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INDICTMENTS

People universally celebrate thankfulness



Harvest food display of healthy foods include beans, grains, cauliflower, cantaloupe, pasta, bread, orange, turkey, salmon, carrots, turnips, zucchini, snow peas, string beans, radishes, asparagus, summer squash, lean beef, tomatoes, and potatoes. Author unknown Public Domain



Humans share the common trait of thankfulness and it is practiced all over the world. Here is a food decoration for Erntedankfest, a Christian Thanksgiving harvest festival celebrated in Germany. Photo credit--Be-ne16

By Carol Ballard
Warren/Frederick County Report

A few years ago, a friend talked about how she enjoyed her family's feasting and being social during Thanksgiving but wanted them to feel what Thanksgiving Day is really about.

So, on New Year's Day, the year before the upcoming Thanksgiving, she asked everyone to write at least one thing they were thankful for on a piece of paper whenever they thought of it.

Her family liked the idea and to please her, they tried it during that year.

On Thanksgiving that year, the jar was totally full.

When they read all the thanks they had collected, it brought back the year's events and reminded them of how many good things happened.

Local folks shared some of the essentials they are grateful for this year, and others of all ages and locations across the country added theirs.

Anna, a 12-year-old girl from western Virginia, said, "I'm thankful for having food to eat and water and my family being ok."

Mikey, an 11-year-old boy from Northern Virginia is thankful for the game Fortnite, food, education, family, and a good home.

Rosie from Maryland wrote, "I'm thankful for my family (of course) and specifically that they're healthy and pretty happy. I'm thankful for modern medicine and that my mom, who because of surgery, can walk now! I'm thankful for my two sweet daughters and that I can afford to clothe

and feed them."

Jacob, a ten-year-old boy from Northern Virginia was thankful for, "My life, grandma, Fortnite, family, cousins, uncles and aunts."

Dianne from California responded with, "I am thankful that Frank [husband] and I lived through the year. It was a tough winter!"

Betty from western Virginia said, "Good health insurance, a

job that allows my family to be comfortable, a home, and to be safe."

When asking this question on the "What's Up Front Royal Facebook site to compare with the others, there are a lot of local people who are also aware of how much they have to be thankful for so I asked permission to include them for Thanksgiving.

Here are some of the many replies.

Even though it's easy to take some of these for granted, the basics were high on people's lists.

Caroline said, "I am thankful for having a place to live, heat, electricity and loving family and friends."

Ann-I'm thankful for many things. Family, friends, good doctors that care, music, entertainment, schools, chocolate, empathy and other things.

So many more were thankful for their family.

• Polly is "Thankful for my husband for taking good care of me. I have trouble walking and getting around and breathing and he does all the cooking, cleaning and shopping for me."

• Christine is, "Thankful for my

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granddaughter who brings such joy to my life.”

The following people had a lot to share.

“I’m thankful I wake up every morning on the up side of the grass, for my job and being able

to still work, though it’s physically difficult and painful every day, for my fur baby and the joy she brings into my world, for my kids, though I don’t get to see them as often as I would like, for my awesome grandbaby (though she’s a step, she still has a huge piece of

my heart and I call her mine) and for the fact that I live here in this beautiful little place called Front Royal. This is just a small list of what I’m thankful for,” Charlene said.

AJ was glad about a near miss. “I’m thankful that I survived a T-bone collision with minor injuries. One second later, or one foot closer to me and my driver door would have been impacted, and the results far more serious,” he offered.

Many had advice with their thanks.

Larry said, “I am thankful for family and friends and my health. As you get older, you realize THINGS do not make you happy. Only the people you love and care for you. Just a simple call checking on a friend or family member means more than any money or gift could bring. Reach out and check on family and friends to make sure they are OK, especially on a snowy day.”

Kathryn from North Carolina said, “I’m thankful my family survived the flood. So many people didn’t, and hundreds are still missing.

A few people were happy that long-term life situations, problems or concerns were resolved.

Robbie, “Having been homeless

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Fri. Dec 6, 2024 (8pm-12am) Karaoke & Music Bingo at 86 Mexican Bar & Grill - **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 356 Fairfax Pike, Stephens City, Va.

Sat. Dec 7, 2024 (6-10pm) 2010s! Music Bingo/Karaoke-Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal

Wed. Dec 11, 2024 (6-9pm) Music Bingo & Karaoke at Box Office Brewery **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** 177 E King St, Strasburg, VA 22657

Fri. Dec 13, 2024 Private Christmas Party: Axe Throwing, Karaoke, Bingo at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

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Fri. Dec 20, 2024 (7-11pm) Music Bingo/Karaoke Mt Jackson Moose*

Sat. Dec. 21, 2024 (7-10:30pm) Music Bingo & Karaoke Woodstock Moose*

Fri. Dec. 27, 2024 (7-11pm) Karaoke at Woodstock American Legion 411 S Muhlenberg St. Woodstock, VA 22664*

Sat. Dec 28, 2024 (6-10pm) 1970s! Music Bingo, Karaoke at Shenandoah Valley Axe Throwing Company **OPEN TO PUBLIC:** 20 South St. Front Royal

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 "My wonderful family who mean the world to me and the fact that I still have a roof over my head," said Calista.

