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Murder statements admissable

by Bill Jones
The Greeneville (Tenn.) Sun

Judge says comments made after arrests by four suspects may be altered to exclude references to other defendants

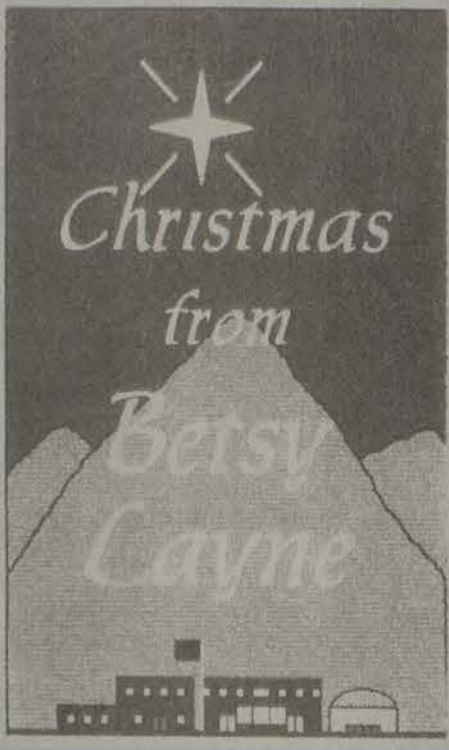
Criminal Court Judge James E. Beckner has ruled that statements allegedly made by four of the six Eastern Kentucky youths charged with the slayings of the Lillelid family are admissible as evidence. In recent rulings, the judge determined that the statements allegedly made by Joseph Lance Risner while being detained at the Cochise County Jail in Bisbee, Ariz., are admissible because they were made voluntarily. Voluntary statements allegedly made by Edward Dean Mullins, Karen R. Howell and Jason Blake Bryant are also admissible, the

judge ruled, however some changes will be made to their statements to remove references to other defendants. The four youths are scheduled to go on trial — along with codefendants Natasha Wallen Cornett and Crystal R. Sturgill — in February for the April 6 murders of Vidar, Delfina and Tabitha Lillelid near Baileyton. Defense attorneys earlier had filed motions asking the court to bar admission of statements allegedly made by the defendants while they were being held at the Arizona jail following their arrest at the U.S.-Mexican border two days after the murders.

Ruling on Risner's Statement

In his memorandum and order on admissibility of Risner's statement last Friday, Judge Beckner wrote that Arizona officers had been instructed not to interrogate the defendants and that no Miranda warnings were given to the defendants. The judge's memorandum notes that, after being put in cells, the defendants were routinely checked on a suicide watch. On one such check, a jailer saw Risner sitting in a chair with his head in his hands resting on his lap. 'I'm A Killer' Seeing no movement, Beckner wrote, the jailer tapped on the cell

door. In response, Risner raised his head, looked at the officer and said, "I'm a killer." The jailer, according to Beckner's memorandum, said Risner spoke in a deep voice and stared with unblinking eyes in making the statement. Sometime later, Risner allegedly knocked on his cell door and asked the jailer if he thought "they would give him the death penalty for this," according to the judge's memorandum. **No Miranda Violations** "No questions in violation of Miranda v. Arizona were asked at any time," Judge Beckner noted (See Murder, page two)



Homespun Holiday Harmony

by Rhonda Kretzer
General Manager

Fundraising has been a challenge for the Betsy Layne seventh and eighth-grade students who hope to make a trip to Washington D. C. in May. The trip, organized by the Closeup Foundation, will take about 40 students on a five-day tour of Washington D.C. and Williamsburg, VA. Struggling to raise enough money for the trip, Wendy Blanton, social studies teacher and faculty sponsor, got some creative problem solving assistance from her husband, Michael Blanton who is a math teacher.

"We have several talented kids in the school," Blanton said. "We came up with a way to recognize their talent and raise money too."

The result is "Christmas from Betsy Layne," a cassette of Christmas music featuring songs sung by thirteen 7th and

(See Harmony, page three)

State board conducts Floyd's business

Members of the Kentucky Board of Education met Tuesday in Frankfort as the Floyd County Board of Education to discuss the district's affairs. State board member were informed that a \$1.5 million deficit is being projected for the end of the 1997-98 school year.

photo by Susan Allen



Board tells Carr to be careful on plans to resolve overstaffing

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

State school officials are urging interim Floyd superintendent Martin Carr to tread cautiously regarding ways to reduce overstaffing in the district. In documents released at Tuesday's meeting of the Kentucky Board of Education, which acted as the Floyd County board, state education consultants Bill Rideout and Wandel Strange noted several financial concerns regarding staffing. One prevalent problem noted is the use of substitute teachers essentially as full-time teachers. In a memo to Carr, the consultants said that "several substitute teachers have worked twenty or more days and are now being paid on the regular teachers' salary schedule." They recommend that "the status of these individuals needs to be carefully considered."

Carr said Thursday that some of the substitute teachers will not be employed after December and he is reviewing the status of the remaining teachers. "I have resolved the long-term substitute issue completely," Carr said. In a memo dated November 4 from deputy education commissioner Tom Willis to the consultants, Willis said that he recommends that Carr wait and review each position currently filled by a substitute and decide who will teach the classes currently being taught by substitutes. Willis said that former superintendent Gene Davis was told "to make the appropriate staff adjustments in August," but Davis "obviously did not take this advice." At Tuesday's board meeting in Frankfort, Carr told state board members that approximately 80 percent of Floyd County's \$40 million budget was earmarked

for salaries. Also, state officials found that there was one teacher at Allen Central High School who essentially had no job duties. "A teacher with elementary certification and hearing impaired certification, is presently located at Allen Central High School," the consultants' memo said. "This teacher has no students and no assigned teaching responsibilities. This teacher's salary is \$34,986. This impacts the budget in a negative way." Carr said he has "that teacher working." Other problems noted by the consultants include: • Several Head Start employees have not been officially re-employed or placed in Head Start locations. They noted that some incorrect charges had been made to the board's general fund which should (See Staffing, page three)

Fish story to be heard by Floyd grand jury

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A grand jury will review the case of a Floyd County man accused of writing bad checks for the purchase of live fish. Ruben Hall, of Hi Hat, allegedly wrote numerous bad checks in 1995 to two separate companies to stock a paylake with catfish. He is charged with several counts of theft by deception. Herbert Jackson, a truck driver for Bill's Live Fish Farm in Georgetown, testified during a preliminary hearing Wednesday that Hall wrote two bad checks totaling \$800 to the fish farm in April 1995. Jackson said Hall had written other bad checks, but two of the checks were over \$300, constituting a felony charge for each. "We delivered several loads of fish there," Jackson said, adding that Hall paid for the deliveries with checks. He also said that the checks were stamped "insufficient funds" when they were returned to the company. Hall's attorney, Kristi Gray, questioned Jackson about whether her client had attempted to pay any money on the checks. "As far as I know, no," Jackson said. Gray told the court that Hall had receipts where has paid on the checks, and that the amount he has paid would bring the total down to misdemeanor charges. Gray said she had receipts which indicated her client has paid \$300 to the fish farm for the bad (See Story, page two)

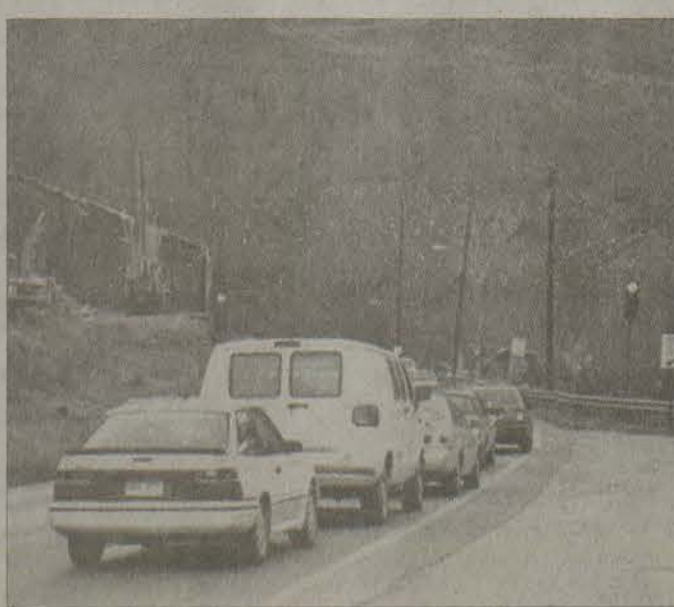


Around the Region
Former school secretary is indicted for stealing

The Week Ahead... No Friday Paper Next Week!
Since Christmas falls on Thursday, our normal production day, there will be no December 26 issue of The Floyd County Times

Reclamation work at the Old Town Mining's underground mine on South Lake Drive has congested the flow of traffic there with only one lane open to motorists. Traffic problems at the site consist of long lines of vehicles waiting to share the single lane and usually occur shortly before and after school hours.

photo by Chris McDavid



Old map will determine constable race districts

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Although a new map, which re-drew boundary lines in the county, was unveiled last month, at least some of the candidates seeking county offices will be elected in the May primary from the old map. The Floyd County Board of Elections decided Tuesday that area voters will use the old map of magisterial districts to elect four constables and four justices of the peace. Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale released the new map of

boundary lines in November, about a year after Floyd County voters elected to change the county's form of government from four magistrates to three commissioners. The board of elections' decision for area voters to select four constables from the magisterial districts conflicts with a 1993 Attorney General's Opinion. According to the opinion of former Attorney General Chris Gorman, Floyd County should elect only three constables from the new (See Constables, page three)

Murder statements are admissible

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in his memorandum. "Any statement given freely and voluntarily without any compelling influences is, of course, admissible as evidence."

The U.S. Supreme Court's Miranda ruling holds that defendants must be advised of their right to remain silent before being interrogated by investigators.

"The fundamental import of the privilege while an individual is in custody is not whether he is allowed to talk to the police without the benefit of warnings and counsel, but whether he can be interrogated."

Volunteered statements of any kind are not barred by the Fifth Amendment," the judge wrote.

Since the statements were made voluntarily, and Risner never claimed his right to remain silent, the judge noted, "the statements of Risner in the Cochise County Jail are admissible."

Mullins Ruling

In the memorandum and order on statements allegedly made by Edward Dean Mullins in the Cochise County Jail, Judge Becker noted that Mullins had not received a Miranda warning, which would have advised him of his right to remain silent, and that Mullins voluntarily made statements.

During routine booking procedures at the jail, the judge wrote in his memorandum, Mullins asked a booking officer what the officer thought would happen to him, to which to officer said he didn't know. Mullins then asked the officer what happens to people who have done what he did, to which the officer said he couldn't tell Mullins, according to the memorandum.

Without any questions being asked, the memorandum states, Mullins voluntarily told the officer that the defendants "had stolen the Lillelid van to go to Mexico, had gone through people's pockets for gas money, that he didn't think they were dead and that he didn't want to kill anyone, that he didn't want the kids dead."

The memorandum notes that, in the original statement, Mullins blamed other defendants for the killings. As cited in the judge's memorandum, the statement had been "redacted" (edited) by prosecutors to remove references to other defendants.

Sometime later, according to the judge's memorandum, Mullins again made a voluntary statement "that he had a gun but didn't use it, that people were crying and he told them to shut up, that he wasn't on drugs, that he remembered it all and that he wished they (the defendants) hadn't done that to those people (apparently the Lillelids)."

Rights Not Violated

Again, the judge's memorandum notes that no questions in violation of Miranda v. Arizona were asked of Mullins by the officer to whom he is alleged to have made the vol-

Story

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checks. Hall's attorney requested that the felony charge against the accused be dismissed.

"This witness isn't familiar with the amounts paid on the checks," she said, adding that "if (Hall) paid back, there is no intent to defraud."

Assistant county attorney Lance Daniels objected to Gray's request, and Judge Allen referred the matter to the grand jury.

On a related charge, Hall allegedly presented three bad checks to a Campbell County fish farm the same year.

Wesley Tucker, owner of Tucker's Catfish Farm in Campbell County, testified Wednesday that Hall wrote three checks, each for the amount of \$375, to his company in August 1995.

Tucker said when the checks were returned to him they were stamped "account closed."

Daniels asked Tucker if Hall had attempted to pay him back for the bad checks.

"No sir, not a penny," he said. Gray asked Tucker why he had waited more than two years to seek the theft charge against her client.

"We had warrants sworn out," Tucker said, "and we never heard from him. Then this third one finally went through."

When questioned by Hall's attorney about a guarantee, Tucker said he did offer a money-back guarantee. He also added that Hall "never said one thing about them dying."

"If they would have died and he would have let us know, we would have paid him back," Tucker said.

The judge also referred those theft charges against Hall to the grand jury.

untary statements. And the judge ruled that Mullins' Fifth Amendment and Miranda rights were not violated by his making voluntary statements.

Changes Ordered

The judge did rule, however, that slight changes in certain of the statements attributed to Mullins would be required before they would be admissible as evidence during the upcoming trial.

"Mullins' statement that 'they' had stolen the van violates Bruton v. United States," the judge wrote. "That statement is amended to read 'The van was stolen to go to Mexico.' The statement that 'they' went through the peoples' pockets for money for gas is amended to read 'he went through the people's pockets for money for gas.'"

A second change was ordered by the judge in a statement attributed to Mullins.

"The state's redaction of Mullins' statement 'I wish we hadn't done that to those people' to 'I wish I hadn't done that to those people' shifts too much emphasis and culpability to Mullins," the judge wrote.

"That statement is amended to read 'I wish that hadn't been done to those people.'"

The state's other redactions are acceptable. Therefore, the statements of defendant Mullins at the Cochise County jail are admissible."

Ruling on Howell's Statements

In his ruling Monday on admissibility of Karen Howell's statements while in custody, Judge Becker quotes Howell as telling a juvenile detention officer at the Cochise County Juvenile Detention Center in response to a question about why she was there that she was present when "they" were killed but that she did not kill anyone. "I knew they were dead, but I didn't kill anyone," the document quotes her as saying.

The detention officer, according to the judge's order, then asked Howell, "how does that make you feel," to which she responded "I didn't do anything."

Questioning Should Have Stopped

Beckner, in his order, says the detention officer's question was innocuous and did not violate Howell's rights. The officer's second question, "How does that make you feel," however, should not have been asked, according to the judge.

"Once the officer realized Howell was volunteering information about the commission of an alleged crime, no further questions should have been asked. The second question was, therefore, in violation of Rule 7 (of the Rules of Juvenile Procedure) and Miranda v. Arizona as to co-defendants," the judge wrote. "The response, however, is exculpatory."

The judge also ruled that Howell's statement that she was present when the people were killed "must be redacted (edited to remove references to co-defendants) because it violates Bruton v. the United States as to co-defendants."

The Bruton ruling holds that statements of one defendant that would implicate co-defendants in a crime are not admissible in a joint-trial, such as the one planned for the six defendants in the Lillelid case.

"Therefore, with the above

redactions (edits), the statements of Howell are admissible," the judge wrote in concluding his ruling on her Arizona statements."

Ruling on Bryant's Statements

In his Wednesday ruling on admissibility of Bryant's Arizona statements, Judge Beckner wrote "all statements of Bryant are admissible with the redactions (edits to remove references to co-defendants) aforesaid."

Those edits include a change in a statement allegedly made by Bryant to Richard Arvizo, a fellow inmate at the Cochise County Juvenile Detention Center in Arizona. In that instance, Arvizo claimed Bryant told him that "after they killed the people, they took the van to Arizona."

Judge Beckner ruled Wednesday that the statement could not be admitted in its original form, because it referenced co-defendants in violation of Bruton v. the United States.

"The statement is amended to read, 'after the people were killed, the van was taken to Arizona,'" the judge wrote in his order.

Beckner ordered a similar revision to another statement allegedly made by Bryant to Arvizo. That statement now reads, "I got caught at the Mexican border after being in Mexico." It originally said "we got caught..."

And the judge specified that another statement allegedly made by Bryant to Arvizo in Arizona be changed from "They got up into the hills of Tennessee and that is where it all occurred" to "It all occurred up in the hills of Tennessee."

Statement About Threat Not Admissible

Judge Beckner also ruled that Arvizo's conclusion that he was threatened by a group of which Bryant was a member (in the Juvenile Detention Center) "is a conclusion that is not admissible." In addition, the judge said the statements allegedly made by Bryant to Arvizo are admissible because Arvizo, as a private citizen, was not an agent of the state.

"Miranda v. Arizona does not apply to statements made to private individuals who are not government agents," Beckner wrote. The U.S. Supreme Court's Miranda ruling says police cannot interrogate suspects without first advising them of their right to remain silent.

"Any statement given freely and voluntarily without any compelling influence is, of course, admissible as evidence," the judge added.

"Volunteered statements are not barred by the 5th Amendment."

Among other things, Bryant is alleged to have voluntarily told Arvizo that he shot himself in the hand and leg to make it look like someone had tried to rob him.

And Bryant also allegedly told an Arizona booking officer that "I shot him in self defense. He was trying to rob me." And he is alleged to have told an Arizona detention officer that "he had shot and killed some people because they were trying to kill him."

What the Case Involves

Howell, 17, and Bryant, 15, who are being tried as adults, were juveniles when Vidar and Delfina Lillelid and their six-year-old daughter, Tabitha, were fatally shot on a gravel road near Baileyton on the afternoon of last April 6. The

Lillelid's son, two-year-old Peter, survived the attack despite two bullet wounds. He now lives with relatives in Sweden.

Greene County authorities subsequently issued warrants charging Howell, Bryant and adult co-defendants Cornett, Mullins, Risner and Sturgill with felony murder in connection with the attack on the Lillelid family.

All six were detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs officers

at the U.S. - Mexican border in Douglas, Arizona, two days after the murders.

They were driving the Lillelid family van when it was stopped at the border, according to authorities.

Subsequently, the defendants were extradited to Greene County to face the charges. Jury selection for their trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 10 at an as-yet-unknown location elsewhere in Tennessee.

In response to defense motions

to have the trial moved out of East Tennessee because of intense pre-trial publicity, Judge Beckner ruled that the trial will be held in Greeneville using a jury selected from another county — presumably in Middle or West Tennessee.

The judge has said he will not disclose that location until a summons, warning and questionnaire have been sent to prospective jurors. That is not likely to happen until early January.

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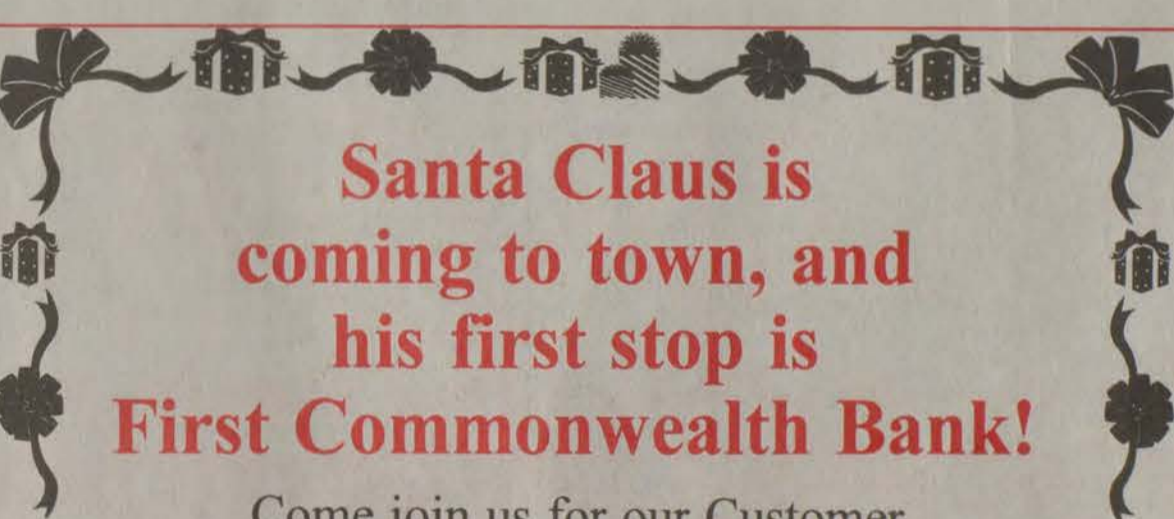


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Senior feast

Senior citizens from around the region attended a convention at the Mountain Arts Center. The convention featured informational programs; entertainment by Stevie Hall, Orbin Stone, Jim Bo Griffith, Lawrence Mullins; and a turkey and dressing dinner. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Constables

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map of commissioner districts.

But, Floyd County Court Clerk Carla Boyd said Wednesday that the board of elections chose to use the old map for constables to have "more law enforcement."

Utilizing the old map will give Floyd County four constables instead of the three who would be elected if the commissioner districts are used for the election of constables.

"We've got more law enforcement than if we would have changed it," Boyd said.

Harmony

(Continued from page one) 8th grade students and five teachers.

"I have a mini eight track studio recorder that I set up in my classroom," Blanton said "and we recorded there after school. The students and the teachers were all so nervous when they started recording that I moved the microphone behind my overhead projection screen so they couldn't see me. That helped everyone relax."

The tape has become a hot item, receiving airtime on local radio stations.

"A few of the kids had some singing experience with Children's Theater at the Mountain Arts Center but, for most, it was their first time performing. The recognition has been very good for them," Blanton said.

"Now kids are seeing me as something besides a brain," one student said.

Expenses for the trip include the cost of a chartered bus. Closeup is a government foundation that sponsors classes of students to come to Washington D.C. and other sites. After the daily tours and dinner, there are discussion groups and workshops for the students. The group from Betsy Layne will be participating with many different groups of students from around the nation.

The tapes are available at the Glass Slipper on West Court Street in Prestonsburg in exchange for a donation of at least \$8 to help pay for the trip's expenses.

Staffing

(Continued from page one) have been charged to Head Start and vice versa.

The Floyd board had obligated \$750,000 of capital outlay funds for Phase I of the Prestonsburg High School renovation project. Of that amount, \$269,943.49 remains to be transferred and officials said the transfer should be made immediately.

A commitment by the local board to fix the leaking roof on Betsy Layne Elementary's gym is in limbo. Consultants found that, "at the present time, there is question (if) there will be sufficient funds," for the \$98,000 project. They also noted there is a question of how much money remains in the district's numerous school construction accounts.

Carr said he been unable to address all of the state's concerns, but he is continuing to review the issues.

According to a Legislative Research Commission's (LRC) guide regarding public officials, constables are peace officers with broad powers of arrest and authority to serve court processes.

Boyd noted that neighboring counties which have a commissioner form of government also have more constables than commissioners.

"We felt like the surrounding counties have set a precedence to us," Boyd said.

She also noted that the constable office is a constitutional office and that it would be unconstitutional to eliminate one of the constable seats without an election on the matter.

During the November 1993 general election, Floyd County residents elected four constables. They are Morgan Joseph, District 1; Bob Hackworth, District 2; Tandy Hamilton, District 3; and Fourth District Constable Paul Stilton.

Constables are paid more than \$2,000 per year, and Hackworth's performance as a constable is the only indication that the office's duties are being conducted.

The issue of changing the county's form of government was taken to the polls in November 1996 and Floyd County voters elected to change from the magistrate to commissioner form of government, however, the issue of constables was not addressed in that election.

Boyd said that the board of elections also determined Tuesday to include justices of the peace on the May primary.

"There will be a bigger ballot,"

she said, adding that the task should not be any more difficult for election officers.

Boyd said justices of the peace are constitutional offices in the commissioner form of government.

"In counties which have adopted the commissioner form of fiscal court, the office of the justice of the peace is an empty office and justices are limited to performing marriages, if the county judge-executive grants that authority," the LRC guide states. "Yet the Constitution requires that justices of the peace be elected."

Boyd said that no candidates have filed to run for justice of the peace and if no one files to run in the election, the position would be a write-in on the ballot.

New contract approved by unionized miners

A 3-1 vote of approval by the UMWA resulted in a five-year contract with the largest coal operators in the nation, according to spokesperson Doug Gibson.

Effective January 1, 1998, average wages will be \$18.51 per hour, up one dollar from that of the present hourly wage under the contract with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association.

