

# THE LARIAT



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And more!

## Calendar: December 2021

December 2nd- Basketball: Girls JV Game, Girls Varsity Game - Wrestling: Varsity Dual

December 3rd- Basketball: Boys JV Game, Boys JV2 Game, Varsity Game

December 4th- MADMUN Conference at Mcfarland HS - Wrestling: Varsity Classic

December 7th- Basketball: Boys JV Game, Boys JV2 Game, Boys Varsity Game

December 9th- Concert HS Band

December 10th- Basketball: Boys JV2 Game, Boys JV Game, Boys Varsity Game

December 11th- ACT Test Date - Basketball: Girls Varsity Game

December 13th- Basketball- Boys JV2 Game, Boys JV Game, Varsity Game - Board of Education Meeting

December 14th- Basketball: Girls JV Game, Girls Varsity Game

December 16th- Wrestling: Varsity Duel

December 17th- Basketball: Girls JV Game, Girls Varsity Game

December 18th- Wrestling: Varsity Invitational - Basketball: Boys JV2, Boys JV, Varsity

December 21- HS Choir Concert

December 22- Last Full Day of School before Winter Break - Santa Social

December 23rd- Basketball: Boys JV Game, Boys Varsity Game, Boys JV2 Game

December 25th- Christmas

December 28th-Basketball: Girls Varsity Game, Boys Varsity Game, Boys JV Game

December 29th- Basketball: Girls Varsity Game

December 30th- Basketball: Boys JV2 Game, Boys JV Game, Boys Varsity Game

Information compiled  
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## The Newest Celebrity Drama and World News

By Morgan Haight

### Camilla and Shawn split?

After a two-year relationship, the singers Shawn Mendes and Camilla Cabello have broken up. Shawn stated in an interview that he and Camilla were in completely different places in their lives; the “Treat You Better” singer then went on to explain that the breakup was mutual and they will continue to be friends and support each other. What are your thoughts on this split? Were you ever a fan of them together?

### Did We Just Have Our First Female President?

President Biden went under anesthesia on Friday, November 19th, as part of his annual physical. He had to go through a routine colonoscopy (this is something President Trump had previously not gone through as he didn't want to pass power to Mike Pence). While this was happening, Vice President Kamala Harris was transferred power. We didn't even realize that for a short amount of time, Kamala Harris technically had the power of president!

### Spotify hides their shuffle button for Adele!

Adele put out a small statement on Twitter on November 20th: “We don't create albums with so much care and thought into our track listing for no reason. Our art tells a story and our stories should be listened to as we intended. Thank you Spotify for listening.” Spotify was quick to respond with, “Anything for you 🙏✨” Since then, the streaming service has removed the shuffle button on an album's page. It's crazy to think about how much of an impact celebrities have!

