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Christmas in Mac this Friday

This Friday, December 20th Christmas in McIntosh will continue with an Open House from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at Neil's Quality Meats & More with in store specials, product specials, gift boxes and baskets. There will be handmade gifts and Christmas decor as well. Check out the reinvented and reconditioned lamps that are one of a kind.

There will be an Open House at First National Bank and Insurance Agency on Friday, December 20th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm as well. Christmas goodies and coffee will be served.

King Town Agency will also have an Open House on Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm .

Along with business Open



House events, The Red Poppy, Howard Soap Company, Minnesota Rust and Joan's Junk Connection will be open for your last minute gift shopping.

Check out the great candy selection at Jered's Grocery and have a bite to eat at The

Coop Bar & Grill.

Meet your friends and neighbors in McIntosh on Friday, December 20th for more Christmas fun.

Winter Break

Win-E-Mac School Winter Break will be from December 23, 2019-January 3, 2020. School will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Community Calendar

- Wed. Dec. 18:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. Dec. 19:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Dec. 20:** Christmas in McIntosh event starting at 10:00 am; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. Dec. 23:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Tue Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve
- Wed. Dec. 25:** Christmas Day
- Thurs. Dec. 26:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri Dec. 27:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. Dec. 30:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Tue Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve; Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



Aubrey Gunufson had a fun morning during the Santa Claus Day festivities held at the McIntosh Community Center last Saturday.



Santa and Mrs. Clause stopped by the McIntosh Community Center last Saturday morning and were able to visit with a lot of the kids that attended the event. Here, they are sitting with Karli Schow and Adler Stordahl.



An elf with a red nose! Fun and games during Santa Claus Day in McIntosh with Hudson Swanson.



Heidee Smeby has a chat with Santa and Mrs. Claus when they visited the kids at Santa Claus Day last Saturday in McIntosh.



Each year, the Bone Builder's group, who meet each week in McIntosh, have a shopping day for the kids who attend Santa Claus Day. They put together an array of great presents for the kids to choose from, help them wrap them and all for a quarter a gift. Here are a few of the dedicated crew who work each year to make this event a favorite for the kids. (l-r) Mary & Russ Horachek, Lorene Tranby, Karen Olson, Betty Tangen, Jane Aakhus, Eileen Hegg, Mary Goodwin, Marion Parent, Patty Benson and Violet Ferden.

5th Annual Rydell/Glacial Ridge Christmas Bird Count

Rydell and Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) will be hosting their 5th Annual Christmas Bird Count on Thursday, December 19th.

This event is administered by the National Audubon Society and is the longest running citizen science bird project in the U.S. This year marks the 120th year of the Christmas Bird Count.

Counts are held in designated areas throughout the U.S. between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 each year. Last year, counts were completed in over 2,500 locations, including Canada and Latin America. Over 76,600 people participated in the counts and almost 59 million birds were tallied!



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Information from the count provides important information on winter ranges of birds, population trends, and how a

changing climate alters winter bird distribution.

Birds observed in the Rydell/Glacial Ridge Count Circle over the past four years have included 40 different species, including northern shrikes, Bohemian waxwings, bald eagles, pileated and red-bellied woodpeckers, Harris' sparrows, and Lapland longspurs

People interested in participating do not need to be experienced birders. This event can serve as a learning experience for new birders and those individuals will be paired up with Refuge staff or more experienced volunteers.

Participants should meet at the Rydell NWR Visitor Center at 8:00am for coffee and a brief meeting. Bring binoculars and a bird book if you have them. If not, we'll have some on hand for visitor use.

Counting will take place within a 15-mile diameter circle that stretches from Erskine west to the center of Glacial Ridge NWR. Participants can count from a vehicle or on foot, depending on their preference and the weather conditions that day.

Refuge staff will host a potluck lunch back at the Visitor Center at noon. After a hearty lunch, folks can "call it a day", or can go back out and continue to search for birds.

Please RSVP no later than December 17th to Ben at 218-687-2229 x12 or benjamin_walker@fws.gov.