The contract was offered December 9, eight months before the current contract would expire, and exactly one day before a Kyoto, Japan global warming treaty was announced.

Sleigh riding at Dewey Lake

Winter is fast approaching with the fun of building snowmen, having snowball fights and going sleigh riding. Sleigh riding can be a lot of fun but it can also be dangerous if you don't take the proper precautions, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Sleigh riding at Dewey Lake is permitted in certain areas. One such area is on the right when you enter the Downstream Recreation Area, sleigh riding is permitted from the outside of the guardrail into the baseball field.

Sleigh riding on the dam is prohibited. The reason for this is there are piezometers located on the dam. These pipes can cause serious injury to a rider who hits one on the way down the hill. The pipes are painted orange but if they become covered with snow they would be hard to see.

For more information on this subject call the Resource Manager at Dewey Lake at 606-789-4521 or 606-886-6709.

Hickman to join Community Trust

Jean Hale, president/CEO of Community Trust Bank, recently announced the addition of William Hickman III (Bill) as executive vice-president/staff attorney. Hickman will leave private practice in Pikeville to join the bank in late December. In addition to his duties as staff attorney, Bill will also serve on the Executive Committee.

A graduate of UK Law School, Bill, his wife, Shirley, and daughter Rachel are residents of Pikeville. He is also a charter member and treasurer of the Mountain Toastmasters Club. "Bill is a great asset to the Pikeville community," stated Hale. "Having him join our Community Trust family is very exciting for all of us."

Community Trust, with assets of approximately \$1.8 billion, is headquartered in Pikeville, Kentucky. The bank has additional offices in Ashland, Berea, Columbia, Flemingsburg, Frankfort, Greensburg, Hindman, Jamestown, Lexington, London, Middlesboro, Mt. Sterling, Pineville, Prestonsburg, Somerset, Versailles, Whitesburg, Williamsburg and Winchester.

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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

"Laws alone cannot secure freedom of expression; in order that every man present his views without penalty there must be a spirit of tolerance in the entire population."

—Albert Einstein

Editorial

Somebody's gotta lose. Guess who?

by Scott Perry

In case you didn't notice...and there's every reason to believe you didn't...coal miners and coal operators have approved a new five-year contract.

There was a time, most of us can recall, when such an announcement would not come before someone, somewhere lost a little blood.

That the contract has been approved with so little comment and so little strife is not necessarily an indication that coal operators and United Mine Workers are starting to see eye-to-eye, but a hint that there aren't many of either corps around anymore.

The contract, by the way, adopted by a 3 to 1 vote, offers a buck an hour wage increase...from \$17.51 to \$18.51...over the life of the contract. That comes to about \$38,000 a year for union miners.

There is probably good reason for the timing of the contract agreement, which was reached eight months before the current pact between the union and coal operators was set to expire.

The new contract was announced one day before a global warming treaty was announced in Kyoto, Japan. That treaty commits the U.S. to reducing its gaseous emissions from hydrocarbon fuels which, for the non-scientists among us, means coal.

The Kyoto accord is a foolish venture with no participants...except us...based on unproven

speculation that the use of carbon-based fuels is responsible for global warming.

So, the U.S. has agreed to cut its consumption of those fuels, which means the coal industry will likely take another lick, which means coal miners will be put out of work, which means our area will suffer.

Why don't they pick on somebody else for a change?

First they turn tobacco farmers into criminals, and now they try to put the burden of guilt for global warming on the backs of miners.

That leaves yard sales as the great hope for the future of Eastern Kentucky's economy.

Oh, let's not forget that our welfare recipients have to go find work to remain eligible for benefits, but instead of creating new jobs, our fearless leaders in Washington are concentrating all their efforts on abolishing the few we already have.

At any rate, the union and the coal companies have agreed to a new contract without the loss of a single drop of blood. Maybe that's because there's so little left to spare.

The end is near for coal. Not because we're running out of it, but because our country...the great leader of the free world...has to put on a show so the rest will know how responsible we are.

Someone has to make sacrifices for the cause. Guess who?



Letters to the Editor

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Editor:

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Terry Sizemore
President

Young teen himself a victim

Editor:

I would like to voice my personal view concerning the recent tragedy that left three students dead and two others wounded.

The young teenager accused of committing the crime was himself a victim of being teased by some of his classmates.

Though this does not excuse what he allegedly did, it does, however, explain why he did what he did.

Teasing can hammer away at a person's self esteem to the point where one can no longer tell the difference between what is right and wrong.

Within a school system, where students who are good at sports are given their grades so they can stay on the team, and those who work to earn their test scores are ridiculed by the others, it is no wonder some children are driven to such violence.

If only someone in authority would step in and put a stop to some of the ridicule and teasing, perhaps the violence would stop.

John Paul Burke
Bevinsville

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A law for one, but not for all

Just looking at it on its face it seems strange. A state makes a law setting a maximum vehicle weight limit for safety reasons, but doesn't apply that law to roads in a part of the state where a poor economy means the people have no power to influence the legislation. So safety is a concern in the politically-powerful regions of the state, but not in the politically-weak section of the state.

But Kentucky's Extended Weight Coal Haul Road System was not created back in 1986 at a highway safety meeting. The coal industry (whatever that entails) was looking for a cheaper route through which they could send their product to market, and they found one, it ran through the capitol building in Frankfort. Roads used to haul coal are not subject to the same weight limit, but a much, much higher one.

The Political Party

by Dave Porter

Ever-present, issue-clouding weapons used for either side of the debate should be put on the shelf for a moment, including the ones about the need to keep hands off of the economy-saving coal industry, the truck driver who has to feed his kids, the trucks tearing up the highways, or anything about the coal severance tax. These are valid issues, but they leave the most important question unasked—is there equal protection of the laws?

Whenever a civil rights leader demands justice, an alternative-lifestyle advocate cries foul, or a young girl is not allowed on the little league team, there is one common underlying concern—has the law treated similarly situated people in a similar manner, the code words of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

"Protection" has been given a meaning beyond what many argue makes any sense, but with any of its given definitions it is certainly broad enough to cover an issue of safety, a concept virtually synonymous with the common meaning of "protection." The Kentucky Constitution has a similar provision, but the federal constitution guarantees the bare minimum of equal protection. Any law repugnant to that guaranty is a law which must be scrapped.

Does the Extended Weight Coal Haul Road System fail to provide equal protection under the U.S. Constitution? There is no question that it is unfair. State lawmakers, in the most blatant possible way, have deemed the people of Eastern Kentucky not deserving of protection from a risk so substantial that they saw fit to eliminate it for the rest of the state, in spite of any adverse economic affect. Voters in Central and Western Kentucky would have it no other way. But is the unequal road system in violation of the Constitution?

Whether or not some issue violates the Equal Protection Clause depends almost entirely upon how the Supreme Court decides to examine it. They have, in essence, three different sets of glasses through which they look at equal protection cases, each one allows a different level of scrutiny, or suspiciousness of the challenged laws. High scrutiny means the law will almost always be invalidated, medium scrutiny means the court will allow the law if it is passed for an important reason, and low-level scrutiny means that any rational reason for the law will make it valid.

The decision as to which level of scrutiny to use is grounded upon which class of people is the basis for the different treatment by the state. If the distinction separates racial or ethnic (or, sometimes, alienage) groups, then, almost always, the law will be invalid because the highest scrutiny is applied. If the basis is gender or illegitimacy, then medium scrutiny applies. Every other classification gets low level scrutiny, including unfortunately, economic status, in other words, a region of poverty is given little protection from government abuse.

However, it has been argued (with high degree of merit) that classifications based on wealth should get the highest level of scrutiny. One Harvard Law Review author writes, "If money is power, then a class deliberately defined so as to include everyone who has less wealth or income than any person outside it may certainly be deemed to be especially susceptible to abuse by majoritarian process; and classifications of 'the poor' as such, may, like classification of racial minorities as such, be popularly understood as a badge of inferiority. Especially is this so in light of the extreme difficulty of imagining proper governmental objectives which require for their achievement the explicit carving out, for relatively disadvantaged treatment of a class defined by its relatively lower income."

Has Kentucky mistreated Eastern Kentucky, because they can, since the region is poor? Continued next week.

Highlands Regional Medical Center to offer Paramedic Training Program

The Emergency Medical Services Branch of the Cabinet for Human Resources has approved Highlands Regional Medical Center to provide a state certified Paramedic Training Program. The Paramedic Training Program was the result of one of the objectives established in the Healthy Kentuckians 2000 plan relating to Emergency Medical Services. Objective 9 B. 1 of the plan is "To plan and develop regional EMS/trauma systems covering the entire state," and Objective 9 B. 3, "To ensure that all Kentuckians have access to advanced life support (ALS) ambulance services."

The fact is that in any medical crisis, from heart attack to severe trauma from an automobile accident, the initial care received by the victim is directly linked to the patient outcome.

Dena Patton, RN, Highlands Emergency Department clinical manager, said, "In areas away from here, advanced life support services have been shown to decrease morbidity and mortality in all populations from pediatrics to geriatrics. We deal with a unique situation here in Eastern Kentucky in that in Metropolitan areas average drive time for an emergency services vehicle is eight minutes. In Eastern Kentucky, drive times can be up to 45 minutes. Because of this, qualified medical intervention is key to a good outcome."

Highlands, as a provider of hospital-based emergency services, has an Emergency Department Scope of Practice policy to reach out to the community to improve their chances of survival in an emergency. In 1994, Highlands saw approximately 28,000 patients in the Emergency Department. Less than 10 percent of those patients had the availability of paramedic service prior to presenting to the ER. According to Patton, "This year, Highlands Emergency Department will evaluate over 30,000 people and, as a result of our previous paramedic programs, the availability of advanced life support paramedic services to the community has increased to approximately 60 percent. Medical services personnel in the area, such as EMTs, paramedics, and Highlands Emergency Department continue to work to assure that optimal emergency healthcare service is available, even before patients reach the hospital, thus providing the patients with greatly improved chances for surviving an emergency situation."

The Paramedic Training Program provided by HRMC includes education class rooms; a site to do clinical rotations; instructors, classroom supplies (videos, books); and clinical preceptors.

Classes for the Paramedic Training Program meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week for a period of 18 months. The

classes are intense, comprehensive, and demanding. Only the students who demonstrate competency in all areas will be allowed to graduate. The program represents a balance between didactic, clinical, and field skills training. Paramedic trainees must not only learn specific skills, but must also develop a clear understanding of when to apply these skills in a moment's notice.

Upon completion of the program, the trainees will have to meet National Registry Standards to achieve Paramedic Certification.

Paramedics are certified to intubate airways, start IV's, run a nitroglycerin or a heparin drip, do immobilization, administer medications, treat for low blood sugar, do aggressive chest pain treatment, treat for aggressive blood loss, and perform many other intense treatment modalities.

This Paramedic Program represents the third in a series of classes specifically intended to upgrade the level of care and improve the quality of EMS services in our area.

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Students who are interested in other sources of financial aid can also consult Affording Higher Education. This KHEAA publication lists hundreds of financial aid programs for Kentucky students and can be found at high school

guidance counselor offices and public libraries throughout Kentucky.

KHEAA has helped thousands of Kentucky students pay for their higher education through administration of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. The agency has guaranteed over one million education loans totaling more than \$2.8 billion. In addition, KHEAA administers stage grant, teacher scholarship, work-study, and savings programs for higher education.

For more information, write to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601-4323; call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381; or fax 1-502-696-7373.

Thomas Jefferson introduced many of America's favorite foods when he returned from trips to Europe. He was one of the first Americans to eat tomatoes, serve macaroni or ice cream, plant rice, and serve French fries with steak, etc.

Left Beaver Rescue Squad and Fire Department Annual Santa Claus Run. Sponsored by McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital

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- 12:00 Martin—Tacketts Furniture parking lot
- 12:45 Drift—Turner Elkhorn Bldg. parking lot
- 1:00—Minnie Park
- 1:15—McDowell ARH parking lot
- 2:00—Left Beaver Fire Dept. station 2
- 2:30—Pilgrim Rest Church, Price
- 2:50—Little Nancy Church, Hi-Hat
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Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, the Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to the Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication or 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

4-H Heritage Search

A new association—The Floyd County 4-H Friends and Alumni Association—is being formed. During the 4-H Heritage Search campaign that runs from August 1-December 31, names and addresses are needed for former individuals involved in 4-H.

Send names and addresses to Chuck Stamber, Floyd County 4-H Educator, 670 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Newsome family reunion

A Newsome family reunion, for the relatives of Elias G. Newsome, Sarah Jane Akers Newsome (first wife), and Rhoda Newsome (second wife), will be held during the last two weeks in June 1998. Exact date will be determined later. Contact Raymond Newsome, 12651 Bruce Hunt Rd., Clermont, Florida 34711-9056, (352) 394-

1684.

Foster Children's Christmas Party

The Floyd County Foster Parent Association will sponsor a Christmas party on December 22 for the foster children from Floyd County. They are asking for donations, such as toys or books, from persons or businesses. Contact 874-0463; 478-3138; 587-1568; or 886-6216.

Free health clinic for women

On Tuesday, January 6, Dr. Chandra Varia will host her third free health clinic. The clinic will be conducted at her office in Martin for area women of all ages and by appointment only. Services available are pap smear, breast exam, physical screenings and education by Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Community Health Education Department. To schedule an appointment or for additional information, call (606) 285-9222.

Learning center at South Floyd

The adult learning center at the South Floyd Youth Services Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to noon. The adult learning center is sponsored by the David school. The service is free and open to the public. For more information, call 452-4904.

Clothing bank

A clothing bank is open by appointment on Wednesdays and

Fridays at South Floyd Youth Services Center.

Service center open weekdays

South Floyd Youth Services Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays. The center is located in Suite 232 at South Floyd High School. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable C. Hall at 452-9600, ext. 158 and ext. 145.

Homework hotline

The Adams Middle School Youth Services Center has a homework hotline. Parents can find out what their children have for homework by calling 886-9134.

Activity hour

South Floyd Youth Services Center will hold a student activity hour from 3 to 4 p.m. on school days.

Annual toy giveaway by Left Beaver Squad

The Left Beaver Area Fire and Rescue Squad will hold its annual toy giveaway for local children on Saturday, December 20 at 2 p.m., at station #2 at McDowell. Santa Claus will be on hand with plenty of treats and toys to be given away with the help of his fire and rescue elves.

Safe Sitter Class

A Safe Sitter Class will be held January 2 and 3. The class will be taught from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Pikeville Methodist Hospital Education Center. The safe sitter is

a medically-accurate instruction series that teaches boys and girls ages 11 through 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. To register, call Sandra Meyers 437-3500, extension 3712.

Zebulon Lodge 273, to confer degree

Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, Prestonsburg, will confer the Entered Apprentice degree at 6 p.m., on Saturday, December 20. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., and the conferral of the Master Mason degree will follow. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Cheerleading championships

The 12th annual Mountain Classic Cheerleading Championships will be held Saturday, February 28 at the Pikeville High School Gymnasium for elementary and junior high squads. For more information, call Lisa Wheeler at

(606) 432-0185 during school hours.

Christmas presentation

The adult choir at the Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church at Cliff will have a Christmas presentation Sunday, December 21, beginning at 11 a.m.

Tutor training

The Floyd County Adult Literacy Council is offering a free public tutor training on January 8, 9, and 10 for any adult interested in helping another learn to read and write. For more information on how you can make a difference, call 886-READ (886-7323).

Christmas program

The First Christian Church of Prestonsburg youth will present a Christmas program, "Behold the Star," on Sunday, December 21, at 11 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

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COMMERCE CORNER

Carla S. Coburn, Executive Director Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

This week, the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce wants to remind members that it is that time of year again to renew your membership with our business organization. We thank all those members who have paid their 1998 dues in advance.

This Wednesday, at 12:00 p.m., our recycling committee, a branch of the county Environmental Planning Committee, will hold its monthly meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. One item sure to be on the agenda is last weeks seminar with Mickey Mills, executive director of Bluegrass Regional Recycling Corporation (BBRC). The BBRC, which is located in Lexington, is in the process of developing a statewide coalition of rural communities, who together can feasibly recycle bulk amounts of material that would be virtually impossible for them to do alone, and would end up in the landfill. In addition to our executive director, Carla S. Coburn, Floyd County was represented at the meeting by, Rebecca DeRossett (Recycling Committee chair), Jean Dorton, Chris Slone, Bob Lowendowski, Lon May, Ray Noble and Mike Vance. Also represented at the

meeting were Johnson and Magoffin counties.

As we mentioned last week, our Prestonsburg Downtown "Business After Hours" has been postponed, and will be planned as a "spring fling" in conjunction with the ideas of Mainstreet coordinator, Kevin Shannon. Our executive director met with Shannon last week, and they plan to work on several projects in the new year to help our downtown businesses. Downtown business be aware that the Prestonsburg Christmas Parade is on again! The Christmas parade which was canceled earlier this month, is back by popular demand, and is scheduled for this Saturday, at 2:00 p.m. We appreciate the effort of Sue Webb and Donna Wells in bringing back our parade.

This Friday, December 19th, from 5:00 p.m. thru 7:00 p.m., chamber member, Mountain Comprehensive Care will host an Open House/Business After Hours at the Layne House which recently

completed renovations. We hope that all our members will come out to see this new improvement in our community.

This week, we welcome the following businesses as members of our organization: Hi-Tech Signs & Graphix, Gold Stone's Garage, Sky Corporation, Manpower Temporary Services, Appalachian Mining Services, Big Sandy Area Development District, Music Carter Hughes, Big Sandy Two Way Communications, Reed Engineering, City of Prestonsburg, Donna Wells, Ramey Insurance Agency, Auxier Water Company, Westfall Enterprises, Auxier Road Gas Company, May Metal Products, Lexington Finance.

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"Since so many people travel during the holidays, blood donations always decreased yet the need remains the same," said Sally Baker, Central Kentucky Blood Center's spokeswoman. "Hospital patients are depending on those donors who are home for the holidays to give blood."

Over 250 pints of blood are needed each day for patients in a 54-county area. One donation can help save the lives of up to three people.

During Donorama '97, each donor will receive a free travel mug and be eligible to win door prizes, including a \$100 Fayette Mall shopping spree. For more information, call the Prestonsburg Donor Center at 886-1557.

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Should we prolong life with futile care?

by Cindy Yates
Editorial Assistant

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance"- Ecclesiastes 3:1-4.

Dr. David Nash, chairman of the ethics committee at UK Medical Center, quoted from the Bible as he presented his thoughts on futile care for those who cannot be restored to a better, or equal, quality of life they led before their illnesses.

In this season of good will towards men, Lexington's University Hospital, Hospice of the Big Sandy and the Floyd County Medical Society teamed their efforts to educate the public on alternatives and the ethics of prolonging life "Beyond the Lord's Will."

Raghu Sundaram, M.D., chairman of the Floyd County Medical Society, opened the evening's discussion with warm wishes for those present at the PCC's Pike Auditorium Tuesday night. "Big things start in small ways," he said in reference to his desire to heighten public awareness on this topic.

He introduced Dr. Nash, and commented that area hospitals are increasingly facing the issues of treating patients in the best ways medically, but they also realize that a vital area in everyone's life - dignity - must be considered when deciding when enough is enough.

Dr. Sundaram gave the audience an example. "We had a patient, a 92-year-old female, who had perhaps two months of life left, tops. She couldn't make decisions for herself regarding her treatment, and the family insisted we do everything humanly possible to keep her alive for as long as we could. They needed the consolation that everything that could be done was being done, but at what cost? The lady ended up spending the end of her days with a hole in her throat for a respirator, and a hole in her stomach for nutritional purposes, and the quality of her life in those last two months was certainly poor.

"My question is, did we punish her with those invasive indignities? She did not recover any living processes, nor could she."

Dr. Nash added that "we live life denying our death, although immortality is impossible. Everyone who has ever lived, has died."

Nash paralleled life with a lamp running out of oil. "It starts out knowing it will run out. It begins to dim, flicker, then goes out. So it is with our bodies. An organic machine, it is designed only to work for so long before it must shut down."

Dr. Nash acknowledges that the medical community encourages people to seek care to prolong our life spans, to focus on prevention, and that as the population teeters on the edge of another century, medical knowledge can do wonders in helping those who are sick to recover.

However, with welfare reform and insurance companies looking to cut costs any way they can, care for those with terminal illnesses or for those individuals who have lived well into their twilight years and simply cannot get any better is now a health care issue which can be solved almost totally at home.

Hospice suggests that you talk with your loved ones, or procure documents that can make your wishes known on this subject if and when your time is such that you are unable to decide your own fate.

"Being alive, and being healthy, are not the same thing. If the goals you have set in life are accomplished and your moral obligations are fulfilled, then many will tell you that you have now only to face and accept death as a part of your earthly journey," Nash quoted from the text of another physician who specializes in death and dying. "We fear suffering more than we do death."

In 1982, a law was enacted that stipulates all hospitals must provide for death decision-making, such as with living wills (also referred to as an advanced directives) or durable power-of-attorney situations. "A living will is good to have, but it can be right there in the chart and be overlooked by staff," Sundaram explained.

"An obvious end to this dilem-

ma would be to talk with your family, tell them what you would want, and make sure it is legally documented if possible," Claire Arsenault, RN and Hospice's executive director, said. "If not, and your illness is a sudden thing, then at least the ones you love who will have to make such a decision for you can do so more easily, without worrying if they are doing the right thing. The burden to decide the fate of another is a horribly heavy one to bear, and making a decision of this magnitude without prior discussion may very well leave emotional scars that will never fade from the memories of those left behind," Arsenault concluded. She says that they (Hospice) "are there, 24-hours a day, by managing pain and supporting family members as their specialties, along with any other help they might need."

Ms. Arsenault contends the main thing is "getting into the home, preferably within the last three months or so before the patient's death, then we can really make a difference for people. "Our job doesn't stop when the person dies, either. Twelve or even fifteen months after the death, Hospice is still in touch with the family giving them the support they so desperately need," she said.

Arsenault explained that the criteria for Hospice assistance would be a diagnosis of six months or less left to live, and no referrals are necessary. Hospice is a non-profit organization that welcomes inquiries from anyone.

"We helped one lady, who had, for as long as it had been in existence, went to Wal-Mart every week of her life. She hadn't been

able to go for the past three months. Her only wish was to go there just one more time, so there we were, oxygen and wheelchair-laden, shopping through the store. She died two days later - happy," Ms. Arsenault said.

For more information on advanced directives and living

wills, you can call Hospice of The Big Sandy at 606-789-3841.

While this topic is not a very easy one to deal with, Arsenault maintains that "now, not later, but now is the time to get your advanced directive in order. You never know what tomorrow will bring."

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Ky. Junior Historical Society holds district 5 meeting

The Kentucky Junior Historical Society District 5 meeting was held Saturday, November 15, at Allen Central High School.

The meeting was hosted by the KJHS District 5 representative, Tyler Green, a freshman at Allen Central High School. Approximately 35 guests from different areas of the state were in attendance.

Green opened the meeting with welcoming remarks and followed with introductions of guest speakers, Sam Hatcher, of Pikeville, who spoke on the subject of the May House and William Patton, of Langley, who spoke about genealogy.

After concluding remarks, guest speakers Patton and Hatcher and the KJHS statewide president, Erin Beth Moran, of Green County, were presented with small gifts of appreciation.

Centerpieces of candy decorated with historical facts and ribbon were placed at each guest table. A resource table was also set up with history-related information made available to those in attendance.

The Kentucky Junior Historical Society has four chapters in Floyd County with one at Allen Central

High School, one at Duff Elementary School, another at Martin Middle School and the fourth at Prestonsburg High School. The organization was developed to help students develop an appreciation and understanding of Kentucky history. Each year the students travel to the KJHS state convention held in Frankfort, where they compete with various Kentucky History projects.

Last year, Green, a local chapter president at the time, arranged (via e-mail) a meeting between Governor Paul Patton and the students of the Floyd County Chapter of the KJHS. Green currently serves as reporter for the local chapter at Allen Central High School and also as the elected District 5 representative, traveling to Frankfort monthly as a member of the executive committee.

Anyone interested in learning more about the KJHS may contact Shayne Wicker, the Floyd County sponsor, at 874-9353 or Tyler Green at 358-4051.



