

Share Your Christmas provides joy for local families in need

By Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com



Volunteers gathered last week at the United Methodist Church in Cassville to sort toys for the Share Your Christmas program. Photo: Cassville United Methodist Church

For decades, the Share Your Christmas program has made sure Christmas comes to children of Barry County. Share Your Christmas is an annual toy drive run by the Barry County OACAC (Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation) Neighborhood Center. Families sign up for the income-based program and submit a Christmas wish list with their applications. From there donors can make a monetary donation or provide toys listed on the wish lists. Several local businesses participate in the program year round. OACAC then distributes the toys (for children newborn to age 12) and vouchers (for children 13-18) to area children

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Trash service to change for three municipalities

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Trash service will change for three local municipalities beginning next week. According to Exeter City Clerk Billie Reibert, Republic Services will no longer provide trash service to the city after December 26, 2023. The city is asking residents to leave all trash carts at the curbside so they can be picked up on that date. Cards, out of Springdale, Arkansas, will drop off carts and begin providing trash service for Exeter beginning the week of December 29. Reibert did advise there will be an increase for trash service beginning with next month's billing and is asking residents to be patient during the transition. The City of Cassville will also see a change in trash service beginning next week. City Administrator Steve Walensky said all residents need to place their trash and recycling carts at curbside,

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Purdy Shines Bright at Annual Christmas Parade

Photos by Adriana Keeton, editor@4bca.com



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Christmas message from Regional Publisher Mandy Farrow

With the holiday season upon us and Christmas in just a few days, I want to send out a very special Christmas wish to all the staff, communities and readers of the Branson Tri-Lakes News, the Stone County Republican and the Barry County Advertiser.



As ya'll gather for another holiday season with family and friends, I wish you peace, love and joy this Christmas. Christmas is a time of year when we all can be a little extra cheerful, be a little more giving and show a little more grace toward one another. I have always believed that the message of Christmas is one of hope and joy. Personally, my husband Frankie and I will be spending Christmas surrounded by all four of our sons and two daughter-in-laws. Also three of our grandchildren; Creed, Stormie, and Iylah, who will be having her first Christmas, will be with us. Our daughter and granddaughter Ember will unfortunately not be able to travel from Mississippi to be with us this Christmas and they will be missed so much. Being with family, no matter where we are, is my favorite place to be. The warmth they all bring and the togetherness of the holidays always fill my heart with happiness. As we celebrate Christmas, let us set aside our differences and strive to respect each other. Let us enjoy the people in our lives. Remember, Christmas can also be a rough time for many, so check on one another and show kindness to each other. On behalf of all of us at the Branson Tri-Lakes News, The Stone County Republican and the Barry County Advertiser, I want to wish each and everyone of ya'll a very merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Mandy Farrow

The Barry County Advertiser offices will be closed Monday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day. Deadline for display advertising and classified advertising will be Friday, December 22, at 4:00 p.m. Have a safe and Merry Christmas!

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just in time for Christmas. First Baptist Church in Cassville provides a hygiene bag to families. Cassville United Methodist Church volunteers assist with sorting and distribution of the toys.

According to Kimberley Healey, Supervisor with Barry County OACAC, this year's Share Your Christmas distribution, held on December 13, provided 103 families and 322 children with gifts. The largest family to benefit from the program includes eleven children.

For more information on the Barry County OACAC Share Your Christmas program, call 417-847-2140.

Trash From Front

whether empty or not, Stanphill, of Pierce City, will begin trash service with Butterfield beginning January 4, 2023, at 7 a.m. Due to the short notice of non-renewal by GFL, Stanphill will not have cans available for the first two weeks of January, though they will pick up bags, boxes, cans, or barrels that are on the street until the cans can be delivered. For more information, contact the Butterfield City Hall at 417-442-7975.

“Even if you plan to be out of town for the holiday, we need all carts placed at curbside for pickup,” said Walensky. “The city is working closely with representatives from both Republic and our new service provider, Cards, to pick up old carts and place new carts at the same time to avoid disruption of service.” According the Walensky, residents should not see an increase in fees. Commercial trash service through Republic will also be affected in the City of Cassville. For more information, contact Cassville City Hall, at 417-847-4441.

The City of Butterfield is also seeing a change in trash service with GLF not renewing their contract with the city. December 26 will be the last day GFL will provide services and they are asking that all GFL or WCA cans to be on the street by 6 a.m.

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Community Calendar

Community Calendar page is free as a courtesy to local events. If your event is relying on advertising for attendance, then it is vital for you to place a paid ad. There is no guarantee that your event will be placed in Community Calendar. The deadline for community calendar is Friday at 4 p.m. Contact Elaine Phaneuf, class@4bca.com or (417) 847-4475.

Notice:

The Barry County Courthouse and Judicial Center will be closed Friday, December 22, 2023, and Monday, December 25, 2023, for Christmas.

Tuesday, December 26, 2023, the Barry County Clerk's office will remain open until 5 P.M. for candidate filing.

News Release: The Barry County Clerk's office would like to announce polling location changes. The changes will begin with the April 2, 2024, election.

Cassville Rural/Mineral voters will merge with Cassville City and vote at the Family Life Center located at 200 E. 5th Street, Cassville. Exeter voting will move from the fire station to the Exeter Community Building, 112 S. Front Street, Exeter. Monett Rural/Capps Creek voters will merge with Monett City and vote at the Monett City Park Casino building.

All Barry County voters will be receiving new voter ID cards in January 2024. Voter ID cards list polling location, and special districts (fire, road, etc.) specific to each voter. For questions or concerns, please contact the County Clerk's office at (417) 847-2561 or email jennis@barry-countyclerk.com.

