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November Council Meeting Long, Sometimes Loud!

By Ron Smith
Correspondent



Council Member Dan Gritsko expresses his point of view regarding statues. Photo by Ron Smith.

Stretching for more than two hours, the November Scottsville Town Council meeting was not only one of the longer meetings in recent history, but a few times became not only loud but tense.

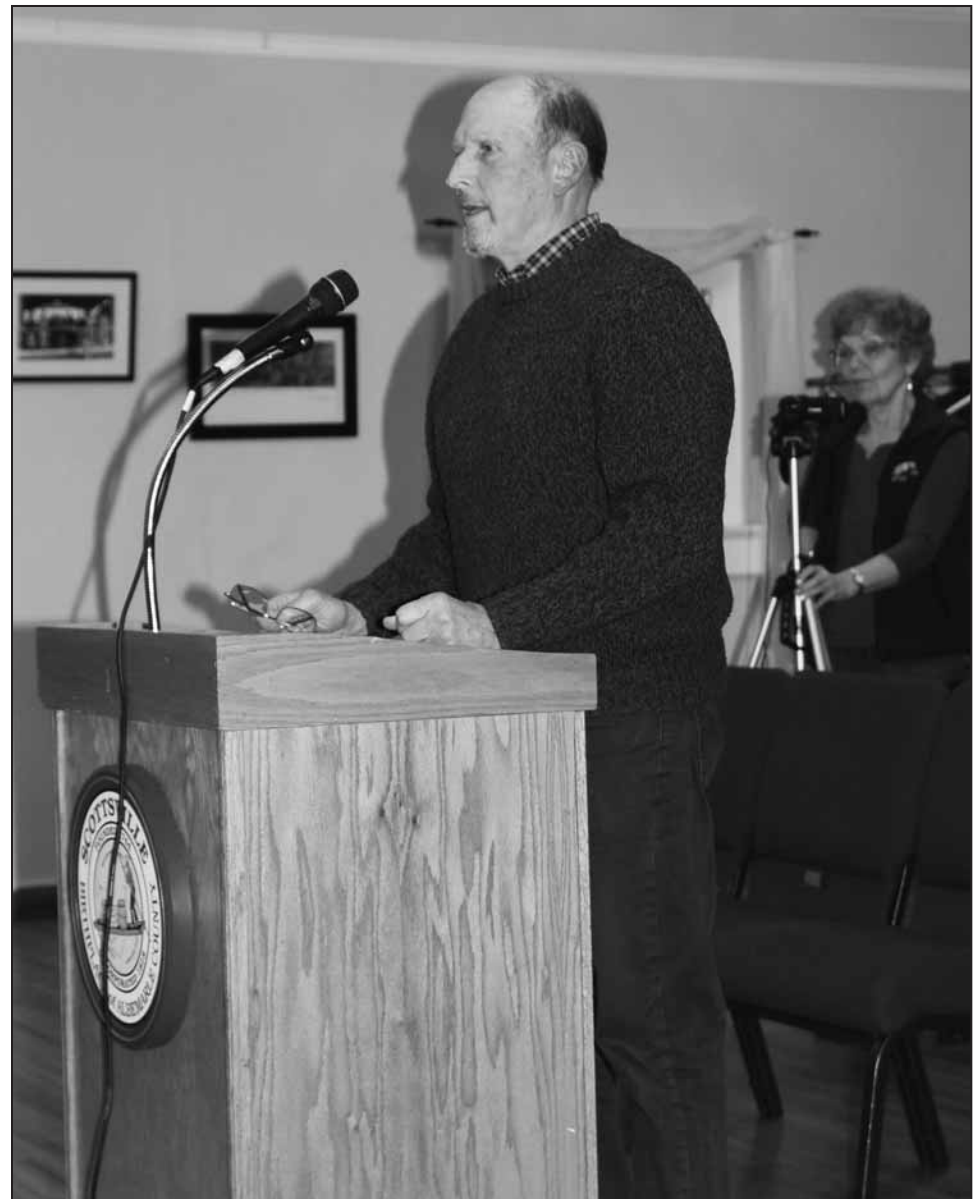
The good news was that the Comprehensive Plan which had been under review by the Planning Commission and council for almost a year was accepted by the town with a unanimous vote. Mayor Gill stated, "this is the first time I (and former Mayor Barry Grove who was in attendance) could remember so much time and effort be put into what is an every five year requirement." "It shows," she said, "that both bodies (Planning Commission and council) are serious



The Cover

Santa came to town to enjoy the festive holiday celebrations.
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Planning Commission Chairman Bill Hyson addresses council. Photo by Ron Smith.

about the future of the town and its continued progress.”

