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New Ooltewah Whistle Stop Owner Unveils Holiday Lineup for Christmas Countdown

KAS Ventures introduces a season of family-friendly holiday events, including Santa visits, the Chattanooga Elf, a live carol sing-along, and Christmas Storytime.

(Chattanooga, TN) December 1, 2025 – Ooltewah Whistle Stop’s new owner, **KAS Ventures, Inc.**, is rolling out an exciting lineup of holiday events to count down the days to Christmas.

Known for its intricate hand-spun milkshakes and nostalgic train-depot aesthetic, the restaurant will host a month-long series of festive, family-friendly weekend activities designed to bring holiday magic to the community.

On **Saturday, Dec. 6**, families are invited to don their most festive attire for **Christmas Accessory Night**, from **6 to 10 p.m.** The first 50 children to arrive that night will receive a holiday gift for a special Whistle Stop experience.

On **Sunday, Dec. 7**, the festivities continue with a **Santa visit from 5 to 7 p.m.**, when families can take free photos with their smartphones. **Santa** will return **Dec. 14 and 21** during the same hours. On those evenings, **Kristina Armstrong**, a local **professional photographer**, will be on site for families who wish to purchase photo packages.

On **Saturday, Dec. 13**, a **live Christmas carol sing-along**—featuring musicians from Southern Adventist University—will take place from **7 to 9 p.m.** On **Saturday, Dec. 20**, **The Chattanooga Elf** will join the festivities with lively family interactions from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

To wrap up the activities, the Whistle Stop will feature beloved former children's ministry television host **Brenda Walsh**, for a special **Children's Storytime** from **noon to 2 p.m.**, along with Santa's final visit from **5 to 7 p.m.**

"Our goal this year is to bring the entire community together," said **Kemp Johnson**, co-owner of KAS Ventures. "We're honored to partner with so many talented local individuals to create a Christmas season that's joyful, welcoming, and fun for the whole family."

Built in 2020 as a tribute to the original Ooltewah train depot, **Ooltewah Whistle Stop** blends vintage charm with imaginative, over-the-top treats for a dining experience unlike any other in Tennessee. With a cozy, family-centered atmosphere and a front-row view of the passing train, Ooltewah Whistle Stop also serves as a unique venue for private events, parties, and community gatherings.

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