Tyler Green hosts the KJHS district meeting.

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Salary for this position is \$32,643.00 yearly.

Persons interested in the position can obtain further information and an application blank at the Floyd County Health Department in Prestonsburg, Ky. Phone number is 606-886-2788.

Applications must be received by the Merit System Office, 275 East Main Street Frankfort, Ky. 40621 on or before December 26, 1997.
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Coal Mac Inc. Receives Commissioner's 1997 Award

Commissioner Carl Campbell of the Kentucky Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement will present the 1997 Commissioner's Award to Coal Mac, Inc.

The Commissioner's Award is given to those companies that are true examples of excellence in reclamation.

Coal Mac, Inc., permit number 836-0229, is approximately a 640-acre mountain top removal operation. The site is located about one-mile southwest of Teaberry on Dry Branch of Mud Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Backfilling and grading of the mined area was done in a manner which enhanced the creation of a postmining land use of wildlife habitat. The open grassland area slightly covered with trees and shrubs, along with the surrounding natural forest lands will create an ideal site for the development of a wildlife community, recreational area, and perhaps hunting, all of which will serve the needs of the Kentucky citizens living in the community.

A presentation of the Commissioner's Award to Coal Mac, Inc. will be held Friday, December 19, at 10 a.m. at the Kentucky Department for Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office.

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For more information, contact Betsie Carroll at the Big Sandy ADD. The telephone number is 886-2374 and the fax number is 886-3382. You may also contact her by email at betsiec@big sandy.add.state.ky.us.



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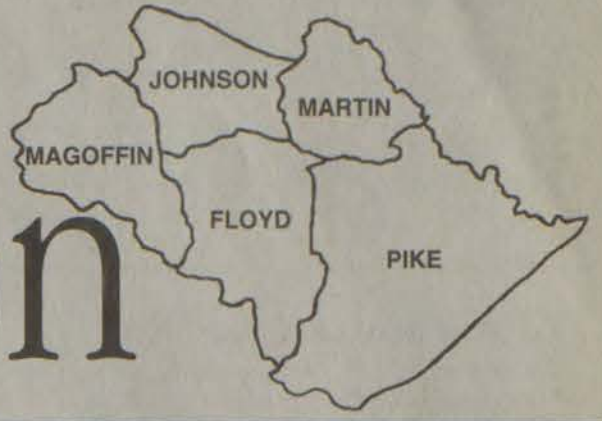
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Around The Region



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Jackson Weather office is bronze medal winner

The U.S. Department of Commerce has awarded its Bronze Medal to the National Weather Service forecast offices in Louisville, Jackson, and Paducah, Kentucky, for outstanding performance during last spring's historic flooding in Kentucky.

Meteorologists in Charge Michael A. Matthews of Jackson, Marvin R. Maddox of Louisville, and Beverly A. Poole of Paducah were presented the awards December 12 by Commerce Secretary William M. Daley at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The secretary grants the Bronze Medal — the Department's third highest honorary award — to employees and offices that have made contributions of exceptional value in support of overall Departmental goals that serve the nation.

The three offices were commended for "outstanding performance and exemplary customer service" during the early March flood after which 92 of Kentucky's 120 counties were declared federal disaster areas.

Weather Service Central Region Director Richard P. Augulis said the three offices "employed proactive and innovative means" to provide flood and flash flood warnings in working with emergency management agencies and the news media to ensure public awareness of the danger.

"Although the number of deaths (21) was regrettable, considering the rapid rises, and that flooding reached record-breaking proportions in many locations, the number would have been much higher had it not been for the swift and clearly-effective communication of the danger as presented by the National Weather Service offices involved," Augulis said.

EMPOWER coming to Johnson, Knott

People in 24 counties, including Johnson and Knott counties, will soon have free access to the internet thanks to Governor Paul Patton and his "EMPOWER Kentucky Internet Access in Public Libraries" project. Patton recently earmarked \$200,000 for this pilot program which aims to provide Kentucky's citizens free access to the internet and electronic government information 24-hour public libraries in Kentucky will provide this service under the pilot program.

plaints about the ordinances, the city commission decided to table passing them until they could further discuss each ordinance.

MSU will close for the holidays

Morehead State University will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23.

Administrative offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 5. Registration for the spring semester will be January 15-16. Freshmen and transfer students who advance registered may pay tuition/fees on Wednesday, January 14.

All classes begin Tuesday, January 20.

Ex-Feds Creek secretary is indicted for stealing \$35,000

by Alicia Carmichael
Appalachian News-Express

A Pikeville woman has been indicted for allegedly stealing more than \$35,000 from the Feds Creek High School activity fund while she was a secretary at the school, authorities said.

According to a Kentucky State Police report, Sharon Laverne Blankenship, 50, was indicted on 47 counts by a Pike County grand jury on December 10.

The report said the indictment was the result of a five-month investigation by the KSP with the assistance of the Pike County

Board of Education.

Blankenship's attorney, Robbie Wright, said Blankenship pleaded not guilty at her arraignment in Pike Circuit Court on Monday.

Bruce Hopkins, the Pike County school board's communication's director, said he could not comment other than agreeing with the facts in the KSP report because "this is a criminal issue still in prosecution."

Wright said Blankenship, who worked

as secretary at Feds Creek High for 13 years, left her job this summer after receiving a letter telling her she was suspended pending the investigation.

Blankenship was initially hired, according to Wright, as a secretary at Feds Creek High, but was given bookkeeping responsibilities although she had no bookkeeping experience.

"It (the bookkeeping responsibility) was given to her," Wright said. "She did not ask for it."

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Wright said Blankenship is adamant about her innocence and is not dismissing the possibility of trying to go back to work at the school if she is found innocent.

"She has told me she liked her job and would readily go back," Wright said.

Blankenship has been charged with eight felony counts of theft by failure to make required disposition, one felony count of theft by unlawful taking and 38 misdemeanor counts of theft by failure to make required disposition.

She was released after her arraignment on \$20,000 bond — secured by cash and property — pending her trial, which is scheduled for May 6, Wright said.

Board doesn't allow public discussion on youth academy

The Pike County Board of Education refused to allow a Sycamore resident to address the board during its public forum session last Tuesday night after a 2-2 vote.

The vote was taken after board member Bobby Varney asked that Cheryl Baker's name be added to the public forum to address the board. Varney's motion was seconded by John Blackburn.

However, board chairman Alvin Newsome asked Varney why Baker wanted to address the board, and Varney told board members Mrs. Baker wanted to address some concerns regarding the Sycamore Elementary School.

Newsome said it was an issue that did not need to be addressed again because the board had previously voted not to discuss the issue until the Office of Education Accountability had completed its investigation into any alleged wrongdoing involving the sale of the school property and a proposal to open a juvenile treatment center.

"We went over this at the last board meeting. We no longer have the property or anything to do with that property. I don't

think we have anything to discuss about that," said Newsome.

A vote was then taken on whether to allow Baker to be placed on the public forum with Blackburn and Varney voting "yes" and Newsome and Shannon Justice voting "no." Board member W. Keith Hall was absent.

Residents from Sycamore, who packed the board room, were upset by the board's refusal to hear their concerns and said they should have been allowed to speak because it was a public meeting.

However, according to the school board's policy, it followed procedure in taking a vote on the matter.

That policy said individuals or groups wishing to speak at a meeting must contact the school superintendent in advance of the meeting — and if advance notice is not given

and, if time permits, then the board may allow the individuals to address the board.

Several residents said they had sent a written request to the superintendent to be placed on the agenda. However, they still were not placed on the agenda.

The board's policy also states it may vote on the relevance of a topic to be discussed at the meeting.

A spokesman for the Kentucky School Boards Association, Brad Hughes, said the board has at its discretion to allow a specific item to be discussed.

"Once the agenda is set, it takes a majority vote to change the agenda," said Hughes. "School board meetings are public meetings, but the board has the right to structure the meeting."

"My advice to school boards is that any limitations they place have to be reasonable and should allow reasonable people the opportunity to participate."

Hughes said if an individual wanted to

discuss an issue that has already been decided — such as the board's decision not to discuss the Sycamore issue until the investigation is completed — then the board has the right to refuse to listen to a speaker.

"If someone with a grievance about an issue that still has not been decided, you need to look for a way to allow the public to participate in the decision-making process," said Hughes.

"If it's just going to be an argument and a decision has been made, then the board's argument can be made that a decision has been and there's no reason to discuss it. Rehashing it at every meeting doesn't serve the public."

"A public body has a right to lay down limitations — if they have a good reason and not just because they don't want to hear about it."

"School board meetings are public meetings, but the board has the right to structure the meeting."

El Niño's impact

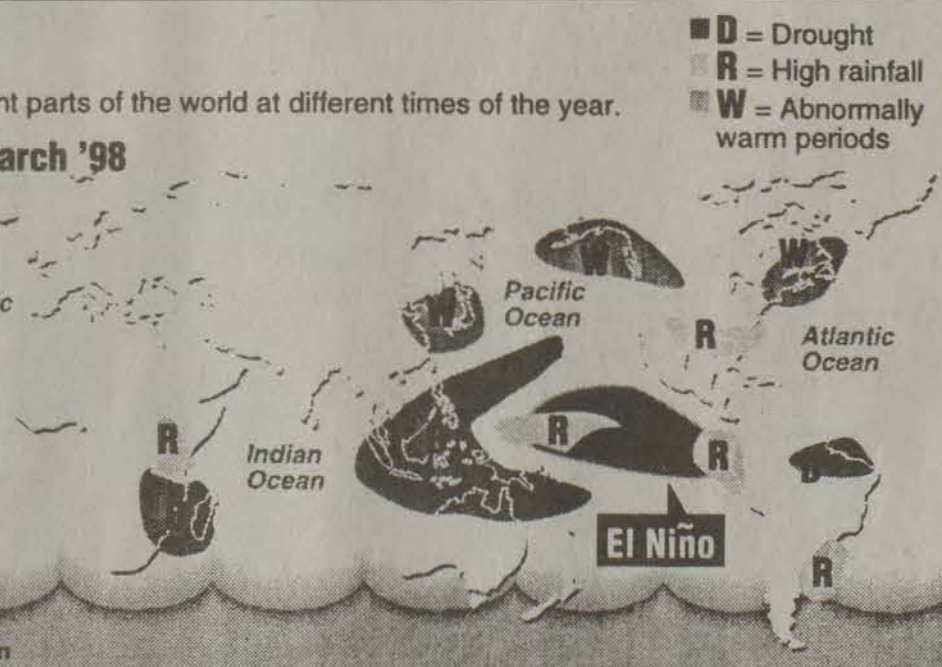
El Niño has different impacts in different parts of the world at different times of the year.

El Niño impact, November to March '98

During northern hemisphere winter, El Niño's expected impacts include:

- Drought in southern Africa
- Continuing drought in northern Australia, Indonesia
- High rainfall on three continents
- Unseasonably warm weather in parts of North America, eastern China

SOURCE: U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization



Pike pair is charged with attempted murder

by Larry E. Martin
Appalachian News-Express

It was a harrowing 15 minutes.

Two Pike County men were charged with attempted murder on Friday afternoon after they allegedly chased and rammed another pair's vehicle and fired a shot at them, authorities said.

David Allen Thacker, 26, of Kimper, and Clarence David Doyle, 20, of Shelbiana, were arrested without incident after Kentucky State Police troopers intercepted their vehicle on U.S. 119 at Zebulon, said KSP Det. Terry Thompson.

"They just came out of the blue," said Juanita Young, 31, of Zebulon, one of the

victims.

According to Young and police accounts, here is what happened:

At approximately 1:30 p.m., Young and Rocky Clay Hunt, 32, of Kimper, were traveling on Ky. 194 from Kimper toward Meta when Thacker and Doyle got behind them.

Thacker fired a shot from the window of the Toyota pickup he was riding in and Doyle, the driver, rammed the victim's Camaro while traveling approximately 60 miles an hour.

Young said she heard the bullet hit the passenger side of the car and that the truck rammed the Camaro almost immediately afterward.

The suspects then chased Young and

Hunt about 14 miles. Young called police on her cellular phone and kept the KSP updated on locations until officers intercepted Thacker and Doyle at Zebulon.

Young said the Camaro was rammed from behind two or three times during the high-speed chase and almost caused them to wreck.

"I looked at the speedometer once and we were doing 75," she said.

The suspects also threw beer bottles at the Camaro during the chase, Young said.

Young said she didn't know either of the suspects but thought "one of the boys was a cousin of Hunt's ex-wife. She said she didn't know what prompted the suspects to chase her and Hunt."

Dentist's offer to share in fortune is scam

by Alicia Carmichael
Appalachian News-Express

When Dr. Al Pelphrey, a local pediatric dentist, received a letter (last week) from a man identifying himself as an official of a wealthy Nigerian corporation, he was intrigued by the man's proposition that he could have a share of the company's fortune.

But, after Pelphrey read that he would have to open "a private foreign account" here in the U.S. so the company could supposedly wire the \$49.5 million here, he became suspicious.

The fact that there was no return address on the letter or envelope post-marked Lagos, Nigeria, only added to Pelphrey's suspicion.

The day after he received the letter Pelphrey contacted the consumer protection division of the state attorney general's office.

"My concern was that if it was a scam, there may be other people in the area who would get the letter," said Pelphrey, who has since talked to another local businessman who received a similar letter.

The attorney general's office immediately confirmed Pelphrey's doubts.

"Before I could get anything other than 'Nigeria' out, she (the woman he spoke to at the attorney general's office) said, 'Oh, yes, it's a scam,'" Pelphrey said.

Corey Bellamy, spokesperson for the attorney general's office, said the office is asking anyone who has received a letter from the supposed Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation to send the letter to the attorney general's office.

"We're forwarding it (the information) to the federal authorities," Bellamy said of the scam letters. "It's my understanding that the secret service is looking into this."

Bellamy encouraged anyone who thinks they may have been approached with a scam to call the Attorney General's Office/Better Business Bureau Hotline toll free at (888) 432-9257.

SOAP UPDATES

by Seli Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: After telling Liza she needs him as much as he needs her, a repentant Adam fired Winifred. Edmund cautioned Brooke about going into business with Jim. Adam staged a relapse after overhearing Hayley tell Mateo his health is improving. Trevor told Tad he believes Janet was telling the truth, and later Tim confessed all to Amanda. Erica had a proposition for Maggie, her "look-alike." Scott bought Gillian an expensive gift. Wait To See: Erica tries to escape. Gloria takes a pregnancy test.

ANOTHER WORLD: Jake rescued Paulina who was overcome by the gas fumes. After switching Shane's new test results with his old ones, Lila persuaded him to move in with her until Christmas, and later told him she wants a child with him. King Monroe (Carl Anderson) realized Etta Mae was "Satin." Tyrone wondered if Etta Mae was his mother. Vicky brought in a gift left by Grant. Wait To See: Matt gets a clue to Alexander's whereabouts.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Lisa urged Carly to leave Hal alone. Lily and Holden learned Molly stole the tape from Steve. Holden assured a pregnant Lily that they will get through their problems with Molly. Bob told Ben about the inquiry into the incident with Lew's medication. Jessica told Carly she's running out of time for the trust

fund. Carly later told Hal she wants a serious relationship with him, or nothing at all. Wait to See: Teague has a plan that could put Jack in danger.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Eric freed himself, but he couldn't get to the rescue helicopter carrying Ridge and Stephanie before it lifted off. Lauren resisted Rush's attempts to sexually assault her. He struck her, saying she was just like Sharon (the woman in the photograph). Taylor wondered why Brooke never told Ridge he's the father of Taylor's baby. Connor warned James of Maggie's strange behavior. Maggie, meanwhile, decided to pull the plug on Sheila's life support. Wait To See: Sheila pleads for her life.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: John felt like an "outsider" at the Brady family Christmas party arranged by Eric, Sami, and Carrie. Susan went looking for Thomas to help get her baby back from Kristen. John was shocked when Marlena said she believes Stefano fathered little Elvis. Mickey told Laura the FBI had issued a shoot-to-kill order if Jack is spotted. Jennifer escaped from the elevator shaft only to come face to face with Travis. Wait To See: Vivian faces some facts about Jonesy's health.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Alexis found Helena waiting for her. Lucky got Elizabeth to admit she tried to frame Sarah. Tony

rejected Carly's claim that Jason fathered her baby, and insisted on going through with the custody suit. Jason told Carly he won't lie for her, but won't volunteer information either. Meanwhile, a confused A.J. decided to confront Jason about the baby's paternity. James knocked out Mac and assumed his identity. Wait To See: Nikolas gets bad news.

GUIDING LIGHT: As Reva's house burned, Annie turned her back on an injured Reva, who was saved by Josh. Later, a seriously injured Michelle was pulled from the burning house. Jesse freaked when he learned his father was connected with the fire. An excited Dinah and Annie planned the party they hoped would change Dinah and Hart's lives. Jenna hoped she could tell Buzz about the baby before Nola did. Wait To See: Beth decides to get Harley out of Phillip's life.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Cassie wonders if she's too much like her mother, Dorian. Joey was upset when Kelly said she was going away with Ian. Blair was stunned by what her mother, Addie, had to say. Joey and Jessica tried to get Viki and Clint under the mistletoe. Wait To See: Blair makes a promise to Max.

PORT CHARLES: Gail was stunned when Serena said her "mommy" helped her find a lost address book. Meanwhile, Scott,

unaware of Dominique's presence in the room, hoped she could help him with his trial. After learning of Kevin and Lucy's (staged) breakup, Rex sent her flowers. Karen and Matt learned Alice is Ellen's mother. Wait To See: Scott gets a strange warning.

SUNSET BEACH: Olivia told Cole of her plan to claim Cole fathered her baby so Gregory wouldn't take custody. Meg witnessed Ben's violent temper when he threw Quint out of the house. On the stand, Gabi spoke of being raped, and then blurted out that it was her father who raped her. Cole was watched by a mysterious woman who later proved to be his former lover and partner in crime, Jade. Olivia fainted when her "dead" daughter, Caitlin, appeared. Wait To See: Meg is shocked by what Ben has to say.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Phyllis was upset at the way the trial seemed to be going against her. Jack counseled Diane on how to avoid going with Victor to Nikki's ranch for Christmas. Ashley told Cole she's in love with him. Cole later rejected Victoria's seduction, saying he wanted commitment and stability, not just sex. Nina asked Ryan to sign the divorce papers. Sharon thought about the baby she'd given up as a teenager. Meanwhile, Cassie asked Santa to have Tony and Grace marry so she could have a family. Later, at Nick's suggestion, Grace proposed to Tony. Wait To See: Ashley and Cole grow closer.

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NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Good cheer abounds this week as you go about your holiday activities. You get a lot done around the house as well. This weekend, you're in a rather nostalgic and reflective mood.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You certainly are in the holiday spirit this week, lending enthusiasm to others. Much of your time is devoted to various holiday domestic tasks. This weekend, a loved one has surprising good news.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll enjoy yourself better if you get into the holiday swing of things. Later in the week, you're in the mood for a party and plunge right in. Financial prospects improve.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a bit hectic as you go about trying to get that last-minute shopping done before the holiday. As a result, you don't make as much progress as you'd like with certain tasks. This weekend, a special holiday invitation comes your way.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

While you feel this isn't the time to worry about money, do try to think ahead. Your holiday expenditures could be getting out of hand. Home-based activities are highlighted this season.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Because of the holidays, you're not ready to make a decision about an investment matter. Waiting until the new year makes sense. The weekend is tailor-made for holiday fun and socializing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There's a lot going on now, both on the domestic scene and on the job. Most of it is holiday-related. Loved ones reach out to you this season with new understanding.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful as you rush around doing holiday preparations that you don't forget someone on your list. Happily, you're in a partying mood as the holiday approaches. This weekend, if you don't go to a party, plan your own special entertainment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22

to December 21) Because of everything that must be done before the big day, you get an early start this week on tasks which must be done. You come up with new business strategies as you discuss concerns with loved ones.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Before you sit down to that holiday feast, be sure that all is in place and no one has been forgotten. Don't despair if a family member isn't cooperative. This person soon comes around.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're socializing before the holiday even begins. However, there are some tasks at work which need to be cleared up. Not everyone is as celebratory as you are.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your holiday plans are still up in the air, thanks to a cantankerous family member. By the time the big day comes, however, everyone is back on speaking terms. Enjoy this special time.

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Smile

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"Wait a minute. I'm not the only person going back with more stuff," I protested. "What about the things Paula bought at Disney World? That's taking up space."

"You can always fly back with Jean," Paul mentioned, casually.

"Yeah, or you can ride your broom," Doug guffawed.

"Put her in gear and let's go," Bonnie commanded. "We've got an 18-hour trip ahead of us."

Three hours down the highway, the car phone rang.

"I was lying on the couch watching a movie when I wondered if you all had gotten my oranges?" Jean yawned. "The weather's cold here."

"Hang up on her," Doug said. "How inconsiderate!"

After I slammed down the phone I said reassuringly, "Don't worry about a thing. I'll keep the drivers awake on the way back."

The groans from the crowd were deafening.

"Be quiet," J.D. yelled. "I can't hear my Power Rangers."

Next year I'm flying. At least that's what the group told me.

Weird

(Continued from page three)

Ontario, to cheating the government out of \$11,000 (Canadian) in welfare benefits. They had posed in 1995 as a destitute couple with two kids and assets of only a 15-year-old car. However, in September 1996, they purchased a house in a well-to-do neighborhood and proceeded to park their two late-model cars and a boat in the driveway. The new house was just down the street from the house of their welfare caseworker, who spotted them in the yard.

In October, James T. Hilton, who police said had just carjacked a van in Bloomfield, N.J., was chased. by police in West Orange into the neighborhood of Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church. Hilton slowed down and was captured after accidentally banging into two unmarked police cars driving slowly down the street and leading a 5,000-officer funeral procession for state trooper Scott

M. Gonzalez.

CLICHÉS COME TO LIFE

In October, Tulsa, Okla., firefighters were called to a church during a birthday party for Mabel McCullough. The alarm had been triggered by smoke from the candles on the cake of the 95-year-old woman.

In July, Missouri's new vehicle safety law took effect, prohibiting people from riding in the open bed of a pickup truck. However, an exception was provided for a family transporting their kids where there are too many to ride in the cab and where the truck is the family's only vehicle. The sponsor called the exception "the Jed Clampett amendment."

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Weird@compuserve.com.)