If you have questions or need more information on the count, call Ben Walker at 218-687-2229 x12.

Gosen Luther League Sunday School Christmas Program

The Gosen Luther League along with the Sunday School will present their Christmas program on Friday evening, December 27th, at 7 o'clock.

Music will be provided by Jennie Shaver, Kendra and Alysa Morinville, and the Troy and Karalynn family. A Nativity skit will be presented. There may be additional music as well.

Refreshments including Christmas goodies and a candy bowl will be served following the program.

Join us as we seek to honor the new-born King Jesus.

Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Highways 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206.

For information call 268-4242 or 687-3461.

FARM LAND RENTAL/LEASE

The Polk County Highway Department is soliciting Quotes until 4:30pm, December 31, 2019 for rental/lease of County Property - farmland to be used for pasture and hay stumpage. The property is located in Sections 25 and 36 of Angus Township. The total acreage available is approximately 293.5 acres, more or less. A legal description and information regarding the rental/lease of this property is available at the Polk County Highway Department. If you are interested, please contact Darin Carlstrom at (218) 281-3952 ext. 8254 or by email darin.carlstrom@co.polk.mn.us. You may also visit the Highway Department, Monday-Friday from 8am-4:30pm. Located at 820 Old Highway 75 South, Crookston, MN.

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FARM LAND RENTAL/LEASE

The Polk County Highway Department is soliciting Quotes until 4:30pm, December 31, 2019 for rental/lease of County Property - farmland to be used for pasture and hay stumpage. The property is located in Section 22 of Liberty Township. The total acreage available is approximately 150 acres, more or less. A legal description and information regarding the rental/lease of this property is available at the Polk County Highway Department. If you are interested, please call our office: 218-281-3952 or visit our Highway Department office at 820 Old Highway 75 South in Crookston, MN for more information. Office hours: 8-4:30 Monday-Friday.

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Gingerbread goodness

Gingerbread is a broad term that can describe anything from a firm and crispy cookie to a moist, soft cake.

Traditionally, gingerbread is seasoned with ginger, cloves, nutmeg, and other aromatic spices. Molasses and brown sugar counteract the spice with sweetness. North Americans have been baking gingerbread in various shapes or forms for more than 200 years, and the recipes even pre-date the American revolution. However, gingerbread dates back even further to the Shakespearean era, with The Bard having mentioned it in one of his plays. Gingerbread's name can be trace to medieval England and once referred to any kind of preserved ginger.

The term went on to reference ginger-flavored cakes in the 15th century, and gingerbread eventually became popular throughout the world.

Even though gingerbread cakes and cookies have been made for centuries, Germans are often credited with creating gingerbread houses, according to Smithsonian.

They were probably modeled after the witch's candy cottage in the German fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel."

Even though gingerbread can be made any time of year, it is particularly associated with the Christmas season, with gingerbread men and other fanciful shapes turning up on cookie platters

Did You Know?

The Monthly Economic Statistical Snapshot for October is out now. Highlights from the snapshot below:

• **Minnesota's labor force participation rate** was 70.3 percent, ranking third highest nationwide. The U.S. rate was 63.3 percent.

• **Minnesota's percent of unemployed** that is long-term (>27 weeks) was 10.5 percent, compared to 21.5 percent nationwide.

• **Minnesota's 5-year business survival rate** (2014-2019) was 54.8 percent, ranking fourth-highest nationwide. The national average was 50.9 percent for the same period.



LARL announces holiday closures

All Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) branches and LINK sites will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and will be closed Wednesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday, with regular hours of operation resuming Thursday, December 26.

The following week all locations will close at or before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31 and will remain closed Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day, with regular hours resuming Thursday, January 2.

LARL's branch libraries are located in Ada, Bagley, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Climax, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fertile, Fosston, Hawley, Mahanomen, McIntosh and Moorhead. LARL's LINK sites are found in Cormorant, Frazee, Gonvick, Halstad, Hendrum, Lake Park, Rothsay, Twin Valley and Ulen.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota.

