



# Republic School District

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December 2025

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Republic School District Learning Community,

As we approach winter weather, we want to ensure everyone is informed about how the district will handle announcements and schedule changes due to inclement weather. Please review the details below, and remember to stay connected for timely updates.

### Winter Weather Announcements

In the event of winter weather, announcements regarding changes to the school schedule will be made as early as possible to give families time to prepare. Updates will be shared via:

- Republic School District Facebook Page
- School District Website
- School District Email Notifications
- RSD App. Notifications
- Automated Phone Call

### Types of Schedule Adjustments

#### 1. Two-Hour Late Start

If a two-hour late start is called, school will begin two hours later than usual. Buses will pick up students two hours after their normal pick-up time. This delay allows for roads to be cleared and for safer travel conditions. Breakfast service may be modified or not available on these days, but lunch will be served as usual.

#### 2. School Cancellation

If school is canceled due to severe weather conditions, all school-related activities, including after-school programs, will also be canceled for the day. Please make alternative arrangements for childcare, as the district will be closed for the entire day.

#### 3. Closure During School Hours

If the weather worsens after the school day has begun, or while buses are en route, the district may need to close school and send students home early. In this case:

- Students already on campus will be sent home on the usual bus routes.
- Students on their way to school will either be transported back home or to a safe location until families are notified and prepared for pick-up.
- All parents and guardians will be notified promptly through our standard communication channels.

Please stay tuned to our **Facebook page, website, and RSD App.** throughout the winter season for the latest information. We are committed to keeping you informed so that you and your family can feel prepared and safe during any winter weather events. Thank you for your support and cooperation in keeping our students safe.



Yours in Service,  
John Farley  
Superintendent

**WINTER BREAK**

**December 22-January 1**

**NO SCHOOL**



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# PROWL

Sarah Duprie

PROWL Dance Co. and Performance Arts Club - **Grades 6–12**

**Club Sponsor/Advisor:** Sarah Duprie

**Club Objective:** The PROWL Dance Club provides students in grades 6–12 with a creative and inclusive space to explore dance, singing, build props, create tech/audio/video special effects, exercise hair and makeup skills, and collaborate to create a live production of various musicals. Through teamwork and self-expression, perform at school and community events, and use dance and performance arts as a positive outlet for wellness and personal growth.



**First Production:** The Greatest Showman

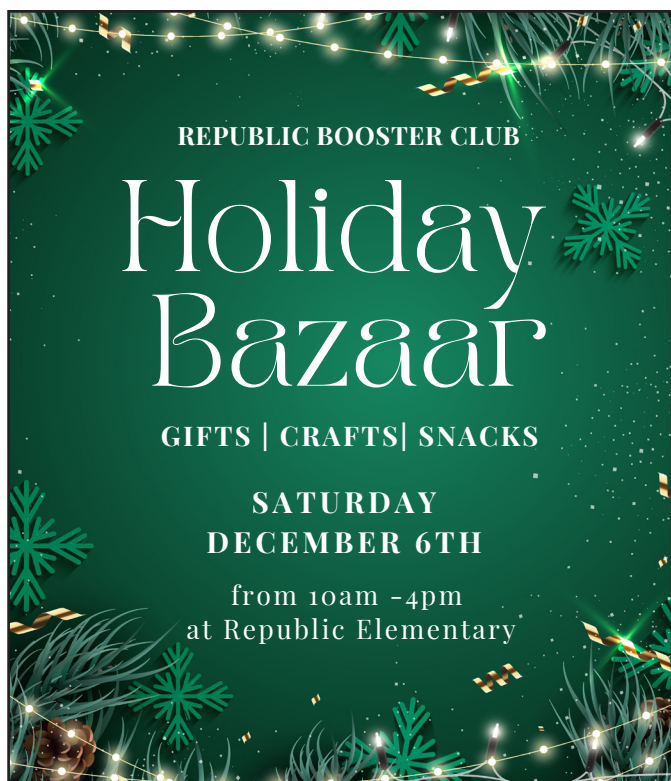
## Meeting Times & Locations:

Wednesday 5-7 pm, Friday 9-Noon in Northern Library or HS Cafeteria, depending on availability.

