefully you like chocolate cake! If so, then this one's for you! **January 27th** is National Chocolate Cake Day!

Bake one at home yourself, with family or friends, OR go pick one up from your local bakery to support the small businesses in town!

Find a DELICIOUS
recipe [here!](#)



Tips for Snowman Building

Tip 1. Find a nice flat and shady area for the snowman to stay.

Tip 2. Know what snow is on the ground and if it's the right one to build with.

Tip 3. Make sure to flatten out the top of each snowball to make your snowman have more stability.

Book/Movie Review



Movie Review: I personally love this movie, and the second one too, but all of the other movies seem different since it is a different child after the second movie, and to me it just wasn't as good as the first movie; however, the first original movie is a 10/10 for me.

Arianna Falcon

Staff's New Year's Resolutions

Deanna: I want to eat healthier.

Violet: I want to focus more on school.

Luci: I want save my money better.

Angeli: I want to make it to state in track.

Miley: I want to have more fun.

Arianna: I want to collect more money.

Isabella: I want to be nicer to my sister.

Mrs. Workman: I want to be more patient and more kind.

National Dress-Up-Your-Pet Day!

Have pets? Love taking adorable pictures of them doing ridiculous things? Well, **January 14th** is National Dress-Up-Your-Pet Day! Go put your pets in cute outfits and capture those unforgettable moments!



Opposite Day

January 25th is National Opposite Day! Find a friend and wear opposing colors, styles, etc. Have fun on this not-so-well-known day and goof off with some of your friends!



Things To Do in January



Out of all of the months in the year, January tends to be viewed as (one of) the most uneventful. That's why it's good to know some ways to keep yourself busy when this month rolls around! Below is a list of small activities you can partake in throughout the month of January to make sure you don't get bored!

- Visit the local (temporary) **ice skating rink** downtown
- Go see (a) **movie(s)** with friends
- Grab a cup of coffee from the downtown **Guest House** coffee shop

Weather



Over break, we reached some bitter cold temperatures. The average low reached the negatives, and we got some snowfall (which we are sure some of you really enjoyed). However, January seems to be warming up, so make sure you get outside while you can before the temperature drops again! Stay warm!

Last Month's Word Scramble Answers

The Grinch Stole Christmas
light
ornament
tree
star
presents
Christmas dinner
red and green
mistletoe
family

February Valentine's Day Shoutout-Kindness Boxes

The LJHS Circuit Rider is publishing words of kindness in celebration of Valentine's Day in the February edition of the newspaper. We will have a Valentine's Day box for the kindness shoutouts in a homeroom for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Send a nice message to a friend to brighten their day. On the shoutout, you need to say who it is to with the first and last name. The sender can choose to be anonymous, or they can include their names. Please write clearly and spell names correctly. The shoutouts should be no longer than 3 sentences. Please make them school appropriate. Students can also bring them to Mrs. Workman's room or give to a Circuit Rider Staff Member if they choose. These shoutouts will be in the February edition of the Circuit Rider. The cut-off for these boxes is Feb. 7th. Make someone's day by sending them some kind and motivating words this Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you,
Circuit Rider Staff.

Fun Facts About Snowflakes



- Snowflakes have six points
- Snowflakes have symmetry
- Pollen can make snowflakes
- Snow and snowflakes hold the most fresh water in the world