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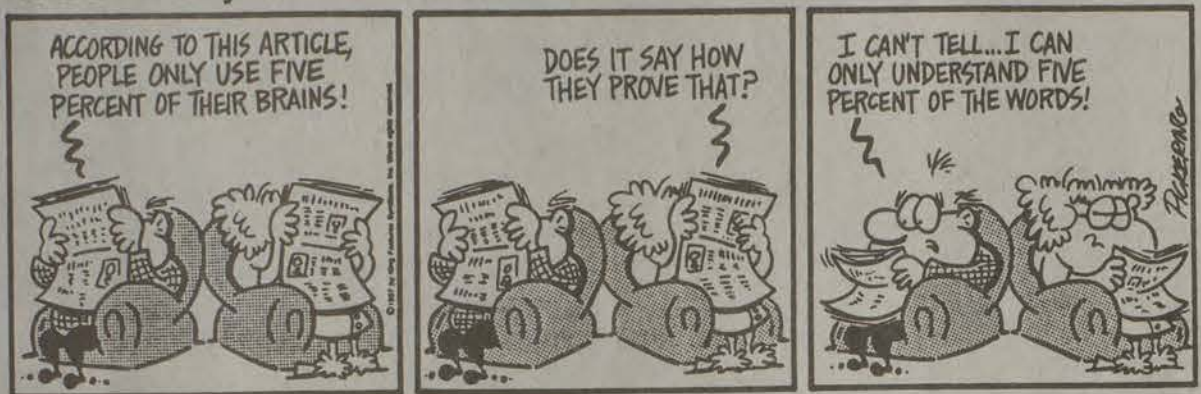


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THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS

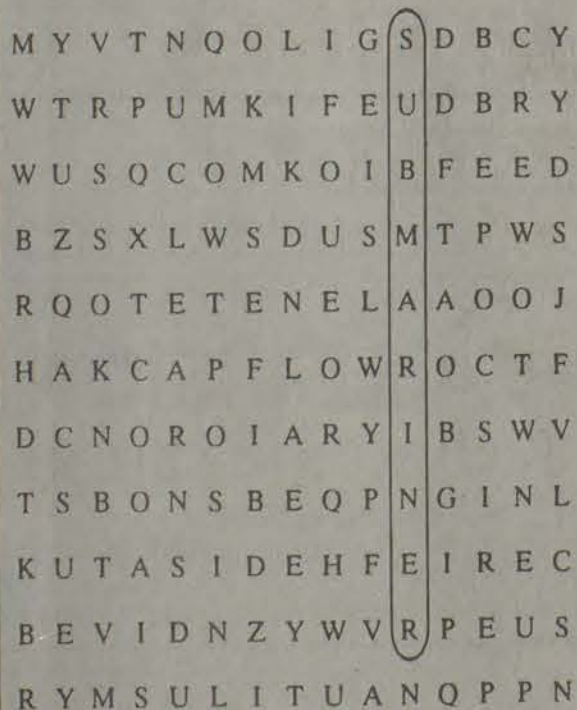


Super Crossword

ACROSS	1 Good buddies	5 Renowned rabbit	9 Dreadful	13 Winter warmer-upper	18 Singer Adams	19 Recruit-to-be	20 Boiling	21 Maxim	22 Controversial poet	24 Clairvoyance	26 Elephant's morsel	27 Secure anew	29 Feat of courage	30 Bonnie's beau	32 "'- Ben Adhem"	33 Roll with the punches	36 Photographer Adams	39 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)	41 Chanteuse Edith	44 "Uh-uh"	45 Part of S.P.C.A.	46 Marmaduke has two?	48 Collic's concern	50 Soho cinemas	53 Overcast	55 "The Twilight Zone" creator	57 Kipling novel	58 Envelope abbr.	59 Word form for "nerve"	61 Gold-plated	62 Blazing	64 They fill the bill	66 Critic's god?	67 On edge	68 Partner of 16 Down	69 "The Jack Benny Show" regular	74 Witch	75 — del Este	77 "Alley —"	78 Won over	82 Llama's turf	83 Freshen a fuchsia	85 Skirt shape	87 Garr or Hatcher	88 Hog heaven?	89 Marry	92 Amatory	94 Extend across	96 Way to go?	97 Alias, for short	98 Get by, with "out"	99 Spoon-bender Geller	100 Resistance units	102 Grable or Gable	104 Get side-tracked	106 Pele's first name	108 Meso-potamian garden	110 Lipstick shade	112 Mideast gulf	114 The gods guzzled it	116 Opening-night mecca	120 "To Kill a Mockingbird" star	124 '84 Kenny Loggins hit	126 Cleave	127 Acts like Attila	128 Sitarist Shankar	129 Poet Wilcox	130 Pile up	131 Ages	132 Casbah site	133 Prepare cherries	DOWN	1 Nest noise	2 Carpenter's tool	3 Benito's bread	4 Rap session?	5 Pirate's prize	6 Burmese statesman	7 Literary types?	8 Mean Marquis	9 Singer Buddy	10 Accumulate	11 Skater Midori	12 Patch	13 Planned a burglary	14 Nitric acid, e.g.	15 Butt, for short	16 Fireworks reaction	17 Qty.	20 Meteorology lines	23 Made taffy	25 Stun with sound	28 Texas city	31 "'- Kapital"	34 Sidewalk slot machine	35 His and hers	36 Music org.	37 Nick of "The Prince of Tides"	38 Paddington	40 Heavenly hammer	42 Common contraction	43 Make — with (go over big)	47 Stable starling	49 Ballerina artist	51 Hercule's creator	52 Hoskins role in "Hook"	54 Eastern Christian	55 Trick	56 Grapefruit garbage	60 Conclude	63 "... where angels — tread"	65 Unsullied	66 "Great Expectations" character	70 Have a bite to eat	71 Prominent	72 Mine entry	73 Chinese principle	75 Future of the present	76 Treacherous	79 Follow the trail	80 Soap star	81 Hazardous	83 Stocking stuff	84 Bit of gossip	85 Consecrate	86 Forsaken (go over big)	90 Laundry worker	91 Russian coins	93 Farina or Buckwheat	95 Countenances	97 Fossey's friend	101 Nero's tutor	103 Big scene	105 Anguish	107 Whiffs	109 Knocks down	111 He was Gomez Addams	113 AMEX rival	115 Curly coil	117 No Einstein	118 Vacation location	119 Fashion line	120 Youth grp.	121 Dreamer's initials	122 Lehar operetta	123 — for the course (typical)	125 Breakfast of centuries?
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MAGIC MAZE

SUBMARINES Answers on B4



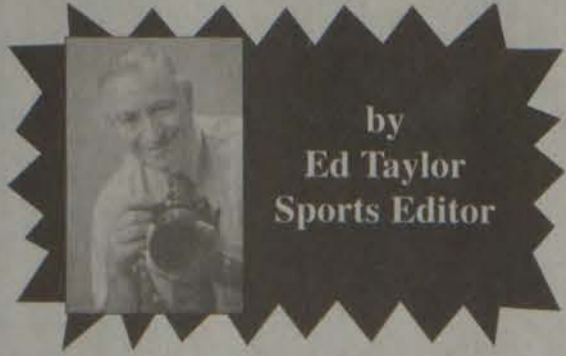
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Crew
- Dive
- E-boats
- Missiles
- Nautilus
- Navy
- Nuclear
- Periscope
- Pigboat
- Submariner
- Torpedoes
- Tower
- U-boats
- Underwater
- Wolf pack



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Can is different. 2. Chair back is missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. Left is smaller. 5. Hair is different. 6. Antenna is smaller.

Answers on B4



by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Sports

**Boys/Girls
Double Header
Johnson Central
at South Floyd
tonight**

Jarvis scores 32 as Prestonsburg upends Belfry

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Jack Pack and the Prestonsburg Blackcats got back on the winning road after going on the road and defeating a very good Belfry Pirate team last Tuesday night.

Senior Andy Jarvis had his way and it was his show as he scored 32 points and hauled in 18 rebounds to lead Prestonsburg to an 84-72 win over the Pirates.

Prestonsburg improved to 4-1 on the season and Belfry fell to 3-2. The Blackcats lone loss was to Magoffin County last Saturday night.

Prestonsburg had a hard time shaking the Pirates, walking out to a good lead only to see it disappear. The Blackcats held a four point margin, 60-56 after three

quarters but Belfry rallied back to tie the game on a rebound basket by Jonathan Wright. Wright's bucket knotted the score at 62-62.

Wes Samons, who finished the game with 19 points, drilled a three-point basket after faking a shot and stepping back, pulling the trigger. Jarvis rebounded his own missed free throw and scored and later took a lop pass from Samons for an easy two to complete a 7-0 run that netted them a 69-62 lead.

After Wright's tip-in basket, Prestonsburg went on a 9-4 run to lead by 10 points, 78-68 with less than a minute to play. A basket by Leslie, and two free throws by both Kyle Conley and Jarvis gave the final margin of 12 points.

Prestonsburg trailed 38-36 at the half after leading by four, 21-17, at the first stop. The Pirates continued to

lead early in the fourth quarter until Prestonsburg's defense took a toll on the Pirates. Jarvis led a Prestonsburg come-back and gave them the lead with a rebound basket. Prestonsburg led 43-42 on the bucket.

A Josh Howard free throw tied the game at 43-43 but Jarvis scored underneath and Joe Campbell buried a three-pointer deep in the left side corner with 4:15 to play in the third to give the Cats a 48-43 advantage.

Wright was whistled for a technical foul when he slapped the backboard on a lay up attempt by Jarvis. Samons hit one of two charity attempts and Jarvis hit the backside of a two shot foul to give the Blackcats a 50-43 lead.

Belfry continued to have trouble containing Jarvis inside as the Prestonsburg guards entry passes found the big center in the middle. Jarvis' strong moves to the

basket were too much for Belfry.

Prestonsburg built an 11 point lead twice, only to have Belfry roar back. The Blackcats turned the ball over on four consecutive possessions allowing the Pirates to climb back in the game and trail by only four after three periods.

It was a big regional win for the Blackcats as they will be in tournament play in Louisville this weekend.

Campbell finished with 13 points for Prestonsburg. Kyle Conley and Nathan Leslie tossed in eight apiece. Jason Keathley scored three and John Ortega added two.

Wright led Belfry with 17 points in a strong outing. He fouled out late in the fourth quarter. Jeremy Steele netted 15 and Josh Howard scored 11. Matt Slater finished with eight.

Stewart's 26 points lead Lady Raiders past Vikings

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

A drum roll please, there is an announcement to be made.

The South Floyd Lady Raiders notched their first win of the 1997-98 basketball season and did it in fine fashion.

Olivia Stewart scored a game high 21 points, Shanna Hall added 15 and Misty Berger tossed in 13 to lead South Floyd past Feds Creek 64-54.

When you look at the previous games, coach Henry Webb's ball club could have easily been 4-2 on the season instead of 1-5.

Stewart was all over the court and Amanda Compton, who scored four points, was distributing the ball to Stewart, Berger and Hall. She had eight assists in the game (unofficially). Martha Crawford finished with seven points and hit the team's lone three-pointer.

Lisa Fuller led all scorers with an outstanding performance for the Lady Vikings. Fuller pumped in 29 points in the loss. She hit two three-point baskets. Jessica Keene finished with 10 points and Andrea Fuller scored in double figures with 12 points.

The Lady Raiders jumped out to an 8-2 lead

with some good free throw shooting by Stewart and baskets by Berger and Compton. They extended the lead to seven at 13-6 when Crawford drained a three-pointer with under four minutes to play in the first. Feds Creek scored the next seven points and tied the game at 13-13 on a three-point basket by Andrea Fuller at the 2:00 mark.

The game was tied at 15 and 16 at the end of the first quarter.

Feds Creek built their biggest lead of six points when they outscored the Lady Raiders 8-2 to begin the second quarter. Keene nailed a base line jumper and after a basket by Angie Tackett, she scored on a lay up, and two consecutive baskets by Lisa Fuller gave the Lady Vikings a 24-18 margin following two turnovers by South Floyd. The lead went to 26-19 on a short jumper by Andrea Fuller.

After missing two front ends of a bonus and hitting one of a two shot foul, Hall and Berger led a Lady Raider charge that netted them a 29-26 lead as South Floyd outscored the Lady Vikings 10-0. Hall started the rally by taking a nice feed from Berger for an easy basket and she was fouled. Hall missed the free throw attempt but Crawford grabbed the rebound and scored. Berger then hit two free throws and scored underneath at the 3:11 mark, followed by a short jumper by Hall, to give the Lady Raiders the three point lead.

Feds Creek turned the ball over on two possessions and South Floyd went in front 33-26 on two Berger free throws and a basket by Stewart. South Floyd led 35-29 at the half.

The Lady Raiders picked up quickly where they had left off and rolled out to a 44-31 lead in the third quarter by scoring the first nine points. Stewart had three lay ups and Berger scored three points in the spurt. South Floyd built a 50-36 lead after three quarters.

The biggest lead for South Floyd came in the fourth period. Baskets by Hall, Stewart and Margret Morgan gave South Floyd a 60-42 lead. They led by 18 points twice before Coach Webb went to the bench.

Feds Creek got three-point baskets from Lisa Fuller and Andrea Fuller to go with Lisa Fuller's long 18-foot jumper to cut the lead to 10 points, 68-58.

Angie Tackett finished with four points for South Floyd and Danielle Tackett had two as did Morgan.

The Lady Raiders will host the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats this coming Monday at Raider Arena on top of Mount Raider.



Leads Lady Raiders
Olivia Stewart scored 21 points against Feds Creek to lead the South Floyd Lady Raiders to a 64-54 win over the Lady Vikings last Monday night at Raider Arena. It was the first win of the season for South Floyd. The Lady Raiders will visit Millard this Saturday night and host the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats in district play Monday night (photo by Ed Taylor)

Osborne Lady Eagles celebrate homecoming win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Osborne Elementary held their annual homecoming events this past Monday night in a big fashion by pulling off a 33-26 win over the Lady Cougars of Melvin.

Kandice Mitchell scored 12 points to lead the Lady Eagles, and Tabitha Berger added 11 points.

Melvin's Tiffany Williams led all scorers with her 15 points, and was the only one in double figures for Melvin. Jessica Petty had five points.

Berger scored four points in the first quarter for Osborne and Mitchell hit a three-point basket to lead the Lady Eagles to a 9-2 first-quarter lead. Williams had the only field goal for Melvin.

Williams tossed in four points in the second quarter, and Petty had five to lead a 9-6 run for

(See Osborne, page eight)

Allen Central crosses century line with win over pesky Fleming-Neon

Howard scores 30 in 106-59 win over Pirates

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Allen Central played run-and-gun basketball last Tuesday night and ran all the way across the century mark for the second time this season by posting a 106-59 win over the Pirates of Fleming-Neon. The Rebels stay perfect at 4-0 on the season.

Senior Todd Howard led four Rebels in double figures with 30 points. He has scored 30 or more in three of the first four Rebel games. Edmond Slone continues to play very well with his slashing moves to the basket. He finished with 16 points. Gary Hunter stayed near his average with 14 and Brian Jones came off the bench and made his presence known with 12 points.

Allen Central played relentless defense but had to go into the second quarter before they could put away the Pirates. The Rebels held a 26-22 lead after the first quarter as Fleming-Neon stayed close with

some timely three-point shooting. Matt Taylor hit two treys to match two three-pointers by Howard. Slone and Gary Hunter scored the first 13 points of the quarter for Allen Central. Slone's rebound basket and Hunter's trey made it 5-4 Allen Central. The two took turns in scoring as the Rebels went in front 13-6.

The Rebels led 23-18 on a Howard lay up but the Pirates scored the next four to

trail by one, 23-22. A garbage basket by Jones gave the Rebels a four point first quarter lead.

Howard started the second quarter by hitting his third three-point basket, and five turnovers seemed to break the Pirates spirits as Allen Central blew out to a 40-26 lead behind Howard, who scored 11 points inside the first two minutes.

(See Allen Central, page eight)

Greathouse buries four treys in 79-46 Prestonsburg win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Junior Shelly Greathouse drilled four three-point baskets and scored 20 points to lead the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats past Phelps in the first round of the Sheldon Clark Invitational Wednesday night.

Four players scored in double figures in the Lady Blackcats 79-46 victory. Freshman Amelia Conley added 16 points, Crystal Slone netted 14 and sophomore

Brandi Wells scored 10. Kimi Nunnery just missed double figures with eight points.

It was the first win of the season for Prestonsburg after dropping their first five games.

Greathouse was great in the first quarter in staking her team to a 22-9 lead at the first stop. She connected on three three-point baskets and scored 13 points, Wells

(See Prestonsburg, page eight)



Hits leaner
Allen Central's Todd Howard (25) scored on this shot last Tuesday night against Fleming-Neon. Howard scored a game high 30 points to lead the Rebels to a 106-59 win over the Pirates. It was the second time this season the Rebels have busted the century mark (photo by Ed Taylor)

Letters to Santa

My Letter to Santa!

12-8-97
date

Dear Santa,
I am a 6¹/₂ year old girl.
I am in the first grad. at Prestonburg Elementary
I wish I had a Hansa
E...bers tape
and new talking Furbee

Signed Amber

TEACHER'S FRIEND © DECEMBER



Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Paige, I am almost eight years old, and in the second grade. Now are you and your family? My mommy is writing this letter for me because I have the flu.
I have been a good girl this year. please bring me a good girl, a set of dolls, a gigapet, Barbie & Ginger, Shopping Barbie, and a Dentist Barbie. please put some Tootsie rolls in my Sikeking.
I will leave homemade Chocolate chip cookies & milk under the tree for you. Hope you like our Old fashioned tree.
I love you, Santa.
Thank you for Theodor my Teddy,
Mary Paige Lewis

Dear Santa,
The only thing I want is my mom, Dad, Brother, Sister, Aunts, uncles, cousins, grannies, mamaws, greatgrannies, Pops, in my life so that's the only thing I want this year, but if you want to give presents That's all right.

Your friend,
Eden Johnson

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is every body to love me I Christmas even though in I don't celebrate Christmas I want Every body to have a special Holiday.

Name Belinda Rae Blackworth
Age 7
City Cannett
State Ky.

My Letter to Santa!

8 1997
date

Dear Santa,
I am a 6 year old girl I am in the first grade at Prestonburg Elementary.
I live in a top house.
I want a man in black

Signed Chazz

TEACHER'S FRIEND © DECEMBER



Dear Santa,
I want a giga pet and dollhouse for Christmas. I love you!
Love,
Kimberly Chaffins
Age: 6

P.S. I have been very special good. I will leave milk and cookies out for you!

Dear Santa, I'm 7 years old and I would like some CDs, a CD player, and a lava lamp. My sister Emily wants a wood rocking chair and a red wagon. I've been a good girl and have helped babysit my sister.
Love,
Derik - Tackett
Westland, Mi.

Dear Santa,
I'm 7 years old and I would like some CDs, a CD player, and a lavalamp. Mr. sister Emily wants a wood rocking chair and a red wagon. I've been a good girl and have helped babysit my sister.
Love,
Derika Tackett
Westland, Mi.

Dear Santa,
My name is Matthew Francis. I am 4 years old. I have been very good all year and would like for Christmas, a Power Ranger Mega Boss.

Lots of love to Rudolph and all your reindeer.
Merry Christmas
From Matthew

Dear Santa,
Read Now!!!
Diana, walkie talkie, yak bak, zgigle pets, zouta pets, real make up, clothes, brush, porslandoll, mittens, pattingigle pet, outopet, tommy octo, mittens, cd player.

Crystal, mittens, 5 feet parsiondoll, real makeup, fingernail, ploshes, brush. April, baby doll, dollhouse, fake makeup, mittens.

Julia playmakeup, few dolls, clothes, shoes, walkie talkie, hairbows, hair clips, mittens.

Michael, shoes, socks, outfits, buby brush, bottles.

Mom coffiemaker, dishes, clothes, shoes, socks, brush, mittens. Dad, work shoes, church shoes, combs, socks underwear, cloves.

Love: Diana, Crystal, Patty, April, Julia, Michael, Scott, and Jenny

Dear Santa,
I would like My Size Barbie. I would like a Buba Bear. I would like Tommy Talks, I would like a 101 dalmations giga-pet. I would like twenty giga pets. I would like a giga pet with eighteen animals. That is all. Thank youh. Bye-Bye.
Samantha Charise Tackett

Dear Santa,
I want an octa-pet and a nano-baby, giga-pet, Barbie, play station, games, and a computer.
Amber Berger

Dear Santa,
I want a can set. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Eligh

Dear Santa,

I want some dolls, giga-pets and a doll house and Nike clothes, Nike jersey, games, computer, Nintendo, Barbie dolls, brain work and a boy friend.
Chandy Conley

Dear Santa,
I want 4 more giga pets and a computer, baby doll and some books, and a typewriter, and a copier and a teacher desk, a Nintendo 64 and another play station, and a dalmation dog, and a maker board with makers with it, and give my dog some dog food, and my cat some cat food.
Ashley Brooke Hall

Dear Santa,
I am a 9 year-old boy. I want a Jock Rock C.D. and I want a 22 long barrel gun.
Your friend,
Jared

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo with the handles.

I want a the walking Barbie. I want the game cooties. I want some stuffed animals. I want five more gigapets. I want some flowers for my teachers.

I want some books that I can read. I want some markars that go with a board.

I want a ken doll, some barbies and one rabbit.
Samanthai

Dear Santa,
I would like 19 train and I would like a cat and I would like a dog. I would like a play house. I would like a gift bell. I would like a Barbie. I would like a computer. I would like a play station. I would like talking Bubba.
Merry Christmas,
I love you Santa Claus
Sandra Kaye Johnson

Dear Santa,
I think you are nice. So I would like you to bring me a maker board and some markers. And a chair like the teacher's. I would like you to bring me a octo-pet. Please bring me a pet house dog, too. Please bring me a koolring. There is one or two more things I would like you to bring me lots of jewels, too.
Tia Salisbury

Dear Santa,
The only thing I want is my

mom, dad, brother, sister, aunts, uncles, cousins, grannys, mamaws, greatgrannys, pas, in my life so that's the only thing I want this year, but if you want to give presents that's all right.
Eden Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Jurassic Park toy and a dog, a game, and a play station.
Owen Triplett

Dear Santa,
Please give me a bebe gun and a dog. I want a game for my Sega and my Nintendo and a new bike and a V.C.R. and some candy.
P.S. The dog is a Bull dog. I will give you some cookies.
Westley Hunt

Dear Santa,
I would like a sony play station and games. I want a Super Nintendo game. I want a Penny Hardaway jersey. And a pair of Charlotte Hornets basketball shorts.
P.S. How old are you?
Wesley Akers

Dear Santa,
I want a gun for Christmas. I want some figures and a wrestling ring, a play station, a Nintendo and a computer. Socker bodder and boxing gloves, a marker board and chalk board, and a second VCR and teachers book.
Joseph

Dear Santa,
I want some play station games and a computer to play games. That is all.
Justin Isaac

Dear Santa,
I would like a marker board for Christmas and some markers too. I would like a gigapet and a baby doll. I would like a chair like teacher has and a desk like teacher's and work like teachers do. I would like a markers board eracer and books. And a locker and a lock and a filang cabinet and the key.
Stephanie Carol Slone

Dear Santa,
I would like a shopping Barbie doll. And a talking Bubba and a computer, and a Barbie house and a dog, and a marker board.
Terri Slone

Dear Santa,
I want to tell you that I can have a hug from you and I want to have a doll that's all.
Brittany Thornsby

Dear Santa,
Do you know that you are nice to children. I love you Santa. I want a Baby doll that is all.
Martha Ann Hall

Dear Santa,
I would like a giga-pet and a Cabbage Patch chewing doll and a barbie and Ginger set and a teacher's desk and a teacher's chair.

I want a marker board and some markers and My Size Repunzel Barbie.
Mikka Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Because you brings me to me a play station.
Kevin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year and I want a dirt bike for Christmas and I want a remote control car for Christmas to and I will put some cookies under the Christmas tree for you.

Your friend,
Rodney Johnson

Dear Santa,
My name is Casey Anderson. I am eight years old. My school name is Dr. W. D. Osborn Elamntre, I have been a good boy this year. The primary is making a play about you. Ps. they are milk and cookies on the table.

Your friend,
Casey Anderson

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old and I'm in Primary. My school is Osborn Elementary and I've been a good boy this year. What I want for

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886-8400

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from the staff of
Dr. Michael K. McKinney, D.M.D.

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As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true, deep meaning of this most glorious time. And may the peace and joy of the season be an ever present blessing, to light the way for all men, everywhere.

JCPenney
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Weddington Plaza, Pikeville

Christmas is a remote control car and anything else is fine.

P.S. There's some cook on the take fireplace.

Your friend,
Jacob Couch

Dear Santa,
My name is Lyle Johnson. I am in primary at Osborne Elem. I am 8 years old. I've been a very good this. I'll leave you some chocolate chip cookies or Oreos what ever you prefer. I just don't know what I want but the list will be on the tree.

Your friend,
Lyle Johnson

Dear Santa,
I am 8 yrs. old and my name is Joseph and I am in 3 grade. I have been a good boy this time and I will leave you some cookies and milk and will give me a prest whant and I will be good to my friends and my mean friends and my mean friends and I will not be good to my good old teachers. I want a duat bick.

Your friend,
Joseph

Dear Santa,
My name is Katie. I go to Osdom Elm. I am 8. I will leave you cookies and milk this year. I truly don't care what you bring just make it good.

Your friend,
Katie Spears

Dear Santa,
My name is Marquita Little. I'm 8 years old. I'm in the 3rd grade at Osborne Elementary. I have been a good girl this year. You will find milk and cookies at my house. Please leave a present for my sister Mikayla. I love you Santa. P.S. I want a gigapet or a nanna baby.

