

# SCRIBES' SCRIBBLES

The Voices of Junior Scouts from Girl Scout Troop 622

## Christmas in the Park

Starting on December 5, Blue Plum opened a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, held at Founders Park. There are 65 trees in all, each decorated by different local business or nonprofit organizations, like Girl Scouts or Robinson Animal Hospital. Most of the trees had ornaments related to the business decorating them. For example, the tree decorated by Anchor Brace & Limb had prosthetic limbs all over the tree. You can see all the colored lights from the hill on one side of the creek that runs through the park.

Due to Covid-19, Blue Plum could not organize their annual Christmas Parade. At the park, there were signs asking people to follow Covid-19 safety precautions, but many people were not wearing masks and were crowded together. They were all walking slowly and in both directions, and everyone was on the sidewalks. People were walking dogs, causing them to slow down and stand next to each other for some time.

For more information on the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, go to [www.jcchristmasparade.org](http://www.jcchristmasparade.org). The event ends on January 1. - Ada



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*Junior Scouts fulfilled requirements for the Scribe badge with their contributions to this newsletter!*



# Creative Writing

## *Describe the appearance of a graceful gardener who must locate a secret vault*

There once was a gardener named Daisy. She was a helpful gardener. She was on a quest to find a secret vault so she packed her bags to go to New York. But since she was going to make a run for it she had to plan it all. She was at the hotel for a week and during this time she decided to get a car because she didn't want to use her car so she was not suspicious. Since it was a big city she had to go to a drug store to get hair color so she could change her look.

Now she was ready for her plan that she has been preparing for. She needed to stay calm and act like a tourist as to not attract attention to herself. She did some shopping, visited the parks close to where the vault was located. She took pictures around the park to study at her hotel. Once she returned to the hotel she started putting everything together for her big job...

While she was studying her pictures, she saw an old lady out her window trying to cross the street. Even though she was on a quest she was still very helpful, so she went to help her. When she was helping her, she saw a person that was heading in the way of the vault... So when she was done helping the little old lady, she followed him. Then she realized she left her door open and said, "I will come back to get you." The man ran from her. When she got back her pictures were still there. "Thank gosh!" she said.

Now it was time to grab her supplies to steal the vault. She was on her way to get the vault but she saw the man she had seen the day before. But she said, "I'll get there before him. I have a shortcut." She took her shortcut and took the vault. Then the man walked in... But then she realized it was Bob, her supervisor. "Oh, I thought you were a man trying to steal the vault!"

"Oh no, I wouldn't! I was just concerned that you weren't back in two weeks!" he said.

"I was planning it all out," she replied. So they took the vault, made 2,000 dollars, and lived a good life. - *Makala*

## Poetry Corner

### Girl Power

As Girl Scouts we're brave  
We love to sing and play  
We make good choices every day  
Then when we say our good-byes  
Until we say hello again  
For hugs and high-fives  
We love to work together  
We're basically like sisters  
We're even PB and J  
We learn new things every day

- *Makala*

### Halloween Cat

Cat on Halloween;  
mewl mysteriously;  
tail flicks, she is gone

- *Ada*

### Golden Path

Rain and wind sweep by  
Leaves of yellow, red, orange  
Pave a golden path

- *Rose (troop volunteer)*

**Don't forget about  
cookie season!**  
**See you in January 2021!**



## Word Clouds

Junior Scouts made word clouds using a thesaurus to describe themselves!

*Makala*



*Ada*



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## Troop collects for local food drive

When called to help their community in November, the neighbors of Lee Circle in Johnson City, Tenn., were generous by the wheelbarrowful.

The Girl Scout service center in Johnson City requested items from scouts for an annual food drive. On November 9 and 17, representatives from Girl Scout Troop 622 pushed a large yellow wheelbarrow up and down Lee Circle, asking neighbors to augment their own donation. Eight households contributed enough non-perishable foods to fill it up.

Care was taken to collect donations safely during the COVID-19 pandemic: the troop representatives wore masks, gave at least 6 feet of space to people answering their door, and provided grocery bags to reduce contact.

The donations were delivered on November 10 and 18 to the Girl Scout service center, which was surprised and delighted by the amount of food collected. All donations from the service center drop-off bins were destined to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee.

In 2019, the Johnson City Girl Scout service center donated 5,769 pounds of food, making 4,807 meals. Totals for 2020 have not yet been publicized. - *Rose (troop volunteer)*



## Me and My Friend's Photo Shoot

My friend and I had a photo shoot. She came over and she spent the night and we went and got our matching clothes. Then we went to the store and got things to paint. We stayed up all night and painted all night.

We went to see the lights the day before the picture day to see the trees and vote our favorites. Then we went back home and finished painting. We ended up going to bed because we had to get up at nine in the morning!

We took a bunch of pictures and ended up dancing and playing all the rest of the night and watched our favorite movie at least 1000 times.

Then she went home but we got some pictures in. We still had to get the rest in because she had to edit them and get them on an SD card so she could print them.

We took the photo shoot because it was five years of our friendship and Christmas. We also thought it was fun and cute. We took the pictures at Founders Park with all the Christmas trees.

We were both sad she had to leave, but she comes over almost every day so I'm sure we are going to do a lot more photo shoots together. - *Makala*



## Opinion: Let's make Johnson City a 'Child Friendly City'

Recently, Johnson City mayor Jenny Brock announced that Johnson City is going to try to become a UNICEF Child Friendly City. A child friendly city is have to meet certain criteria like passing laws that are not discriminatory against children. Child friendly cities also encourage children to participate in government. I think it is a good idea to make Johnson City a child friendly city. If a city is safe for children, then it will be safe for everyone, because they are the most vulnerable type of person in Johnson City. Also, if kids feel safe and relaxed in their community, they will do better in school.

You might think that kids aren't mature enough to decide about their own well-being, or can't understand complex issues. But you can't know what kids want without asking them! And besides, the kids aren't controlling everything. They are just participating, and adults don't have to act on their suggestions. The only reason kids can't understand how government works is because no one taught them, and if they understand government, they will become a more responsible citizen and voter.

If you want to participate and help Johnson City become a UNICEF Child Friendly City, please go to <http://act.unicefusa.org/CFCIJC> to make recommendations. - *Ada*