Registration forms can be picked up from Ms. Misner or Miss Sarah (@Eagle bus)

**Performance • Rhythm • Opportunity • Wellness • Leadership**

RSD Events	WHAT	WHERE	DATE	TIME
	Holiday Bazaar	Elementary Multipurpose Rm	Dec 6	10 am-4 pm
	Music Boosters	Music Room	Dec 10	5:00 pm
	Senior Citizen Dinner	Elementary Multipurpose Rm	Dec 13	11:30-1:30 pm
	RYAC Meeting	Tiger Cafe	Dec 15	5:00 pm
	School Board Meeting	Tiger Cafe	Dec 17	6:30 pm
No School - Winter Break			Dec 22- Jan 1	



## STACC

Theresa Misner

Grace Cromwell and Camilla Sampsel joined STACC (Students Taking Action For Community Change) advisor Theresa Misner in San Antonio for the **Teens in The Driver Seat Safety Summit**. There, they learned how distracted driving can affect our young drivers and what we can do to avoid negative influences.



### NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Republic School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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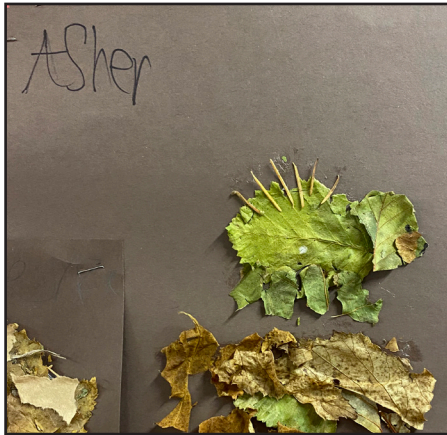
## THIRD GRADE

Katrina Sage

In third grade, students learned about photosynthesis! During this science exploration, the class studied the parts of a leaf and learned key vocabulary such as *photosynthesis* and *chlorophyll*.

After discovering how and why leaves change colors, students took what they learned into the real world on a nature hike for their ROAR field trip! They collected colorful leaves along the trail and used the materials they gathered from around Swan Lake to create imaginative woodland creatures.

Thank you, Cori Antos and Mike McRae, for taking the students on an academic adventure!



## FIFTH GRADE

Dennis Thompson

What a Group of Winners!

Wyatt Haupt-Larsen took first place with a \$50 prize and plaque, and Jenevieve McCune took third and a \$15 prize and ribbon in CISNEW's 6th Annual Fall into Writing contest. Both students will have their stories published on social media and in the December 2025 CISNEWS Newsletter.

Fifth graders enjoyed a STEM adventure, geocaching, and compass reading at Curlew Lake State Park. They participated in team-building exercises and thoroughly enjoyed themselves despite the cool weather. Special thanks to Mr. McRae and all the parent volunteers.

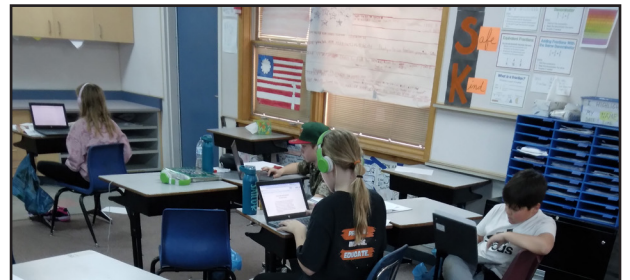
Halloween was a riot with 90% of the class dressing up. The students

enjoyed the parade and did a great job adhering to the non-violent costume imperative.

Students worked hard on their Veterans Day decorations. Each person came up with their own idea to celebrate veterans, so the results were extremely creative. It was surprising to discover how many students had veterans in their families.

Academically, 5th grade has been doing a deep-dive into fractions, and the class is grateful to retired math teacher Mr. Bill Chamberlin for devoting an hour a week to fifteen-minute focused math lessons and small-group tutoring.

