



Christmas in the Country

A Christmas Message

**Father Arthur Bufogle
Pocahontas County
Catholic Churches**

*Merry
Christmas.
Feliz
navidad.
Mayad nga
paskwa.*

This greeting “Mayad nga paskwa” is Merry Christmas (literally “good pasche”) in the Karay-a dialect of Iligaynon. Iligaynon, or Illongo, is the language spoken in the western Visayas (mostly the island of Panay and the western part of the island of Negros), and each province has a variation of the language spoken in Iloilo.

The greetings of this season emphasize joy and festival, birth and Christ.

Families gather, share a meal, exchange gifts, create traditions.

Some even take time to celebrate and worship in Church, giving thanks!

Two thousand years ago, it was a very different picture:

a young mother and her older husband, finding nowhere to rest except a stable, giving birth, wrapping the baby in rags and placing him on a feeding trough.

It didn’t seem like they had much to eat themselves.

Two thousand years later, the picture is not much different for many families today.

It doesn’t have to be that way.

That baby, we know his name – Jesus. We know who he is, the Christ.

He taught us all how to live, so that someday we could live forever.

He taught us how to love each other and share the blessings we have, so that no one has to experience what he did at his birth in Bethlehem.

He showed us how to welcome others and accept them.

He gave us an example of serving and total giving.

He told us he didn’t come to condemn us, but to save us.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if this Christmas every Christian shared what we have... every Christian welcomed each person... every Christian didn’t judge others, but served others?

Then Christmas will be truly merry.

Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. at St. Mark’s in Bartow and at 9 p.m. at St. Bernard’s Chapel at Snowshoe, with Christmas Day Mass at St. John Neumann in Marlinton at 10 a.m.



In Loving Memory of
Thomas Brown

They are gone but not forgotten
 By those who love them still,
 A place is vacant in our home
 That never can be filled.

With Love, wife, Evelyn, and son, Thomas, Jr.

In Memory of
Roy and Mandy Cain
Steve and Junior Cain
Vince and Delores Trotta

Life and home are not the same
 Since you went away.

Love, Ernie and Vicki

In Memory of
Bobby Joe Long

They are gone but not forgotten
 By those who love them still,
 A place is vacant in our home
 That never can be filled.

Love, sister, Wanda Jean McMillion,
 son, Robert Joseph Long and family
 We miss you and love you

In Memory of
Mike and Francis Pyne,
Dewey and Crystal Burr
and David Gainer

A face that is ever before us,
 A voice we will never forget;
 A smile that will last forever
 In memory we see you yet.

Loved and Remembered,
 Kelly, Jacob, Kevin, Ellie and Phyllis Pyne

In Memory of
Leroy H. Sharp and
Curt D. Sharp

Time slips by and life goes on,
 But from our hearts you're never gone.
 We think about you always
 We talk about you, too,
 We have so many memories
 But we wish we still had you

Love, The Sharp Family

Missing you always
Especially at Christmastime
MAZIE BURGESS
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When all the decoration are arranged upon the tree
 That's when Christmas memories
 come flooding back to me.
 The countless celebrations you lovingly prepared
 And all the happy Christmases you and I have shared.
 I miss you every moment, Mom, since you went away
 And how I wish that you were here
 to welcome Christmas Day.

Love and miss you so much,
 Connie

In Loving Memory of
Leslie Kay Goldizen

On Angel's wings you were taken,
 But in our hearts you'll stay
 And in God's light you will rest
 Until we meet again someday.

Love you, Sweetie
 Mom, Dad and family

Always in
Our Thoughts

In Loving
Memory of
Mazie Burgess

Every day I
 think of you.
 We had a love
 that was true.

Miss and Love You,
 Always, Loy

ON THE COVER: A light dusting of snow makes a perfect backdrop for the decorated windows at St. John Neumann. Father Arthur Bufogle said in the older Catholic Tradition, the Christmas season ended on February 2, which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. In Pocahontas County churches, the decorations stay up as close to February 2 as possible, as long as they are in good condition.

In Loving Memory of
Will James Pennington

Born November 29, 1989 Passed away June 9, 2011

A face that is ever before us,
 A voice we will never forget;
 A smile that will last forever
 In memory we see you yet.

In Loving Memory of
Jonathan Lee Mallow

Born June 14, 1981 Passed away November 5, 2009

If we had all the world to give,
 We'd give it, yes, and more,
 To hear his voice and see his smile,
 And greet him at the door.

In Loving Memory of
Keith Alderman

Some say time heals our aching hearts,
 But no, it isn't true.
 For many years have passed, dear
 And our hearts still ache for you.

Love, Charlotte

Steeped in Tradition

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It's Christmas all over the world, and many countries have their own unique way of spreading goodwill during this season that celebrates the birth of the Christ Child.

Families brought many of those traditions with them when they made their way to their new homes in America – and those traditions continue to this day.

Immigrants from Italy, Germany, Scotland and Ireland carried on their Christmas traditions in West Virginia, and turned them into Appalachian traditions, which have been passed down from generation to generation.

Often, those from an Italian background fast on Christmas Eve and then, on Christmas Day, have what is called The Feast of the Seven Fishes. As the name implies, the meal consists of at least seven different seafood dishes.

Originating in southern Italy, where the feast is known as the Vigil, the celebration commemorates the wait for the midnight birth of Christ. It was introduced to

America in the late 1800s in New York City's Little Italy.

While the types of seafood vary from family to family, a well-known dish is baccala – salted cod fish. Other popular dishes include baked cod, clams casino, cod fish balls in tomato sauce, dolphinfish, deep fried cod, fish or scallops, fried smelts, seafood salad, marinated or fried eel, octopus salad and more.

Every country has its staple food for the holiday season and Scotland is to thank – or to blame, depending on your taste – for fruitcake.

Originally called the

Twelfth Night Cake, it became known as the black bun – due to overcooking or burning of the cake.

Fruitcake has three essential ingredients – fruit, nuts and whiskey. Unlike the fruitcakes we see today, a Scottish fruitcake is covered with pastry and looks like a loaf of bread with a cake inside.

The cake originated as a Scottish King cake and was introduced following the return of Mary, Queen of Scots, from France. The tradition was that a bean was hidden in the cake and whoever found it became King



THE FEAST OF the Seven Fishes is an Italian-American traditional meal served on Christmas Day. The feast consists of at least seven types of seafood dishes. Photo courtesy of Dreamstime.com



THE SCOTTISH CAKE known as Twelfth Night Cake, better known as fruitcake, has been a traditional dessert and gift for centuries.

for the evening.

