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December Train Rides in Pittston

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November 22, 2023 – Port Clinton, PA – Holiday trains will be offered by the Reading & Northern Railroad in the form of Santa and Winter Character specials from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Regional Railroad Station at Pittston.

This is the first time such events have been offered by Reading & Northern in the Pittston area. Santa trains depart at 10:30am, 1:00pm, and 3:30pm on December 2, 3, 16, 17, 23, and 24. The trains are 80 minutes round trip and return to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Regional Railroad Station at 718 North Main Street in Pittston.

Parking at the station is free. The station will be festively decorated in a similar manner to our Outer Station at Reading. Santa Claus and winter characters will be on these trains. Every guest receives a free Christmas treat. The train is heated, and riders will listen to classic Christmas music as they traverse the Reading & Northern's Main Line south toward Laurel Run.

Passenger Office Manager, Russ Scianna Jr., related: "We are seeing enormous interest in our Pittston Santa trains, much as we have for our all-day excursions from Pittston to Jim Thorpe that began this year. We hope to continue these exciting new traditions for many years to come."

Winter Character trips without Santa, but featuring a snowman, reindeer, and gingerbread characters, will depart the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Regional Railroad Station at 11:00am, 1:00pm, and 3:00pm December 26 through December 29. These trips are fun for both children and adults. "It is something family- and budget-friendly that all can enjoy" according to Matt Fisher, Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Reading and Northern Passenger Department.

Ticket prices for adults are \$20.00, children aged 3 to 12 are \$9.00, and children aged 2 and under receive a free ticket. Tickets are available online at www.rbmnr-passenger.com, or by calling

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