Writing has especially been going great, and the entire class has wowed their teacher with impressive



narrative journal entries. Students will move from narratives to persuasive essays as we approach the holiday season. Their first paper of the winter season, however, is a summary essay of the survival novel Hatchet. This will dovetail nicely with the ROAR survival trip we will take up Hall Creek on December 3rd.



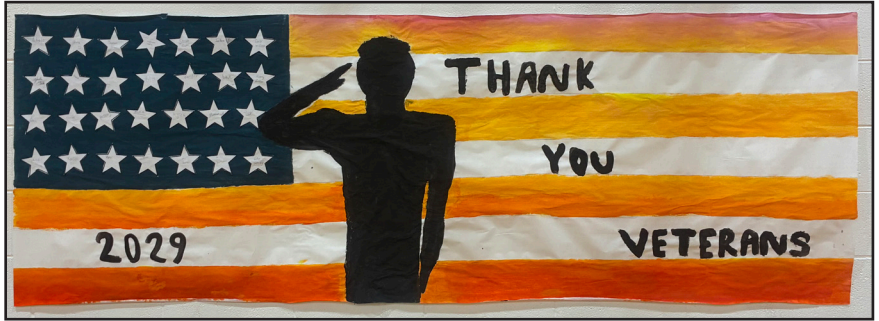




**ASB**  
*Sarah Tonne*

Veterans Day was celebrated on November 11th with an all-school assembly and a special cake for our veterans. There was a class competition making banners honoring our vets. The Sophomore Class took 1st, winning \$100.00 to go into their Senior Trip Fund! See the accompanying photos. Congratulations and a big thank you to our veterans!

Big plans for December include a “Deck the Halls” class competition and a Holiday Spirit Week, December 15–18. Then we will be looking forward to lots of new and exciting things in 2026!



## SHOP

*David Heinen*

Our Junior High Shop class just finished its second project, there are going to be some upgraded accommodations for our local bird populations! They all did a fantastic job, and the houses turned out great! So far, things are rolling right along, our welding students are cranking out cutting and welding projects, and our welding certification students are working on their GMAW (Gas Metal Arc Welding) certification.



Want to see ROAR in action?  
Scan the QR code to explore our Kindergarteners' adventure at the Ferry Conservation Outdoor Learning Center & Greenhouse!







# SANTA'S Workshop

HELP US MAKE THIS SEASON A MEMORABLE, GIFT GIVING HOLIDAY!

**Communities In Schools, RYAC, & STACC are partnering with the Republic School District to give students the chance to "shop" at Santa's Workshop!**

RSD Students, Pre-K - 12th grade, will be able to handpick gifts for their immediate family members from a magical classroom filled with donated items from our community. Gifts will then be lovingly wrapped by Santa's elves—our STACC students!

We are seeking **gently used items** that can be repurposed as gifts, including:

Mugs • Clothing • Sports Memorabilia • Winter Items

We also welcome **monetary donations**.

**Please ensure all items are in good condition—**not broken, ripped, stained, or dirty.

**Thank you for helping make this holiday season special for our students & families!**

**DONATIONS DUE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Donation Drop-Off: Donations may be dropped off at the Republic High School Office during school hours. For questions, please contact us at 509-775-3171 and ask to speak with Brandi, Brittany, Lisa, or Theresa.





December Sports Schedules			
DATE		OPPONENT/LOCATION	TIME
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL		GIRLS	BOYS
Dec 2	@ Kettle Falls	4:30 pm	3:00 pm
Dec 5	Inchelium @ Northport	3:00 pm	4:30 pm
Dec 6	@ Tonasket	3:00 pm	3:00 pm
Dec 9	Chewelah @ Home	3:00 pm	4:30 pm
Dec 12	@ Nespelem	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Dec 13	Hunters @ Home	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Dec 16	@ Curlew	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
Dec 19	Inchelium @ Home	6:00 pm	4:30 pm
Dec 20	@ Northport	4:30 pm	3:00 pm
KNOWLEDGE BOWL			
Dec 8	@ Curlew	4:00 pm	
WRESTLING - BOYS			
Dec 6	Invite @ Omak	TBA	
Dec 13	Liberty Spangle @ Liberty	TBA	
Dec 20	Tournament @ Lake Roosevelt	10:00 am	
Dec 27	Tournament @ Royal City	TBA	
WRESTLING - GIRLS			
Dec 6	Liberty Spangle @ Liberty	TBA	
Dec 18	Mary Walker @ Springdale	5:00 pm	
Dec 20	Tournament @ Lake Roosevelt	10:00 am	
Dec 29	Hanford Invite @ Richland	TBA	



