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Merry Christmas!

Hey, Ya'll!
Come on Down

Cliffview's 7th Annual

"Christmas in the Woods"

Saturday, December 8th, 2018

Cliffview Reception Center

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This year's Event will continue the Tradition of a delicious Home Cooked meal including: Turkey and Pot Roast, Greens Beans and Potatoes, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese for the Kids, & all the extras.

Along with our Christmas meal, a fun Ice Cream Bar.

Our Family Fun includes an unboothed Photo Booth where Family and Friends can take a Holiday Picture (2 per family).

Holiday Face Painting and Holiday Craft projects for Kids.

Our wonderful DJ, Ethan Moore, will entertain Young and Old alike with Musical Dances and Games. We will be Caroling.

And of course, Santa Claus will be paying us a visit!

Electrifying News!

We have three Tesla Charging Stations, one of which is universal. Now you can recharge your Tesla, Prius, Leaf, Volt, or any electric or hybrid car while enjoying unforgettable time in the Gorge zipping, hiking or just napping. And, we offer this service to anyone, you do not have to be a guest at Cliffview.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot - you can charge absolutely free! That's right. Free!

December Birthdays & Special Days

December 25 - Jesus Christ, Christian Savior

Hannah Ingram- Housekeeper- December 21

Office Manager, **Nancy Griffin**, is super excited to celebrate Christmas with her newest grandchild, **Mackensley Raelynn Griffin!**

And of course the rest of her family :)

Welcome!

Even if you are not a guest of Cliffview Resort, there are still lots of good reasons to visit us.

First of all, for some adrenalin pumpin' excitement, there is the Red River Gorge Zipline and Canopy Tour.

The tour is five lines strung through the trees high over the beautiful valleys and gorges with the most breath taking views of nature at her best.

The last two lines are doubles so you and a companion can race across three hundred feet in the air at speeds up to fifty miles per hour!

Visit the Overhang Tavern where you'll find a full menu and a rustic tavern with a broad selection of adult beverages.

There are deer, wild turkey - at least 1000 species of birds, animal and native plants

Within the Resort are 14 fishing lakes for the exclusive use of our guests. The lakes are chock full of blue gills, bass and catfish.

Please keep in mind there will be more anglers to follow so fishing here is strictly catch and release.

We have rods, reels and limited tackle guests can borrow. Ask at the Lodge.

While here, tour the rest of the Resort - You just might fall in love!

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Throughout the Christmas Season, businesses are encouraged to decorate their storefront using a "Festival of Trees" theme! Follow the Christmas Spirit Facebook Page for announcements of caroling and music events!

December 8th, 10am-3pm

THREE FORKS HISTORICAL CENTER

Santa's Workshop 10am-1pm:

Write a Letter to Santa, Christmas Cookie Decorating & Snacking,
Kids Craft Station, Christmas Story Reading
12pm: Photos with Santa & Mrs. Clause

Local Crafts: Local artisans and small businesses are welcome to set up in the museum from 10am-3pm. Set up time is 9:00am. Space will also be available in the old health dept building located at 45 Center St.
Call (606) 464-5007 or (606) 464-5038 to reserve space.



MAIN STREET EVENTS

2pm-4:30pm - Town Square

Live Music at the Town Square on Main Street across from Don Begley Auto Sales. Performances by the Bell Choir, Mike Stallings, Cantata Chorus, The Hilltop Pickers, Christmas Pageant Contestant Singers and more!

Horse & Carriage Rides - Donations Appreciated, all donations go toward Christmas Spirit programs. Made possible by Freddie Gabbard!

5:00pm - Courthouse

Christmas Spirit Parade, Kiwanis Treat Giveaway, Grand Marshal Award Ceremony, Christmas Tree Lighting, Photos with Santa

Event is sponsored by The City of Beattyville, Lee County Fiscal Court, Beattyville Kiwanis Club, the Beattyville/Lee County Tourism Commission, the Downtown Beattyville Alliance & its members.

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Santa Claus



"He's makin a list. He's checking it twice."

Santa Claus, the jolly old elf, is so much a part of the American Christmas tradition, one would think he was another Old World tradition the early English, Dutch or German

settlers brought with them.

In truth, Santa is the sum of several customs which were only unified into the modern day personification about 150 years ago. The story of Santa is one which combines several legends and the life of a real person.

The person was St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of mariners, bakers, merchants and children. A number of legends exist which illustrate his generosity. It is said he gave freely to the poor and helped a distraught man who was about to sell his three daughters to recoup a lost fortune.

Later, legends developed St. Nicholas into a man who was especially fond of giving gifts to children and visiting them on the eve of his feast day.

When St. Nicholas was depicted in pageants and festivals he always had a long flowing white beard. After the Reformation, a more secular figure took St. Nicholas' place. Some called him *Christmas Man*.

In France, he was *Papa Noel* and in England, *Father Christmas*. In Holland, St. Nicholas was known as *Sinterklass*. They brought Sinterklass with them to New Amsterdam. The first church built in New York was named in his honor.

