

✖ This is the week of the year that Stillwaters Estates decorates for Christmas and sparkles in the now freezing cold weather. The Gathering Place gets decorated for the many holiday events and the streetlights and poles are “beribboned” as well.

With a few days off over the Thanksgiving weekend I got inspired and for the first time in years I put out ALL my Christmas decorations! In years past I have been known to get out the Nutcrackers, Santas and the Christmas tree and call it good. This year I just kept going – I put on the Christmas music and explored every one of those decoration boxes lurking in the garage and attic.

Like so many people, I have ornaments in my artillery from my childhood, from travels and loving gifts from family and friends. I enjoyed rediscovering each one as I unpacked the boxes. What great memories to savor on an afternoon of Christmas carols and chilly weather!

Mr. Blogger did a masterful job of scoping out the light situation on the outside of the house and soon our house was tastefully lit for the season. We are even experimenting with a little string of solar powered lights in our front yard...good thing it doesn't need much sunlight to power those little lights!

Enjoy the lights and sounds of the season!

### Quote of the Week:



✖ **Christmas gift suggestions:**

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.


To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

by Oren Arnold

## Happenings this week: “Lots going on this week”

### Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:

The 64th Annual Chehalis **Santa Parade** will be on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am in downtown Chehalis. Bring the kids for all the fun, candy and Santa at this year’s It’s A Frosty Christmas parade! 

27th Annual **Lewis County Food Drive** on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm at local grocery stores, Security State Bank branches and at the Lewis County Historical Courthouse Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>-Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> only. Some communities in Chehalis, Toledo, Napavine and Winlock will also be collecting on resident’s front porches by the traditional Walk N Knock. For



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more information, visit online at [volunteerlewis.org](http://volunteerlewis.org) or call Dr. Dolezal's staff at 360-736-7385.

Annual Visiting Nurses Foundation **Dickens of a Christmas** on Saturday, December 7th from 11am-5pm. See six incredible homes and a tour of McMenamin's Olympic Club. Guests are invited to gather at the tour's holiday headquarters in the Historic Hub City Club at 216 S. Tower Ave. in Centralia and enjoy refreshments and cookies. For ticket information, call Jenny Collins at 360-623-1560 or visit online at [visitingnursesfoundation.org](http://visitingnursesfoundation.org).

A **Voetberg Family Christmas** on Saturday, December 7th at 7pm at the Historic Fox Theatre in downtown Centralia. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$40 for a family and are available at Holley's Place or Fiddlers Coffee. All proceeds to benefit the Fox Restoration Project.

The **Westminster Bells Holiday Celebration** on Saturday, December 7th at 7pm and Sunday, December 8th at 3pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on N. Market Blvd. in Chehalis. Also on Sunday, December 8th at 7 pm at Harrison Square Presbyterian Church on Harrison Ave. in Centralia. Come and hear the amazing sounds created by this very accomplished choir of English style handbells. Concerts are free to the public and all ages are welcome!

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>:** ❄️

**Weather:** Lovely, chilly, sparkle, wintery, slippery, winter weather! That about covers it for weather for the next week! With snow falling this morning it was a beautiful start to a December Friday.