Some of the discussions which lead to the long session centered on the Van Clief Nature Area (VCNA) Master Plan. That plan, which should be part of the Comprehensive Plan, was deemed a separate document by council at their September meeting. Several persons who were present for the Comprehensive Plan public hearing had comments related to the VCNA Master Plan.

Council member Dan Gritsko and Planning Commission Chairman Bill Hyson debated several aspects of the Van Clief plan and the history of that document’s evolution to its present status. Later on in the session, after the vote to accept the Comprehensive Plan, Gritsko again began to discuss the Van Clief plan.

It was at this point that town attorney James Bowling said that the Van Clief plan could and should be part of the Comprehensive Plan and Council could have made that happen but elected not to do so. When Gritsko continued to speak Mayor Gill said the discussion was over and wished to hear no more from Gritsko on the subject.

After the Comprehensive Plan vote Albemarle County Supervisor for Scottsville Rick Randolph gave his report to council.

Randolph reported that he had recently attended a meeting of county officials at which the governor acknowledged there were areas in the state where there was no broadband service. The governor indicated that there was a pending bill that will provide increased funding in Virginia for broadband.

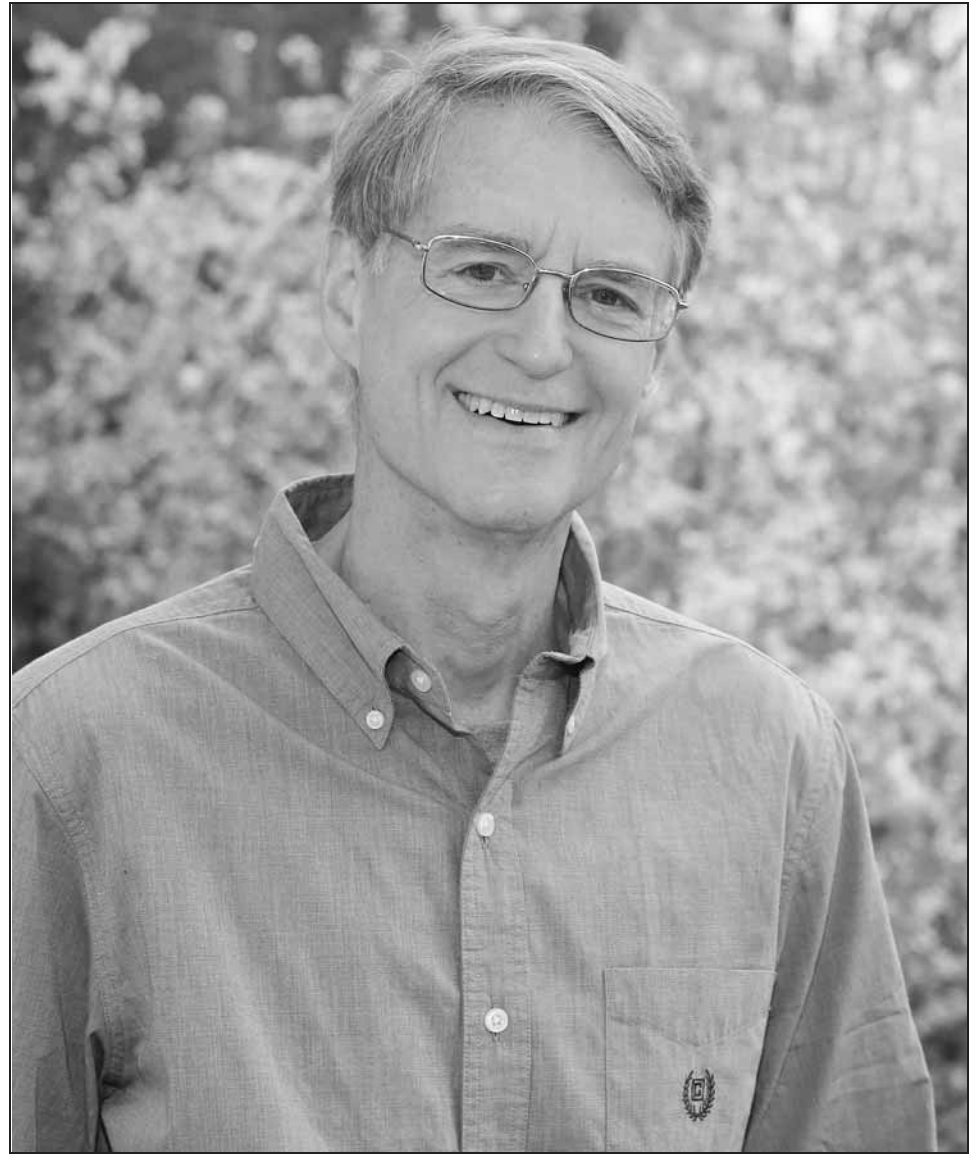
Randolph continued his report by stating that the Scottsville District recorded the highest number of building permits issued during the past quarter, although most of these were for construction in the northern end of the district. He went on to report that there has been an increase in venereal disease and other sexually transmitted diseases across all age groups in the county.