A sense of humor is always helpful.

• Mary said, "I am thankful that I haven't beat the crap out of stupid people YET!" But then she added, "No, but on a serious note; I am thankful for my kids and family, all my critters, my new house and

my job."

 • Joey from West Virginia said, "I'm thankful for baby Jesus and Mountain Dew!" And Ronnie, responding to Joey's post said, "I'll second the Mountain Dew! Then said, "I'm thankful for chickens, ducks, and Target. Mainly Target."

 And, finally,

 Corrina summed it up with these words, "Yes, it's wonderful when people know how lucky they are.

 Being constantly thankful is basic to all major religions and belief systems because gratitude creates

a path for more good things to come into your life, it has been said.

 Communities and countries all over the world have celebrations based on giving thanks and some countries have adopted the typically American Thanksgiving feast menu in places where American military were stationed or had a long-term presence.

Even without the little paper reminders that my friend's family wrote down, the abundance of thanks from family and friends and the larger community has shown how much people are celebrating the good in their lives and want to communicate it to others.

 Soon there will be an influx of holiday shows with Christmas, Hannukah and secular themes,

but the following have been made for Thanksgiving:

Thanksgiving shows, old and new:

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Math Blocks

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 The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

2	14		24
	5		22
6		15	22
18	20	30	

51	1	9
7	5	10
8	14	2

Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

HRTWO A RYATP

Answer: Throw a party

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

DECEMBER

6

1492: After exploring Cuba for gold, Christopher Columbus lands on an island he names Hispaniola.


1790: The U.S. Congress moves from New York City to Philadelphia.

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NEW WORD

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a party or social event



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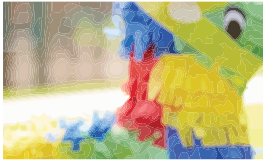
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Did You Know?

In 1796, Amelia Simmons invented the cupcake and also wrote the first published American cookbook. Cupcakes have been a staple of many celebrations ever since.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Pinfish

- rerun annually.
- Adventures from the Book of Virtues: Generosity (1997)
 - Amphibia: The Big Bugball Game (2019)
 - Angela Anaconda: No Thanks-giving (2000)
 - Animaniacs: Turkey Jerky (1993)
 - As Told By Ginger: Ten Chairs (2004)
 - Bear in the Big Blue House: The

- Best Thanksgiving Ever (1999)
- The Big Comfy Couch: Feast of Fools (1993)
- Blue's Clues & You!: Thankful With Blue (2020)
- Butterbean's Cafe: Fairy Happy Thanksgiving / Cricket's The Boss! (2018)
- Caillou: Caillou's Thanksgiving (2000)
- Calvin and the Colonel: Thanksgiving Dinner (1961)

- Casper the Friendly Ghost: Do or Diet (1953)
- CatDog: Talking Turkey (1999)
- Clarence: Chadsgiving (2017)
- Clifford's Puppy Days: Fall Feast / The Perfect Pancake (2005/2006)
- Craig of the Creek: Craig and the Kid's Table (2019)
- Cyberchase: Giving Thanks Day (2019)
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood: Thank You, Grandpere Ti-

- ger! / Neighborhood Thank You Day (2012)
- Dora the Explorer: Dora's Thanksgiving Day Parade (2012)
- The Emperor's New School: "Cornivale" (2008)
- Harriet the Spy: The Walrus and the Carpenter (2023)
- Hey, Arnold!: Arnold's Thanksgiving (1998)
- Molly of Denali: Thanks-for-giving (2024)
- The Muppet Show (Arlo Guthrie, 1979)
- The Real Ghostbusters: The Revenge of Murray the Mantis (1987)
- Regular Show: The Thanksgiving Special (2013)
- Rocko's Modern Life: Turkey Time/Floundering Fathers (1996)
- Yumi's Thanksgiving (2021)
- The Turkey Stain (2022)
- The Turkey Problem! (2023)

- Francine's Pilfered Paper (2007)
 - An Arthur Thanksgiving (2020)
 - Big Deal / Forbidden Feline (2018)
 - Harvest Dinner (2019)
 - Turkey Trouble (2024)
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WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answer: Health

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Answer: Jelly Roll (Jason DeFord)

