

Santa Letters
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The Carlisle Mercury
Santa reads them,
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the annual Holiday Recipe and
Songbook to make your holi-
days a little brighter!

Happy Holidays
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The greatest story of all reveals the true meaning of Christmas

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyreni-us was governor of Syria.)
3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David)
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being joined with child.
6. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. And there was in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, the Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:
14. Glory to God in the Highest, and on the Earth peace, good will toward men.
15. And it came to pass, as the angel went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go on even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16. And they came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.
17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.
21. And then eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the Angel before He was conceived in the womb.
22. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord;
23. (As it is written in the law of the Lord, every male that openeth the womb shall be called Holy to the Lord)
24. And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons.
25. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him.
26. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
27. And he came by the Spirit unto the temple, and then the parents brought the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.

Johnson Mathers joins UK assisted health care alliance

By Leigh Stone
The Carlisle Mercury Staff
CARLISLE - Johnson Mathers Health Care Inc. is one of several rural Kentucky health care providers entered into a new health care alliance agreement.
The new system, called CHA, is a health maintenance organization and will be assisted by the University of Kentucky.
"We are participating. We believe it's a real good system," confirmed JMHC Public Relations Manager Josh Shepherd. CHA and would be run providers instead of insurance companies.
Officials of Commonwealth Healthcare Alliance Inc. and CHA created the provider-driven, integrated delivery system that encompasses more than one million people throughout central, northern and eastern Kentucky.
According to a news release from Commonwealth Healthcare Alliance Inc., the health professionals who created CHA were guided by a simple belief: When given a choice, most Kentuckians prefer to be cared for by their hometown doctors and be treated in their local hospital. In addition, it was realized that when individuals use local care providers as the front

28. Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,
29. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
30. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
31. Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
32. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.
33. And Joseph and his Mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of Him.
34. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary His mother, Behold, this Child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;
35. Yes, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also; that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.
36. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phan-u-el of the tribe of Aser; she was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;
37. And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day.
38. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
39. And when they had performed all things according to the Law of the Lord, they returned unto Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth.
40. And the Child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the Grace of God was upon Him.
41. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover.
42. And when He was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.
43. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the Child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his other knew not of it.
44. But they supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.
45. And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him.
46. And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions.
47. And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.
48. And when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said unto Him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.
49. And He said unto them, How is that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?
50. And they understood not the saying which He spake unto them.
51. And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart.
52. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.



One from the Hart
Ananda Hart, right, daughter of Mercury manager Jason Hart, hands out her contribution to the Annual Toy Drive to Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes. Hughes said that if more toys and funds are not received in the last days before Christmas, the fire department will have to use funds raised by fire fighters.



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Tonya Rachel Side, 6, daughter of Louise Side of 2070 Crooked Creek Road, Carlisle, was the proud winner of the "Nicolas County's Largest Christmas Stocking" at 6:05 A.M. last Saturday. Mrs. Side said, "I was really excited when we got the call this morning letting us that we had won." Tonya, a first grader in Ms. Hammons' class at Nicholas County Elementary, said, "I wanted to go up there right then." Tonya enjoys working on the computers at school. Field & Vice owners Joe Wilson and Ricky Hughes and employees Karen Bussell and Norma Brock were happy to have Tonya help out with the 2500+ indicators as she waited on Santa. The stocking contained at least 14 to 15 presents including Nerf Toys and Power Rangers games, the Lion King and other stuffed toys. Tonya said her favorite game would be the "Whiner's Waldo?" Activity Set.

JMHC welcomes new radiology manager

By Josh Shepherd
Special To The Mercury
CARLISLE - Johnson Mathers Health Care Inc. is pleased to welcome a new face to its radiology department.
Jeff Fritz, R. T., has been named as JMHC's new manager of the radiology department.
Fritz is a 1979 graduate of the St. Joseph Hospital School of Radiology Technology in Lexington.
At the time he attended St. Joseph's there were three Lexington Hospitals, said from the University of Kentucky's medi-
cal program, that offered hospital based teaching programs in health care. After 15 years, St. Joseph's is the only one that continues to offer a teaching program, Fritz said.
"It was a continuous 24-month program with absolutely no breaks at all," Fritz said about his experience at St. Joseph's. He was graduated and continued to work in Lexington for two years before moving back home to Mayville. For the last 12 years he worked with Mountainview Regional Hospital, the last five of which he served
as Director of Imaging Services. On Monday, Dec. 5, Fritz began work as radiology manager at Johnson Mathers Health Care.
"The reason I decided to move to Johnson Mathers is that I became tired of working for a hospital with corporate owner. The emphasis seemed too much on the money and not on the person. Johnson Mathers Health Care gives me an opportunity to manage in an environment where I can get more involved in the personal care of people," Fritz said.