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Celebrating the Birth of Our SAVIOR



The Christmas season in Pendleton County is highlighted by area churches holding special services which celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

The public is cordially invited to attend the following programs.

Thursday, Dec. 22

A community Christmas Carol Hymn Sing-a-Long will begin at 6 p.m. today at **Calvary Lutheran Church** in Brandywine. Bring the family for a sing-a-long of favorite Christmas carols and hear the readings of Christmas, followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Christmas Eve

A Christmas Eve service will begin at 7:30 p.m. at **Fairview Bethel United Methodist Church** in Fort Seybert.

Franklin Presbyterian Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Pastor Deborah Beam will bring the message. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed, and candle lighting will be held at the end of the service.

Franklin United Methodist Church on Main Street will host a Christmas Eve service at 10 p.m. There will

be special music by the choir and bell choir, candle lighting, readings and a message. Dress is casual. Pastor Mike Loudermilk has invited attendees to bring along a bright light.

The annual Christmas Eve program will begin at 7 p.m. at **Mt. Zion United Methodist Church** in Deer Run. The program will consist of three plays, "Symbols of Christmas," "Someone Is Coming to Our House" and "Christmas by the Book," and special music.

Friends Run Church of the Brethren on Route 33 East of Franklin will present its Christmas Eve program at 7 p.m. The play entitled "Miracle of Christmas - Worship His Majesty" by Lisa Parker will be performed. There will be lighting of the Advent Candles, singing and scripture readings.

The **Mountain Lutheran Parish** will hold Christmas Eve candlelight services with Holy Communion at the following times: 4 p.m. at **Calvary** in Brandywine, 5:30 p.m. at **St. John** in Moyers, 7:30 p.m. at **Mt. Hope** in Upper Tract and 10 p.m. at **Faith** in Franklin.

Christmas Day

Christ Central Community Church in Upper Tract will celebrate the Savior's birth at 10 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church in Franklin will hold services at 11 a.m.

Elder Carrie Ruddle will bring the message beginning at 11 a.m. at **Franklin Presbyterian Church**.

Come sit right back and hear a tale - a tale of a fateful trip at **High Rock Church** at 7 p.m. when "Gulligan's Island Christmas" is presented. Reminisce with the congregation as they join Gulligan and Clipper for an action-packed evening. Santa will make his annual appearance, and the offering will be for the Burlington Children's Home.

Christmas Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m. at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church** in Franklin.

Senator Hamilton Delivers Local EDA Funds to Pendleton County Library



State Senator Bill Hamilton delivers funds to Pendleton County Library. From left are Paula Waggy, Senator Hamilton, Rebecca McConnell, library director, Roger Dahmer, county commissioner, and Sue Harper.

By Stephen Smoot

Several months ago, Paula Waggy wrote a letter on behalf of the Pendleton County Library asking for help.

Last Friday, State Senator Bill Hamilton stopped by the Franklin main branch to hand over a check.

Waggy requested help last February in obtaining funds to offset the loss of Census money. Last fall Senator Hamilton responded, saying that he could steer local economic development funds to help with specific needs.

Library officials requested help in purchasing a new circulation desk for the main branch. As Rebecca McConnell,

the director, explained, the library still uses the original desk purchased in 1987. Since that time, the technology has changed drastically, requiring new designs to accommodate equipment and wiring.

The library is "one of the most valuable resources we have in these counties and its free. Anyone can come in and use it," Hamilton said to explain the value of them to the local community. McConnell also described the efforts of the library to remain available during COVID for its patrons, saying "we pulled books for anyone and everyone." During the worst of the pandemic, the library would even leave paper bags of

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Once Among the Largest Motels in WV, Thompson's Treated Guests Like Family

By Stephen Smoot

As workmen lowered the new Mountain Springs sign into place last week, many still remember decades of family fun over generations at the site once known as the Thompson Motel.

It all started as a service station established near the junction of US 220 and US 33 in 1948. Before the construction of the interstate highway system, these US routes served as main routes of long-distance traffic through the Eastern United States. J. Riley Thompson and his wife, Mattie, opened their doors that year to their service station, a small café, and four cabins.

Thompson had served for three years during World War II in the South Pacific theater. Before that, he taught school in the North



A 1953 view of Thompson's Motel surrounded by the undeveloped countryside.

Fork area for eight years. After the war, he was the county road maintenance supervisor. His wife worked as a clerk in the Franklin Post Office.

The original motel buildings pioneered development on the north end of town. Behind them rose a low ridge dotted with a few trees. Nothing but clear farmland and the mountains beyond graced the landscape be-

tween the motel and US 33 extending to the west.

Those traveling by road after World War II sought out more convenient and less costly accommodations than the typical hotels of the era designed to cater to rail travel. Seeing the rising demand, Thompson opened a 29-room motel in 1952. Demand continued to rise like a rocket. He expanded by 15 rooms in 1957. Two years

later, he added 20 more for a total capacity of 70.

After completion, the Pendleton Times article about the motel noted that "he hopes he will not have to do any more building for a while.

Thompson constructed for tourists "living accommodations that are as luxurious and as comfortable as can be found anywhere." Visitors enjoyed the "one stop shop" aspect of getting gas and food in the same place as one lay their head. The 1959 building featured "a plastered interior and stuccoed exterior." The building sported a "unique feature" in "the cement porch for second story rooms that extends to the rear of the building at ground level." Both stories also had front porches.

On July 1, 1969, Paul Mor-

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Sugar Grove Residents Urged to Sign Up for Library Services for Expanded Broadband

By Stephen Smoot

When Benjamin Franklin reflected on how his own idea of a public library had improved the nation, he said "these libraries have improved the general Conversation of Americans, made the common Tradesman and Farmers as intelligent as most Gentlemen from other countries, and perhaps contributed in some Degree to the Stand so generally made throughout the colonies in Defence of their Privileges."

One could say almost 300 years later that access to

quality high speed internet can have the same dramatic impact that the appearance of libraries created in Franklin's time.

Today, the Pendleton County Library and the Pendleton County school system have teamed up to help expand broadband access to individuals and areas who qualify under guidelines laid out in the Emergency Connectivity Fund, or ECF. Those who qualify for assistance must first sign up for a Pendleton County Library card.

Laura Brown, executive

director of the Pendleton County Economic Development Authority, will be coordinating the expansion effort. She strongly urged anyone eligible to sign up for their library card as soon as possible. "You can become a free member of the library," she said. "Addresses must be included on the form." Anyone eight years old and above can receive a library card.

Brown emphasized that the address on the library card must be a physical address and not a post office box.

She also advised those in

the area that are interested to call the EDA office at (304) 358-2074 to check and see if they are eligible for the expanded service in the Sugar Grove region. This area was selected due to the area's proximity to a broadband line terminal point. Like other wired services, it must join to physical infrastructure already in place.

"This means more connectivity to our county," Brown stated, "The important part is that it's expansion of broadband, which is sorely needed." For those who qualify and also sign

up for their library card to be eligible, they should start receiving access to service in August of 2023.

Earlier this year, the county library and school system qualified for ECF funds to help expand broadband resources for education and related purposes. The fund nationally has approximately \$7.1 billion to help offset education costs and other shortfalls incurred during the COVID 19 pandemic. According to the FCC, schools, libraries, and combinations of the two are eligible for

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PVCD Board To Gather Jan. 4

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 4, 2023, by teleconference. Instructions are posted at www.wvca.us/district/pvcd.cfm or by contacting the Romney office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting on the website or by contacting the Romney office. The public is invited to participate.

Community CALENDAR

No 'Times' Next Week

The Pendleton Times will not be published the week of Dec. 29. The Times will resume publication on Jan. 5, 2023. The newspaper's office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23, until Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. The office will re-open on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, when normal deadlines will resume.

Library Friends To Meet Jan. 3

The Friends of the Library will gather at 4 p.m. January 3, 2023, in the meeting room at Pendleton County Library in Franklin.

"Peace on earth will come to stay,
when we live Christmas every day."
— Helen Steiner Rice

Wishing you and yours all the joy the holiday season can bring. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from The Pendleton Times family!

OBITUARIES



Susie Marie White

Susie Marie White, 68, of Sugar Grove passed away Dec. 16, 2022, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

She was born on June 14, 1954, in Durbin, the daughter of the late Thomas Earl "Chic" and Ernestine "Sis" (Moats) Cook.

Mrs. White attended Durbin Elementary School and Green Bank High School. She attended Eternal Faith Baptist Church and had worked at Mansion Home Layers. She loved spending time with her family.

On March 3, 1985, she married William "Arnold" White, who survives.

In addition to her husband, she leaves behind to cherish

her memory a daughter, Patricia Simmons (Joe Deavers) of Brandywine; a son, Patrick White (Ashlyn) of Sugar Grove; two stepdaughters,

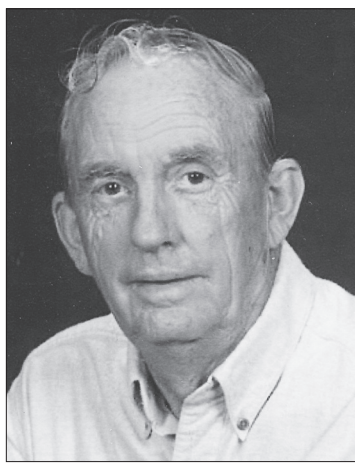
Tammy Shreve of Coalton and Pamela Judy (Johnny) of Franklin; a stepson, Jeffrey White of Chloe; a sister, Carmen Moyers (Eb) of Franklin; 14 grandchildren, Wesley Simmons (Katelyn), Brittney Simmons, Alyssa Stumbo, Robert Deavers (Tai), Cordell White, Maison White, Waylon White, Abby White, Joseph White, Jenifer Richmond, Megan Sheets, Jessica Judy, Kyle Judy and Kayla Judy; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Tommy Cook; and two sisters, Marsha McLaughlin and Carolyn Moyers.

In honoring Mrs. White's wishes, her body has been cremated and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Children.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



Clemet Halterman

Clemet Halterman, 95, of Franklin passed away Dec. 16, 2022, at his home.

He was born Oct. 10, 1927, in Pendleton, a son of the late George Washington and Clara (Simmons) Halterman.

An avid outdoorsman, Mr. Halterman enjoyed time spent hunting and fishing, especially hunting deer and turkey. He will also be remembered as a people person, who loved visiting with family and friends.

He was a member of Wayside Baptist Church. Prior to his employment with Ironworkers Local 568 as an ironworker and welder, he had worked as a logger and painter.

On Dec. 17, 1946, he married Frances Virginia Hedrick, who predeceased him on July 16, 2007.

Surviving family members include a daughter, Karen Harper of Franklin; two sons, Cliff Halterman and wife, Jenny of Circleville, and Randall Halterman of Franklin; 11 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

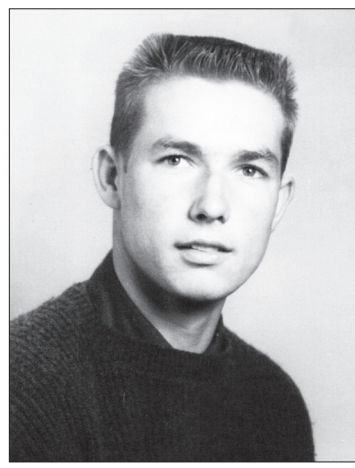
He was also preceded in death by a son, Clemet "Mike" Michael Halterman; a brother, Ervin Halterman; and four sisters, Bonnie Eye, Geneve Trail, Hazel Burchette and Maxine (Newcomb) Quarles.

A private committal service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ruddle Church Cemetery, c/o of Beverly Vandevander, 17 Vandevander Lane, Franklin, WV 26807.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaughfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Obaugh Funeral Home in McDowell, Virginia.



Ervin Eugene Fridley

Ervin Eugene Fridley, 83, of Cocoa Beach, Florida, and formerly of Pendleton County passed away Dec. 18, 2022, at Stonerise of Keyser Care Facility in Keyser.

He was born on Aug. 4, 1939, the son of the late Carrie E. Simmons.

Mr. Fridley attended Franklin High School and was a Christian by faith.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and worked at Cape Canaveral in elevator maintenance. He had also owned and operated an auto parts store that shipped parts to all areas of the country.

He was a member of the Cocoa Beach Country Club where he was an avid scratch golfer who had the pleasure of golfing with Sam Snead. He also had a passion for baseball, having played in high school and in the Air Force, and enjoyed playing poker in his spare time.

Mr. Fridley leaves behind to cherish his memories a sister, Sylvia Sites (Roger) of Petersburg; two brothers, Jerry L. Simmons (Stacey) of Petersburg and Ricky A. Harold of Harrisonburg, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Roger Simmons; and an infant brother.

In honoring Mr. Fridley's wishes, his body will be cremated. His family will celebrate his life this coming summer at their family reunion. His ashes will be scattered on the grounds of the Cocoa Beach Country Club and inurned at his family cemetery in Moyers.

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Casey Dawn Kimble

Casey Dawn Kimble, 26, of Circleville passed away Dec. 14, 2022, as the result of an auto accident.

She was born on Nov. 15, 1996, in Petersburg, the daughter of Jeffrey Ray and Christina Mae Warner George Kimble, who reside in Circleville.

Ms. Kimble was a 2015 graduate of Pendleton County High School.

She had worked as a home health caregiver for WV Choice and as a certified nursing assistant at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg and Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

In addition to her parents, she leaves behind to cherish her memory her children, Brooklyn Sky Vint, Braelynn Snoe Hedrick, and Brentlee Kohl VanMeter, all of Circleville; her fiancé, William Leo Hedrick of Manassas, Virginia; a sister, Felicia Kimble of Circleville; a brother, Ryan Kimble of Circleville; and maternal grandparents, Brenda S. Mick of Riverton and Kermit K. Warner of Waldorf, Maryland.

She was also preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Carol Sue Judy and Donald Ray Kimble.

Her body has been cremated.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date to be announced.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Basagic Funeral Home, PO Box 215, Franklin, WV 26807. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



Justin Jay Kisamore

Justin Jay Kisamore, 75, of Petersburg passed away Dec. 15, 2022, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center in Petersburg.

He was born on Dec. 25, 1946, in Elkins, the son of the late Martin M. and Pearl (Sites) Kisamore.

He attended school in Seneca Rocks and was a Christian by faith.

He was a farmer by trade who always enjoyed looking after his cows. He was a member of Local Teamsters and 984 Labors Union. He also enjoyed hunting but farming was his passion.

On March 16, 1968, he married Flora Jean "Pudgy" Kisamore, who preceded him in death on Oct. 29, 2021.

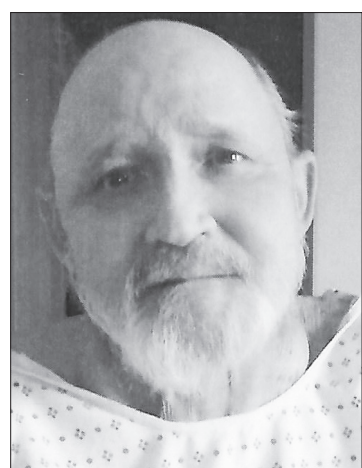
Surviving are a brother, Jacob Kisamore of Seneca Rocks; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Marlene Alexander.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Jonathan J. Kisamore; a sister, Judith Vance; eight brothers, Jackson, Jearl, Jerry, Jonah, Joseph, Julius, Jesse and John Kisamore; and a godson, Thomas Hedrick.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the Basagic Funeral Home chapel in Petersburg with Pastor Mike Lambert officiating. Interment was in the Lahmansville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



Kenneth Lee Pittman

Kenneth Lee Pittman, 64, of Franklin passed away Dec. 18, 2022, at the Pendleton Manor in Franklin.

He was born on May 28, 1958, in Petersburg, the son of Sadie Jane (Simmons) Pittman of Goose Creek, South Carolina, and the late Jimmie Doyle Pittman.

Mr. Pittman attended Franklin High School and had worked as a self-employed carpenter and plumber. He enjoyed watching westerns and game shows. He loved NASCAR, especially #3 Dale Earnhardt.

In addition to his mother, he leaves behind to cherish his memory a brother, James Pittman of Goose Creek, South Carolina; and many friends.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Steve Pittman; and two half brothers, Eric Harper and Danny Rohrbaugh.

In honoring Mr. Pittman's wishes, his body has been cremated and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



Thomas Hille Call, 55

Thomas Hille Call, 55, passed away in his sleep on Sept. 7, 2022, in Concord, North Carolina.

Born Aug. 22, 1967, at Radford Community Hospital in Radford, Virginia, he was the son of the late Alice Woodson Bowman Call and Gerald Allen Call, Sr.

During his earliest years he was loved and cared for by the late Phillip Coleman Altizer of Tazewell, Virginia. Also significant in his upbringing were the late Mallie and James Higginbotham of Tazewell, Virginia.

Mr. Call graduated from Piedmont High School in Union County, North Carolina, and most recently was employed in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Grieving his passing are

a host of friends at Opportunity House in Concord, North Carolina; half-siblings Gerald, Frank, Donna, and Sharon Call and Barbara Call McDonald; and cousins Tom Bowman, Rebecca Bowman Lough, and Adam Lough of Franklin and Matthew Lough of California.

Inurnment was private at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin with final arrangements provided by Carrabus Funeral Home in Concord, North Carolina, and Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin.

For those wishing to make a charitable contribution in his memory, the family suggests Opportunity House, 72 Corban Ave., Concord, NC 28205 or Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter, PO Box 804, Franklin, WV 26807.

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Merry Christmas

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from Idaho

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If you can't make it to the tree, just email your prayer needs to christmasprayertree@yahoo.com and they will be added for you.

