

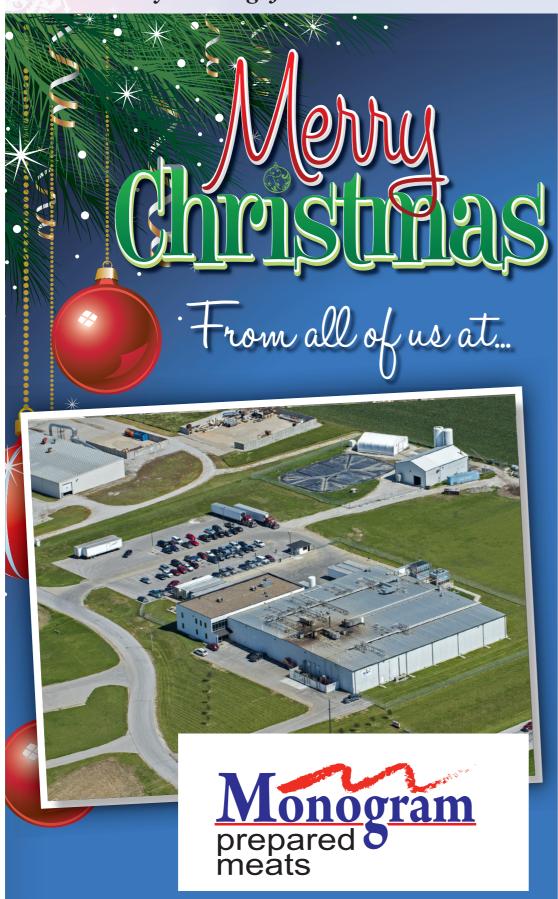
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Letters to Santa, Cookie Walk canceled & Holiday Greetings from Area Businesses.



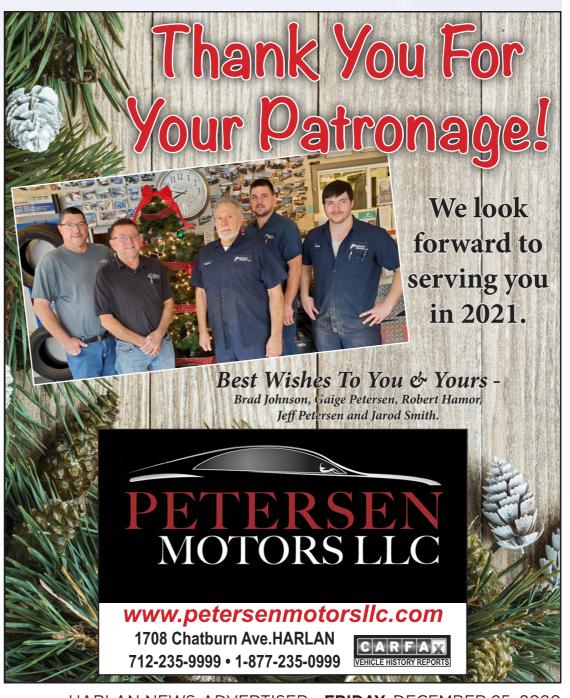
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Ava Agnew

Ava, 10, is the daughter of Michael & Jennifer, Harlan. She is a fifth grade student at Shelby County Catholic School.





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Emerson, Owen, and Henry Boger

Dear Santa,

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> Emerson Boger Age 9 (Brandon and Jessie)

Dear Santa,

My name is Owen and I have been good this year.

All I want for Christmas is the game farm simulater 19 and 20. I also want a chiefs clock, chiefs bean bag chair, a chiefs blanket, camo 4-wheeler, iPhone 11 with a chiefs cover and a white toy dulley truck with a tool box and a sun roof. These are just my ideas.

From Owen Boger Age 7 (Brandon and Jessie)

Dear Santa,

My name is Henry and I am 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year.

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Age 2 (Brandon and Jessie)



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Parker Assmann

Dear Santa,

It's been pretty easy being a good boy so far this year for me. I'm only a couple of weeks old!

I don't need much besides diapers, wipes, and winter clothes. I hope you travel

> Love, Parker Assmann Age 1 week (Josh and Mandi) Panama



Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I tried really hard to be good this year, but sometimes it was kind of hard, especially now that I'm a big brother.

Tanner Assmann

This year for Christmas I really would like some tractors, cows, and trains that I can play with.

We'll leave some cookies out for you!

> Love, Tanner Assmann Age 2 (Josh and Mandi)



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Spencer Assmann

Dear Santa,

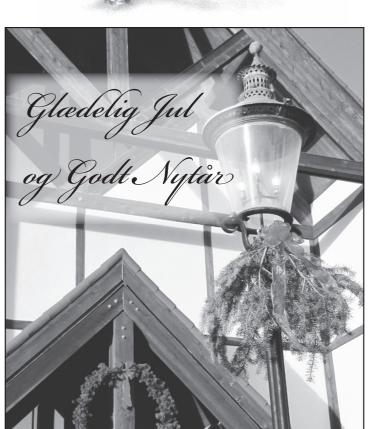
This year I've been a pretty good boy. I started preschool and have learned so

For Christmas this year I would really like a new bike and lights to put on it too. I would also like some new games, binoculars to go deer spotting, and some dinosaur

I'll be sure to leave some milk out for you!