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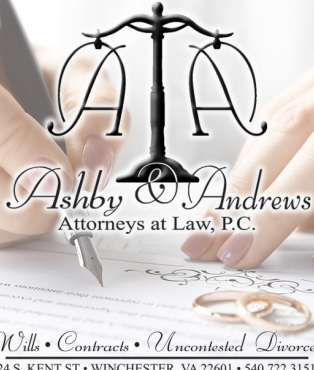
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October term

Ishmael Dajuan Sims

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about May 22, 2024, in the County of Warren, Ishmael Dajuan Sims, 26, of the 2900 block of Kernville Ln., Decatur, GA 30034, did unlawfully and feloniously, with intent to defraud, sell, secrete, or destroy the property, or dispose of a Bobcat Mt100 Skid Steer owned by D&P Rentals and valued at \$1,000 or more and subject to written lease or fraudulently remove such property from Virginia without the written consent of the lessor or fail to return such property to the lessor thereof within thirty days after expiration of the lease or rental period.

Timothy Bradford

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about December 4, 2023, in the County of Warren, Timothy Bradford, 47, of the 8200 block of Wycliffe Ct. Manassas, VA 20109, did unlawfully and feloniously steal tools, valued at \$1,000 or more belonging to Rural King.

Amber Lynn Dellinger

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or

about July 4, 2024, in the County of Warren, Amber Lynn Dellinger, 31, of the 500 block of Stoneburner Rd., Edinburg, VA 22824, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II to wit: Methamphetamine, not issued directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting during a professional practice, or not authorized by the Drug Control Act.

Bellinder Cassandra Jackson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about July 12, 2024, in the County of Warren, Bellinder Cassandra Jackson, 33, address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously commit an assault and battery against Officer Miller, knowing or having reason to know that such person was a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of his public duties.

Charles Anthony Farmer-McLain

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Charles Anthony Farmer-McLain, 25, of the 100 block of Valley Vista Dr., Woodstock, VA 22664, with two counts. COUNT ONE: In the County of Warren, Charles Anthony Farmer-McLain did

unlawfully and feloniously while being a parent of, guardian for, or person responsible for the care of a one-year-old child, commit a willful act or omission in the care of said child which was so gross, wanton, and culpable as to show a reckless disregard for human life. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously, having received a visible or audible signal from a law-enforcement officer to bring his motor vehicle to a stop, drive such motor vehicle in a willful or wanton disregard of such signal to interfere with or endanger the operation of the law-enforcement vehicle or endanger a person. Date of the offenses was on or about April 21, 2024.

Raymonde Eugene Ford

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about February 9, 2024, in the County of Warren, Raymonde Eugene Ford, 37, of the 100 block of E. 19th St., Front Royal, VA 22630, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

Jamie Scott Neale

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Jamie Scott Neale, age and address unavailable,

with four counts. COUNT ONE: Jamie Scott Neale did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess or transport any firearm after having been convicted of a violent felony and feloniously, knowingly possess a firearm while subject to a protective

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- 1 cup packed muscovado sugar (*dark brown works great*)
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 1/4 cup plain full-fat Greek or plain yogurt
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon apple pie spice
- 1 cup hot water
- 3/4 cup molasses

Garnishes

- 1/2 cup confectioners’ sugar
- 1 cup pomegranate arils

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line a

9-by-9-inch cake pan with parchment paper.

Cream the sugar, butter, and vanilla on low speed, 3 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time and mix until just incorporated, then scrape down the sides of the bowl and gently fold the yogurt into the batter.

In a separate bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, salt, and spices together.

In a third bowl, mix the hot water and molasses together.

Now mix the dry ingredients into the batter in 3 additions, alternating with the hot molasses water. Do not overmix.

Pour the batter into your lined pan and bake 25 to 30 minutes until the cake is well baked. Allow the gingerbread to cool, then dust with confectioners’ sugar and pomegranate arils. This cake is also lovely with cream cheese icing! Serve and enjoy.

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Arvana Elvysabeth Allen

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Aryana Elysabeth Allen, 21, of the 100 block of Page St., Berryville, VA 22611, with two counts. COUNTS ONE and TWO: In the County of Warren, Aryana Elysabeth Allen did unlawfully and feloniously while being a prisoner in a state, local, or community correctional facility or in the custody of an employee thereof, procure, sell, secrete or possess a chemical compound which the accused had not lawfully received. Dates of the offenses were on or about

May 2 and August 14, 2024.

Zandra Marie Hall

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Zandra Marie Hall, age and address unavailable, with two counts. COUNTS ONE and TWO: In the County of Warren, Zandra Marie Hall did unlawfully and feloniously possess with intent to distribute and did distribute a Schedule I or II controlled substance, having previously been convicted of two or more such offenses or of substantially similar offenses in any other jurisdiction which occurred before the date of the offense alleged in the indictment. Date of the offenses was on or about January 18, 2024.