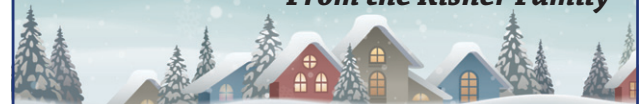
In America, fruitcake was a traditional gift given to friends and family. It was first available through mail order in 1913. The traditional

cake has been the subject of ridicule for years, with many turning up their nose at the dense cake.

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Happy Holidays!

From the Kisner Family



Please join us May 29, 2022 at the Arbovale Cemetery where we will honor the Kisner family at the Memorial Day event.

Next Stop: Christmas!

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Tradition, from page 4

Moving from food to celebrations, caroling has been a long held tradition – going from house to house to sing Christmas carols to neighbors and spread a little Christmas cheer. This tradition, sometimes with a twist, came from many countries – known as Wassailing in the

United Kingdom and Belsnickling in Germany. Unlike caroling, Belsnickling is more of a game. Families dress up in disguises and go to their neighbors houses, knock on the door and shout “Are you going to let the Belsnickel in?” The neighbors have to guess who the Belsnickels are. If they don’t guess right, the Belsnickels are invited inside for hot cider or hot chocolate and a Christmas



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LIGHTING A CANDLE in the window is an Irish tradition showing travelers and locals they are welcome to come by for a Christmas visit. It can also symbolize the North Star, which shepherds followed on the night of the Christ Child’s Birth. *Photo courtesy of Dreamstime.com*

treat.

If the neighbors guess right, the Belsnickels will still be invited in, although the neighbors are asked to

keep the secret as the Belsnickels travel to the next house.

Decorating for Christmas is another tradition that has

grown by leaps and bounds over the years in America.

The tradition of placing a solitary candle in the window originated in Ireland. The symbolism of the candle varied from family to family. It could be a beacon to visitors or even a stranger passing by to let them know they are welcome in the home. A candle can also symbolize

the North Star, which led the shepherds to the manger.

These and many other Christmas traditions harken back to the countries of our ancestors.

Whether you await the arrival of Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Papai Noel or Babbo Natale, may your Christmas be filled with peace, joy and wonder.

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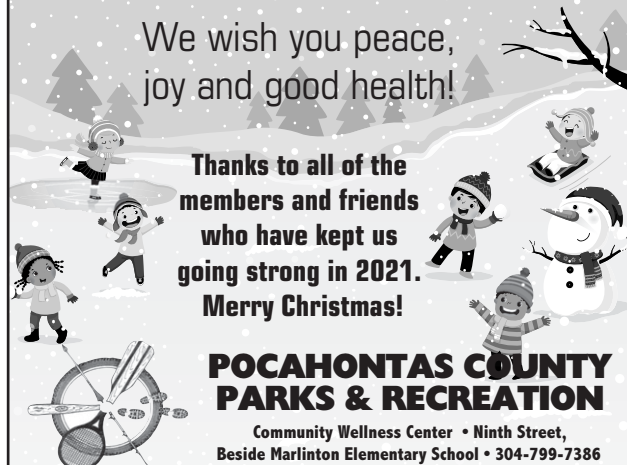
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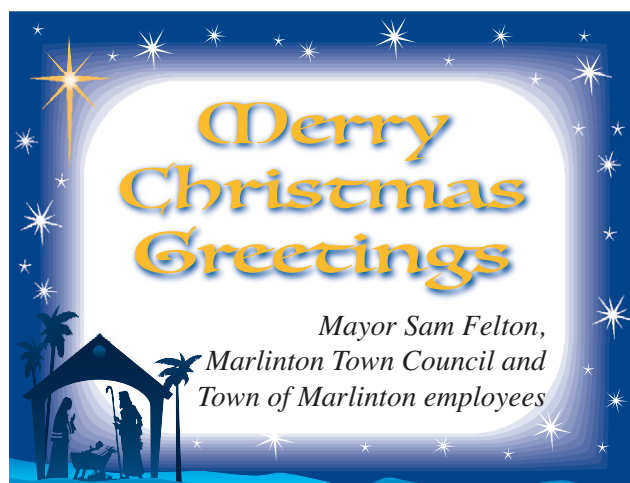
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Merry Christmas!

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Mayor Sam Felton,
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Recipes from the Pocahontas County Catholic Churches

Corn Pudding

Debbie Gale

3 eggs beaten
8 oz. cream style corn
1 cup milk
2 Tbsps. butter
1 Tbsp. cornstarch mixed
in 1/4 cup water
Salt and pepper to taste
Preheat oven to 350°.
Put butter in 2-quart casse-
role dish and place in the
oven while it is pre-heating.
Remove from oven once the
butter has melted.

Combine beaten eggs and
cream style corn.

In a medium bowl beat
eggs and add the cream style
corn and milk.

Add salt and pepper and
cornstarch mixture.

Mix well and pour into the
casserole dish containing the
melted butter.

Bake uncovered for 45
minutes or until firm and
lightly golden on the top.

Potato Delight

Debbie Gale

2 pounds frozen hash
browns
16 oz. sour cream
1 stick butter, softened
2 cans cream of chicken
soup

1 cup finely chopped
onion

8 oz. shredded cheddar
cheese

Potato chips, crushed

Mix together first 6 ingre-
dients in a very large bowl,
spread into a 9 x 13" pan.

Add crushed potato chips
over the top.

Cover and bake for 1 hour
and 15 minutes at 350°.



Chocolate Cherry Pistachio Trifle

Photo source: tastingtable.com

Cranberry Salad

Debbie Gale

12 oz. package fresh cran-
berries

1 whole orange

2 cups sugar

1 cup celery, chopped fine

1 large package raspberry

Jell-O – mixed with 3 cups

hot water

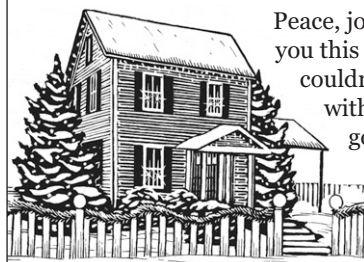
1 cup chopped nuts

Preparation:

Grind cranberries and or-
ange (including orange rind)
in a food processor. Add
sugar over mixture and let sit
at least one hour.

Dice celery and chop nuts.

Happy Holidays from our home to yours



Peace, joy and thanks to all of
you this holiday season. We
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bright and blessed Christmas.

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Johnny and Brenda

Prepare Jell-O, let cool,
then mix in cranberry/orange
mixture, celery and nuts.

Place in refrigerator until
Jell-O is firm.