Supervisor Randolph concluded his report by speaking about the Confederate soldier statue, named “At The Ready,” which stands in front of the Albemarle Courthouse. There is a 1904 statute which prohibits disturbing the statue in any manner. Randolph has asked the county attorney to research this statute before any move is made to relocate the statue. Randolph’s position is that the statue celebrates slavery and the fact that a couple of African American communities were formerly in the area where the “At The Ready” statue stands and it should be relocated.

It was at this point in the meeting that things began to get tense. Councilman Gritsko, whose profession is organizing and leading tours and discussing history, primarily with young people, had a different point of view. Gritsko’s position is that “very few people understand any statue.” “It is,” he said, impossible to know, without further research, exactly what the sculpture was thinking when he created the work.”

As the back and forth between the councilman and the supervisor was not going to be resolved at that point, Supervisor Randolph ended his report and left council chambers.

After council members gave their reports the meeting was adjourned. Next month council will take up, at the request of Police Chief Jeff Vohwinkle and the Public Safety Committee, a proposal to establish an auxiliary police force for the town.



Albemarle County Supervisor for the Scottsville District Rick Randolph concluded his report by speaking about the Confederate soldier statue, named “At The Ready,” which stands in front of the Albemarle Courthouse.




Police Chief Jeff Vohwinkle.



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Cover Story



Mayor Nancy Gill led the countdown to the lighting of the tree on Saturday, December 1st. All photos by Ron Smith.

Even though the evening was cold and damp the weather did not deter a large crowd from gathering at Canal Basin Square to light Scottsville's town Christmas tree and welcome Santa. There was caroling, hot chocolate, cookies and of course the man himself, Santa! Santa took lots of requests and promised he would be back on Dec. 24th!



