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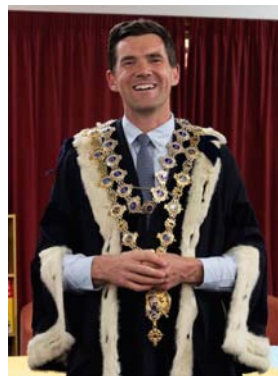
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www.neighbourly.co.nz • www.facebook.com/VibrantTawa • www.facebook.com/tawacommunityboard

TAWA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The Tawa Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards ceremony took place recently at the Tawa Community Centre – for the eighth successive year.

Five local primary schools plus the Intermediate were represented (with one school being absent because of school camp), with five Year 6 students and three Year 8 students being presented with awards by the Mayor of Wellington for displaying “true leadership, citizenship, contribution to school life, etc”. The presenters were Cr Malcolm Sparrow and Tawa Community Board chair Richard Herbert, with assistance from Crs Jill Day and Peter Gilberd.



Johniel



Rachael

Thanks to the Tawa Community Board for sponsoring the awards, and to Take Note Tawa for sponsoring the book vouchers.

The ceremony was attended by most of the principals, class teachers, and whanau members of the winning students, and included short speeches by Mayor Justin Lester and Tawa Borough Scholarship winner, Tawa College Year 13 student Johniel Bocacao.

We were also privileged to have Tawa College Year 13 student Rachael Lockhart attend. Rachael was the Redwood School Year 6 winner in 2011, the first year of these awards, and again two years later the Year 8 girl winner at Tawa Intermediate.

Well done to all of this year's winning students: Jonny Pine (Greenacres School), Kaleb Silva (Hampton Hill School), Elijah Amar (Linden School), Bella Sheridan (Redwood School), Michael McKee (St Francis Xavier School), Ruby-May Miles (Tawa School – Year 6), Gloria Tusa (Tawa School – Year 8), Luke McNair-Robertson (Tawa Intermediate Year 8 boy winner), Vanessa Opie (Tawa Intermediate Year 8 girl winner).

NEIGHBOURS' DAY IN TAWA

Neighbours' Day will take place in March 2019. The aim is to see neighbours getting together any weekend that month – having fish & chips together, sharing brunch, or rolling out a few barbecues to cook and eat together.



TAWA LIONS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Thanks to everyone involved in another fun-filled Tawa Christmas Parade, and thanks to the Lions Club of Tawa for organising this special end-of year event once again.



TOOTING FOR TUCKER

From Tawa Rotary's Facebook page: "THANK YOU, TAWA, for your amazing support for the recent Toot4Tucker Foodbank appeal. You have restocked the [Salvation Army] Foodbank with 4490 food items. Cash donations totalled \$1195.80 – an increase of 45% over last year. The cash donations are used to add perishable items to food parcels. Thanks, too, to the supporting community organisations – Tawa Lions, Tawa Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Salvation Army, Community Patrol, Tawa Scouts and Cubs, Tawa Baptist Youth Group, Inner Wheel, One Agency and New World Tawa. Have a great Christmas. See www.tawarotary.org.nz



NEW TAWA TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE WORKS UPDATE

– as at <https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/projects/tawa-town-centre-improvement-project>

Update 13.12.2018

Town Centre Improvements: Zone A (see the map below) and 2/3 of Zone B will be opened to the public the week of 17th December. This will allow people to enjoy some of the new space over the Christmas period while our contractors are taking a break.

Our contractors will focus on completing Zones B and C from 7th January when they return to site to apply the finishing touches.



Hard at work on Monday 17 December

We are holding a community planting day on Thursday 20th December starting at 9am where anyone from the community can help with the planting of the garden beds. There will be an expert on site to show people how to plant and answer any questions you may have on your own garden.

Next update will be in the New Year.



JOIN US IN HELPING PLANT AT TAWA PLAZA



CAN YOU HELP?

As stated in the previous article, you're welcome to join in the community planting day starting at 9am this Thursday. Anyone from the community can help with the planting of the garden beds. There will be an expert on site to show you how to plant. See you there!