Chocolate Cherry Pistachio Trifle

Debbie Gale

1 box brownie mix

2 x 3.4 ounce packages
pistachio instant pudding

4 cups whole milk

1/2 cup chopped pista-
chios (reserve 1/4 cup for
garnish)

Two 21 oz. cans cherry pie
filling

One 16 oz. container Cool
Whip

Chocolate bar for garnish
Prepare and bake brownie
mix in a 9 x 13" pan accord-
ing to package directions.
Cool and cut or tear into bite
size pieces. This can be done
weeks ahead and frozen.

Prepare the 2 pudding
mixes with whole milk, ac-
cording to package direc-
tions.

Mix 1/4 cup chopped pista-
chios into pudding.

In a 25-30 cup glass trifle
bowl or punch bowl, layer
the ingredients in this order:

1/2 brownie pieces, 1/2

pudding mixture, 1 can
cherry pie filling, 1/2 Cool
Whip.

Repeat the process in the
same order ending with
mounding, piping, spreading
or sculpting the Cool Whip
in a design on the top.

Garnish- grate chocolate
bar on top and sprinkle with
1/4 cup reserved chopped
pistachios. Refrigerate until
ready to serve. Can be made
the day before.

Ham and Cheese Quiche

Jeremiah Gagnon

Yields - 2 deep dish pies

For Two 8" to 9" Crusts:

2 cups sifted all purpose
flour

1 tsp. salt

2/3 cup shortening

5 to 6 Tbsp. cold water

For the Quiche

18 eggs

3 cups ham, chopped or
sliced

1-1/2 cups each: shredded
Swiss, sharp cheddar, Mon-
terey Jack

1 medium/large onion,
chopped

4 cups fresh spinach,
chopped

3 cloves garlic, crushed
and finely chopped

2 cups whole milk

2 cups heavy cream

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. pepper

1 Tbsp. dried dill

1 tsp. parsley

2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan

Thoroughly mix all ingre-
dients by hand, and pour into
unbaked pie crusts. Cover
with foil and bake at 350° for
30 to 60 minutes, checking
occasionally, until fork in
center comes out clean.

Uncover, and bake ap-
proximately 15 more min-
utes or until top is browned.

You may use readymade
crusts and you may leave out
the meat for vegetarians.

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WITH WELL WISHES at CHRISTMAS

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Lottie McKenney's Light Rolls

Brenda McKenney

2 cups warm water
2 Tbsps. sugar
2 Tbsps. salt
1 pkg. yeast
3 Tbsps. shortening
7 cups flour
Add sugar and yeast to warm water. Add to 1/2 of flour and salt. Mix. Then add the shortening and the rest of the flour. Combine well.

Let rise in a warm place until double in size, about one hour. Make rolls and place in pan. Let rise for about one hour. Bake at 450° for about 20 minutes.

Russian Teacakes

Brenda McKenney

1 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
2 1/4 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup finely chopped nuts

Mix together butter, powdered sugar and vanilla. Work in flour, salt and nuts until dough holds together. Shape dough into 1 inch balls.

Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 10-12 minutes until set but not brown. While warm, roll in powdered sugar.

Cool. Roll in sugar again. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Yellow Squash Bisque

Cajun-Creole Cooking by

Terry Thompson

Brenda McKenney

6 Tbsp. butter or margarine
1 large onion, chopped
2 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced
2 carrots, sliced
4 cups yellow crookneck squash, sliced
3 Tbsp. flour
1 1/2 quarts Louisiana Brown Poultry stock or canned chicken broth
Salt to taste

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
1 cup whipping cream
1/4 tsp. freshly grated nutmeg

Approx. 2 1/2 tsps. Hungarian paprika
In a heavy 4 quart saucepan, melt butter or margarine. Add onion and sauté until transparent, about 5 minutes. Add potatoes, carrots and squash. Toss to coat with butter or margarine. Add flour all at once. Stir to combine.

Cook over medium heat for 3-4 minutes, stirring. Slowly stir in stock or broth. Season to taste with salt and cayenne. Cover; cook until all vegetables are fork tender, about 45 minutes. Puree soup in batches in blender or food processor fitted with steel blade. When all soup has been pureed, return to soup pot. Stir in cream. (Also very good without cream.)

Heat through; do not boil. Stir in nutmeg; cook 3-4 minutes. Sprinkle 1/4 teaspoon paprika into each soup bowl. Ladle hot soup over paprika. Stir soup in bowls; when soup is stirred, paprika will create an attractive marbled pattern.

Makes 8-10 servings.

Brother Donald's Dillweed Dip

Father Arthur Bufogle

Blend together: 2/3 cup mayonnaise (according to Br. Donald, this must be Hellman's- he didn't want things to get too pious), and 2/3 cup sour cream.

Add to this: 1 Tbsp. onion flakes, 1 Tbsp. parsley flakes, 1 tsp. dill weed, 1 tsp. Lowry seasoned salt, 1/2 tsp. MSG (Accent), 2-3 drops Tabasco sauce.

Blend everything together, and let set at least 24 hours.

Mrs. Janie Taylor's Millionaire Pie

Father Arthur Bufogle

8 or 9 oz. Cool Whip or whipped cream

1 can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk

10 oz. can crushed pineapple

1/3 cup lemon juice

2 pie crusts, already baked (check out Br. Boniface's pie crust below)

1 cup chopped Louisiana or Mississippi pecans

Combine cool whip and sweetened condensed milk.

Blend in pineapple, lemon juice, and pecans

Pour into pie crusts. Chill

thoroughly before serving. For a fuller pie, double the recipe and make three pies.

Father Gilbert's Hot Broccoli Dip

Father Arthur Bufogle

1 10 oz. box chopped frozen broccoli

1 can condensed cream of celery soup

8 oz. cream cheese

Cook broccoli as directed and drain

Blend soup and cream cheese

Add broccoli and serve warm.

Especially good on crackers.

Brother Boniface's Pie Crust

Father Arthur Bufogle

3 cups flour

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 lb. Crisco vegetable shortening

