

## CHRISTMAS FLOAT



Volunteers joined together during the Christmas season to create a float for local parades that represented the town of Mount Croghan. Mayor Griggs and town council members rode on the float that included a gazebo lit with white Christmas lights and those viewing

the passing float were delighted to see "snow" drifting from a snow machine. Mount Croghan won 1st place in the Jefferson parade and was awarded a trophy. The float was also in the Chesterfield parade and was awarded \$200.00 for placing 2nd. The town of Page-land awarded the title of Best Government Entry to the unique and festive float. Thanks to the dedication that council members and Mayor Griggs have to our community. Our town was well represented throughout Chesterfield County during the Christmas season .



Beth Leonard

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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Town Cleanup 2014  
April 19  
9:00am
- Community Sunrise Service  
April 20  
7:00am



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING



Mount Croghan residents joined together on the museum grounds in early December to ready the town for Christmas. Festive decorations were set out and lights were strung in Rivers Park as well as on the museum grounds. Those who participated brought along their favorite finger foods to share with the crowd. The entire town was beautifully decorated for the holiday season and in the process residents enjoyed an afternoon of fellow-

ship and good food. This is an annual event and is always held on Sunday following Thanksgiving at 2:00pm at the Mount Croghan Community Center.

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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Town Hall  
55 Burch Street  
Mount Croghan, SC 29727

### YARD OF THE MONTH



Spring is just around the corner and along with the budding of flowers and warmer weather is Mount Croghan's Yard of the Month. Mayor Griggs and town council members will begin acknowledging the chosen yards in April. *Beth Leonard*

### MUSEUM HOURS



The museum is reopening in March! Swing by for a visit on the first and third Sundays from 1:30am to 3:30pm. Items of any historical interest are being accepted and are always appreciated! *Beth Leonard*

### COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Community Yard Sale is Saturday, April 5, 8:00am till 12:00pm at the Museum grounds. Tables will be furnished. Contact Susan Jordan (634-7074) or Lisa Johnson (634-3378) to reserve a table.

### COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE

Mount Croghan Memorial Park  
Sunday April 20th at 7:00am.  
Breakfast will follow at Mount Croghan Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.  
Breakfast food items requested.

## SPRING CLEANUP



Mayor Griggs and town council members have designated the week of April 14 through April 19 as cleanup week. Residents are asked to remove trash from their yards and streets during the week and meet other volunteers on the museum grounds Saturday, April 19 at 9:00a.m. for a concentrated cleanup of downtown Mount Croghan. Immediately following the cleanup the town will also host an Easter egg hunt in Rivers Park at 12:00p.m. Kids should bring their Easter baskets and prepare to have them filled with lots of goodies! *Beth Leonard*

## THE GRISTMILL



Not far outside of Mount Croghan's town limits is a beautiful spot rich in history. Tucked serenely in the woods is a gristmill owned by Mr. Hugh Neisler. After purchasing the property in the 1970's Mr. Neisler restored the mill and pursued it as a hobby. Those who are fortunate enough to visit the mill get a hands-on demonstration of how it operates. A gristmill grinds grain, in this case dry corn, into grits and meal and it is traditionally powered by water. This particular mill sits upon a lovely pond which generates the power for the millstones. The millstones used now are iron, but years ago Mr. Neisler found the remains of a large wooden millstone in the creek bed. From the grinding of the corn, which is fed thru a receptacle called a hopper, to sifting the meal from the grits by hand using a large sifter the entire experience is interesting and just plain fun. A better instructor could not be found in regards to Mr. Neisler. He is informative, friendly and his enjoyment of sharing his passion is most evident. His interests are varied and there are many antiques, including tools, a wood stove and a cast iron waffle maker, that decorate his mill. Even though many, many pounds of corn have been ground over the years, Mr. Neisler has never sold any of it, instead he gives it away to friends, family and visitors. Visiting the mill is like taking a peek into years past; the mill is simple yet ingenious and Mr. Neisler is beyond friendly. Although educational, the experience is more about appreciating an era gone by and those who care enough to preserve the past. *Beth Leonard*

### HOSPICE DONATES TREES

Hospice of Chesterfield County donated two trees to the town of Mt. Croghan in honor of their 20 years of Hospice service.

Left to Right:

Front row - Jesse Jordan, Kevin Griggs

Second row - Ronnie Chapman, Dell Chapman, Norma Adams, Lillie Mae Gordan

Third row - Cindy Beard, Lisa Johnson, Susan Jordan

Back row - John Douglas, Lynn Nicholson and Brenda McKay



### CONGRATULATIONS:



To Taylor Self of Mount Croghan for being named to the Dean's List at Point Park University in Pittsburgh PA.

To Ron and Jan Johnson of Mount Croghan, who become Grandparents December 12, 2013.

To Katie McMann and Jordan Laney on their upcoming wedding—June 21, 2014.

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 for FREE.