UPPER STEBBINGS VALLEY CONNECTION TO TAWA

– as on the Vibrant Tawa Facebook page

Following a lot of local feedback on and concern regarding the proposed Upper Stebbings Valley development, the Council has agreed to restart this process with a lot more information next year.

It's great that Council has listened, and a big thanks to Councillors Jill Day and Malcolm Sparrow for supporting residents through a stressful couple of weeks!

This is the email sent out from WCC this afternoon (Thursday 13 December):

Good Afternoon

We are aware of growing concerns in the community as a result of discussions regarding potential transport access options for Upper Stebbings. We acknowledge we didn't get it right, and as such we unreservedly apologise and will be pausing the process with a view to restarting in the New Year when we will be back in touch with details around the process going forward.

You can however still submit on the current process until Sunday via the website and through this email address upperstebbing山谷@wcc.govt.nz. For those who have participated and submitted in the current process, we will be taking your feedback on board and will consider this in the context of the process review.

We thank you all for your involvement and patience regarding this important project for our City and wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Regards

Kevin

Kevin Lavery

Chief Executive | Wellington City Council

END

Editor's comment: The opportunity for feedback to Council on this stage of proceedings closed on Sunday 16 December. The next interaction with the Tawa community may well be a public meeting in February or thereabouts.

As stated in the November supplement to this newsletter: "A road over the hill [between Upper Stebbings Valley and southwest Tawa] is probably inevitable. That isn't necessarily a bad thing if it is designed well, connects to Tawa where it will have the fewest negative effects, and if the likely ramifications are considered in advance. One of those will be how the new road joins up with either Tawa's Main Road or to Willowbank Road (further south)."

Clearly a connection to an existing residential street in Tawa is not going to be acceptable to those who will be negatively affected by it, and there are other options Council needs to pursue. Council officers are currently "pulling together a plan on what happens next year." They will be "looking to engage with Councillors about what those steps are early in the New Year".

TAWA KĀHUI AKO/COMMUNITY OF LEARNING

Throughout 2018 all eight schools in the Tawa community have developed several common goals. We are working collaboratively to strengthen learning, improve the wellbeing of students and staff as well as create future pathways for all children within our community. The collaboration will continue in 2019 and beyond. There are plans for exciting projects across the schools.



Tawa Kāhui Ako lead, Robyn Chester, would like to specifically thank the Principals for their leadership and openness to share within our learning community, as this has been the springboard for opportunities to be made available for our Kāhui Ako students.



Above: Teachers from all our Tawa schools.

One aspect of the collaboration is having senior students working with younger students. We have also had a hui with all 200 staff from our Tawa schools.

We are excited about building on our first year of working together as the Tawa

Kāhui Ako. He waka eke noa (We are all in this waka together).



Top two photos: Year 9 Tawa College students teaching Ki-o-rahi at Redwood School; Lower photo: Year 12 students teaching Ki-o-Rahi at St Francis Xavier.

TAWA COLLEGE SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

It was early December when more than 200 Year 10 Tawa College students undertook their annual four days of community service in Tawa, as has happened these past ten years as the school year winds up. It involves assisting local seniors, or those “less able”, as well providing a helping hand at a school or two – as in the photo taken at Tawa School.

It's a win-win in that youngsters get to connect with older people they've never previously met, and the old folks see the teenagers having fun whilst providing a useful helping hand which is much appreciated by the Tawa community.



CONGRATULATIONS TO AMELIA

On the Wellington Blaze Facebook site: “Big news for Amelia Kerr who has been nominated for the Sky Sport Emerging Talent Halberg Award! Finalists will be announced in January. Congrats Melie!”

Amelia was the subject of our “2 Minutes with” interview in October 2018. You can see that at <http://www.tawalink.com/2mins/tawanews-oct2018.pdf>



CONGRATULATIONS TO TAWA COLLEGE

On the Cricket Wellington Facebook site:

“Congratulations to Tawa College who finished third in the Gillette Venus Cup National Women’s School competition today! You’ve done Cricket Wellington proud!”

KIWI RAIL’S WORK SCHEDULE IN TAWA

KiwiRail have asked us to share information about their Christmas Works Schedule.