More information is available at www.larl.org.

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Wed. Dec. 18: Jenny Howard, Dusty Juve
Thurs. Dec. 19: Clarissa Neste, Erik Roed
Fri. Dec. 20: Kalli Roy, Marion Shimp
Sat. Dec. 21: Brooke Tofstad, Beth Hagen
Sun. Dec. 22: Andy Smith, Cody Drewry, Jerry Shimp, Camille Smeby, Tracy Juve, *Robert & Sharon Hegland, *Allen & Shirley Carver
Tues. Dec. 24: Candace Haaven, Anthony Grande, Jered Agnes, Philip Lee, Cheryl Jore



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Sun. Dec. 22: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Tues. Dec. 24: 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass, St. Joseph's, Bagley; 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Wed. Dec. 25: 8:30am Christmas Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Christmas Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejour Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Dec. 22: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Dec. 29: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Dec. 22: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. Dec. 29: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Sun., Dec. 22: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Tues, Dec. 24: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30; 1:30pm No Bible Study at The Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Wed, Dec. 25: 6:30pm No Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's

Fri, Dec. 27: 7:00pm. Sunday School/Luther League Christmas program (see article elsewhere in the paper)

For information on free rides to any of the above activities call 218-268-4242 or 218-687-3461 Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Hwy. 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206.

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Wed. Dec. 18: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. Dec. 19: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Dec. 22: 9:30 Mt. Carmel Worship; 9:45 Trinity Sunday School for all ages; 10:45 Mt. Carmel Sunday School for all ages; 11:00 Trinity Worship;

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VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Dec. 22: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship

Sun. Dec. 29: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship

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Pastor Don Edlunds

Wed. Dec. 18: 7:00pm Bible Study on Ezra and Nehemiah Everyone Welcome

Sun. Dec. 22: 10:00am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh

Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sun. Dec. 22: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

Sun. Dec. 29: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC

Erskine, Minnesota

Pr. Scott Baker, interim

Sun. Dec. 22: 10:30am Adult Bible Study; 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

Sun. Dec. 29: 10:30am Adult Bible Study; 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH Erskine

Pastor Joel Smeby

Wed. Dec. 18: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

Sat. Dec. 21: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group

Sun. Dec. 22: 10:00am Worship

King Town Mutual Insurance
McIntosh, MN

Open House

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9:00am - 3:00pm

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Merry Christmas to All!

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We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas

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Winger's Moen receives "Best of Show" at Minot Gun & Knife exhibition



Richard Moen of Winger, a regular at the Annual Minot Gun & Knife Show was congratulated by Al Hanson, the show manager for earning the "Best of Show" award.



The "Best of Show" award at The Minot Gun & Knife Show, won by Richard Moen was for the Ruana Davy Crockett bowie display above. The stand was made by Alphonse Stockert of Bismarck, ND.



Marion Parent helps the kids who shopped the Bone Builder's Christmas store with wrapping during Santa Claus Day last weekend in McIntosh.

7 facts about the winter solstice

Nocturnal animals and human night owls may rejoice during the winter solstice.

On the winter solstice, people can witness the Earth's longest night and shortest day of the year for their respective hemispheres.

For individuals living in the northern hemisphere, the winter solstice generally occurs between December 20 and 23 each year.

Those in the southern hemisphere experience the winter solstice between June 20 to June 23.

In 2019, the northern hemisphere's winter solstice occurs on December 21.

The solstice may come and go unnoticed, but it's an interesting day on the calendar.

1. Not only will the winter solstice occur on a specific date, it also occurs at a specific time when the Earth's semi-axis tilts furthest from the sun.

This corresponds to when the North Pole is aimed away from the sun on the 23.5 degree tilt of the Earth's axis. At this point, the sun also shines directly over the Tropic of Capricorn.

The information and trivia site Mental Floss says the solstice happens at the same moment for everyone on the plane.

However, the hour it occurs depends on your time zone.