Your friend,
Marquita Little

Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany Puckett. I am in third grade at Osborne Elementary. I am 8 years old. I think I have been a good girl this year. I have got lots of toys under my tree for Christmas. I hope you bring me more. I don't want much but I want a giga pet shaped as a badle. And a pair of Nikie shoes. And that's all the wrest will be fine. I'm shore I will be happy with what you bring me and oh ya one more thing my mom and dad have a great Christmas. Your cookies will be by the tree.

Your friend,
Brittany Puckett

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and you will be shoore to find cookies and milk under the Christmas tree. I beleve in you! I want a porcelain dolly, My Size Repzeale Babie doll, the Tripplles, and The Finger Nail Creashanstall!

Your friend,
Kortnery Hall

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl. My name is Paige Johnson. I will leave your cookies and milk on table an will sleep on the couch on X-mes night.

Your friend,
Paige Johnson

Dear Santa,
My name is Bianca. I am eight years old. I am in the primary at Osborne Elementary. My mom said I've been good this year. Whatever you bring me for Christmas will be fine.

P.S. Your cookies will be under the tree.

Your friend,
Bianca Bailey

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley. I am 8 years old. I am in primary at Osborne Elem. I have been a good little girl. I want a singing baby doll, a pony with barbie, a baby doll with lots of clothes. And I'll leaf you some milk and cookies under my tree.

Your friend,
Ashley Burke

Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good girl for Christmas. I want a nano, giga pet, a dollabike and some rollerblades. Also, please bring me some clothes for Christmas too. P.S. There are cookies and milk under my tree.

Your friend,
Samantha Tackett

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I wont a car and a big pig and a house. I love thime and they love me to I hope. I wont one of your elves and a raindeer and a seld and my mom and dad will hav a good Christmas together. I love my mom and dad. I wont a T.V. for my mom.

Your friend,
Justin Miller

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelsey. I go to school at Osborne Elementary. I am

in Prammy. I am 8 years old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like some bell bottoms, a box of candy, canes, and five benes baby. P.S. your cookies will be by the book shelf.

Your friend,
Kelsey Tackett

Dear Santa,
My name is Frances and I am nine years old. I am in the Primary at Osborne Elementary. All I want for Christmas, a computer. I have been a good girl this year. I'll leave some milk and cookies uder the tree.

Love,
Frances

Dear Santa,
My name is Tasha. My age is 8 and I am in primary. I go to Osborne Skool. I have been a good girl this year. I would like a giga pet and a Teddy bear and a computer and I would like a flatex house dog. I will leave you a shacke under the tree.

Love, your friend, Tasha
Tasha Osborne

Dear Santa,
My name is Orland and I go to Osborne Elem. I am ten years old. I hop you give me something for Christhm. I have been a good boy this year.

Your friend,
Orland Bolen

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. This is some of the things I want: Some lincoln logs, Dale Earnheart that closes. C.D. and a Tracy Adkins C.D.

Your friend,
Justin Tackett
Age: 8

Dear Santa,
I want a snow barbie, for Christmas and Tensciper, and walker darlio, and some clothes and some books.

Your friend,
Kristin
Age: 8

Dear Santa,
This year I want a sparkplug for my motercycle, a ty car, 4 wd truck, I want a battery charger, a new front dirt bike tire, a new leash for boomer my dog, and a new dogbox for Boomer.

Your friend,
Justin Fleming
Age: 9

Dear Santa,

I want Easy Bake, Fingernail Fun Salon, and a puppy Nano pet. If this is to much take off easy bake. Then add something that don't cost that much, some tapes. You only have to get two. I like country music.

Yours truly,
Samantha
Age: 8

Dear Santa,
I will like a Gegapet, Paydays. Sorry, Trobby, 10 sped, Yekback, Bingo, don't wake the Dragen, computer, twister and spice girls, C.D.

Your friend,
Tiffany Williams
Age: 9

Dear Santa,
I want a surviving kit for Christmas so bad. Because I like to make neckleses and bracelets. Another thing I want is socks, big boots so that when I walk down the hill. I live on a big hill that stays muddy. Another thing I want is Baby eats. Another thing I wish I could have is a giga pet, Barbe house, ratio spice girls tape.

Yours truly
Amanda
Age: 8

Dear Santa,
I want a dairy to right, all my scread's in if for Christmas I want want ring's and a brand new dress, to go to a dance. I want a barbie house with a baribe named Kelly. I want a Winnie the Pooh book bag because were I can put my stuff in it. I want a spice girls top with a stero to listen to. I would like to have a giga pet to play and watch them and I want twister to play with all of my friends. And Merry Christmas and beauty and the beast pussle.

Your friend,
Neisha Akers
Age: 8

Dear Santa,
I like our toy a lot. I would love to have toy a lot and I have been a good boy.

Your friend,
Jordan Henry
Age: 8

Dear Santa,
I weat a doll, C.D., cant ring game car, and bridle that's all.

Your friend,
Sheena
Age: 9

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The thing that I want for Christmas, Santa, is a computer and Dinosaurs, Fighting men and animals.

Your friend, Brandon Age: 8

Dear Santa, I want thee robots, movys, as Sugir Mamuta Nintendo 64, Nintendo, syobr Nintendo, D3 the mighty Duck, Buzz, Red.

Your friend Andrew Seren Hall Age: 8

Dear Santa, I would like to have a little toy but I would like to have a pretty outfit were I will look good for school and I would like to have a nano pet, spice girls, C.D. and Nintendo 64 for me and my brother to and the hogs you have a good Christmas.

Your friend, Heath Age: 9

Dear Santa, This is what I want for Christmas. I want a computer with CD rom. A hando 4x4 would be nice. I would like to have a new puppy, a 4 hitter taas. If you can bring me a box of basket balls.

Your friend, Heath Keathley Age: 8

Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a computer for Chistmas. I want you also a "nano puppy, I want a brickahen in black C.D.s and I want a Nintendo. I want a Rack-O-game, and a Ga for it game.

Your friend, Jared Newman Age: 8

Dear Santa, I want a lot of toys for Christmas. But I want to see you because I always want to see youh. And I want to be a elf and before I say goodby, I want to say Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Brittany Mitchell Age: 8

Dear Santa, I want a 3 race car, computer games, super Nintendo 64, \$100. Lincoln Logs, tent, dog, seaq game. Motale, 3.D, puzzel.

Your friend, Chad Age: 8

Dear Santa, Hear is something that I want for Christmas. A My Size Princess Rapunzel barbie, 6 books, 5 hats, 7 barbies, jerly fake finger nails, 2 pair of shoes, 4 movies, a gigga pet and last but deffently not least 25.50.

Sincerely, Jamie O'Connell Age: 9

Dear Santa, I went a ginglepet and a endy and sorry and a trouby and ginga and a bick and a C.D. seigin and a Svere and a Pereectma TCH and a Boggievunior and a cana and land, and a pentete and a hingo and a dortwoke thepregon and a donky pat and man and plut and a floor, pizzle and a play shoo land allowance.

Your friend, Stephanie Webb Age: 9

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy and my name is Desmond. I always play with my brother and sister. I really love my brother and sister. Please bring me a slinky dog, gold ranger "Zor," Beatele metallic gun, and a bingo game. Also, bring me a punchin bag. Bring my brother a punchin bag, key board. Bring my sister a red devil vacuum cleaner. I will leave you a treat under the table.

Your friend, Desmond Watts

Dear Santa, My name is Krishta and I have been a good girl. Will you bring me a teddy bear, barbie withu a car.

Bring mom some new pants. Please bring granny a gown. Bring my brother a pair of pajamas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Your friend, Krishta Johnson

Dear Santa, My name is Natasha and I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Winnie the Pool set with tree house, some books, a bicycle, a puppet set, a teddy bear, some Barbies. Bring Wesley some action figures. Please bring mom some silveware. Mamaw wants some new dishes. My uncles some speed bikes. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies with milk under the tree.

Your friend, Natasha Hunt

Dear Santa, My name is Dougie. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Tyco slammer, "Scoobie Doo" Santa Dog, bicycle, and a stunt bike. Please bring Dennis a set of ear-phones. Randal wants a poster of motorbikes. Shelly wants a nice gift like a ring. Bring dad a new truck and mom a car. I leave you some fudge stripe cookies with a glass of milk.

Your friend, Paul "Dougie" Mathews

Dear Santa, My name is Moe Tackett. I would like Beagle Boy Blaster, the red power ranger sword, Gold ranger car. Please bring sissy in-line skates and some books, grey beagle boy car. Bring mom some new shoes and dad a present. I love you Santa. I will fix you some cookies, butter with milk.

Your friend, Moe Tackett

Dear Santa, Hello, my name is Nicholas. I want a limo for Christmas and play money, a turbo deluxe rescue megazoid. I have my tree up and I will leave you some cookies and milk. Please leave me a CD crock game with a toy gun. I hope you have a safe trip. I would like to rent Rudolph. I would give him back Monday after Christmas.

Your friend, Nick Orsborn

Dear Santa, My name is Nathan Kyle Hall. I am 5 years old. I am a good boy because I pick up my room. I think you are a good person. I would like a Power Ranger turbo toys, Mega Zore, a real pony. Bring my little sister some Barbies. Mom would like a ring. Dad wants a new telephone. I will leave you some cookies from the store under the tree. Thank you very much. Santa!

Your friend, Nathan Hall

Dear Santa, My name Jasmin Patton. I am 5 years old. My mom, granny, dad, papaw, and my brother when they need me. I love taking care of my brother. I hope your not cold in the North Pole. I want "My Size Rapunzel Barbie," Anastacia Barbie, Winnie the Pooh bear. Bring my little brother a coal truck. Dad would like a television. Mom would like a lot of make-up. I will leave your treat under the tree.

Your friend, Jasmin Patton

Dear Santa, My name is Devin Burke. I am 5 years old. I am a good boy. Would you please bring me a dirt bike, big a truck with wheels on back, a new game for my Nintendo. Please bring my little sister reindeer with bells that don't ring his nose doesn't light up. Mom doesn't want anything. Bring my dad a new gun. I will leave you some cookies and a glass of milk.

Your friend, Devin Burke

Dear Santa, My name is Doff Justice and I'm 5 years old. I am a good boy. I want Ninja toy, gigi pet, a toy carrot gun, and toy trigger guns, a trampoline, a motorcycle, a swimming pool. Bring Sissy a toy food, set, bubby a toy gun, and a reindeer. I will leave you some cookies and milk with a

slice of pie. I think your the greatest.

Your friend, Doff Justice

Dear Santa, My name is Lee Ann Tuttle. I am 3 years old. I'm a good girl. I would love a talking "Bubba." Dad and mom have looked every where. I know you can find one! Thank you for it. I will leave you a gift with cookies and milk.

Your friend, Lee Ann Tuttle

Dear Santa, My name is Cheyenne. I am three years old. I have been very good so please bring me in-line skates and a baby doll. I would also like a table with four chairs so all my friends can eat Christmas dinner with me. I will leave you something good under the tree.

Your friend, Cheyenne Tackett "Soon to be a Kindergarten student"

Dear Santa, My name is Silas. I am a good boy. Please bring me a Power Ranger, a toy gun, a soft chair. Please bring mom and dad new chairs too. We would like a new microwave too. I love you Santa and I will leave you a present. Also please bring me some story books. Thank you!

Your friend, Silas Burke

Dear Santa, My name is Mathew Caudill. I am 2 years old. I left my letter with Mrs. Johnson. Please bring me lots of trucks and some tools to work on them with. Bring mom and dad new Chritmas lights. Ours keep disappearing. Santa I have been a good boy. Sometimes I get mad and scream but its just these terrible two's. I will leave you a treat. I love you very much.

Your friend, Mathew Caudill "Soon to be Kindergartener"

Dear Santa, My name is Laken Nicole Hall and I am 5 years old. I am a good girl. Sometimes I'm a little mean. Please bring me a crib with a doll that talks, a diaper bag with supplies, a new bicycle (mine is broke). I will also like a puppet, set of bears just like Mrs. Karen Johnson. Bring my brother a race car, and my sister a collective Barbie and make-up. Please bring mom a radio. Granny a scarf with mittens.

Thank you! Your friend, Laken Hall

Dear Santa, My name is Ethan Spears. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a web-shooter, a bat mobile (the big one), XRC car (remote control), and a bat mobile that is remote control. Please bring Sissy a Barbie jeep that is remote control, mom a gold necklace with ring, dad a gold chain. I will leave a plate of cookies with pictures that I made for you. Please bring me a water gun too.

Your friend, Ethan Spears

Dear Santa, My name is Joseph and I am five

years old. I am a good boy. I help my family when they ask me. Will you bring me a choo-train, Power Ranger (white one), robot, some cars? Bring Pa-paw a gift, something he needs. Bring mom a new house if you can. I will leave you some cookies under the tree. Please don't forget.

Your friend, Joseph Taylor

Dear Santa, My name is Isaac Spears but some people call "Bub." I share my toys with my sister. I clean my room with my little sister. Please bring me a dog box, a mini motorcycle, a four wheeler. Bring Sissy, a new Barbie. Santa Sissy and me love you very much. I am six years old and sissy is five. I will leave you a glass of milk and a gift.

Your friend, Isaac Spears

Dear Santa, My name is Mickeah Johnson and I'm a good girl. I live up Riley's Branch in the clay, 2 story house, you know the one. My mom is writ-

ing for me because I can't write yet. For Christmas, I would like lots of Barbie things, some babies, and Rugrat dolls. Also, bring a surprise for Tubby, she has been a good girl. I will leave you and the reindeer some snacks by our tree on Christmas Eve. Be careful and I love you very much Santa.

3 years old Daughter of Mickey and Karen Johnson Bevinsville

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"Rudolph" a would like one, also a pair of skates. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies with chocolate milk.

Your friend,
Cameron Butler

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex and I've been really good and I've worked hard at school. I would like for you to bring me a construction set, a #3 Dale Earnhart car, a dog giga pet, and bring my sister some things. Bring my mommy and daddy something, too. I'll leave you some milk and cookies on the table. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Alexander Johnson

Dear Santa,
My name is Brandon and I want to tell you my Christmas list. I want a Bugs Bunny clock, a mega sword, and a red Power Ranger. I want you to bring my mommy a real golden ring and my daddy a new hat. I'll leave you some cookies and milk at my house.

Your friend,
Brandon Meade

Dear Santa,
My name is Breonna and I hope that you've had a nice winter up at the North Pole. I want to tell you what I would like for Christmas; an ice skating Barbie doll, a mountain bicycle, a giga pet (a green cat), and a toy Rudolph. I will leave you some cookies and milk in my living room on Christmas Eve. One more thing, Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Breonna McKee

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle with a water jug and a kick stand. I want a race track with Dale Earnhart and Jeff Gordon and a drag set, and a Dale Earnhart and Jeff Gordon trailer, coal truck, and the race car.

Your friend,
Rhyan Thornsbury

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Tackett. I am 5 years old. I am a good boy. I would like a giga pet, Lucky duck game, a set of beetle boys, a truck that turns into a construction set. Santa I like you a lot. My brother likes the Beetle boys seka cycle gold. I want the silver one. I will leave you kisses and hugs under the tree.

Your friend,

Jacob Tackett

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a disk.
Mark Case, 5 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I want a Bat Man, Car, a Batman and robin. My mom a necklace, Wesley needs a date earnheart car, dad needs a Nascar game. Luv ud.
Shannon Turner
5 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
Please send me a Batman car, and a play stashon. Bring mom some soks and clothes. Dad needs clothes and soks, 2 pet Ruloph for me.

Love,
Deven Frasure, 4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I want army pants, army helmit, mom needs a ring. Dad needs some pants.

Love,
Devon (Johnson)
5 yrs. old

Dear Zanta,
I want a (mousetrap), game, and a big wheel.

Love,
Joseph Kidd
4 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
This will be my first Christmas. I am not old enough to know what all of this means. Please make my first Christmas a day of pure joy and bring me a well-chosen toy. I will leave you something under the tree.

Your friend,
Jordan Pack
3 1/2 months

P.S. My mommy and daddy would like you to bring lots of Orajel.

Dear Santa,
I have been waiting for years to be old enough to have a Easy Bake Oven for Christmas. If I am old enough. This year would you please send me one for Christmas. I love you Santa.

Your friend,
Savannah Bartley
Age: 6 1/2
Bartley

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a bulldozer. I want a crash cars. I love you, Santa.

Your friend,

Joshua

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I would like a Barbie car and a Barbie doll. I would also like some clothes. I will leave some milk and cookies under the tree for you.

Your friend,
Marissa Spears

Dear Santa,
I want a new play station, a new bike, and a new toy Ninja, and a Nike hat and a Fila Hat, and a Nike ride.

I love Santa.
Austin

Dear Santa,
Rugrats set, Tommy doll, spike, computer, Baby doll and Dentist barbie.

Brandi Frasure

Dear Santa,
Please bring a new bow and arrow, the turbmegazold, a computer, race track, a new beetle borg.

Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I wish that you could bring me a Nintendo 64. If I don't get that I want the new Michael Jordan Shoe. I want a gold necklace. I would like

a basketball. I like playing ball.
Jordan Hall

Dear Santa,
Santa, I am leaving you some cookies out and milk. I want for Christmas a Harley bike. I want for Christmas a dirt bike. Thank you a lot.

Durwin Osborne

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a crashback and a Supernintendo. Bring my papaw a new Bible for Christmas.

Gary Lee Michell

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, a Nike hat, and a new TV and a new bed. I have been a very good girl.

I will leave a snack for you. I like toys to play with.

Ashley Little

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob. I can't wait until Christmas. Ples bring me a remot control dozer, cars, and the new Tonka game. I will lev you and the reindeer, some 7 up and cookies by the door. I love you Santa. Be careful.

Jacob Johnson

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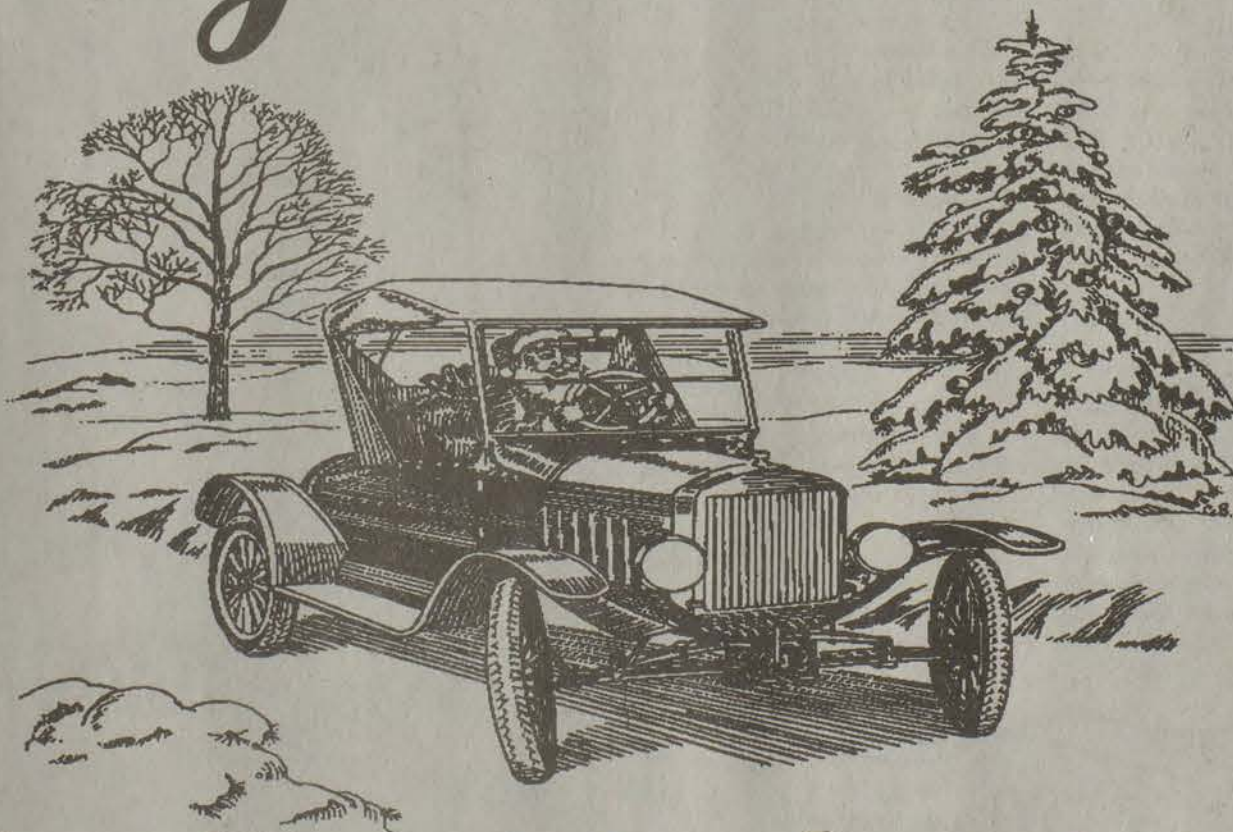


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Santa I want a new doll and
Santa I want a new book to and
Santa I love you and movies.
Santa
Brandy Isaac

Dear Santa,
I want roller skates, I want a
baby doll, I want a pair of shoes, I
want clothes, I want coloring book,
I want a Barbie doll, I want a soled
blk outfit.
I want a rel fox and good fox,
I love Santa.
I want a Barbie vanitey,
Donna Mae Hensley

Dear Santa,
I would like just a few things for
Christmas. Here are the things I
want a trampoline, a new pair of
shoes, a telephone, a T.V. I also—
want a diamond ring, for my mom,
a bike, for my niece but put training
wheels. She needs those.
Your friend, Alyssa

Dear Santa,
I would like to have me a Lickity
Treat Doll and a Little Tickle Me
Cookie Monster. That is all I would
like the most, I like more stuff too.
But what I wrote.
Love,
Heather

Dear Santa,
I like you, I have fun where I get
my presents when I open my things
and you know what I want—it is a
little doll and a bell. So I can wake
up my brothers.
Form Damell

Dear Santa,
I want motorcycle and a play station
and a new bike and Nintendo
64.
Your friend,
Anthony Barker
Be shore to get the thing I ask
for.

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation or a
Nintendo 64 or a getar or a dirt bike
and one game crosing U.S.A. with
the playstation Nascar 98 or NBA
98 with the playstation or MRC racing
championship with the
Nintendo 64. I played it last night
and I loved it. It was cool. Or a
game for regular Nintendo.
Your friend,
Matt

Dear Santa,
I want some roller blades, soccer
table, and a giga pet.
Your friend
Christopher H.

Dear Santa,
I want 10,000 barbie dolls and
10,000 baby dolls and a Rudolph
the red noes raindeer, Likety tricks,
swimming Aarila, My Size
Rupunzle, take care of me trilips,
and that doll that kiks her feet when
you push her in her stoller and as
many dolls and all the gril stuff o.k.
Santa and a computer too.
Your friend,
Shae

Dear Santa,
I want 10 hotwheels, I want 2 of
them to be black with some red and
orange fire on it. Are you shore that
you can get them? Oh yeah guess
what, I want a motorcycle to. If you
can I want a hot wheel super station
to. What ever you do, do not get me
a Barbie doll. Oh yeah, I almost
forgot get me a risk band with fire on
it. Please Please do not get me a doll
o.k.
Your friend,
Ethan Kyle Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a number 88, 24, nascar.
The 88 car driver is Dale Jerret and
the 24 driver is Jeff Sardon.
Love you,
Anthony J.

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation for
Christmas, I wood like to have one.
I want a gigapet because I like to
have one for Christmas. I sur like to
have a gigapet so bad. I can not wait
for one.
Your friend,
Justin

Dear Santa,
I wote a babydoll, a jeep for
Bobby, Totter' Brandt and Kayla to
come up and I'm glad that I get to
go out Ruths.
Your friend,
Brenda

Dear Santa,
I want another teddy bear purse,
Sabrina doll, and a magic 8 ball.
Your friend,
Erica Hall

Dear Santa,
I want lots of toys but I don't
know if you can carry them all. I
like the gifts from you to me. Have
a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,

Alena

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a race track and
a new modesickle and four wheeler,
a saga, and a nutiedo.
Your friend,
Adam

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me
Nike shos and Nike gloves and
Nike clothes and all Nike stuff and
that is all.
Love,
April Hill

Dear Santa,
I wot a Robotic pewer claw
jisevraps sole kit, Robotic 2000.
Your friend,
Zach

Dear Santa,
I bet you want to know what I
want for Christmas. I am not shure
right now. I only want 3 things.
They are a Saga saturn, two games
for my game gear.
Your friend,
Brian
P.S. be shure to get the things I
asked for.