> Love, Spencer Assmann Age 4 (Josh and Mandi) Panama









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Love, Hailey Geraghty Age 8 (Brian and Stephanie) Avoca





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Levi Schwartz

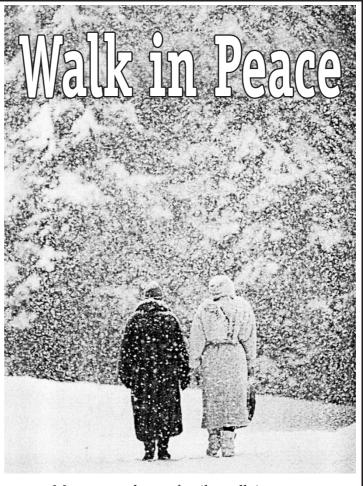
Dear Santa,

Hello, my name is Levi Schwartz, and this is my first Christmas.

I hear you are a man who can "get things". If so, I have a few requests. I have been a good boy, and been sleeping more and more each night. I don't need much, but there are a few things I have my eye on: I would love a bow and arrow, so I can go hunting with my Daddy and a coffee cup with a lid so I can go on coffee dates with my Mom. My last request is for some bones for my fury brother Judge to chew on so he leaves my toys alone!

I'll make sure to leave vou some cookies!

> Love, Levi Schwartz (Derek and Sadie) **Templeton**



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I am new to the crew. I am excited for my 1st Christ-

I have been a good girl in my short 5 months of life: I sleep all night for mom and dad. Mom and dad will leave cookies on the counter and the milk is in the fridge. (Don't take my milk though).

With being small, I don't have many things on my list. I would like some hair ties and a rattle or teething toy. Mom and dad say I can't keep putting my toes in my mouth. I could also use a few new clothes for in a couple months as I continue to grow.

> Love, Sophia Henscheid 5 months (Jared and Stephanie)





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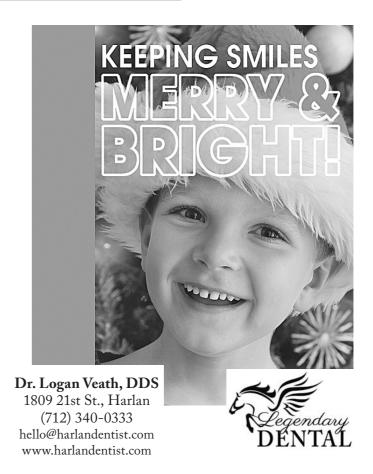
Wishing you a safe Christmas & New Years

Thurs., Dec. 24......7 am - noon Friday, Dec. 25......closed

Thurs., Dec. 31......7 am - noon Friday, Jan. 1......closed



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Holiday Greetings

UMW Cookie Walk canceled; A New Beginning set for 2021

COVID-19 forces organizers to make tough decision

By Bob Bjoin,

Managing Editor HARLAN - The COV-ID-19 pandemic has claimed another casualty in 2020 as the popular First United Methodist Women's Cookie Walk, Harlan, officially was canceled recently out of an abundance of caution and safety for Shelby County-area residents.

Originally scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9, cookie walk organizers decided to cancel and start planning for 2021 under the theme *A New* Beginning.

organizers, said this week there was much discussion whether or not to proceed with the walk this year. "Then we heard from the Bishop saying close church and all gatherings until January 10," Greer said.

"We hope to bring something to fund raise in the spring, but if not, we will Delivery also has been added

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-- Nancy Greer



have A New Beginning next and is now available. vear."

Nancy Greer, one of the a successful fundraiser for the United Methodist Women since it started in 1982 as a suggestion from long-time church member Mary Louise Petersen's daughter-inlaw. It has grown from its onset to now include lunch for those attending and boxes and boxes of cookies available for those who attend.

"The cookie walk started The cookie walk has been only with cookies to sell," Greer explained. "Later, we brought in the soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon. The cookie walk started small but has since grown to serve 200-225 lunches," as well as some to-go lunches.

The cookies are decorated by the church ladies as each provides 12 dozen small festive treats. Soup is prepared from scratch and the pie and desserts are also donated.

"Our fundraiser is our Christmas Cupboard," said Greer. "Ladies of the church donate crafts, baked goods, cards, decorations, etc. Evboard goes to charity. A cou- more places to donate. "It's ple donations went to Shelby

Bidwell Riverside, in Des Moines, serves communities and people in need. The childcare center enjoys success working with children to prepare them for the future, and the food pantry and clothing distributions have continued to increase dramatically.

County's K-9 unit, Bidwell-

Riverside, or several more."

Greer said the ladies of the church have made the cookie walk the success it has become over the years. ery penny made by the cup- The UMW always is finding

iust what we do here at the UMW," Greer said.

Look for it to be back bigger and better next year.



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