KiwiRail will carry out maintenance work on the rail line near Melville Street, Oxford Street and Duncan Street during December and the Christmas period – specifically for the Tawa area, around the track crossover points just south of Tawa station, and at the Collins Ave level crossing area.

They plan to complete the activities in daytime hours, on the following dates:

15 to 20 December 2018 and 26 December 2018 to 6 January 2019

If you have any queries about this work, we encourage you to contact KiwiRail on 474 2332 or email Grant.Burton@kiwirail.co.nz

For part of this work the Wellington Metro Kapiti line will be shut down for the period 26 December to 6 January 2019. During the shut down there will be a bus replacement service operating – details of which are posted at each rail station.

Please treat tracks as operational as normal at all times and observe normal non-access of track areas.



This photo is not entirely relevant to the article at left. It’s just that the Ed. likes the photo.

SEA CADETS

The local Sea Cadets, based in Mana, are having a membership drive. Much of their membership comes from Tawa, particularly students at Tawa College. Other Sea Cadets units are at Evans Bay, Petone and Levin. See the website (on the ad) for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEIKO

Neiko Love has been a Year 9 student at Tawa College in 2018. He was one of two people good enough to be selected to represent New Zealand in the World Karate Tournament in Shanghai, China 2018.

Congratulations to Neiko on an exceptional achievement in being placed 5th at the tournament.

HANGING BASKETS REPLACED

The hanging baskets in the central shopping area (all 50 of them) were replaced in late November. They are updated twice each year.



Thanks to:

- Fiona Wild and the Tawa Potted Colour Committee for organising the funding for this
- to the Tawa Rotary team for taking down the old baskets and hanging up the new
- and to Brian Frampton of Tawa ITM who drives his truck along the footpath, carrying all the flowers and providing the elevation to enable the baskets to be reached and replaced.

Photo at left: Tawa Rotarians John Melville and Richard Herbert.

Photo at right (L to R): Tawa Rotarians Robert Tredger, Tony Heyward, Peter Lockery, Bernie O'Loughlin, Doug Burrus and Paul Drummond admire the replacement of 50 hanging baskets in Tawa's Main Road shopping centre.



SEA CADETS
FIND OUT MORE AT SEACADETS.NZ

DARE TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE

TAWA COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Tawa Community Board has \$15,000 each year to be made available to worthy local causes. The Tawa Community Grants Fund is designed to assist voluntary projects in Tawa.

Grants may be made for charitable, educational, welfare, community development, cultural, recreational, sporting, activity development, equipment or training programmes. Applications close 28 February 2019.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- show that their project benefits residents of Tawa
- not have excess unallocated reserve funds

For further details, see <https://wellington.govt.nz/services/community-and-culture/funding/council-funds/tawa-community-grants> or call the WCC grants team on 803 8525.



Tawa & Linden Whanau!
Xmas BBQ in Linden
Come and join in the fun!
Phoenix Football tickets to be won!
Children's Activities
Tell us what you love about Linden!
What are the opportunities?
Father Xmas will have a lolly scramble!
Buy your 100Lr Emergency Water Tank here on the day
WHEN? Friday 21st December
WHAT TIME? 12 noon until 2pm
WHERE? Linden Social Centre, Linden Avenue, Linden
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Ponake

HARCOURTS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

The Harcourts Tawa team recently supported the Royal NZ Plunket Trust, Tawa, with a donation of \$3828. The donation was for funding to assist the Plunket with supplying PEP (Plunket Education Programme) to the Tawa community.

These services are highly valued as a way for young parents to learn about parenting of newborns through to five year olds. Funding for these services are raised solely through fundraising and donations.

Any local community group looking for funding should go to www.harcourtsfoundation.org for more information and to download the application.

Application dates for 2019: 4 February, 4 May, 4 August and 4 November.



FAREWELL TO SUE GOODIN



Redwood School principal Sue Goodin is finishing her time at the school this month. Sue has been principal at Redwood School for the past seven years, and at the school for 17 years total.

In the mid-May 2011 edition of this newsletter, on welcoming Sue to her new role as principal at Redwood School, we stated “She has been teaching for 25 years, nine of those at Tawa Intermediate before taking over as Deputy Principal at Redwood School.”