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, C.D. player, four
wheeler, a rabbit dog, a Boxer dog,
G.T.O. car and a T.V., Nintendo 64.
I would also like a boat, pair of
shoes, note book paper, a book bag
and Wal-Mart. So that whats I want
for Christmas.
Your friend,
Steven

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64. I also want
a bunkbed. I wish you lived with
me. I want a playstation. Will you
give me a lemon so I can give it to
my mamaw.
Your friend,
Lee Ann

Dear Santa,
I want a real motorcycle and my
sister a doll bed and my dad a 4-
wheeler and my mom a 4-wheeler,
and my dog a toy snak.
I want a robot. I want a racing
car.
Cooy Cook

Dear Santa,
I want a rais car. I want a duck. I
want drill. I want gas pump. I want
rocket. I want robot. I want raiscak.
Blake

Dear Santa,
I lic u.
I want a nentindo 64 for
Christmas. I want some boots. I
want a station wagon, motorcycle
and police car.
Dustin

Dear Santa,
I like you. Brag me a punchan
bag and a playstahun and my sister
a new babedoll. Brag me a fracah
stin rodot.
G.

Dear Santa,
Would you ples bring me a
umbrello. Santa would you bring
my Mis Elliott a reincoat. And
Santa I love you. Santa, how is
Comet, and Rood-off? Santa would
you bring my sistr a baby bol. Santa
would you bring my daddy a new
truck.
Lindsey Dye

Dear Santa,
For Christmas will you get me a
red bike and a play motorski and a
master truk and nito sixteefoyr.
What I want for my mommy is
flowers and four my daddy sum
tools. Bring my sistr a babeedol.
This yir sum how I am going to
make shoor that you are the ril one
or one of your elfs. You are the best.

Tyler

Dear Santa,
I want a C.D. player. I want a
pup. I like a motorcycle. I want a
jeep. I want a bike. I want a rabbit.
Taylor

Dear Santa,
I whant a biceckile for Christmas
so I can ride it and get my bubby
one. He is ten. He needs a 5 speed
for Christmas. Get my mom a flavr
for Christmas. How are you doing
Santa Claws. Fine I hope.
I love y Sana Claws. Verey much
yes I do.
Tracy

Dear Santa,
How are you. My mom wants
sum flowers. My cusun James
wants a baby. I want a book bag and
sum pape.
I love Santa.
Danielle

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar for Christmas.
Michael

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll for Christmas.
I want a bike also.
Rabeo

Dear Santa,
How is Roodof. I want a baby
doll and a barbie jeep, my size
brody and a walking dog, swim-
ming pool and teddy bear, old and
give Miss Elliott flowers.
Heather

Dear Santa,
How are you. Howa the wetr in
the northpole. Oles brang my lil
brothr a triskikl. Ples brang my dady
a sawzaw. Pleas being my momy a
new par of glasses. Ples bring me a
dirt bike. And a buz lightyear.
Brenng my lil brothr a woody I can't
wate for Christmas.
Zach

Dear Santa,
I want a four weeler, a big four
wheeler, for my mom. And I want a
gokart four two people. I like dear
Santa.
Tommy

Dear Santa,
I wot a doll. I wot a dog. I wot a
yo yo yo. I wot a wagon. I wot a
bike. I wot a swing. I wot a watch. I
wote a coat. I wot a scarf. I wot a
rainbow. I wot a shell. I wot a neck-
lace. I wot a sweater.
Samantha

Dear Santa,
I want a Trbo Rangr. I want a
Fuord Turk. I want you two get my
mom a ring.
Shannon

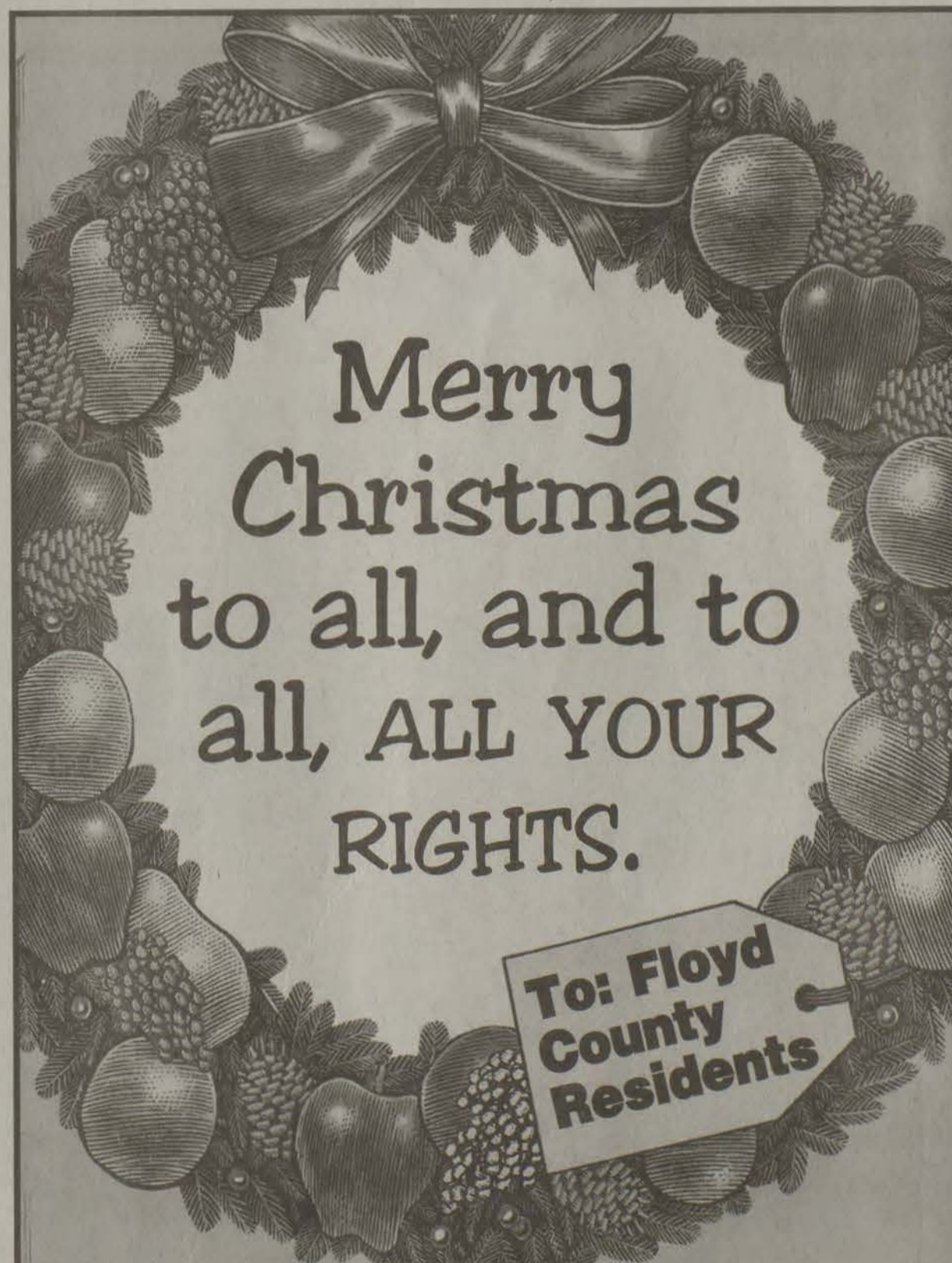
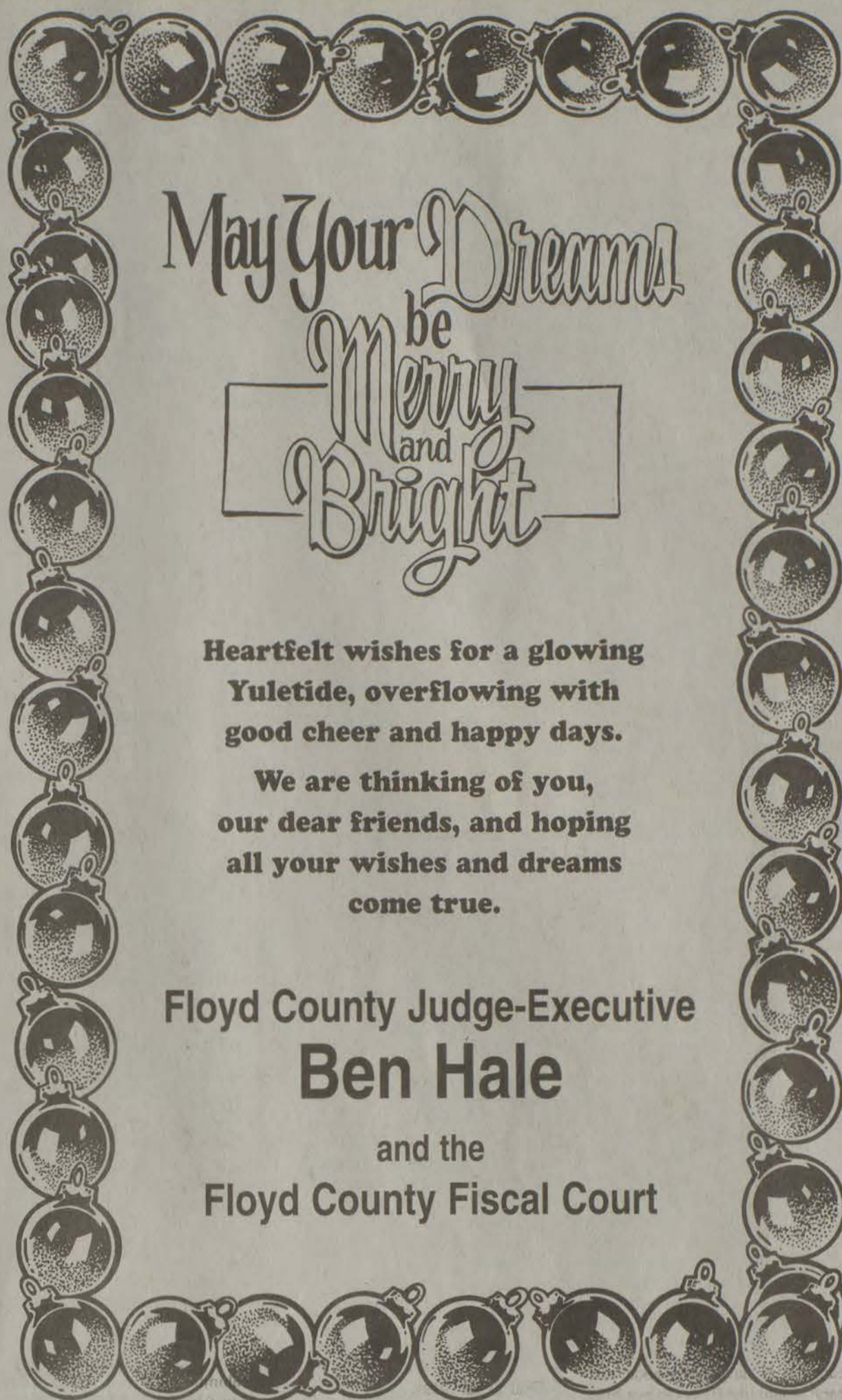
Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. I
want a black car. I want a rabbit
book. I like rabbits. Please bring me
a new game for my game boy.
Homer

Dear Santa,
I wat a dog. I want a Power
Ranger.
Steven

Dear Santa,
I wot a motorcycle. I wot lika
fourwilr. I wot to have a jeep. I wish
I kood have a bulldozer. I wot a racing
car. I wot like a rocket.
Timothy Mosley

Dear Santa,
I like you. Brag me clay, punch-
ing bag, vidio game. Brag my dad
and me want Indian set.
Bruce

Dear Santa,
My name is Rachel Gayheart. I
want you to bring me Baby Doll



and new shoes and new coat and diapers surprise, baby and bunch of toys and some games. I want a operation game to. I also want a table and chairs and a new bookbag. I will leave you some chips and dip under the tree.
Rachel Gayheart

Dear Santa,
My name is David Hall. I would like to have a gun and a remote control car and a remote control truck and a football and I would like to have a 4-wheeler and I want a whole bunch of toys. I will leave you some cheese and crackers.
David Hall
Age: 13

Dear Santa,
My name is Mark Hall. I want you to bring me a Dukes of Hazard car and some more toys for my mom and me to play with. I have been a very good boy this year. I hope you come to my house soon. I will leave you some apple sauce under the tree. Have a safe trip.
Mark Hall

Dear Santa,
My name is Mark Henson. I want you to bring me a big ho ho, a gun, a choo-choo train and a horn. I will leave you something good to eat under my tree. Have a safe trip. I almost forgot I also want a big robot and a 4 wheeler. Thank you Santa.
Mark Henson

Dear Santa,
My name John David Howell. I want you to bring me a remote control car, a trainset, a motorcycle, a fire truck that make sounds. Please bring my mommy a pretty hair bow, and please bring my daddy a police car. I will leave you some popcorn and pop under my tree. Tell Rudolph to be careful and hurry to my house.
John David Howell

Dear Santa,
My name is Amanda Newsome. I want you to bring me a bicycle, a baby doll, some make-up earrings, some new clothes, and a new pair of shoes. I will leave you something good to eat under my tree.
Your friend
Amanda Newsome

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Amanda. I am 9 years old. I have been good this year. I would like Baby Go bye-bye, Baby Jumbles, Baby Head Stand,

Delux Care set, Casey Cartwheel, Stroll with a thing at the bottom, car seat for babies, Game Boy, Tommy doll and a Rag Rat poster.
Yours truly,
Amanda Slone

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Aaron Lee Ousley. And I am 9 years old. And I'm in 3rd grade and I am a boy and this is what I want for Christmas. A 10 speed bike with a water bottle and a number 3 telephone and remote control car that has number 3 sticker and a wildcat coat size 10!!!! and I have been good.
Your friend,
Aaron Ousley

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Leanne Newsome. I am a good girl. I am 8 1/2. I want a Hansom's stuff for my bed. I want Zack Heansom I ewrit letears to him. I want him to come to Kentucky, places, I want a rugrat named Tommy.
Your friend,
Leanne Newsome

Dear Santa,
Hey! I'm Morghan Josephine Slone. I am in 3rd grade and 8 yrs. old at P.E.S.
I have a twin sister and a brother. I was wondering am I on the bad list or good list.
I have been good this year. I want a big boom box and Hanson C.D. Snowed in to go with it.
Sincerely,
Morghan

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Aaron Buchanan. I am eight years old and in the third grade. For Christmas, I would like a Nintendo 64, a giga pet, an angel snowglobe, a telephone, and a computer. I would also like for my family to get back together.
I have been a very good boy this year and I hope you can bring all these presents. I will leave some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree for you.
Your friend,
Aaron

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a 9 year old boy in 3 grade. I want a skate board, merf guns, action figures hand a Dallas cow-boy uniform and I have been good.
Merry Christmas
Andrew

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Lindsey Baker. I

live at Dixie at Prestonsburg. Remember, I live in apartment 110. I am nine years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I love you. You are really Chris Kringle aren't you? Any how I want a Lickety treats doll Playdo a necklace for mom a racecar for Dakota a diamond ring, for Mrs. Ridner and a toothbrush. And Jhonny a teddy bear. I want a wig and the barbie cruising car. Have a Merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Lindsey
P.S. Sometimes I have been bad.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 years old and I am a girl. I'm also in 3rd grade. I want a gigapet. I have a sister and she is 12 years old and her name is Brandt. I have been good this summer.
Sincerely,
Vanessa Renee Barnett

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want is a bike and a baseball and thats all I want.
Your friend,
Jordan Hayton

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car, a wrestling ring, a sony play station, a stocking ful of candy, and swarms that's all.
Neil Farll

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Mike and for Christmas. I would like a 20 gauge shotgun.
Your friend,
Mike

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Carman Ray Maines. I want a set of drums, army shorts, Daytona 500 and a 410 shotgun.
Your friend,
Carman Maines

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Michael and my age 9 and I want a motecantrolled plane, a toy robot and a motecontrolled crash back.
Your friend,
Michael

Dear Santa,
My name is Katie and with D. Yo my birthday traler April 22. I want boises and dolls and trols and milons of dollars and a jeep and computer and stbo and cd and big toil cabinet.
Your friend,
Katie

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Ashley Riffe. I am 8 years old. I think I have beena good girl and will play with the toys you bring. I would like a doll called Baby So Real, and a Upsy Daisy Doll, Nintendo 64, and a vido game, and a bike.
Merry Christmas,
Ashley

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. My name is Sarah. For Christmas I want pound pupies, 5 gegapets, grand cham, color colers, and a sleigh.
Your friend,
Sarah

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kim Knox. I am 10

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Holiday Office Hours of the Floyd County Clerk's office will be as follows:

Office **CLOSED**Wednesday, December 24th
CLOSEDThursday December 25th
CLOSEDFriday, December 26th

Office OPEN.....Saturday, December 27th, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

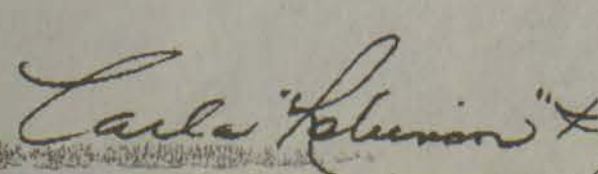

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CLOSEDFriday, January 2nd
CLOSEDSaturday, January 3rd
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The Staff and I wish you much happiness during the holidays. Remember, that Jesus is the reason for this joyous season!

God Bless You.

Season's Greetings

May the beauty of Christmas and the splendor of God's many creations, be a source of inspiration to you at this joyous time of year.

With sincere thanks and best wishes to our many fine friends and neighbors.

Ronnie M. Slone
Attorney at Law
Prestonsburg, KY
886-0006

years old. I would like to have a real talking Tommy, a real talking Bubba, makeup, a desk, clothes and Nike shoes. I have been a good girl all year.
Sincerely,
Kim Knox

Dear Santa,
I'm 9 years old and I'm in the third grade. For Christmas I want a Play Station and two games. They are called WCW vs. the World and Nascar 98. Also I want a pair of black silk Adidas pants.
Sincerely,
Westley Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 years old. I am in 3rd grade. My name is Justin. I want a Play Station, Elmo that says his ABC green Adidas shoes. I will see you December 25th.
Your truly,
Justin Conn

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Meaghan J. Slone. I am 8 1/2 years old. My birthday is July 23. For Christmas I want Hanson Snowed In, Will Smith Men In Black, Brandi Sitting up in my room, Puff Daddy Missing You, and Mariah Carey Honey, and 3 car models, and a remote control Camaro. I've been good, I have only got my name on the board 4 times. I'm in 3rd grade. But when I got my name on the board. I didn't lose any minutes.
Yours truly,
Meaghan Slone

Dear Santa Claus,
I am an eight year old boy. I'm in third grade. My teacher is Mrs. Skeens I go to Prestonsburg Elementary School. I have not got my name on the board. I have been good and got good grades. So I want a video camera.
Yours truly,
Benji

Dear Santa,
My name is Bailey Hamilton and I would like a computer and a big ball far cameron.
Lave Bailey

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a chalkboard, Sebastian, flounder and Little Mermaid toys. Also, if you can, bring me Take Care of Me Triplets Baby Doll.
Love,

Savannah Meade
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I am writing this letter for my mom, little brother, dad, and me. Cody is two and wants a bike, and toys in his stocking. Mom and dad said just anything you bring them. And I would like a Hanson CD and I really want a sony playstation. I am 8 years old. We will leave cookies and lots of milk under the tree.
Merry Christmas
Love Josh Holbrook

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan Hall. I am 7 years old. I have been good this year.
Please bring me a gigget, monster truck, clothes, cowboys boot, and cars.
Love,
Ryan Hall
P.O. Box 465
Wayland, Ky, 41666

P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies beside the Christmas tree.
Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Carol Andrew Gibson and I'm 10 years old and I go to Duff Elementary and I'm in the 4th grade. I've been pretty good this year. I would like for Christmas this year a remote control car, and a gigi pet, electric train set, and some computer games for my computer. I guess I'll close for now I'll leave milk and cookies for you.
Your friend
Carl Gibson

Dear Santa,
My name is Tara Huff, age 6. I would like a snoring Ernie and a easy bake oven and a bicycle, and a fingernail creation, and I will leave you cookies and milk.
Dear Santa,
I want a tent. It has a pooh on it. I also want a baby bathing doll, the shopping doll.
Santa, you have a lot of homes to go to you can come to my house last.
P.S. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the nice gifts you brought me last year for Christmas. This year I would like a CD player and CDs. I have been very good all year.
My foster brothers have been good too. They would like some-

thing special for Christmas. Joey would like a T.V., Dusty would like a Miami Dolphins Jersey, and Juan would like a Dallas Cowboy Helmet.
Please don't forget my two half brothers Joey and Bart. They have been good too. They would like speakers and a new instrument.
Mamaw is doing better this year and she said thank you for your prayers. Bring her something extra nice.
As always mom will have milk and cookies under the tree for you. I look forward to Christmas in the hopes of seeing you.
Love!
Kyle Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Crystal Gibson and I'm 9 years old and I go to Duff Elementary and I'm in the 3rd grade, I've been pretty good this year, this is what I would like for Christmas I would like a race car set, a baby born, a gigi pet, a fingernail fun set, and a barbie and barbie clothes, and the new Shania Twain cd, and some computer cd's, guess I'll close for now, I'll leave milk and cookies for you.
Your Friend,
Crystal Gibson

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicholas Byron Stumbo. I live at Big Mud Creek, Harold, Kentucky. I am three years old but I will be four years old on Christmas. Santa, I would like to see Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer when you come and visit me. I have been a good boy this year and all I want for Christmas is a Fisher Price Construction Set, Tonka grader and play food. I will leave you milk and chocolate chip cookies under the tree. Also, Santa bring my daddy a Tonka grader too, so me and my daddy can play. I will leave the door unlocked because I don't have a chimney.
Love you,
Nicholas

Dear Santa,
My name is Chelesie Conn and I am 6 yrs. old. For Christmas I want a new pair of shoes, clothes, Barbie Play House, Bubble Blowing Cabbage Patch Doll, Operation Game, a N.F.L. 2-pc. cheerleader set (49ers), Tickle me Elmo, Barbie Doll, with hot tub, Little Mermaid Talkin CD player, snow cone maker, Barbie skates. That's all for now. If you can't buy everything

you can save some for next year.
Love Chelesie
Dear Santa Clause,
This Christmas I want a dirt rider, Batman and Robin video game, Tin Can Alley shooting gallery.
Christopher
Dear Santa Clause,
This Christmas I want a Pooh Stroller, Pooh dool play yard, Pooh traveler seat, Fun Nail Salon, and Lost World Jurassic park and 1 more thing Puppy giga pet.
Jennifer Belcher
P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk and this year our tree maybe will be in the middle of the room and I am 8 years old.