After the Dutch lost New Amsterdam to the English, Sinterklass was gradually anglicized into Santa Claus, acquiring some of the features of Father Christmas. St. Nicholas' red and white became the colors of Santa Claus' clothes

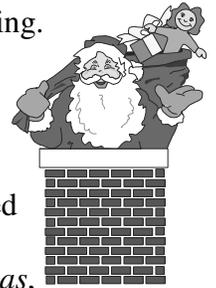
The German and German speaking Swiss who settled in Pennsylvania held the custom that the Christ Child, *Christkindl*, would come riding his gray mule on Christmas Eve to leave gifts for the children. Tiny Christkindl entered the houses through the keyhole. Christkindl was *Kriss Kringle* to the English.

All the traits each of these figures possessed were gradually incorporated into our present Santa Claus. From St. Nicholas came the gift giving.

The toy shop at the North Pole and sliding down the chimney are believed to have come from the Christmas Man.

When Clement Clarke Moore penned *A Visit from St., Nicholas*, better known as *The Night Before Christmas*, the reindeer-drawn sleigh was introduced.

As it stands now, Good Old Saint Nick is Kris Kringle and is Santa Claus. However Santa is still going through some changes. The Santa of today is going to have to get out the Bow Flex, bring down that cholesterol level, opt for oatmeal bran cookies with skim milk and will certainly have to give up that pipe!



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Peace

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
Luke 2:14



Peace on earth. What a terrific idea.

But what is peace? The dictionary gives many definitions ranging from quiet and tranquility to lack of motion or movement. Peace is defined as the freedom from war, conflict and hostilities; concord and amity; a state of mutual harmony.

Aside from a physical condition where one is free from disorder and civil commotion, peace is also a mental and spiritual calmness and freedom from disturbances arising from passion or a sense of guilt. Peace is an important concept to Christians; indeed, Jesus is often referred to as the "Prince of Peace"

The word peace or words based on the word peace are found in more than 130 Old Testament verses and more than 100 New Testament verses. One of the most enduring Christian icons is the dove as a symbolic representation of peace. This of course is taken from the tale of Noah in the book of Genesis.

Through the years, other symbols have come to be associated with the idea of peace; none more familiar than the so-called "peace sign".

This was originally a representation of a jet bomber and was used in the "Ban the Bomb" protests of the very early 60's in England.

England is also the origin of the other peace sign, two fingers raised. It is believed Winston Churchill used this as a "V" for Victory salute and the gesture later became associated with the hippies and "Peaceniks"

"Peace!", is an expression of well-wishing or a salutation. as well as a word of parting, so let me say, once again.... Peace, man!

Why December 25

Christmas is a celebration of the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ and many Christmas customs are based on that event. The tradition of giving presents originated with the Wise Men bringing gifts for the baby Jesus.

Most Christmas Carols are songs of praise for the Christ Child or poems which tell the story of the Birth and other phenomena which occurred that night set to music.

Many of the decorations we use during this season are symbolic of the events: angels, shepherds, the Christmas Star, even the animals which surrounded the Baby Jesus. However, many of the ways people celebrate this holiday have nothing at all to do with the birth of Christ.

The very date of the Christmas celebration, December 25th, has its origins in pagan superstitions and customs. In many cultures, it was customary to celebrate the winter solstice, which occurs at about this time of year. Some scholars believe the date chosen was to turn the pagans away from their own celebration and to embrace the tenants of Christianity.

It is believed the Nativity did take place on the 25th. but of which month?

Theologians of the third century interpreted some prophetic scriptures as saying that Christ was indeed born at the time of the winter solstice. During this same period, a set of writings, *The Apostolic Constitutions*, set forth the idea that the Apostles ordained that the Feast of the Nativity be kept on the 25th day of the ninth month. At that time, December was the ninth month.

In 310 A.D., the Roman Church fixed the birth of Jesus Christ as taking place on December 25 and that day is the date we celebrate today.

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The Message of Christmas

"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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The first three email responses with the correct translations will win a Free Zipline Tour Pass at Red River Gorge Ziplines here in the Cliffview Resort.

Send your solution to jerry@jerryison.com by the 22nd of December and the first three – decided by time stamp only – and with the correct solutions - decided by the editor only - will win a free pass. No cash value, and can not be transferred.

Politically Correct Carols

What if some Scrooge at the ACLU with a thesaurus was to rename traditional Christmas songs, would you be able to identify them? Have fun trying

01. Small City in Judea _____
02. Colorless Yuletide _____
03. Singular Yearning for Twin Anterior Incisors _____
04. Loyal Followers Advance _____
05. Righteous Darkness _____
06. Weather: Cloudless; Arrival Time: 2400 Hours _____
07. Far Off in a Feeder _____
08. Array the Corridors _____
09. Diminutive Young Male Percussionist _____
10. Monarchial Triad _____
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness _____
12. Father Christmas En Route to Borough _____
13. Initial Christmas _____
14. Frozen Precipitation Commence _____
15. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle _____
16. The Quadruped with the Vermilion Proboscis _____
17. Query Regarding Identity of Descendent _____
18. Delight for This Planet _____
19. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings _____
20. Hence Arriveth Kris Kringle _____
21. To Descry Matriarchal Osculation of Yuletide Benefactor _____
22. At the Zenith of the Habitat _____
23. Endocarps Vesicated in a Conflagration _____
24. Jehovah Dulcify Blithe Chevaliers _____
25. The Dozen Festive 24-hour Intervals _____



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