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Uncommon Sense

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Enjoy Your Wonderful Christmas Present

What is the best Christmas you remember? Was it when you were a child? Was it when you received the gift you wanted? Was it when you received a lot of gifts? Maybe it was when you had a special meal? Maybe it was when family members gathered who are no longer alive? Was it when you were younger? Or, was it after you became older? Was it back in the day when you were poor? Was it after you weren't so poor? Was it when your health was better? Or, did it have something to do with the weather? For example, when you were snowed in with nothing but a warm fire and Christmas music playing on the radio.

We all remember special Christmas days for various reasons. It may have been when you were alone in a foreign country. Perhaps you were serving our country in the military and you were on a battlefield someplace fighting for our country. We will all spend Christmas in a strange place at one time or another in life if we live long enough. Today you may spend Christmas in the nursing home as a resident or visiting a loved one. Nursing homes become very quiet lonely places on Christmas and Christmas Eve. Perhaps you have a family member in prison or maybe you have spent Christmas incarcerated. Possibly you have spent Christmas in the hospital or caring for someone in the hospital. Of course, the list of possibilities is endless when it comes to Christmas day. Hopefully you have many good memories and hopefully you have come to a point in your life where you are able to understand those

memories that aren't so great. The best Christmas you've ever had could be this Christmas because this is all we have - today. We don't have yesterday. We don't have tomorrow. We have today. We are fortunate to have today because we know so many who did not make it until today. They've gone on. We miss them. There is an empty place at the table. This usually makes us sad because we remember their presence and the joy they brought to us.

This Christmas take stock of what you have an who you are and where you are in life. It may not be exactly as you planned but it's where you are and it's what you have. So often we mess up our current lives looking back or trying to look forward hoping for something better and we don't savor the moment. Give thanks to God for your family and friends. Thank him for the gift of Jesus, the baby whose birth we celebrate. Take time to embrace your present. The greatest gift we will have on Christmas will be the "present" moment to enjoy Christmas. Unwrap it slowly and enjoy every second. Breathe it in and look around you because you will never have this Christmas again. Next year will be different in some way. You may certainly hope so, but maybe not. We never know what life is going to bring. So, enjoy your 'present" this Christmas. On Christmas day it will be your very best gift. Find books by Glenn Mollette at Amazon.com Learn more about his books, columns and music at GlennMollette. Com. Email is gmollette@ aol.com

Sandy Hook Socials

Dwight and Flo Whitley were in Flemingsburg, Ky., on Saturday, Dec. 21, as guests of Stephanie and Donnie Perry. It was an early Christmas celebration and they were thrilled to spend the afternoon with their family. Both their granddaughters were there with their families. They got to spend time with all of their great-grandsons. Also in attendance were Stephanie's mom Olive "Mimi" McKinney and "Poppi" Gerald McKinney, Stephanie's longtime friend Krista Triplett, and her boyfriend. Everyone had a wonderful time being together. Everybody brought finger foods and enjoyed Stephanie's veggie soup and sandwiches. It was a wonderful afternoon with family.

Laura Ann Evans is in Elliott County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for physical therapy following back surgery. For those wishing to send her cards, send them to:

Laura Evans Room 209 Elliott Nursing & Rehab 20 Howard's Creek Rd. Sandy Hook, KY 41117 Get well soon, Laura! Merry Christmas to everyone! Have a safe and happy holiday and give thanks for your many blessings! - Flo Whitley

LEAST EXPECTED What we anticipate seldom occurs; what we least expect generally happens.

–Benjamin Disraeli

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance amending the Elliott County budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, to include unanticipated receipts from Prior Year Surplus, State Grants, etc. in the amount of \$501,991.09 and increasing expenditures in the area of Reserve for Transfers, etc., was adopted by the Elliott County Fiscal Court on December 17, 2024. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Elliott County budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, to include unanticipated receipts from CDBG Grant Revenues, FIVCO Grant Revenues, and Insurance Refunds, etc. in the amount of \$527,198.18 and increasing expenditures in the area of Big Stone Water Main Extension, Capital Projects, Reserve for Transfers, etc., will be held on January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elliott County Courthouse. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

Elliott County Tourism

Hello everyone:

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas, enjoying your family and friends. I'd like to wish you all a happy New Year!

The Elliott County Tourism Committee meets the second Monday of each month at the Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage

Center at 5 p.m. Stay safe and remember, Let's keep turning "ME" into what "WE" can do for each other.

Birthdays

Happy Anniversary

• Steve Kegley, Jan. 1.

- Judy Craig Elliott Co. Tourism

• Sharon Hall, Jan. 4.

• Francis Whitt, Jan. 5. • Mark Pennington, Jan. 5.

• Jennifer Ison, Jan. 5.

• Stephanie Kitchen, Jan. 1

• Stephanie Kegley, Jan. 1.

• Kevin Reynolds, Jan. 2.

• Michael Bowlin, Jan. 4.

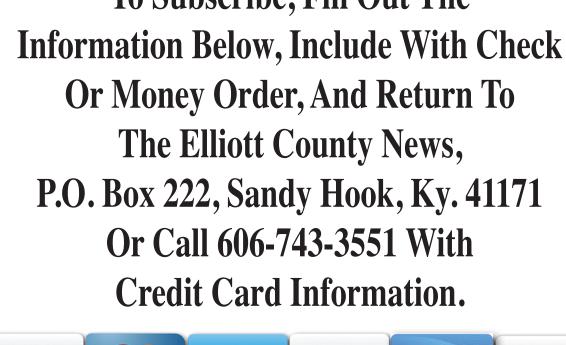
• Melissa Butts, Jan. 4.

• Linda Kegley, Jan. 2.

Happy Anniversary

 Sharon and Rodney Boggs, Jan. 1.

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