Dear Santa,
My name is Britt and I am only 3 years old so I am telling my mommy what to write. I have been pretty good this year and for Christmas I would like a turning dump truck, a real big basketball, goal like Space Jam, a battery operated train that you ride with some track like in the Christmas book, Big Extreme Dinosaurs and any kind of games you think I would like. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree and I will also leave Rudolph some carrots. I hope to see you at Christmas time.
Love,
Britt Whitaker

Dear Santa,
My name is Tiffany Jarrell. I am 8 years old. I would like for you to bring me a train set and a sega game.
I would also like for to bring my mommy something because I love her a lot. I love you, Santa.
Merry Christmas Santa,
Tiffany
Dear Santa,
My wish list is as follows:
Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Man. May God bless each and every person's which this year. Merry Christmas to all, and "Happy Birthday Jesus."
Lois Cornette

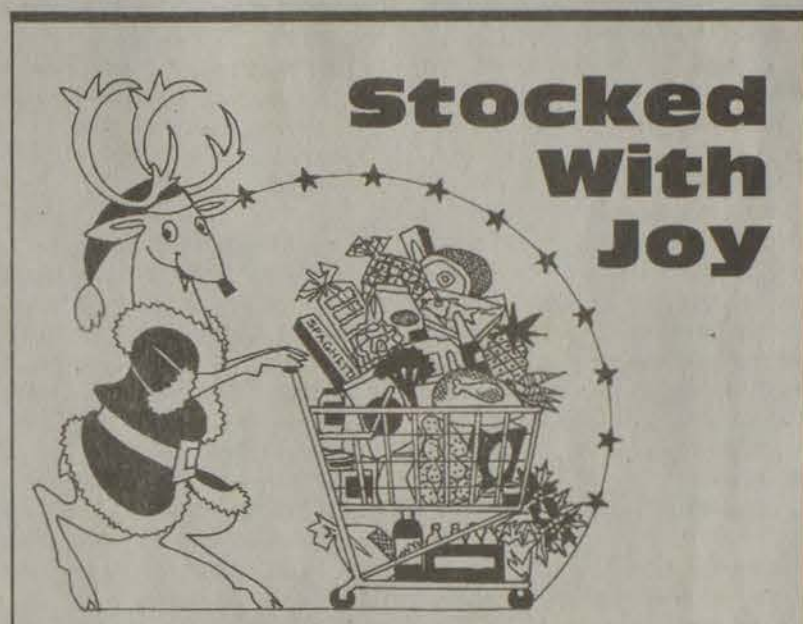


Warmest Christmas Wishes

The lights are strung,
The gifts piled high,
Stockings are hung,
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We're wishing you,
Good cheer abound,
Peace and joy, too,
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Dear Santa,

Hi how are you and Mrs. Claus and all your friends at the North Pole? I haven't been that mean this year so if you could I would like these toys for Christmas. The Ginger walking dog—Birthday Barbie, A Giga pet the 8 in one, Tuggles. The little Mermaid doll also Holiday Barbie the game guess who and talking Bubba but also some clothes oh yeah and the Anastasia movie too! And a beetle bug car for my best sister Crystal.

Thanks love ya
Brittney Compton
Age: 6
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,

I want a movie called were the red ferns part one and part three. And roky one, two, three, four, and five and a train set. And porcelain gift collection. And a few barbie dolls. And I want it to be a very good Christmas. And God bless you. And feed the other people this winter. And bless the other people. And I want Rambo One and Two. I am nine years old and my name is Anthony.

Dear Santa,

My name is Brianna Kristan Slone. I live at 429 Beech Branch road. My mom says I havn't been to bad this year.

I would like to have a My Size Repunzul, a TV, a VCR, something for my hair, dresses and bellbottoms, take care of me triplets, computer and printer, and stereo and tapes. It is ok if I don't get every thing on my list but these are the thing I would like to have.

Brianna

P.S. Can't wait till Christmas.

P.S. I have been working really hard at school and getting really good grades.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jessica Adkins and I am nearly eight years old. I'm writing this for me and my little brother Correy who is two and a 1/2. I go to Harold Elementary School. I'm in Sara Barker's room. She is the best teacher I've had though all my grades. My mom has put in a special order this year for you for a surprise gift this year for me and my brother. My mommy and daddy said they will take whatever you bring for them. Correy also wants some cars in his stocking.

I love you Santa Claus.
Bye bye
Jessie Adkins

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Michelle Lynn Craft. I am the 9-year-old daughter of Eddie and Brenda Craft of Allen, and for Christmas this year I would like a giga pet, some games, some new clothes, and anything else, you want to bring me. Santa I have really been good this year, and I am really looking for to seeing you Christmas eve. I will leave you some cake and coffee under the tree, so you can eat before you leave.

P.S. Your Friend, Michelle Craft
Also Santa don't forget Mom and Dad.

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Dustin Aronald Wright, I am the 6 year old son of Randy and Dolly Wright of Martin, and for Christmas this year I would like a big firetruck, a remote control car, some new clothes and anything else you want to bring me. Santa I have been extra good this year, just so I could see you Christmas Eve.

Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree so, you won't be hungry. By for now.

P.S. Your little friend,
(Dustin)

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Martha Bell Craft, I am the 10-year-old daughter of Eddie and Brenda Craft of Allen, and for Christmas this year, I would like a ring, a computer, some new clothes and any thing else you want to bring me, Santa I have been real good, this year and I am really looking forward to seeing you Christmas Eve, I will leave you some goodies under the tree, so. By for now.

Your friend
Martha Bell Craft

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing fine this year. I would like you to bring me a karaoke machine, a doll, that brushes her teeth, and Dentist Barbie.

Would you please bring my dog, Jojo a bone? Please bring my mom the Twister movie and my dad a paint ball gun.

I will leave you milk and cookies and I will leave Rudolph a red apple.

Thank you
Love,
Rachel Tussey
Age: 8
Prestonsburg

Shea

Dear Santa,

My name is Andrew Tackett. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a sleeping Ernie and some books.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Andrew

Dear Santa,

My name is Samantha Meade. I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a purse, powder, lipstick and fingernail polish.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Zemtho

Dear Santa,

My name is Autumn Eads. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a cheerleading dress and make-up.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Autumn

Dear Santa,

My name is Tracy Little. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a hot wheel set, spider man, and superman.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Tracy

Dear Santa,

My name is Courtney Anderson. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie set, Barbie lamp and purse.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Courtney

Dear Santa,

My name is Julie Jones. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a kitchen set, make-up, gold jewelry and giggle pet.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Julie

Dear Santa,

My name is Megan Mullins. I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie jeep, a Barbie doll and Barbie clothes.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Megan

Dear Santa,

My name is James Hall. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a toy gun, badge, police car and a toy bullet for my gun.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
James

Dear Santa,

My name is Martha Newsome. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I

have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a make-up kit.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Martha

Dear Santa,

My name is Tommy Hall. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Nike jacket.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Tommy

Dear Santa,

My name is Billy Henderson. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a Nike watch.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Billy

Dear Santa,

My name is Cody Spears. I am 5 years old. I am in Mrs. Akers' room at Melvin Grade School. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a hot wheels race track.

I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Cody

Dear Santa Claus,

I am three years old and too little to write. So my aunt is writing what I tell her. I am trying to be good on Earth. Please bring me a Batmobile and a jeep. Bring your sack with you, and a basket of candy. And get Jason a Rotweiler for Christmas. And get Jason a Rotweiler for Christmas. And bring mommy one of them blond dogs, one of them loving ones. Cause she likes them. Please bring my cousin Tristan a riding dump truck. And please bring him a calculator. Tristan's pretty good. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Merry Christmas to Santa Claus!
Emery Blake McCoy

Dear Santa Clause

I am Brandon Hayton. My age is 7 year-old and I would like to see you. I would like to have a bag of men, regular side men and I hope you have a good Christmas Santa.

Love,
Brandon Hayton




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Dear Santa,
 What I want for Christmas is a bike and house dog and a new guitar and a lot more and a guitar case and a drum set, a piano set, and a lot of houses, big houses, too.

Love,
 Jordan Hayton
 Age 9

Dear Santa,
 Nevan and James, want Golden Eye 007. We want that Santa. We will leave you milk and cookies under the tree. Please bring that.

Love,
 James, age 12 and Charles Nevan Slone
 Age 5
 Wayland, Ky.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Carissa Conley and I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl this year. This is what I would like for you to bring me. Baby Tumbles surprise Bouncy Baby, Crazy Curly, a Barbie doll. Some play make-up.

Love,
 Carissa

Dear Santa,
 My name is Nathan Conley and I am 7 years old. I have been a good boy this year. This is what I would like for you to bring me. Batman and Robin figures. Jurassic Park toys, a race car track. Batman and Robin movie. Power Rangers turbo boat. And most of all a bike.

Love,
 Nathan

Dear Santa,
 My name is Aaron Conley and I am 4 years old. I think that I have been a good boy this year. This is what I would like for you to bring me. A green Tyco Rebound, Batman and Robin figures, Stars Wars figures, The Phantom Rangers, A Tonka Dump truck.

Love,
 Aaron

Dear Santa,
 Christmas is special to me because it was the day in which Christ was born.

It is also special because we have a front row seat to a snow covered world. Yet another is that we get presents from our parents and from you. Its not over yet. I liked it because Its the last holiday there is and year that is. Last but definitely not-least, we get out of school. Well, I guess that "wraps it up" ha ha ha, or should I say "Ho Ho Ho! Bye Bye!

Sincerely,
 Cory Allen
 P.S. Another is magical things seem to happen at this time.

P.S. Another is everyone gets off work! Hallaluja!!!

Dear Santa,
 Here's the list I gave my mom to get me: A "Hanson's" tape, a "Hanson's" CD, a CD player, Nike watch, a rottweiler, an air guitar, a drum set, other dogs and cats, a golden retriever, Boston terrier, French bulldog, real chow-chow, a bloodhound, beagle, mastiff, Collie, Newfoundland, (the country), bull terrier, fox terrier, Manchester terrier, pug, real Chihuahua, Pekinese, and for my twin brothers to disappear.

Katie Crum
 Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
 I want a Robotix Power Claw, \$39; a triceratops, \$28; and Grow-A-Frog, \$15.

Zachary Crum
 Osborne Elementary

Dear Santa,
 Don't bring us any clothes, just candy and Jurassic Park/Lost World Splitter Trucks, socker-boppers, a real Superman; big wheels, shakes, NASCAR stuff, and don't bring our sister Katie anything. Just us and Zachary.

Dylan and Datton Mullins
 Prestonsburg Elementary

Dear Santa,
 I wud a toee colt and a toee doll and puppets and a toee guitar and cymbols and drawing.

Bailey

Dear Santa,
 I love you Santa. I wute a jeep. And babe stufe.
 I wute to have a dog.
 I love Christmas.
 I will hve cucces and mete.
 My mom love Santa to.
 My bruth love Santa.
 I wuth macup.
 Christmas is fun today.
 Santa loves me.
 Santa loves my bruth to.
 Santa loves my mom to.
 Santa loves Christmas.
 How are you.
 Victoria

Dear Santa,
 My name is McKenna. I would like you to bring me a Nintendo 64

and Winnie the Pooh stuff. I will leave you milk and cookies.

McKenna Conley
 Age: 5
 Allen Elem.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Deena. I will leave you some cookies. I want Winnie the Pooh stuff and a giga pet.

Deena Jarrell
 Age: 5
 Allen Headstart

Dear Santa,
 My name is Raya. I am 7 yrs. old. I would like some Winnie the Pooh stuff and fingernal art.

Raya Calhoun
 Mountain Christian
 Acadmey

Dear Santa,
 My name is Emilie. I would realy like to have a sing and snore Ernie.

Emilie Calhoun
 22 months
 Allen

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kristen Danielle Williamson and I am 1 year old. This year for Christmas I would like to have a Hug n Wiggle Pooh, Sing and Snore Ernie, real talking Bubba, Holiday Barbie, activity center and anything else you would like to bring me. My sister (Kaitlyn) and I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

Love,
 Kristen

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kaitlyn Nicole Williamson, and I am 2 1/2 years old. This year for Christmas I would like a Little mermaid that swims, Little Tikes desk, Mr. Bucket, Holiday Barbie and anything else that you would like to bring me. My sister (Kristen) and I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

Love,
 Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,
 My name is Tiffany Billiter. I'm in the 1st grade at Betsy Layne Elementary. I've been a pretty good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me 2 kittens, 2 puppies, some clothes, a barbie doll that walks, a teddy bear and a doodle bear. I would also like some cloths for my kittens and puppies. I love you Santa and will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. You are very special, Santa. I pray that all the boys and girls in the world has a special Christmas. See you soon, Santa.

Love,
 Tiffany Billiter
 Betsy Layne
 I am 6 years old.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Sally. I'm 3 year-old, please bring me a baby, and a baby and what you can bring.

Sally Hamilton

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have a light saber in green, avolcano blowout set or x-men water wars and a star wars death star. My biggest wish is to see my daddy Jeff for Christmas. I love him very much.

My name is
 Jordan Tackett
 Age: 7
 Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
 I am 5 years old. I will Aoupsi Daisy doll.

From Samantha

Dear Santa,
 All I want for Christmas is everybody to love Christmas even though if I don't celebrate

Christmas. I want everybody to have a special holiday.

Belinda Rae Blackworth
 Age: 7
 Garrett

Dear Santa,
 My name is Cheyenne Sloan and I am 4 years old. I've been a good girl most of the time.

I want some toys for Christmas. I want a hoppin poppin spaceballs game, Talking Tommy Pickles doll, Chuckie doll, Lickety Treat doll, Barbie and Ginger, Pound Puppy Van, Talking Little Mermaid Telephone, Huffn' Puff Vacuum Cleaner, Fuzzy pumper play-dough set, Anastasia doll. Spinnin Sam, Don't Wake Daddy game, Fingernail Fun and anything else you want to bring me.

Please bring my mommy and daddy something, and my Nanny. She's been really good this year. Don't forget my cat Frosty and my dog Lucky.

I hope you like chocolate chip cookies, because I'll leave you some with a glass of milk.

I love you Santa.
 Love, Cheyenne
 P.S. Please hurry.

Dear Santa,
 My name is Peyton Clifton Lee Akers. I am 19 months old. My mom's name is Tina Mullins. My daddy name is Chester Akers Jr. We live at Dana.

I would like for you to bring me a new kitten. So my cat Jade and I will have some one else to play with.

In the toy line I would like a Bull Dozer, some new batman and Robin toys and some new balls and some guns. Please Santa bring papaw Clifford and Mamaw Rhonda Mullins something special too because there special to me. They live at Branhams Creek.

Love you Ho! Ho!
 Love,
 Peyton C. Akers
 Dana
 Age: 19 months

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kyle Bailey. I am 4 years old.

I have been a very good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a remote control, race car and a giant dump truck and whatever else you think I should get. We will leave some milk and cookies for you under the tree.

I love you Santa.
 Timothy Kyle Bailey
 Son of Teresa and Tim Bailey of Bypro

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kiana Shanice Hall. I am only 3 years old. So my mom is writing you this letter. I have been very good this year. (Well, most of the time). Santa, this year I seem to want everything, especially—2V/VCR Combo, Dirt Devil Vacuum Cleaner, Barbie Dentist, Swimming Mermaid and any other Mermaid toys, Cheerleader doll, Mickey Mouse telephone, and any other toys you think I should have. My mom and I will leave you some cookies and hot chocolate beside the tree. Have a safe trip Santa. I will say a special night, night prayer for you on Christmas Eve.

I love you Santa,
 Kiana Hall
 Daughter of Jeanie Hall of Melvin and Victor Hall of Ohio

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kayla. I am in Ms. Hall first grade at Osborne. I have been a good girl for Christmas. I want Fingernail Salon.

Your friend,
 Kayla



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May this season of spirituality and miracles bring serenity and joy to all those near and dear to you, and may Heaven shine its grace down upon you.

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Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 and a Lego Maniac game. Anything else you want to bring for me. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love B.J.

Dear Santa,

I am a seven year old girl, at Osborne Elem. 1st grade. Ms. Hall home room. I am a good girl all the time. I do my homework, keep my bed made for mom. Please bring me finger nail fashion, pretty clothes, doll. I will leave cookies, milk for you under the tree.

Your friend,
Ronsheena Ray

Dear Santa,

My name is Alan. I am in Ms. Hall's first grade at Osborne. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a Giga pet, talking bubba, My Size Barbie, triplets construction, gamegirl, fingernail salon and a motorcycle.

Dear Santa,

Will you get me the Volcano Race track or Mario Kart (for SNES) or Real Talking Bubba. I love you.

Kody Little

Dear Santa,

My name is Rebecca. I am in Ms. Hall first grade at Osborne. I have been a good girl for Christmas. I want My Size Barbie, and fingernail salon and a gigapet. Chickinker Little Food Mart and a puppy. The two trins on Rug Rat and a Doodle Bear.

Rebecca Jones

Dear Santa,

My name is Deven. I am in Ms. Hall first grade at Osborne. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a talking Bubba and a Wintendo and games and I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Deven Adams

Dear Santa,

My name is Michelle. I am 6 years old. I am in Ms. Hall's first grade at Osborne. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want Yatzy, fingernail salon, it's our world girls, doo bear, an eletic diary, a pupy, kitten and anything you think I should have.

Your friend,
Thank you.

Dear Santa,

My name is Brandon. I am in Ms. Hall's first grade at Osborne. I

have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a motorcycle and a cool tools motorcycle and a toy race car and a story book. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
Brandon Tackett

Dear Santa,

My name is Britt. I am in Ms. Halls first grade at Osborne. I have been a good boy for Christmas. I want Nintendo 64. I will leave some milk and cookies.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Britt Johnson

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you. I'm fine. My brother Luke and I have been trying to be good. We would like to ask you to bring us some gifts. A My Size Barbie, triplets construction, gamegirl, fingernail salon and a motorcycle.

Thank-you.
Your friend,
Rachel

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaitlan. I am in Ms. Hall's first grade at Osborne. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want Giga pet, Talking Bubba, a Barbie doll, 4-wheeler, and that's all. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend,
Kaitlan Little

Dear Santa,

My name is B.J. I am in Ms. Hall first grade at Osborne. I have been a good boy for Christmas. I want a Nintendo 64 games, motorcycle, cool tools. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
B.J. Duty

Dear Santa,

My name is Micheal. I am in Ms. Halls first grade at Osboron. I have been a good boy for Christmas. I want a new radio jrris a park vide, stuffed Teddy bear. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,

My name is Megan. I am in Ms. Hall first grade at Osborne. I have been a good girl. I want a Barbie and Ginger Teddy Bear, bike, doll. I will leave you milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jessica Tackett. I am in Miss Hall's first grade at Osborne. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want the triplets. I will put milk and cookies up under my Christmas tree.

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas this year could you please bring me a V.C.R., a big construction set, a race car track, some new videos, some new clothes and some new games to play with. My mom and dad. I also would like a new Pooh bear for my little sister, some toys that play music and bring her some new clothes please. If you can please bring my mom some new books, clothes and some money. My daddy needs some new hunting stuff and a new truck. We have all been really good this year. Thanks.

Love, Dakota Mullins Moore

Dear Santa,

My name is Coretta. I am in Ms. Hall's first grade at Osborne. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I hope I get a baby brother. That's all. I will leave cookies and milk on the table.

Your friend,
Coretta

Dear Santa,

My name is Steven. I am in Ms. Hall's first grade at Osborne. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I wa model car, and I want metal and cuffs. And I want toys.

Steven

Dear Santa,

My name is Misti Hall. I am in Ms. Hall's first grade at Osbrone. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a My Size Barbie and talking Bubba, Fingernail Salon, gigapet, triplets, Barbie and Ginger and I will leave cookie and milk.

by Misti to Santa.

Will you bringne theis toys to me.

Your friend,

Misti

Dear Santa,

My name is Allison. I am in Ms. Hall classroom. I have been a good girl. What I want for Christmas is Talking bubba, motorcycle, Fingernail Salon, and milk and cookies, will be in frot of the fire.

Your friend,
Allison Daniels

Dear Santa,

My name is Kimberly Bolen. I am in Miss Hall's first at Osborne. I have been a very good girl. For Christmas I want a cool shopping Barbie, Take Care of Me Triplets and any other Barbies you think I should have. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Kimberly

Dear Santa,

I want Nintendo 64, Play Station, nail fashion, roller girl, computer, bell, zoo and a 4x4, and a puppy.

Vonnie Kelley

Dear Santa,

I want 64 Nintendo, Play Station, 300 4x4, Casey Cartwheel, puppy, race track.

Scott Collins

Dear Santa,

I want Nintendo and a rabbitt. Warren Blackburn

Dear Santa,

I want pink skates, barbie's and car, a puppy and book.

Paige Blackburn

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, kite, angelica, and a computer.

Ashley Poston

Dear Santa,

I want a playstation, Daytona 500, Nintendo 64, and a basketball phone.

Joshua Craynor




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Mayor Jerry Fannin
and
City Council
Members



Dear Santa,
I want Nintendo 64, a puppy, Daytona 500, a racetrack, a bike, a kite and family.
Spencer Newsome

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo, puppy and computer.
Brian Keen

Dear Santa,
I want a Casey Cartwheel doll, nail fashion, Sabrina, a puppy, and Tommy and Angelina.
Brittany Peppi

Dear Santa,
I want Magic Stuff, a robot, a truck, and nintendo.
Ryan Williamson

Dear Santa,
I want a Daytona 500 and Nascar '98.
Nicholas Conn

Dear Santa,
I want Casey Cart wheel, puppy, and nail fashion.
Love,
Kate Herrick

Dear Santa,
I want Nintendo, 4x4, playstation, Daytona 500, computer, Nascar '98, Tommy, Rollergirl, Lickity Treat, and Sabrina.
Randy Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I want Nintendo 64, 300 4x4, Daytona 500, trucks, bie, puppy, Tommy, computer, Jeff Gorden remote, Dukes of hazard pillow.
Austin McKinney

Dear Santa,
I want Casey Cartwheel, nail fashion, puppy, computer, girl roller skates, lickit-treats.
Clarissa Sherman

Dear Santa,
I want Nail Fashion, puppy, computer, Lickity treats and roller-girl.
Stephanie Gibson

Dear Santa,
I want Lickity Treats, Nail Fashion, Sabtlna that floats, roller-girl and triplets.
Kassidy Kidd

Dear Santa
I would like to have a baby doll for Christmas. I would like to have

a car remote control. I would like to have happiness and peace on earth and family...Angels can come to your door alive.
Suzanne

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I am 8 years old, have been a very good girl this year. Here is my list of what I want for Christmas.

1. Baby doll car seat, 2. Tickle Me Elmo, 3. Starcastle Carnival. Santa you can bring me one of these or surprise me.
Love,
Crystal Osborne

Dear Santa,
My name is Travis Hall. I am 4 years old. I live at Topmost, Ky. I have been a good boy all year. Santa, I would like for you to bring me a Rapunzel three foot tall Barbie Doll, a C.D. player and C.D.'s and a white Barbie vanity. Santa I have been a good girl this year. I will leave you some pop and cookies under the tree.

Love,
Travis Hall

Dear Santa,
I'm 5 years old and my name is Amanda Rose Bellamy. I would like for you to bring all the girls and boys lots of gifts. What I would like for Christmas is a pink bike, doctor kit, Casey cartwheel doll, roller skates, dentist Barbie doll, my Lickety Treats doll, Newborn diaper surprise doll, California roller girl doll.

P.S. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you beside the tree.
Love you Santa.
Amanda Rose Bellamy
Age 5 years old

Dear Santa,
My name is Casey Parsons, I am 7 years old and I go to Harold Elementary School. I have been a good boy this year and I would like for you to bring me a electric guitar, play station, a Spider Man Web Blaster, a Nintendo 64 and Extreme Dinosaurs. Thank you Santa, and I will leave you some cake, milk and popcorn under the tree.

Your pal
Casey Parsons
7 years old

Dear Santa,
My name is Corey Parsons, I am 7 years old and I go to Harold Elementary School. I have been a good boy this year and I would like

for you to bring me the Video Game Mortal Combat Number 1, all the Mighty Ducks, and the real Turbo Ranger Toy, and a Spider Man Web Blaster. Thank you Santa, and I will leave you some chocolate cake and milk, along with a Milkway candy bar under the tree.

Your pal
Corey Parsons
Age 7

Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany Lashae Salisbury, and I am 5 years old. Santa I would like for you to bring me a Rapunzel three foot tall Barbie Doll, a C.D. player and C.D.'s and a white Barbie vanity. Santa I have been a good girl this year. I will leave you some pop and cookies under the tree.

Thanks Santa.
Brittany Salisbury
Age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexander Hammonds. I am two years old in the 2nd grade. I live on Hammonds Rd., at Prestonsburg. I would like for Christmas, a Gator Golf, Mortal Kombat Trilogy, clothes, shoes, Super Mario Cart tape. Please bring my two brothers something nice too and my mom and dad too. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Your pal!
Alex

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason D. Branham, and I am three years old. I have a baby sister, Olivia Lynn who is one. My parents are Doug and Stacy Branham, and we live at Melvin, Ky. Santa, I want to tell you what we want for Christmas. I want a four-wheeler, flashlight, and my sister wants a toy box and a baby doll. If you can also bring us some new clothes and lots of candy and fruit. I have tried to be a good boy, but will try harder. Olivia said she would be a good girl also. We love you Santa Claus, and are looking forward to seeing you at Christmas. We will leave you something good to eat under the tree.