George E. Caison, III

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges George E. Caison, III, age and address unavailable, with two counts. COUNTS ONE and TWO: In the County of Warren, George E. Caison, III, did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule I or II controlled substance, having previously been convicted of two or more such offenses or of substantially simi-

lar offenses in any other jurisdiction which occurred before the date of the offense alleged in the indictment. Date of the offenses was on or about June 20, 2024.

Arithus Dushawn Anderson

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Arithus Dushawn Anderson, 42, address unavailable, with three counts. COUNT ONE: In the County of Warren, Arithus Dushawn Anderson did unlawfully and feloniously take by force, not resulting in serious bodily injury, van keys from Jacqueline Agrawi Wooten. COUNT TWO: did unlawfully and feloniously steal a motor vehicle, having a value of \$1,000 or more, belonging to Jacqueline Agrawi Wooten. COUNT THREE: did unlawfully assault and batter Jacqueline Agrawi Wooten. Date of the offenses was on or about May 19, 2024.

Samuel Joseph Natt

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about January 1, 2019, through age December 31, 2019, in the County of Warren, Samuel Joseph Natt, age and address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously commit aggravated sexual battery by sexually abusing a child less than thirteen years of age.

Phillip Patrick Russell Sr.

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about March 16, 2021, in the County of Warren, Phillip Patrick Russell Sr., age and address unavailable, did unlawfully and feloniously fail to appear, as required on a felony charge before the Warren County General District Court.

Cody Robert Shuck

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges that: on or about August 18, 2024, Cody Robert Shuck, 31, of the 200 block of John Marshall Hwy., Strasburg, VA 22657, did unlawfully and feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance listed in Schedule I or Schedule II of the Drug Control Act.

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Arthur Sidney Southerland

The Warren County Va. Circuit Court Grand Jury charges Arthur Sidney Southerland, 78, of the 100 block of Angela Trail, Nicholasville, KY

40356, with five counts. COUNTS ONE through FIVE: In the County of Warren, Arthur Sidney Southerland did unlawfully and feloniously commit aggravated sexual battery by sexually abusing a child less than thirteen years of age. Dates of the offenses were on or about January 9 through January 14, 2024.

A Grand Jury Indictment is only a charge and not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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18. Embarrass
20. When you hope to get there
21. This (Spanish)
22. Gives up
25. Churchgoer
30. Current
31. Slang for gun
32. Small drum
33. Vanished union bigwig
38. Rocker's tool of the trade
41. Dearth
43. 2024 Olympics host
45. Excess blood in the vessels
48. Afrikaans
49. Agreement between provider and customer
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Ancient Syrian city
56. Witch
57. Celebrations
59. Long period of time
60. A team's best pitcher
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62. One-time aerospace company
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CLUES DOWN

1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

2. Genus of clams
3. Remark
4. Actor LaBeouf
5. Ohio town
6. Olympic sport
7. Cure
8. Behave in a way that belittles
9. Shares a boundary with
10. Give advice
12. Promotional materials
14. Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
19. "Agatha All Along" actress Kathryn
23. Small piece
24. King of Camelot
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. Small Milky Way constellation
27. One who challenges authority (abbr.)
28. Equal (prefix)
29. Shawl
34. S. American wood sorrel relative
35. The end
36. Supervises interstate commerce
37. Yes vote
39. Officer of high rank
40. Church office
41. Tire pressure measurement
42. From a distance
44. Photographs
45. Industrial process
46. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
47. Map out
48. Mammary gland part of female mammal
51. Honorable title (Turkish)
52. Spongelike cake leavened with yeast
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Kris Kringle Market in Stephens City, Saturday Dec. 7



One of many Kris Kringle Market vendors selling crafts at Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Courtesy Trinity Lutheran Church.

By Mark Gunderman
Stephens City

The Trinity Lutheran Church Kringle Market will

take place on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Kris Kringle Market is located at Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall on

the corner of Main Street and State Route 277 (810 Fairfax Street).

Vendors will be selling BBQ Sandwiches and Cole Slaw, Bratwurst and Sauerkraut, and soft pretzels. The Lutheran Women’s Group will be selling homemade cakes, cookies, and brownies.

Chair of Social Outreach



Rick Kriebel, dressed and performing as Belsnickel, will visit the Kris Kringle Market at Trinity Lutheran Church. Courtesy Nancy Gunderman.

Ministry, Kim Begnaud-Hampton, said there will be a face painter available to entertain the children.

According to Begnaud-Hampton, there is planning for vendors to set up in the Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall to sell all kinds of

Christmas crafts. “Come out enjoy the crafts of the Christmas Season, enjoy a tasty lunch, and visit our beautiful and historic church sanctuary,” Begnaud-Hampton said.