News Release - Voter Registration Canvass/ New Voter ID Cards: By law, every two years the Barry County Clerk's Office is required to canvass the voters before a general election for federal office. This is for the purpose of updating our records with correct addresses/names.

The Barry County clerk's Office will be sending each registered voter a new Voter Registration ID Card around December 18, 2023. When you receive your card, please verify that all the information is correct. If it is not, please fill in

the correct information and return the card to our office. This card will replace your old Voter Registration ID.

If you receive a card for a relative that no longer lives in Barry County or is deceased, please notify our office in writing. Please include their name, date of birth, last four digits of the Social Security Number, your signature and relationship to them.

If you have any questions, please call the clerk's office at (417) 847-2561 opt. 3.

Patriots of SW MO have meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 1 to 3 P.M. at the VFW in Shell Knob (on Hwy. 39). Everyone is welcome. To learn more and find out who this month's exciting speakers are, contact Jean Dodge at dodgejean13@gmail.com, or Diane Painter (417) 858-2108 (please no texts).

Seligman Chamber Event Center has a country dance with bands every Saturday from 7 to 10 P.M. No alcohol allowed. Admission is \$10. Ages 18 and under are free. There is pot luck, 50/50 and door prizes. For information, (479) 903-3640.

The Purdy Community Recycling Center, located next to the main baseball field, is open Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M., and is currently accepting #1 and #2 plastic, cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, used motor oil and filters, and paper products with no food residue.

OATS Transit offers regular transportation services for the rural general public of any age, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Please call the local OATS Transit office at 417-887-9272 or 800-770-6287 to schedule a ride or find out about services in your area. You can also visit our website at oatstransit.org.

The Wheaton Depot Museum welcomes visitors Sundays from 1 to 5 P.M.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry, 32685 Hwy. 86, Eagle Rock, services the citizens of Eagle Rock, Golden and Mano and is open from 9 to 11:45 A.M. Saturdays and Tuesdays, and 5 to 7 P.M. the first Thursday of the month. Call (417) 271-1301 for more information.

Wheaton Church of Christ will have clothing available the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. For information, or to make a donation, call (417) 652-3873 or (417) 669-6935.

Soil Samples need to be received at the MU B.C. Extension office by 12 P.M. Thursday. Call (417) 847-3161.

Friday Dec 22

The Stella Senior Center, 719 Carter St., Stella, has a dinner and dance every Friday night. The doors open at 5:30 P.M., with a finger food style meal at 6 P.M. and the dance starts at 7 P.M. This week will be the Christmas dinner and the band will be The Timberline Country Band. The cover charge is \$5. Refreshments are always available. Please call (417) 628-3314 or (417) 489-3661 for more information. The center is located at 719 Carter St. in Stella.

Sunday Dec 24

Candlelight and Communion Christmas Eve Service will be held at 6 P.M. at First Christian Church, 905 Old Exeter Road, Cassville, across from Tractor Supply and Walmart.

MO State Park Events

From mostateparks.com

Roaring River

Join us as we celebrate a new year in nature! As part of America's State Parks First Day Hikes initiative, park staff will lead a rugged 1.5-mile hike on Devil's Kitchen Trail at Roaring River State Park. We will meet at 1pm at Devil's Kitchen Trail trailhead. We will start by hiking up to the limestone bluff, where we will have the chance to explore two small caves. We will then climb above the limestone bluff into chert woodlands and will round out our hike with a look at the Devil's Kitchen rock feature.

Hikers should expect steep and possibly muddy and slick sections of trail. Waterproof boots are recommended. Please bring a flashlight if you plan on entering the caves. The hike will begin at the trailhead across the river from the CCC Lodge. Parking is available at the trailhead, and restrooms are located in the CCC Lodge.

This hike is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Pets are welcome as long as they are kept on a leash. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring water and snacks.

For more information about the hike, call the Ozark Chinquapin Nature Center at 417-847-3742. To check for status updates, visit the park's Facebook page or our Park and Site Status Map.

Registration is required for this event and can be done online. For help registering, call the the nature center at the number listed above.