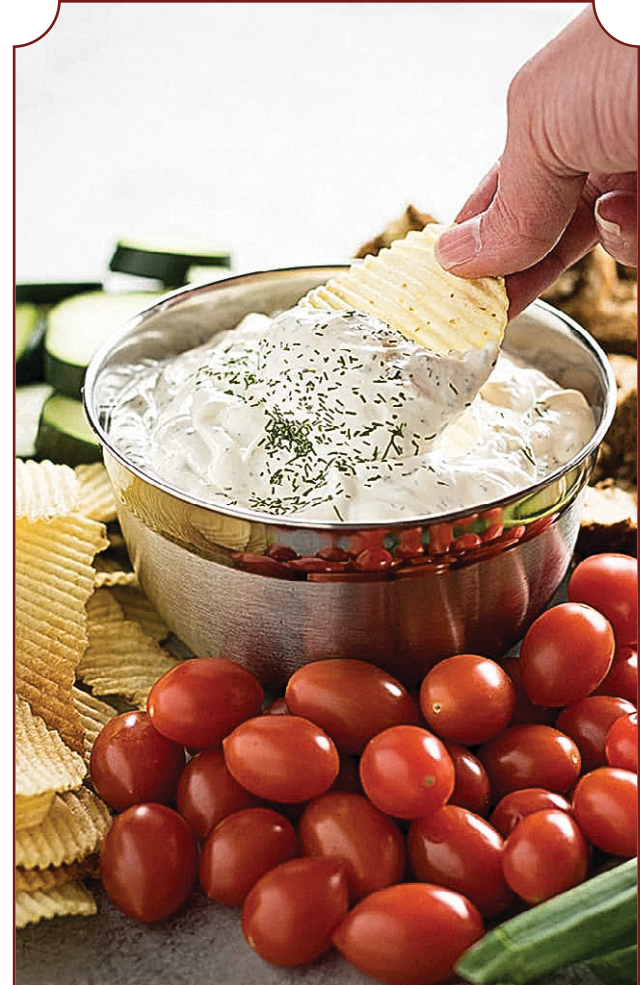
1/2 cup cold water

Combine the flour, salt and Crisco by hand until the size of small pebbles.

Add water, and continue mixing until well blended.

Flour your hands, take a small handful of dough, form

see Recipes pg 9



Dillweed Dip

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into a ball, and roll out on a floured board until desired thickness.

Place in pie plate and trim edges (the pie shell will shrink 1/2 to 1 inch while baking if there is no filling). Bake until browned.

Makes about 3 single pie crusts.

(Note: the dough will be very wet, unlike ordinary pie crust recipes.)

cheese (finely grated is better)

3/4 cup tomato sauce
3 eggs, beaten
1 large onion, chopped finely
1 tsp. dried thyme leaves
1/4 tsp. dried marjoram leaves

Mix all the ingredients well. Put in a greased loaf pan. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes or until firm in the middle. Serve with additional tomato sauce or cheese sauce. Day old refrigerated loaf can be sliced for a nice cold cut.

Brother Joseph's Potato Salad Secret

Father Arthur Bufogle

Use whatever potato salad recipe you have, But, instead of boiling the potatoes, cut the potatoes into large slices or chunks, and steam them. That way, most of the flavor will stay in the potato.

Walnut Wheat Loaf

Father Arthur Bufogle

1 cup ground walnuts (not just chopped)
1 cup whole wheat bread crumbs
1 cup grated cheddar

Pumpkin Pie

Merrily Taylor

16 oz. can of pumpkin
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
3 eggs, beaten
5 1/3 oz. can (2/3 cup)

evaporated milk

1/2 cup milk

Pastry for single 9" pie (form and put in fridge until ready to fill)

In large bowl combine pumpkin, sugar and spices. Add eggs and mix. Add



Pumpkin Bars

Photo source: cookingclassy.com

evaporated milk and regular milk. Mix.

Place in pie shell. Bake on bottom rack at 425° for 15 minutes. Turn heat to 350° to

finish baking (about 45 minutes). It's done when knife inserted near the center comes out clean. You may need to cover pie crust edges with foil to prevent browning. I substitute cream or half & half for the milk if I have it. I also add a tsp. of vanilla.

Pumpkin Bars

Anne Workman

4 Eggs
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 cup cooking oil
16 oz. can pumpkin
2 cups all purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda

In mixing bowl, beat together eggs, sugar, oil and pumpkin until fluffy. Add baking powder, cinnamon, salt and soda and mix well. Add in flour a little at a time until well mixed. Spread batter in ungreased 15x10 jelly roll pan. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool completely. Frost with cream cheese icing.

Cream Cheese Icing

3 oz. package cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup butter, softened

1 tsp. vanilla

2 cups powdered sugar

Mix cream cheese and butter in mixer until creamy. Add vanilla. Add powdered sugar a little at a time until well mixed. Spread on cooled cake. Keep refrigerated until served.

Chocolate Zucchini Bread

Anne Workman

3 eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
2 cups sugar
1 Tbsp. vanilla

2 cups shredded zucchini
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup baking cocoa

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1 cup chopped nuts

Beat eggs, oil, sugar and vanilla together in a large mixing bowl. Stir in grated zucchini. Add in all dry ingredients and blend well with mixer. Stir in chopped nuts.

Pour into 2 greased loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

Crockpot Mac and Cheese

Marita Dragan

8 ounces cooked elbow macaroni (but still firm)

12 ounce can evaporated milk

1 1/2 cups milk

2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

2 cups shredded medium cheddar cheese

2 eggs, beaten

1/2 teaspoon salt

Dash of pepper

Place all in the crockpot and cook three to four hours on low heat. Stir midway through cooking.

Cranberry Orange Nut Bread

Marita Dragan

1 cup regular flour

1 cup whole wheat flour

1 1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

1 cup chopped fresh cranberries

3/4 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

3/4 cup orange juice

3/4 cup light brown sugar or turbinado sugar

2 tablespoons melted butter

2 tablespoons canola oil

1 egg, beaten

Zest of one orange

Preheat oven to 350°.

Combine dry ingredients. Whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda

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Christmas Mass Schedule

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Fri., Dec. 24
St. Mark, Bartow
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9 p.m.

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Sun., Dec. 25
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and salt in a large bowl. Stir in the chopped cranberries

and walnuts to coat with the flour mixture. Coating with flour will help suspend the nuts and cranberries in the dough and keep them from sinking.



Sauerkraut-Mushroom Soup
Photo source: theppk.com

1 small onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon flour
Salt and pepper
Rinse mushrooms and soak overnight.

Mix kraut juice and water. Use less water for a more sour taste. Bring to a boil and add chopped mushrooms. Simmer covered 1 hour.

Cook and rinse noodles, add to soup. Simmer for 30 minutes.
Put onion, butter and flour in a skillet. Stir frequently at low heat until lightly browned. Add some soup to this and then add to soup pot.

Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool on a wire rack.

Christmas Soup – Sauerkraut-Mushroom Marita Dragan

2 ounces dry Shitake mushrooms
1 quart sauerkraut juice
1-3 quarts water
1 cup small noodles such as orzo
1 tablespoon butter

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Mix well. Season with salt and pepper, and serve.

If you cannot find sauerkraut juice, just press the juice from a large jar of sauerkraut. Add water to the kraut in the jar and press this, as well. I also like to add some chopped kraut to the soup.

Marita Dragan adds this note:

Dave's family always had a beautiful traditional Christmas Eve dinner. It had several courses and the first one was to dip a clove of garlic in salt and eat it. This represents the bitterness in life.

