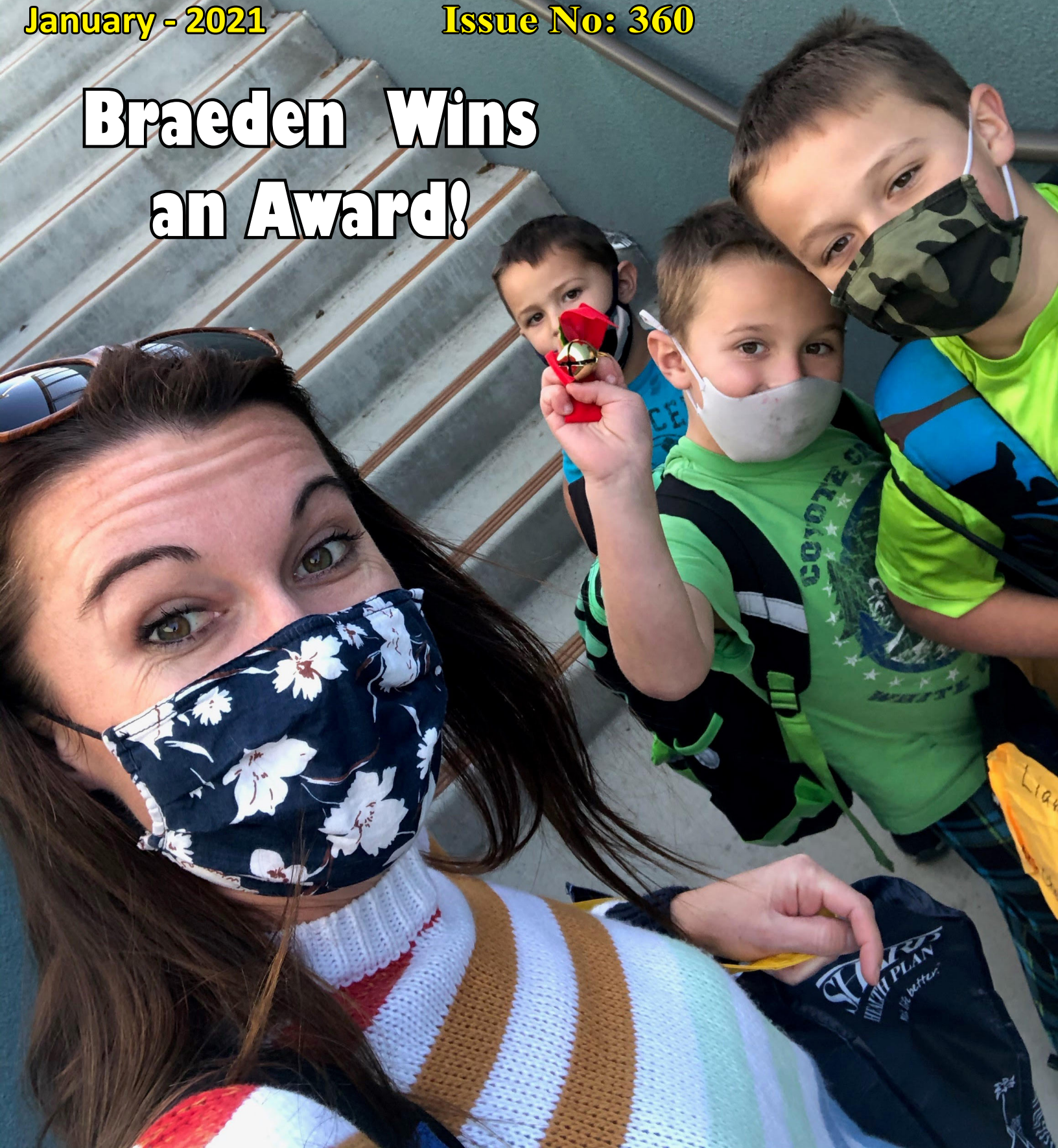




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# Braeden Wins an Award!