Rick Kriebel, Manager of Collections and Programs, Newtown History Center of

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The Kris Kringle Market Bake Table selling scrumptious homemade cakes, cookies, and brownies is a crowd favorite. Courtesy Trinity Lutheran Church.

the Stone House Foundation, in Stephens City, will be dressed and perform as Belsnickel. Belsnickel represents

an old Pennsylvania Dutch tradition where the crotchety old man converses with folks and hands out gifts from a

burlap sack for people who he determines to have been good. He will use his wooden switch on those who he determines to have been bad.

Belsnickel might ask you to respond to a riddle or if you know how to sing a particular song. How you answer will determine your fate.

Belsnickel reminisces about how celebrating the Christmas season has changed over the centuries and generally pokes fun at everyone. Belsnickel will be available for photo ops at 11 am.

Free Holiday Meal with all the fixings

As part of the monthly

Community Meal offerings, Trinity Lutheran Church's Annual Free Holiday Meal is scheduled for Wednesday December 4, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The full menu includes roast turkey and dressing,

gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, and various pies. It is recommended to arrive early as the holiday dinner is an extremely popular event.

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Making Christmas Pudding is an English family tradition



Sondra Johnson, from England, grew up with the tradition of making traditional Christmas Pudding with her family.

By Sondra Johnson
Warren/Frederick Report

As the daughter of two active-duty members of the armed forces during World War II (my mother was in the Royal Air Force, my father the United States Army), I was born in England and retained strong ties to my English ancestors. I remember my grandmother

pulled a cake out of her sideboard and pouring some kind of alcohol over it (I knew by the smell), but because kids are kids, I wasn't curious enough to ask any questions. Except the obvious: When do we get to eat it? And the answer was "Christmas." And Christmas was a long time away.

But as I grew up, I learned about English Christmas "pudding" and



Traditionally, families gathered together in the kitchen of their homes to mix and steam Christmas pudding on "Stir-up Sunday," an informal term in Anglican churches for the last Sunday before the season of Advent. Courtesy of Sondra Johnson

its relationship to Stir-Up Sunday. "Stir-up Sunday" was an informal term in Anglican churches for the last Sunday before the season of Advent. It gets its name from the beginning of the Collect appointed for the day in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, which begins with the words, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people."

Centuries ago, it became associated with the custom of making the Christmas pudding on that day. Traditionally, families gathered together in the kitchen of their homes to mix and steam Christmas pudding on Stir-up Sunday.

Parents taught their children how to mix ingredients for the pudding. Everyone took turns to stir the pudding mix. The recipe called for thirteen ingredients, representing Christ and His apostles, and family members stirred from east to west to honor the Wise Men who went in that direction to Bethlehem.

One of the earliest recipes, called Plum Pudding, was written down in a book called A Collection of the above Three Hundred Receipts in Cookery, Physick and Surgery. It was not unusual for old English cookbooks to include recipes for caring for the sick.

Throughout the years, the con-

coction has been called different things. Plum Pudding, Christmas Pudding, and Christmas Cake are probably the most common.

In some households, silver coins are added to the pudding mix. It is believed that finding a coin brings good luck.

It can also cause choking or broken teeth so be careful if you choose to do that!

Traditional Christmas Pudding is more like a heavy cake than what you might think of as a pudding. It is made with raisins and other dried fruit and flavored with brandy. Sometimes it contains nuts as well. It is steamed and then kept for several weeks in a cool cupboard and regularly a few ounces of brandy are poured over it until Christmas Day.

At the end of Christmas lunch or dinner, the pudding is garnished with holly and doused again in brandy which is then lit. Not only does this create a spectacle, it also flavors the pudding. After the flames go out, the pudding is cut into small slices (a little goes a long way as it is very rich). It is then served with brandy custard, brandy butter or cream.

(Please note, holly could make you very sick and should be removed before cutting or serving. Even better, use artificial holly instead!)

If you've seen A Christmas Carol, you might remember the Bob Cratchit family serving the flaming Christmas pudding and being ever so joyful as they cheered the very small cake they would be sharing among so many.

Because I'm always pushing my English heritage on my children and grandchildren, I make my own version of the Christmas pudding and I serve it at Christmas to less than rave reviews (it is, after all, a fruitcake!)

I begin it on "Stir Up Sunday"

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just as my ancestors did. And I've always done it alone, or with my husband, because we're the only two in the house now.

But not many years ago I decided not to begin it on Stir Up Sunday, but rather on Thanksgiving, which usually falls very close to Stir Up Sunday.

I gathered all the ingredients and set them out. Each person had a chance to add something to the bowl and after that everyone took a turn stirring, from oldest to youngest. It was fun and memorable – at least for me!

