

# Lawn and Garden Gazette

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"One man's life touches so many others. When he's not there it leaves an awfully big hole"... **Sort of like the hole** left when we polished off the turkey and trimmings the other night. Only twenty two people this year at our family dinner, so the bird had a better chance than usual. But twice nothing is still nothing... **Dixondale farms wins the title** of first garden catalogue of 2010. Again. Now will I find it when I need it... **As much as we'd like**, we're not going South for the winter. So if you get tired of looking at those remaining leaves or downed limbs from the last storm, give us a call..."**You know what the three most exciting sounds in the world are...** Anchor chains, plane motors, and train whistles."... **The only Black Friday** venture I made was to Wilbur's for wine. No long lines, no stampeding. Hope some of you picked up the slack... "**Remember, George: no man is a failure who has friends**"...**All kidding aside**, we can all help our economy as we shop this season by buying American. A web site--**howtobuyamerican.com**-- helps us do just that ...."**Why don't you kiss her** instead of talking her to death... Ah, youth is wasted on the wrong people!" ...**For all their faults**, once in a while a corporate giant earns our praise. **Xerox has** set up a site **LetsSayThanks.com**. There you pick out a thank-you card and they'll print it and send to a soldier overseas. Nice... **Speaking of the web**, I should have a web site up and running before you can say BublitzYS.com. OK, only if you say it very

slowly over and over. Will wonders ever cease... **The quotes this month** come from, **It's a Wonderful Life**-- one of the best films ever made IMO. Name the director or any of the wonderful cast to get into this month's drawing. Because its Christmas, everyone in the drawing wins...

"**You've been given a great gift, George:** A chance to see what the world would be like without you"... **Speaking of movies**, **three** movies in the stores are worth a look. **Bottle Shock** is about the year the American wine industry came of age. **The Women** is a chick flick that even most guys should enjoy. Both were fun. **Food Inc** deals with what's in the food we eat. OTOH, maybe hold off on that one until after the holidays... **Last month's answer was Soupy Sales**. Quite a few knew that, but only **Joe Harris** caught a pie in the face...**Look, Daddy. Teacher says**, every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings... **Remember: In the great shipyard of life** it helps to be a little dingy...**It truly is a most wonderful time of the year**. A time to enjoy the food and spirits of the season with family and friends. A time to recreate traditions and customs long ignored. Don't let it pass by without you... **It's also a time** to help those among us less fortunate. Every little bit helps... **As most of you know**, this newsletter doubles as a Christmas card to all of you. From Ryan and me and our families:

**Merry Christmas everyone,  
and a Happy New Year!**

**City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, Dressed in holiday style  
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas!**