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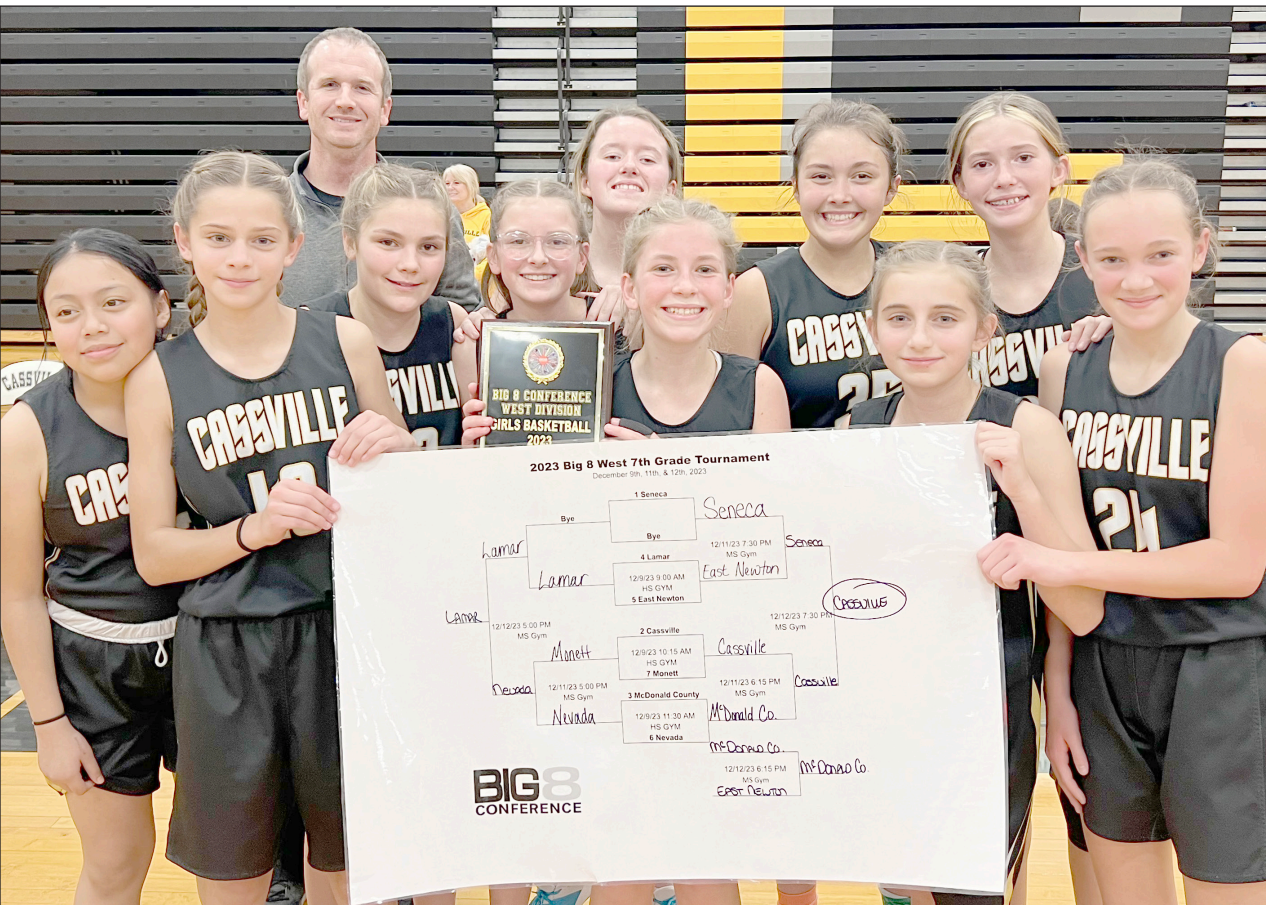
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From Mindi Artherton, Cassville Schools



Cassville Middle School was host to the seventh grade conference tournament. After a very close game against the Seneca Indians, the Lady Wildcats finished with a win, 21-18, making the Wildcats the Big 8 West Division Champions.

Shown above, left to right, are Estrella Garcia, Raegan Doucet, Briley Artherton, Molly Cox, Haeven Stewart, Addy Ramaeker, Kynzleigh Scott, Riley Doucet, Kamille Tucker and Lexie Meltabarger. Coach Matt Holtzman is pictured in the back row.

Haven of the Ozarks: Pet of the Week



Springsteen just thought he was born to run but luckily, he was picked up by Cassville Police Department before he was hit by a car. This brave Blue Heeler is looking to spend his glory days with a loving family who can give him the love he deserves and lots of play time. Springsteen was born in the USA and his estimated DOB is 2/2/2023.

All of our pets are fixed, up to date on their vaccinations, and microchipped. The Haven of the Ozarks is open from 9am-4pm, seven days a week. For more information, please email us at havenozarksanctuary@gmail.com, or give us a call at 417-835-3647.

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CLAYTON EUGENE PEARSON

Clayton Eugene Pearson, age 61, of Cassville, passed away Friday, December 15, 2023, at Mercy Hospital Cassville in Cassville. He was born May 16, 1962, in Bradford, Arkansas, the son of Howard Eugene and Nobia (Covington) Pearson. In 1983, in Pea Ridge, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Lynette Smith, who preceded him in death on June 11, 2001. Also preceding him in death were his father, Howard Pearson, and one sister, Judy Pear-

son. Surviving are his mother, Nobia Story and her husband, Al Ray, of Cedaredge, Colorado; one son, Derek Pearson, of Cassville; three brothers, Carl Pearson and his wife, Denise, of Independence, Ronald Pearson and his wife, Genevieve, of Cedaredge, Colorado, and Timmy Pearson and his wife, Kristen, of Cedaredge, Colorado; and one sister, Regina Bray and her husband, Kevin, of Pea Ridge, Arkansas.

Clayton grew up and attended school in Pea Ridge, Arkansas, graduating from Pea Ridge High School. He had been employed by Tyson Foods in Russellville, Arkansas, as a supervisor for 20 years. Clayton loved painting, reading and assembling model cars and rockets. He

was a member of First Baptist Church in Pea Ridge. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, December 21, 2023, at Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville. Brother Tony Ball will conduct the services. Contributions may be made to the family in memory of Clayton.

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BRENDA SUE HEADLEY
Brenda Sue Headley, age 62, of Cassville, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at Roaring River Health and Rehabilitation in Cassville. Private services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under direction of Fohn Funeral Home in Cassville.

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Stock Market Insights

By Dr. Richard Baker, AIF®
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The Unexpected Market Kiss

I reached out to shake her hand, and to my shock, the older lady kissed me hard on the lips. It was years ago in Belarus after giving a speech and using the example of harvesting potatoes with my grandpa as a boy. I was so shocked that I thought I would die. Similarly, the market was looking for a firm handshake from Chairman Powell and unexpectedly got a big kiss on the lips.

The Federal Reserve held interest rates steady on Wednesday, but the after-speech press conference is what caught the markets off guard. The Fed signaled its rate hiking campaign was finished by forecasting three

rate cuts next year.

