

# MOUNT CROGHAN SC

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## OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS FLOAT



For the first time in its history, the Town of Mount Croghan entered a float in the Chesterfield and Ruby Christmas

parades. The float boasted a small Christmas tree surrounded by gifts, as well as a wooden, handcrafted Santa sleigh with reindeer. The entire float was decorated with bright lights. Mayor Kevin Griggs decided that it was time for Mount Croghan to have a float and he as well as council member Lisa Johnson sat in rocking chairs upon the float during both parades. Though the rain was falling and the temperature was dropping during both events, the Mount Croghan float placed 2nd place in the Chesterfield parade and 1st place in Ruby's parade.

*Beth Leonard*

## COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BBQ

On December 11 the Mount Croghan Community Center was the festive site for the Country Christmas BBQ. Open to all Mount Croghan residents, the BBQ was generously hosted by the Town of Mount Croghan, Ronnie Adams, and the Country Cafe. BBQ pork, chicken, baked beans, and dessert as



well as other items were enjoyed by all. "Natural Reaction", a local band, performed country and southern rock music, which kept people dancing throughout the afternoon. The day was a welcomed retreat from what can be a busy time during the holiday season and residents seemed to thoroughly enjoy the food, fellowship, and music.

*Beth Leonard*

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING



The chilly afternoon of November 28 welcomed residents to the museum grounds for the annual Christmas tree decorating event. Participants enjoyed fellowship while stringing lights and hanging ornaments. The event ended with residents sharing finger food provided by participants and soft drinks given by the town. During the holiday season, visitors and residents were able to find Mount Croghan in full festive mode by doing a quick drive through downtown. Lights and decorations could be found at River's Park, the museum grounds, the community center, as well as on power poles which displayed traditional Christmas decorations such as Rudolph and snowflakes. A lot of hard work went into preparing Mount Croghan for the holiday season, but as usual the small town atmosphere and beautiful decorations shone like a spotlight in Chesterfield county. *Beth Leonard*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Spring Community

##### Clean-Up Week

Apr 18—Apr 23

Downtown Cleanup

9:00am Sat Apr 23

Rain date—Apr 30

#### Homecoming Festival

September 24

12:00pm—4:00pm

#### Christmas Tree

##### Decorating

Nov 27

2:00pm

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### SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Mayor and Council have designated the week of April 18 as the annual Spring Clean-up for the Town of Mt. Croghan. All residents are encouraged to participate. The clean-up in the downtown area will be held on Saturday April 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. This will be followed by a cook-out after the clean-up and an Easter Egg Hunt as 12:00 noon at Rivers Park. Trash bags, gloves and safety vests will be available for the clean-up.

It's been a cold winter for all of us.  
*Ron Johnson*



## Public Notice

County police will soon be monitoring speeders on all Mt. Croghan roads. Please watch your speed. There are better ways to contribute money to Chesterfield County.



## FALL CLEANUP



Residents hit the streets of Mount Croghan November 1 thru the 6 to pick up trash for the community wide clean-up. Mayor Griggs, town council members, and residents completed the designated clean-up week by meeting November 6 for a concentrated clean-up of the downtown area. Hot dogs along with soft drinks and cookies were provided by the town for participants. As usual the event proved successful with residents working together to keep Mount Croghan a clean and pleasant place to live.

*Beth Leonard*

## CHRISTMAS PAST

### A SPECIAL REPORT BY RUSSELL JENKINS

Remember those special "memorable" moments in your Christmas past? I asked a few of our residents what their most memorable Christmas moments were. Here is what they shared.

**Billy Sikes:** I got red wagons throughout the years, but the last one was made of wood and I was told to take extra good care of it. When we went to our grandparents house, we each got a one-dollar bill from grandma and one from grandpa.

**Margaret Sellers:** Christmas was always a time for a new doll.

**Gene Sellers:** The standard fare for my Christmas was firecrackers and a cap pistol with a roll of caps, sometimes a harmonica and always an apple, orange, English walnuts, Brazil nuts and some candy. Us kids always wrote our name in the bottom of a shoebox so Santa would know who lived in our house.

**Lillie Mae Gordon:** I always got something, mostly dolls for Christmas.

**David Gordon:** When we got new shoes in the fall, the boxes were saved to be used at Christmas in place of stockings. We wrote our name on the end of the box and put it on the mantle with the name facing out. One Christmas I didn't like the way my name looked so I had to go over it again to make it more noticeable. There were apples, oranges and nuts. I also got stick candy, mint and some cinnamon. One time I got a clear glass train engine filled with red-hots. It was kept on the mantle and I was limited on how many I could have each day, to make it last.

**Marjorie Burch:** My favorite were the dolls. There was one real nice one that was given to me from my aunt Dora from Kannapolis N.C. I liked my dolls so much, that when there was company coming I would make sure my dolls were safe under my bed. Maybe that is why I still have one of my dolls today.

*Russell Jenkins*

See pictures from our town events. Go to the Events Tab on the town website and click on an event.

You can also go directly to our new Gallery website at [www.mountcroghan.smugmug.com](http://www.mountcroghan.smugmug.com) to view current and past events. You can also download any image to print on your own computer.