Then they shared bread and toasted with wine, symbolic of our Savior coming.

The next course was Sauerkraut Mushroom soup.

After the garlic, the soup actually tastes good. Tasting this soup has become a rite of passage for anyone marrying into the family.

It seems to be an acquired taste as the grands actually ask for it every year.

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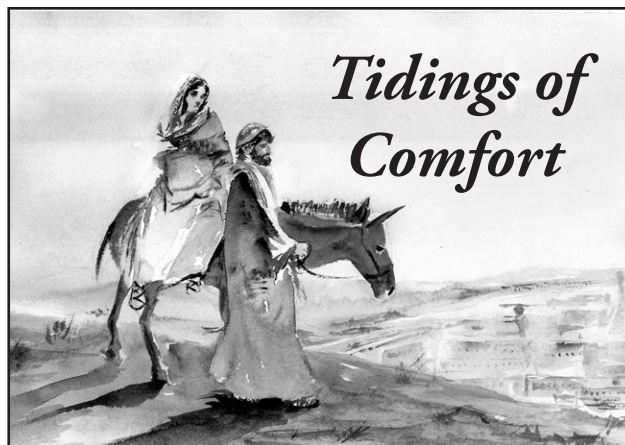
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Pocahontas County Catholic Churches approach the Christmas season with reverence

Laura Dean Bennett
Staff Writer

Father Arthur Bufogle, the priest for the three Catholic churches in Pocahontas County, explains how the congregations celebrate the Christmas season.

"In the Catholic Church, we celebrate Advent the four weeks – the four Sundays – before Christmas," he began.

"This is a time of waiting and expectation for the coming of Christ, and is reminiscent of the 40 years the Jews wandered in the desert and the 40 days Christ fasted.

"We do not decorate for Christ-

mas inside the church during Advent, although in Marlinton we have been decorating outside only, to coincide with the town's Christmas parade.

"Decorations during Advent are minimal and the color of the altar linens and the priest's vestments is purple – which is different from the violet colors used during Lent.

"The Advent candles are lit – purple for the first two weeks, then rose for the third week, which is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for rejoice, from Philippians 4:4: 'Rejoice in the Lord always.'

"Parishioners stay after Mass on the fourth Sunday of Advent to decorate, and we share food during and after decorating as we enjoy

each other's company.

"The Epiphany (January 6th or the Sunday closest to January 6th) is the Feast of the Magi, which in most Eastern Rite Catholic Churches as well as Orthodox Churches is their Christmas celebration.

"Epiphany is also the beginning of Mardi Gras season. In Louisiana and southern Alabama and Mississippi, Mardi Gras is a season, not just one day.

"For the past few years, at St. John Neumann, we've shared a king cake following Mass each Sunday beginning at Epiphany, and whoever gets the piece of cake with the 'baby' (which symbolizes the Baby Jesus) in it makes the

king cake for the next Sunday. People have really taken to this.

"Our Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve, and ends on the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord – the Sunday after Epiphany – when the Christmas decorations are taken down.

"In the older Catholic Tradition, the Christmas season ended on February 2nd, which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

"In our churches in Pocahontas County, we keep the decorations up as close to February 2nd as possible, as long as they are in good condition.

"Our parishioners are and have always been active in the commu-

nity. Currently, our members are part of: Cass Fire and Rescue, BFD Fire and Rescue, Marlinton Woman's Club, Pocahontas Community Club, Durbin Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, as well as with the International Students at Snowshoe.

"Our three churches – St. John Neumann, St. Mark the Evangelist and St. Bernard of Clairvaux – contribute to the community and community organizations through: support of the FRN food pantry and other FRN programs, providing direct support to the needy for rent, transportation, food, utilities, health care, etc., the "Weekend Backpack Program" for which we bag food for food insecure students

in all grades and at all schools in Pocahontas County (parishioners do the work, and the parish pays for delivery/ transportation and the cost of food not covered by grant money), participation in the Free Community Dinners at Marlinton Presbyterian Church sponsored by area churches, and participation in community Advent, Christmas, Lent and Thanksgiving services when they occur.

"Our Parish activities include: a parish garden at the church where parishioners are free to harvest produce as they wish, coffee and donuts after Mass every Sunday at St. John



FATHER ARTHUR BUFOGLE leads Mass at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Marlinton. Decorations during the season of Advent are minimal. Following Mass on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the congregants join together to decorate the church for the Christmas season which begins Christmas Eve, and ends the Sunday after Epiphany – Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord.

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Neumann, and on the first Sunday of the month there is a breakfast and brunch pot luck after Mass. Every Sunday at St. Mark the Evangelist, we share food – whatever people bring randomly on a given Sunday. Every Saturday during ski season at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, free coffee, tea, hot chocolate are offered after Mass, al-

though this has been suspended for the time being because of COVID. Every summer there is a combined parish gathering at Seneca State Forest – beginning with Mass then a big cookout and pot luck dinner, as well as other parish gatherings and meals.”

The Kairos International Ecumenical Prison Ministry works with prisoners at Mt. Olive Correctional Center. It involves a four-day weekend twice a year, a weekly prayer and share group every Thurs-

day with inmates and outside volunteers. Many churches are involved in this ecumenical ministry – from Catholic to Pentecostal and all sorts of churches in between.

The Pocahontas County Catholic churches support the four-day weekend ministry with donations, baking a hundred dozen cookies and there is a prayer chain for the duration. Father Arthur participates in this ministry in person.

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ABOVE, AN EARLIER photo of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Bartow, decorated for Christmas and Christmas Eve Mass. Nancy Egan shared that, leading up to Christmas, a large natural fir tree is placed in the church and decorated with "Jesse Tree" ornaments which retell the history and heritage of Jesus Christ through the prophets, the patriarchs and the faithful Jewish men and women who looked forward to the coming Messiah. *Photo courtesy of Nancy Egan*



ST. BERNARD OF Clairvaux at Snowshoe. Marita Dragan shared that Father Bugfogle announces when the church will be decorated and invites anyone who wishes to, to come and help. Families and Snowshoe workers from around the world join in. It's become a tradition that a large family from New Zealand lends a hand every year. Attendance varies throughout the year, but it is not uncommon to have 200 people at Christmas Eve Mass. *Photo courtesy of Marita Dragan*

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"At both St. John Neumann and St. Mark the Evangelist, after any disaster or flood, the churches are prepared to offer endless showers, a warm place to gather, and food/meals for about 100 people."

At St. Mark's, in Bartow, like their sister churches, the congregation's focus is truly on service to their fellow-

man.

Nancy Egan speaks for many of her fellow congregants when she says that there's a distinct awareness and welcoming of strangers at St. Mark's.