Each and every request will be lifted in prayer daily.



Olin Ray Warner

Olin Ray Warner, 77, of Maysville passed away Dec. 15, 2022, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg.

He was born on Dec. 19, 1944, in Circleville, the son of the late Ray and Nola Eda Warner.

Mr. Warner was a 1963 graduate of Circleville High School. He loved grafting apple trees and deer and bear hunting. He had worked at the Green Bank Observatory as a telescope operator. He was

a jack of many trades and had worked as an electrician, carpenter, mason and a devoted farmer.

He was a member of the Living Hope Baptist Church and a lifetime member of the Petersburg VFW and American Legion. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Army, having served with Company A 4/31 of 196th Light Infantry Brigade, known as "The Polar Bears" from September 1965 to July 1967.

On Dec. 24, 1992, he married Nellie (Nelson) Warner, who survives.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Warner leaves behind to cherish his memory a daughter, Jodi Campbell (Hurley Jr.) of Beverly Hills, Florida; a son, David Warner (Donna) of Durbin; a stepdaughter, Amy Shockey (Jay) of Petersburg; a stepson, B. Michael Nelson (Roxann) of Franklin; two sisters, Nancy W. Swain (Ralph) of Mt. Airy, Maryland, and Doris Koch of Clarksburg;

four grandchildren, Hurley E. Campbell, III, Ashley Collins, Amy Warner and Adam Warner; five step-grandchildren, Benjamin Shockey, Stephen Hope, Tiffany Brennan, Ashley Tingler and Wesley Tingler; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends from 5 - 7 p.m. today at the Basagic Funeral Home in Franklin. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Matt Smith officiating. Interment will be in the Limb Place Cemetery on the Olin Warner Farm in Teter Gap, Circleville, with Military Honors conducted by the U.S. Army, Camp Dawson.

Memorials may be made to Living Hope Baptist Church or any local volunteer rescue squad.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.



Eunice Jean (Nelson) Kisamore

Eunice Jean (Nelson) Kisamore, 81, of Seneca Rocks passed away Dec. 3, 2022, at her home.

She was born on Nov. 27, 1941, in Cabins and was a daughter of the late Denver Hester Nelson and Leona Belle (Alt) Nelson.

Mrs. Kisamore worked at the Joan Curtis Sewing Factory in Petersburg for

several years and she and her husband operated the family farm and poultry houses.

She loved sewing and machine embroidering for her family. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her husband of 64 years, Denton Kisamore, preceded her in death five days earlier on Nov. 28, 2022.

Surviving are a son, Timothy Kisamore (Lisa) of Seneca Rocks; a daughter, Connie Kisamore White (Andrew) of Greenfield, Indiana; five grandchildren, Ian Kisamore (Ashley), Adrianna Chapman (Joseph), Kyle White (Ellen), Lauren Weir (James) and Tasia Whilden (Blake); five great-grandchildren, Amelia Kisamore, Emma Kisamore, Eli Kisamore, Lenna Whilden and Olivia Chapman; a sister, Carol

Mallow of Petersburg; four brothers, Raymond Nelson (Peggy) of Maysville, Jack Nelson (Donna) of Pipestem, Benny Nelson (Sheryl) of Elm City, North Carolina, and Larry Nelson (Marlene) of Cabins; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Norma Mullenex and Verda Kisamore; and a brother, Eston Nelson.

A funeral service was held Dec. 7 at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastors Coleman and Coleen Clark officiating. She was laid to rest beside her husband, Denton, in the Riggleman Cemetery in Cabins.

Memorial donations may be made to the Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Department, 2342 Allegheny Drive, Seneca Rocks.



Christmas coloring contest winners for this year have been chosen. Winner of the prekindergarten and kindergarten category was Carter Braham (Pre-K), son of Heather and Cody Braham of Franklin, above.

In the first-, second- and third-grade category, Macie Mitchell (third grade), below, was the winner. She is the daughter of Brandon and Cara Mitchell of Sugar Grove. Second- and third-place winners can be found in the Christmas greeting section of this week's paper.

All winners will receive cash, sponsored by The Pendleton Times.



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January 7, 2023



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- No walk-ins.
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A1C Test (offered by Judy's Drug Store) - \$20.00



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Wishing to all of our family and friends, a blessed Merry Christmas and peace throughout the year.

From our Family at

Basagic Funeral Homes



10 Years Ago
Week of December 13, 2012

SUGAR GROVE

We are entering into a month that is full of Christmas traditions. We need to keep the worthy ones and cast out the ones that detract from the true meaning of Christmas. As I read the news, I see that people aren't at peace...with each other or with themselves. With wars and rumors of wars, violence and unspeakable terrorism, unrest and tumult, where is this peace on earth? We all need to find peace...regardless of circumstances.

Peace isn't something for which we wish. It is something for which we work.

We need the spirit of loving and giving of ourselves...not just at this season, but it should be a way of life.

Week of December 20, 2012

SUGAR GROVE

The question arose wondering whether the postal service ever delivered mail on Christmas Day. Yes, according to Raymond Swadley, it did deliver a message to inform his family, who lived at Brandywine, about his brother, Virgil Swadley, having been wounded in the Italian campaign of World War II. This was Christmas Day, 1944, when the Brandywine Post Office delivered the message.

20 Years Ago
Week of December 12, 2002

C & H Cash Store To Close, Ending 50 Years Service In Cherry Grove Community

It's going to be missed when it goes, and it will be gone around the first of the new year.

"It" is the C & H Cash Store, a convenience store/gas station in Cherry Grove. "The place was handy," Bernard Raines commented a few days ago, and Bobby Bennett agreed. "You didn't have to travel too far to get something," he said. "It's definitely going to be missed here in Cherry Grove."

The Cash Store, like so many little shops in rural locales, means a lot more than mere "convenience."

It's also a focal point for an entire community, a friendly place where the locals like to gather and be neighborly.

And the discussions the local folks have at stores like the C & H are wide-ranging — from politics to county goings-on, from the weather even to a little bit of harmless gossip.

The talk might not be fancy, but it's straightforward, and it can get lively.

The Cash Store was started in 1954 by Farrell Heavner's grandfather, Charlie Wyant.

Week of December 19, 2002

County Chamber of Commerce To Be Organized

The creation in January of a Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce has been announced by Bill Loving, the CEO of the Pendleton County Bank.

"It will be a viable chamber of commerce and a funded chamber of commerce," Loving said in an interview on Friday. "And it will be a county-wide chamber of commerce. Our goal is to have every business in the county as a member."

30 Years Ago
Week of December 17, 1992

First Winter Storm Dumps Deep Snow On Pendleton

Winter came early and emphatically to Pendleton County this year.

The heaviest snowfall in more than a decade blanketed the county under 12 to 24 inches of snow last Thursday and Friday.

Although the temperatures accompanying last week's snow ranged between the low 30s and high 20s, the snow was preceded by frigid weather and high winds during the preceding weekend.

50 Years Ago
Week of December 21, 1972

How to Re-Use Gift Boxes, Cans

Don't be too quick to throw out those good boxes or cartons that hold your family's Christmas gifts—you can make them into handsome containers for everything from hair rollers to sewing materials, not forgetting the canisters and cookie tins you can make out of those plastic-lidded coffee cans!

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It's a great way to "recycle" your boxes and cans—and you'll have attractive containers for all sorts of things, in kitchen, bathroom, or at desk or phone.

You can make a pretty pencil jug out of a juice can...and never again have to say, "Wait till I find a pencil," while talking on the phone!

60 Years Ago
Week of December 20, 1962

100 YEARS AGO

By LON K. SAVAGE

Editor's Note—The following is one of a series of articles on the Civil War. Each weekly installment covers events which occurred exactly 100 years ago.

Grant's Army Halted By Forrest, Van Dorn

The week before Christmas brought good news to the Confederacy 100 years ago this week, but the news was not very Christmassy. Rather, it was that the army of Federal Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, which had been pushing slowly southward through Mississippi, had been halted.

Grant's setback did not come in battle but in a series of important raids made by Confederate Gens. Earl Van Dorn and Nathan Bedford Forrest. Van Dorn's raid resulted in the capture of Holly Springs in northern Mississippi, Grant's base of supplies. Forrest's raids were in western Genesee, where he broke the telegraph wires and railroad tracks leading to Grant's army and cut the Federal general off entirely.

Together, the two generals forced Grant to pull in his wings and retreat northward to get things organized again.

Van Dorn, the Confederate general who had been defeated at Corinth in the autumn, made his raid December 20. Leading 3,500 cavalymen, he moved northward through Mississippi into the rear of Grant's lines, which then were located near Oxford.

Grant learned of Van Dorn's movement and messaged his commander at Holly Springs, Col. R. C. Murphy, to stand ready. But when Van Dorn arrived at Holly Springs, Murphy stunned his commanding officer by surrendering without a fight. About 1,500 Federals were taken prisoner, and Van Dorn's men took over or destroyed vast quantities of food, clothing and ammunition.

On that same day, Forrest was hard at work, too. Moving northward behind the Tennessee River, Forrest had crossed it December 15 to begin his raids along Grant's supply lines.

Forrest's raids, like Van Dorn's, had been forseen, and Federal armies took out after the raider the moment his presence became apparent. But Forrest dodged among them, fighting on occasions, gathering recruits as he moved and arming them with the weapons of the Federals he defeated. One after another, Federal installations fell to his raids; telegraph wires fell to the ground, and the important Mobile and Ohio Railroad, Grant's life-line, was torn up over a 60-mile stretch. On December 20, the day that Van Dorn captured Holly Springs, Forrest was raiding the railroad center of Jackson, Tenn.

In all, Forrest and about 2,000 followers had wrecked Grant's communications and supply system

and had captured, killed or wounded about 2,500 Federal troops. They then re-crossed the Tennessee to safety.

There was nothing left for Grant to do but pull back, and he did just that. His march for Vicksburg had been seriously checked, but that still was not the end of the damage.

For as Grant pulled back, Federal Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, working under Grant's orders, set out from Memphis with 30,000 men to descend the Mississippi and attack Vicksburg. Sherman was depending on some assistance from Grant in central Mississippi. Now, that assistance would not be forthcoming.

Next week: Sherman's defeat at Chickasaw Bayou.

Santa Claus Lives In Every Loving And Useful Gift

This is our annual Christmas Story which was written by the Rev. Frank Plybon, pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church.

We often have qualms of conscience when we permit and encourage our children to believe in Santa Claus.

Is the trust and confidence that our children have in Santa Claus based on historical fact or is it simply a figment of the imagination based entirely on myth?

Well here is the truth:

Sometime about 300 A.D. in the Roman town of Patara on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, a boy named Nicholas was born to a family of great wealth. This family was faithful to Christianity and noted for its generosity. When he was just a lad both his parents died and Nicholas came into possession of tremendous wealth of his family. The influence of his home and parents began to show in the life of Nicholas. He soon became noted for his unselfishness and willingness to help the needy. By day he was among the people of Patara noting the poor, hungry, the ill and the needy. And by night, to avoid recognition, he would make his gifts anonymously to those in need.

Nicholas had a neighbor so poor that he was unable to provide marriage dowries for his three daughters who had come of age. The three girls had decided that one of them would sell herself as a slave to provide dowries for the other two. Each girl had volunteered to be the girl to be sold as a slave. When news of this reached the ears of Nicholas, he promptly proceeded to provide three purses of gold, enough to provide dowries for the three daughters with enough left over to provide the father with a comfortable living. And this gift was delivered that night anonymously.

Nicholas' reputation for unselfishness and generosity began to spread far and wide. On a sea voyage to the Holy Land he rescued an elderly sailor

who had accidentally fallen overboard. This act of unselfishness and heroism endeared him to seamen forever. When Nicholas returned from the Holy Land in later years, he took up residence in the seaport city of Myra about 40 miles east of his home town of Patara. He continued his anonymous giving to the needy and became more active in the church serving under the Bishop of Myra. When the Bishop died, Nicholas, though quite young, was appointed the Bishop of Myra. More than ever he labored in the church, yet he always found time to continue his giving and extending help to the needy.

One year the whole countryside around Myra was threatened with famine and starvation. Nicholas prayed and counseled with God. A heavily laden grain ship enroute to Egypt stopped in Myra. Nothing would persuade the captain to unload the precious cargo among the starving people of Myra. He was determined to take the grain to Egypt. But Nicholas appeared on the scene. All the seamen had heard of the man who had rescued the elderly seaman on the voyage to the Holy Land. The captain was persuaded to leave the cargo in Myra and the city was safe from starvation.

As Christianity spread throughout Rome, the Emperor feared its growing power and ordered its suppression. Bishop Nicholas was imprisoned and tortured in an effort to make him renounce his faith. One story has it that he died on the torture rack without recanting. Others say he held firm and was eventually released. Whatever happened, the efforts of Rome failed and Christianity stood firm in Myra.

After Nicholas was made a Saint his fame spread throughout the entire world. He became a patron Saint in Austria, the Holy Land and Imperial Russia. He was especially popular among sailors, children and virgins.

When the Dutch settled in the New World, St. Nicholas was known among them as "Saint Nikolaus" and also as "Sinterklaas." This name gradually evolved into the name "Santa Claus." This is how we know him today. He is no longer the tall stately bishop with the red mitre on his head, but rather the jolly round man in a red suit with a long white beard. The name and the image have changed. But he still stands for the same things—generosity, unselfishness and giving.

Some would say that St. Nicholas is dead and buried in the Church of St. Nicholas in Bari, Italy. Yet others would say no, Santa Claus still lives. He lives in the spirit of the Christmas Season. He lives in faith, gentleness, generosity and in every loving and unselfish gift.

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Smith Creek/ Friends Run

by Dave Ellis

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. As the year of 2022 is coming to an end, may the year 2023 be a blessing to each. May it be a great time for the future.

Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren: shut-ins - Mary Mitchell, Shelda Warner, Vestyl Bible, Bucky Moyers, Pam Riner, Anna Tessi, Ruby Propst, Alice Johnson, Arlin Dale and Freda Jamison, Hazel Simmons, Mary Alice Simmons, Reva Hartman, Sandy Washburn, Sandra Vandevander and Larry Moyers; prayer list - Richard Campbell, Brian Wilton, Tyler Moore, Tristan Hartman, Ronald Hayes, Becky Hedrick, Joshua Shirk, Ava George, Doug Judy, Ronnie Bowers Sr., Allen Kile II, Ruth Simmers, Roberta Bennett, Raven Hoke, Harry Allen Warner, Quinley McConnell, Etha Mae Bowers, Mary Jo Wilfong, Kenny Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Olin Hoover, Debbie Horst, Rodney Crites, Charlotte Copley, Randy Bennett, Carolyn Gilbert, Glenn Sites, Billy Rowe, Myrtle Hammer, Kathy Propst, Jimmie Bennett, Marcia C. "Marty" Warner, Paul Mallow, Sandy Bennett, Pam Rexrode, Wendell and Darlene Nelson, Ed Hammer, Braden McClanahan, Jack Judy, Ruthalene Judy, Jason Rexrode and Kent Rexrode.

Prayer thought: "Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to earth as a human baby to free me from the bondage of sin and death."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for Dec. 12 through Dec. 18, followed by the same for last year, were as follows: Dec. 12 - 38°, 33° (38°, 25°); Dec. 13 - 39°, 29° (55°, 22°); Dec. 14 - 35°, 20° (54°, 20°); Dec. 15 - 33°, 31°, 51" ice (56°, 19°); Dec. 16 - 34°, 31° (58°, 38°); Dec. 17 - 38°, 30° (57°, 39°) and Dec. 18 - 31°, 22° (59°, 41°, .04").

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Low-income Board members are elected by low-income individuals to represent their interests on the Board of Directors. Nominations for a low-income Eastern Action Board member representative will be held at all Eastern Action offices from December 14, 2022 through December 29, 2022.

SINCERE THANKS

Our hearts are full of gratitude for the outpouring of food, phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, blanket throw, donations of Gideon Bibles and memorial contributions made in Pauline's name. The assistance from Debbie Turner, Delores Shirk, Pendleton Community Care, Pendleton Home Health Services and Grant Memorial Hospice was deeply appreciated. Thank you to the pallbearers, food servers, Kimble Funeral Home and Pastor Dave Webb for your help and kindness.

We treasure your friendship and thank God for each of you.

The Family of Pauline Waggy

Countless Pleasures, Delights Associated with Christmas

Sugar Grove

By Paula Mitchell

What is Christmas?

Christmas is...feasting...a time of good cheer...Mary and Joseph...warm circle of family and friends...a conspiracy of love...fellowship...giving and receiving...a living room of mess on Christmas Day...filled stockings...doing something extra for someone...the baby in a manger...Christmas carols filling the air...a time of tradition...to pause and reflect on the important things...to worship the King of Kings...city sidewalks dressed in holiday style...shepherds...the rustling of silver and gold paper...mistletoe...decorating the tree...frightful weather...the fire being so delightful...Toyland...let it snow... wreaths...Chrismos...believing...decorating packages...to pause and reflect on the important things...Christmas music...the sound of the trumpet of joy...to bring peace to men on earth...a kind word and deed...poinsettias...enjoying the Christmas lights...attending a Christmas program...singing loud for all to hear...opening presents...a season of joy...families united...tenderness of the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future...gift giving...a spirit of forgiving...a frame of mind...the most wonderful time of the year...standing heart to heart and hand in hand...Santa Claus...eggnog...bows and ribbons...listening to the Christmas story...screams of delight...laughter...hugs...proclaiming the Messiah's birth...ringing of bells...roasted chestnuts...strings of popcorn...Nativity scene...sending Christmas cards...angels...candles...exchanging presents...receiving Christmas cards...making angels in the snow...sledding.

