

# JINGLE ALL THE WAY

Traveling to multiple celebrations makes Christmas vacation worthwhile



This Christmas, some students will be at their home with the fireplace glowing, sitting beside a huge lighted tree, opening presents and drinking hot chocolate with all their family around them. But for others, it will be a crazy week packing their bags, traveling between towns, stopping at each relative's house to say hi, eat and open presents until every family member has been seen.

Senior Shaun Cole is making eight stops next week. First, three in Fairbury with his dad, grandma, then aunts. Next, a stop in Roca, two stops in Omaha, a stop at his mom's

in Hastings, and a last stop in Kansas. "I don't mind traveling around," said Cole. "I get to see all my family."

Even though all her family lives in the same county, sophomore Shelby James has to ride in the car to seven places to complete her Christmas vacation. "We have to go to so many houses. It'd be easier if we could have them all together," James said. "But I like having lots of Christmases because you get lots of presents."

Sophomore Paige Miller has five Christmases around Jefferson County to see her mom, brother, grandmas, aunts, and uncles. Then she travels to Kansas

for another one with her grandpa. "It's kind of crazy so it's better that we have different ones," said Miller.

Others stay in Fairbury, but still have to visit

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separate houses. Junior Tara Beu has four Christmases around town. "I like having lots of Christmases because I like

to be with all my family and get more presents," Beu said.

This is the first Christmas junior Brianna Lee will have with her mom and dad in different towns. "My dad's here and I go to Lincoln to see my mom," she said. "But they both agreed to only spend so much on presents for me."

Even if it means more time in the car, nothing bad comes out of having more than one Christmas. More time gets to be spent sitting around enjoying the company of every part of your family. "I get a lot of stuff and it's fun to see everyone," said Miller.

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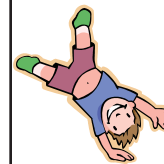
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