

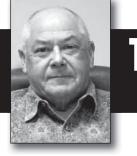


## Dear Santa, A little common sense, please!

For longer than most of us care to think about, the United States House of Representatives, the People's House, has been working on drafting a case and Impeachment proceedings against President Trump. The truth here belongs to whichever side you come down on and want to believe. That's fine. As a cowboy friend of mine would declare, "It's all just pissin' in the wind, anyway."

And, he is likely the most spot on of anyone. The Democrats control the House vote. It will go to a Republican controlled Senate for a trial and a vote, where is will almost certainly be thrown out. We will then proceed to a presidential election and the great political charade of the Twenty First Century will roll on.

What we need is some common sense, but we all know that has been killed and buried alongside Jimmy Hoffa, which is somewhere. These days we tend to put teaching into two molds, "old school" and "new school". I have been accused of being too old school for the younger generation, well, so be it. I tend to believe there's only one school. That would be the one where the lesson is right, and you learn it and live by it. A lesson is like everything else. It is what it is, it is not and cannot be made some whole other thing, simply to appease those who disagree with the



#### outcomes.

I'm too old to change, so all that's left is to change me. Amen. Well, I was reading a book on history of this area dating back to the 1800s. There's a story about a relative of mine, a Frenchman living among the Natives who roamed and lived here. He was a trapper and married to an Indian girl, the daughter of an Arikara chief, as they were called by the non-Indians.

The story involved a horse which my relative, Pierre Beauchamp claimed had been stolen. The matter was taken to the leader of the people and after his decision was disputed by the party accused of stealing the horse; he simply took his carbine and shot the horse, thus ending the dispute over the animal. How fair that was, you judge, but it was final, no arguing that. I guess it was a lesson in "You will take my word for it".

I mention that story because these days we never seem to see any finality to things. Serious criminals appeal end-



lessly. Political disputes defy any resolution, reasonable or otherwise. It is like we live in a world where there is no truth.

I'm not suggesting that the Democrats send someone over to the White House to shoot the President and end that chapter of conflict, but we need to return to acceptance of the final word and move on.

Until Jesus makes his arrival, we will have to rely on some earthly source of power and wisdom to end one season of life and move on to the other. In years past, we have been able to do it; what the heck is the glitch now?

Well, to me, it seems that we just aren't smart enough to know when a horse is dead and to pull our saddle and walk home. Right now, the politicians we are paying, are simply beating on a dead horse and that horse isn't rising up.

This Washington political game is looking like a Class B basketball game with no officials and a busted clock. It ain 't over until it is over, and when that will be is just a guess.

We're moving into the Christmas season and the ageold question prevails. What do we tell the children about the figure of Santa Claus. Is he real or just some story made up to entertain children and control them with that naughty list thing? Kids, you will likely see Santa before you see some of the things the politicians have been promising are real. In regard to the horse story, there was no ending the argument about a live and valuable horse. When it became a dead horse, no one wanted the trouble of taking care of it. The story does not complete itself by telling us whom the old Chief ordered to get their damn dead horse out from in front of his lodge. Probably while reloading his carbine in preparation for making another statement.

So, kids, if someone confronts you and wants to argue about whether there really is a Santa Claus, you do what Grampa Ken does. You stand

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# A breakfast casserole for Christmas morning

By Amy Nash

12 eggs, beaten 1 small package of hash browns

Sausage, links or patties, cut in slices

8 oz. bag of shredded cheddar cheese

This recipe may not be the most fancy nor the prettiest. It is, however, delicious. This is the recipe for the parent who wants to enjoy their Christmas morning with their family.

For as long as I can remember, my family ate this breakfast casserole on every Christmas morning. My mom would start on Christmas Eve. She would prepare the casserole by beating the eggs. She would pour the bag of frozen hash browns in a 9x13 dish, stir in cooked and sliced sausage, then pour the beaten eggs over it all. She'd top it with tin foil and put it in the refrigerator until morning.

Our Christmas mornings would always start early as we raced to see what Santa brought us. While we were looking for our stockings, my mom would preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Just as we were getting ready to open gifts my mom would place the casserole in the oven and let bake for 30 minutes, up to 50 minutes, depending on the depth of the pan.

Those Christmas memories were spent with my mom with us in the living room around the Christmas tree. She was not working away in the kitchen while we were opening gifts. Usually by the time our giftopening came to a close, my mom would take the tin foil off and add cheese atop the casserole for the last few minutes.

By the time we had seen all of our gifts, the morning hunger grumbles would begin. Thankfully it was already prepared and on the table. The first meal of the inevitable sugar-filled day started out packed with protein.

This is a tradition that I like to bake for my own family for all of these reasons. It's easy, healthy, but most importantly allows me to be present in the area where all the fun is happening on Christmas morning.

Enjoy your Christmas morning with your family.





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up and say, "There is a Santa Claus, if I say there is. I don't have to prove to you there is one. If it's that important to you, then you prove to me there isn't one. In all fairness. I'll let you have a zillion hearings, lots of investigations and even a trial. After which, I plan to ignore all your junk anyway."

Maybe, in the end, the truth is simply a dead horse, which says clearly, "I don't believe any of this. We're done here." I know it sure works for me. We can't end the lies, but we can end what the lying is about. Maybe this year, Santa will stuff our stockings with new understanding of what the things we are doing are all about. If we shoot enough of their two-party horses, maybe they'll wise up. Nah, but we an hope.