The writer wishes her readers a very Merry Christmas with a clean new slate for the New Year! May your heart and home be filled with joy.

Life's little instructions for a good week include the following:

1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
2. Read more books and watch less TV.
3. Never interrupt when one is being flattered.
4. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.
5. Take a ride to enjoy the lights of Christmas.

Snow flew everywhere Sunday morning. The trees on higher locations still had the glistening glow of frost and sleet from Thursday. Schools were closed on Thursday with students having a virtual learning day. Weather forecasters are predicting a cold week ahead, with snow by the end of the week.

Christmas quotes are as follows:
 "At Christmas, all roads lead home." — Marjorie Holmes
 "Nothing ever seems too bad, too hard, or too sad, when you've got a Christmas tree in the living room." — Nora Roberts
 "Christmas is the day that holds all time together." — Alexander Smith
 "Let us keep Christmas beautiful without a thought of greed." — Ann Garnett Schultz
 "Christmas waves a magic wand over the world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." — Norman Vincent Peale
 Sitting by the fireplace to hear the "Talk of the Grove" is wonderful.

Be sure to "batten down" all belongings. Thieves and burglaries are becoming quite an occurrence in the county. Neighborhood watches are very important, as well as night lights, cameras and alarm systems. The latter can be costly but cheap if it defrays burglaries. These folk are looking for items that will sell easily on the market, providing a way to support whatever it is that they need, at the cost of someone else. What a shame that it has come to this in Pendleton County. Who would have ever thought? The populace can no longer take things for granted and be very trusting.

Robert and Nancy Hodges spent Monday and Tuesday at Wesley and Becky Puffenbarger's home.

Marleta Wimer, Terri Grogg and friend, Claude, visited Rosalee Grogg.

St. John Lutheran Church was busy taking boxes of food and cookies to shut-ins on Sunday, following worship service.

Recent visitors of Phil Downs were Larry and Debbie Simmons of Fishersville, Virginia, Jenna Williams of Staunton, Virginia, Tom and Paula Mitchell, Brenda Fisher and Judy Grimm.

Charles and "Pidge" Anderson had a visit this weekend from "Pidge's" niece, Mary Alice, and Lester Hyre of Olds Field.

Benny and Linda Custer and Willard and Judy Rader enjoyed visiting with family and a delicious Christmas dinner Saturday in the home of Mike and Robin DelBiondo.

Joel and Betsy Farrar of Lynchburg, Virginia, were visitors Sunday in the home of Willard and Judy Rader.

Christmas clickety-clacks for the chin waggars are as follows:
 •Gingerbread houses were thought to be invented in Germany during the 16th century.

- A Christmas tree is put up by 96 million households.
- The United States Postal Service delivers about 15 billion pieces

of mail and about 800 million packages.

•The Puritans did not allow Christmas to be celebrated from 1659-1681.

•Nine out of 10 Americans celebrate Christmas.

•The star on the top of the Christmas tree represents the star of Bethlehem.

Those celebrating birthdays in January are as follows: Janelle Mitchell, Lisa Hull and Linda Sheffer, first; Lowell Simmons, second; Eli Felici and Wanda Pitsenbarger, third; Wendell Marshall, fourth; Ivan Lamb and Kathy McKenzie, fifth; Laney Bowers, seventh; Sue Kimble and Jeff Pitsenbarger, eighth; Richard Morrison, Ronnie Kimble and Bonnie Holloway, ninth; Charles Nelson, Julie Koontz and Helen Nash, 10th; Joann Moyers, 11th; Donna Bowers and Bob Hoops, 12th; Amy Gardiner, 13th; Tammy Mitts, Joyce Burgoyne and Richard Bennett, 14th; Junior Crider, 15th; and Danny Wilburn, 16th.

Concerns for this week are many, and they are as follows: Roger and Joan Ashley, Mercedes Aumann, Vernon "Fuzzy" Baldwin, Lynn Beatty, Jack Bennett, Jimmie Bennett, Bill Brackman, Jed Conrad, the Hall DuBois family, Jeff Evick, Ina Evick, Dan and Margaret Ferrell, Ron Gilkeson, Lola Graham, Steve and Armanda Heavner, the Anthony Henderson family, Gary and Jackie Hills, Virgil Homan, Jr., Charlee Marie Hoover, Keith Hoover, Myrtle Hoover, Debbie Horst, Doris Hull, Bob and Cynthia Hurry, Lisa Dawn Jamison, Alice Johnson, Kim Kline, Richard Judy, Melissa Lambert, Tammy Lambert, Robert Lambert, Rex Landis, Angela Lung, Linda Malcolm, Betty Mallow, Roger and Skip Mallow, Naomi Michael, Gary Mitchell, Gloria Moats, Joe Moats, Ruth Moyers, Melvin Moats, Helen Nash, Aaron Nelson, Ruth Nelson, Bennie Nesselrodt, Cheryl Paine, Sutton Parrack, Shirley Pratt, Betty Lou Propst, Kathy Propst, Sheldon Propst, Mary Puffenbarger, Verla Puffenbarger, Jason Rexrode, Jimmy Rexrode, Kent Rexrode, Pam Rexrode, Glen and Jeannie Riggleman, Max Rodriguez, Donna Ruddle, Annie Simmons, Barbara Simmons, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Davey Simmons, Erin Simmons, Eva Simmons, Tom Simmons, Robbie Sites, Ona Smith, Stanna Smith, Patricia Swecker, Rosa Tichenor, Sandra Vandevander, the Trenton "Tiny" Varner family, the Pauline Waggy family, Ron White, Judy Williams and Larry Wimer.

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PCHS Star Athlete Signs *PCHS Wildcats Declaw* With Concord University *EHHS Cougars 66-34*



Ana Young is flanked by her parents, Jake and Darla Young, and sister, Braelyn, as she signs her paperwork to join the Concord University basketball team next year.

By Stephen Smoot

Coaches, teachers, parents, family, friends, and teammates joined together last week to celebrate Pendleton County's Ana Young signing to play basketball at Concord University in Athens. The three-sport star, who is also a champion in the classroom with a 3.8 GPA, was featured as WHSV Channel 3's Athlete of the Week this month as well.

Young said "I'm feeling very joyful and very blessed to have this opportunity." Her high school coaches also expressed joy and excitement. "We're very proud of her," said Micah Bailey, the Lady Wildcats' basketball coach. He added that "her work ethic is unmatched."

That same quality helped to put Young on the radar of Concord University women's basketball coach Tesla Southcutt. She shared that Young's work ethic contributes mightily to team success, saying "she gives to her teammates, her program, and anyone around her."

Concord spent two years recruiting Young, giving their coaching staff time to evaluate her. Southcutt described the staff's excitement, saying "we've fallen in love with her game over the

past two years."

Great players exhibit the intangibles as well. Southcutt described how "her game has a lot of leadership qualities at both the offensive and defensive end." The program expects her to eventually fill "a big leadership role," as well as contributing "passion and a competitive nature."

Young comes at a perfect time for a program in transition. Until last year, Concord relied on a 6'5" inside presence for success on both ends of the floor. With that player now graduated, Southcutt looks to establish a faster paced style requiring superior athletes who can think on their feet. She says Young has tremendous athleticism and "great size for a combination guard at our level."

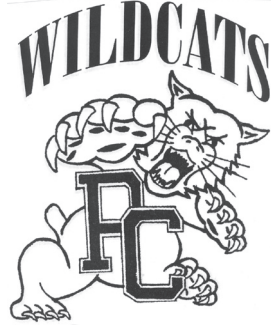
Her height and quickness also help her to disrupt opposing offenses during both fast breaks and set plays. Young's defense often spurs Pendleton County's quick paced attack.

Southcutt sees Young as potentially either a point or a shooting guard in the college game. She explained that Young is "able to score the basketball in so many different elements." This includes a precise shot from outside. As the coach says,

"you give her too much space, she nails the three." As good a scorer as Young could be, Southcutt also says that "she could be a great point guard at our level."

Young also earned all-state and all Potomac Valley Conference honors last fall as a star for the Wildcat volleyball squad. Her relentless play at the net intimidated opponents throughout the Potomac Highlands. Coach Rod Cooper expressed that he's "super, super excited for her. I know how much it means for her to sign." He added that "she's worked hard and we're proud of her."

"It's great to know that we have that caliber of a kid in our state," Southcutt stated. Bailey agreed, explaining that "it's a special thing to have someone from such a small town and see her do the great things she is going to do."



By Stephen Smoot

When the Cougars from Baker came to Pendleton County in search of prey, they found the Wildcats the more worthy hunters. The near miss at Keyser and a big win at Frankfort in the past week buoyed the team as they hosted East Hardy. Relentless pressure and big plays sunk the Cougars.

The game started with an East Hardy steal and defense dominated the first stanza. Jacob Beachler sank a layup to score the first bucket after a minute had passed which East Hardy followed up with a three pointer at 6:35 left in the first. Five seconds later, Clayton Kisamore took a steal to the bucket to put his team up 4-3. With 5:15 left, East Hardy drained another three pointer to give them another slender lead at 6-4.

After a powerful Beachler block and a Kisamore putback of an offensive rebound to tie the game 6-6 with less than five minutes in the quarter, the Cougars never led again.

Although first quarter baskets were few, the Wildcats executed well in what some call "the little things." Brayden Beachler, Jacob Beachler, and Kisamore got key offensive rebounds to keep their team in play. Dusty Smith and Kisamore racked up steals and Jacob Beachler's height, athleticism, and skill on defense intimidated the Cougars near the basket any time they tried to score inside.

Josiah Kimble helped to carry the team offensively in the first quarter. With two minutes left, he launched a three pointer to put his team up 11-6. Then with 15 seconds left, Kimble wove through defenders to sink a dramatic old school style running one hander. Pendleton County led after one quarter 13-6. Also, Jacob Beachler in the waning minutes showed off his outside touch with a high arcing 17-footer.

In the second quarter, the lid came off the basket for Pendleton County, but remained

firmly in place for the visiting Cougars. Although East Hardy blocked a layup attempt and hit two free throws in the first minute, the Wildcats spent the rest of their time crafting a lead. Kisamore opened up scoring for his team in the quarter with his first coast-to-coast drive and layup of the night, putting his team up 15-8.

East Hardy continued to try to score with the three ball, but after the first quarter struggled to hit from outside while finding inside buckets difficult as well. With just under six minutes to play, Jacob Beachler broke up an East Hardy fast break by siding in to take a charge.

Chase Owens also helped to apply pressure with a timely steal with just under four minutes left in the half. Another Kisamore coast-to-coast drive and layup put the Wildcats up 20-10. Owens then rebounded his own miss and dropped an entry pass to Kisamore who executed a post move and scored.

Additionally, when the Wildcats extended their halfcourt defense to the halfcourt line, it disrupted the Cougars' ability to set up their offense and capped their offensive production. "We've been going over intensity," Coach Jeremy Bodkin said, "That was the thing that cost the game with Keyser." He added that game preparation has also been strong, explaining that the "coaches get them where they need to be."

At halftime, Pendleton County held an eight-point lead that seemed larger. East Hardy tried to seize momentum coming out of the half, hitting shots and forcing mistakes by the Wildcats, slowly eroding the lead. Bodkin called a timeout at 5:33 after East Hardy closed to 26-21.

After some urgent words from the coach, the Wildcats came back on the floor and shifted into another gear. Jacob Beachler hit a basket at 5:15, then blocked a shot 10 seconds later. Kimble then found Kisamore on a pass for an easy basket to put the Wildcats up

30-21.

One of the key elements of the Wildcats' success comes from offensive unselfishness. The team consistently looks for the extra pass to find the best possible shot.

Pendleton County seemed to come at East Hardy in waves. The Cougars struggled to control the ball against the Wildcat press and the home team took full advantage. When the lead extended to 39-23 with less than two minutes in the quarter, East Hardy frustrations boiled over into a technical foul. The offense, fueled by aggressive pressure on defense, outscored the Cougars 21 to nine in the quarter to seize a 45-25 lead. The third quarter scoring closed with a Connor Armentrout assist to an Owens shot.

The fourth quarter started as the first did, with an East Hardy steal. That was the only similarity between the two. The Wildcats kept up their full court press for a time, due to the Cougars' outside shooting ability that could erase a big lead quickly. Owens continued to contribute off the bench, fighting on the post for position, then drawing a foul as he made the layup. His added free throw put his team up 56-29.

Pendleton County kept their foot on the accelerator to the end. Armentrout scored on a coast-to-coast drive with 2:20 left, then Zykijah Wright dove to the floor to save a Wildcat possession. Dillon Smith drew a foul and hit two free throws with 1:18 left and Evan Teter's assist to Owens ended the scoring at 66-34.

Bodkin said, "We didn't take care of the ball in the first half, but we were better in the second." He emphasized the team's strong effort, saying that "we did a great job hustling."

Kisamore led all scoring for both teams with 22. Kimble followed with 17, Jacob Beachler with 10, Owens with nine, and Dusty Smith, Brayden Beachler, Armentrout, and Dillon Smith each with two

Forever Young – Wildcat Star Scores 53 in 77-36 Romp over Bulldogs

By Stephen Smoot

"May you build a ladder to the stars. And climb on every rung. May you stay forever young."

On a day when Ana Young publicly confirmed her decision to play basketball at the next level, she delivered the kind of performance that wowed Concord's coaches. "She came out with some fire and some type of ferocity," Coach Micah Bailey said in praise of his star guard. Young also displayed the versatility on both ends of the floor that earned praise from Concord coach Tesla Southcutt.

Young repeatedly broke down the Tygarts Valley defense, toying with the adjustments they tried to make. When they played a man to man, she torched each defender on graceful drives to the rim. To stop those drives their coach put them in a 2-3 zone, at which point she remained content to punish that choice with a blizzard of three-point shots.

Tygarts Valley controlled the initial tip, then dribbled the wrong way across the half court line, giving the ball over to the home team. Twenty seconds into the game, Young buried her first three pointer to put the Wildcats up 3-0. Pendleton County never looked back.

Young went on to score 19 in a first quarter that at one point saw the Wildcats

up 23-0. She showed her range early and often as well, hitting threes from NBA distance at times.

Her teammates rose to the occasion as well. As the quarter closed, Lizzie Alt evaded a defender with a head fake, took a short dribble, then drained an eight-foot shot to put her team up 30-5 at the end of the quarter.

The Bulldogs brought a height and size advantage and remained effective the entire game in getting high percentage opportunities near the rim. Once they got there, however, they had to contend with the athleticism of the Wildcat post players. Gabby DePue and Baylee Beachler played strong underneath, forcing bad shots and grabbing rebounds on both ends of the court.

"May your hands always be busy. May your feet always be swift. May you have a strong foundation. When the winds of changes shift."

The Wildcats opened the game with a ferocious full court press, circling each ball handler as a hunter tracks their prey. Young snagged steals at both the 4:55 and 4:46 mark, driving each in for layups at the other end. Even when Coach Bailey pulled his team out of the press in the first quarter, his athletes kept Tygarts Valley from getting on track.

The second quarter progressed much like the first,

with relentless defense and lots of scoring. Jameigh Miller forced a steal 30 second into the quarter. Not long after, Young swiped a pass and drove for a layup to put her team up 32-5. Thirty seconds later, she did the same. Later in the quarter, Alt missed a shot, fought for the rebound, and scored a layup on the put back. Shortly thereafter, with 30 seconds left on the clock, Julia Mongold sank a three-pointer to put her team up 52-17 at the half.

As the second half opened, Coach Bailey threw a new wrinkle at the Bulldogs. Young and Beachler executed a textbook pick and roll that ended in a Beachler layup. Young continued to ruthlessly attack the basket in the quarter. At one point, she sliced past two defenders on a fast break and deftly laid the ball in the hoop.

She continued to make plays. With less than two minutes to go in the quarter, she took a dribble toward the basket to shake off a defender, then stepped back to hit yet another three-point shot. Young's last basket came with 1:07 left. She used a Madison Arbaugh pick to free herself and hit a shot to lift her team's lead to 70-22.

For the fourth quarter, the Wildcats brought in their future stars. Mongold opened scoring in the quarter with a post move that ended in a hook shot. Miller and Kiera Heavener



Ana Young

fought for rebounds as Nataley Hedrick contributed quickness and tenaciousness on defense. Jenna Smith closed scoring with a three-point shot from the right wing.

Coach Bailey explained after the game that his team has continued to improve, learning from both victory and defeat, saying "so far we're moving in the right direction."

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We would like to sincerely thank everyone for all the love and prayers during the loss of our loved ones, Denton and Eunice Kisamore. Thank you so much for all the food, flowers, gifts, memorial contributions, visits, phone calls, messages and texts during those difficult times.

A special thanks to Pastor Coleman and Coleen Clark for both of the wonderful services and to the pallbearers. A very special thank you to Cornerstone Family Worship and North Fork Baptist Church for providing the wonderful meals after the services.

We want to especially thank Schaeffer Funeral Home for all of their support and compassion given to our family during these times of loss.

We greatly appreciate everything and may God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Denton & Eunice Kisamore Family

Remembering Thompson's Motel

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ton completed "one of the largest business transactions ever negotiated in Franklin" when he purchased the property for a quarter million dollars. He had served as survey party chief for the design division of the West Virginia State Road Commission. For Morton, much of his tenure owning the motel centered around family values.