The Fed released some projection numbers, but what shocked the market more than the numbers was that the Fed felt confident enough to put them in writing for the world to see. Before the meeting, many guessed that Powell would speak negatively to rein in markets already rallying on anticipated rate cuts. Instead of being negative, he confirmed the market's expectations and threw fuel on a hot fire.

Wednesday's speech was a complete U-turn in tone from as recent as two weeks ago when Powell spoke at Spelman College in Georgia. This not only marked the end of the most aggressive rate hike cycle in forty years but set up a potential first rate cut as early as March 2024. That's as close to an unexpected market kiss as you can get.

All this came about because inflation has declined much faster than the Fed expected and will soon hit its 2% target. If this happens, the Fed will shift its focus on lowering rates fast enough to avoid a recession. The US economy could still have a recession in the next few months, especially as interest-sensitive parts of the

economy continue to struggle with high-interest rates, such as the housing market and manufacturing, which might already be in recession.

The good news is that unemployment rates are still low, as are claims for unemployment insurance, and the stock market is rallying. All of which doesn't usually happen when the economy is about to go into recession.

The germaphobe in me wanted to melt into the floor when the old gal gave me the Belarusian cultural greeting. I guess she really connected with the potato story. I made a major life decision at that moment; I would never again use a potato story in a Belarusian speech; it's just not worth the risk of that kiss. But I will stand in line every day for an unexpected market kiss.

Have a blessed week!
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Tips on Caring for an Aging Parent

Dear Savvy Senior,

Where can I turn to for caregiving help? I help take care of my 80-year-old father and work too, and it's wearing me out.

Worn Out Wendy

Dear Wendy,

Taking care of an aging parent over a period of time – especially when juggling work and other family obligations – can be exhausting. But help and resources are available. Here's what you should know.

Identify Your Needs

To help you determine and prioritize the kinds of help you need, a good first step is to make a detailed list of everything you do as your dad's caregiver and the amount of time each task takes. Identify the times when you need help the most and which tasks others might be able to do for you.

Then list the types of care needed, such as simple companionship or doing active chores, like shopping or running errands. Once you determine this,

here are some tips and places you can reach out to for help.

Care Helpers

If you have siblings or other loved ones close by, start by asking them if they could come and help with specific tasks. And see if friends, neighbors or faith group members could help too.

You also need to check into local resources that may be available. Many communities offer a range of free or subsidized services that help seniors and caregivers with basic needs such as home delivered meals, transportation, senior companion services and respite services, which offers short-term care so you can take an occasional break. Call your nearby Area Aging Agency (800-677-1116) for referrals to services.

There are also a

bevy of online services you can use to help you save time on certain chores. For example, online grocery shopping and home deliveries, and online pharmacy medication refills and deliveries. You can also order meal-kits or pre-made meals online through numerous meal service delivery companies and arrange needed transportation with ride sharing services like Lyft or Uber.

Or, if you can afford it, you may want to consider hiring someone a few hours a week to help with things like cooking, housekeeping or even personal care. Costs can run anywhere from \$12 up to \$25 per hour. [Care.com](#) or [CareLinx.com](#) are two good websites to help you find someone, or you can work with a local home care agency.

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If you're handling your dad's financial chores, make things easier by arranging for direct deposit for his income sources, and set up automatic payments for his utilities and other routine bills. You may also want to set up your dad's online banking service, so you can pay bills and monitor his account anytime. Or, if you need help, consider hiring a bill paying service like Silver Bills ([SilverBills.com](#)), which charges a flat fee of \$150 per month. [BenefitsCheckup.org](#) is another excellent tool to look for financial assistance programs that may help your dad, particularly if he's lower income.

Technology Solutions

To help you keep tabs on your dad when you are away at work or if he lives alone, there are affordable technology devices that can help. For example, there are medical alert systems and smart

speakers that help with communication and allow him to call for help if needed. Home video cameras with two-way speakers that allow you to monitor and talk to him when you're away. Electronic pill boxes that can notify you if he has taken his medications. And to help you coordinate his care with other members of his care team there are websites like [LotsAHelpingHands.com](#).

Other Resources

There are also a number of other organizations you can draw on for additional information like the Family Care Alliance ([Caregiver.org](#)), which provides a state-by-state listing of caregiving programs and services; the Alzheimer's Association ([ALZ.org/help-support/caregiving](#)) that provides information unique to the challenges of dementia caregivers; and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ([Caregiver.va.gov](#)), which offers caregiver support services to veterans and spouses.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](#). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.





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Southwest December Students of the Month



During the month of December, students were chosen to be Student of the Month. These students exhibited the character trait of Caring.

Southwest Elementary's December Caring Students are front row, left to right, are Kylee Williams, Stella Seabolt, Colt Moore, Abel Jobe, Atreus Barnes, Avianna Chisholm; middle row, left to right, are Boston Miniard, Emma Phillips, Jack Mills, Gavin Cutberth, Scotty Reed, Khloe Dunn; and back row, left to right, are Andy Starr, Ryleigh Danley, Timothy Mitchell, Kylee Horton and Pachee Vue.

Multimedia Class Unleashes Creative Talent in Design Competition

From Mindi Artherton, Cassville Schools



Cassville High School student Caysee Stillings is shown above with Multimedia Teacher Amy Johnson and owners of Wildcat Ice Cream, LLC.

Cassville High School students from Mrs. Amy Johnson's multimedia class showcased their artistic prowess in a spirited competition to design a new logo and business card for Wildcat Ice Cream LLC. The challenge not only provided students with a real-world application for their skills, but also offered a unique opportunity for the winning design to become the official face of the local ice cream company.

The competition, sponsored by Wildcat Ice Cream LLC, featured an enticing prize of \$100 for the student whose design was selected. The owners of Wildcat Ice Cream

LLC, Benjamin and Tasha Gruber, carefully evaluated each submission based on creativity, relevance to the brand, and overall visual appeal. The student with the winning design was Sophomore Caysee Stillings.