"We usually have a gathering after Mass to enjoy a meal or snack and talk with each other," Nancy said.

"Leading up to Christmas, the congregation places a large natural fir tree in the church and decorates it with "Jesse Tree" ornaments which retell the history and heritage of Jesus Christ through the prophets, the patriarchs and the faithful Jewish men and women who looked forward to the coming Messiah.

"There are several members who are firefighters and emergency service volunteers so the interruption of a scanner or radio receiver during Mass is not unusual.

"Being small, we often work with the other Christian church members in the community to follow Jesus' teachings," Nancy explained.

St. Mark's holds weddings and funerals for members of the community as well as in response to the needs of their own members.

"We enjoy singing, whether accompanied by music or not, and we always enjoy getting together

to decorate the church for Advent," Nancy said.

"Many of St. Mark's members have lived in other parts of the country so our past Catholic experiences are diverse, yet we strive to follow our faith together in communion," Nancy added.

Dave and Marita Dragan have been residents of Snowshoe and faithful congregants for several years at St. Bernard's Chapel. The chapel was built as an accommodation for visitors who come to Snowshoe.

"Father Arthur explains to everyone that since there are only four registered parishioners at the Chapel, the visitors are, therefore, both the congregation and the choir," Marita said. "Attendance varies wildly, from four on a spring weekend to more than 200 at Christmas.

"At Christmas, Father announces when we will be decorating the church and invites anyone who wishes to, to come and help. Families and Snowshoe workers from around the world join in. It's become a tradition that a large family from New Zealand helps us every year.

"Father Arthur does an amazing job of making everyone feel welcome," she continued. "He takes time to chat with everyone either before or after Mass, engaging

them in conversation and showing a genuine interest in their stories and where they are from."

The Mitchell and Mosesso families have been long-time members at St. John Neumann's in Marlinton.

Debbie Gale is a relatively new member of the congregation at St. John.

"The first time I attended services at St. John Neumann's, I was impressed with how reverent the service was," Debbie said. "Before the service, it was quiet in the sanctuary, with people meditating and on their knees in prayer.

"I was made to feel so welcome.

"Father Arthur is so friendly. He always makes a point of recognizing visitors. It felt like the whole congregation wrapped their arms around me.

"And this is a big potluck place - we all seem to really enjoy bonding over food," she added.

Sollie and Anne Workman, of Hillsboro, have been members since the 1990s.

"Our congregation is just great," Anne said. "We have an eclectic mix of people."

Brenda McKenney and her husband, Mike, moved to the area from Cincinnati.

"Father Arthur really practices what he preaches," Brenda said. "He's a good example to us. He's out there



EVERYONE, YOUNG AND old, gets involved in the services and activities within the Catholic churches as well as in the communities that surround them. Above: brothers, Victor, left, and Silas Dean, have a little fun with the huge wreath before it is put in place at St. John Neumann. L.D. Bennett photo

serving the community all the time.

"And you don't have to be Catholic to attend services here - everyone is welcome."

Everyone is welcome, and everyone is invited to attend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass.

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mark's in Bartow, will be at 5 p.m. and at St. Bernard's Chapel at Snowshoe at 9 p.m. Friday, December 24.

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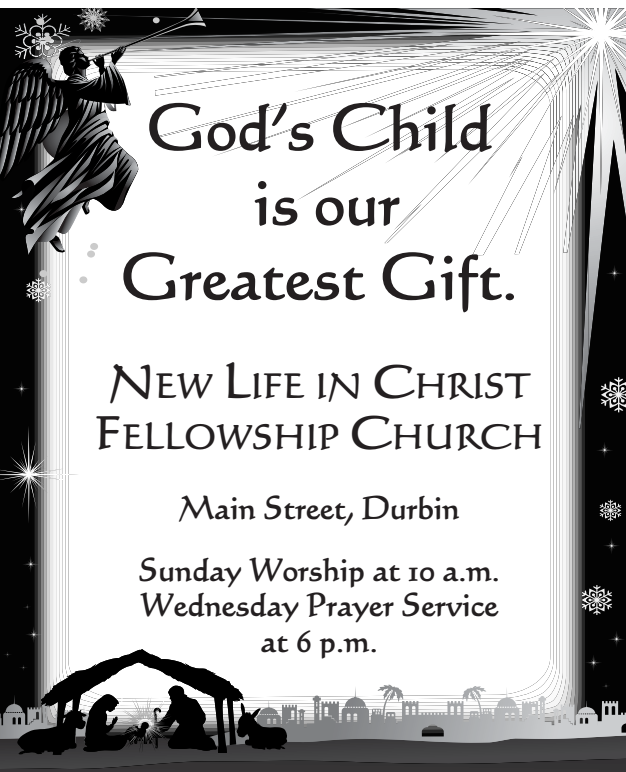
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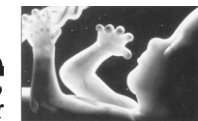
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"The Princess and the Pickup Truck"