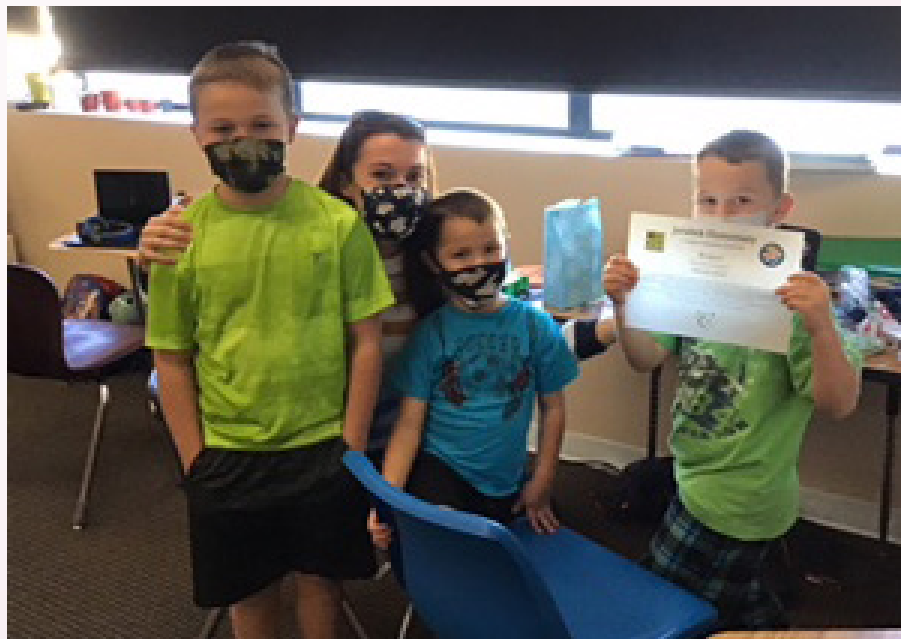
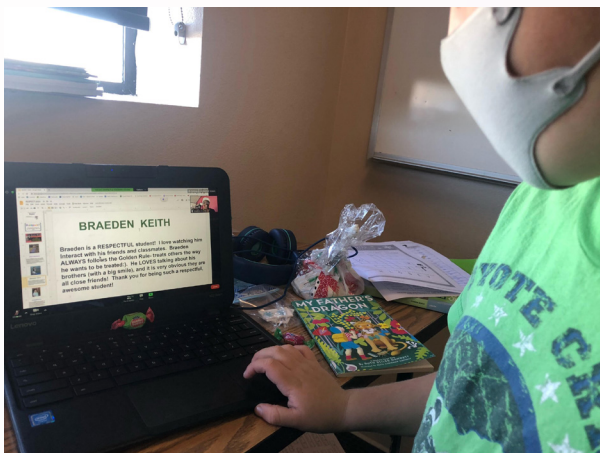
# Respect Award goes to Braeden Keith!

By Listy Gillingham



With Covid keeping kids out of school, you might wonder how schools can go on with recognition programs or spend time on building classroom cultures instead of focusing on learning, but Jerabek Elementary is pushing forward. Each month they honor 5 students in a particular grade who demonstrates one of their character education traits they teach.

This month was all about being respectful to others and Braeden was selected as a winner. The teacher held a special Zoom meeting, inviting parents and relatives to attend, with the principal on hand to read from a PowerPoint why each student was selected.



Braeden was at Parker in his learning pod with his brothers, so Kristy was able to break away and be with them all as the program was done online with his classmates. Grandma and Grandpa got to sneak into the Zoom chat as well and got to hear first-hand about what Braeden brings to his online learning community. The teacher honored Braeden by stating, "Braeden is a respectful student! I love watching him interact with his friends and classmates. Braeden always follows the Golden Rule – treat others in the way he wants to be treated. He LOVES talking about his brothers (with a big smile) and it's obvious they are all close friends. Thank you for being such a respectful, awesome student!"



His brothers weren't far away and were incredibly happy to applaud Braeden for this amazing award. You can see them clapping and taking a special picture with his award. We are all very proud of our grandkids and Kristy and Seamus for raising such fine boys that are already rocking the world with their contributions! Way to go Braeden!



# Covid Christmas at Hartman-Hall



By Birdy Hartman-Hall



It seems like Covid has a strong hold on all our favorite Holidays. Christmas and New Years had to take the sidelines as we figure out the safest way to be together, while not being together. For us, that meant splitting up the family into small groups.

A week before Christmas, Curtis, Lauren, and Cora came over for a little lunch, presents and a visit. It was incredibly fun to watch Cora opening her gifts as we enjoyed her expression of excitement! She is a Lego girl and so she just loved her new Lego sets and a few Barbie toys. Her big gift this year was an American Girl Doll from her family. It is fun to know that dolls our own kids enjoyed are still a hot gift for our grandkids.