In addition to the cash prize, Stillings will have the unique privilege of seeing her design come to life as it was officially adopted by Wildcat Ice Cream, LLC for use on their business cards and promotional materials.

The multimedia class played a pivotal role in facilitating this collaborative project, providing students with valuable hands-on experience and the chance to engage with a local business.

"I'm incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students throughout this competition. It's essential for them to experience the practical application of their skills, and this project allowed them to do just that," commented Mrs. Johnson.

The winning design will be featured prominently on Wildcat Ice Cream LLC's business cards, adding a fresh and vibrant element to the company's branding.

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Historical events from December 1923

The month of December has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in December 1923.

- The Gleno Dam bursts in the Province of Bergamo in the Lombardy region of Italy on December 1. More than 350 people are swept away and killed in the villages of Bueggio, Corna and Dezzo.
- Universal Pictures releases the film "The Darling of New York" on December 3. The film is the first to feature five-year-old Peggy-Jean Montgomery, also known as "Baby Peggy," who would soon be earning an annual salary of \$1.5 million.
- Charles Keating is born on December 4 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Keating would ultimately become one of the more infamous figures in American finance when he plays a prominent role in the savings and loan crisis of 1989.
- Kentucky Governor Edwin P. Murrow commutes the death sentence of convicted murderer Steve McQueen on December 5. McQueen was a juvenile at the time of the crime and Governor Murrow had received numerous requests to commute the sentence, which he did just days before his term as governor was due to end.
- On December 6, Winston Churchill is defeated in his attempt to be elected representative of Leicester West in a general election.
- The Reichstag of the Weimar Republic votes to pass an enabling act on December 8. The act, which garners 313 votes to just 18 dissents, gives Chancellor Wilhelm Marx the power to implement emergency economic and welfare measures. The act lasted until the dissolution of the Reichstag in March 1924.
- The National Dairy Products Corporation, which would ultimately become a conglomerate now known as Kraft Heinz, is founded on December 10.
- A 5.3 magnitude earthquake strikes near the Colombia-Ecuador border on December 14. More than 300 people are killed and the Colombian village of Cumbal is destroyed.
- The Liberal Party of

Greek Prime Minister Stylianos Gonatas wins control of the parliament on December 16. Gonatas' party ran on a platform of abolishing the monarchy.

- James D. Cummings and J. Earl McLeod of Washington, Kansas, file a patent application for their invention, the bulldozer, on December 18. The patent is granted on January 6, 1925.
- On December 18, American congressman Andrew Volstead tells a law enforcement conference in Minnesota that the American people were giving up their opposition to the Volstead Act, which established the prohibition of alcoholic beverages. In his remarks, Volstead predicts the act will never be repealed.
- King George II of Greece and Queen Consort Elisabeth leave the country on December 19. Their departure is in compliance with the Greek government, which abolishes the monarchy three months later.
- Nine farms in Goodhue County, Minnesota, receive electricity for the first time on December 24. The delivery of electricity is part of a project to demonstrate the economic feasibility of rural electrification in the United States.
- On December 24 in Washington, D.C.,

United States President Calvin Coolidge presses a button and turns on 2,500 electric bulbs, thus beginning the tradition of the National Christmas Tree.

- Prince Regent Hirohito of Japan survives an assassination attempt on December 27. The perpetrator, 24-year-old student Daisuke Namba, is the son of parliament member Sakunoshin Nanda. Namba is hanged on November 15, 1924.
- The first patent application for Russian-born American inventor Vladimir Zwarkin's "Television System" is filed on December 29. The patent is eventually granted on December 20, 1938.

Statewide Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Implemented

From Missouri Office of Administration

The State of Missouri's statewide prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) was activated on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. The purpose of PDMP is to reduce abuse and misuse of controlled substances such as opioids by making dispensation information for such substances available to prescribers, dispensers, and health care providers. Now, pharmacies in the state of Missouri are required to submit information to the PDMP when they dispense any prescribed Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances to patients in Missouri. The program was established in 2021 with the signing of Senate Bill 63.

"SB 63 (PDMP) will help provide necessary information to health care professionals and empower them to make decisions that better serve their patients and assist in fighting the opioid epidemic in Missouri," said Governor Parson at the time of the bill signing.

After the passage of SB 63, the Missouri

Joint Oversight Task Force for Prescription Drug Monitoring (JOTF) was created, which is the body that oversees the collection and use of patient dispensation information submitted to Missouri's PDMP. The JOTF chose Bamboo Health as its vendor to administer Missouri's PDMP services. Bamboo Health currently provides PDMP services to more than 40 other state PDMPs.

"Missouri's Statewide PDMP will be an important patient safety tool healthcare providers can now use to make more informed decisions and reduce risks for patients," said Christian Tadrus, Pharm.D., JOTF member.

For more information on Missouri's PDMP, please visit pdmp.mo.gov.