2. Areas of the Northern Hemisphere can have varying lengths of day and night on the solstice.

For example, New York City may have nine hours and 15 minutes of sunlight on the winter solstice. If that upsets New Yorkers, they may be happy to be outside parts of Finland, some of which get less than six hours of sunlight on the solstice.

3. The word "solstice" is derived from Latin and means "sun stands still." It was chosen to describe this cosmic phenomenon because the solstice sun seemingly appears in the same position at noontime for several days before and after the winter solstice - at its lowest point in the sky.

4. It is easy to mistake the solstices for the equinoxes, which also occur twice a year.

However, the equinoxes occur in fall and spring and mark when the sun is directly above the equator and night and day are of equal length.

5. Despite the winter solstice indicating the beginning of the astrological winter, it may not be the coldest time of the season.

Usually those temperatures



USDA extends deadline for dairy margin coverage programs

Due to the prolonged and extensive impacts of weather events this year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today extended the deadline to December 20 for producers to enroll in the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program for the 2020 calendar year.

The deadline had been December 13. USDA announced is also continuing to accept applications for the Market Facilitation Program through December 20.

"2019 has challenged the country's ag sector - prevented or late planting followed by a delayed harvest has been further complicated by wet and cold weather," said Bill North-

ey, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation.

"Because some of our producers are still in the field, time to conduct business at the local USDA office is at a premium.

"We hope this deadline extension will allow producers the opportunity to participate in these important programs."

Authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill and available through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), the program offers reasonably priced protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected

by the producer.

The Market Facilitation Program is part of a relief strategy to support American agricultural producers while the Administration continues to work on free, fair, and reciprocal trade deals to open more markets to help American farmers compete globally. MFP payments are aimed at assisting farmers suffering from damage due to unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations.

For more information, visit the DMC webpage, the MFP webpage or your local USDA service center.

To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

MN ag water quality cert. program adding endorsements

Endorsements are for soil health, integrated pest management, and wildlife

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) is launching three new endorsements in addition to 10-year certification a farmer or landowner receives in the program.

The new endorsements were announced at this week's Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Convention.

The MAWQCP endorsements available to water quality certified producers are for soil health, integrated pest management, and wildlife.

"We recognize that many conservation practices targeting water quality also have benefits for other conservation goals, such as wildlife," said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen.

"These Ag Water Quality Certification endorsements celebrate the certified producers who are going above and beyond to implement conservation on their farms."

The MAWQCP partnered with various non-profit organizations, such as Pheasants Forever and the Minnesota

Soil Health Coalition, and state agencies to develop the endorsements.

"Pheasants Forever commends the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for their collaboration and recognition of the many benefits that the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program provides in addition to water quality," said Tanner Bruse, Ag and Conservation Programs Manager for Pheasants Forever.

"The MAWQCP and wildlife endorsement recognizes our great Minnesota farmers and their passion for farming for the future and dedication to conservation. Habitat goes beyond wildlife with positive impacts towards water quality, soil health, and carbon sequestration."

"The Minnesota Soil Health Coalition appreciates the dedication of the MAWQCP, helping producers identify and implement practices to improve their operations and resource concerns and value the soil health endorsement as another avenue to engage and improve soil health across Minnesota" said Brian Pfarr, Minnesota Soil Health Coalition Board

Chairman.

Certified producers who achieve an endorsement will receive an additional sign for their farm and recognition for their conservation excellence.

Farmers and landowners interested in an endorsement or becoming water quality certified can contact their local Soil and Water Conservation District or visit MyLandMyLegacy.com.

About the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation practices that protect our water.

Those who implement and maintain approved farm management practices will be certified and in turn obtain regulatory certainty for a period of ten years. After a successful pilot phase in 2014-2015, the program is now available to farmers and landowners statewide. To date, the program has certified 816 farms totaling 557,000 acres

Below: The Bone Builder's Christmas store is part of Santa Claus Day and one of the most favorite for the kids.



are reserved for January and February.