My recipe has evolved through the years and makes the pudding a little more cakelike. And though it certainly contains enough brandy, we don't set it on fire.

You can find many recipes for Christmas Pudding online, which is probably better than using my recipe because I tend to be one of those cooks who just "sort of"

measures.

So do your own research and give it a go; it's a fun project. Just remember to keep pouring on the brandy. That's what keeps the cake from rotting in your cupboard of course!

*Editor's note:
Included is a recipe for English Christmas Pudding found online.*

For the pudding

- 50g blanched almonds
- 2 large Bramley cooking apples
- 200g box candied peel (in large pieces) or all citron if you can find it
- 1 whole nutmeg (you'll use three quarters of it)
- 1kg raisins
- 140g plain flour
- 100g soft fresh white breadcrumbs
- 100g light muscovado sugar

- crumbled if it looks lumpy
- 3 large eggs
 - 2 tbsp brandy or cognac, plus extra to light the pudding
 - 250g packet butter taken straight from the fridge
 - For the brandy and ginger butter
 - 175g unsalted butter softened
 - grated zest of half an orange
 - 5 tbsp icing sugar
 - 4 tbsp brandy or cognac
 - 2 pieces of stem ginger finely chopped

Method

- step 1
Get everything prepared for the pudding. Chop the almonds coarsely. Peel, core and chop the cooking apples. Sharpen your knife and chop the candied peel. (You can chop the almonds and

- apples in a food processor, but the peel must be done by hand.) Grate three quarters of the nutmeg (sounds a lot but it's correct).
- step 2
Mix the almonds, apples, candied peel, nutmeg, raisins, flour, breadcrumbs, light muscovado sugar, eggs and 2 tbsp brandy or cognac in a large bowl.
 - step 3
Holding the butter in its wrapper, grate a quarter of it into the bowl, then stir everything together. Repeat until all the butter is grated, then stir for 3-4 mins – the mixture is ready when it subsides slightly after each stir. Ask the family to stir too, and get everyone to make a wish.
 - step 4
Generously butter two 1.2 litre bowls and put a circle of baking parchment in the bottom of each. Pack in the pudding mixture. Cover with a double layer of baking parchment, pleating it to allow for expansion, then tie with string (keep the paper in place with a rubber band while tying). Trim off any excess paper.
 - step 5
Now stand each bowl on a large sheet of foil and bring the edges up over the top, then put another

- sheet of foil over the top and bring it down underneath to make a double package (this makes the puddings watertight). Tie with more string and make a handle for easy lifting in and out of the pan.
- step 6
Boil or oven steam the puddings for 8 hours, topping up with water as necessary. Remove from the pan and leave to cool overnight. When cold, discard the messy wrappings and re-wrap in new baking parchment, foil and string. Store in a cool, dry place until Christmas.
 - step 7
To make the brandy butter, cream the butter with the orange zest and icing sugar. Gradually beat in the brandy or cognac and chopped stem ginger. Put in a small bowl, fork the top attractively and put in the fridge to set. The butter will keep for a week in the fridge, or it can be frozen for up to six weeks.
 - step 8
On Christmas Day, boil or oven steam for 1 hr. Unwrap and turn it out. If desired, to flame, warm 3-4 tbsp brandy in a small pan, pour it over the pudding and set light to it.
- Recipe from Good Food Vegetarian Christmas, December 2006*



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Volunteer Fire and Rescue, end-of-life care assistance by Hospice of the Piedmont, youth development through Girls on the Run of the Shenandoah Valley, support for underserved families by The Salvation Army, and essential resources for food pantries like the Beaverdam Food Pantry.

“These grants empower local organizations to continue their vital work, uplifting communities throughout the region,” explained Casey Hollins, managing director – communications and public relations for REC.

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- Festive Entertainment: Enjoy holiday-themed entertainment at the gazebo throughout the day, adding a cheerful soundtrack to the celebration. Highlights include dancing from Jig-N-Jive Dance Studio at 1:30 pm.
- Downtown Shopping & Dining: Discover the charm of Front Royal’s downtown merchants, who will be open and ready to offer excellent shopping and dining experiences in a festive atmosphere.
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We look forward to celebrating with you on December 7th!

Christmas on Main is an event by the Front Royal Warren County Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Discover Front Royal.

For more information visit www.frontroyalchamber.com



Warren Coalition thanks *Celebrate Kids Day* supporters

The 11th annual Celebrate Kids Day was another soaking wet event, but once again the spirit of fun pervaded the entire grounds of the Health & Human Services Complex, from the 15th Street Gym to the Diversified Minds Conference Room.