We wish her all the best, wherever the future may take her.

Redwood School’s new principal will be Zac Mills, currently deputy principal at Silverstream School.

SPEED HUMPS IN TAYLOR TCE

Residents have complained for some time about the speeds on Taylor Tce. In fact this dates back considerably more than 12 months. Council advises that “Speeds were recorded as being high on the flat part of the road, hence the need for traffic calming. The speed humps will provide slower speeds past the playground and the current parking to the north of Morgan Place The gradient of Taylor Tce to the north of Morgan Place is too steep to allow traffic calming measures in this area.”

There have been delays in seeing the installation of the proposed three speed humps. The latest from Council is that “We will look to install between March to May 2019, but firstly we will letter drop again. The holdup has been the installation of a street light near the first hump up from Morgan Place.”

PROGRESS WITH TRANSMISSION GULLY

If you’re interested in progress with Transmission Gully, their latest (summer) newsletter is now available at <http://createsend.com/t/t-F87C69F9D065FBD62540EF23F30FEDED>, including an update on the Collins Ave bridge demolition.



LINDEN COMMUNITY HUB EXERCISE

Community Emergency Hubs (formerly known as Civil Defence Centres) are pre-identified places for the community to coordinate their efforts to help each other during and after a disaster. These emergency hubs do not stock emergency supplies. They have little more than an operating guide, a map, stationery and a radio.

Linden School has become one of the four emergency hubs in Tawa. WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management) ran an activation exercise there recently, giving locals the opportunity to experience what it might be like in an emergency situation.



The pic shows Chris More from WREMO speaking to attendees. Partly obscured is a 1000L water bladder which has been set up by Wellington Water. Following a major earthquake emergency groundwater bores will be activated by Wellington Water (up to seven days later). The water will be pumped out of the bores into either a large water bladder on the back of a ute or into a water tanker for distribution to the community. The sources of that emergency water supply are the new water treatment stations next to the Tawa Fire Station, at Linden Park and in Takapu Road. Remember, you’re “on your own” for the first seven days!

TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Tawa College Community Education Programme for Term 1 2019 is now on www.tawacom.ed.co.nz
Enrolments are being taken.

If you don't know what to give for a Christmas gift, why not give a present that will last, i.e. a class through Tawa College Community Education.

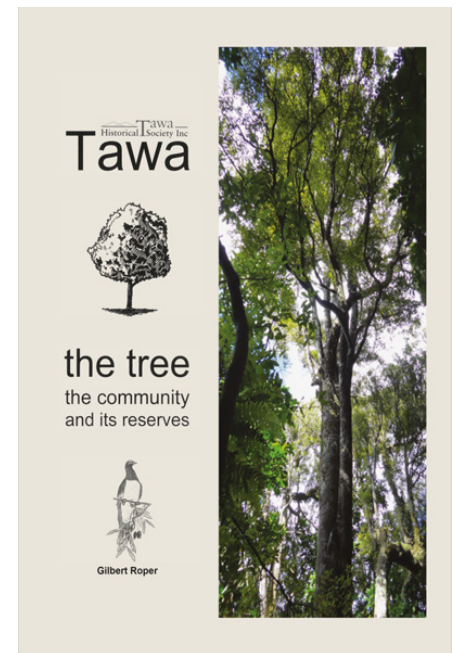
You can enrol and pay for someone in a class, or if you don't know what they would like you can purchase a gift voucher for an amount and they can choose a class during 2019.

Email comed@tawacollege.school.nz and a gift voucher can be emailed to you.

There are a number of new classes planned including one on five Tuesday nights taken by local Tawa author and scientist Gil Roper on Tawa & its bush reserves. It will cover the Tawa bush reserves, identifying trees and birds present – some history and botany and bird observations. Two of these five sessions will be early evening walks in selected reserves. This course is designed for people who have no previous knowledge of these, but also those who wish to extend their existing knowledge.

For older members of the family, you could get them the course on Staying Safe for senior drivers. This course is subsidised by the Tawa Lions and is held over three Wednesday mornings. It is a valuable course for anyone over 65 who wants to keep driving for many more years. It will update them on road rules and look at areas such as reaction times that are affected by age, the effects of any medication and other relevant topics for drivers.

