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LUKE SCOTT

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*"If the Army
and the Navy
ever look on
Heaven's
scenes, they
will find the
gates are
guarded by
United States
Marines."*

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In Memory of Corporal Luke Scott

THE FEW. THE PROUD. THE MARINES.

BY: KAILA RUDD

The United States Marine Corps adopted the motto "Semper Fidelis", otherwise known as "Semper Fi" in 1883. Semper Fidelis is Latin for "Always Faithful". Luke Scott, our very own hometown hero, stood by this motto when he risked his life on December 3, 2010 to go on patrol. Despite being told his attendance was not needed, he exemplified this motto and stood alongside his fellow marines, only to fall among the few. Corporal Lucas Christopher Scott was killed on December 3, 2010.

BY: MR. EDINGFIELD

Every day I see pictures of famous people on the front of t-shirts, billboards, and magazine faces that some people call our heroes. Maybe an NBA, NFL, MLB, or movie star; someone others look up to or dream of being someday. I often wonder how our culture has created such

a false sense of hope in defining what a hero truly is. Then someone comes along, touches lives, and reminds us of what a hero really consists of. Someone who puts others before themselves and country before themselves — someone who understands duty, service, and honor. You see, these things money cannot buy. These things are priceless and what our country is truly built upon. It's more valuable than gold or silver, or any stock investment—it is priceless.

A true hero is not someone you only dream about and not really know, talk about but not talk to. A hero is not distant or abstract. A hero is someone who cares about you and the ones around them. You don't stand in line for hours to see or buy a ticket to go watch a real hero. He is not an icon or a celebrity, but a selfless

embodiment of courage and bravery. A hero is one who makes all these things possible for you.

As I look out my classroom window today and see all the flags, yellow ribbons and signs, I know what makes a true American hero. One who will always be remembered for the sacrifice made for me and many others; most he never knew. He touched our lives and hearts forever in service and sacrifice. Luke Scott is that hero who gave it all for others, one of those who has made it possible to do the things we do here. Most of those t-shirts and posters of others will soon be forgotten, but not our true hero—**Lucas Christopher Scott**; remembered always for the lives touched and sacrifice made.

He left a BOY...



Lucas Christopher Scott
November 30, 1990—
December 3, 2010

Luke and his Mother's last words: Luke- "I love you mama." Angie- "I love you too Luke." Luke- "I love you too mother." Angie- "Luke, do you know how much I love you?...I love you with all my heart."

And returned a MAN.



Luke Scott Continued



BY: MRS. REED

As a teacher it is difficult to remember every student that I have ever taught. This year, for instance, I see about 100 students a day, but some years I've seen close to 160 students. These faces over a number of years of teaching are hard to keep straight and

to remember the names of each is certainly a very difficult task. Though I am certain I would not recognize all of the students I have ever taught, I do remember most. I'm such a visual and spatial learner, that I often remember stu-

dents based on the school, classroom, and even class period that they were in. I remember if the student was loud and obnoxious or quiet and reserved; I re-

member if the student was a perfectionist or a "just get it done" kind of kid. I also remember students and how they interacted with others in the classroom, in the hallways, and on the playing field. Luke Scott was just one of the many of students who have sat in my classroom in the last twelve years. He is just one, but he is one I will never forget.

Luke was in my first/second period class second semester in 2006. The class was large and was filled with a mix of students. Dustin Lennert was in that class with his "list of classics" to read before college; Jessica Jones with her cheerleader-like attitude, even at 8:00 in the morning. Dustin McGlothin tried to catch up on his sleep, but I kept waking him up. Luke was in the mix too, often in his jacket, trying to stay warm during

our winter class sessions. Our class did the usual: we read, we wrote, we went through the classics like *Animal Farm* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Luke was a good student, though he would not have lost any sleep over a Language Arts assignment. He was focused on his academics and was devoted to the sports teams in which he participated. He was happy-go-lucky and liked by all. After ninth grade, Luke went on to complete tenth grade and then attended the CTC for his junior and senior years. He graduated on June 7, 2009 from Peebles High School.

Luke will forever hold a place in the hearts for those who knew him, but the amazing thing is that he will hold a place in the hearts of *even those who did not know him*. He was a young man, a son, a brother, a friend, and a soldier. Luke was truly an American Hero.

Visitation

BY: AMANDA KREAL

On Saturday December 11, 2010 hundreds of people came to show their respects to our fallen hero, Lucas Christopher Scott. People lined up from the parking lot of Peebles High School all the way into the school's gymnasium. The wait to see our American hero was over an hour long. Throughout the line of waiting played a slideshow of memories of Luke. Flowers were wrapped around the line and included was a poem "From a Mother's Heart" written by Dianna Chamblin. Luke's casket was draped with an American Flag and stood beside him was a Marine Honor Guard, following by his mother, father, brother and two sisters.

Every 15 minutes the Marine Honor Guards would switch out shifts. Every time they went to switch out, the Honor Guard coming in would stop before Luke's casket and salute him then going to the head of the casket where the stationed Marine Honor Guard stood, saluting him also. The Honor Guard leaving would once more stand before Corporal Lucas Christopher Scott saluting him again.

