

The Magic of Memories during Christmas!

Well, the First Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was a huge success and fun was had by all young and old! Thanks to all that helped pull this event together.

Next, we look forward to the celebration of our Savior's birth! When you think about, it's truly a miracle and still leaves me in wonder whenever I think back on what it would be like to bring a tiny newborn into this world with just a stable for shelter. No gender reveal, no baby showers, no arguing over family favorites for its name! To be Mary, a young unwed soon to be mother must have been very frightening. Imagine how that conversation went with her parents and Joseph and them trying to understand how she became with child.

The music that we hear and share this time of year is always beautiful and special to my ears. I may not be able to remember the name of a person that I just met, but I can remember the words to my favorite Christmas carols. Even the one about 'grandma got run over by the reindeer' is fun to hear year after year. Although it's not religious, it does carry the humor in its lyrics!

Peace on Earth is still a wish for the world. The areas that are still fighting and the challenges we have internally in the United States leave us still with this hope. All our service men and women spread out around the world will be missed by their families. We appreciate their sacrifice and the service!

It is fun to give gifts even for us grown-ups! We have everything we need, but the unwrapping of gifts is still exciting. I can remember a Christmas where I had found the gifts from the magical Santa in the top of my mom's closet. After going through them very carefully as to not draw attention to the find, I was very sad on the actual Christmas day when I already knew what was in the packages. It was a tough lesson for a then 5th grader, but its memory has stayed with me all this time!

Whenever my daughter was a 2nd grade schoolteacher in the DFW metroplex, she learned that one of her student's family was really struggling with finances that year and would not be able to support the burden of Santa gifts. We found out all the details on the children and were able to provide all the needs and the wants that year. It was a drive by drop off and driving away quickly was the best feeling and now memory! Knowing the children had coats and gloves and even toys for the new year was an amazing feeling. I know many of you contribute to toy drives, Angel trees, and share that warm feeling of helping others. Since moving back to Cresson and participating in events in Cresson and Granbury, you all are some giving folks! Big hearts are spread across Hood County! The gift of giving to others is a wonderful win-win feeling. Hoping this holiday brings that warm feeling to you and your families!