Then Christmas Eve was spent with Craig, Ana, Corbin, and Josie (Matthew had to work). Although the family gathering was small, again it was more personal. We watched each gift being opened. I always love to write hints on the packaging, and it was a fun game to play as Corbin and Josie read through them as they tried to guess the contents. Josie's face lit up with her new light up scooter and Corbin was excited by the many Nintendo games he got. I loved that we spent our time building Legos as we chatted. And we played a wild game of "You've got Crabs." It was nice to spend time with this crew.





Christmas morning, we got to enjoy Scott and Krissy for breakfast. We made avocado toast with whatever fixens each person wanted to explore. Then we opened gifts with them and sent them home with piles of gifts for Zeke. He was spending Christmas with his dad but I am sure that the real Christmas was when he was home with Scott and Krissy. We missed having him here with us but we know that next Christmas he will be all ours!!



Lyle Allen, Cindy, and Emery ended our Christmas family visits. They were joined with a fun family Zoom call with all the Sorems. We had to find a way to connect the long-distance crew for our Christmas. Even though we could not be together, we loved sharing a piece of the day with them! Another highlight was a phone call from Michelle on her ship. How she managed to get through to everyone one while being miles from home is impressive. We loved that the airwaves came through and we got to see her smiling, far away face! A true Christmas gift!

Phew.... that's a lot of visits. Lyle and I enjoyed them all! And the best news was that we all stayed healthy! As much as we want to be together, our hope is to stay Covid free until we can get a shot. I know that the odds are against us these days, but we will at least do our best to maintain healthy standards by washing often and wearing these fashionable (NOT) masks. Merry Christmas to one and all!



# Gillingham Christmas

By Listy Gillingham



As everyone noted this year, Christmas celebrations with COVID threats in the air caused us all to go smaller and include fewer people and antics (i.e. No Riel Bowl). We did our best to comply by celebrating it with only our kids, outside (for the most part), and with less fan fair.



We hosted David and Bethany with Wally Waggles nearby (their adopted puppy) and The Keith family (Kristy, Seamus, Liam, Braeden, and Riley). The Mulhollands were celebrating with Kevin's family who managed to all fly out from New York and Florida to share Evie's second Christmas and first birthday as a family. We shared pictures with them as they were missed during the festivities.



We started at 2:00 p.m. (much later than our typical Christmas breakfast) and had a few beverages to start off the fun in the backyard. We had the table set up and a Christmas tree of



presents ready to open for the grandkids and our own kids as well. The kids seemed to enjoy every gift they were given and were delighted to watch the adults get some gifts as well.







After opening the presents, the boys were given approval to play with a few of their newly acquired toys as Listy worked on the final touches to the dinner that was to be served at 4:00 p.m. The dinner was deemed super safe as we bought most of it directly from the store, but it still proved to make everyone feel the Christmas love around them.

After dinner, we allowed the kids to open their Christmas stockings where they found plenty of crazy toys to play with around the table. Listy got a gift from Bob that mom would have loved (new golf clubs) as they represent the love of golf mom and dad would have loved to share with all of us. All in all, it was a great Christmas and fun to share with the family. We definitely missed hosting Riel Bowl, but will be happy to add it back in once the pandemic is over and it's safe to be with large crowds once again.



## Jeff and Carol Homeward Bound

Saying goodbye to our daughter and grandkids was very difficult but it did make unplanned stops much easier to do with just the two of us and no RV to set up.

Jeff humored me with stopping at as many National Monuments/Parks as long as they were within 10 miles of the freeway ☺. At each one, I missed having our Jr. Ranger with us so we can learn some fun facts, but I didn't miss the gift shops!!