## MUSIC NOTES

Sara Cromwell

Below is a list of upcoming activities.

- Upcoming concerts**
  - Dec. 4 - MS/HS Band and Choir concert
  - Dec. 11 - Elementary Mini Musical and Cookie Sale! If you would like to donate cookies for the sale, please contact Dena Fletcher at the high school office.
- Join us for music boosters!** We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month to discuss RSD music business and how we can best serve our students. We hope you join us December 10<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting!
- Join us on Facebook at RHSmusic**  
 Questions or comments? Please contact Mrs. Cromwell at (509)439-9389 or [scromwell@republicsd.org](mailto:scromwell@republicsd.org)



Republic School Band students had the honor of playing for our local veterans during our Veterans Day Assembly.

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## COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Lisa McKenzie

One of the true joys of community support is coming together for the common good.

This past year, Colleen lovingly created beautiful knitted hats, scarves, headbands, and hair accessories for our students. Despite losing full mobility in her arms and experiencing limited hand function, she continues to do what she loves—knitting for others. Her dedication and generosity have made a meaningful difference in keeping our students warm and cared for.

This weekend, we were honored to give back. In a beautiful display of partnership and community, we helped Colleen prepare her house and yard for winter—a small gesture of appreciation for all she has done.

What a wonderful example of the power of connection and support. Thank you, Colleen, for your selfless hard work and the love you pour into every stitch. Your kindness warms more than just heads—it warms hearts.

**Red Ribbon Week 2025** was an unforgettable celebration of school spirit and unity!

The week kicked off with creative dress-up days, followed by lively all-school lunch activities where staff hilariously competed for first place and classes battled for the ultimate prize—an ice cream party. Students cheered during a vibrant hallway parade, enjoyed a special birthday lunch, and were inspired by guest speakers, Kolby Hunters and Ferry County Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Golden at an all-school assembly.

Throughout the week, school pride was alive and bursting at the seams—truly a week to remember!



## KEEPING KIDS SAFE FROM MUMPS

Mumps is a highly contagious viral disease that is spread by direct contact with saliva or respiratory droplets. It can spread when a person coughs, sneezes, or talks, sharing cups/bottles, or through close contact in activities like sports or dancing.

### Symptoms:

- Puffy cheeks and tender, swollen jaw
- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Tiredness
- Loss of appetite

### Complications:

- Inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) or tissue covering the brain and spinal cord (meningitis)
- Inflammation of the testicles (orchitis) or ovaries (oophoritis)
- Inflammation of breast tissue (mastitis)
- Inflammation of the pancreas
- Deafness

**It can take 2 to 4 weeks to show signs of infection, and it can spread days before symptoms appear.**

Two doses are required for school attendance through grade 12 in WA State. Two doses are 88% effective in protecting against Mumps.

Infants and children should get immunized at:

- 12-15 months
- 4-6 years

Immunizations are available, by appointment, Thursdays @ NETCHD  
Call 509-684-2262, option 1



Got questions about Childhood Immunizations? We have answers!  
Scan the QR code to submit your questions to us!