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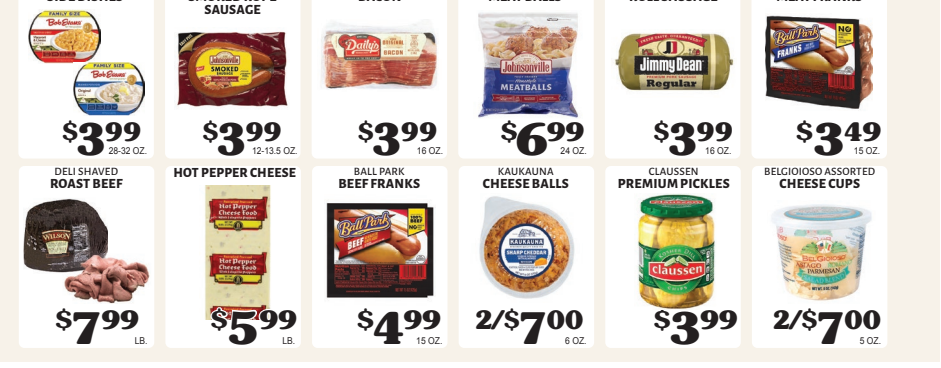
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Merry Christmas, Finn



Once upon a time in a cozy little town in Missouri, there lived a cheerful little boy named Finn. Finn had a heart full of excitement and a twinkle in his eye, especially when it came to playing ball, race cars, bicycles, and guitars.

One chilly Christmas Eve, as the snowflakes gently fell outside Finn’s window, he lay in his bed, wrapped up in his favorite cozy blanket. But tonight was different – it was Christmas Eve, and the magic of the season was alive in the air.

Finn’s room was adorned with posters of ball players, speedy race cars, shiny bicycles, and colorful guitars. As he snuggled under his soft blanket, his mind raced with dreams of the presents waiting for him under the Christmas tree. The anticipation bubbled inside him, making it hard to close his eyes.

His dad, sensing Finn’s excitement, tiptoed into the room and sat on the edge of the bed. “Finn,” he whispered, “Santa is on his way, and he has something special just for you. But to receive it, you must close your eyes and drift into dreamland.”

Finn, wide-eyed and filled with wonder, tried his best to settle down. His dad began to softly strum a lullaby on the guitar, creating a soothing melody that filled the room. The gentle hum of the strings wrapped around Finn like a warm hug, calming his racing thoughts.

As the notes danced through the air, Finn’s imagination took flight. He envisioned playing catch with his dad, zooming race cars, colorful bicycles speeding down snowy hills, and magical guitars playing tunes that echoed in the starlit night. The excitement of Christmas blended with the tranquility of the lullaby, creating a perfect harmony in Finn’s heart.

His eyelids grew heavier, and the dreamscape of Christmas wonders carried him into a peaceful slumber. His dad, with a tender smile, tucked him in and whispered, “Merry Christmas, Finn.”

And so, in the quiet town in Missouri, beneath the blanket of snowflakes and the twinkling stars, Finn sailed into dreamland, eagerly awaiting the joyous surprises that awaited him on Christmas morning.

A Christmas Surprise for Mary

In a quaint cottage nestled on the outskirts of a small town, Mary, a woman with silver hair and warm eyes, lived alone. Her children, spread across distant cities, seemed worlds away, and the prospect of spending Christmas without them weighed heavy on her heart.

As Christmas Eve approached, Mary sat by her window, gazing at the starlit sky. Thoughts of holiday gatherings and laughter echoed in her mind, but reality painted a different picture. Unbeknownst to her, her children were orchestrating a heartwarming surprise.

As the clock struck midnight, a knock echoed through the stillness. Mary opened the door to find her children, beaming with joy, standing before her. In their hands, they carried a beautiful tree, decorations and a stack of wrapped presents.

Tears welled up in Mary’s eyes as she embraced each of her children. The cozy living room transformed into a haven of love and laughter as they decorated the tree together, sharing stories of their lives apart.

The glow of the fireplace danced on their faces as they exchanged thoughtful gifts, creating a tapestry of shared memories and cherished moments. For that magical Christmas Eve, the distance that once seemed insurmountable melted away, leaving only the warmth of family bonds.

As the night unfolded, Mary realized that the true spirit of Christmas transcended physical distance. Surrounded by the love of her children, she discovered the magic of presence, turning a seemingly lonely Christmas into a celebration of togetherness and joy.

History of the Mistletoe Tradition

The tradition of kissing under mistletoe has its roots in ancient Norse mythology. In Norse mythology, mistletoe was considered a symbol of love, fertility, and peace. The story of Baldur, the god of light, plays a significant role in this tradition.

According to the myth, Baldur’s mother, Frigg, made all things promise not to harm her son, but she overlooked mistletoe. Taking advantage of this oversight, the trickster god Loki used mistletoe to harm Baldur, causing his death.

After this tragic event, mistletoe became a symbol of love and reconciliation. Some versions of the myth suggest that Frigg’s tears turned into the white berries on the mistletoe, further emphasizing its connection to love and healing. Over time, the association of mistletoe with love and peace continued to evolve.

The tradition gained popularity in Victorian England, where it became a Christmas custom. Hanging mistletoe during the holiday season was seen as a way to encourage goodwill and romance. The custom dictates that anyone standing beneath mistletoe is entitled to a kiss, fostering a festive and amorous atmosphere during the Christmas celebrations.

Today, the tradition persists in many cultures, with people hanging mistletoe decorations and exchanging kisses beneath them as a lighthearted and affectionate gesture during the holiday season.



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Christmas in the Living Room

By Dr. Don Kuehle, retired Global Minister

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CHRISTMAS celebrates the lifestyle that receives God's stamp of approval. At the center of the Christmas celebration is the Tree of Life. All of life is rooted in God; He alone is the source of all life. Christ Jesus is the living trunk. The Holy Spirit branches out from the trunk, and we, the people of God, are the living leaves on the Tree of Life. As long as we remain attached to the tree, we are alive; detached from the tree, we merely exist.