Some of the other new classes include Fine Dining at home taken by chef Arun, Lace Making, Decoupage, Cross Stitch, Cybersafety, Planning for Retirement, Discovering your strengths, Writing a children's book, and Japanese.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN TAWA

Community Christmas Service hosted by Tawa Baptist and Salvation Army Churches – Tawa College hall 9.30am Christmas Day

St Christopher's Anglican Church

6pm Christmas Eve Family Service

11pm Carols and Communion, Christmas Eve

9.30am Christmas Day Service

Tawa Baptist Church

8pm Christmas Eve Carols and Candles Service, with coffee and cake served in the church lounge from 7.30pm

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish

7pm Christmas Eve Family Mass

11.30pm Christmas Eve Carols, followed by Midnight Mass

10.30am Christmas Day Mass



Tawa Union Church

11.30pm Christmas Eve Service

9am Christmas Day Service

Tawa New Life Church

Community Service at Tawa College 9.30am

2 MINUTES WITH Tina Elsdon

Tina is the new coordinator for the Tawa Business Group, having been working on a part-time basis in that role since September 2018.

Tawa Business is a group of passionate local business owners, property owners and Tawa community members who would like to help make Tawa a better place to live, work and visit.

Tina has been very much involved in various voluntary roles in Tawa over the years and has been a key figure in organising the Tawa Community Christmas Carols event which has taken place at Tawa School both this year and last year.



Where were you born? Swindon, UK, and that's where I grew up.

How long have you lived in Tawa?

Since August 2007.

What about family?

We (Scott and I) live in a beautiful old house in Tawa, with our two children, Amber 10 and Rio 6.

Work experience over the years

I have had many roles over the years. It was my career in IT that lead me to meet my husband Scott and he talked me into emigrating, lol. My current role is Tawa centre coordinator for the Tawa Business Group, and I also have my own face painting business Making Faces NZ.

What are your interests and hobbies?

I love to be creative, so I am always painting, colouring, making play dough and baking with my kids. I love to take bush walks and visit beaches.

What is your favourite holiday destination in New Zealand?

We are a camping family and have been to many beautiful places with our family tent. However we decided on a different holiday last year and went to the Abel Tasman and it was truly breathtaking. We have hopes to visit again with our extended family.

What accomplishments/achievements in your life give you the most satisfaction/pride?

I am a serial volunteer (lol) and have taken on many projects since I have been in NZ. One of my proudest roles was being part of the team that delivered the new Tawa-Linden Plunket building.

What are three things you would like to do before you die?

There are so many places in NZ I would love to visit, so I would have to say:

1. Hire a camper van and do a NZ Tiki Tour.
2. Be around to watch my children grow up and be the awesome adults that I know they will become. Spend time with my grandchildren.
3. Travel around the world with my family. Scott and I are fairly well travelled, and we want to take our kids to those places that are special to us.



Tawa Recreation Centre Holiday Programme

Dec 2018/Jan 2019 | Duncan Street, Tawa | For ages 5-12 years | To book phone 04 232 2260 or visit wellington.govt.nz/holidayprogrammes

