



Deck the Halls

... and porches and trees and roofs and railings and barns ...



Hood River Valley residents find no end of ways to decorate for Christmas. Here is a series of the serious and the whimsical, and seriously whimsical, displays you might have missed.
— Kirby Neumann-Rea

TOP RIGHT, elf hat hanging at A Kid Zone, tractor and wreath at Cody's in Odell, Columbia River Insurance's annual porch light row, and a lighting display on Wy'east Road in Odell. Below, Scott and Lisa Tennants' home on Belmont offers a striking trick of the eyes: the tree only appears to be poking through the living room roof. Wrote Lisa Tennant, "Our ceilings are only 8 feet high so it wasn't too hard to find a tree big enough. Scott, and my son, Connor, got on the roof and figured out how to nail the top half of the tree. It looks a little funny on the inside to see a tree where the trunk goes right up to the ceiling leaving no room for the angel ornament on top. But we are having fun with knowing there is a 'bigger picture' that makes sense looking in from the outside of the house."



MINION on State Street and wreath at Parkhurst Place are examples of decorations pop culture and traditional; the wreath, from the facility's Dec. 9 wreath contest, has a modern touch: it is adorned with lavender products.



CANDY canes on tree inside Hood River Warming Shelter.

BELOW, Northwest Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine on 13th Street, where Dr. Richard Martin had the Christmas spirit in him at 8 a.m. Friday, when he replaced a dead strand of lights, "so the lights will be on when our patients start arriving."



THE FULL page backing photo is clay ornaments made by Westside Elementary families.



OAK Street Hotel lights frame a teddy bear on the porch.



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WARM things on the Riverside Church tree will go to the homeless.

BUNTINGS' tire snowman on Belmont.



Do you know your manger scenes?

These figures are from three Christ birth scene displays: Parkdale Community Church, Tucker Road Storage, and the Camp Jonah tree stand on 12th Street.

Those are the clues: see page B10 for the answers.