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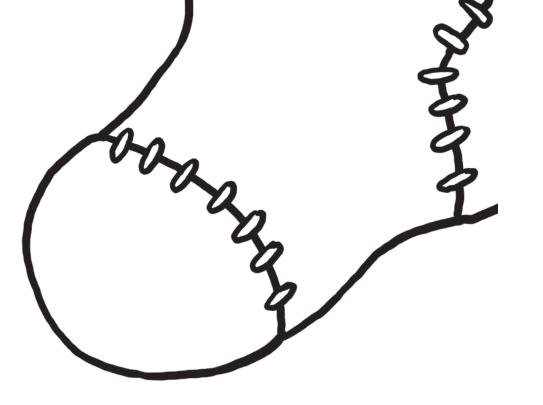


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As road conditions worsen, and with the added truck traffic on area roads, please use extreme caution when traveling.

# **Survival Kit For Winter Driving:**

· Coffee can or other empty and clean food can

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 60-inch length string (cut into 3 equal pieces - used to suspend can) 3 large safety pins (tie string to safety pins and pin to car roof inte-

rior to suspend can over candle) 1 candle 2" diameter (place on lid under suspended can for melting snow). Canned Sterno will also work to heat water.

 1 pocket knife, reasonably sharp (or substitute with scissors) 3 pieces of bright cloth 2" wide x 36" long (tie to antenna or door handle)

 Several packets of soup, hot chocolate, tea, bouillon cubes, etc. (mixed into melted snow to provide warmth and nutrition) Plastic spoons

- · Packages of easy to eat, high energy foods like peanuts and candy or canned, ready-to-eat soups or fruit
- 1 pair of socks and 1 pair of gloves or glove liners; cotton is not recommended because it provides no insulation when wet).
- Extra clothing and a blanket or sleeping bag 2 packages of book matches
- 1 sun shield blanket or 2 large
- green or black plastic leaf bags (to reflect body heat) 1 flash light and batteries (keep

separate) First aid kit  Toilet paper and sealable container for bathroom purposes

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- Fire extinguisher Small tool kit
- Ice scraper/snowbrush
- Shovel
- Sand or other traction aid
- Tow rope or chain
- Jumper cables
- Road flares or warning lights Gas line antifreeze
- Large plastic garbage bag Pencil stub and paper
- Plastic whistle

 Cellular phone with a charger You may want to keep the survival kit in the passenger compartment in case you go into a ditch and can't get to or open the trunk.

## Winter Weather Terminology

Watch is issued when the risk of a hazardous winter weather event has increased, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain.

Warning or Advisory is issued when a hazardous winter weather event is occurring, is imminent, or has a high probability of occurrence. A warning is used when there is a threat to life or property. An advisory is for less serious conditions that cause inconvenience, and, if caution is not used, could lead to situations that may threaten life or property.

Snow criteria for a warning is 6 inches or more in 12 hours or less, OR, 8 inches or more in 24 hours or less. Snow criteria for an advisory is 3 to 5 inches.

The recent warm temperatures and sunny skies have been nice – but we all know what's waiting for us just around the corner – Winter! The cold and snowy season is almost here and the question is – are you

ready for it? You should ... Get a Kit ... Make a Plan ... and Be Informed. Keep a high level of situational awareness by listening to the forecast every day. When snow, sleet, or freezing rain is in the forecast expect that it will impact your day to day routine, and be ready when it does!

## **Mercer County Sheriff's Dept. Travel Advisories** What they mean –

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**Use caution advisory –** is issued by this office when visibility is reduced and driving conditions require that people reduce speed.

No travel advised - means that law enforcement and the highway department have determined that near zero visibility is occurring and/or that the driving surface of the road is blocked or covered with ice and driving is a determent

**Road closed no travel allowed –** (extreme conditions are present) is issued when roads are blocked and vehicles are stuck on the roadway. No travel will be allowed by any vehicle regardless of the situation. Barricades or officers will be blocking the roads leaving and entering the closed area. Drivers going around barricades will receive complaint and summons to district court. Schools, mines and power plants will be notified by phone.

Winter Storm Warnings and Winter Weather Advisories may be issued for a combination of elements like snow coupled with wind and blowing snow, or snow coupled with sleet and freezing rain.

• Sleet is pellets of ice. Sleet bounces when it hits the ground.

• Freezing Rain is rain that freezes when it hits the ground or objects on the ground. It forms a sheet or glaze of ice. • Ice Storm is used to describe occasions when the ice from freezing rain is significant enough (1/4 inch thick or more) to cause damage

 Blizzard is a storm with winds of 35 mph or higher AND visibility frequently below 1/4 mile in snow and/or blowing snow AND these conditions last three (3) hours or longer. There is no set temperature requirement for a blizzard. Wind Chill is that part of the cooling of a human body caused by moving air. Moving air accelerates the rate of heat transfer away from a human body.

• Wind Chill Advisory is issued for wind chills of 25 to 39 below zero with a wind speed of at least 5 mph. • Wind Chill Warning is issued for wind chills of 40 below zero and colder with a wind speed of at least 5 mph.

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