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To Great Expectations and a Prosperous New Year

It is with great humility and gratitude that we would like to take the time to thank you our readers, advertisers, informants, office holders, elected officials and our outstanding public employees. Rather than wish you a Happy Holidays, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In order to gear up for our second full year of operation, we will be taking the next two weeks off during the Christmas holiday season to make the preparations to ensure we remain your source for objective, accurate and fact-based reporting. We will return the favor of your readership with electronic (printable) versions of the City-County Observer on January 6, 2010. We will continue to post daily stories and information as it comes to us in real time.

We pledge to return with renewed sense of purpose and dedication to serve the communities of Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. As we have stated, our mission is simply to promote good public policy and government accountability to the people. In essence, political partisanship needs to be set aside for the good of the people.

Past political party affiliation has no place in the

public arena and will not help us solve the important community issues of today. Like it or not, this publication is non-partisan and will remain non-partisan. We pledge to remain non-partisan.

On January 6, you will receive our proudest accomplishment to date. In this email, you will receive

Volume III, Issue 1, which will be your guide to a true call you action. In this issue, you will be faced with the opportunity to join the crusade for good non-partisan public policy through our expression of the First Amendment Rights. The new site will feature photos, video, real-stock quote and weather, local and national cartoons, links to other information sources, news blogs and an array of other new services.

Those of you who choose to join the crusade will have an opportunity to

become a city-countyobserver.com First Amendment Patron. For more details, please stay tuned. ..

In closing, we would again like to thank you for your support and prayer for the City-County Observer. God bless America. God bless our troops. God bless our leaders. And God bless and preserve the United States Constitution.



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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FROM THE PUBLISHER

Merry Christmas from the City-County Observer

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

“Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la...” you get the picture. This is the time of year most people truly enjoy. Mailbox both online and off fill with gifts and cards from family and friends. It’s normally a warm, fuzzy time of year.

Just before Thanksgiving, the greetings were “Happy Thanksgiving.” Historically speaking, just after that holiday, the greetings quickly change to “Merry Christmas.” But not anymore. Once again, tradition and freedom of speech give way to political correctness. When is enough going to be enough?

Am I wrong or was this country founded on solid Christian principles? Have people around the globe not said the words “Merry Christmas” for eons? And yet, today, 2000 years later, our government is telling us that to we need to be more tolerant of other religions and beliefs and merely say the words “Happy Holidays.” Has anyone stopped to consider that maybe this is the reason this country and the world is in the shape it is today?

This whole situation astonishes me. We really have no one to blame but ourselves. Why? Because time and time again we have chosen to allow our rights to be cut short. This year, with the lack of leadership shown locally and on a national scale, we have come to a point where we are no longer stepping on the toes of others, but we are allowing our own toes to be crushed.

Please don’t misunderstand this. I’m not telling you to deliberately go out and offend people. I don’t think that’s something any rational person would do, but I do believe that if we are going to be tolerant of other religions and beliefs, then our rights as Christians should be tolerated. Truthfully, it does not offend me in the least to hear Jewish people say “Happy Hanukkah” or Muslim people greet each other for their holidays or African-Americans wish each other well on Kwanza.

We don’t all have the same beliefs. That is something beautiful about this nation. We can all live harmoniously and believe what each of us chooses to believe. The Constitution of the

United States affords us all the right to practice what we believe on an individual basis.

In an effort to see if I was alone in my beliefs, I posted a message on FaceBook. It turns out I’m not the only person who is angry about this. I’ve been receiving messages via FaceBook and email in support of my statement. People are wishing me a “Merry Christmas” and telling me they don’t care if it offends anyone. People are rising up and taking a stand.

The people have been vocal this year on a local and national scale. Marches and Tea Parties have been organized. Petitions have circulated the nation. Demonstrations are held at federal office buildings. These are all great ways to preserve the First Amendment by using it. But we must also remember that Freedom of Religion must be handled in the same manner.

On my morning commute, I listen to the radio. Typically, it’s Fox News or NPR. But this time of year, it’s Christmas music. This morning, as I was pulling into the parking lot, the song “Happy Holidays” came on the air. My skin crawled.

I began to think about the news regarding two simple words, “Merry Christmas.” I thought about how the White House no longer refers to it as a Christmas Tree, it is now the “Holiday Tree.” The City of Evansville didn’t have a “Christmas Parade” this year, but the city did have a “Holiday Parade.” On school calendars, it doesn’t say “Christmas Break” anymore, but it does say “Holiday” or “Semester” break.

What are we becoming? Have we become so void of hope that we have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas? It’s the celebration of Christ that makes Christmas special. He is a sign of all things good and hopeful. The way this year has gone for most Americans isn’t hope needed now more than ever? When things are bad, isn’t that when people cling the tightest to their faith? Why then should we allow our rights and faith to be trampled?

Take stand. I dare you to say, “Merry Christmas.” The Staff wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas.



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