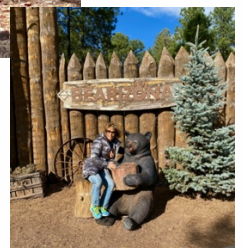
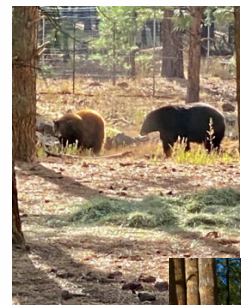
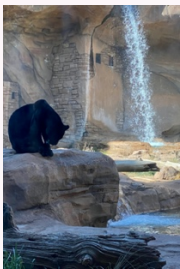
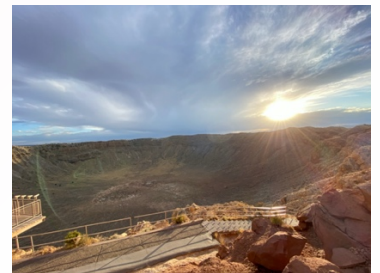
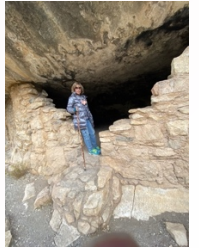
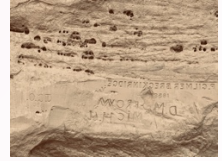
Our first stop was El Morro National Monument, New Mexico. This Monument preserves the remains of a large prehistoric pueblo atop a great sandstone with a pool of water at its base. It became a landmark where many centuries of explorers and travelers left historic inscriptions that survive today. We took a quick hike to see the pool and saw many inscriptions along the way.

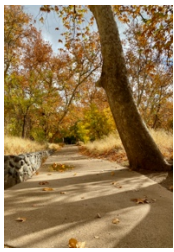
The next stop was Walnut Canyon National Monument, Arizona. The canyon rim elevation is 6,690 ft, the floor is 350 ft lower. And Yes, we walked hundreds of stairs down and then back up again! It is not a long hike but descends 185 ft into the canyon passing 25 cliff dwelling rooms constructed by the Sinagua, a pre-Columbian cultural group that lived and thrived in Walnut Canyon from about 1100 to 1200 AD. The cliff dwellings were neat and it was a welcomed walk after a lot of driving.

Our last stop for the day was Meteor Crater, advertised as one of the finest astrogeological exhibits in the world!!! Jeff told me it was a tourist trap, but how could we not stop at one of the finest shops in the world! It was...a bit of a tourist trap, but the sun was setting and it was beautiful and very windy, but not a National Park!! Still picture worthy.

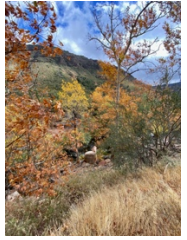
We made it back to Williams Arizona checked into our hotel and then went into town for dinner. The town had a new Christmas look and it was fun walking around and looking at all the decorations. (While we were in Williams with Jessica we stopped at the Town Hall so the kids could stamp their Jr Ranger books. While we were there the ranger told us we should go to Bearizona.) We didn't have time to go with the grandkids because we needed to get to the Grand Canyon. We decided to come back on our way home to check it out.

We got a nice early start the next morning and were first in line for Bearizona, a drive thru wildlife Park. Jeff drove through 3 times so I could see the animals walking around, some very close to the car. It was really fun being close to wild animals that were not in cages. The animals were not so





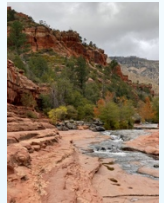
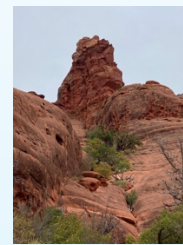
wild and let us take many pictures...I'm sure they are very used to cars looking at them, while they look at cars. It was still fun for us. After the drive, there is also a walk through with many animals as well, including a magnificent black jaguar eating a fish! The tours and shows were closed due to COVID but we were happy with what we got to see and do. I look forward to taking grandkids to the park, I know they will enjoy it!! We will return.



Our last stop was Montezuma Castle. The Singua farmers built this five-story 20-room dwelling sometime between 1100 and 1300. It occupies a cliff recess 100 feet above the valley. Early American settlers marveled at the structure. They assumed that it was Aztec in origin, hence the name Montezuma Castle. A short distance away in a cliff base, is a castle. Now badly deteriorated, it was once an imposing five-story apartment-like building with about 45 rooms. It was quite amazing that they were able to build such a structure into a cliff so high up!



Our last stop was Sedona! The drive into Sedona was breathtaking! The fall colors against the blue sky was just beautiful! We stayed put for 2 nights and had a very nice and relaxing get away. We took many hikes during the day and enjoyed dinner with live music in the evenings. We celebrated a Biden/Harris victory at a Mexican restaurant with yummy margaritas! The only disappointment was the weather, it was a bit chilly. Our hike at Slide Rock in the early morning was 36 degrees... it did keep us moving! We also had a bit of rain, but not enough to spoil the fun.



