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Special Facts

- There are 7 regional mental health and retardation hospitals in Georgia
- The hospitals serve several thousand citizens
- Many have lived in the hospitals most of their lives

MAYORS' MOTORCADE

The City of Plains will be doing its part to make the holiday season special for residents of the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus. It is one of the state's regional mental health and retardation hospital supported by the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

For 52 years, the Georgia Municipal Association relies on citizen participa-

tion in each city to donate gifts for patients that have little, if any, support or contact with family and friends.

It is more blessed

To give than

To receive

You are asked to be a part of our community's effort to bring the joy of the holi-

day season to West Central's patients.

Our city has started its gift collection campaign and we are asking for your help. We are asking individuals, churches, businesses, and civic groups to participate in this outstanding community service projects.

Guidelines for giving follow below. **Thank you.**

Donations for Mental Health Patients

The following items have been requested.

- Playing Cards
- Board Games
- Wallets
- Tapes/CDs
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Combs/Brushes
- Shaving Lotion
- After Shave
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Lotion
- Stationery
- Pens/Pencils
- Tote Bags
- Cookies
- Snacks
- Movies (PG or G only)
- Hair Accessories
- New Clothing (All Sizes)
- New Pajamas (All Sizes)
- Socks
- Bedroom Shoes

Gifts should be new and unwrapped

Checks should be made out to WCGRH Patient Benefit Fund.

**DROP OFF ITEMS AT PLAINS CITY HALL BY
Thursday, November 30th**

Thank you for your efforts to ensure that this holiday season is a joy for everyone

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Home of the 39th President

*May this Holiday Season Be Full of Joy and Laughter
-From the Mayor, Council, and Staff of the City of Plains-*

Holiday Events

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- Old Time Syrup Day at the Carter Boyhood Farm from 10 am—3 pm. Experience life like it was in the 1930's! The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site will make cane syrup. Demos include cane stripping, cutting, and grinding sugarcane and syrup-making. Call 824-4104 for more information. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- Christmas in the Archery at various locations around the Carter Boyhood Farm from 2 pm—4:30 pm. Make decorations, enjoy candy apples, and enjoy refreshing hot apple cider.
- The Annual Downtown Christmas Parade will begin at 6 pm. Old Saint

Nick will be on hand.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

- The annual Christmas Community Sing begins at 7 pm. It will be held at Plains High School.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

- The National Park Service Movie Night presents "The Polar Express" at Plains High School. The event begins at 5 pm. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

- An encore presentation of "The Polar Express" begins at 5 pm at Plains High School.

Please note: City Hall will observe Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. In addition, the office will be closed on November 26th and December 24th.

Quotes from the Heart

Eric Sevareid

Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves.

Charlotte Carpenter

Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree.

Pope John XXIII

Mankind is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.

Helen Keller

The only real blind person at Christmas-time is he who has no Christmas in his heart.

Washington Irving

Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.

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