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### Yes, Virginia There is A Santa Claus

Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in the Sun it's so."



Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus? -Virginia O'Hanlon

My Dear Virginia, Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no

Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of

### December Birthdays

We only have one birthday to announce this month, but it's a biggie!

Jesus Christ was born just south of Jerusalem in the little Palestine village of Bethlehem on the 25th. His parents, Mary and Joseph hailed from the town of Nazareth about 75 miles north east of Bethlehem.

This birth was such a milestone that mankind measures it's timeline for history from that incredible, singular occurrence.



### Happy News

#### Christmas at Cliffview

Once again it's almost time for our Family Fun Filled Frolic!

This year we'll hold our fifth annual Christmas at Cliffview and it's bound to be the best yet! As with each year, we plan to have lots of good food, good friends and good times! Please bring your friends, family, co-workers, anyone you know that will enjoy a great time, out to party with us on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Activity Center in Cliffview Resort. Festivities will begin at 4 pm and go until 8 pm. You and your children are invited to attend this happy event. We try to make this event as special for the children of Lee and Wolfe Counties as possible; what better way to have a great time than to celebrate with friends and neighbors!

Bring your appetite as we are gonna have a super scrumptious full course meal with a big dessert array to feast on throughout the evening. We will have a craft section set up to make ornaments to take home. There will be face painting, a photo booth (bring your camera), storytelling and singing. And Santa will be there! We have some great plans to make this year's party a time to remember by all.

Need more info? Call Sandy Teal 859-409-0024 Cell & Text

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#### **Red River Gorge Trail Crew (Volunteers)** [www.RRGTC.com](http://www.RRGTC.com)

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- **Hiking Trail Guide and Descriptions:** Great for beginners. redrivergorge.org.
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# Cooking' with Jenny

## Tips To Make Preparing Christmas Dinner Tastier and Easier

### Christmas Dinner

#### A Labor of Love

If you are hosting the Christmas dinner, here are a few suggestions to make the feast a bit more special:  
\*If you're having the whole family over for dinner, instead of one huge turkey, roast two smaller birds. You'll have twice the drum sticks for the kids; they'll be of a portion more suited in size for kids' appetites. Plus, the cooking time will be reduced.

\* For an even more interesting meal, remember turkey isn't a requirement for a delicious and thoroughly enjoyable Christmas dinner. Nothing says you can't have roast beef, country ham, duck or even the traditional goose if you want to.

\*Russet potatoes have the most flavor for mashed potatoes. Boil the potatoes only until fork-tender and drain them immediately. Then put them back on the heat, shaking the pot for a minute or so to dry out the excess water ; it will make the potatoes fluffier. Use half-and-half instead of milk. Add butter last.

\* An easy sweet potato casserole: Place cooked potatoes in a food processor, slowly add heavy cream and a little orange juice. Blend until they are the desired consistency. Perk up the flavor with cinnamon, brown sugar or maple syrup, and nutmeg.

For an even tastier casserole add coconut and raisins to the mixture. Dot the top with butter and bake at 350 degrees until warm.

\* Dress up instant stuffing by adding chopped celery, onions and mushrooms. Leave out some of the water when making the stuffing to allow for the water in the veggies. Chopped pecans or rosemary walnuts (See recipe below) also make a tasty addition to stuffing. If you plan to make your own stuffing, a tasty alternative to the traditional cornbread stuffing is long grain and wild rice.

### Rosemary Walnuts

#### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 teaspoon smoked black pepper
- 3/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 cups walnuts

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 300°F. Melt butter in a small saucepan; stir in rosemary, pepper and salt. Add walnuts and stir well with a rubber scraper until mixture evenly coats walnuts. Transfer to a baking sheet and cook for 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes. Let cool completely before storing in an airtight container.




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# The Message of Christmas

By Jerry Ison

"Put Christ back in Christmas!"

"There's too much revelry!"

"Christmas is over commercialized; it has lost its true meaning!"



And so on and so on. A lament of the times? Yes and no. It is true that many, both in the churches and the laity, bemoan the fact that Christmas has taken on a more "pagan" look than Pope Julius I intended when he established Christ's Mass in the 4th century. It's also true that people have been bemoaning the situation for centuries, so it's not just a modern day observation.

For most early settlers in America, Christmas wasn't even on their calendars. Those pious Pilgrims who had fled England because of religious persecution hated Christmas celebrations.

So much so that in 1659 the Puritans of New England passed a law with a five shilling penalty for "observing any such day as Christmas and the like." Nowadays, there does seem to be a lack of religious emphasis on this holiday, which is a celebration of the birth of the Christian Savior.