And our trip could not be complete without our nutritional break, my favorite...dip-dip-da-rooney from DQ!!

We are back home and once again confined to our home. Jessica is already planning their trip back to San Diego with their RV this time making reservations months ahead in hopes of getting some good sites. Jeff and I had so much fun, we are considering a teardrop trailer to join in on the fun!! We will see!!





"...Perhaps we will see a famous scientist, lawyer, actor, actress, singer, educator, engineer, musician, politician, builder, architect, doctor, nurse, writer, businessman, executive, or who knows what, emerge from this group of young children who share a common heritage and have yet to be defined goals for their future. One of the greatest rewards a parent can have, and one of the greatest gifts a child can give to his or her parents, is to grow up to be a dedicated, responsible person who is a credit to the community in which he lives and a source of parental pride. Needless to say, grandparents and parents look forward to following the development of each child, in the way that best suits his or her personality. To each of you we wish the very best for the future life."  
 - Frank and Edith Riel, January 1992

RIEL BOWL XXX 2011

# RIEL BOWL 2011



The History of A Riel Era

## RIEL BOWL XXX

This year is the 30th anniversary of the world-famous event known as the RIEL BOWL. Unfortunately, COVID put something of a damper on it. However, it couldn't stop it completely as we are celebrating it virtually! Just so we are all on the

same page, the Prime Rib was spectacular, and all of the food was scarfed down in almost an instant. And why not? After all, there were no calories, you could eat whatever you could think of and have as much as you wanted. All with no guilt or that "I ate too much" feeling. Hmmm, this virtual stuff is sounding better and better all the time.

But we can't have a proper Riel Bowl without a little competition. So, first off, it's the White Elephant Picture contest. There were very little rules for this event. Just one entry per person and it pretty much could be anything you wanted (within good taste of course). There are two divisions for the competition:

Under 18

Over 18.

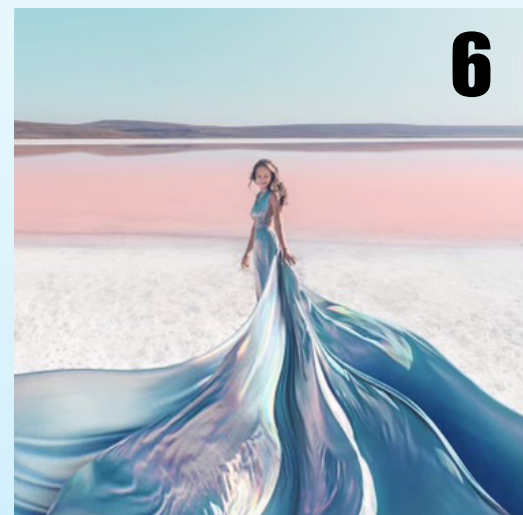
Guess what? We have a winner for the Under 18 (also the only entry in that division) Congratulations Corbin! I think this is the best in show as well!



# Seeing Is Not Always Believing!!

Right and left brain dominant. If your right brain is dominant, you will see a combination of pink and white color, and if your left brain is dominant, you will see it in grey and green color.  
What do you see??

Now on to the Over 18 Competition. I won't reveal which entry belongs to who so you can vote for your favorite with a clear conscience. Text or email me your vote (1 vote per person) for the number picture you liked the best. Remember this is a white elephant so you should think about something that you wouldn't really hang on your wall, but you wouldn't throw it away either. Good luck to the contestants!



COVID Toilet Paper Holder

# RIEL BOWL XXXX

The clues might seem just a little lame.