"At the time, I was married and worked for the department of highways statewide," Morton remembers. He added that "it really was difficult. I had been talking to Riley Thompson and he was wanting to semi-retire." He explained that "I loved what I did," but that statewide travel, particularly in a time before most four-lane highways appeared in West Virginia, kept him away from home too much.

Morton applied the engineer's maxim "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" when he took over. He kept the staff and also the name with no change in management policies, wisely keeping the formula of its success.

One of the most common praises that people sing about the former Thompson's Motel revolve around its family atmosphere. Judy Stout, who is in her 33rd year at the motel, remarked about their customers "they've been coming here since they were kids with their grandfathers and daddies to go hunting and fishing. Some of the guys have been coming for 20 or 30 years. Now they have kids of their own that they are bringing."

Morton described ownership of the motel as including both lows and highs. In 1988, Trooper Rick Gillespie, now Pendleton County emergency services coordinator, investigated the theft of a safe from under the counter. It contained "an undisclosed amount of money, checks, lottery tickets, business papers, and records" and was stolen in the early hours of the morning on Feb 2. A truck driver found the safe off of Peters Run Road.

That robbery took place two and a half years after the Flood of '85 that turned the South Branch watershed into a nightmare of destruction as nearly 10 inches of rain fell. Morton remembers "that was a terrible time."

As he described, "the problem was the people in the area couldn't leave. They had no roads, no electricity, no water."

John O'Brien's book "At Home in the Heart of Appalachia" describes some of the worst of what occurred. The emergency call monitor that often went completely silent on weekdays at that time registered "calls . . . from all over the county, the ridgetops down to the valley bottoms." The South Branch River came "up and over" the low water bridge in Franklin "raging with frightening power." North of Franklin at Ruddle, the river "might have been three hundred yards wide and twenty or thirty feet deep."

Water got into the shop, Morton says, but not the motel itself. With even mountaintop residences reporting full basements, the lack of damage was fortuitous. Many trapped travelers and locals unable to get to their homes had to rely on whatever lodging they could.

The bad times and hard times, however, do not dominate Morton's memories of owning the motel. "I just have a good memory of the people that I met and that I served in the restaurant," Morton said, adding that one such personage was U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd. Morton said that he also remembered Delegate Harold Michael and State Senator (later commissioner of agriculture) Walt Helmick stopping to eat there as well.

Morton enjoyed seeing "people from different states... people coming for hunting season from year to year. I have a lot of good memories."

And, thanks to Paul Morton and his staff, countless thousands who stayed at the motel over the decades can say the same.



Library Funding

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books outside for patrons to pick up.

Hamilton explained that Local Economic Development Assistance, or LEDA, funds operated similarly to the old Budget Digest. Each senator and delegate has a set amount that he or she can use to support specific projects and needs. He said "what we are allotted is not much and delegates get less." Each chamber of the State Legislature has a set amount divided among all members. Since the Senate has 34 and the House of Delegates 100 members the latter house will receive less per individual.

LEDA funds support one time capital expenditures that will enhance the area economy. Legislators, however, do not have final say over projects. They must get approval at the committee level, then by the House Speaker or Senate President, then receive final approval from the Governor. Governor Jim Justice additionally sent a personal letter to Waggy to thank her for her request and work in the community.

"I am glad that the president of the Senate came up with this idea," Hamilton added. It operates similarly to the old Budget Digest, but on a much smaller scale and with less complexity. Earl Ray Tomblin credited former Governor Arch Moore with the original idea, but said while senate president in 2014 that "it's become a very cumbersome process."

Because each senator receives a limited amount, Hamilton has joined with fellow 11th District Senator Robert Karnes to support projects together. "Our money will go further if we go in half on projects," he said. Hamilton also suggested that delegates could join with senators to stretch the money even more. He shared that the senators were trying to find money for the 42 fire departments in their district, acknowledging that "most of these are volunteer. Only a few are paid."

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Town of Franklin Reviews Winter Wonderland In the Park, Discusses Equipment Purchases

By Stephen Smoot

In their last meeting of the year, the mayor and town council of Franklin took up the pressing issue of equipment replacement while also reviewing holiday festivities and decorations.

After approval of the financial statement, of which town administrator Frank Wehrle said "there's nothing that stands out," Mayor Bob Horan opened discussion of needed purchases. Funds allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act will be used to purchase both a new cargo van and a backhoe for the town.

Wehrle explained the need for a new van, saying that "there's a lot of wear and tear on it." He added that "our van's looking pretty bad" and praised town personnel efforts to keep it on the road.

Some slight complications could surround the purchase of the van. Wehrle explained that the state did not renew its cargo van contract, leaving the town to its own devices to find one. The town cannot simply buy a new cargo van that meets its needs off of a dealership lot. It must have adaptations such as shelving and other features. "It's a pretty involved process," Wehrle stated.

Horan expressed the urgency of getting the van quickly, saying "we need to find someone who can do it in 30 days."

Council focus then shifted to the purchase of a mini excavator with a quoted price of \$87,500. While the town has a larger backhoe for big jobs, some work requires more precision. The proposed purchase would have a smaller footprint, bring less risk of damaging costly infrastructure, and keep personnel from taking longer on jobs using shovels to move earth.

Council member Keely Smith asked about progress on a town website. Elizabeth Scott replied that the town was checking out options to allow for payments online. Wehrle added that "we need to do backend stuff on the server, but that's small potatoes."

Horan called upon Scott to give a report on the progress and impact of the town's Winter Wonderland in the Park festivity. Scott started by explaining that "it went off really well. We decorated the park. We had a \$1,000 donor and Pendleton Community Bank donated as well."

She then added that "learning what went well and what didn't is a good thing and that they wish to add more to the park next year."

"Our vendors were great," Scott said. Approximately 40 people turned out for breakfast at the community building, requiring volunteers to erect additional tables. She related that out of 240 hot dogs prepared for lunch 190 were sold, making it a success.

The event also included a parade and visit with Santa in the park. Although "the weather is never our friend when it comes to outdoor events," Scott said, "a lot of people lined the streets" for the parade as "Santa gave his usual monetary gifts to the kids."

She praised businesses who participated in the pole decorating contest and/or donated to the event. "Businesses understand how important it is to be helpful," Scott stated.

Horan added praise for Winter Wonderland in the Park, saying "it was well attended. We were drinking hot cider and hot chocolate." The mayor also helped volunteers hand out hot dogs.

Scott revealed that town hall will join in the Christmas spirit in 2023, saying that "next year we will have the outside of the town office decorated as a gingerbread house."

Council member Genevieve Glover shared citizen concerns about the condition of the wreaths used to decorate town poles. Horan responded by saying "we're working on that." Wehrle explained that replacing the wreaths could involve significant cost. "They're considered a commercial wreath," he said, then added that "they are \$2,500 a piece, but they are built tough. They're built to last 20 years." He also explained that some have asked about replacing the town Christmas tree, which would cost \$50,000.

Scott noted that Harrisonburg, Virginia, bought snowflakes for \$450 apiece. Whatever the decision, Wehrle said "you have got to foot the money if you want them to last more than a year or two."

Ruritans Donate \$1,000 to NFES



Bob Phares, longest serving member of the Spruce Mountain Ruritan Club, left, and the club's vice president, Tom Faust, right, presented a \$1,000 donation to North Fork Elementary School. Lisa Roberson, principal, received the donation on behalf of the elementary school.

Thank You For Reading The Pendleton Times

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Notice is hereby given that under authority of that certain Deed of Trust hereinafter described, the undersigned Trustee will by virtue of authority vested in him, at the front door of the Pendleton County Courthouse in Franklin, West Virginia,

AT 11:00 A.M.
ON JANUARY 6, 2023

offer for sale certain property described in that Credit Line Deed of Trust executed by Roy D. Sharp and Sue Ann Sharp, husband and wife to Jeffrey S. Bowers, Trustee, which deed of trust is described as bearing date the 10th day of October, 2007, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 117, at Page 564, and given to secure Pendleton Community Bank, Inc., the Beneficiary, the payment of certain indebtedness represented by notes therein described, of which property is described as being situated in Mill Run District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a corner fence post on the north side of a small run, corner of Kent Kimble and Janette Kesner; thence, with two lines of Kesner N. 29-01 E. 45.61 feet to a corner fence post; thence, N. 39-27 E. 313.00 feet to a 5/8" rebar set; thence, with a new division line through Allen Calhoun's 5.41 acre tract S. 43-54 E. 325.22 feet to a 5/8" rebar set in a fence on the west side of a private road; thence, with the west side of said road and Nellie Calhoun for two lines S. 33-46 W. 24.23 feet to a one-inch iron pipe found; thence, S. 34-25 W. 288.26 feet to a point in the center of the west side of a small bridge, corner of Kent Kimble; thence, with two of his lines down a run N. 61-14 W. 172.63 feet to a point in the run; thence, N. 42-56 W. 172.63 feet to the beginning and containing 2.69 acres, more or less, as surveyed and calculated by Thomas W. Firor, Professional Surveyor, and as shown on a Plat attached to and recorded with that certain Deed hereinafter made reference to, and being the same real estate granted and conveyed to Roy D. Sharp and Sue A. Sharp, Grantors herein, with the right of survivorship, by that certain Deed dated June 2, 2003 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 163, at page 440. Roy D. Sharp departed this life on November 1, 2020, and in accordance with the survivorship language in said deed, fee simple title vested in Sue A. Sharp. Sue A. Sharp departed this life on May 13, 2022, with said real estate belonging to her estate, with no will being filed as of November 25, 2022, to which reference is herewith made for all pertinent purposes.

The Grantors further grant and convey to the Grantee, his heirs and assigns, an easement over the road along the southeast side of the property herein conveyed for the purpose of ingress and egress to the public road.

The Grantor further grants and conveys unto the Grantee, his heirs and assigns, all rights of way and easements appertaining to the aforesaid real estate.

This sale and the conveyance of title to the above described real property will be by Special Warranty. Environmental warranties disclaimed and subject to all covenants, restriction, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, with limitation. The subject property will be sold as "AS IS" condition. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

This sale is also made subject to the rights of tenants under the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009. Neither the Trustee nor the holder of said note makes any representation or warranties as to the existence of any leases or other occupancy agreements affecting the subject property.

The real property taxes on the above described will be prorated as of date of sale and any excise tax shall be paid by purchaser as well as recording costs upon recordation of said special warranty deed.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

TERMS OF SALE: Twenty Percent (20%) in hand on day of sale or evidence of credit acceptable to the secured party, and balance at closing, not to exceed thirty days. Announcements made at sale take precedence over any written notice or advertisement.

The undersigned trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids received, and to continue said sale from time to time, upon announcement thereof given verbally, on day of sale and any continuance thereof. The secured party reserves the right to purchase the property at such sale.

Persons interested in viewing the property may contact Jeffrey S. Bowers, PO Box 849, Franklin, West Virginia 26807, (304) 358-3333.

DATED this 1st day of December, 2022.

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Said Substitute Trustee was duly appointed by instrument dated the 28th day of November, 2022, and recorded on December 1, 2022, in the Clerk's Office aforesaid in Trust Deed Book 174, at Page 379.

The Grantors further granted and conveyed unto the Grantees, their heirs and assigns, all rights of way and easements appertaining to the aforesaid real estate.

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Exclusive to our readers, Santa shares some of his favorite letters from Pendleton County boys and girls this year.



Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you today? For Christmas, please bring me a My Life Doll, an LOL doll, and a kitten. My mom would like to have brand new high heels. My dad probably wants new tools. Corina loves boy dolls, so please bring her one – a Cry Baby. Camden needs thousands of baby toys because of how cute he is. I will give you a card that says Dear Santa, How wonderful it is to give everyone a present!
Love,
Cailee
BES 1st Grade

Dear Christmas,
I love you! For a surprise can you give me the specialist prize EVER! Can you please get me a scratch backer and a squishy? And I want a frog stuffed animal. Can you please give me kitchen toys and a kitchen knife! I hope you come to my house first. I'll leave Pepsi and cookies out for you! I'll give milk too. And can you please give me a new bracelet.
Love,
Jaylynn H.
FES PKA

Dear Santa,
I would like a diary to write all my secrets in, I would love a Play Doh ice cream truck, and I would also like one of those smart robots so it can teach me a lot of math that I don't know yet. I am going to leave you cookies and milk Santa and carrots for your reindeer.
Lyndi
NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I got to think for a minute..... I want blocks. I'm thinking again.....just hold on.....A TOY SHIP! Ohhhhh and baby Eli got REALLY mad today because he had too much snot in his nose, but he's still a good boy! Bye.
Love,
Silas K.
FES PKA

Dear Santa,
I would like a horse that looks like Spirit, also an Arctic fox, Elf on the Shelf, Barbies, and for Dad and Mom to have a good day. Please and thank you!
Love,
Maddie Grace
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I want new Legos. Mommy already got presents for us so you don't need to bring too much.
Love,
Makinley
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
I want a toy remote control robot that walks, talks and runs. I also need a football because I need to practice so I can play when I grow up. I am a really fast runner. I would also like a real basketball and lots of Pokemon cards. My mom would like a new candle that smells like strawberry. My sister likes babies, LOL dolls and Barbies. Please bring her some. And I also need another new real phone.
Thank you!
Romeo P.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a little kitchen to play with in my house. I'd also like to have a butterfly net; I like butterflies and want to catch some. The last toy I would like is a toy duck, because I want to play in the bathtub while I'm cleaning myself. I will leave you milk and cookies to enjoy. Do you really have enough presents for everyone?
Thank you,
Kaira
NFES PK

Dear Santa,
I love being on the farm with my daddy. Can you bring me lots of farm toys this year, Santa? Bring my brother and sisters lots of presents, too.
Love,
Luke E.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I want a real grey, white and orange cat. I hope you have that at the North Pole. Mommy has us presents but we can't go in her closet. I will leave your reindeer carrots and I will have you cookies and milk.
Love,
Charli H.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
I would like some superhero toys like Spiderman! I like trucks of all kinds so can you bring some for me and my brothers because I don't want to share!
Love,
Jesse S.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a phone, a crop top to wear at home, and Christmas dress just like your suit. Thank you!
Kieley
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I really like your job that you have because you make us smile on Christmas morning! For Christmas this year, I would like to have a horse with wheels, a cute little stuffed animal, and my own blocks for math problems. My mom wants a new laptop because her other one isn't really working well. Matt needs tools. Bring Mrs. Eye a new pen for the board and more Skittles and also M&M's. I will leave gingerbread and chocolate milk for you! Thank you!
Love,
Alani
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want Paw Patrol Big Rig and a big monster truck. Olivia wants Barbie dolls and mommy want some clothes. Daddy wants a new gun to shoot some deer. Pappy would like some new farm pants and Gigi wants some new sweat clothes too. Grandma needs a new stove. Gigi's Pap is getting a lump of coal because he gets us. He picks on us.
Love,
Jonah S.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
I want a pooping flamingo, a unicorn, a watch, a fake phone and a real horse!
Love,
Karma
BES PK

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control drone and some blocks, remote control car, two cookies in a heart-shaped package for my mommy. Plus, I would like a race truck.
Thank you!
Benjamin W.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a pancake maker, milk chocolate, set of colored pencils, rainbow curtains, Miko Code, and lots of Squishmel-lows.
Love,
Sloane
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a guitar. I want my Grandma to feel better. I want a car. I want everybody to be happy. I want a PS5.
Dani
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want a real baby guinea pig and a real puppy dog, I would also like a huge teddy bear and a baby doll to play with, and I would love some new butterfly and snowflake earrings to wear. I would like to go shopping with my mom. I would like two new watches for my granddad. I would like a Christmas tree for my puppy dog and my guinea pig that Santa gets me for Christmas. Thanks Santa!
Allison
NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
May I have a Baby Alive doll and a playhouse? Will you please bring my Aunt Cassie a new pair of high heels? My mom needs a spatula and a present. My dad would like a new gun. My sister would like a CoCo Melon piano. Please bring my puppy a chew toy.
Love,
Hannah
NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want to sit on your lap again. I really want presents and can you give me a lot of presents on my chair and my house and on my TV? Can you put Christmas movies on my TV? Please bring my sister 100 toys! Give my whole family one hundred fifteen thousand and sixty million presents.
Love,
Waylon
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a Nintendo Switch, a stuffed elf, deer meat, and deer horns? Madison and Jakob would like a Nintendo Switch. Mom, Dad, and Mawmaw would like a vacation.
Love,
Leelan
NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a pretend house that comes with a family and furniture.
Thank you,
Carter S.
FES PKC

Dear Santa,
I want a baby Grinch. Please bring Mommy a new Christmas tree. Bring Marleigh a picture of a cow and Stella needs a new toy. Bring Daddy a new coat.
Love,
Bryer
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car that I can drive for Christmas. I love you!
Love,
Jameson
FES KA



Letters to Santa...