True, billions are spent on so-called pagan elements of celebration - drinking, greeting cards devoid of religious messages, parties and extravagant spending.

It is also true and unfortunate that so many people approach the Holiday Season as a month-long orgy of spending and partying culminated by an hour or so of oohs and ahhs over gadgets and gee-gaws.

I can't argue that Christmas definitely isn't a time of glitter and gloss, but it is also a time of appreciation and reflection. Yet, I don't think there's much cause for worry about how and why we celebrate.

The Season is a romantic and joyous time.

A time of wonder and expectation for young and old. One of the things which makes America what it is, is our tolerance, even protection of the rights of anyone to live and enjoy life as they see fit - so long as it doesn't hurt any one else.

By no stretch of the imagination can I foresee anyone being hurt by the joyous celebration of the Holiday Season. In whatever manner.

The very mention of Christmas evokes thoughts of happiness and sharing. A mental picture is invariably one of bright colors, smells and tastes.

The key word is always happy.

I would say this to those who wish to spend the time in worship or attending a church or synagogue, the folks buying all those gifts and throwing all those parties are willing to fight for your right to do just that. Some probably have. To those shoppers and revelers, don't let the spirit of the Season elude you. There is more to living than receiving and giving and it is embodied in the spirit of Christmas.

The message of Christmas is one of hope and love. We are, after all, celebrating the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

As Tiny Tim said, "God bless us, every one!"



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## December Kentucky Festivals & Events

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If you're planning an unforgettable Kentucky Christmas, add a few of these great holiday events and ideas to your travel agenda and make memories during your visit to one of America's most fun holiday destinations and events to enjoy and the scenery is often covered in a light blanket of snow to help make the season bright.

In short, Kentucky is a wonderful place to bring the family and make new holiday memories and traditions. View our calendar of fun-filled holiday events, find festive activity sheets for kids and look through some of our favorite photos of holidays in Kentucky. You can share some of your own photos of Kentucky holidays with our readers by tagging them: #kyholidays For information on all the festivals and Holiday events visit our web site: [kentuckytourism.com/events/](http://kentuckytourism.com/events/)

### Kentucky Railroad Museum's North Pole Express

Kentucky Railway Museum | 136 S. Main St. | New Haven  
Dates and Times: Dec 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 & 19  
Fri. 7 p.m., Sat., Sun. & Mon. 6 p.m.

All aboard for an evening of fun and holiday cheer as we journey to the North Pole to pick up Santa. Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. Children are encouraged to wear pajamas for pictures with Santa at the depot. Don't forget your camera! \$24 Adults, \$19 children (2-12). 3 p.m. 136 S. Main St., New Haven. 549-5470 [kyrail.org](http://kyrail.org) [info@kyrail.org](mailto:info@kyrail.org)

### Kentucky Railroad Museum's Santa Express

New Haven, Kentucky - Bourbon, Horses & History  
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Crestwood, Kentucky - Bourbon, Horses & History  
Dates & Times: Dec 8 - Dec 10, 2016 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
CRESTWOOD, KY -- The seventh annual Festival of Nativities will be held the evenings of December 8th, 9th, and 10th at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Crestwood. The festival is a community-wide event during the Christmas season that displays over 500 different nativity scenes. In addition to the nativities the festival will have live music and children's activities. There will also be a winter coat drive for Mission Crestwood. New or "gently used" coats of all sizes are needed. The event is free and open to the public.

There will also be an area where children can interact with nativity scenes and dress in period costumes. In addition, a live nativity will be performed each night of the event. The Festival will be held on Thursday, December 8th from 6:30 - 9pm, Friday, December 9th from 6:30-9pm and Saturday, December 10 from 6 - 8:30pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 6401 Westwind Way, Crestwood, KY.

For more information, to volunteer, or to offer your nativity for display, please visit: [crestwoodnativities.com](http://crestwoodnativities.com)

## Magical Christmas in Burnside

Burnside, Kentucky - Kentucky's Southern Shorelines  
Dates & Times: Dec 10, 2016 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
The lights from Christmas Island have been restored and placed in various locations through historic downtown Burnside from the weekend of Thanksgiving through New Year's Day.

On the second Saturday of December the City of Burnside holds their annual Magical Christmas in Burnside Parade and the Christmas Crafters; Village. The Village will be held at the Burnside Fire Department located on E. French Ave. There will be a variety of crafts for those hard to buy for friends and family. Santa will be there, so the little ones can visit and tell him what they want for Christmas. Parents be sure to have those cameras handy. The parade will kick off promptly at 1 pm. and it will feature floats, mini monster trucks, first responder vehicles, classic cars, horses and carriages, cartoon and video game characters, and of course Santa and elves.

For more information, call 606-561-4113