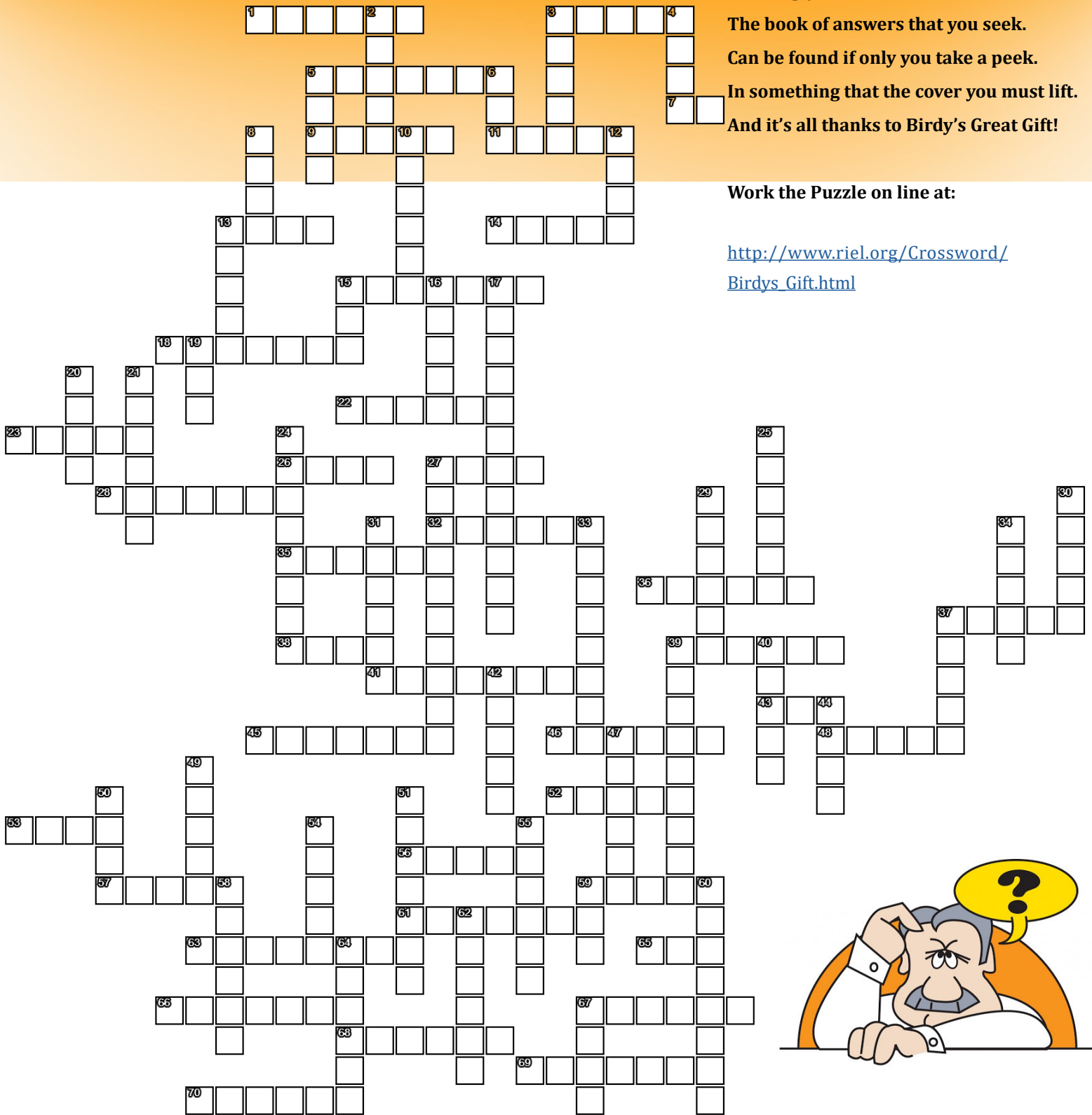
But keep your wits cuz it's all about the name.

The book of answers that you seek.

Can be found if only you take a peek.

In something that the cover you must lift.

And it's all thanks to Birdy's Great Gift!



Work the Puzzle on line at:

[http://www.riel.org/Crossword/Birdys\\_Gift.html](http://www.riel.org/Crossword/Birdys_Gift.html)



