

Greatest Gift of All

By: William Jerry Ayers

As this Christmas story we must go back a few years. A father punished his little seven-year-old daughter for wanting a roll of silver Christmas wrapping paper. Money was very tight and he became real mad when his daughter tried to wrap a box to put under the small Christmas tree.

On Christmas morning the little girl brought the same little silver box to her dad and said, "This gift is for you daddy, with love." He was embarrassed by his overreaction the day before, but his anger flared up again when he opened the little silver box and found it empty. He yelled at her, "Don't you know when you give someone a present, there is supposed to be something inside the box." The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh daddy, it's not empty, I blew kisses into the silver box, all for you daddy! The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little daughter and then he begged for forgiveness.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later, and it is told that the man kept the little silver box by his bed and whenever he feels very discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the great love of the child who put it there. For this was his greatest Christmas gift of all.

And in a very real sense, each of

us humans have been given a little silver box filled with unconditional Love and Kisses from our children, friends, our family and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could give.

Joking with Jerry in December

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Good humor will make this Christmas season a lot better.

Success is getting what you want for Christmas, happiness is wanting what you get.

Willie Makell... At Christmas time my wife thinks I'm a treasure. Craig... You are lucky, some wives think their husbands are a treasure.

Remember when the only thing opens all night on Christmas was the mailbox.

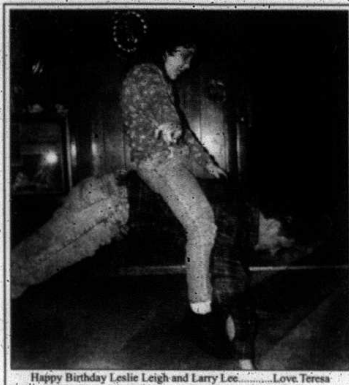
On Christmas... youth is a gift of nature; but age is a work of art. Grandparents are God's gift to children.

During the Christmas season money does talk, it says goodbye.

It's Christmas Time... a time to remember that the road between family and friends is never long.

Each day we live is a true gift from above.

A big "SMILE" is an inexpensive gift that you can give on Christmas.



Happy Birthday Leslie Leigh and Larry Lee. Love, Teresa

Roundstone holds Christmas Program

By: Preston Farrett

It was a wet snowy night With the rain being faithful, But inside the Roundstone gym The program was truly delightful.

An overflow crowd showed up Filling the bleachers and the floor, And many stood around the wall While some peered through the door.

Principal Noe opened the program. For when she saw the huge crowd A loud wow was the best she could do.

The fourth grade performed "An Old English Carol" And with recorders and melodaphones they played. It was a beautiful sight and sound As real live music they made.

The second grade's part was the "Wacky March" Their hats were called nutcrackers, And the music they played was wacky.

As they used their kazoo's and boomwhackers.

The third grade did the "Blitzen Boogie" Some had antlers of red and brown, A few cool reindeers had on sunglasses. As the class boogied all over town.

The first grade did "December Is a Time" Dangling jingle bells and sang of love and snow, And they all had on Santa hats! As they sang and went "Ho-Ho-Ho."

"Johnny Works With One Hammer" Was the kindergarten's part. For they were Santa's toy makers And they worked with all their heart.

With a hammer attached to each arm And one attached to each leg and hand, They worked up to using five hammers As head, legs and arms up and down sped.

The fifth grade closed out the program

"A Song of Peace" was their theme, Their topic and their singing Was right on the beam.

They sang if I could write a song It would be one of love, peace and joy.

And what better season to think such thoughts As we celebrate the birth of a savior boy.

Congratulations to all the girls and boys And I want to praise you good and loud, For your performance was so great it got A standing ovation from the crowd.

To Stephanie Hurst your fine director.

We salute her for a great show, And we all appreciate her efforts And we all want her to know.

In Loving Memories

My Loving Mother

I miss you mom, oh, so much Your smiling face and your loving touch.

How hard you had it all through your life Walking, carrying loads to raise your children right.

You were good to everybody and worked hard But didn't complain even though you were very tired.

You walked many miles on them long old roads Working, tugging and carrying heavy loads.

I miss going and seeing you in the nursing home You'd see me coming and smile a yard long.

Now I can't see you I miss your loving touch But God couldn't stand you suffering so much.

He took you home to ease all your pains To be with him where the glory of angels sing.

Your smiling face I can no longer see to touch I miss you, mother, no one knows just how much.

It won't seem right without you being here with me

It will be a sad Christmas where you presents use to be.

Sadly missed
Ravenella Payne

In Loving Memory Of

Nora Burdine

(Feb. 10, 1917 - Dec. 23, 2000)

If roses grow in heaven Lord Please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my grandma's arms And tell her they're from me.

Tell her I love her and miss her And when she turns to smile, Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a while.

Because remembering her is easy, I do it everyday But there is an ache within my heart That will never go away.

Kim and the whole family



Cameron Brown celebrated his third birthday on November 6th with a Spongebob Squarepants party at his home. He would like to thank everyone for coming and for all the nice presents he received. Cameron is the son of Cletis Ray and Rhonda Brown of Brodhead. He is the grandson of Cletis and Rose Brown of Mt. Vernon, Owen and Helen Noel of Brodhead and the Great Grandson of Virgil and Evelyn Mullins of Climax. He also send a special hello to his cousins Kaleigh Ann, Logan and Tanner Noel.



August Winstead celebrated her 4th birthday December 1st with a party at Chucky's Cheesies. Her family wishes her a very Happy Birthday.

100th Birthday Celebrated...

Effie Reynolds Percival celebrated her 100th birthday on December 18th. She was born and raised in Mt. Vernon and spent most of her life operating several businesses including four restaurants and a variety store. Her husband, McKinley, passed away in 1978. She now resides in Louisville at the following address:

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She would enjoy and appreciate hearing from past friends and acquaintances.

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