Love,
your friends
Mason and Olivia

P.S. Don't forget mom, dad, grandparents, and uncle Anthony and aunt Bridget. Please Santa remember all the other little boys and girls. I guess its ok that my nannan helped me write you, since I can't write yet.

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Rex Stanton Tyler Wright. I am the 3-year-old son of Rex Stanton and Janie Wright of Martin, and for Christmas this year I want a four-wheeler, a remote-controlled car, some new clothes and anything else you want to bring me. Santa I am a very good little boy and I have been all year, just so I could get to see you Christmas eve. Santa if you bring me a four-wheeler I'll take you for a ride down to Giovanni's Pizza house, and we'll have pizza. Santa I will be watching to see, so I am going to go for now. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree Christmas eve, so you want have to leave my house hungry.

Love ya, Santa
Your friend,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Chasity Nicole Mullins, I am the 2 year old daughter of Tracy and Nioka Mullins of Martin, and for Christmas this year, I want a doll, a Minnie Mouse that talks, some new clothes, and anything else you want to bring me. I have been extra good this year Santa, because I know you visit the good little girls first, and according to my aunt Brenda, I should be the first on your list. Santa I am going to go for now but, I'll still be watching for you. Also Santa don't forget my mama and papa, Rex and Bille Wright but you don't have to visit them cause all they want for Christmas is me. I will leave you some chocolate cake and milk under the tree. Santa so you won't get hungry. Love you Santa.
P.S. Your friend, Chasity Mullins

Dear Santa,
My name is Savannah Paige Salisbury, I am 7 years old and I attend school at John M. Stumbo Elementary. Santa I have a long list so will you try and bring me at least 5 of these items. I have been a very good girl this year. I would like to have a Real Talking Bubba, Finger Nail Fun Saloone, Stamp-u-teak, Barbie Vanity, a three foot tall Barbie Rapunzel, Don't Wake Daddy, Mousetrap game, C.D. Player, C.D. of Wild America, Tape of Wild America, Barbie sleeping bag, Red Heart Pillow, Magic Stroller baby, Sack of Marbles, Red Flashlight, 15 more Beanie Baby's, Super Nintendo Game, Mortal Combat, Racing car game, Lucky

Ducks, Play Station, Jurissa Park-type for play station, slinky-metal or plastic, and pink curtains for my bedroom, with "I love you" on

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them. Thank you Santa, and I will leave you some pizza and Pepsi pop under the tree.

Love you Santa,
Your pal
Savannah Salisbury
Age 7

Dear Santa,
My name is Christy Hall. I am 9 years old.

I have been good this year. Please bring me a bean baby, clothes, pair of shoes, and a Rugrat tape.

I will leave you some milk and cookies beside the Christmas tree.

Love,
Christy Hall
Wayland

Dear Santa,

I want a batman set and bat mobil. I will leave milk and cookies out for you. I love you Santa Clause and I will be good for you.

Love,
Jacob Chaffins
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

I want a riding toy and toy ambulance for Christmas. I love you!

Love,
Jordan Chaffins
Age: 15 months

P.S. I've been good this year because, I'm to little to be mean. That's what my sissy says.

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl all year. (My mommy agrees). Please bring me Take Care of Me Triplets, Casey Cartwheel, games, barbie furniture, Dentist Barbie, Bouncey Baby, and a polly pocket playset.

I love you Santa.
Leann Bower
Age: 6

Dear Santa,

I'm a very sweet little girl, just ask Aunt Trudy. I want a baby doll that says "mommy pick me up." We leave you some cookies.

Love,
Sana Bowen
Age: 3

Dear Santa,

I'm the only boy with 3 sisters and that's hard sometimes but I've been good any way I love you. Please bring me cars, trucks, and a sound and lights helicopter or race car.

Love always
Zachary Bowen
Age: 4

Dear Santa,

I've been mostly good this year. (I'm the oldest of 4 kids). Please bring me some Beanie Babies, Fashion Planet Nail Salon, clothes, games, Sabrina Barbie doll, and a phone for my room. Thanks.

Love,
Nikki Rowen
Age: 10

Dear Santa,

My name is Kendra and for Christmas I want a Barbie Jeep, a Kelly Go Potty Doll, and the Dentist Barbie doll. I will have milk and cookies for you under the tree.

Kendra Raelynn Perry
Age: 3

Dear Santa,

My name is Jamie and for Christmas I want a train set, a Mickey Mouse picture TV, and a fire engine that talks, and has flashing lights.

Jamie Lee Perry
Age: 1 year old

Dear Santa,

My name is Dylan Hamilton. I will be 3 yrs. old on Christmas Day. I would like to have a bicycle and anything else you would like to bring me. I will leave milk and cookies under my tree for you.

Love,
Dylan

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Kayle Blevins. I'm 3 yrs. old. I live at Tram.

I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, bicycle, and Mr. Bucket Game. Also bring my sister Courtney a baby doll, and a riding toy and Elmo doll.

P.S. I'll leave some milk and cookies under the tree.

I love you, Santa.
From Kayla Blevins

Dear Santa,

My name is KaTrina Blevins. I'm 5 yrs. old. I live at Tram.

I've been a pretty good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me chicken limbo, bicycle, and a baby doll, magna doodle.

P.S. Don't forget my sister Hope. Bring her something to and mom and dad.

Katrina Blevins

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been doing fine? I have also been a good boy this year. What I would like for

Christmas is a desk with a light on it, caps and robberts micro city set and a Super Nintendo tape.

Your friend,
Tyler Johnson
Age: 5
Ivel

P.S. Say hello to everyone at the North Pole for me. I will also leave you some cookies under the tree.

Dear Santa,

I want a Sega Saturn and a super nintendo and cozy cottage, train set. I am nine years old.

Love, your best friend,
Anthony Bush

Dear Santa,

This is my Christmas list: Baby go bye-bye, baby tumblers, baby headstand, casey cartwheel, car seat, delune care set, a stroller with a thing on the bottom that you put stuff in, a tommy doll, rug-rat, poster and gameboy.

Your friend,
Amanda Slone

Dear Santa,

I am having my mama write you since I'm too young to write. I want you to know how good I've been this year. So please bring me, "Tickle Me Elmo," and several musical toys. Also I want a "Barbie Jeep."

Please remember Santa. I've been the best I can be for two years old.

Lots of love,
Kristin LaShea Frazier

Dear Santa,

My name is Brittany Miller. I am 5 years old. I have been a pretty good girl most of the year. This year I would like Star Castle, Barbie Watch, Barbie Doll clothes, dishes for my doll house. Or anything that you would bring me. I will leave milk and cookies for Christmas Eve.

Love,

Brittany
P.S. My brother would like a black powder rifle.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some toys. And some Pooh and Barney VCR tapes. And some games. And bring my paw paw a big talking Barney.

I am 3 years old. And I love you Santa.

From: Braxton E. Hall

Hi Santa,

My name is Olivia Rae Setser. I am 3 years. I live at Little Paint Creek with my mom and dad and this is what I would like for Christmas. A guitar and drum and a molly doll and my mom would like a new microwave oven and I would like a table and chair sets to. My mom is writing this letter for me to you, Santa, and I would like some clothes and PJ, too, and also would

another Bardie doll, too and a game call Gartor golf.

Love,
Olivia Setser
P.S. Barbie Vianty Morrior and chair.

Dear Santa,

I have been waiting for years to be old enough to have a Easy Bake Oven for Christmas. If I am old enough, this year would you please send me one for Christmas?

I love you Santa,
Savannah Bartley
Age: 6 1/2

Santas X-mas letters

Dear Santa,

I am a 7-year-old boy. I am in the first grade at Prestonsburg Elementar. I have been good thes Christmas. I wish I had a rumble pack and a nintendo 64 and peace for the world and food for the world.

Your friend
Allen

Dear Santa,

I am in the Prestonsburg Elementary. My name is Sarah Lynn Crider. I live in a red-orange house. I have been good this year. I wish I had a baby doll.

Your friend
Sarah Crider

Dear Santa,

I am a 6-year-old boy in the first grade at Prestonsburg Elmentary. I want a porcelain Santa Clause, Sega Genisus, and a bicycle. I also want a toy truck and book to read. I want a game to play and a talkin Christmas tree, like at the Mall. I want a talkin Mrs. Clause and a toy boat. I want a stocking full of toys.

Your friend,
Johnathon

Dear Santa,

I am a year old boy. I am in the first grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. I wot on sege fightersz.

Shane

Dear Santa,

I am a 6 year old boy. I am in the first grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. I wish for a game boy. I wish for a new bike. I wish for a toy car.

Your friend
James Jarrell

Dear Santa,

I am a 7 year old boy. I am in filst grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. I live in a gray house. And I want a toy man. I want a blacke. I want the manin black.

Matt

Dear Santa,

I am a 6 year old girl. I am in the first grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. I wish for a bike. I wish

for a esadoll. I wish for a tricycle.

Your friend
Sarah Webb

Dear Santa,

I wut a new babiy and a new Nintendo, and a barbie plis plis give meol and a gigpet uv Tis Santa and baby pups and book and Santa dol.

Reannah

Dear Santa,

I am a 6 year old girl. Am in the first grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. I wish that I had the Harsan tape.

Avory

Dear Santa,

I am a 6 year old girl. I am in first grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. I want you to give to the needys clothes.

Your friend Beth

Dear Santa,

I am a 6 year old girl. I am in the first grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. I want crazycurls and a kitchen set and some play food and baby clothes.

Your friend
Chelsea



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Dear Santa,
I am a 6 year old boy. I am in the first grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. I wish that I could have a real baby and puppi. I also want a bean bag fox.
Your friend
Brandon C.

Dear Santa,
I am a 6 year graddng girl. I am is the first grade at Prestonsburg Elementary. I wt. cakey cart wheel.
Summer

Dear Santa,
My name is Chris and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Chris Akers
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Austin and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Austin Rogers
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeremiah and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Jeremiah Johnson
Age: 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Ginger and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Ginger Rose
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaneatha and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.
Love,
Kaneatha Bryant
Age: 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Terra and I attend

Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a basketball and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Terra Hamilton
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Rodney Chris and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a bicycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Rodney Howell
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me a Gigi Pet and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Alex Kidd
Age: 3

Dear Santa,
My name is Tiffany and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Gigi Pet and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Tiffany Keathley
Age: 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Kristin and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Gigi Pet and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Kristin Johnson
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Latasha and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Gigi Pet and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Latasha Estrada
Age: 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Gigi Pet and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Ashley Johnson
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Bethany and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Gigi Pet and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Bethany Hamilton
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Kory and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Toy Bulldozer and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Kory Meadows
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Danie and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Toy Horse and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Danie Hamilton
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Earl and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Four Wheeler and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Earl Slone
Age: 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Keisha and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Barbie Doll House and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Keisha Johnson
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Abby and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Barbie doll and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Abby Lovejoy,
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Chelsea and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me Easy Bake Oven and remember all the children in the world.

Love,

Chelsea Newsom
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexander and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Miss Deb's room. Please, bring me hand crafts and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
Alex Hall
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Nathan. I am 4 years old. I am in Miss Billie's Head Start room at J.M. Stumbo. I would like a bike for Christmas. I have been good.

Love,
Nathan
P.S. Don't forget Dylan!

Santa,
My name is Shan Micael Bush. I want a Sega, I want a atari, I want a 64 Nintendo, and I want a tickle my elmo. I am 6, J.M. Sumbd IV—904 and want I want most is love.

Love Shaun

Santa,
I'll stop aggravating my big brother, if you'll try an bring me a Tyke Sky-Walker, Light Saber, Gator Golf, Nerf Max Force Electronic Eel, Talking View Master and a Sleeping Beauty Tape.

Santa, I'll get mommy to make me and you, some chocolate chip cookies for our milk, "Ok."

Love you,
Zachary Glenn Sturgill
Age: 4
Dana, Ky., Justice Branch

Santa,
I, haven't been fighting much with my little brother.

Sometimes, I shout at him when he makes me mad, but that's just the way brothers and sister are, I guess.

Santa, if I don't have too many check-marks by my name, I'd like a Game Boy, Electronic Simon, computer, Steel Tec Motormanic, Micro Machine Military, Double Take and a Laser Challenge Team Force Set, for me and my little brother Zack.

I, wish you a safe trip and hope to see you soon.

Love you,
Daniel Lee Sturgill Jr.
Age: 7
Dana, Ky., Justice Branch

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Surreal suggestions for a high-fun, low-stress holiday dinner party

Unless your name is Martha Stewart, throwing a holiday dinner party can be stressful.

The very thought of deciding whom to invite and what to serve can turn even the most well-meaning host into a Grinch.

It doesn't have to be that way. Intimate holiday dinner parties are a great chance for friends to get together and unwind.

Crystal goblets and complicated soufflés are simply not necessary.

Bob Blumer, author of "The Surreal Gourmet Entertains," offers the following tips on how to have a dinner party that won't spoil your holiday spirit.

MENU PLANNING

• Make just a few dishes, but make each one memorable. (Distinctive + Robust =

Memorable.) A finger food, salad and festive entree should satisfy any guest's hunger.

• Select recipes that you feel comfortable with. Mix dishes that can be fixed in advance with those that need to be prepared during the party.

• A crusty baguette, served hot from your oven, will add dimension to almost anything it accompanies. At \$2 a loaf, it's the ultimate affordable luxury.

SETTING THE STAGE

• There is no such thing as an inadequate space for a dinner party. Overcoming spatial shortcomings adds spontaneity and pleasure to the evening. If your dining room is too small, move the table into the living room. If you only have two chairs, seat your guests on the floor.

• Be prepared, but if that doesn't work, be prepared to wing it. Don't let anything short of mass food poisoning dampen your spirits. Remember, your guests are feeding off your energy as well as your food.

• Don't have enough plates and forks? Why worry? Anyone can buy a set of silverware and dishes, but it takes real style to compile a table of mismatched place settings. Get creative!

• For instant ambience, light the whole dining area with candles.

WINE

• Figure on at least one bottle of wine for every two guests. Then, buy a couple extra — it won't go bad!

• Nothing adds a festive air to a party like the sound of corks popping! And, you don't have to be Donald Trump to afford the good stuff. Roederer Estate makes an excellent California bubbly for about \$15.


• For a special gathering of friends, consider real French champagne. Nonvintage Bruts are just as good as the vintage bubbly, without a high price tag. For a special treat, pick up a bottle of Louis Roederer Brut Premier, or better yet, lure your guests into bringing one.

• Arriving at a party with a bottle of fine wine is a bit like bringing a gift-wrapped present. The presenter secretly desires to see it opened. If you sense that a guest has gone out of his or her way to bring a special wine, acknowledge the gift in the kindest possible way — by sharing it.

HAPPY ENDINGS

• "Always invite a confidant to stay for a 'postmortem' once the remaining guests have left," says Blumer. "Even the worst culinary crises and social faux pas can be laughed at when viewed under the postmortem microscope."

For more tips, see "The Surreal Gourmet Entertains" (Chronicle Books, \$16.95), or visit <http://surrealgourmet.com>.

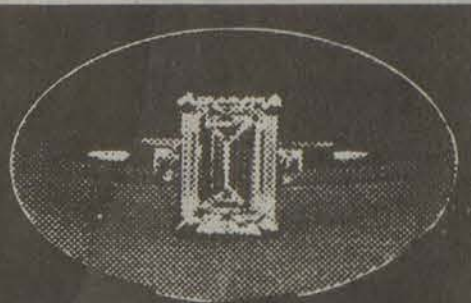



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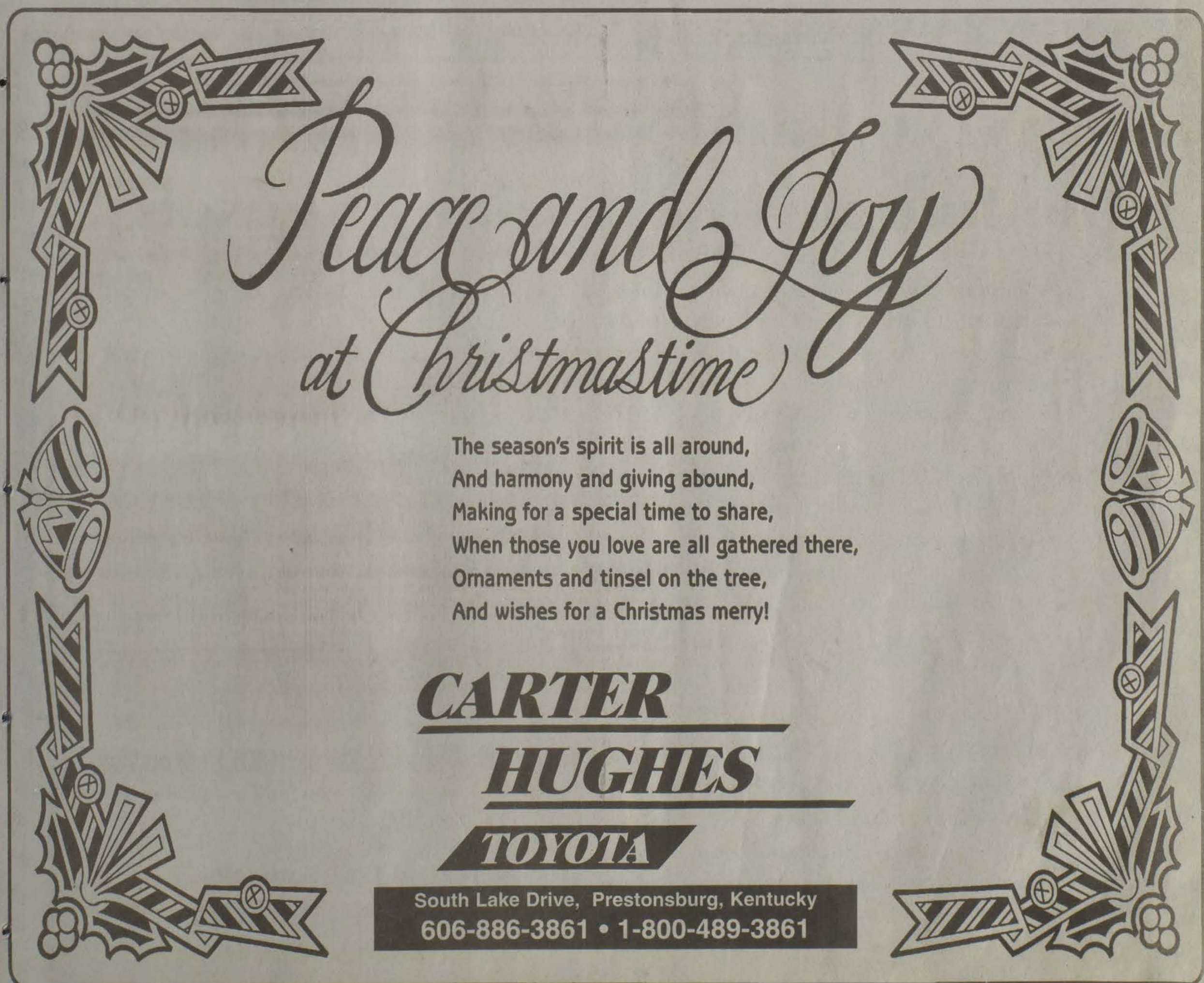
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at Christmastime

The season's spirit is all around,
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The rollerblades and toys are neatly tucked into their respective closets. Their owners have retreated to a friend's home for a sleep over. The house is unusually peaceful, reminiscent of a time long ago, or so it seems! Soft, gentle music floats through the halls with a sound that has become only faintly familiar. Roses and candles set the tone for this romantic evening together.

During this crazy season, schedule a dinner party — for two! Make the menu simple, yet out of the ordinary. Most of all, take your time! Enjoy, for a change, an unhurried meal with wine and quiet conversation. Then, top it off with a slice of exquisite Toffee Swirl Cheesecake.

There's no better time to prepare

this luscious cheesecake recipe than for a fabulous dinner at home. A chocolate cookie crust serves as a base for this classic creamy cheesecake. Pieces of English toffee are swirled gently throughout for a mouthwatering dessert.

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Reminiscing about fun times spent together, dinner winds down to a pleasant memory. The candles fade, and over the music, the sound of the telephone rushes in. "Hello, mom..."

The hard, rocking sound of music vibrates through the house. The rollerblades and toys are scattered in the hall like an obstacle course. Their owners are back...

TOFFEE SWIRL CHEESECAKE

Crust
3 tablespoons margarine, melted
18 chocolate sandwich cookies
Preheat oven to 350°F.
Melt margarine in small glass mixing bowl in microwave. Fit SaladShooter Mixer Too with shredding cone. Shred cookies into mixing bowl with margarine. Stir until well mixed. Pat cookie mixture into ungreased 10-inch spring-form pan. Bake for 7 minutes. Cool.

CHEESECAKE

6 (1¼-ounce) English toffee candy bars, divided
3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese
¾ cup granulated sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
3 eggs
Preheat oven to 450°F.
Fit SaladShooter Mixer Too with slicing cone. Slice 4 English toffee candy bars into a small mixing bowl, and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Fit SaladShooter Mixer Too with beaters. Mix cream cheese mixture until smooth. Add one egg at a time, beating until smooth. Spoon one-half of mixture over cooled cookie crust. Spoon one-half of the toffee pieces evenly over cheesecake batter. Top with remaining batter. Spoon remaining toffee pieces over batter. Gently cut through batter with a knife several times. Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 275°F, and bake an additional 35 minutes. Remove from oven and loosen cheesecake from side of pan with a knife. Let cool in pan. Remove from pan and chill thoroughly. Cut remaining candy bars diagonally and place on top of cheesecake just before serving.



This irresistible Toffee Swirl Cheesecake makes a stunning grand finale to any dinner party.

Dear Santa

My name is Cameron Blake Hamilton, and I am 2 1/2 years old. I would like you to bring me a pair of roller blades just like my sissy, Bailey, has.

Bring my daddy some huntin' stuff and my sissy a compooter. Bring my mommy some good smellin' stuff and my bubby all the things for his big truck.

Luv
Cameron
Age: 2 1/2



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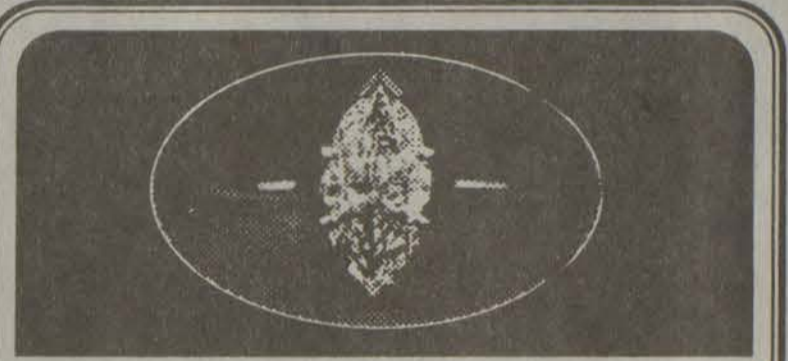
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May you and your family have the happiest of holiday seasons!

The holiday season is upon us once more—a time of year that brings out the best in all of us. And what better time to thank you, our valued customers, for your support and patronage.

This past year we, at Music-Carter-Hughes, have worked hard to earn your trust and friendship by providing a friendly and pleasant dealership environment.

The new year brings with it much hope and promise. And our ongoing pledge to stay in touch with the concerns of our customers will be at the forefront of our resolutions.

We look forward to serving you and promise to continue our commitment to providing you with the most outstanding values and the best in personalized service.

So, in the season of celebration we, at Music-Carter-Hughes, would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to you, our special customers. It is through your feedback and support that we are able to provide even better service and make greater commitments to satisfying your automotive needs.

**Happy Holidays,
Chris Carter**

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