Forwarded directly from the North Pole, we're pleased to brighten the holiday season by reprinting some of Santa's favorite letters from Pendleton County children in day care, preschool, kindergarten and first grade.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for having a nice Christmas for everybody. When we went to Ocean City, Mawmaw brought her computer and it broke, so I'd like to get her a new computer. I would like to get Pawpaw a little stand fake gun where you stand up on the counter. I want to get my dad a blanket with me, Sissy, Mommy, and our twins on it and a pillow with everybody on it that he loves. I want to get Sissy a squishy maker. Please bring Mrs. Eye three candles and three candles for Miss Denise, and three candles for Miss Bailey. Please bring my friend, Vencen, some dinosaurs and a fake gun that you put bullets in. I would like to have a squishy. I will leave cookies and milk and a present out for you. Thanks, Santa!
Love,
Faith
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Do you like my cookies I give you? I'll leave more for you. I want a My Little Pony, a rainbow stuffed animal dolphin, and a Barbie for Christmas. I think you should bring an apron for my mom. My dad needs a winter coat.
Love,
Bethany
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas and are you ready to travel around the earth? When is Ellie, my elf, coming? I don't even have her yet! Something I want for Christmas is a dirt bike and a go-kart, a new football, and Nerf guns. Bring my mom a jewelry box because she just has bowls to put her jewelry in. My dad would like to have a new headlight. Macie wants LOL dolls and Carly wants a new iPad. I will leave cider and cookies and deer jerky on the kitchen counter for you. Thank you, Santa!
Love,
Carson
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa! Remember last year? You gave me a lot of presents. This year I want a stuffed animal and a pony - a real pony. I always wanted more balloons because we are out. I want a unicorn - a stuffed one. My mom already has a Cricut, so I don't think she wants a Cricut. Bring her a Cricut 2. Dad wants a gun. Colby probably don't deserve one, but bring him a Playstation 5. I think Jaiden wants jewelry and a gift certificate to a nail salon for \$100. I will leave you cookies, milk, and something for your reindeer - carrots. Thank you!
Love,
Chloe
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? This year I want to get a Nintendo Switch 5 and Pokemon cards and a dragon toy racing monster truck. My dad wants Pokemon cards and my mom wants a stuffed animal that is a husky. Bring my brother a Jurassic Park stuffed animal. I will leave pretzels and beer for you. Thank you, Santa, this year!
Love,
Vencen
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? For Christmas I want a Barbie and a baby doll that talks and new tennis shoes with velcro because that's what Mrs. Eye says I need. I also want new gloves. Bring my mom an oven and my dad new shoes. Jaydrin likes lots of Pokemon and Romeo also wants Pokemon. I will leave cookies and milk with pretzels. Thank you, Santa!
Love,
Nakiyah
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur.
Love,
Jordan
FES KA

Dear Santa,
How many cookies do you eat at Christmas? For Christmas, please bring me a go-kart. I'm pretty sure my dad wants a gun. My mom wants some more jewelry. Bring my sister some LOL dolls. I will leave you some cookies.
Love,
Hunter
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me trucks, coloring books, and Skittles for Christmas. My dad needs a new case for his phone - make it camouflage. My mom wants flowers. Ryan wants trucks, too, and Cayde needs some onesies. I will leave some cookies and milk for you. Thanks, Santa!
Love,
Karson
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa! I would like to have some tractors for Christmas. I also want a four-wheeler and a Nintendo Switch. My mom would like to have a brand new car. My dad needs a new chainsaw. Landon needs a new X-Box and Laney needs her own X-Box. Bring Piper a PlayStation and Cayson needs a Nintendo Switch. Bring a shotgun for Seth. I will leave some cookies and milk for you! Thanks, Santa!
Love,
Lucas
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a real bunny, a baby bunny, and another baby bunny for Christmas. Bring my mom a baby kitten. My dad needs a puppy and a kitten. Bring Jasmine the princess named Jasmine and for Alyssa, bring an Elsa doll. I will leave one of my elves for you! Thanks!
Love,
Skylar
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Hello! For Christmas this year, please bring me a Nintendo Switch, Minecraft Legos, and a drone with a camera. My mom wants a brand new mouse for her computer. Bring my dad a brand new tool box. Hollis wants choo-choo tracks. I will leave cookies and milk for you!
Love,
Fletcher
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas this year, I would like to have an LOL doll, Christmas cookies, and books. Mom and dad need chocolate for Christmas. Ali needs a Christmas stuffy and Mickey needs an LOL doll and my little brother needs a Christmas trike. Thank you!
Love,
Victoriana
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa, I want to have a great Christmas.
Love,
Maci
FES KA

Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year, please bring me a green gummy bear, Courage the Cowardly Dog, and Captain Caveman. Bring my mommy a present and my daddy wants a present. I will leave cookies and milk for you! Thanks, Santa!
Love,
David
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Superman blaster, Elephant & Piggy books, and Pete the Cat books for Christmas. Mommy wants new nails, daddy wants a new truck, and Bentley wants a toy robot. I will leave cookies and milk for you! Thank you!
Love,
Brody
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a puppy and a cat.
Love,
Leah
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents! For Christmas, please bring me 2 Squishmallows, a color mermaid doll, and please take a note to my grandpa. He died when I was little. I want the note to say that I want him to have a happy Christmas and everyone loves you and I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Thank you, Santa!
Love,
Arianna
BES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Can you please give me an elf on the shelf and can you please give me a puppy? Can you please give me a big deer stuffed animal? Please and thank you. I would like a pair of scissors and a pack of colored pencils and I want for my Mom and Dad a puppy and toy guns so we can play again.
Love,
Baylee
FES 1A

Wishing all our good friends and neighbors a holiday filled with good times, joy and laughter. Serving you has been a real treat for us. Thanks!

Merry Christmas
ATLANTIC OIL COMPANY
304-358.2242

Blessed & Thankful

Remembering the reason for the season and sharing our very best wishes with all of you.

We truly appreciate our wonderful friends, customers and community for all the love and support you have shown to us.

Merry Christmas

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CUSTOM AUTO

We're So Ho-Ho-Grateful!

Thank you for believing in us! It has been our pleasure to serve this community in 2022, and we wouldn't be here without your kind support.

We hope your Christmas is merry and bright in every way, and we look forward to seeing you again soon in the New Year!

GREER LIME COMPANY



Dear Santa,
I would love a Go-Cart, remote control horse. Please give mommy a picture of the whole family. Give daddy a new gun.
Thank you!
P.S. Please give my dog a long string toy.
Thank you!
Annabelle L.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control excavator and a remote control dump truck. Plus, I would also like a board that you paint on.
Thank you!
Jacob W.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control robot and Minecraft Treasure X. I want a bunch of them Santa! Plus, a toy Minecraft Zombie.
Thank you!
Bentley W.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a big Lego set and a big Pokemon pack.
Thank you!
Cooper W.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would love 5 Pokemon cards, and Batman that moves by himself. My mommy would like some peace and quiet for Christmas. Daddy needs nothing. My little brother wants a baby and a toy dog that you walk. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Thank you!
Traycen D.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a Hoverboard and a go-cart, Pokemon cards. I want Santa to bring tools for daddy and baking stuff. Bring baby toys for mommy and a nice shiny ring.
P.S. I also want a remote control drone, plus a dog toy that can't get chewed up.
Thank you!
Hunter M.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would like earrings and a vase of flowers and another pet dog. Please bring my mommy some candles.
Thank you!
Geneva M.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a go cart, a toy sword that lights up. Please bring my dad a knife and mommy something really, really, really cute!
Thank you!
Lukas K.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a mystery box, Pokemon and a lot of Pokemon! Please bring my daddy some pistols and my mommy a Stitch candle.
Thank you!
Wyatt C.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would like a girl doll set, a whole set of it. Please bring me Sims 4 too. Also, bring my mimi some purple flowers.
Thank you!
Ciara S.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I love you and I'll leave you some cookies and milk if you bring me Pokemon cards and more Pokemon cards.
Thank you!
Wyatt H.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a BB Nerf gun and dinosaurs.
Thank you!
Colton T.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I want a parking garage with a dinosaur, a John Deere Harvester and John Deere Tractor!
Love,
Nathan
BES PK

Dear Santa,
I want a bike with a gas station, a scooter, skateboard, a blue four-wheeler that runs by itself, a yellow four-wheeler and a truck!
Love,
Ryan
BES PK

Dear Santa,
I want a pencil that has squishy kitties on it, a toy camera that has real pictures in it and a doll with a snow shirt!
Love,
Rieghlynn
BES PK

Dear Santa,
I want a Monster Truck, a toy car and a dinosaur blue raptor.
Love,
Malcolm
BES PK

Dear Santa,
I want a Hoverboard, Mario Odyssey, a piano, a Monster Truck garage and a Sonic Loop da Loop!
Love,
Dylan
BES PK

Dear Santa,
I want a toy combine, a toy hay rake and a toy rocket ship!
Love,
Cayson
BES PK

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie camper. I want Wyatt to have a toy dinosaur and my mommy needs a new cooking pan. My daddy needs a new jacket.
Love,
Eve
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I want a toy alligator, a toy spider and a toy crocodile!
Love,
Carter
BES PK

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll that dances and sings, chocolate Play-Doh that you can eat and an LOL doll that goes back and forth!
Love,
Ally
BES PK

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want a toy rocket ship and I want a race car. I also want a dinosaur plushy and a toy phone.
Love,
Alastor
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I want a gas powered 4-wheeler, remote-control skid steer, and a remote-control tractor. New earring for my mom.
Love,
Hendrix
FES KA

Dear Santa,
Can I have a LOL Surprise? I want a candy cane.
Love,
Zoe
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I want a shark Squishmallow and a toy sword. Could you bring my mommy a flower?
Love,
Solomyn
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I want a Squishmallow and an elf.
Love,
Lane
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I really, really want this hamster toy kit, magic mixie, and a toy elf. Bring Tucker a basketball, bring Mommy new earrings, and Daddy a new phone case.
Love,
Kinley
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I want an Xbox and a toy. I want you to bring my baby sister a Mickey Mouse Kitchen and some toy food. A toy tractor and trailer for Brandon. I want a big Christmas tree with lights. I also want a toy phone.
Love,
Devlan
FES KA



From Our Home to Yours
MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we gather with friends and family during this joyous season, let us not forget a **CHRISTMAS WISH** and a **PRAYER** for those serving in far away lands to protect the **FREEDOM** we cherish.

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Let Heaven & Nature Sing

As we celebrate the miraculous birth of our Savior, may the beauty and wonder of the season fill you with warmth, joy and contentment.

We'd like to take this opportunity to sing the praises of our neighbors and customers here in the community. Your friendship is a blessing, and we wish you all the best.

Rejoice!

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Dear Santa,
I want a 3D pen. I want a four-wheeler and puppy.
Love,
Kylie
FES 1A

Dear Santa
I want a big blue and green truck. I wish you a Happy Christmas!
Love,
Trenton B.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
I want a Mickey Mouse Kitchen and a skate board. I think that is all.
Love,
Harlyn H.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
Can you please come? Can I please have a reindeer and a real phone? Santa I want a horse plushie.
Love,
Paisley
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a stuffed deer, scooter, Barbie Dream House, a blue house, books for my baby brother, and makeup.
Love,
Finley
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas: I want a pro controller for my Switch, an inflatable football player, and Nintendo Switch Sports.
Love,
Nathanael
FES 1A

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas, I want a Frozen book, a princess blanket, and a toy cat that is blue. I want two kittens. I hope you have a great Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
P.S. I want a baby sister and brother!
Love,
Abbigail
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a baby doll and a snow cone maker and a ice cream maker and a popcorn maker and a stuffy.
Love,
Brynleigh
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I want a toy that tickles me. I would like some Slime. Sydney wants a laptop. Mommy needs a new vacuum cleaner. I think that's all.
Love,
Payton D.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
My name is Adara and I am a special girl. I want for Christmas a unicorn toy and a toy reindeer too. I will give you cookies in milk!
Love,
Adara
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a cat and a dog and a deer.
Love,
Dylan
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I want an elf plushie and a butterfly plushie and posca pens. Please can you bring me a snowman plushie and paint too?
Love,
Hailey
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I want an RC Blue and a hoverboard and a Nintendo Switch and a bow and arrow!
Love,
Rylan S.
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is two puppies or two kitties.
Love,
Everly
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a big pair of scissors and shirt and big water bottle and a toy reindeer and a big pillow and a pack of markers.
Love,
Madalyn
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is fly fishing stuff and a popcorn maker and a slushy machine. Please bring me a Nintendo Switch please.
Love,
Ryan
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I would like a Mega Man, 11 Game Chip and holder, a Nintendo 64, and a Samsung S5 for my sister.
Love,
Hunter
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
Hi, and I really want a Unicorn toy. I would like a Barbie house and some Barbies. Why do you live in the North Pole? Do you know where my house is? I will leave you cookies a milk and some carrots.
Love,
Aubreigh B.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a four-wheeler like Dada's? I also want a truck and candy.
Thank you,
Trevor S.
FES PKC

Dear Santa,
I'd love a purple princess dress for Christmas.
Love,
Lyla M.
FES PKC

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a baby deer.
Love,
Kane
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I would like an elf for Christmas, please. Can I have a girl elf and Mommy and Daddy to play with me, Alby, and Lazlo? I want to party on Christmas.
Love,
Rosalyn
FES 1A

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll with a bottle and a coloring book with crayons.
Thank you,
Adalysia T.
FES PKC



Dear Santa,
I would really like to have Sonic and the Hedgehog. He's good and he always saves the world from Shadow. He's the bad guy. So, I'll need Shadow too. He's wants to find the Master Emerald (that's something that makes everything you think come true). Those two will be fun to play with at my house. I'll leave you cookies and milk out, and I already know everything about you, Santa. Thank you,
Jack
NFES PK

Dear Santa,
What is your reindeer's name? I want a Barbie doll toy. I want a baby doll too. I want some Slime for my sissy. I want a coffee cup for mom. I will leave you Santa cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer.
Love,
Annie B.
FES KB

WISHING YOU
Happy Holidays
AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR

Thanks for stopping in and we look forward to serving you again in the future.

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We wish you a very merry Christmas, topped with a happy and healthy New Year!

Fox's Pizza Den
Brandywine
Ronnie & Betty Kimble and Family and all of our wonderful employees

JOY TO THE WORLD

May the spirit of the season fill your heart with enough joy to carry you through the year.
From our family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

GATEWAY RESTAURANT
304.567.2810 Riverton

Dear Santa,
I want an Elf. I would like a train. You could bring daddy a motorcycle and mommy a stethoscope and a broom. Olivia needs a blanket.
Love,
Charles C.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll. Bring Rhett a dinosaur and mommy some jeans that are short. Dad needs red underwear. I'm going to make you some Grinch cookies and leave you some milk.
Love,
Paisley H.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
I want a Unicorn and a Barbie House. I like dinosaurs. Bring brother a truck. Daddy wants a phone and mommy wants a puppy.
Thank you,
Love,
Emma H.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
I want a Gabby Doll House so I can share with my sisters. I want a playhouse that I saw. I want a play elf.
Mia
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want a Sniper Rifle. Actually, I want a cowboy hat in case we go watch someone get married. I want rattle-snake cowboy boots. Mommy would like necklace and daddy loves guns. I want him to have a 300 magnum. I want my brother to have a bib in case he spits up. Oh, I want a big egg with surprises in it and a big set that has pretend cabin, boat and fishing pole in it. One more thing, I got to think about it. I remember, Super Hero. That's All! I'm done.
I love you Santa!
Jase M.
FES KB



Dear Santa,
I want a new shield and a new Hot Wheel Garage. I would like a new Nerf gun. I want mom to figure out how to get her necklace fixed from preschool. Dad needs a flashlight. My little smallest brother needs a black panther toy. My big brother needs a new game because he likes games. My big sister needs new shoes. Dezira needs a new jacket.
Love,
Cash V.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive doll, LOL doll, Barbie doll, Slime, Legos, Lincoln Logs, and Play-Doh.
Maddie
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want a bean bag chair, dirt bike, RC car, truck, car, a toy gun, and a scooter.
Colton
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like an electronic horse, a new long sleeve dress, and fill my stocking with candy. Thank you, Santa!
Lola
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want a Bowser Ship. Why do you put us on the naughty list if we be bad?
Love,
Alby
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and to see my cousin.
Keylan
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo switch, a unicorn, a notebook, and books.
Alexis
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want \$500 so I can get headless for my Roblox and Sonic Frontier so I can play my Nintendo Switch and Roblox toys so I can get the item for Christmas.
Mason
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, what is the thing on the Smart Board? I want one of those. I also want games for my new Nintendo, one is Roblox. Bye!
Alexander
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want stuff to build with and I want some Vbucks.
Chandler
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want a dog. I want a car. I want a pet cat.
Mattox
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last year. This year I want an iPad, shirts, shoes, a PS5 with lights, to go to the park, and Lego stuff.
Urban
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a red toy tractor. I want a trailer for it. I want a red truck, a fence for my farm animals, and some new farm animals.
Rylan
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want a Fortnite Figure, Paw Patroller, a turtle, and a pet Kitten.
Chase
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want a hoverboard because my sister has one.
Madison
FES 1B

Celebrate The Miracle!



As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we're reminded of the many blessings we enjoy, including the opportunity to serve good people like you. Thanks for your support.

From Our Family to Yours,
Have A Safe and Merry Christmas and
A Blessed New Year!

Brandywine Family Dining

Rt. 33, Brandywine ~ 304-249-5616

Dear Santa,
I want a skate board for Christmas. I want a floatie for when it's summer time. Mommy would like a calendar and daddy a deer rug. Allie would like a squishy. Bring the baby boys workout toys. That's it!
Love,
Charlize P.
FES KB

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo Switch and some toys. I want a purple scarf for my mom. I want my mom and step-dad to talk to an elf. I want kittens.
Kaci
FES 1B



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Tidings of Comfort & Joy



At Christmastime, may the company of loved ones present and the fond memories of those who have passed surround you with happiness and fill your heart with peace.

We wish you all the very best this holiday season.

Kimble Funeral Home
Franklin



Merry Christmas

We hope it's filled with love, laughter, faith and health. Thank you for your friendship and business at the holidays and all year. Folks like you make it all worthwhile.