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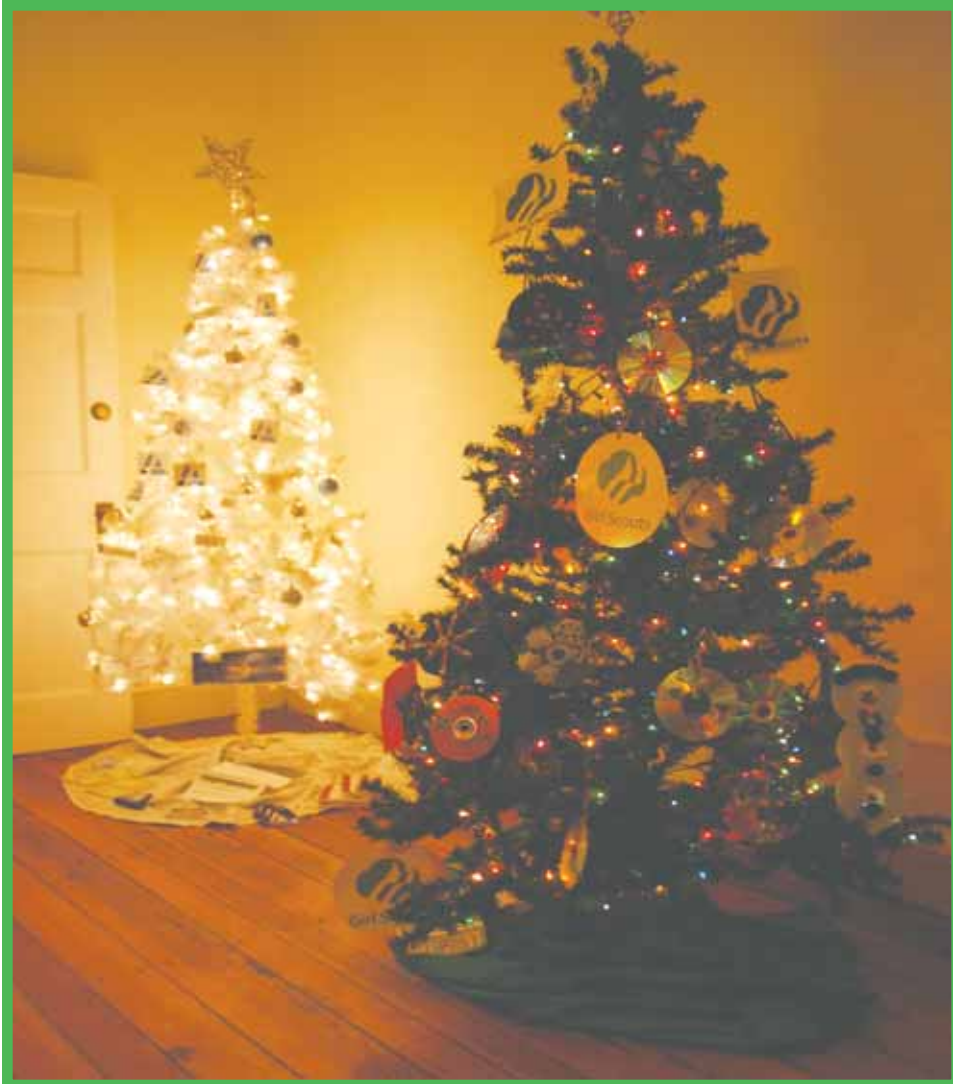
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The Jewish menorah is often displayed in public for Hanukkah in the month of December.

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Jennifer Sturtzer (left) assisted by her wife Jennifer cut the ribbon to open Scottsville Supply Company's new and expanded location, 137 East Main Street, while Greater Scottsville Chamber of Commerce President Linda Lafontaine and company employees look on.
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Interior view of the new Scottsville Supply store.

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Holiday dinner (ham and fixings) 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Where:VFW Post 8169 (2997 West River Road, Scottsville)

Admission:Memorial is open to the public; evergreen wreaths are available for a donation of \$15

More info:Contact Dale Wood at 434-989-2260 or 434-286-7590 if you would like to reserve an evergreen wreath (made locally by Foxfire Farms)

The Scottsville VFW and its Auxiliary are selling evergreen wreaths for the Christmas season. You can reserve one to place on the grave of a loved one yourself, reserve one to have a member place on the grave of a soldier, or use the wreath to decorate your home.

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Village Christmas Market

Saturday, Dec. 8th • 11:00 am– 4:00 pm–Lunch available

Sunday, Dec. 9th • 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

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Scottsville Library Nutcracker

Ballet Workshop

When: Tuesday, December 11: 3:30 p.m.

Where: Scottsville Library (330 Bird St, Scottsville)

Admission: Open to the public

The Charlottesville Ballet will be here to share the magic of The Nutcracker Ballet with us! This event will include a story reading, a mini ballet lesson, and a solo

by a ballet dancer. After the event, the performers will answer questions and there will be time for photos with the dancers.