Things fade away and are forgotten, but the name and hero, LUCAS CHRISTOPHER SCOTT will **never** be forgotten and he will always be in our hearts.

"What seems to us
as bitter trials are
often blessings in
disguise."

-Oscar Wilde

Penny's for Patients Coin Drive

January 17-
February 4

Proceeds benefit the
Leukemia & Lym-
phoma Society

Help fight cancer!

Team Spencer!

BY: MRS. REED

On Tuesday the students and staff of Peebles High School were given more upsetting news when we were informed that Spencer Kelley was in Children's Hospital and was being tested for leukemia. This came as a shock to all of us considering Spencer had seemed to be his typical healthy self just days before. As the day went on, we received confirmation that his

diagnosis was in fact leukemia and that further tests were being run to determine the strand. Spencer had his first chemo treatment on Tuesday as well to attack the disease early. Since that time, several have talked with Spencer and his family and many have visited him in the hospital. Spencer's prognosis is good and he and his family are hopeful that his body will beat

this. Spencer and his family have requested that we all keep our spirits high and continue to pray for his recovery. The Spencer Kelley Fan Club wore orange shirts and orange ribbons on Wednesday in support of him. Cards can be sent to:

**Spencer Kelley
Room A536
3333 Burnett Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio
45229**



*"And so this is
Christmas, for
black and for
white, for yellow
and red ones; let's
stop all the fight."
-John Lennon,
Happy Christmas*



The True Meaning Of Christmas

BY: KRISTIN SALMONS

People around the world look at Christmas as a holiday to receive presents from everyone around them. There are others who have different beliefs than them and celebrate different holidays, but for those who believe in Christmas and celebrate it with their families, it is known that Christmas is a Christian holiday on December 25 that commemorates the birth of Jesus.

Christmas literally means the Mass (celebration) of Christ. "Christ" is a Greek word and title, meaning "anointed" or one set apart by God for a special purpose. "Christ" is equivalent to the Hebrew word "Messiah." Based on the words of ancient prophets, the first century Jewish people expected the arrival of the Messiah promised by God as a great deliver of the people. Jesus "Christ" is known as the founder or

central figure of "Christianity." Ancient Romans also commemorated Jesus' birth by marking a division of the calendar still in use today. The years before Jesus' birth are marked as B.C. (Before Christ), and the years after Jesus' birth are marked A.D. (Anno Domini, which means, in the year of our Lord).

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www.jesuscentral.com/jilands/christmas.php

12 Movies of Christmas

**BY: AMANDA KREAL
AND KAILA RUDD**

- How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- Elf
- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- A Nightmare Before Christmas
- A Christmas Carol
- A Charlie Brown Christmas
- A Christmas Story
- It's A Wonderful Life
- Miracle on 34th Street
- The Santa Clause
- Polar Express
- Santa Claus Is Coming To Town



Upcoming Events

BY: HALEY STRATTON

Homecoming-
January 7th 2011

Spirit Week- January 4th -
January 7th

Spirit Week:

Tuesday, Jan. 4th- Support our Troop (camo gear, yellow ribbons)

Wednesday, Jan. 5th- Winter Wonderland (gloves, boots, scarves etc.)

Thursday, Jan. 6th- Favorite Team Day (wear favorite college or professional team apparel)

Friday, Jan. 7th- Spirit Day (Show your school spirit and deck out in red, white, and blue.)



Christmas Bells

BY: HENRY WADSWORTH
LONGFELLOW

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to
men!

And thought how, as the day had
come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The Carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;

'There is no peace on
earth,' I said;
'For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-
will to men!'

Then pealed the bells more loud and
deep:
'God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to
men!'



Gingerbread Cookies

FOUND BY: KAILA RUDD

Ingredients

- 6 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup shortening, melted and cooled slightly
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup water

- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

Sift together the flour, baking powder, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, and cinnamon; set aside.

In a medium bowl, mix together the shortening, molasses, brown sugar, water, egg, and vanilla until smooth. Gradually stir in the dry ingredients, until they are completely absorbed. Divide dough into 3 pieces, pat down to 1 1/2 inch thickness,

wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 3 hours.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes with cookie cutters. Place cookies 1 inch apart onto an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven. When the cookies are done, they will look dry, but still be soft to the touch. Remove from the baking sheet to cool on wire racks. When cool, the cookies can be frosted with the icing of your choice.



Learn to Appreciate

BY: HALEY STRATTON

Life... It's an extremely complicated thing. There are ups and downs, sadness and happiness, and everything in between. We shouldn't take what we have for granted because we never know what can happen at any given time. Appreciating the people in your life and being thankful for the things

you have, not being selfish, and remembering to tell people how much you care for them are important things we need to remember to do. I believe people take advantage of life at times and don't really consider how fast something could go wrong. Next time you think you're having a bad day, remember to be thankful

for what you do have and try not to dwell on the negatives that surround you. While the last couple of weeks in our small town have been trying, it has done one good thing for us all: brought us closer together and taught us how to act as a community and a family to support each other.