Freedom Ag and Energy
(formerly Petersburg Southern States)

Dear Santa,
I want a RC car and also a tractor trailer with 2 trailers. I want a loader and then also I want a bulldozer. Mommy would want a golden bullet and a golden gun. Bubby would like a speaker because he doesn't have one. Bubby would be so happy if he opened one present and found a speaker. Please bring some tools for dad. Dad and Mawmaw would like a case for their glasses.

Love,
Mason
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa,
I want a Gabby House and a Barbie House to put in my bedroom.

Love,
Jada
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want to sit on your lap! I want a toy car and a choo choo. I want you to get my sister Aubriana a car and a choo choo too. There's snow at our house!

Love,
Violet
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll playset with grocery carts and grocery store and some more Barbies and clothes to play together with Harper. Tucker likes tractors so please bring him a little play one.

Love,
Hallie
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
Please can I have babies and unicorns. And I want a Santa box that I can put all my toys and baby clothes in. I want a heart magnet and a unicorn magnet. And I want a fingernail file and I want baby soap and my own soap and bring me a real sink please. And bells and a new rainbow backpack. Thank you for my presents.

Love,
Macie K.
Pre-KA
Also, I love Santa.

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger costume and a Huggy Wuggy costume. I want a Bat Bot.

Love,
Ruger
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I want presents, Nerf gun ones. I want a dollhouse for Sicily. Love,
Silas
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
Presents! A desk, toys, presents!
Love,
Hugh
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
I want a dump truck, shoes, and Legos.

Love,
Bryer
FES PKB

Dear Santa and Elf's,
I hope you have a lovely day! I want a yo-yo and 2 pairs of clothes. I don't want anything else. I love you and hope you have a lovely evening! I'm going to leave carrots out for your reindeer but I hope the carrots are done growing my Daddy's garden. I helped him grow the carrots!

Love,
Carlea H.
FES PKA

Dear Santa,
I want a rainbow baby doll. I want a Barbie playset with windows, computer, tablet and bed. I want Barbies with rainbow hair. Please bring Tucker a tractor and Hallie a Barbie.

Love,
Harper
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie. Bring mommy a soft blankie and daddy a knife. My brothers would like a knife too. They use them for their deer.

I love you,
Braylee P.
FES KB

Dear Santa and Jingle the Elf,
I love you all. I love Cora too! I really want a swing set! And I want a baby doll. I already have A LOT of baby dolls but I just need ONE more!!! Then I will have SIX BABIES! I want some stickers. I will leave decorations out for you in my home. We also bake cookies for you. Thank you.

Love,
Genevieve W.
FES PKA

Dear Santa,
I want to have a great Christmas.

Love,
Maci
FES KA

Dear Santa and Rudolph,
I want for Christmas a toy car and I want toy persons and a toy bird and a toy race car. Mommy wants new jewelry and a jewelry box for it. And I want a toy shark! Thank you and I love you!

Love,
Gia V.
FES PKA

Dear Santa,
I want a walkie-talkie and a bike and an airplane and a skateboard and that's all! Charli my sister has been a bad girl and been grumpy in bed. Cambri my sister her be good and Cohen be good. I'll leave you a candy cane and chocolate and a Pepsi at my Mammaw's house!

Love,
Colt H.
FES PKA

Dear Santa Claus,
I don't know what I want, but I do wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year-that's what I know! I wish I had a big Paw Patrol Cop Hop set.

Love,
Jaxson R.
FES PKA

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring cat toys and kitten toys.

Jaycee
FES 1B

Dear Santa,
I want a shark toy- I saw it in the Christmas book and a Bumblebee toy. And a dinosaur T-rex osaurus mote control! And Race cars and monster trucks with mote controls. Let me see.....I have no idea what to get for Aunt Barb but I know what I should get her, a toy and hats and hats and then a Indian hat. And that's it.

Love,
Colin K.
FES PKA

Dear Santa,
I want car and a monster! And hot water!! Mason want a monster car and baby Sam wants cool water and milk and that ball thing he shakes and I want a squishy car.

Love,
Oliver M.
FES PKA



Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a dump truck and an airplane? Mommy needs a marker. Daddy needs an ornament. Aniah would like a baby doll. Please bring Isaiah a little dump truck. Kiara likes baby dolls too.

Love,
Dale
NFES 1st Grade

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DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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Merry Christmas

The Schaeffer Funeral Home Family
Petersburg

A savior is born
Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. -Luke 2:14

May your home be filled with the peace of Christ this holiday season.

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All faiths or beliefs are welcome.

Dear Santa,
 May I have a Baby Alive doll and a new LOL doll set? I have been good. I will leave out carrots, cookies, and milk.
 Love,
 Vera
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 I would like a stuffie horse and dog, a toy baby doll with extra clothes for her, a toy kitchen with toy food. I love you Santa and I am going to leave you cookies and milk!
 Ellie
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 Can you bring me a big bus?
 Love,
 Blake
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 May I have a new LOL Doll Set, a Baby Alive doll, and a new toy kitchen? Please bring my mom a necklace, earrings, and a ring.
 Love,
 Layla
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 Can you please bring me a Nintendo Switch and toys for my sister?
 Love,
 Leo
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 May I have a Nintendo Switch, Xbox 360, and a Minecraft game. For Ally, bring her an Xbox. Nickolas would like a web shooter water gun. Izzy needs an iPod charger.
 Love,
 Jayson
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Guinea pig, a stuffed unicorn to sleep with, a kitten to name Daisy, a stuffed pillow jelly fish, a stuffed animal dolphin, a stuffed animal snake, and a book to read. I will leave you cookies and milk Santa and carrots for your reindeer.
 Aniah
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a trampoline.
 Love,
 Jace N.
 NFES 1st Grade



Dear Santa,
 Can you bring me a new BB Gun? My dad would like a shotgun. Can you bring my baby brother a baby toy and my mom a pack of notebooks?
 Love,
 Braylon
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 I want a toy police car, a toy firetruck, a real puppy dog and a stuffed animal dog, and I also want some blocks to play with. I will leave you cookies and milk Santa.
 Hurricane
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 May I have a new playhouse, a Baby Alive doll, bracelets, rings, and earrings?
 Love,
 Karlee
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 Can you please bring me a PS5, a BB Gun, and a trampoline?
 Love,
 Kaden
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 Can you bring me Roblox and a Police Station Lego Set? Mom needs a new pottery set. Dad would like a new tool set.
 Love,
 Oliver
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 I would love a trampoline for Christmas! I would also like a tree house because we do have a big tree to put it in. I would like a new toy kitchen with toy food. I would like a little toy horse, and I would also like a real dog. A question I would like to ask Santa is how he gets to all the houses in one night.
 Easton
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a new toy kitchen and a new Baby Alive doll. My mom would like a new gun and my dad would like a new tool kit.
 Love,
 Kinsley
 NFES 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
 I would like a new stuffed bunny to play with. I would like Santa to bring my mommy some chicken socks. I would like Santa to bring me a chipmunk keychain that smells good from Scentsy. I want some new Christmas decorations like snowmen and from the movie Frozen. I am going to leave you some Christmas cookies and milk and some reindeer food for the reindeer.
 Oakley
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 May I have a PS5 and a gold play button. Please give Tyler an action figure and Mommy a make-up set.
 Love,
 Jaden
 NFES 1st Grade

It's been a pleasure serving you this year!
 Dr. and Mrs. Kevan Hoover & Staff

The Spirit Is Growing!
 May the holiday spirit blossom and surround you, and may the love of family and warmth of good friends sustain you throughout the holiday season and beyond.
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 George I. Sponaugle, Broker

Over the river and through the woods, may the holiday spirit reach you wherever you are this season!
 As we reflect on 2022, we're filled with gratitude for the good friends and neighbors who make this community such a wonderful place to live and work. Folks like you have brought so much meaning and happiness to our year, and we thank you for your trust in us.
 We hope your Christmas season is merry, bright and beautiful and your New Year happy in every imaginable way.

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With warm wishes for a joyous and bright holiday to you and your kin this season.

Tiny Tots Day Care Center & Baby Land
 Brad, Emily & Courtney Hartman & Staff
 Franklin (304) 358-2032

Dear Santa,
 I would like a real 4-wheeler and a dirt bike, a toy Lamborghini, a remote-control white truck, and a Sponge-Bob watch for Christmas. I will try to leave you cookies and milk this year.
 Ashton
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I would like a toy motorcycle that I can ride. I would also like a Lego set, any kind would be alright. I would also like a necklace with lights on it. I will leave you cookies and milk.
 Israel
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I would like a tablet for Christmas. I would also like a red remote-control car. I will leave you cookies and milk Santa.
 Thanks!
 Gaige
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I would like a toy tractor, a toy race car with a race car track, and a Santa book. I will make you some cookies.
 Santa.
 Mason
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I would like a remote-control dirt bike and car for Christmas to play with.
 Thank you, Santa!
 Braxton
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I would like Santa to bring me a Christmas tree and a race car.
 Blake
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I would like a toy baby guinea pig, a toy bird, a Barbie doll house, some new butterfly and rainbow earrings, and a new fan that connects to my bed.
 Makenna
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear all of the Elf's and Santa,
 I don't know all of your names but I still wanted to write this letter to you. I like Minecraft Legos and all of that! I want the Rhino with the big muscles and I want a blue game thing that has red and blue on it and I like Peter Parker on a shirt and I want to pick 2 Peter Parker shirts. Bye and I want to draw you a heart...I know how to draw a heart but I can't get the point of it real good.
 Love,
 Lucas R.
 FES PKA

Dear Santa,
 I would like a tool box with some tools so I can help my dad build things. I would like a basketball hoop with a basketball. I would like Play Doh that is the colors brown and red, and a new football.
 I like your reindeer Santa!
 Hunter
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I really want a Rainbow Dash! I'm trying to be a good girl, Santa!
 Love,
 Kinsley W.
 Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
 I would like a guinea pig mother surprise, a vanity with lipstick and makeup. I would also like a canopy bed, and a sister for my baby doll Teresa. I would also like a robot unicorn that can fly.
 Thanks Santa!
 Marley
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 Well, I need a cable skidder with logs and a couple of other toys to play with at my house. My old trampoline is shot, so I need a new one. I've decided I want to move beside of Pappy's house, just in case I get scared when I'm visiting and I can just walk home. I'm not leaving you any snacks cause we don't do that.
 Thank you,
 Christian (Timber)
 NFES PK

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Megalodon Monster truck, a windup rhino snake, a stuffed rhino snake, and a remote control spider. What do you eat at the North Pole Santa? I will leave you a gingerbread cookie and a glass of chocolate milk.
 Thank you, Santa!
 Benson
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 I'll tell you what I want... Soggy Doggy; you have to put him in a bath and he has dice on him and spin him around that's all I really know about Soggy Doggy. Then there's Chomping Charlie, he's a squirrel; that sounds like fun. Oh yeah, I want a dinosaur with horns. It has to be green, just like my brother Jacie's. This dinosaur ain't real, it's a stuffed animal. I'll leave you out some cookies and milk.
 Thank you,
 Cambrie
 NFES PK

Dear Santa,
 I would like a T-Rex toy and a Spider Man web shooter.
 I love you Santa!
 Nicholas
 NFES Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
 For Christmas I want Legos please.
 Emmett
 FES 1B

Season's Greetings

In this season so merry and bright,
 It fills us all with much delight,
 To extend warm wishes and gratitude,
 To each and every one of you!

Town of Franklin

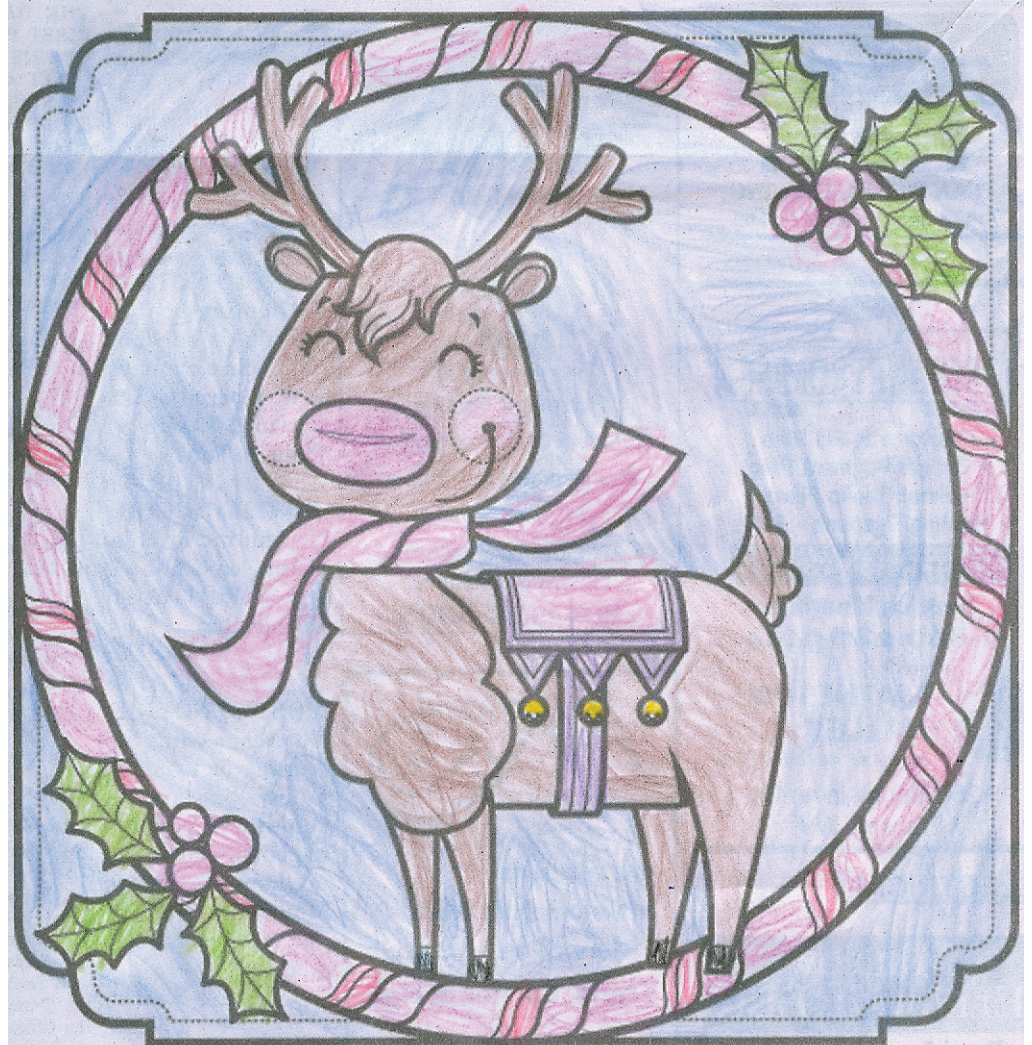
Christmas Coloring CONTEST

WINNERS

The exceptional skill with color and design exhibited again this year by local kids made Santa's job of picking almost impossibly difficult. Here are examples of the kind of skill that forced Santa to make some tough decisions.



Second Place - Walker Loy Hook of Franklin kindergarten, son of Tim and Megan Hook



Third Place - Raelynn Grace Hook of Franklin prekindergarten, son of Tim and Megan Hook

Season's Greetings

We appreciate you calling on us this year!

The Board of Directors and Staff of Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone Company

Vote for our coloring contest and join the Grinch on December 23rd. Also, check out the Grinchmas CD Special.