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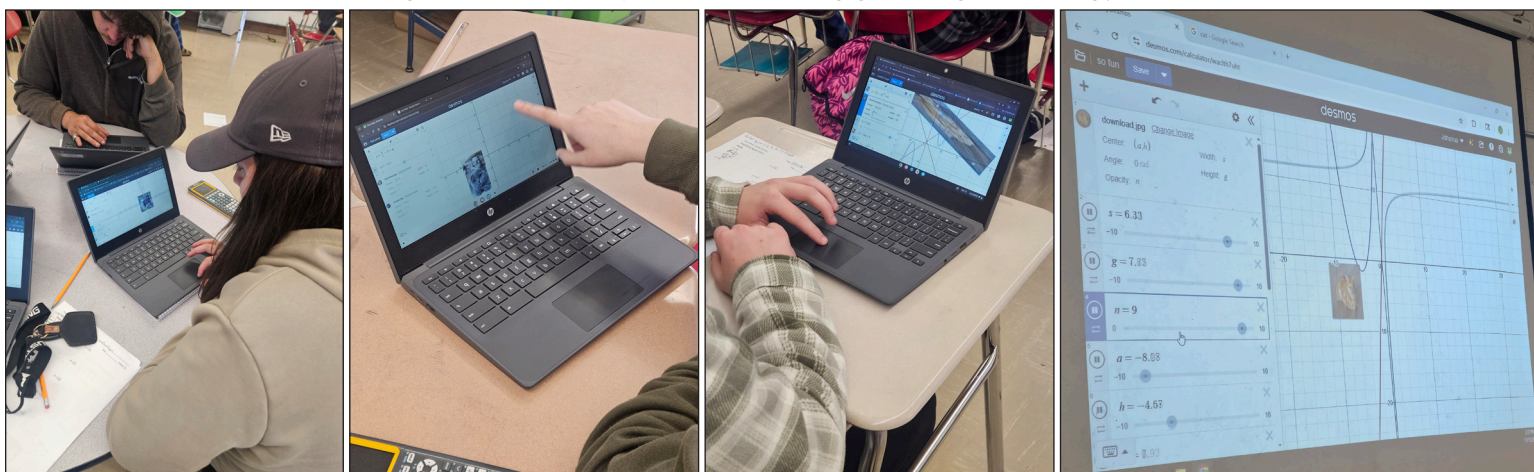
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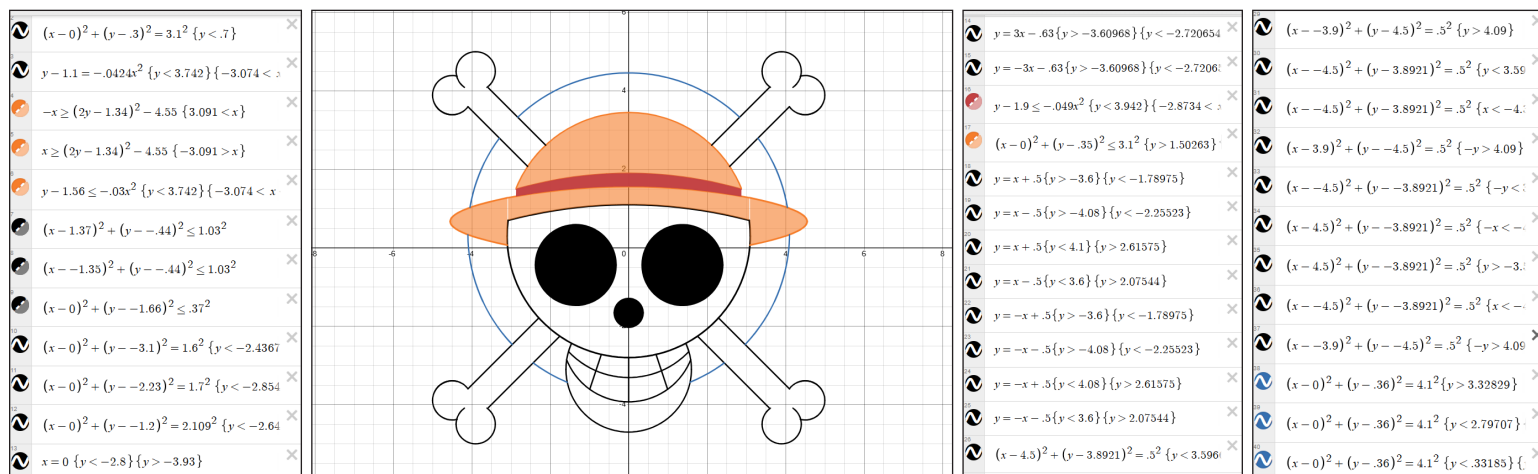
# HIGH SCHOOL MATH: GRAPHING MEETS GRAPHICS