# Birdy's Gift

## Across

- 1 INFINITY ON END, 22 (6)
- 3 COULD BE 21 (5)
- 5 NO FOOL HERE, BUT CLOSE (7)
- 7 7 SURROUNDED BY 3 (2)
- 9 SPARKLING 8 (5)
- 11 WINTER, 15 (5)
- 13 FALL 6 (4)
- 14 11 FOR 8 (5)
- 15 ALL MOST SPRING (7)
- 18 5 AND 1/4 (7)
- 22 9\_ (6)
- 23 SHARED WITH 51D (5)
- 26 DUCES WILD (4)
- 27 INTO DOUBLE DIGITS (4)
- 28 2 SURROUNDED BY 9 (7)
- 32 40 WOOHOO (6)
- 35 2 SQUARED, 3 SQUARED (6)
- 36 5 FROM KR (6)
- 37 FOUND THE EGG YESTERDAY (5)
- 38 DOUBLE 7S AND A TWO (4)
- 39 WARM MONTH (WHERE THIS PERSON LIVES), 6 (6)
- 41 GOLDEN PLUS 1 (8)
- 43 70 IN 21 (3)
- 45 DOUBLE 9 (7)
- 46 TRIPLE 6 MAKES 3 (6)
- 48 NUMBER 1 (5)
- 52 FOUR!!!! (5)
- 53 14 GET'S YOU 40 (4)
- 56 2 AND 3 (5)
- 57 1 LESS THAN AN EMERGENCY (5)
- 59 LOVE,3 NOT A TENNIS SCORE (5)
- 61 LUCKY 13 (7)
- 63 39517 (8)
- 65 28 - SUBTRACT 2 ADD 0 (3)
- 66 1 AND 1 AND 1 AND 0 (7)
- 67 BACK TO SCHOOL 4 (6)
- 68 WHAT 2 OF THEM? (6)
- 69 I HEART 15 (7)
- 70 11 NOT 38 (6)

## Down

- 2 THE LAST ONE (5)
- 3 ARMY WALK, 19 (5)
- 4 MISSED IT BY 1 (4)
- 5 ROUTE 66 (4)
- 6 4TH PRIME, 13\*2 (3)
- 8 JUST OVER 1/2 WAY TO GOLDEN (4)
- 10 2 WILL GET YOU 37 (6)
- 12 3 TODAY (4)
- 13 3RD GOLDEN (5)
- 15 4777 (3)
- 16 36 BY 15 (5)
- 17 35 APART (12)
- 19 6 PLUS 11 GETS YOU 6 (3)
- 20 2021 - DYSLEXIA? (4)
- 21 DOUBLE TROUBLE (6)
- 24 DOUBLE 7 AND A 6 (8)
- 25 FIRST ONE (6)
- 27 2 FOR 3 (10)
- 29 26 TO BE 39 (6)
- 30 \_TROMBONES (5)
- 31 BOTH 4 AND 4 SQUARED (6)
- 33 11 ALL ALONE (8)
- 34 20 BUT 16 PAST (5)
- 37 SUMMER 9 (5)
- 39 10 MORE THAN THE DAY (9)
- 40 COLD MONTH, ON A MONDAY (5)
- 42 3RD TODAY (5)
- 44 1, 2+2 (4)
- 47 FOREVER 21 (6)
- 49 40 WOOHOO (5)
- 50 STARTING 70TH YEAR (4)
- 51 SHARED WITH 23A (7)
- 54 6 GETS YOU TO 8 (5)
- 55 ALMOST 40 NOOOOOOOOOOO! (6)
- 58 838122120 (6)
- 59 SPOOKY 29 (3)
- 60 GOLDEN (8)
- 62 REALLY 40? (6)
- 64 A WEEK AFTER "KING" DAY (6)
- 67 SQ.RT. 64-5SQ (4)

# *Richard Announces Family Scholarship to the Citadel*

Our family has three graduates from The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina. Uncle Jimmy, Dads older brother graduated in “1939,” dad graduated in “1941” and I graduated in “1969.”

If you are interested about dads and mine experience with the Citadel, I recorded this and more about our family on my Radio show KCBQ the HogWash hour. It is available at KCBQ as a podcast, it is the first show it is entitled “origins.”

<https://theanswersandiego.com/radioshow/8925>

My classmates in the “Class of 69” have set up a scholarship fund for any relative of our classmates interested in attending The Citadel. All of us in the Riel family are eligible recipients.

In the past I have made donations to our class scholarship. I am in touch with those who administer our scholarship. I can help in applying for the funds. I feel comfortable that anyone in our family can apply and will receive some of the over \$700,000 that currently resides in our class scholarship account.



This year I have decided that I want to encourage younger members of our family to think about attending The Citadel. Doing this I want to honor the memory of Dad. I would like to encourage the older members of our family to join with me to set aside funds that are available for any Riel relative who wants to attend The Citadel. This account is to honor the memory of Dad’s generosity. I know it would please him if anyone from our family attended his Alma Mater.

To get this account started I will give \$1,000 dollars to any Riel who will set up and administer the account. I will give another \$1,500 to open the account. In addition, I will match all donations dollar for dollar that are deposited into the account up to \$10,000.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all,

Rich Riel the 2nd oldest Riel member still living. (Bud is the oldest)