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Dear Santa,
I need a new toy gun that takes batteries and it has to be a sniper gun, too. I'd like to have a Drone, so I can fly it around and see stuff. I bought you some cookies and milk to eat.
Thank you,
Jedidiah
NFES PK

Dear Santa,
I would really like to have a Batman mobile so I can drive it around with Batman. I need a toy Batman and some bad guys, too. I want Batman to fight the bad guys and win. I could use a stuffed Santa Claus and his reindeer, too; I'd like to play with them at my house. I'll leave you some cookies and milk out; you'll like that, Santa!
Thank you,
Jayden
NFES PK

Dear Santa,
I'm very excited to see you this year. Can you bring me a new tractor toy and some books? My sisters and I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Tucker H.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year! I'm learning to walk so I'd like a toy I could push and walk behind.
Love,
Zoey E.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
Mommy and Daddy say I've been a good girl for them this year. I'm getting a few teeth so I'd like some teething toys to chew.
I like babies so I'd also like a new doll baby.
Love,
Lela B.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
This is my first Christmas and I don't know who is more excited - me, my parents, or my Mamaw and Papaw! I know I will like anything you bring. Can you bring me some toys that will get me crawling and walking? My Mommy and Mamaw love to snuggle me so some books they can read to me would be great, too.
Love,
Teagan W.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I've been trying really hard to be good this year! I loved all my gifts last year. This year, could you bring me a truck or a tractor toy?
Thanks Santa!
Love,
William S.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
My family says I've been such a good girl so I think I should get a lot of toys! I would love a riding toy and some blocks that I can stack and knock down!
Love,
Amaryllis B.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I love looking at shark pictures and playing with sharks at day care. Can you bring me some sharks and a shark tooth?
Love,
Wyatt V.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I love anything with wheels so I would like some tractors and trucks and maybe some books.
Love,
Braxton M.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I'm excited to see you this year. I love blankets and baby dolls so please bring me those. My brother and sisters want lots of presents, too! I'll have mommy help me leave you milk and carrots. I'll make sure we leave carrots for your reindeer.
Love,
Nova R.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I'm such a good girl. I'm learning to walk so you bring me toys I can push and some I can ride. Bring my mommy something nice, too!
Love,
Ellison E.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I am trying hard to be the best big sister, Santa! This year, can you bring me a baby shark and some cows?
Thank you!
Love,
Atlee B.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
This is my first Christmas and my mommy is so excited! I would love anything you want to bring me. I really like to watch things move and listen to music.
Love,
Charlotte B.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I love playing with magnetic blocks at day care. Can I have some at home, too? I like playing with trucks, roads, and parking garages. Maybe you can bring me some of those, too, Santa!
Love,
Marcus S.
Tiny Tots

Christmas Coloring CONTEST

WINNERS



Second Place - Sierra Dyer of Rockingham, Virginia
third grade, daughter of Alan Dyer



Third Place - Sicily Flanigan of Franklin
second grade, daughter of Savannah Flanigan

Dear Santa,
I've been trying to be good all year! Can I please have a doll baby, stroller, and toys that make lots of music?
Love,
Wrenlee S.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I love to climb and play. Can you bring me some climbing toys and some balls?
Love,
Liam W.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I am rolling everywhere! For my first Christmas I would like some toys that make lots of noise and will help me start crawling.
Love,
Samuel M.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I'd like to have some toys I can chew on so I can get more teeth and be able to eat cookies with you and carrots with the reindeer.
This is my first Christmas!
Love,
Oliver C.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I would love to have some Ninja Turtle toys and some new trucks this year, Santa!
Love,
Brayden S.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I really like matching toys. Finding two of everything at day care is my favorite thing to do! Can you bring me some toys that go together for my house, too?
Love,
Kipton O.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I am walking around now and I would like toys I can ride. Also, please bring me some doll babies and a stroller.
Love,
Haisleigh S.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I am learning to crawl everywhere. Can you bring me lots of toys this year because it is my first Christmas! Please bring my mommy lots of nice things, also.
Love,
Sophia L.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I would like lots of toys, especially a motorcycle and dinosaurs! Please bring my sister some toys, too.
Love,
Rhett H.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I am excited for Christmas! I want toys and more toys, Santa. A robot would be really cool.
Love,
Kyler K.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I really, really, really love Batman. Can you bring me a bunch of Batman toys? I'll leave food for your reindeer.
Love,
Isaiah K.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I love everything Elsa. I would like lots of Elsa toys, books and clothes this year!
Love,
Ryleigh E.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I love monster trucks. I mean I really, really love them! Can you put lots of them under the tree for me this year?
Love,
Brantley M.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I love Paw Patrol and would like to have lots of Paw Patrol stuff this Christmas. I am a really good girl, Santa!
Love,
Ivy H.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
All I want is a doll house with lots of stuff in it. I want a big horse on the outside of the doll house.
Love,
Magnolia W.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I am such a good boy, Santa. I really would like a big crane. They also have diggers you can sit on and dig in the dirt. That sounds like fun!
Love,
Ryder E.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I want a big, big truck. Maybe you can bring me two of them, Santa! I love playing with trucks all the time.
Love,
Brayden L.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some dolls and accessories. I also would like a puppy!
Love,
Kaisley K.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I love tractors. I want lots of tractors. Can you bring my mommy something special, too?
Love,
Liam G.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a pistol and a 223 with a scope that tells yardage? Cambrie wants a barbie dream house. Please bring Pappy a hunting magazine and a gun. Mimi needs a bowl and a spatula. Please bring Brandon a gun and new underwear. Bring mom some jewelry, a dress, and a pair of pants.
Love,
Jace Matthew
NFES 1st Grade

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& Happy New Year!

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Merry Christmas and the
very best throughout
the New Year.



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Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving And Christmas Celebration

Written by

Violet R. Eye

Dec. 11, 2022



Dear Santa,
I want some dump trucks and a backhoe for Christmas this year, Santa. I am a good boy for my daddy. Can you bring my daddy some presents, too?

Love,
Levi B.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I love baby dolls. Can you bring me some dolls and a stroller? I know I would like anything you bring me, Santa!

Love,
Macie S.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
All I want is lots of Paw Patrol toys for Christmas this year. I am trying to be a very good boy, Santa!

Love,
Easton S.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
I really like the playmat at day care. I also like the toys that make sounds when my teachers squeeze them— can you bring some to my house for my first Christmas?

Love,
Cora M.
Tiny Tots

Dear Santa,
Hello, Santa! I want a Minnie Mouse toy. My brother likes dinosaurs and cars. My dad wants a new truck that cuts the grass.

Love,
Madelyn
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I want a race car and Spider Man. My sister wants a coco melon toy. My brother wants a racecar and a truck.

Love,
L
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I would love some Pokemon cards and a Hoverboard, skateboard. Please bring my mommy a ring and daddy a new belt.

Thank you!
Lucas C.
BES-K

Dear Santa,
I could use a new toy car and a green tractor. I also would like to have one bullet, too; that's all I need! I will leave cookies for you and a present for you to open.

Thank you,
Waylonn
NFES PK

Dear Santa,
I want a girl baby doll. I want a fake unicorn for mom and dad, and for Bubby, he's kinda a boy, so a Chevrolet truck.

That's all!
Love,
Norie
FES PKB

Dear Santa,
I want my Mom to have a new mug. I want you to bring me a new unicorn. Bring my brother a new bed.

Love,
Remington
FES KA

Dear Santa,
I love Spiderman. I would like lots of Spiderman toys, books, and clothes this year!

Love,
Tyler C.
Tiny Tots



Piping In With Our Best Wishes

Hope your holiday is sugar, spice and everything nice!

Thanks for putting the icing on our year with your visits. Serving you is always a treat for us.



Sweet Dreams of Cake and Things
Linda Rexrode



Of all the gifts the holidays bring, the support of this community is the one that makes us most grateful. Thanks to each of our valued customers for your trust in us.

We hope your season is full of happy surprises!
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As a child in school when it neared Thanksgiving, we would sing, "Over the River and Through the Woods to Grandmother's House We Go." I never really thought much about that song until just recently. We didn't say we were going to grandmother's but rather granddad's as grandmother passed away long before we were born. All of the holidays—Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, were special to me as we always spent them with mom's siblings and granddad.

The way to granddad's was in a way not an easy road to travel. The first danger was crossing Hoover Mountain, especially in the winter. Many was the times daddy would need to put the chains on as the car couldn't go through the snow and ice. After crossing the mountain we would pass through Sugar Grove and head south where we would cross the South Fork River at the Luther Simmons place.

The crossing was rough and at times the water was full by the time we headed home in the afternoon. At times the water would flood out the motor of the car, but daddy always managed to get it started. The family always remained inside the car, or we would possibly have drowned.

The South Fork River was the first water we would cross, having to go through Stony Run six or seven times before reaching granddad's—there were no bridges anywhere. The water was one thing but there were 12 to 14 gates or bars across the road separating the farms. These all had to be opened and shut going in and coming back out from granddad's. Guess who got the gate job—you got it, the older children! I learned early in life that you always shut a gate you have opened. All this gate business was bad enough in daylight but simply awful after dark.

The Thanksgiving meal and the Christmas meal were pretty much the same. There was always fried ham, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, sauerkraut, gravy, bread and pumpkin or poor man's pie. The pie crusts were paper thin, and the pumpkin pies baked to a golden brown with raised bubbles baked into peaks. Aunt Wanda said the amount of milk in the filling made those bubbles.

There wasn't turkey for Thanksgiving or Christmas, simply because they didn't have turkeys. Aunt Wanda said that granddad and his brother, Roy, did turkey hunt and on one occasion, shot a turkey. Roy said he had shot the turkey, but granddad brought the turkey home. That's the only time she can remember them having turkey. I can't even remember that there wasn't enough food, but I do remember that the men would eat first and then the children would eat. The

women would be the last to eat. As children it was sometimes hard to wait our turn!

It was at the Thanksgiving celebration that everyone would draw the name of some other family member to get a gift for that would be exchanged at the Christmas celebration. I'm sure it was hard to get these gifts as most of us were equally poor. Should someone show up without a gift, the person who had the gift for this person kept that gift. I think that only happened once. No one would open their gift until each person had received one, then the paper would fly!

We enjoyed our family get-togethers, especially during the holidays. The aunts and uncles are all gone now except for Aunt Cleo and Aunt Wanda. The cousins that were young children and babies in the 1940s and 1950s are now the old people.

This close knit family has managed to keep having a Smith reunion, and for a number of years now, two of the grandsons have hosted a Thanksgiving celebration. Things have taken on a new look though from when this tradition started. The family members are mostly older. There are bathrooms, running water, a modern kitchen, and always, turkey with all the trimmings.

One thing remains the same after all these years and that is the close bond and family ties that have been passed down through the years. It saddens me to see how the love of family and family values have been pushed aside and in a lot of cases, completely done away with. I think we all need to take the time to reflect on what our grandparents and parents did, and why it was and is so important to carry on the lessons and values given to us and pass them on to the younger generations. Too much of what we call family life is slipping away and once gone, you can't get it back.

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Christmas Recipes

FRESH APPLE CAKE

Submitted by Violet Eye
This is the recipe used by Sheba Rexrode.

- 1-1/2 cups oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups chopped apples
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup chopped walnuts/pecans
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. soda
- 2 tsp. vanilla

Blend oil and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each.

Add soda, salt, vanilla and cinnamon and mix well.

Mix in the flour, saving enough to coat the raisins

and nuts. Fold in apples, raisins and nuts and mix well. Batter will be somewhat thick.

Bake in a tube pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until toothpick comes out clean.

Nuts do not have to be used.

This cake freezes well and can be kept for several months. ENJOY!

This cake is a family favorite and made each year by multiple family members. They make nice gifts and my mom would make as many as 10 each Christmas as long as she was able. Somehow mine never quite taste like mom's did.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Holiday Memories from Pendleton County

I got lucky with two wonderful great-aunts, Ada Eye and Ina Blizzard from Brandywine, and more specifically, Propstburg. I am not alone in adoring these two older ladies who always enjoyed visits from family and friends.

My cousin, Cary Hevener, probably agrees that one of our favorite memories of our aunts is their popcorn balls. Sometimes we are nostalgic about our childhood memories and our accuracy is off, but I think anyone who ever enjoyed an Aunt Ina popcorn ball will tell you it was one of the best things they have ever eaten. Fresh made kettle corn is a distant second in yumminess, but nothing made out of popcorn compares.

People who attended Calvary Lutheran Church got to enjoy the delicious treats during the holidays when they stopped by to Christmas carol. Since I had to travel from Charlottesville, Virginia, on Christmas day I had to wait until the late afternoon. Fortunately, Aunt Ada and Aunt Ina never disappointed and usually had extras for me to take home.

My sister, Gail, wrote down the recipe directly from Aunt Ina and we are happy to share it with anyone who wants to try. We hope it goes well and sparks lots of new fond memories.

Aunt Ina's Popcorn Balls

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup water
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 3 quarts popped corn
- 1/3 cup Karo White Syrup
- 1/4 cup butter
- 3/4 tsp. vanilla

Cook without stirring until syrup forms a brittle ball in cold water. (She didn't specify, but I think she assumed we knew to put the sugar, water, salt, Karo Syrup, butter, and



Ada Eye (seated) and Ina Blizzard (standing) on their porch, currently known as Darneil Acres, which was one of their favorite places. It is still one of my favorite places.

vanilla together and heat.)

Pour over popcorn and form balls with buttered hands. Warning: Aunt Ina had hands of steel and hot didn't seem to bother her. I suggest spraying a roasting pan with cooking spray and adding the popcorn. Then pour the syrup mixture over the popcorn. It is easier to mix. Also cover hands with bags or gloves, also sprayed with cooking spray. The mixture starts to harden fast, so work quickly. It will be hot!

My sister and I have not tried to replicate the recipe in a long time. The last time we tried it did not go well for numerous reasons including a salt incident and buttered hands that could not handle the hot popcorn mix.

Enjoy and Merry Christmas!

Sandra McLaughlin and Gail Megahan
Charlottesville, Virginia

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The Smith boys with their mother are, from left, Greg Smith, Steve Smith, Jean Smith, Gary Smith and Jay Smith.

Being a grandchild of Pendleton County natives Earl and Mable Kiser from Brandywine, all of my wonderful Christmas memories include big family gatherings at their house on Little Fork Road.

Christmas morning always started in Charlottesville, Virginia, because Santa knew the way to our Virginia home. Soon after the discoveries of what Santa left under our tree and in our stockings, the McLaughlin family, Neil, Darlene, Gail and Sandra, packed up their Christmas goodies and headed west on Route 33.

It was always exciting to run into Grandma Kiser's kitchen and show her my new favorite doll or toy. Her kitchen was always busy with holiday dinner preparations. My aunt, Jean Smith, and her "boys," my cousins Gary, Jay, Steve and Greg, were always there and usually they had their lovely and fun girlfriends with them, who later became their wives. As time went on more cousins were added to the mix, which only made the chaos and fun even better.

As the sun started to set, we would head down the road a couple miles to visit my sweet great-aunts, Ina and Ada. They were always excited to see us and Aunt Ina made the best treats I have ever tasted - homemade popcorn balls. After a fun visit with them we headed back down the road towards Sugar Grove to visit my Aunt Ellen and Uncle Buddy Mitchell and my cousins, Hugh and Cary. The best part of Aunt Ellen's is she had, what we called, the "winky-blinky" tree with lots of lights constantly blinking on and off. Of course, she was also a great cook and made delicious cheeseballs. Eventually we headed back to Grandma and Pop's filled with the Christmas joy of spending time with all the people we loved the most.

Sandra McLaughlin
Charlottesville, Virginia

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Christmas Stocking

A Christmas stocking is an empty sock or sock-shaped bag that children hang on Christmas Eve so that Santa can fill it with small toys, candy, fruit, coins, or other small gifts when he arrives. These small items are often referred to as stocking stuffers or stocking fillers. Tradition says that a child who behaves badly during the year will receive only a piece of coal.

Children all over the world continue the tradition of hanging Christmas stockings. In some countries children have similar customs. In France the children place their shoes by the fireplace, a tradition dating back to when children wore wooden peasant shoes.

By tradition, the stocking is hung on the fireplace, but, since modern homes often do not have a fireplace, it is hung in almost any location when no fireplace is available, under the assumption that Santa can find it wherever it is.

Originally, children simply used one of their everyday socks, but eventually special Christmas stockings were created for this purpose. Today, stores carry a tremendous variety of styles and sizes of Christmas stockings, from small and conservative, to long and stretchy, to

gigantic.

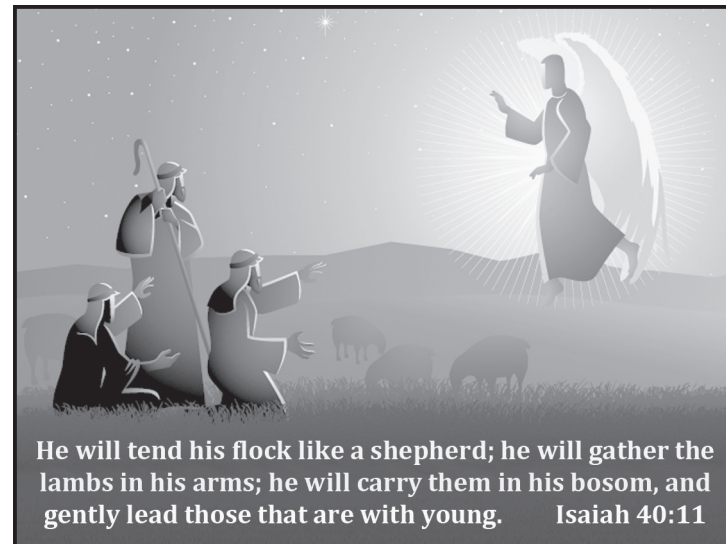
Many families create their own Christmas stockings with each family member's name applied to the stocking so that Santa (or the family members) aren't confused about which belongs to whom.

In Holland the children fill their shoes with hay and a carrot for the horse of Sintirklass.

In Hungary children shine their shoes before putting them near the door or a window sill.

Italian children leave their shoes out the night before Epiphany, Jan. 5, for La Befana the good witch.

In Puerto Rico children put greens and flowers in small boxes and place them under their beds for the camels of the Three Kings.



He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah 40:11

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How old is Santa Claus?

How old is Santa Claus? The answer is Santa is 1,750 in 2020. Ever since the beginning of time, children all around the world have been asking the same question. How old did a person think he was? One hundred, one thousand, or maybe even a billion years old?

How old does Santa say he is?

Santa is a tricky old fellow who likes to keep his age under wraps. If a person asks him how old he is he'll get a twinkle in his eyes and give a hearty laugh while he comes up with a million riddles designed to keep a person guessing.

Sometimes, he'll say that he's older than his hair, but younger than his toenails. Other times he'll answer that he's slightly older than Mrs. Claus, but younger than the stars. Once in a while he'll say that he's older than the Easter Bunny, but younger than the

Tooth Fairy. A person might even hear him reply that he's older than one's mommy or daddy, but younger than the dinosaurs.

All of these wonderful riddles that keep a person guessing, also make it much harder to figure out how old he really is. Santa's not only jolly, he's also very wise and he knows how to keep a secret — one of the biggest secrets in the history of the world.

How old is Santa Claus really?

The answer is Santa is 1,750 years old. According to legend, he was born in a small Greek village in Turkey in 270 A.D. That makes him 1,750 years old in 2020. Try to count that on one's fingers and toes.

It is not exactly known what month he was born in because any birthday cards have been worn down over the centuries, but some people think he was born in March. The only thing that is known



for sure is that he's almost 2,000 years old.

Why doesn't Santa reveal his real age?