At set-up time on Sunday September 29th, weather forecasts indicated only occasional drizzle throughout most of the day, with one passing heavy rain, and so organizers made the decision to leave the inflatables outside, along with some other activities. That forecast turned out woefully inaccurate, as a steady rain fell almost the entire day.

Despite that, more than 300 children poured through the gates with their parents! The Coalition is incredibly thankful for the 80+ staff members and volunteers on-hand to manage the huge crowd.

Thank you to the CKD sponsors who made this year's event possible:

Warren County Parks & Recreation
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During the event, Warren Coalition once again held the pitch burst fundraiser, which goes to support the various programs of the Coalition. They wish to express their appreciation to those who raised funds to sit in the pitch burst this year: Chris Ballenger, Bret Bement, William Huck, Crystal Cline, George McIntyre, Kahle Magalis, Kristen Pence, Lori Cockrell, Cheryl Cullers, and Jen Avery. The group raised a total of \$5,765, which was doubled thanks to a generous anonymous donor.

Warren Coalition, celebrating 30 years of service to Warren County, is a nonprofit agency established in 1994

to help fill the gaps in health care and substance abuse awareness to the community. The Coalition began under the guidance of Warren Memorial Hospital as an outreach project, but it has since grown and was incorporated in 2001. The office is currently located in the Warren County Community Center. Their mission is to make Warren County a safe, healthy, and drug free community through many programs and in collaboration with 15+ member agencies.



Middletown Christmas Events

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – Friday, November 29th at 4:45 PM - The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Reliance Road near McDonald's kicks off the season with a beautiful tree lighting, carolers, live music from Jimmy Lee and, performance by the Selah Theatre Project, and a cozy bonfire. The event is sponsored by FNB Bank. Families can enjoy free food, drinks, special presents for the little ones, and a visit from Santa and Chick-fil-A Santa Cow! It's a magical way to welcome the holidays and create special memories with family and friends. Stay tuned for a special guest announcement on who will be lighting our tree!

12th Annual Middletown Christmas Parade – Sunday, December 8th at 2 PM - There's no better way to celebrate the holiday season than with Middletown's 12th Annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by Modern Renovations. Starting at 2 PM from Laurel Ridge Community College, the parade brings together horses, floats, marching bands, and festive decorations galore—all leading up to a grand appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus! Be sure to come early to snag a great viewing spot, and don't forget to explore our town's charming shops and eateries while you're here.

Cookies with Santa (and a Special Book Signing) at the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department - After the parade, bring the family to the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department for Cookies with Santa! Kids can meet Santa, share their holiday wishes, and enjoy delicious cookies—it's always a holiday highlight and a memory-maker for the little ones.

As an extra treat, I'll be there after the parade for a holiday book signing of The Gingerbread Games. Inspired by Middletown's charm, This cozy Christmas story captures the magic of small-town holiday traditions and the warmth of family and friends. Stop by, say hello, and pick up a signed copy if you'd like to take a piece of Middletown's holiday spirit home with you.

This year, Middletown's holiday events are sure to bring smiles, laughter, and a little Christmas magic. So gather your loved ones, bundle up, and come celebrate the season with us. We can't wait to see you there!



Public Q&A Forum: Library Information

The Samuels Public Library Board of Trustees and staff would like to invite the Public to attend a Public Q&A Forum on either

Wednesday, 12/4 at 6pm

Saturday, 12/7 at 11am.

The Library Trustees and Staff will present information concerning the recent challenge to the Library's structure by the Warren County Board of Supervisors. This is an opportunity for members of the community to meet your Trustees, ask questions and share your thoughts and concerns.

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Feel the Festive Spirit at Samuels Library's Holiday Open House

Samuels Library invites you to attend our third annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 14. Celebrate the holidays all day at your local library! The festivities include crafts for all ages, music, and a special visit by Santa himself!

Get a free family Christmas portrait taken by local photographer Sharon Fisher. Space is limited. Register your family for a 15-minute session by calling 540.635.3153.

Join us for a children's woodworking craft sponsored by Lowe's at 11 a.m., followed by Storytime with Santa at noon. The Blue Ridge Singers will perform a selection of festive chorals and songs from their upcoming program at 1 p.m. The Friends of Samuels Library will end the day at 2 p.m. with a Wreath-Making Workshop where participants will make a door swag from live green-

ery. Children are welcome to attend this workshop so long as they are accompanied by a responsible caregiver! Refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day at the Friends of Samuels Library Epilogue Bookstore.

Samuels Library, located at 330 E Criser Road in Front Royal, is proud to be continuously adapting to fit the needs of our community and fulfill our mission to bring people, information and ideas together to enrich lives and build community.



Christmas bells are ringing with your help

The Salvation Army Front Royal Corps's annual Red Kettle Campaign kicked off on Nov. 23, the familiar cheerful ringing of the bells heralding the start of the Christmas season.