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Jack Maxwell Wins Gold



I shot 40 both days at the state golf tournament for Special Olympics that was held November 3rd and 4th in Virginia Beach.

My partner and I led the entire tournament. I want to thank the Scottsville community for their support with text messages, phone calls and retweets.

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JABA Senior Center – Scottsville Community Center

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Holy Eucharist – St. John’s Church

Every Thursday morning, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St. John’s Church. Please enter by the side door on Bird St. All are welcome. Join us for the service and fellowship at Baine’s Books and Coffee immediately following the service.

Mid-Week Rest in God – Scottsville United Methodist Church

Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., our pastor offers a brief, midweek worship service (20–25 minutes), open to all. We hear Scripture, pray, have conversation, and celebrate Communion.

AA and Al Anon

Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Scottsville United Methodist Church. AA meets in the Fellowship Hall and Al Anon (for families of problem drinkers) meets in the Sunday School Room.

AA meeting on Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Howardsville Rd., Glenmore, in Buckingham

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This production is directed by Jane Gargett, and stars Karen Zimet, John Baker, Tarran Loveday, Anya Rothman, Susanna Johns, Matty Ward, Sophia Levine, Sarah Lindsay Merriman, Evan Munnikhuysen, Caroline Wright, Hazel Loveday, Melina Zimet, Anthony Hearn, Aiden Peters, Caitlin Alberts, Morgan Boisvert, Sophie Alberts, Bernadette Moran, Sophie Elvgren, Brienna Moon, Ian Amos, Ethan Phelps, Lea Johns, Erin Wallace, Nate Hutchins, Hayden Mabie, Abby Layman, Hudson Merriman, Grace Taylor, Lisa Medders, Laura Loveday, Tres Wells, Jen Merriman, Meghan Wallace, Cherish Alberts, and Paige Campbell Johns.

Barbara Robinson’s *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER* opened November 30, 2018, and runs weekends on the Mainstage through December 16, 2018. Friday & Saturday night performances are at 8PM, Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 2:30PM. Tickets are \$18/adults; \$16/seniors & students; \$14/children, and all Friday tickets are \$10! Our holiday shows tend to sell quickly, so reserve your seats early!

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Christmas Memories in Scottsville

By Ron Smith
Correspondent

*M*emories are the one thing we have that no one can take away from us. All through our lives we accumulate thousands; some we forget, but a lot we remember. It's funny how as you get older you may forget

something in the short term but remember every detail of an event or lyrics to a song from half a century ago. The Christmas holidays provide a great source of memories the majority of which are usually good.

Arlene Oslin grew up in Schuyler as an only child. When she graduated from high school she was not quite 18 and many employers of that day did not want to hire anyone under that age. A family friend, Charlie Ware, secured her a position with the Virginia Telephone and Telegraph Company in Charlottesville. She later worked for the local stone company, married her husband Jimmy, a union that would last 62 years, and moved to Buckingham.

Arlene secured an office position at Scottsville High School in 1961. After the high school closed Arlene worked in the office at Scottsville Elementary School always, "trying to do my best to be a good example to the children with the way I dressed and the way I conducted myself." She retired in 1991.

Christmas to Arlene meant family. Each Christmas was spent with her mother, father and grandmother, even after she was an adult. Santa always found grandmother's house and somehow knew that Arlene would be there. She loved dolls, collected dolls and was always excited to find that Santa had brought her one. Of course there was an occasional



Arlene Oslin says being with family at Christmas is important.
Photo by Ron Smith

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Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 "The Alienist" author
- 5 Hang down
- 10 Box-office bomb
- 14 Orchestral reed
- 15 North Carolina's _____ Banks
- 16 Greet the judge
- 17 Paper purchase
- 18 City served by The Daily Planet
- 20 Classic Cadillac
- 22 Pig's innards
- 23 Floral necklace
- 24 Date-night hirees
- 25 Hollywood Foreign Press awards
- 30 Bay window
- 31 Maid Marian's man
- 32 Barbecue bit
- 35 Actress Tuesday
- 36 Question
- 37 Foal's mother
- 38 "____ a chance!"
- 39 Lethal loop
- 40 Kind of roll
- 41 Bright side
- 43 Mayor in Madrid
- 46 Irish rebel group
- 47 "Death of a Salesman" writer
- 48 Texas nickname
- 53 Modest
- 55 Bit of filming
- 56 Blood fluids
- 57 Chop finely
- 58 Rainbow goddess
- 59 Paleozoic and Mesozoic