## December Book Review

By Sam Witt

**Book:** *A Walk to Remember* by Nicolas Sparks

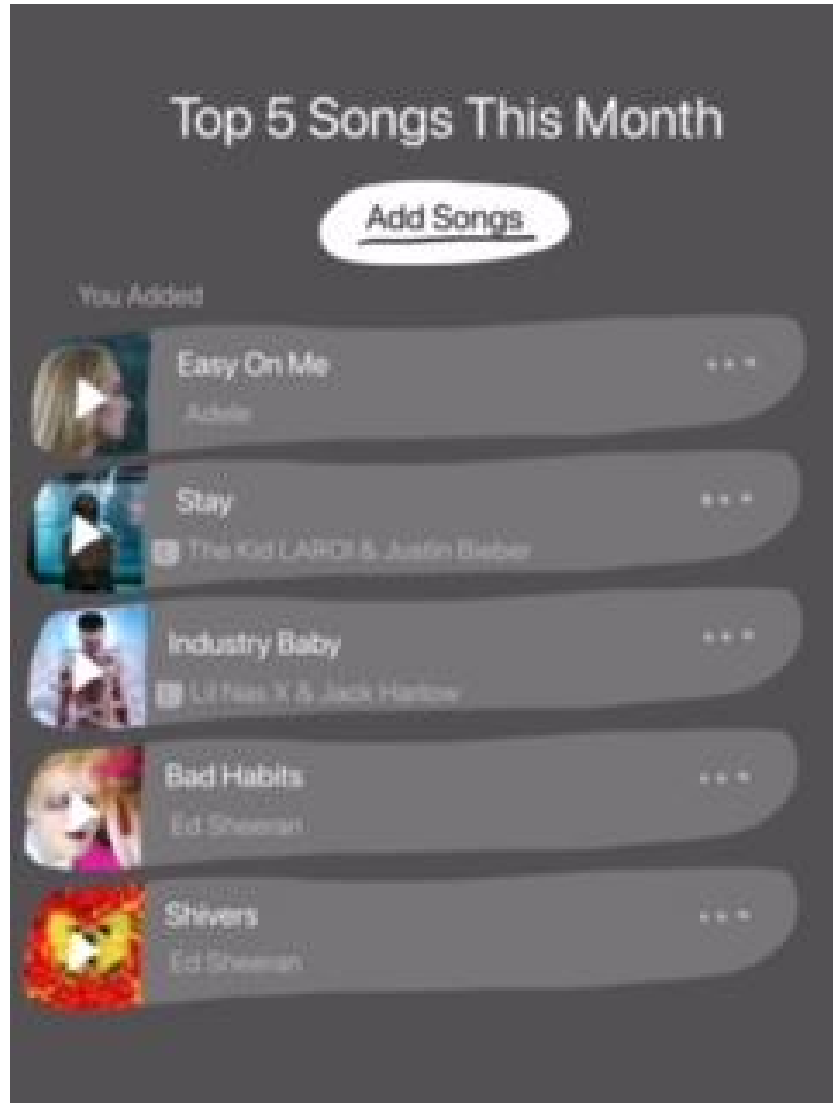
**Rating:** 5/5

### **What is this book about?**

This book opens up with a prologue from a 57-year-old man named Landon Carter. The rest of the story is shown through his eyes at age 17. It takes place in a small North Carolina town during the 1950s. Landon is known for his wealthy family and popularity; he seems perfect; in reality, he has no idea what he wants to do with his life. That is, until Jamie Sullivan, the pastor's daughter, comes into the picture. The story takes you through the love and the losses in Landon's life, all within the last year of his high school career.

### **Would I recommend this book?**

Yes! It is my all time favorite book (I've read it three times). It is a short and sweet romance.



Art made and songs recommended by Bennette Walters

Welcome to the Lariat, Bennette

# Holidays in December

By Sam Witt

Christmas:

Christmas is a Christian Holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as a cultural holiday for those who are non-christians. It is celebrated on December 25th.

Kwanzaa:

Kwanzaa is a celebration that honors the African heritage in the African-American culture. It is mostly celebrated in the United States. There is a weeklong line of ceremonies that start on December 26th and end on January 1st.

Hanukkah:

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem during the second-century B.C.E. The day Hanukkah begins always starts on the 25th day of Kinzlev (the 9th month on the Hebrew Calendar, which is based on the Lunar Cycle ), which means it changes every year on the Gregorian Calendar. This celebration lasts eight days. This year, Hanukkah starts on Sunday, November 28th, and ends on Monday, December 6th.

**Happy Holidays to everyone that celebrates!!**

# Some Great Holiday Recipes!

By Morgan Haight

## Traditional Latkes for Hanukkah!

Credit: The Spruce Eats



### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 to 3 pounds potatoes
- 2 onions, peeled
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 to 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup canola oil, for frying
- Applesauce, or sour cream, for garnish