Funds raised throughout the Kettle Campaign go directly back to the local community to support those in need. Each year, the Front Royal Corps assists over a thousand local families with rent/mortgage assistance, utilities assistance, hygiene items, clothing, or food.

To be successful and provide this level of assistance, the Kettle Campaign relies on organizations to "adopt" days, with a friendly competition for bragging rights. Individuals can be just as important to the success of the kettle campaign, however, as they fill critical gaps

in the schedule. Anyone who would like to sign up to ring the bell can do so easily online at RegisterToRing.com. This website even allows you to sign up as a "virtual" bell-ringer, hosting a fundraiser online to garner support from your family and friends.

The Salvation Army Front Royal Corps supports the counties of Warren, Page, and Rappahannock, as well as the city of Strasburg. Kettles will be hosted outside of Wal-Marts in Warren and Page Counties, as well as Big Lots, and at Royal Plaza Shopping Center.

Red Kettles will be stationed outside area stores and local businesses, Monday-Saturday, from November 23rd and continuing through Christmas Eve. Since many people do not carry cash, there are also cashless ways to make a gift at the kettle, using Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, and Venmo with a smartphone.

For more information about the Salvation Army or ringing bells at the kettles, contact Major Sheed Tarnue at 540-635-4020. To sign up to ring the bell, or to register a group to ring, visit RegisterToRing.com.



Blue Ridge Singers Christmas 2024 Concert Series

Blue Ridge Singers will present "Golden Light" in December as our Christmas Concert series for 2024. Artistic Director, Dr. Jeffrey M. Alban, describes this presentation which kicks off season sixteen for the community:

"Our program is designed around the text of our centerpiece, Lux Aurumque: {Light...warm and heavy as pure gold. And angels sing softly to the new-born babe.} Various musical styles, each reflecting upon aspects of the Christmas

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season: traditional carol arrangements, original compositions, a pre-Baroque motet, jazz settings, spirituals, and American folksongs all combine to make this season more meaningful for you!

We are also pleased to present our accompanist, Daniel Miller alongside several guest instrumentalists. We appreciate these instrumentalists' efforts to present this music as the composers originally intended."

PERFORMANCES:
Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m., Front Royal Presbyterian Church. 115 Luray Ave., Front Royal
Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 9108 John S. Mosby Hwy, Upperville
Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m., First Baptist Church of Winchester, 205 W. Piccadilly St.

These performances are made possible in part by the support of grants from the Marion Park Lewis Foundation and Virginia Commission for the Arts and Town of Front Royal.

Blue Ridge Singers is an acclaimed chamber choir formed in 2009 with a commitment to excellence, education, and community offering scholarships and a continued dedication to Senior Living in the area. A mission is free; a \$15 donation is requested. For more information, please visit our website, www.blueridgesingers.org and Facebook.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, your energy is impressive and contagious this week. You can put it to use tackling tasks that you have been putting off. A surprise message could brighten your weekend.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, review your budget and consider a new investment opportunity. This week brings a chance to reconnect with someone special. Don't avoid vulnerability, as it could enhance things.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
You might find yourself in discussions that lead to exciting new projects, Gemini. Be open to collaboration and work on improving your communication skills. Time for fun comes later.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
This week is all about self-care, Cancer. Take some time to focus on your emotional well-being and nurture it as much as you can. A midweek work opportunity could arise.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, dive into artistic pursuits or share ideas with others this week, as your creativity will be shining brightly. A social engagement may bring new connections that lead to exciting prospects.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Get down to business and organize your workspace or tackle a project that has been pushed aside, Virgo. If you feel overwhelmed, be sure to ask for some help from those you trust.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, it's all about balance this week, something you know a lot about as the scales sign. Make time for both work and play so you can make the most of every opportunity.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Intensity and passion might define your week, Scorpio. Delve into a project that excites you. By the middle of the week, news reaches your ears and it could be very exciting.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
This is the week for exploring new ideas or planning a trip, Sagittarius. It's only a matter of time before you realize that adventure awaits. Get started on what awaits.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, try focusing on your long-term goals this week. Strategic planning will pay off in the long run. If you need help, seek a mentor who can offer advice.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
A surprise opportunity might arise for you midweek, Aquarius. Don't hesitate to snatch it up quickly, as others also might be interested. Leave weekend plans open for now.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, if you feel your emotions are running high this week, try to channel your feelings into a creative project that will use them in a smart way. A friend may call asking for advice.

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DECEMBER 1
Zoë Kravitz, Actress (36)

DECEMBER 2
Lucy Liu, Actress (56)

DECEMBER 3
Ozzy Osbourne, Singer (76)

DECEMBER 4
Blake Snell, Athlete (32)

DECEMBER 5
Shalom Harlow, Model (51)









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