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Illustrations by
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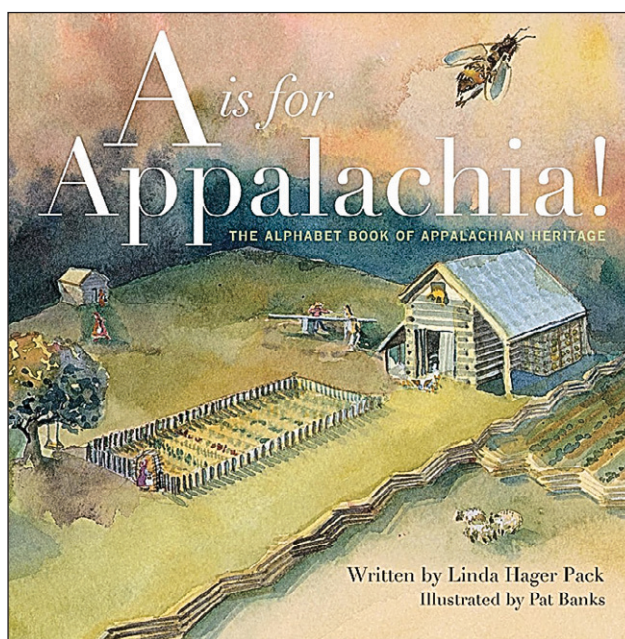
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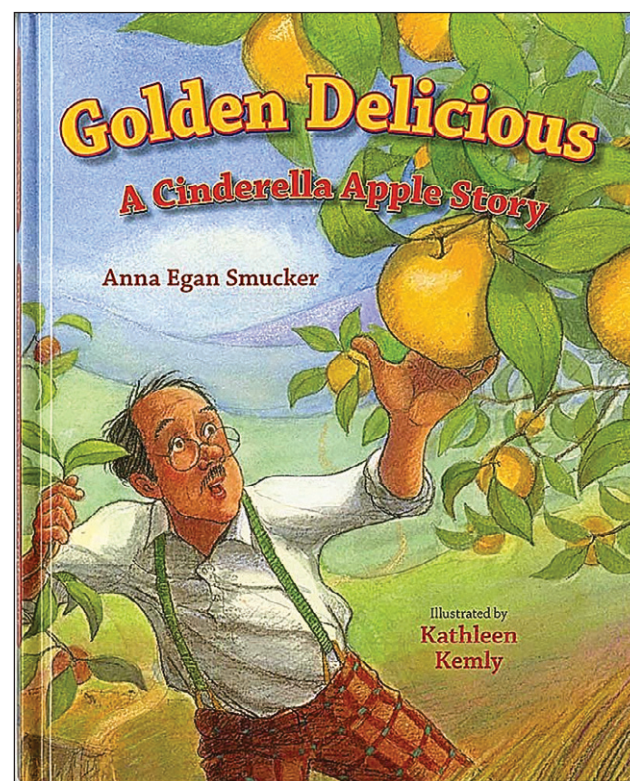
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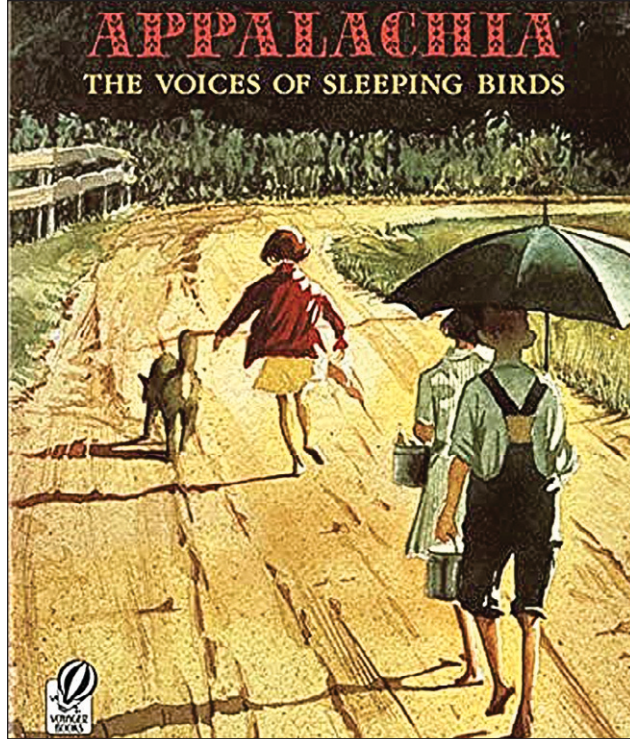


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'Appalachia'

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help her family brings her into contact with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and the First Lady's project – the building of the community of Arthurdale.

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Hickam's life took him from a small mining town to working for NASA and being seated on the National Space Council.

Of his latest book, Hickam says: "I decided to sit down and write about some of the things that happened in those years after I was a *Rocket Boy* in West Virginia. This memoir is the result."

"Don't blow yourself up" refers to a quote from Hickam's mother, Elsie Hickam.

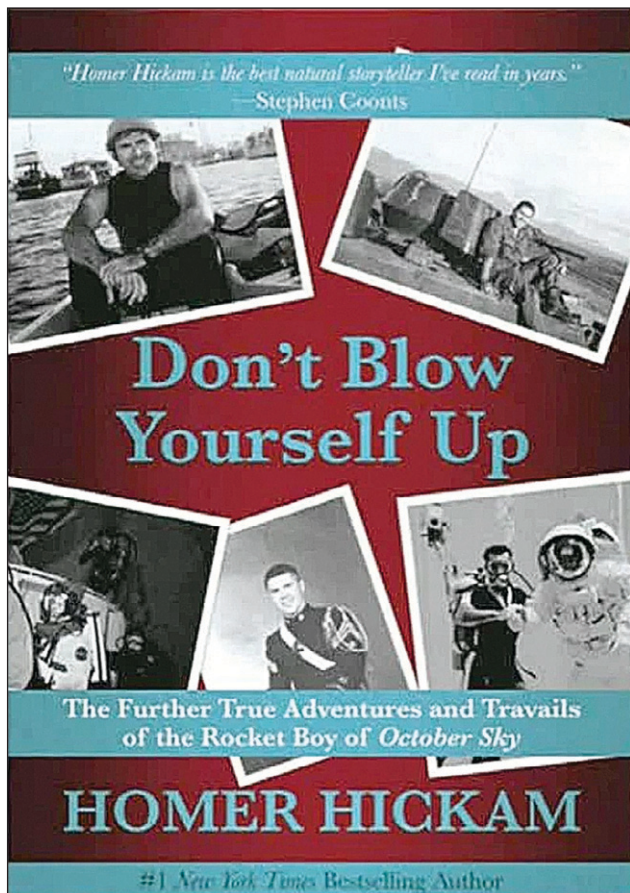
The book covers a lifetime of fascinating experiences, beginning with Hickam's college years, his Vietnam experiences, time training the first Japanese astronauts, anecdotes from training David Letterman to scuba dive and even a bit about Hickam helping fix the Hubble Space Telescope.

As for his space adventures, the nicknamed, "NASA Man," admits that his learning curve at NASA was steep.

Hickam poignantly writes about his reaction to the loss of Challenger, a consequence of "launch fever" that created an American disaster.

He talks about turning his

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Don't Blow Yourself Up: The Further Adventures and Travails of the Rocket Boy of October Sky
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bestseller into a critically acclaimed film.

A retired NASA engineer, Hickam serves on the boards of the United States Space and Rocket Center (Space Camp) and the Museum of the Rockies, and was appointed in 2019 as an advisor to the National Space Council.

The author's sense of humor, humility and talent with the written word makes reading this memoir a very special treat.