6. The Farmer's Almanac reports that many cultures marked the arrival of the solstice as a time of death and rebirth. E

arly man also kept track of the days by observing the sun's position in the sky. In fact, historians believe Stonehenge was created to monitor the sun's yearly "movement."

7. Many traditions associated with Christmas originated during Pagan celebrations for the winter solstice. For example, Scandinavians would burn a juul (yule) log in the hearth in honor of the god Thor. Thor's job was to bring the sun's warmth back to the people.

While the winter solstice and the lack of sunlight synonymous with it may not be something everyone looks forward to, there is a silver lining.

Following the winter solstice, the hours of sunlight gradually increase by the day, eventually paving the way for the spring equinox.

Have a Story to Share?

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: mcintoshtimes@gmail.com

The 12 days of Christmas

"On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree."

The familiar lyrics of this tune are sung as part of Christmas caroling and holiday celebrations, reaching a crescendo each time singers belt out "five golden rings."

The song is an English Christmas carol that was written in 1720. While it references plenty of gift-giving, it's easy to assume the song is about giving Christmas gifts.

However, the 12 days in the song actually refer to the birth of Jesus Christ.



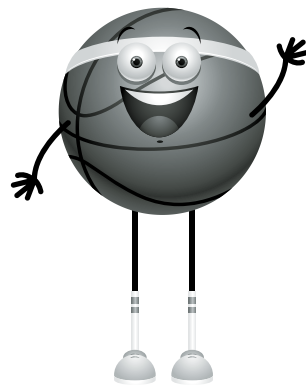
Welcome back to WEM

On December 20 the Win-E-Mac boys basketball team will be honoring the 2000 State Runner-Up team in between the JV and Varsity game that night.

Come on out for the JV game (6:15 tip time), and stick around to reminisce and take in some basketball.

The stories will be flowing, scrapbooks will be shared, old game footage will be watches, and trophies will be displayed.

Let's make this a night to acknowledge the past and show our support for the future.



The Win-E-Mac Alumni Tournament will be held on Saturday, December 21. Registration and formation of teams will take place between noon and 1:00. With games starting at 1:00. No matter if you want to go up and down the court one time, play all day, or just come and watch, we would love to have you. Registration is \$10 with the proceeds going towards the Win-E-Mac boys basketball account.

Yearbook staff is taking pre-orders for this year's yearbook to be distributed upon completion in May of 2020. Cost is \$35.00 now and until December 20th and will cost \$40.00 after December 20th. Yearbooks can be purchased in the office or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) before or after school or during students' noon hours.

Prom is May 2nd! Complete sign-up by April 15, 2020 ~ all prom attendees and their guests must be sign-up and pay attendance fee ahead of time. Win-E-Mac seniors/juniors are invited to attend the prom with a guest who is a sophomore or older in school or out of school but no older than 20 years of age. Each individual attendee's \$15 cover fee needs to accompany sign-up. Fee is to offset costs (food and beverages included). All prom grand march attendees are expected to wear formal attire. Sign-up sheets available in Mrs. Winter's room.

The Real Meaning of Christmas

*Two thousand years ago the King of Kings was born.
 'The Lamb of God' later made to feel the thorn,
 If his words are accepted and not scorned,
 They will make us all reborn.*

*Through God's grace, Joseph and Mary presented
 A gift to the world that day, which we can all repay,
 by living the ten commandments each and every day.*

*Try to remember and keep in your heart and mind
 Jesus's gospel while here on Earth,
 Redemption not a life lived in constant mirth.
 Peace on Earth, good will toward man
 Everyone should try it, whenever they can.*

*The Lord gave us the option and choice of 'free will,'
 Now it's up to us to fit the bill.*

*So when you're Christmas shopping
 for family and friends,
 and money is tight at both ends,
 Remember that the greatest gift of all,
 Is your love of Jesus in the manger stall.*

- A Christmas Poem by Joseph P. Martino



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Merry Christmas from all of us!