THE TRAGEDY OF CHRISTMAS is that too many are content to exist, going through the motions, thinking they are alive. Sin causes us to become detached from the Tree of Life. Selfishness, greed, lust, envy and jealousy, hatred and anger, pride, gluttony, and apathy are the visible fruits of mere existence and are the death of life.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS is that Jesus Christ comes and defeats sin. He throws out the rotten fruit of existence and kills old death. Jesus Christ strengthens our ties to the Tree of Life. We no longer have to settle for a sinful existence; we can enjoy the richness and fullness of life!

CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT LIVING! Let's live in such a way that God will smile on us and bless us! Let's shout out the Good News of God's love and saving grace! Let's light up the world with our good deeds! Christmas is the time to give up our pursuit of the "good" Life and accept Christ's offer of the "best" Life!

"After Hours" Mingle Benefits Cassville Schools Bright Futures



American Dream Realty in Cassville held an "After Hours" mingle last Wednesday to raise funds for Cassville School's Bright Futures program. Freedom Bank of Southern Missouri President Stan Kelley stopped by the event to make a donation and enjoy food and drinks made by employees. The event raised \$378.00 for the program. Photo: Adriana Keeton

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LOCATION: Purdy, Mo. (5094 FR 1090, Monett, Mo.)

Real Estate: 3 bedroom 2 bath home, approximately 1544 sq ft of living area plus attached 2 car garage. Enter this home under a covered front porch into a foyer with coat closet, dining area, nice size living room with vaulted ceiling, windows, and ceiling fan. Down the hall to bedroom #1 with ceiling fan, window and closet, full bathroom. Bedroom #2 window and closet, master bedroom ceiling fan, his and her closets and a door leading out to a back deck. Master bath with shower, laundry room, kitchen open to a den area with wood burning fireplace and a door leading out to a covered back deck. Kitchen features country cabinets, SS sink, built in hood and dishwasher and a door leading out to the attached 2 car garage. The garage has an automatic door opener and stairs leading down to a partial/unfinished basement. **Outside Features:** Covered front porch, covered back deck, a shop building with lean to, concrete floor and electric and a 1997, 14'x60' single wide mobile home. 2 bedroom 1 bath all on 1 ac m/l with fruit and nut trees, paved roads, located between Monett and Purdy MO. **Note:** Investors, 1st time home buyers, flippers, here's your chance to purchase a property, you can make it your own, fix it up and have two great rentals, with two places on the same acreage, flip it or live here. A call to preview the property before auction day or to pre-register for the auction. 417-847-2507. This is a caller upper, court ordered auction. For more information go to www.stumpffauction.com. **Real Estate Terms:** Qualified buyers only w/pre-approved bank letter of approval. Nonrefundable 10% paid day of auction w/balance due in cash or certified funds within 30-45 days. Buyers and sellers will be responsible for their own portion of their closing cost. Taxes will be prorated to the date of close. Sells as is where is with no warranties or guarantees. Bidders, buyers, or agent of the buyer is responsible for conducting own inspection of property prior to auction and should rely solely upon their own due diligence and inspection. This property is offered with absolutely no contingencies of any kind, no contingencies on financing, surveys, appraisals, or final walk throughs. Seller has the right to accept or reject final bid. A 10% buyer's premium will apply on Real Estate. Any announcements made day of auction supersede any and all printed material. **Sells to highest bidder with court approval**

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Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023 • 10:00 AM

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Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn and Missouri State Veterinarian Dr. Steve Strubberg have approved livestock movement papers for nine reindeer. Mr. Santa Claus from The North Pole applied for the permit this week, providing proof of the healthy herd through a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection signed by licensed veterinarian Dr. Hermey Elf.


Team leader, Rudolph, underwent additional testing to prove he's the most famous reindeer of all.

"We love to see Santa recognize so many on his nice list throughout Missouri this year," said Director of Agriculture Chris Chinn. "Santa's elves have been working hard to provide toys for all children. We're excited that our team gets to ensure all of Santa's reindeer are ready for flight and gifts get delivered across the Show-Me State this Christmas."

The permit approves Mr. Claus, his sleigh and nine reindeer for flight starting the night before Christmas, with a few exceptions for early deliveries.


"Our veterinary staff works to allow timely movement of healthy animals across Missouri and the U.S.," said Dr. Steve Strubberg. "Our team also recommends the reindeer consume healthy rations of Missouri grass hay. We encourage Missourians to make hay available for Santa's reindeer, in addition to milk and cookies for Santa."

Reindeer approved for flight: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph.



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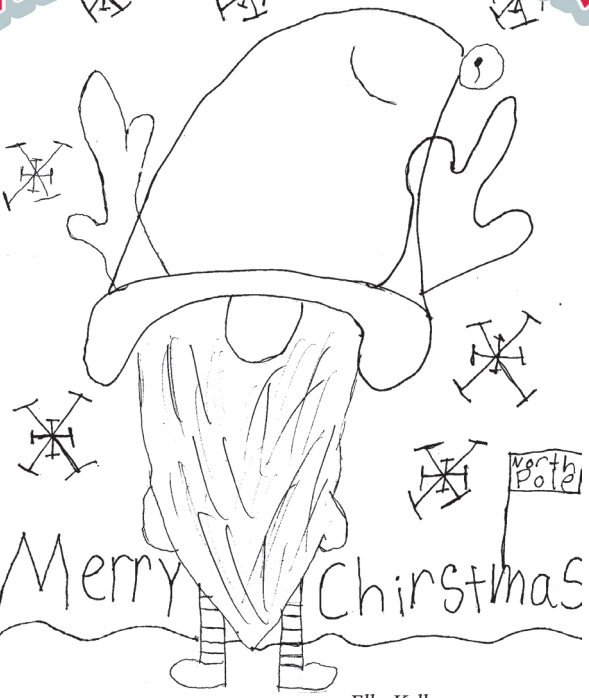