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- 60 Look of disdain
- 61 Small price to pay
- 12 Basket willow
- 13 Annoyances
- 19 Communion plate
- 21 Casting need
- 24 Lamenting one
- 25 Prom purchase
- 26 Cookie with Peeps and Peppermint varieties
- 27 Cheerful tune
- 28 Disco favorite, "Shake Your _____ Thing"
- 29 No-good sort
- 32 Indian princess
- 33 Hotel amenity
- 34 Floating ice mass
- 36 Low spirits
- 37 Like some religious orders
- 39 Frasier's brother
- 40 Bring on board
- 41 Cantina dips
- 42 Hang around
- 43 Give the giggles
- 44 Eyelid cosmetic
- 45 Red Cross founder Barton
- 48 Cash biopic "Walk the _____"
- 49 Grimm beginning
- 50 Scale deduction
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The doll house her dad built for her when she was 5 years old.

pair of socks and whatever grandmother found in the back room to give her as a present, but the homemade oyster stew they had for Christmas Day dinner was truly memorable.

You might think an only child would be spoiled and expect a ton of gifts, but Arlene is different. Her philosophy is simple: "You don't always need presents to make Christmas special," she says, "being with your family and the ones you love is the important thing." How right she is.

Judy Brown grew up in northern Ohio, near Toledo and it was cold and snowy in the winter. She has several special Christmas memories, like the Christmas she was sick and the family doctor made a house call to treat her on Christmas Day.

When she was five she received a doll house her father made and which she still has today. Each piece of furniture was separately wrapped. At 10 she wanted a piano and remembers hearing a noise outside after she went to bed that Christmas Eve. Thinking it was Santa bringing the piano it was actually her father with an organ on his back sneaking into the house. The organ had been at a neighbor's home safely hidden away and was slightly easier to move than a piano.

She remembers the Christmas of 1941 after the attack on Pearl Harbor which she describes as "a hard one." And she remembers her two aunts, her father's sisters, who lived in town. Christmas presents could not be opened until she had accompanied her father into town to pick up her aunts and get back to the farm.

Then there was practice of decorating the tree on Christmas Eve, a tradition she and her husband Jim continued with their own family of five children. Family is central to Judy. Jim and a son are no longer with us, but the family gathers at Judy's home for Thanksgiving and Christmas remembering the good times of the past and creating more good times that will be remembered in the future.

Sallie Massie is a Scottsville native. She and her husband Brandon live in the same house in which she grew up. As a matter of fact, she only lived elsewhere after college. When her father's health began to fail she moved back home and has been there ever since. As Sallie says, "the view from my kitchen window has never changed!"

Christmas for the Massie clan was to go to Wintergreen to ski and enjoy the snow. One of Sallie's most memorable Christmas's was when she was seven or eight. The family excursion to Wintergreen was scheduled, but on Christmas Eve there was a heavy snow here in Scottsville. There was no way the family would be able to make the trek the next day.

The road that passes Sallie's home makes a gentle slope down to the river. With there being so much snow the family would make their one "Wintergreen" at home. It helped that Sallie's uncle worked for VDOT and promised to plow that road last. It also helped that Sallie's dad was a builder and access to a gas powered heater.

So, for much of the day there was plenty of snow to play in, a place to warm up and lots of cookies and hot chocolate courtesy of her mom. Sallie, her sister and the lady at the next house down spent a great Christmas enjoying a present that nature had provided.

"Being with family, decorating, baking and visiting friends" says Sallie, "is more important than a bunch of presents." She is so lucky to "live in the house she grew up in and be able to think back and all those good times she had and continues to have there.



In her kitchen where the view from the window has never changed.