Monday 17 December	Tuesday 18 December	Wednesday 19 December	Thursday 20 December	Friday 21 December
Wheels and Inflatables It's going to be a turbo-charged day. Bring your wheels and ride our cars. Bounce away on our inflatable's in the afternoon.	Magic tricks and wet n'wild Learn how to impress your family with some impressive magic tricks. Get ready to get wet with our water play activities. Bring togs and towel.	Santa's Elves Create some awesome Christmas wrapping paper and write those final letters to Santa. See how fast you run through Santa's relays.	Baking and Athletics In the spirit of Christmas, let's decorate gingerbread cookies. Great for last minute gift ideas, or an early morning snack. Athletics is lots of fun. Try your best at long jump, hurdles, quoits, sprints and team relays.	Dodgeball and a movie You love it, so we will play it all morning. Dodgeball, kill the cone, mayhem and leaders dodgeball, have you got what it takes? End the week on a high note, sit back and relax with a movie of your choice.
Monday 7 January	Tuesday 8 January	Wednesday 9 January	Thursday 10 January	Friday 11 January
Disco Dancers Get your groove on! Choreograph your group's dance routine and show off your skills. Our supervisors will film your awesome moves to make a holiday programme music video.	Aviation Challenge and Games Can you make a parachute that will save an egg from a fall? Design and make a paper airplane and parachute and compete in our egg drop challenge. In the afternoon we'll play football and floorball.	Fear Factor Challenge yourself and find out if fear is not a factor for you with our freaky but fun games. Who will be up to the challenge? At the end of all the games whoever has the most points wins! Bring a change of clothes.	Sports Fest We are having a sports festival! We are going to play floorball, basketball, football and badminton, to name a few.	Lazy, hazy summer day We are making fresh homemade lemonade before relaxing in the sun. Play cricket, lawn bowls and tag in the afternoon.
Monday 14 January	Tuesday 15 January	Wednesday 16 January	Thursday 17 January	Friday 18 January
Pajama Palooza BED HEADS WELCOME! Roll yourself out of bed for a day of partying in your pajamas! It will be a day filled with slumber madness!	Your choice and free play How would you feel about a morning where you get to choose what we do? Well it is your lucky day, tell us what games you want to play! In the afternoon go bananas on our inflatable, cars, trikes and more!	Game On! Fast, clever, brave or just FUN, everyone will enjoy these wacky, competitive and cooperative games.	Wheels and badminton Bring your own wheels or borrow some of ours, we are going to have a turbo-charged morning of wheely fun. Let's spend the afternoon learning how to play badminton and competing with the team leaders.	Clay Day Play Day Feeling creative? What can you create from clay? A sculpture, vase, plate - anything your creative heart desires. Followed by some fun games in the afternoon. Come join us for a new experience!
Monday 21 January	Tuesday 22 January	Wednesday 23 January	Thursday 24 January	Friday 25 January
Wellington Anniversary Day No programme	Jamboree Welcome to Tawa Rec's Jamboree! Craft, wheels, music, inflatables and outdoor water games! Bring togs and towel.	Favourites We know what you love so let's spend a day playing all the games that are your favourite! Dodgeball, capture the flag, chicken tag, bench ball... the list goes on!	Halloween Day Can you handle the horrifying morning we have prepared for you? Are you brave enough to pass the test of courage? This will not be a day for the the fainthearted. Feel free to dress up for the occasion and of course, expect some treats.... or tricks.	Obstacle course and movie The stopwatch is set aaaaaand go! How fast can you get through our crazy obstacle course? After all that running around, lets sit back and relax with a movie of your choice!

Bring a packed lunch, water bottle and sunhat every day

School holiday programmes also available at:

ASB Sports Centre
72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie
For ages 5-14 years
To book phone 04 830 0500

Karori Recreation Centre
251 Karori Road, Karori
For ages 5-12 years
To book phone 04 476 8090

Nairnville Recreation Centre
Cnr Cockayne Road and Lucknow Terrace, Khandallah
For ages 5-12 years
To book phone 04 479 2022

Bookings open Monday 12 November. All holiday programmes are OSCAR approved

Cost per day		Recreation Centres	ASB Sports Centre
On-site days	8.30am-3.30pm	\$35	\$38
Trip days	8.30am-3.30pm	\$45	\$48
Aftercare	3.30pm-5.30pm	\$14	\$14
Before care	7.45am-8.30am	\$8.50	

Tawa Community Centre

A friendly place to pop in during the hours of 9am-1pm and 2-4.30pm on weekdays, or hire a room or hall for your community group / birthday party / meeting at reasonable rates.

Like us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/TawaAndLindenCommunityCentres>
and sign up to our newsletter by clicking the email signup button.

Ngā mihi

Malcolm Sparrow

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"Who's the bane of Santa's life? The elf and safety officer."

– Catherine Tate

"I left Santa gluten-free cookies and organic soy milk and he put a solar panel in my stocking." – Author Unknown

"Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves." – Eric Sevareid

"My mother-in-law has come around to our house at Christmas seven years running. This year we're having a change. We're going to let her in." – Les Dawson Jr



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