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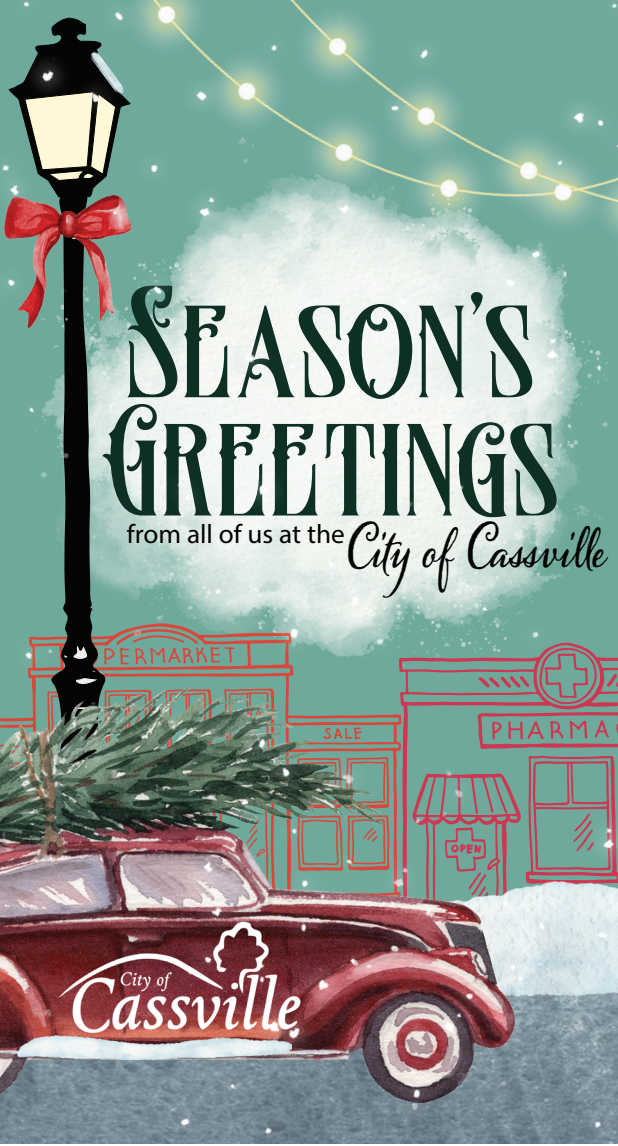
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Tasty tidbits about eggnog

Eggnog is a rich and delicious beverage that has become synonymous with the most festive time of year. This milk- and egg-based concoction is tasty on its own, or it can be dressed up with other flavors and spiked with a favorite spirit when celebrating the holiday season with other adult partygoers.

December is National Eggnog Month, and December 24 is National Eggnog Day. There is no more perfect time of year to learn everything you can about eggnog — all the while sipping a cup of this creamy concoction. Indulge in these festive facts about the beverage, courtesy of Mental Floss, The Fact Site and Tastemade.

- Eggnog likely originated in the medieval period and was known as “posset,” a hot, milk-based drink made of spices and wine. Even though posset could be a cocktail, it also was used as a remedy for colds and flu for its soothing properties.

- Milk, eggs and sherry used in the early recipes were difficult to come by, so when eggnog first appeared it was a drink only the wealthy could enjoy. That changed when eggnog was popularized in the American colonies, where dairy products and liquor were more readily available.

- Entymologists believe “eggnog” stems from the word “noggin,” which refers to small wooden mugs often used to serve strong ale, known by the slang word “nog.”

- In the Medieval period, it was risky to drink milk straight because it wasn’t pasteurized. Eggnog contained alcohol so that it would

kill off any harmful bacteria in the milk.

- A typical homemade version of eggnog has roughly one egg per serving. However, commercial eggnog is regulated by the FDA and can only contain 1 percent of the product’s final weight in egg yolk solids. That stems from fear of raw egg and salmonella.

- President George Washington apparently enjoyed serving eggnog at Christmas, and even had his own special recipe (see below), according to the Old Farmer’s Almanac.

- There is no right or wrong alcohol to use when preparing eggnog. Distilled spirits like rum, sherry, cognac, and whiskey all have produced suitable eggnogs.

- Puerto Rican coquito is a traditional drink that is very similar to eggnog.

- Individuals concerned about eggs or milk in eggnog can enjoy a vegan recipe made from nut milk instead. Commercially produced vegan eggnog offerings are now more widely available.

- One of the more notable flavors in eggnog comes from the use of nutmeg. Nutmeg is a fragrant spice made from grinding the seed of the nutmeg tree.

Now that you’ve learned about eggnog, whip up a batch of George Washington’s original recipe this holiday season.

Eggnog (George Washington’s original interpretation)

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| 1 | quart cream |
| 1 | quart milk |
| 1 | dozen tablespoons |
| sugar | |
| 1 | pint brandy |
| 1/2 | pint rye whiskey |
| 1/2 | pint Jamaican rum |
| 1/4 | pint sherry |

Eggs (Washington forgot to include the number of eggs, so home chefs can improvise or use six, which seems to be the standard in traditional recipes)

Mix liquor first, then separate yolks and whites of eggs, add sugar to beaten yolks, mix well. Add milk and cream, slowly beating. Beat whites of eggs until stiff and fold slowly into mixture. Let sit in cool place for several days. Taste frequently.

Tip: Today’s recipe makers may want to set the eggnog in the refrigerator as the “cool place” of choice.



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Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of midday to objects below;

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick! More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Dunder and Blitzen!"

"To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all"

As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the housetop the coursers they flew With a sleigh full of toys - and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry, His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face, and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly. He was chubby and plump - a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

And waving his hand from the window I saw him go.