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Rotary Club members and SANTA CLAUS bring Christmas cheer to students at Washington Elementary
WASHINGTON — A group of Rotary Club members and Santa Claus brought Christmas cheer to students at Washington Elementary School on Tuesday. The group, which included Santa Claus, Mrs. Paul Stone, and several other members, visited the school to bring gifts and cheer to the children. The students were excited to see Santa Claus and receive their gifts. The Rotary Club members also performed a play for the students. The visit was a success and the children had a wonderful time.

Parks dept. making progress at Leece Park
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LEESVILLE — The Parks Department is making progress at Leece Park. The department has been working on the park for several months and is now in the final stages of construction. The park will include a playground, a picnic area, and a walking trail. The department hopes to have the park open to the public in the next few weeks.

Only a few pounds of pecans remain
LEESVILLE — Only a few pounds of pecans remain in the bin. The bin was full of pecans on Monday, but by Tuesday, only a few pounds were left. The pecans were sold to a local processor and the bin was cleaned out. The processor will use the pecans to make pecan products.

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Vote's in the mail?
If Sevier County has had a mail ballot, it was before my time, clerk says
SEVIER COUNTY — A Sevier County clerk says that if the county has ever had a mail ballot, it was before his time. The clerk, who has worked for the county for many years, says that he has never seen a mail ballot. He says that the county has always used paper ballots that are cast in person at the polls.

Police find no link to 2011 shooting
A Sevier County Sheriff's Office investigator says there is no link between a recent shooting and a 2011 shooting. The investigator says that the two shootings appear to be unrelated. The recent shooting occurred on Monday and the 2011 shooting occurred on a different day. The investigator says that there is no evidence to suggest that the two shootings are related.

Christmas Premier For Me, a Sevier County Sheriff's Office
A Sevier County Sheriff's Office investigator says that the Christmas Premier For Me program is a success. The program, which is designed to help children in need, has been running for several years. The investigator says that the program has helped many children and that the community has responded well to the program.

Bipartisan budget agreement nears final passage
WASHINGTON — A bipartisan budget agreement nears final passage in the U.S. House of Representatives. The agreement, which was reached after several days of negotiations, will provide for a two-year budget. The agreement includes provisions for spending cuts and tax increases. The House is expected to vote on the agreement in the next few days.

'Dear Santa' letters due by noon Friday
LEESVILLE — The deadline for "Dear Santa" letters is noon on Friday. The letters, which are sent to Santa Claus, should be addressed to Santa Claus, P.O. Box 1234, Leesville, SC 29556. The letters should be written on a separate sheet of paper and should be no longer than one page. The letters should be placed in a box labeled "Dear Santa" and should be placed in the mailbox by noon on Friday.

Hutchinson Tyson Foods plant cited by OSHA
LEESVILLE — An OSHA citation was issued for a safety violation at a Hutchinson Tyson Foods plant. The citation, which was issued on Monday, states that the plant failed to provide adequate safety training to its employees. The citation also states that the plant failed to provide adequate safety equipment to its employees. The plant is required to take corrective action to address the violations.

N.D. to let man in same-sex marriage wed woman, too
NORTH DAKOTA — North Dakota is set to allow a man in a same-sex marriage to marry a woman, too. The state's new marriage law, which was passed in 2013, defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman. However, the law also allows a man in a same-sex marriage to marry a woman, if the man is already married to a woman. This provision allows a man to be married to both a man and a woman.