### Steps

1. Gather the ingredients.
2. Line a platter or plate with paper towels and set aside.
3. Peel the potatoes. Place them in a bowl and add enough cold water to cover them, so they won't turn brown. When ready to prepare the latkes, drain the potatoes.
4. Place potatoes and onions in a food processor fitted with a knife blade (also known as the s-blade). Pulse until smooth. Drain the mixture well.
5. Pour the potato mixture into a large bowl. Add the beaten eggs, salt, and pepper, and mix well.
6. Add enough flour so that the mixture holds together.
7. Pour the oil into a large, deep frying pan for shallow frying. Heat the oil over medium-high heat.
8. Carefully drop 1/4 cup of the potato mixture into the hot oil. Flatten the pancake slightly so the center will cook. Repeat with additional batter, taking care not to crowd the pan.
9. Fry for several minutes on each side until golden brown and cooked through.
10. Transfer to the paper towel-lined platter to drain, and continue frying the remaining latke batter in batches. Serve immediately with applesauce or sour cream if desired.



## Fun Christmas Cookies!

Credit: RecipeTinEats



### Ingredients

225g / 1 cup unsalted butter , *softened (or use salted, skip salt)*

1 cup (220g) white sugar

1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

1 large egg

3 cups (450g) flour , *plain / all purpose*

3/4 tsp baking powder

3/4 tsp salt

Icing for Sugar Cookies

### Steps

1. Preheat oven to 180°C / 350°F (160°C fan). Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Beat butter and sugar in a large bowl until creamy (1 minute on speed 5)
3. Add egg and vanilla, beat until completely combined.
4. Add flour, baking powder, and salt.
5. Start mixing slowly, then beat until the flour is incorporated - it will be clumpy.
6. Dust work surface with flour, scrape dough out of bowl. Pat together then cut in half, then shape into 2 discs.
7. Roll out to 0.3cm / 1/8" (for thinner, crispier cookies) or 0.6cm / 1/4" (for thicker, softer cookies), sprinkling with flour under and over the dough so it doesn't stick.
8. Use cookie cutters to press out shapes and use a knife or spatula to transfer shapes to prepared baking sheets. (Keep dough that doesn't fit in the oven in the fridge).
9. Bake for 10 minutes, swapping trays halfway (Note 2), until the surface is pale golden and the edges are just beginning to turn light golden.
10. Allow cookies to cool completely on trays (they will finish cooking on the trays).

# Holiday Charity Opportunities

By Sam Witt

## Toys for Tots

Locations around Madison:

- Piggly Wiggly 421 W Cottage Grove Rd. Cottage Grove
- East Towne Mall 89 Towne Mall East Madison
- Woodman's 3817 Milwaukee St. East Madison
- Hooters 2639 East Springs Dr. East Madison
- Chick-Fil-A 4212 E Washington Ave. East Madison
- Five Below 435 S. Legacy Way. Sun Prairie
- Woodman's Market 1099 S Grand Ave. Sun Prairie
- Cabela's 1350 Cabela Dr. Sun Prairie

For more information, go to the Toys for Tots website. You can also find more drop-off places and info on WKOW.com.

## Operation Christmas Child:

Donate a wrapped shoebox filled with hygiene items, school supplies, small winter clothing (hats, gloves, scarves, socks), small toys, and more!

Locations around Madison:

- Chick-Fil-A 4212 E Washington Ave. East Madison
- Most local churches have drop off boxes!

For more information and more precise drop off places, visit [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org).

## 10 Daily Positive Affirmations for the Month:

By Hunter Davies

- 1.) I am beautiful
- 2.) I am kind
- 3.) I am worthy
- 4.) I am lovable
- 5.) I am patient
- 6.) I am caring
- 7.) I radiate gold
- 8.) I do not chase, I simply attract
- 9.) Whatever belongs to me will find me
- 10.) Today will be a great day

Congratulations to seniors Angie Dressel and Tyler Phillips for being chosen as LMHS' Student Rotarians for the month of December! They will be attending the Tuesday Rotary Club meetings at the Pyramid Event Venue and enjoying a catered lunch with fellow Rotarians.



Angie Dressel



Tyler Phillips

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey on what you want from The Lariat! We will take your responses into consideration for the next issue. Happy holidays!