There are many reasons why Santa doesn't tell anyone exactly how old he is. One reason is that Mrs. Claus doesn't like it when he talks about his age. If people know how old he is, they'll quickly figure out how old she is, and like any other woman, she tries to keep her age a secret.

Santa also keeps his age under wraps because someday people might be able to travel through time. If he revealed the exact date and time of his birth, when time travel becomes a reality, thousands of people from the future would be able to go back in time to witness his birth and childhood. If even one of

those people did something to change the course of history, the magic of Santa Claus would be lost forever, and of course Santa never wants that to happen.

However, the main reason Santa doesn't reveal his real age is because he honestly can't remember. He stopped counting a long time ago. Sometimes late at night he sits by the fire in his favorite chair and tries to count all of the Christmases he can remember, but he always falls asleep before he gets to 475.

Why does Santa always look the same age?

Santa looks pretty young, when a person considers that he's more than 1,000 years old. A person could almost say that he hasn't aged a bit since he was in his early seventies.

There are several reasons why the jolly old soul never seems to get any older.

In 343 A. D. when Santa was 73 years old, Mrs. Claus discovered a magical secret ingredient that she started putting in his favorite cookies and milkshakes and, neither one of them have aged at all since. The only thing that's changed since then is his clothes, and thank goodness he changes those once in a while.

Some people think one of the reasons he never seems to age is because he flies at high altitudes for more than 24 hours every year. The air pressure along with gravity, gives him his youthful glow and rosy cheeks.

There are even some scientists who believe that it's his jiggling belly that keeps him young. According to them, his fat, brought on by Mrs. Claus's secret recipe, gives him strength and helps keep him from getting wrinkles.

Some reporters have suggested that it's the magical world of the North Pole that keeps Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves from aging. The magic there defies all of the laws of science and nature. In the North Pole, time doesn't exist. That's how Santa manages to fly all over the world in one night every Christmas Eve.

Why does Santa think he looks so young?

If one asked Santa why he looks so young for his age, he'd give a person a couple of reasons why, but deep down he knows it's really the special cookies and milkshakes that Mrs. Claus makes for him.

Santa also believes that his appearance could have something to do with one of his oldest friends. Santa, also known as Father Christmas, is best friends with Father Time. He thinks Father Time might have cast a spell on him that has kept him looking like his 73-year-old self ever since.

Santa says he's very young and very old all at the same time. He chalks that up to three things:

1. He's always working hard and constantly thinking while he oversees the elves as they build the toys for him to deliver on Christmas Eve. Making presents and delivering them gives him lots of exercise, and he thinks that helps keep him young.

2. He stays young at heart, and that keeps him from aging. They say a person is only as old as one feels, and when Santa reads the children's letters, he says it makes him feel as young as a small child. He believes the letters help him stay young and strong so he can make his trip every year delivering toys to all of the good little girls and boys.

3. He's always jolly and never loses the Christmas spirit. The elves have told him that they think spreading cheer and staying jolly have kept him from looking any older. A person knows how excited one gets at Christmas time? Just think for a second about how excited Santa gets every day of the year while he's thinking about one, making the toys and getting ready to deliver them. Santa has so much Christmas Spirit, that he's almost overflowing with it all year long. That childlike excitement keeps him young and prevents him from aging. They say that Christmas is all about giving and sharing, and Santa's generosity keeps him bursting at the seams with Christmas Spirit, which in turn keeps him from looking any older.

Santa might be the oldest living man on the face of the earth, but he's also the most generous and cheerful, which is probably the main reason why he doesn't look his age.

So, if anyone ever asks a person how old Santa is, one can tell them that he's almost 2,000 years old, even though he only looks like he's 73. But please don't tell Santa that one knows exactly how old he really is because one wants to try really hard to stay off of his naughty list this year. So now that a person knows how old Santa is, make sure one is extra nice to one's elders. (yessantaisreal.com)

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Chocolate Chunk Peanut Butter Cookies

6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, divided
 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
 2/3 cup smooth peanut butter
 1 cup packed light-brown sugar
 1 large egg, at room temperature
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup finely chopped roasted and salted peanuts

Coarsely chop 2 ounces of the chocolate and then melt it in the top of a double boiler over not-quite-simmering water. Remove the pan from the heat. Whisk the chocolate to smooth. Set aside. Using an electric mixer, cream the butter, peanut butter and brown sugar. Add the egg, beating until smooth, then blend in the vanilla. Sift the flour, baking soda and salt into a medium bowl. Set aside.

Blend the melted chocolate into the creamed mixture until evenly combined. Stir in the dry ingredients, a third at a time, until evenly mixed. Coarsely chop the remaining 4 ounces of chocolate and stir it into the dough along with the peanuts. Cover and refrigerate the dough for 15 to 20 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly butter two large baking sheets or line them with parchment paper. Using floured hands, roll the dough into 1-1/2-inch-diameter balls and place on the baking sheets, leaving about 2-1/2 inches in between. Bake one sheet at a time on the center oven rack for about 15 minutes. When done, the tops of the cookies will be cracked, and they'll still feel soft when pressed gently. Do not overbake. Cool the cookies for 2 to 3 minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer to a rack to cool completely.

Yields: 24 cookies.

Chocolate Coffee Oatmeal Sugar Cookies

1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup cocoa powder
 1/4 cup instant coffee
 2 cups whole wheat flour
 1-3/4 cups rolled oats
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
 2 cups brown sugar
 2 eggs, beaten

Heat the oven to 350°F. In a small bowl, combine the granulated sugar, cocoa powder and coffee. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, oats, baking soda and baking powder. In a large bowl, cream the butter and brown sugar. Add the coffee mixture and mix until it becomes mealy. Add the eggs and blend well. Add the flour mixture and stir until combined. Form 1-inch balls and arrange them on ungreased cookie sheets. Press each ball lightly with a fork. Bake for 8 to 12 minutes, or until the cookies are firm enough to lift off the cookie sheets. Cool.

Yield: about 3 dozen cookies

Chocolate Sandwich Cookies

3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
 1 cup sugar
 1 egg
 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 2/3 cup cocoa powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

In the bowl of a stand mixer, cream the butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in the egg. Add flour, cocoa and salt. Beat at low speed until the dough comes together. Turn out onto a work surface and knead 2 or 3 times. Flatten into 2 disks, wrap in plastic, and chill at least 30 minutes, or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Roll out the first portion of dough to a 1/8-inch thickness. Use a 2-inch round biscuit cutter or cookie cutter to cut the dough into circles, gathering and rerolling as needed; then transfer to the baking sheet. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake until firm, about 10 to 12 minutes. Remove the cookies from the oven and place on a cooling rack.

Filling:

2-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
 1/2 cup shortening
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 to 3 tablespoons water
 Sprinkles

In the bowl, combine sugar, shortening, salt and vanilla. Beat on low speed, then increase to medium. Add water, a tablespoon at a time, and beat until desired consistency is reached.

Frost the bottom of one cookie and top with another cookie. Repeat.

Roll cookies in sprinkles
 Yield: about 2 dozen cookies

Candy Cane Bark

10 candy canes
 12 ounces dark chocolate chips, melted
 1/8 teaspoon peppermint extract
 8 ounces white chocolate chips, melted

Line a 12x16-inch baking sheet with parchment paper. Put candy canes in a plastic bag and crush them with a rolling pin or mallet.

In a bowl, combine dark chocolate with peppermint extract and spread mixture evenly onto prepared baking sheet. Place in refrigerator to harden the candy quickly.

Once dark chocolate has hardened, spread melted white chocolate evenly over the top of the dark chocolate and quickly sprinkle crushed candy canes over the white chocolate. Refrigerate again to harden.

Break bark into pieces and store in an airtight container in a cool place.

The Colours Of Christmas

A variety of colours are associated with Christmas and its traditions. Each of these colours symbolizes one or the other thing. Some of these colours are green, white, red, blue, gold and more. The meaning of most of these colours of Christmas comes from the traditions of Northern/Western traditions of European countries.

1. Green — Various plants are used during the season to decorate houses and streets during the time of winters to make people know that this season of winters will not last forever and it will end very soon. It reminds that spring is will soon come to make the environment a great one. This tradition has been followed from a long span of time.

From time immemorial Romans used to share with each other evergreen branches of trees during the time of January to wish each other good luck. In the ancient times Egyptians used to keep branches of palm during the time of winter festival.

Also, in some parts of the Europe, plays of paradise were performed during the time Christmas. They were told the stories of the bible (often those who could not read those stories). In the play, the pine tree having red tied around the tree was chosen to represent the "Paradise Tree" in the Garden of Eden. And, most importantly, green helps in the representation of Christmas tree which is a must during the celebration. Green is one of the most important Christmas colours which can be seen everywhere in the Christmas decoration.

2. White — White color is a vivid representation of peace and purity! During the winter, the snow that we witness has also a white color. Also, on

various occasions, white wafers are used to decorate the paradise tree of the Christmas. These wafers represent the bread that is eaten during Christian Communion, a time when people remembered that it were these breads because of which Jesus died. In addition to that, in most of the churches white is used as the color of Christmas.

3. Red — In the earlier times, red was used to represent the apples laden on the Paradise tree. These apples and their red color represented the fall of Adams. Red is also considered as the color of the holly berries, which is often used to represent the blood of Jesus who is believed to have died on the cross. In additions to that, red is also the Bishop robes' colours! These must first have been worn by St. Nicholas which then became the uniform of Santa.

4. Blue — Blue is a significant colours of Christmas, which represents Jesus mother's. In the earlier times, blue dye color was more expensive than that of the gold. And, so only the people from the royal families and kings used to wear blue because they were important people of the whole community. During Christmas, Mary was painted with blue color to show that she was a significant person of the community.

5. Gold — Gold is considered as the color associated with light and sun, both of which are very important during the season of dark winters. Also, red and gold are the colors of fire that are required to maintain the warmth of the body. Though, sometimes, silver is also used in place of gold, but gold is the color that actually represents warmth.



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Holiday Traditions Have Ties to English History



Singing carols, exchanging gifts, enjoying a holiday feast and wishing others good cheer – this is what Christmas is all about to many people. However, some may not know that these traditions are related to English celebrations.

Giving gifts on Christmas is a Victorian custom. Before that time, people exchanged gifts on New Year's Day or Twelfth Night. Beginning in Victorian era, British children would write letters to Father Christmas and throw them into the fireplace. They believed the draft would carry the letters up the chimney and Father Christmas would be able to read the smoke.

The tradition of hanging stockings from the mantel also comes from this time period. According to legend, Father Christmas once dropped some gold coins while coming down a chimney. Instead of falling through the ash grate, the coins landed in a stocking that had been hung on the mantelpiece to dry. From then on, children have hung out their stockings in hope of finding them filled with gifts.

Singing carols at Christmas also has English origins. In the Middle Ages, groups of singers and musicians, called waits, would roam from house to house singing carols to spread the holiday spirit. Most of the popular carols sung today were written during the

Victorian era.

Decorating the home with holly and other greenery is an English winter tradition that began long before the Christian era. Historians believe this was done to lift people's spirits and remind them that spring would soon arrive. Hanging mistletoe has become especially popular today, because people enjoy kissing under the mistletoe. This custom descended from ancient Druid ceremonies.

Drinking wassail is another English custom that continues today. Derived from the Anglo-Saxon phrase "waes hael," meaning "good health," wassail was meant to enhance the merriment of the holiday season. It originally was made of mulled ale, cream, roasted apples, nuts, eggs and spices. Throughout the years, people have developed quite a ceremony for drinking wassail. First, the bowl is carried into the room. Then, people sing a traditional carol about the drink. Finally, the hot beverage is served.

This year, as people decorate their homes and raise their glasses in a toast of good cheer, they can know that they are carrying on centuries-old traditions.

Yule Log Yule Log is a significant part of Christmas traditions. Yule log is a large log burned in the hearth of the house. It is a symbol of prosperity and luck. It is believed, if the tradition is followed with sincerity and devotion, it would bring good health, wealth and productivity in the year ahead.

The tradition is practiced in many countries and hence several legends are associated with its origin. The most popular story of the Yule Log dates back to the 12th century. During this period in most of the European countries, the winter festival was celebrated by burning wood and drinking wine. The Solstice festival was Jol (Yule) which was celebrated throughout Northern Europe and Scandinavia. It was a feast to honor the Norse God, Odin who was the God of Intoxicating Drink. The custom of Yule Log emerged from the Europe's winter festival.

Burning the Yule Log is a crucial Christmas tradition today. The custom of Yule Log varies from region to region. It was originally a large tree brought to the house with great ceremony. On Christmas, people light the Yule Log placed in the hearth and wish that it burns for longer. As per the belief, all the family members must sit on it before it is burnt. It is also customary to say prayers and sing Christmas songs while performing the traditional activity. In some families, young girls and mothers take the privilege to light the log. The burning of the Yule Log brings in good fortune for the family and

friends and scare off the evil spirits. After the Christmas celebrations, a piece of the Yule Log is kept to relight the next year's log.

The custom of Yule Log is performed with high spirits and sanctity. Different countries have different ways of performing this tradition. Even different kinds of wood are used today to keep alive the spirit of the tradition. Here are some of the examples of the tradition of Yule Log performed in different countries:

In the United Kingdom, the log is called "The Mock." Here the log is dried out and taken into the house when its bark is taken out. Oak is the traditional wood used at this time. At some places, oak is replaced with large bunch of ash twigs. This comes from the legend that the shepherds burned the bunches of twigs to keep Joseph, Mary and their son Jesus warm.

In France, whole family gets engaged in the process of cutting the log. Small pieces of the log are burnt each night of the twelve day Christmas celebrations. People in France use Cherry tree as the traditional Yule log.

Holland follows the same process of burning the log as does France but here the log is stored under a bed.

Yule Log has also become a traditional delicacy. Yule Log cakes have become an essential part of the Christmas feast. People get chocolate log cakes at the time of Christmas.

Yule Log



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12 Days of Christmas

The twelve days of Christmas begins on Dec. 25 and end just before Epiphany, that falls on Jan. 6. Epiphany is a Christian feast intended to celebrate the "shining forth" or revelation of God to mankind in human form, in the person of Jesus Christ. The observance originally included the birth of Jesus Christ, the visit of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) who arrived in Bethlehem and all of Jesus' childhood events, up to his baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist.

The feast was initially based on, and viewed as a fulfillment of the Jewish Feast of Lights known as Chanukah. This was fixed on Jan. 6, but over time the western churches decided to celebrate Christmas

on Dec. 25. The eastern churches continued to treat Jan. 6 as the day marking Jesus's birth. This has given rise in the west to the notion of a 12 day festival, starting on Dec. 25 and ending on Jan. 6, called the twelve days of Christmas.

In the Middle Ages, this period was one of continuous feasting and merry-making, which climaxed on Twelfth Night, the traditional end of the Christmas season. During the 12 days of Christmas, traditional roles were often relaxed, masters waited on their servants, men were allowed to dress as women, and women as men. Often a Lord of misrule was chosen to lead the Christmas revels. Some of these traditions have an echo in modern day pantomime where traditionally authority is

mocked and the principal male lead is played by a woman, while the leading older female character, or "Dame" is played by a man.

This period is referred to in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas." "Twelve Days of Christmas" is a traditional Christmas song, or Christmas Carol. The date of the song's first performance is not known, though it was used in European and Scandinavia traditions as early as the 16th century.

The 12 Days of Christmas is in a sense an allegory. Each of the items in the song represents something significant to the teachings of the Catholic faith. The hidden meaning of each gift was designed to help Catholic children learn their faith. The song goes, "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...." The "true love" mentioned in the song refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. i.e. the Church.

1st Day: The partridge in

a pear tree is Christ Jesus upon the cross.

2nd Day: The "two turtle doves" refers to the Old and New Testaments.

3rd Day: The "three French hens" stand for faith, hope and love.

4th Day: The "four calling birds" refers to the four evangelists who wrote the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

5th Day: The "five golden rings" represents the first five books of the Bible, also called the Jewish Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

6th Day: The "six geese a-laying" is the six days of creation.



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

7th Day: The "seven swans a-swimming" refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

8th Day: The "eight maids a milking" reminded children of the eight beatitudes listed in the Sermon on the Mount.

9th Day: The "nine ladies dancing" were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit found in Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

10th Day: The "ten lords a-leaping" represents the Ten Commandments.

11th Day: The "eleven pipers piping" refers to the eleven faithful apostles.

12th Day: The "twelve drummers drumming" were the twelve points of belief expressed in the Apostles' Creed: belief in God the Father, the Son

and the Holy Spirit, that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, made man, crucified, died and arose on the third day, that he sits at the right hand of the father and will come again, the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting.

Christmas Jumble

Listed below are six fictional Christmas characters. Un-scramble the letters to determine who's who.

1. DUPHORL
2. OREGCOS
3. AANTSLASUC
4. NITYIMT
5. OFYSRT
6. NRCIHG

Answers: 1. Rudolph; 2. Scrooge; 3. Santa Claus; 4. Tiny Tim; 5. Frosty; 6. Grinch.

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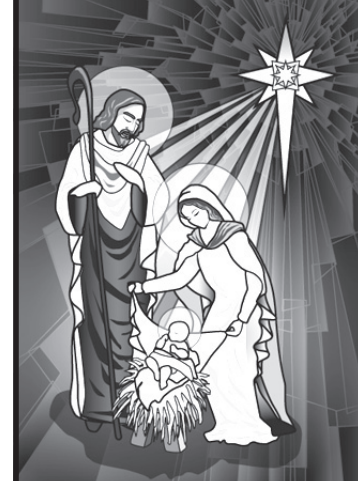
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