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"Travels with George In Search of Washington and His Legacy"

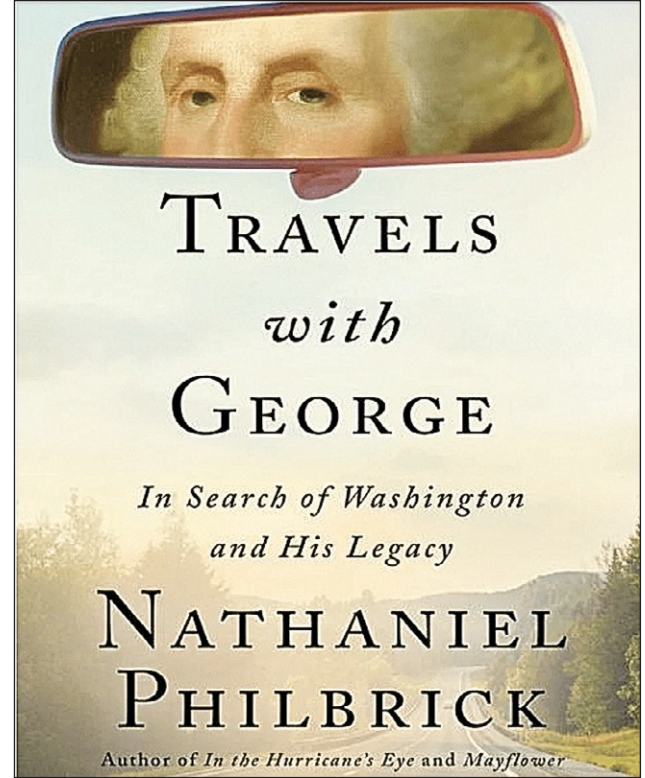
By Nathaniel Philbrick

This bestselling author's brilliant personal account of George Washington's first tour of the country as president is a fascinating look at what America was and what we are now.

In 1789, when George Washington became president, the United States of America was still a loose and quarrelsome confederation – more of a political experiment than a settled nation.

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In the fall of 2018, Nathaniel Philbrick embarked on his own journey into what Washington called "the infant woody country" to see for himself what America



'Travels with George – In Search of Washington and His Legacy'

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had become in the 229 years since Washington's tour.

Philbrick shared the trip with his wife, Melissa, and their dog, Dora.

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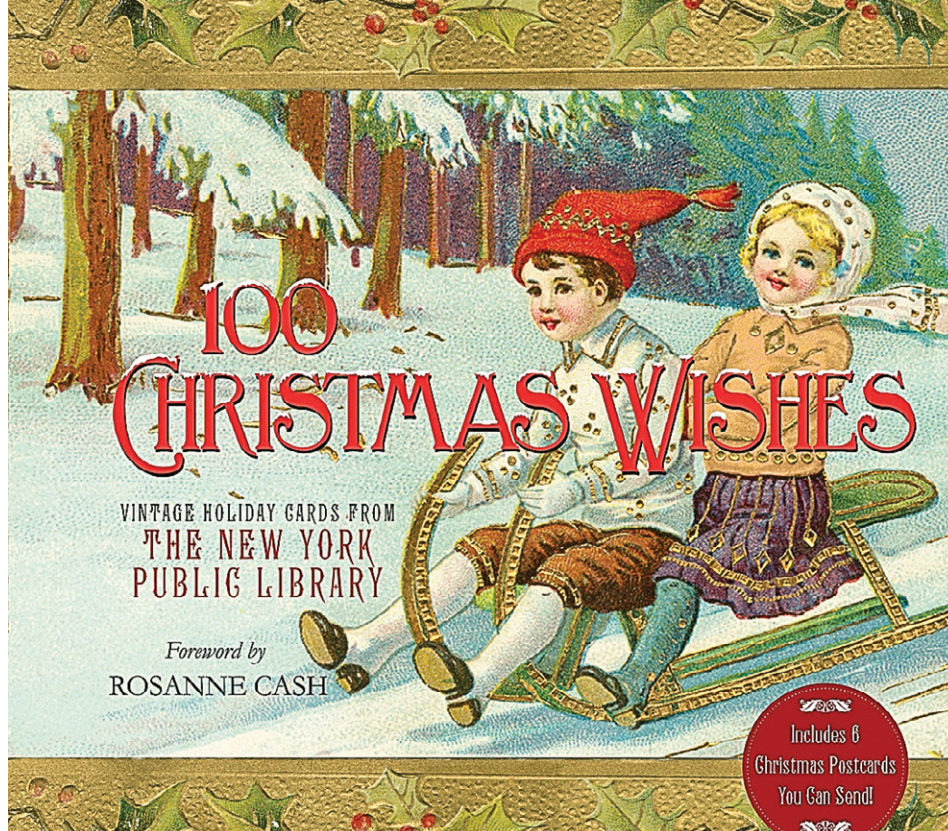
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“100 Christmas Wishes: Vintage Holiday Cards from The New York Public Library”
By The New York Public Library
Foreword by Rosanne Cash

This delightful edition – a gorgeous collection of vintage holiday cards, garnered from the archives of the New York Public Library – would be a treasured keepsake on anyone’s coffee table, whether at Christmas or any-time of the year.

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“The Course of History: Ten Meals That Changed the World”
By Struan Stevenson
with Celebrity Chef,
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Throughout history, many decisions, which had significant historical consequences, have been made over the dinner table – accompanied and, perhaps, influenced by copious amounts of food and wine.

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course of human events. From the claret consumed on the eve of the Battle of Culloden, through dinners which decided the fates of George Washington, Archduke Ferdinand and Adolf Hitler, each vignette gives the reader a seat at the table of history.

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Search for and purchase these books online from amazon.com and many other outlets.

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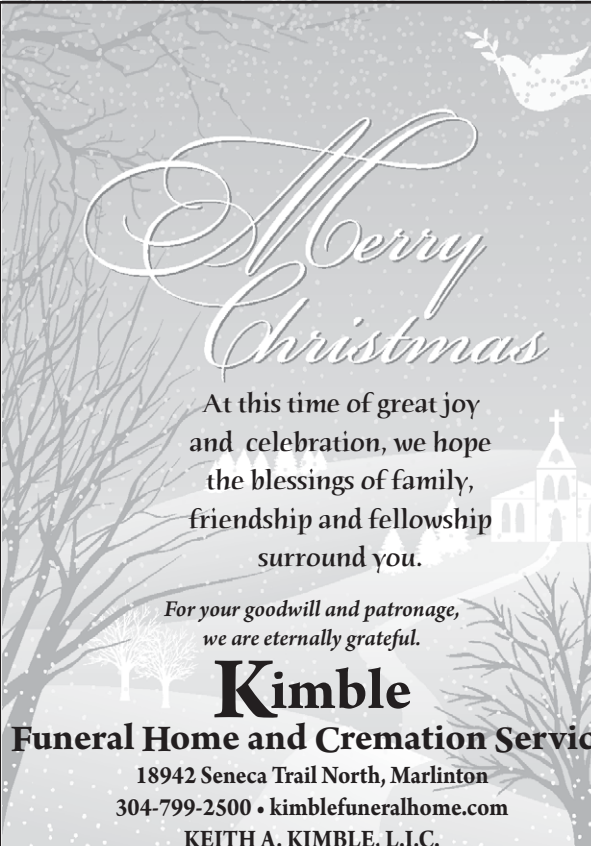


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