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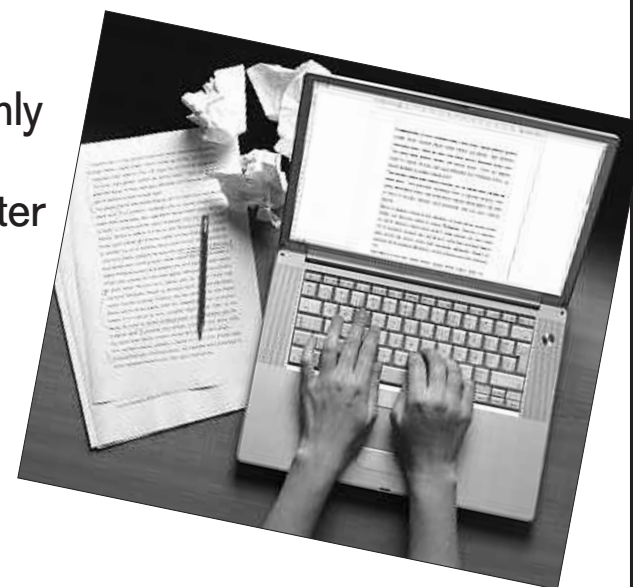
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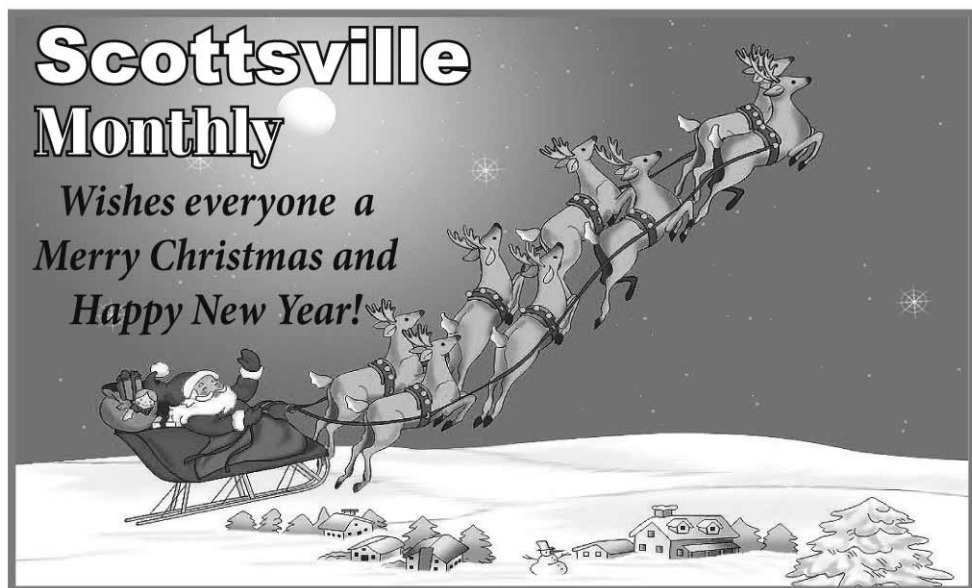
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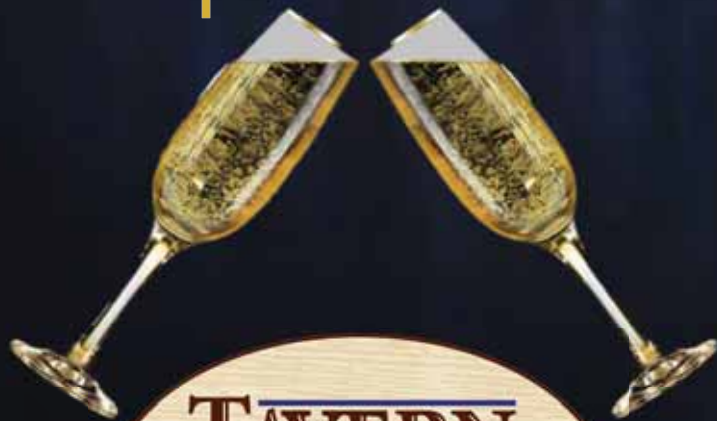
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