Johanna Bremner

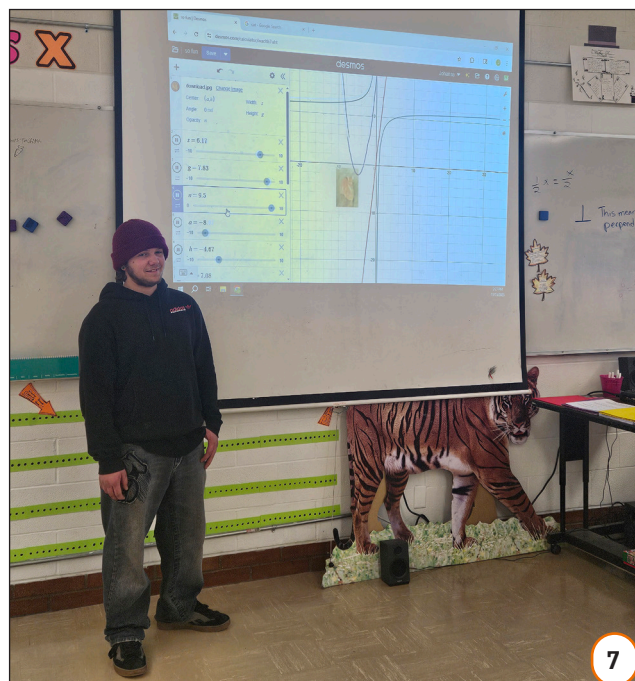
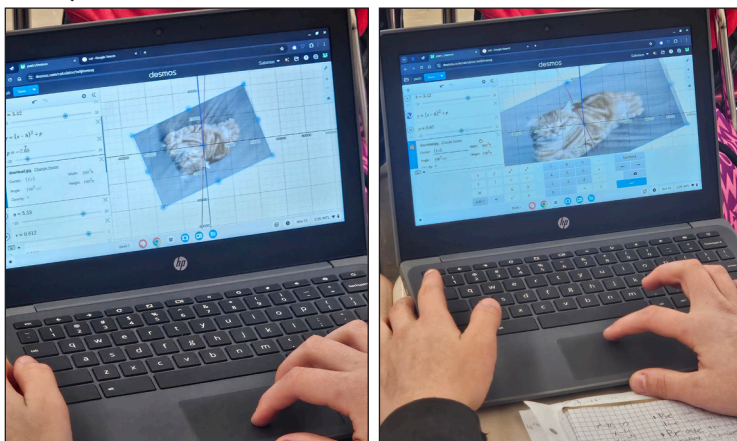
Precalculus student teaches Algebra II students just how amazing graphing technology can be.



Algebra II students invited a Precalculus student in to demonstrate his knowledge about the wonderful world of Desmos. First, he had to convince them of his expertise by sharing a project he spent weeks on the previous year. This project required the student to recreate an image using equations graphed with the Desmos Graphing Calculator. The process took weeks, and it required thorough understanding of domain and range restrictions, function transformations, and parent functions.



Those skills were just the basics of what he taught Algebra II students how to do. After reviewing equations of lines, quadratics, and reciprocal functions, the student demonstrated how to insert images and use changing variables to move graphics and curves in Desmos. The result is a lot of Algebra II students excited to apply what they've learned.





# SENIOR CITIZEN HOLIDAY DINNER

December 13th  
11:30 am-1:30 pm



Join us for a free dinner with turkey, ham, dressing, fresh salads, and homemade desserts! Enjoy great food, good company, and a chance to win fun door prizes. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather and celebrate together!

Please call 509-775-3173 to RSVP for the dinner by December 4th.

If you know of any senior citizens who are unable to attend and would appreciate a meal delivered, please let us know. We will deliver meals within the city limits of Republic and the surrounding area. Thank you!



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